



Coastal Georgia

Genealogical Society

News & Reviews

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Amy Hedrick, Editor

14 November 2004 Meeting will be held at the College Place United Methodist Church on Altama Ave. at 2 p.m. This will be the last meeting of the year. Our program will consist of bringing in your oldest family or history related photograph, and sharing the story behind how it came into your life. Also, share your tips on handling and storing your photos.

Since this is the last meeting of the year, we would like for everyone to bring a special treat. Don't bring too much, as not very many people will show, as it is close to Thanksgiving. We would like to make this our holiday party, end of year bash.

Bring ideas for next year's agenda! We would like to see a great turn out! Remember, you don't have to be a member to attend.

29 August 2004 Meeting was a "show and tell" forum where members discussed their brick walls, or their success stories. We were also handed our membership directories with the surnames that our members are researching. These handy books were compiled by Bill Smith, our acting president.



24/7 SEARCHES AT ANCESTRY.COM

If you're an Ancestry.com subscriber, family history searches have just become much more convenient. It has recently added a feature called PILF-- People I'm Looking For. PILF searches every database on ncestry.com for your ancestors. Of course, you need to provide some basic information about your ancestors first and then let PILF do the rest.

To access the PEOPLE I'M LOOKING FOR feature, log on to Ancestry.com and click the MY ANCESTRY tab. You will be directed to a page where you'll see the heading PEOPLE I'M LOOKING FOR. Click one of the plus signs to add a new name, then fill in any basic information you know (such as name and date and place of birth, marriage, and death) for each person you add. Click SAVE and the continuous search through the millions of records on Ancestry.com will begin.

Ancestry.com will send you e-mail updates when possible matches are found. You control the frequency of these messages -- receive updates once a week, twice a

month or once a month. (You can change message frequency by logging into Ancestry.com and clicking on MY ACCOUNT).

You can also add individuals to your PILF list while you are researching. Did you find your great-great-grandfather in a 1900 U.S. census image? Click on the SAVE icon or text next to the record, and the individual you found will be saved in your list of PEOPLE I'M LOOKING FOR. Put your Ancestry.com subscription to its full use by utilizing this handy new feature.

<http://www.ancestry.com/myancestry/>



HERITAGE CENTER ON ST. SIMONS ISLAND

The Coastal Georgia Historical Society needs your dollars! They are out to raise \$5 million to build a Heritage Center on the site where the old post office used to stand.

The funds from the "Lighting Our Way" campaign will also go towards a maritime center at the East Beach Historic Coast Guard Station.

In collaboration with the fund-raising drive, the governor-appointed G-8 Summit Host Committee has issued a \$2.5 million challenge grant. The Woodruff Foundation of Atlanta, a private foundation that supports charitable, scientific and educational activities, has committed to match \$1.25 million of that amount.

The host committee was started in order to raise funds and plan events to attract journalists and other visitors who came to the island during the recent G-8 Summit held this past June of 2004.

Over \$400,000 has already been pledged towards the campaign, and numerous volunteers will be beating the streets to secure donations from local businesses, corporations, and individuals.



THE BRICK WALL

--by Amy Hedrick

This does not necessarily constitute a brick wall, but it involves some hurdles, and the meeting of a new found relative.

This October 9th and 10th, 2004, I got to meet a cousin for the first time in my life. We have only corresponded via email, which is how we met too. We are related through my third great grandmother Cyrena (Rich) Helton. My second great grandmother was the sister to his grandfather.

Mr. Martin, my new cousin, has an interesting claim to fame in our family history. One of his family lines was traced back to 600 B.C. And over the summer it was taken back to 800 B.C., in France. So you can guess that my first question was how was this done.

Well, it was not what I thought it was going to be. His family line, the Tarbells, where traced back through time to a tribe in France called the Tarbellis [sp?]. Then all written records of their family ties disappear of course.

However, a town was found, and in it were ruins from this tribe, and this site is still to this date being excavated, papers and books are being written about it as we speak, only in French.

Numerous artifacts have been found, the only item with writing, however, were coins. The, earliest written mention of this tribe were in the writings of Caesar. Can you imagine having your family spoken of by Caesar?

Mr. Martin was here for two days, and we did the tourist thing, and got to know each other, then he was off on his next genealogical stop, to North Carolina, to research our Rich Family.

So, I shared with Mr. Martin the work I have been doing for Meril May [whose genealogy research I have written some Brick Wall articles of before]. Meril has some Rich surnames in his line as well, and they go back to Indiana, and North Carolina, they are Quakers, and they are following the same paths as our family.

This trip not only brought me one cousin, but may bring me another, one who I would never have thought in a million years could be related.

I came from Indiana, as did most of my family, and only my mom, dad, brother, and myself, moved down here to Glynn County, Georgia. Meril May's family were mainly from Missouri and they migrated to Texas, where Meril was from. Only Meril came to Glynn County.

What are the odds?



ELECTION 2004 "YOU DISCOVER"

--by Amy Hedrick

To keep in theme with this year's election, instead of deciding on a candidate, how about discovering one?

Many of us would love to have a "founding father" ancestor, and believe it or not over 100 million Americans do have a connection. Almost anyone with Quaker or New England ancestors might very well have ties with many early presidents. Which means, not only do you have historical figures, but you may be related to the gentlemen we are voting on this month!

Did you know that Bush and Kerry are 9th cousins twice removed? Eight common ancestors have been found in their family pedigrees. They both descend from Thomas and Welthian Richards, 17th century Plymouth colonists. Not only that, they can be traced directly back to Edmund Reade and Elizabeth Cook in 16th century England. Bush is the 10th great grandson and Kerry is an 8th great grandson!

Genealogists suggest, before trying to find George Washington, or John Jay in your family tree, you must first research your own family ties from the present going back. Most likely your ties will be with 17th century colonists. Having a knowledge of the family names in your pedigree will be a boost, as you will start to recognize names and locations, and see a pattern develop that may lead you to that one ancestor.

Although few of us have a direct lineal descent, many of us will have a relation through a cousin line. There are many websites available that have the pedigrees of past presidents online for you to search.

One such place is:
<http://www3.dcs.hull.ac.uk/public/genealogy/presidents/>

This database has presidential GEDCOMs [family trees] based on Funk & Wagnalls' "The Presidents." Other places to search would be the GEDCOMs located at Ancestry.com, Genealogy.com, FamilySearch.org, etc. Just remember that these are user contributed databases that most usually have no documentation to prove the connection.

There are even books and software on the market to help you trace your family along the presidential campaign trail. One step further would be DNA projects, spearheaded by ancestors, like Thomas Jefferson. The website Founding Fathers DNA studies at: www.roperid.com/foundingfathersdna.htm would be a good place to start.

Your connection may even be through, the first ladies, or the 14 forgotten presidents who served before the Constitution was ratified in 1789. John Jay, John Hancock, Thomas Mifflin, or Nathaniel Gorham, to name a few.

Let's go one step further, if you find your presidential ancestor, you may even have kings and queens in your line! Many U.S. Presidents descend from royalty, like the Roosevelt family who can trace their ancestors back to King Edward I of England.

I myself have numerous New England ancestors, and hundreds of Quaker ancestors who were in this country since the 1600s, but I have, as yet, to find any connection to the presidency. I'm not so sure I want one either!

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**INTERNET**

<http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/> Georgia Battlefields Association, a non-profit group that works with government agencies and other preservation organizations at the national, state, and local levels to save historic sites from being built on and paved over.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

4 November 2004 Thursday Jekyll Island 1812 & 1814 by Dr. Martha Keber of Georgia College and State University. Speaking on the British incursions on Jekyll Island during the years 1812 & 1814. Lecture to be held at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel, call (912)635-2600.

Admission

13 November 2004 Saturday A Day in Darien, antique and art festival with local food, books, authors, and antiques. To be held in conjunction with Drums Along the Altamaha, a colonial crafts demonstration and re-enactment at 2 p.m. Concert will close the event with Blues on the Bluff at the Darien waterfront park. Call (912)437-6684 for more information.

19-21 November 2004 Friday-Sunday "Shame on the Devil: An Audience with Fanny Kemble". To be held Friday & Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre on Newcastle Street, downtown Brunswick. Adults \$12, Students & Seniors \$7. Call (912)262-6934 for more information.

21 November 2004 Sunday Book signing. From local author Pamela Bauer Mueller comes the book "**Neptune's Honor**" an historical-fiction novel about Neptune Small and the King family of Retreat Plantation on St. Simons Island. Signing will be from 4 to 6 p.m. at Beachview Books located at 215 Mallory Street on St. Simons Island. Some of Neptune Small's ancestors will be on hand.

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**PUBLICATIONS**

The National Genealogical Society is pleased to announce the latest book in the NGS Guide Series.

**"Unlocking Your Genetic History: A Step-by-Step Guide to Discovering Your Family's Medical and Genetic Heritage"** by Thomas H. Shawker, M.D.

If Gilda Radner, one of the original cast of Saturday Night Live, had known of her family's medical pedigree and her ethnic heritage, she possibly could have prevented her death from ovarian cancer, the silent killer that tragically took her life at the age of 42. Cancer, mental illness, diabetes, and heart disease all have a hereditary component. Unlocking Your Genetic History explains how to integrate a family health history into your genealogy, how to get the appropriate medical information and analyze it, and how to design a medical pedigree in order to detect the genetic influence on your family's health. Early awareness, identification, and treatment can mean the difference between life and death.

The second part of the book discusses the exciting new field of using genetic testing to link you to your ancestors and verify your genealogy. Genetic testing was used to show that Thomas Jefferson fathered children with his slave Sally Hemings and has direct male descendents living today. It has shown that Jews retained their genetic identity despite the Jewish Diaspora. DNA testing can help identify Native American ancestry, determine who settled Polynesia, and track the march of Genghis Khan as he swept out of Mongolia. Today DNA testing is being used in court and to identify human remains.

Unlocking Your Genetic History will help readers understand their family's medical and genetic history and help them understand the genetic revolution.

Following is The Table of Contents from "Unlocking Your Genetic History: A Step-by-Step Guide to Discovering Your Family's Medical and Genetic Heritage"

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**“Pictorial History Book of Brantley Co., GA”** From the Brantley County Historical & Preservation Society, Inc.

We are currently working on the above book, which will be in hard back and are requesting pictures. We will not be using pictures already in our "Story of Brantley County, Georgia, Vol. 1" book.

The charge is \$10.00 per page for pictures and you may use pictures of any size, or any number of pictures per 8½ x 11 in. page.

Please send copies, not original pictures, for we will not be returning them to you. If you have a color picture, please have a photocopy made in black and white. No picture accepted larger than 8 x 10 in. The Book Committee reserves the right to accept or reject pictures.

We are limiting pages sold to 10 per family (household). Please send pictures, captions (not family stories, captions limited to 10 lines per page), and \$10.00 per page check to the Brantley County Historical & Preservation Society, Inc., P. O. Box 1096, Nahunta, GA 31553.

Our office is located on the west end of the Brantley County Library parking lot. We are open Wednesday afternoons, 1-5 P. M. We will be happy to assist you there, or you may visit us at the Christmas Festival in Nahunta on the first Saturday in December. Our meetings are the 3rd Friday each month (except December) at 10:30 A. M. at the Brantley County Library.

We welcome you.

Our deadline for accepting pictures is April 15, 2005.

**BEGIN LOOKING FOR YOUR PICTURES NOW. WE NEED PICTURES OF PERSONAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE CONCERNING BRANTLEY COUNTY.**



**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Annual membership to the CGGS is only **\$15** for one person or **\$18** for a family. Membership extends from 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2004.

Remit payment to our treasurer:

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