



Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society

News & Reviews

1058 Whisper Ridge Loop, Waynesville, GA 31566

April 2005

17 April 2005 Meeting will be held at 3 p.m. at the College Place United Methodist Church on Altama Avenue in Brunswick.

23 January 2005 Meeting started the new year right! We had many new faces, and a few of our constant attendees in house. Our new members shared with us their family "brick walls" and told us what they expect or hope to find.

US Census Enumerator Instructions

The census is the most used source by family historians than any other. This data can tell us many things, things we would not have known otherwise. We find family units, places of birth, occupations, and possible birth dates as well.

But there is more to the census, if you read between the lines. Knowing what the enumerators were instructed to collect, and how they were to collect the information can tell us a lot.

Most of us love the 1900 census as it gives us a month and a year for the person's date of birth. Some ages may look confusing though, for instance 6/12. This dating method was used for children who were under 1 year of age, and many of us would just subtract the months from the date on the census page. This would give you an INCORRECT birth date though.

The 1900 census was supposed to be started on 1 June, therefore the information collected had to reflect that date. So if you were looking at a census page that was completed in November, and the child's age was 6/12, you would assume that May was the right birth month, but you would be wrong. You have to subtract those 6 months from 1 June, as that was how old the child was upon 1 June 1900.

Knowing what the enumerator's had to know will help you build a better family profile by using the census. Remember to use the census as a guide, and if you are looking at online indices, remember to ALWAYS check the original document.

One other assumption should be avoided, never assume that because people are listed in a "family" unit, that they are all related. The pre-1880 censuses did not list the relationship of the members of the household, assuming that everyone is husband, wife, children, can lead you in the wrong directions. Keep your mind open to alternatives.

To learn more about the instructions that enumerators had to follow, see this website: <http://www.ipums.org/usa/voliii/tEnumInstr.html>

Important Information

Contacts
Web addresses
&
Emails

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.

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cggs/>

Group Information Page

<http://www.glynnngen.com/cggs.htm>

Glynn County Genealogy & History

<http://www.glynnngen.com/>

Brunswick Public Library

208 Gloucester Street
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Meeting Information

Meetings are generally held the last Sunday every other month at the College Place United Methodist Church located at 3890 Altama Ave. in Brunswick.
Meeting time 3 p.m. until 4 or 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

8 April 2005 Friday Southern Historian Edward Cashing will speak about George Dunbar, "Oglethorpe's Main Man." Starting at 7 p.m. at the Brunswick Library.

8-10 April 2005 Blessing of the Fleet at the waterfront in Darien, McIntosh County. Festival starts on Friday at 6:00 and ends at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

9 & 10 April 2005 Saturday & Sunday The St. Simons Book League annual book sale from 9-4 on Saturday and 9-2 on Sunday. Proceeds benefit the St. Simons Library. To donate or for more information call (912) 634-8505.

12 April 2005 Tuesday Author Pamela Mueller will be presenting a program at the Jekyll Island Convention Center starting at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Mueller is a local writer, her recent book titled "Neptune's Honor" about Neptune Small of Retreat Plantation. For more information call (912) 635-3920.

12 April 2005 Tuesday Book & Bible Repair Clinic from 9 a.m. to 1:30 pm. at the Brunswick Library.

14 April 2005 Thursday Great Day for the Georgia Navy. A talk by Bill Ramsaur [one of our members]. To be held at 7 p.m. at the Brunswick Library, call (912) 267-1212 for more information. Open to the public.

19 April 2005 Tuesday -- Georgia Patriot's Day. Celebrate Glynn County Revolutionary War History at Fort Frederica and Christ Church, where plaques, speeches, and more will be held, starting at 10am at the Christ Church on St. Simons Island. For more information call (912) 638-4666 or (912) 638-3639.

1 April - September "A Civil War Diary" with H&M Enterprises on St. Simons Island. Tours leave from Moondance. Times are: Wed.-Sat. at 10:30 a.m. and Thurs. & Sat. at 5 p.m. for \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the St. Simons Island Bait Shop and Moondance. (912) 571-2334.

Glynn County Courthouse Going Digital?

--by Amy Hedrick

My research into local families always takes me to the Glynn County Courthouse, and I almost always carry my computer and scanner with me on these trips. To me, a scanned image is better than a Xerox copy, because you are able to see the document clearly and not wonder if a mark is part of the document or some toner smudge.

Recently though, I was stopped in my scanning endeavors by the courthouse. They no longer want anyone handling the original documents, namely the old books and loose papers. This is not out of spite, it is out of preservation, that this has to be done now. Hopefully, in the near future, all of the records in the courthouse will be eventually scanned, and, hopefully, be accessible online.

Of course, this does put a damper on researchers, as now we have to rely on a court clerk to look for the document, and you know they are not going to be as thorough as you will be, nor are they going to notice a name in another document that you might be interested in.

This also puts stress on the court clerks too. These men and women have so much to do already, that having to do research for genealogists just isn't their top priority.

Keep this in mind when you visit the courthouse, or mail in requests. The simpler the task, the quicker it may get done. Try not to tax the patience of the courthouse employees by requesting an enormous amount of research to be done. And, plan ahead. Maybe something can be set up to where you can look through the records yourself.

Just don't get discouraged, or angry, if you drop in unexpectedly, and are told you can not handle the materials, this is a good thing.

Glynn & McIntosh County Census Images Online!

Through the services of S-K Publications, and the meager funds of your editor, the 1820 & 1830 Glynn County census and the 1820, 1830, and 1840 McIntosh County census images are now online for free viewing, printing, and saving to your own computer.

S-K Publications creates census CDs of actual scanned images of the United States Census. When you purchase a census year, that year is put online at Rootsweb.com for others to use and enjoy. Sort of like letting others use your subscription. But, it was a small price to pay to help those researching their family histories.

See the Internet Links on page 4 for links to the aforementioned census images! These census years are also indexed on the GlynnGen.com website.

Brick Wall

Since I am working on Glynn County families, I will post some of the stumbling blocks I have come across. A few of these are CGGS Members' families.

BLOUNT / BAISDEN--In the 1850 Glynn census, Margery Blount can be found with James L., George J., and Elizabeth Blount. In the 1860 census, we find George J. Blount with numerous people, who can be assumed to be children. However, also living with him is a Margery Baisden. Was this the Margery Blount from the 1850 census? Did she remarry to a Baisden, and if so, who was he? Plus, what was Margery's maiden name. We are assuming that Margery married a Luke Blount sometime in the 1820s.

MINEHAN / CREAMER--What happened to Patrick Minehan, father of Kate (Minehan) Fonda? Kate can be found in the Glynn Census living with her mother, but no father. According to her

death certificate, her father's name was Patrick Minehan. Also, some of the Minehans that were living here, possibly died here. Where were they buried? No burial records have been found. Same with Mary (Minehan) Creamer and her husband Patrick Creamer. His obit states that he was brought back here for burial. But where?

KING / TAYLOR--Some family data that I have states that a Julia Maxwell Taylor [daughter of Silas Taylor founder of Taylors Methodist Church] married Roswell King, Jr. in 1860. I know this to NOT be true, as Julia was born in 1837, Roswell married in 1825 to Julia Maxwell, and Roswell died in 1854. I can see where someone tried to make the connection, but time does not permit that. However, a marriage record can be found in Glynn County for a Julia R or K. Taylor marrying Julian M. Burnett in 1857. Baptism records in St. Mark's church also confirm this union and children. Is this the Julia, daughter of Silas Taylor, founder of Taylor's Methodist Church?

Zeroing in on Identity Theft

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Did you know that identify theft is less likely to happen online than through traditional means, like losing your wallet or having your purse stolen? Moreover, the identity thief is more likely to be one of your relatives than a stranger?

According to some statistics compiled by the 2005 Identity Fraud Survey Report, released recently by the U.S. Council of Better Business Bureaus and Javelin Strategy and Research, family members, friends, and neighbors make up half of all known identity thieves. Computer theft is way down the list.

Computer identify theft can occur when fake e-mails (known as phishing) claiming to be from your bank or credit card company warn you that there has been a problem with your account and that you need to log on to the attached link (URL) in the e-mail. These can look like the real thing, but the links will take you to a bogus website. Do not respond to these.

Only 2.2 percent of identify fraud comes from viruses or hackers and 1.7 percent from fake e-mails. The biggest risk for identify fraud comes from the old-fashioned method of stealing your wallet or purse or via paper records obtained from your unshredded trash or from people who know you. The other risk comes from stolen mail. But the thieves need more than just your name, address, e-mail or your mother's maiden name.

They need your Social Security and/or bank numbers. This data is usually obtained from stolen mail or unshredded records, which allows the crooks to complete credit applications and get a credit card in your name.

Learn more about this problem and how to protect yourself at:

8 Tips to Avoid Identify Theft: <http://www.aarp.org/bulletin/yourlife/Articles/a2004-01-28-8tips.html>

Take Charge: Fighting Back Against Identify Theft: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/credit/idtheft.htm>

Identity Theft Exposed: <http://www.aarp.org/money/consumerprotection/scams/Articles/a2002-10-03-WiseConsumerIdentityTheft.html>

How Not to Get Hooked by a 'Phishing' Scam: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/alerts/phishingalrt.htm>

U.S. Federal Trade Commission: Your National Resource for Identity Theft: <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/>



Mumford House Destroyed By Fire

It was assumed that on the morning of Wednesday 23 March 2005, that the home was struck by lightning which caused it to catch fire. Although the storms were over by 6 a.m. when the fire supposedly started, a stray bolt of lightning must have been floating around.

No matter what the cause, this once grand home, has now been destroyed. For many years this home stood without tenants, and according to some locals, was a very big tourist attraction in the 1970-80s. The home once stood open, and many folks just wandered in, and took their own personal tours. Of course, vandalism occurred, as does with most unprotected buildings. However, it stood the test of time, and avoided total ruin until 2005.

The home is located in Waynesville, and at the time that it was built, Wayne County. Today it can still be found in Waynesville, on Mumford Road in Brantley County, just off Hwy. 82 west. Throughout the ages, the home maintained all of it's majestic beauty, and was listed on the National Historic Register around 1982.

Just about 100 feet east of the home, stands the small family burial plot, and directly across the road is the Hazlehurst Family cemetery, where once was located an Episcopal Church. This neighborhood was not only host to the Mumfords and the Hazlehursts, but some of the St. Simons Island elite owned property nearby as well.

Sylvester Mumford was in the mercantile trade here in Waynesville, which is now part of Brantley County. As the crow flies, it was about 10-15 miles from the Mumford home to Bethel, the home of Job Tison in Glynn County. Together, Mumford and Tison ran their businesses, and in 1841, Sylvester married one of Job's daughters, Theresa E. Tison.

By 1850, two children were born to this union, Oceanna around 1842, and Goertner around 1847. The slave schedule for 1850, Wayne County, shows that Sylvester owned only 5 slaves, most likely they were just a status symbol, house servants and nothing more. He does not show up on the 1860 slave schedules, which tells us that maybe this house was not a working plantation, that the Mumford's mainly lived off profits from the mercantile trade seems apparent.

Almost any local family can trace a link back to this home, whether is was a parent who grew up in it, a family member who owned it, or any other relative who lived in or visited the home.

Internet

<http://homepage3.nifty.com/pow-j/e/> POW Research Network Japan was set up in March 2002 to dig out these buried histories as regards POW (Prisoners of War) camps. The group's activities include researching the camps and War Crimes Trials regarding camps, as well as associating with former POWs and their families. The network has a growing membership of around thirty members throughout Japan and overseas.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/ga/glynn/census/> Glynn County census images, FREE! and online!!

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/ga/mcintosh/census/> McIntosh County census images FREE! and online!!

<http://www.skensus.com/> S-K Publications Census on CD website, for ordering census CDs, indices, and more!