

Ancient City Bulletin

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From the Editor . . .

Have you been to Pat Croce's [Pirate & Treasure Museum](#) yet? If not, you need to go! The museum uses many different storytelling techniques to capture and keep every visitor's interest. These include hands-on items at toddler level, splashy multimedia displays and impressive artifacts. Each visitor discovers pirate history in his own way.

How does this apply to genealogy? I don't know about you, but my fascination with family history came from stories I heard as a child. January's Show & Tell demonstrated many creative ways to share our histories. The new SAGS Writers group helps members discover their own storytelling skills. Want to learn more? You'll find the group online at <http://sagswriters.wordpress.com>.

The President's Line

Bob Burns

We had another successful "Show 'N' Tell" last month with 13 displays and up to 40 folks in attendance. Some of our guests joined the Society, which is a very good sign.

On Saturday, February 8th at 10:30am, we are having our second Special Interest Groups (SIGs) meeting. This year, we are having facilitators to help each group's conversation. Based on last year's interest, there will be four geographical areas: Ireland, the U.K., Northeast US, and Southeast US. This year we are adding two topics: Genealogy Software, and Genealogy 100 (for true beginners). Folks interested in, say, Germany or Eastern Europe, could create small groups as the others are all finding their tables. This is an evolving area for our Society and we will learn as we go.

In lieu of a seminar and our regular monthly meeting next month, on March 19th, we are encouraging members to attend the North Florida Genealogy Conference at the LDS Church in Orange Park on the same day. It is being sponsored by the Jacksonville Genealogy Society and other groups. Our new Publications Chair Denise Olson will be the speaker at 3 of those sessions. I attended last year with 10-12 of our members and I felt the various sessions were worth the \$25 cost. We will have some forms available at the sign-in table next Saturday (2/13), and you should know that registration ends March 6th. I encourage you all to check out their website at www.nfgenealogyconference.org and to plan on attending on March 19th. I drove from Murabella/WGV last year and took 5 people and may do so again.

I look forward to seeing you all at 10:30am on Saturday, February 13th, at the Southeast Library on Rt. 1, for "Special Interest Groups (SIGs)."

Research Delivered: The Newsreader

Research Toolbox - Denise Olson

One of the most useful tools a researcher has is the newsreader. It is an easy and efficient way to keep up with a large number of information sources. Email newsletters also generate lots of advertising messages and your address is often sold to others generating even more unwanted email. When you subscribe to a news source using a newsreader, only the newsreader app knows who you are.

Newsreaders use an automated web distribution system called Really Simple Syndication (RSS for short). Web sites, news services and blogs offer their content using the RSS feed standard, making distribution easy. Your newsreader checks your subscribed sites for new content. If found, the newsreader will collect it and deliver it to your desktop.

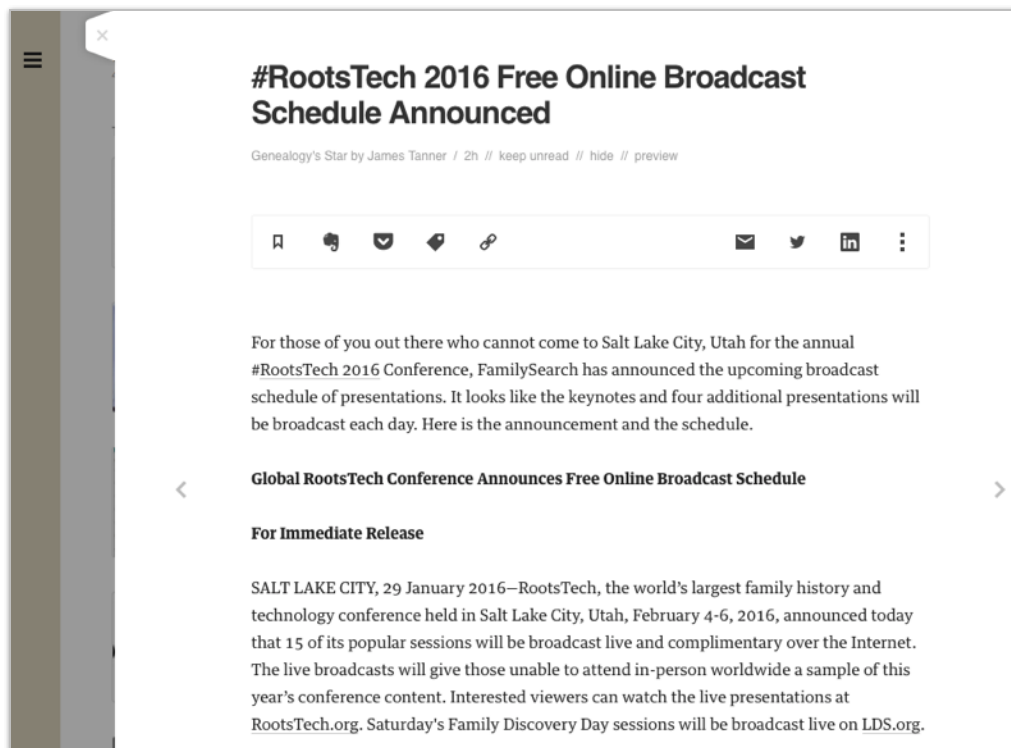
A newsreader can be an application installed on your desktop or tablet or a web service you access through your web browser.

Your newsreader will find and display new content from all your subscribed sources. News feeds come from a growing number of sources. Most news sources publish content as news feeds. Blog platforms are designed to allow distribution of their content as feeds. Many research archives announce updates



to their collections as news feeds. Do you use Google Alerts? Have your results delivered to your newsreader instead of your inbox.

Unlike email, a newsreader doesn't deliver content from unknown sources. Only feeds you've subscribed to will appear in your newsreader.



That's not all! Your newsreader can organize your feeds into categories for easy access. It also has tools to help process the information you receive.

Processing the information is what makes a newsreader so useful. You only need to "process"

content you want to keep or action in some way. For example, you see an article a friend would find useful. Click the email button, insert your friend's email address and hit Send. It's on its way, and as you keep scrolling down, it's off your desktop.

Want to learn more about newsreaders and how to get started using the free Feedly platform? Download a free copy of [Research Delivered: An Introduction to Newsreaders](#) at the SAGS Writers site.

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 Daily Newspaper of U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations

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Wednesday, June 7, 1944

Allies Driving Into France



Opposition Less Than Expected; Troops 10 Mi. In

Allied armies, supported by more than 4,000 ships and 11,000 warplanes, stormed the northern coast of France in the dark hours of yesterday morning to open the decisive battle for the liberation of Europe, and by nightfall had smashed their way ten miles inland to Caen, between the vital ports of Cherbourg and Le Havre. Enemy radio stations said heavy street fighting was in progress.

By reaching Caen, the invasion forces may have cut the railway running from Paris to Cherbourg, main route for the supply of Hitler's troops on the peninsula.

German opposition in all quarters—sea, air and land—was less than expected, according to information reaching supreme headquarters and losses appeared to be astonishingly light.

American naval losses were only two destroyers and one LST (landing ship, tank) craft, while American air losses were kept to one per cent, President Roosevelt revealed in Washington on the basis of a noon dispatch from General Eisenhower. The President said operations were "up to schedule."

Losses of troop-carrying aircraft were extremely small, although more than 1,000 of such planes were used, headquarters disclosed. The airborne troops themselves were "well established," Prime Minister Churchill had announced earlier.

And as for the forces which landed on the beaches, Adm. Sir Bertram Ramsay, Allied naval commander-in-chief, reported that "naval ships landed all their cargoes 100 per cent." He added that there was "slight loss in ships, but so slight that it did not affect putting armies ashore. We have got all the first wave of men through the defended beach zone and set for the land battle."

Along a front described by the Germans as 80 miles long—from the mouth of the Seine River at Le Havre to the tip of the Cherbourg peninsula—American, British and Canadian troops landed on French soil from the choppy waters of the English Channel and from the storm-studded skies.

From 600 naval guns, ranging from four to 16 inches, and from massive fleets of supporting planes, ton upon ton of high explosives thundered into the concrete and steel of the West Wall which Hitler erected to guard his conquered countries.

The actual landings took place in daylight after an aerial assault on the

Greatest Umbrella for Landing

Armadas of Allied Planes Hammer Nazi Targets

Unleashing the full fury of Anglo-American air power, Allied aircraft yesterday bombed and strafed mile after mile of French beaches, setting up a

'This Was the Invasion'

Flying S & S Writer Files First Eyewitness Story

By Bud Hutton

Stars & Stripes

In the Archives - Denise Olson

Anyone who has served in the United States military is familiar with *Stars and Stripes*. However, not everyone is aware that *Stars and Stripes* began during the Civil War as a newspaper for Union troops. Publication resumed during World War I and again in World War II. It has continuously served our military in Europe since 1942 and in the Pacific since 1945. Today there are also Mid-East and U.S. editions as well as an electronic edition.

Researchers will find digital access to Stars and Stripes' historical archive in two locations. Ancestry.com has European, Mediterranean and African editions from 1942 to 1964, Pacific editions from 1945 to 1963, a Middle Pacific (Honolulu) edition and a World War I edition for 1918 to 1919. Your second option is the Stars and Stripes online archive (<http://starsandstripes.newspaperarchive.com>). This archive offers day passes (\$4.95/day), month-by-month memberships (\$7.95/month) and annual memberships (\$47.40/year).

Stars and Stripes Newspaper, Europe, Mediterranean, and North Africa Editions, 1942-1964

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Related data collections

This database is also searchable as part of a larger collection of related databases. [Search the larger collection.](#)

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It's easy to browse the Ancestry.com archive using the Card Catalog. Go to the Stars and Stripes collection then use the search form specific to it. As you can see in this example, you can search specific issues for names, locations and keywords. You can also use the calendar to select issues by date. The front page shown at the beginning of this article was found using the date picker you see in the right sidebar.

I'm looking for information about a B-29 pilot shot down over Japan on November 21, 1944. He was assigned to the 20th Bomb Group which flew out of China. The Pacific Edition did not begin operations until January 1945 so I'm searching the European Edition. I use the keyword "20th Air Force" and select the days after the raid. Here's one of the two articles I found.

Two B29s Lost In Japan Battle

Superfortresses of the 20th Air Force, in an air battle over the Japanese homeland Tuesday, lost two and possibly three planes, the War Department announced yesterday.

A communique said that for the first time Japanese airmen succeeded in shooting down a B29. Twenty Jap fighters were destroyed, 19 probably destroyed and 22 others damaged.

The two definite losses were suffered by planes attacking the aircraft factory at Omura, on Kyushu. A third plane of this force still had not reported last night and was presumed lost. No losses were suffered by planes raiding targets at Nanking and Shanghai.

Tokyo Radio claimed 63 of the giant bombers were destroyed.

As you can see in this sample, most operational news is very basic. Casualties are seldom acknowledged. Here it only states that two planes did not return. Although some articles identify individuals by name, they usually only refer to commanders. You will find articles describing specific units, especially when they have done something newsworthy. It can be quite

useful to place your ancestor's unit at a specific place and time. I have seldom found a Stars and Stripes item using an "all-purpose" search in ancestry.com, but the custom search form found in the Stars and Stripes collection has been quite useful. Even when a search doesn't find any mention of the individual, the news stories often have clues that can point me in new directions. In this article, the targets were Tokyo and Yokohama and two planes failed to return to their bases (plural). That tells me they lost one China-based plane and one from the Marianas. Using that information, my next research stop was fold3.com's [Missing Aircrew Reports](#) collection. I learned a lot more there.

Research Notes

The Southern California Genealogical Society has announced its schedule for the 2016 Jamboree Extension Webinar Series. These webinars are open to anyone at no charge, but you must register to attend. Visit the [SCGS webinar page](#) for schedule and registration information. Registration is now open.

Are you familiar with DearMYRTLE's Hangouts? If not, let me introduce you. DearMYRTLE is the alter ego of Pat Richley-Erickson. She and her cousin, Russ Worthington, have turned the [Google's Hangouts](#) platform into delightful conversations with researchers from around the world. Mondays at noon (Eastern) you can enjoy Mondays with Myrt or drop in on Wacky Wednesdays (Wednesdays at 9:00pm Eastern) where there is a different topic each week. Pat is known for her interviews during national conferences, so you can expect some fascinating ones during RootsTech. Get the details - schedules, how to connect, etc. - at her Dear Myrtle blog (<http://blog.dearmyrtle.com>).

Don't forget the NGS annual conference in May. The theme is ***Exploring the Centuries: Footprints in Time*** and the place is the convention center in Ft. Lauderdale. Registration is open now and hotel rooms are going fast. See the [conference site](#) for registration and session information.

SAGS member, Bruce Ramsey, is volunteering at the Southeast Library to offer free one-on-one research training. It's open to anyone, but appointments are required. Call the library at 904-827-6900 to schedule an appointment.

The Society Page

The February meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13th, beginning at 10:30am, at the Southeast Branch Library, 6670 US 1 South. This month's program is devoted to special interest groups.

The Writers Group meets at 5:30pm Monday, February 8th at the Main Library located on US 1 at May Street. This month's topic is copyright. All members are invited to follow the SAGS Writers blog (<https://sagswriters.wordpress.com>) for storytelling ideas, writing resources and tools. You can subscribe to the blog via email or newsreader. Details are in the blog's sidebar.

Registration is now open for the North Florida Genealogy Conference on Saturday, March 19th at the Orange Park Family History Center on Blanding Boulevard. Registration fee is \$25 and includes a box lunch. Visit the [conference site](#) for details on sessions and to register.

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The Research Help Desk supports our members with research assistance either at meetings or via email. Members can complete a research help request form at any meeting or email your request to Sue Gill at suecarl@aol.com. The Research Committee will respond with suggestions on search options and possible sources.

Members with research experience are encouraged to volunteer on the Research Committee.

There are a number of ways SAGS members can connect online. These include:

- [SAGS Online](#) - The society's public web site and records archive.
- [SAGS Facebook Group](#) - This is a public group and once you join, you can set it to notify you when items are posted to the group. It's a great place to share useful research resources, ask questions or share a success story.
- **SAGS Mailing List** - The mailing list is used to keep members informed on upcoming meetings, announcement and other activities. To join, send an email message to SAGS-L-request@rootsweb.com with the word **subscribe** in the subject line. You will receive a return message asking you to confirm your subscription. Follow the link included in the message. Once you confirm you will receive a welcome message providing instructions for using the list.
- [SAGS Publications Library](#) - This online library is open 24/7. Here you will find current and past issues of the Ancient City Bulletin along with other society publications.
- [SAGS Writers](#) - This blog supports our special interest group focused on telling the stories of our family's history. It is open to all members.

Publishing Guidelines

We accept articles related to genealogy, family history and research methodology from our members for publication in the Ancient City Bulletin.

Submissions should be sent as an electronic file in either rich text format (.rtf) or MS Word (.docx) format via email to sags.publications@gmail.com. Please keep formatting to a minimum as the article will need to be styled to match the Bulletin's design. The article title should be on a separate line at the top of the page with the author's name listed immediately below. Photos included as part of the article are welcome, but please also send a copy of each photo as a separate file. Captions are always welcome and please include the photographer's name for proper credit. Including a list of sources is also encouraged.

Articles will be edited for grammar and style and any edits will be reviewed with the author prior to publication.

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