

IMPERIAL POLK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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“Looking Forward to the Past”

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Greetings from IPGS President:

This past few weeks have been very productive in the genealogical community. I have learned about some news (good or bad) from the Family History Center. The lending of microfilm from Salt Lake City will cease as of September 1, 2017. This has to be done for several reasons, among them, the cost of microfilm, availability of microfilm, and need to get more things done toward digitization. FHL is advising genealogists to make contact with local genealogists in Salt Lake City to get things to help with research.

Also the time of completion of all microfilm digitization is tentative for the year 2020. There is only digital imaging done in the future of projects from FHL

IPGS has been able to secure good programs and your president is still working to complete the year 2017 with great presenters. Take a look at the calendar on IPGS.org for a review of what is left for the remainder of the year.

I have learned the Virginia State Library has extended hours to six days a week for walk in researchers. This is a big help to researchers with roots in Virginia.

Announcements have been put out for someone to take over the helm as president of IPGS and this is an urgent announcement.

Anyone who has a suggestion for presentations for us, please contact me directly.

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Upcoming Events

Check on the next page for the upcoming meetings and great speakers & webinars that we will have!!!!

Polk County Historical Society Pioneer Luncheon

Kay Stone, Susan Roberts, Marlene Pitts, Gail and Jonnie Hutchinson attended the luncheon in Bartow.

There was a good group in attendance. The program recognized five pioneers. They were a “hardy bunch”.

The topic was WWI and the Polk County boys that willingly joined the fight.

On display were many artifacts that family members have preserved.

One that I was particularly interested in was Leslie’s Photographic Review of the Great War Copyright 1919 by Leslie-Judge Co. New York City

When I checked Amazon I found a few used copies were still available and I immediately ordered one (at a reasonable price).

Check Amazon if interested.



IMPERIAL POLK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2016 MEETING CALENDAR

All monthly meetings will be held at 1.00 pm on the second Saturday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lakeland, 3140 Troy Avenue, Lakeland unless otherwise noted. Visitors are always welcome!

July 8, 2017 “Laying Out the Clues in Funeral Home Records” presenter George G. Morgan

August 12, 2017 “Cherokee Heritage; Blood Quantum & Genealogy; presenter Peter Mullen

September 9, 2017 “TBA”

October 14, 2017 “Time Lines” Presented by Damon Hostetler of Pinellas County, FL

November 11, 2017 “TBA”

December—No regular Saturday Meeting, a Christmas Luncheon will be held on FRIDAY 15 December @11:30 AM at Huntington Hills Golf & Country Club, 2626 Duff Road, Lakeland, FL

New York State Death Index

newsletter@reclaimtherecords.org

Issued June 5, 2017

Excerpts from this newsletter!

“Reclaim The Records is a not-for-profit activist group of genealogists, historians, researchers, and journalists. We work to identify important genealogical record sets that are not online anywhere and not broadly available to the public. We then use state Freedom of Information Laws to force government agencies and archives to hand over copies of these records to the public, which we then digitize and put online for free use. Other organizations and companies are free to make transcriptions and searchable databases of our images and data, if they wish.”

In January 2016, the group went to work to get the New State Health Department to release the death indexes. After seventeen months of work that data is now available.

The files are being uploaded, year by year, to the Internet Archive (archive.org). The group hopes that everything will be completely online and browsable by August, 2017.

To keep informed check their website and a free newsletter is available:

<https://www.ReclaimTheRecords.org/>

On Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ReclaimTheRecords/>

NEW FEATURE—INPUT FROM THE HISTORY CENTER by Dorinda

**LUNCH and LEARN at Polk County History Center (at the historic courthouse)
3rd. Tuesday each month, except December, 12 noon until 1:15pm - bring a lunch if you choose!**

**JULY 18: The Way We Worked: Labor and Florida History
presented by Dr. Steve Noll**

**AUGUST 15 : Our Story, Ourselves: Telling You Family's Story
presented by Dr. Caren Niele**

SEPTEMBER 19: DNA testing in Genealogy Research presented by Drew Smith

**See you soon,
Dorinda**

Don't forget that the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps are now online!

[Loc.gov/maps/collections/](http://loc.gov/maps/collections/)

Further information about the Geography and Map Division can be found at

[Loc.gov/rr/geomap/](http://loc.gov/rr/geomap/)

The Library of Congress (LOC) has formed a partnership with the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) to put some of its map collection on line.

“The first batch of maps the LOC is uploading include historic maps dating back to the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, but its collection of panoramic maps are perhaps the most intriguing and technically stunning. Long before the global positioning system and Google Maps helped people get around, the only way to make large-scale maps of the country's thriving cities was to walk the streets, *Kelsey Campbell-Dollaghan* reported for *Gizmodo*. After completing seriously detailed surveys of their subjects, these mapmakers would etch every little detail they could fit into their panoramic maps, with the end result being sprawling, majestic looks at the U.S.'s rapidly growing cities.

From: *Smithsonian.com* December 12, 2016

The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) has a very large selection of resources that may be useful to your research!!

Libraries for Research Help

EAST HILLSBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

QUINTILLA GEER BURTON ARCHIVES CENTER

605 North Collins Street
Plant City, Florida 33563
813-754-7031

qcenter@tampabay.rr.com
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flqgbac>

Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday – Saturday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.



Polk County Genealogical Library

Visiting the Library

Address

Polk County Historical & Genealogical
Library

100 East Main Street
Bartow, Florida 33830-4629

Operating Hours

Open Tuesday through Saturday from
9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

We close for all major holidays and the
Tuesday which follows a Monday
holiday.

Please check [our calendar](#) on this
website for details of holiday closures.
Before driving a long distance to visit
the library it will be advisable to call and confirm your dates.

Contact Information

Phone: (863) 534-4380
Fax: (863) 534-4382

Research Help



Lakeland Stake Family History Center

Located in Lakeland at the corner of
Peterson Road and Lakeland Highlands Road
next door to

George Jenkins High School.

Visiting hours are as follows:

(863) 709-0800

Note: Hours have changed!

**Tues., Wed., Thurs 9 - 1 and 6:30 to
8:30pm**

**Closed: Monday, Friday, Saturday
Sunday 3 - 5 pm**



Equipment available for use!

Lake Hamilton FL FHC

2300-2499 9th. Street

Haines City, FL (863) 307-9514

Judy Kay Deal, Director

W: 1-4pm; 5-8pm

TH. 9am—8pm



Webinars —free on the day of presentation

Family History Webinars most are at 2PM

Register at

www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

July 2017

7/5 Mary Kircher Roody

Censational Census Strategies

7/12 Lisa Louise Cook

Google Books: The Tool you should use every day!

7/14 Jared Hodges

Tips for Snapping Pics How to Take the Perfect Family

7/18 Angela Packer McGhie

Analyzing Documents Sparks Ideas for Further Research

7/19 Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

The Firelands, The Connecticut Western Reserve, and

7/26 Janet Hovorka

Family History Adhesive: The Science of Why History Binds

August 2017

8/2 Kirsty Gray

Tracing Your West Country Ancestors

8/9 Judy G. Russell

A Taxing Matter : Using Tax Lists in Genealogy

8/11 Geoff Rasmussen

Using Pictures With Legacy Family Tree

8/15 LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson

Analyzing Probate Records of Slaveholders to Identify

8/16 Ursula C. Krause

Finding Your Ancestors in German Directories

8/23 Jonathan Walker

How to do Mexican Research and Be Successful

8/30 Edward A. Thompson

Getting Started with Evidensia

September 2017

9/6 Geoff Rasmussen

Top Tech Tips for the Technologist and the Genealogists

9/13 Nicka Smith

Finding Isaac Rogers

9/15 Melissa Barker

The ABCs and 123s of Your Ancestor's School

9/19 Tom Jones

When Does New Found Evidence Overturn a Proved Conclusion

9/20 Thomas MacEntee

WolframAlpha for Genealogists

9/27 Deena Coutant

Quick Guide to Texas Research

FREE SCGS Jamboree Extension Series Webinars!

Register at

<http://tinyurl.com/2017-SCGS-Webinars>

July 2017

Wed. 7/19 6 PM PDT Michael D. Lacopo DVM

The Early Religious Experience in America: the Theology Behind the Records

August 2017

Sat. 8/5 10 AM PDT Emily Aulicino

Using atDNA to Verify and Expand Genealogy

Wed. 8/16 6 PM PDT Kim von Aspern-Parker

Ports of Entry

September 2017

Sat. 9/2 10 AM PDT Barbara M. Randall

Caille agus Aimsigh: Lost and Found—Irish History and Records

Wed. 9/20 6 PM PDT Cyndi Ingle

Be Your Own Digital Archivist: Preserve Your Re..

Illinois State Genealogical Society

Register at

<http://bit.ly/ISGSWebinars> _____ 9PM EST

July 11, 2017 with Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

The Watchfires of a Hundred Circling Camps

August 8, 2017 with Amy Johnson Crow

Ten Years is a Long Time: Substitutes for the In-Between Years

September 12, 2017 with Lisa Oberg

Luxembourgers on the Pairie: Researching your Luembourg Ancestors

Florida State Genealogical Society

Webinars are scheduled from 8 PM to 9 PM EDT

July 20, 2017 Connie Lenzen

Strategies for Adoption Research and Finding Other Missing Persons

August 17, 2017 Shellee A. Morehead

Clusters and Chains for Genealogical Success

September 12, 2017 Diahna Southard

A Day Out with Your DNA