

A detailed botanical illustration in a light, sketchy style serves as the background. It features various types of leaves, including large, broad ones and long, narrow palm-like fronds. A butterfly is depicted in flight near the center. The overall tone is soft and naturalistic.

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The Society Page

We are delighted to have Connie Bradshaw return this month with another great program. This time her presentation is *Genetic Genealogy - Simplify the Mystery of Autosomal DNA Testing*. February's meeting is Saturday, February 17th, at the Southeast Branch Library located at 6670 US Hwy 1 South. Check-in opens at 12:45pm and the meeting begins at 1:00pm.

Reminder . . . 2018 membership dues are due!

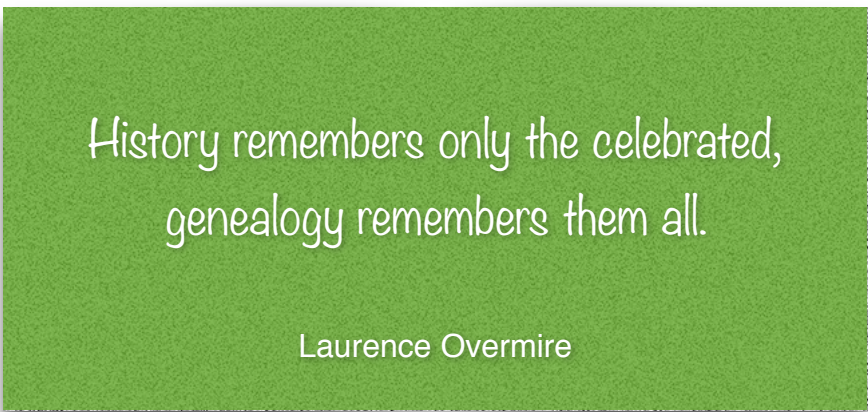
Upcoming presentations include:

What's Your Digital Disaster Plan? - Denise Olson

Robert Franklin Thomas: A Case Study in Climbing Over Southern Brick Walls - Michael Ports

Organizing a State-By-State, County-By-County Search of Courthouses, Libraries, Cemeteries and Archives - Ginny Barrs

DNA 103 - More Questions & Answers - Jack Butler



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North Florida Genealogy Conference

Editorial Notes

Registration is now open for the North Florida Genealogy Conference. There is limited space in many of the classrooms so now is a good time to register and insure you get the presentations you want. Visit the [conference website](#) for descriptions of the presentations and registration details.

It's not just presentations! The Amelia Island Genealogical Society is back with their Brick Wall Help Desk. If you have hit a brick wall in your research, you can get help. Visit the [Brick Wall Help page](#) for details and to sign up for an appointment. There's also a questionnaire you can download and complete so that the help desk staff can research your problem and have a written report with possible solutions or research avenues for you to explore ready for you when you come for your appointment.

Be sure you stop by the St. Augustine Genealogical Society's table. We will have the Storytellers Studio set up with creative project ideas to share your family history. You'll find ideas, resources and other information to get you started.



FamilySearch Mobile Apps

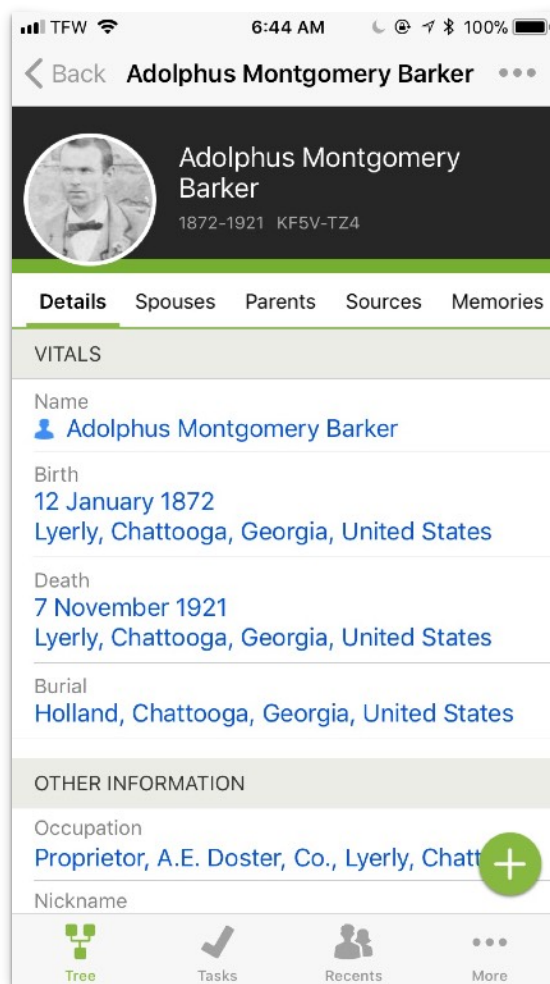
Research Toolbox

FamilySearch had developed two very impressive mobile apps. These apps work beautifully on your tablet and the phone version of the app is also quite functional. There are two apps - Family Tree and Family Memories - and both are available for iOS and Android devices.

What can you do with these apps? You'll be pleasantly surprised. The Family Tree app makes it possible to stay connected with your FamilySearch family tree just about anywhere. Using the app, you can browse your family tree, add and update data, search for additional records and sync your efforts back to your tree at FamilySearch. You can even add photos, documents and recordings about your ancestors.

The Memories app makes it possible to collect, share and preserve photos, ephemera and stories about your ancestors. Combined with your phone's camera/scanning capabilities, this can be a very impressive app.

Both apps are free and can be installed using your device's App Store.



Ancestry Research Guides

In the Archives

Buried away in the Ancestry Support section is an impressive library of free research guides. Each guide is available online and can be downloaded as a PDF document. You don't need an [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) account to take advantage of these resources, but it will help.

The guides are organized into categories and while many of them are related to research basics, most are done with an Ancestry twist. Some of the categories include:

- Getting Started
- Ethnic and Religious
- DNA
- Immigration
- Census
- Military
- Probates

Their U.S. state research guides are a must. They include historical backgrounds, information on census and vital records. Of course they link to collections within Ancestry, but they also link to outside resources for each state. The Florida guide includes descriptions of the various censuses including those taken during the Spanish period and the censuses conducted by the state.

You will find a link to Ancestry's State Research Guide on the Digital Library page (<https://sagssupport.org/library/digital-library/>) along with other useful resources.

Scribd

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Scribd (pronounced like ribbed with “sc” in front) is a digital subscription library containing e-books, articles, sheet music and other written works. The collection contains more than 400,000 books from over 900 publishers. Titles range from bestsellers to classics and includes a broad range of genealogy-related books. In addition to the published works, there is also a documents library where any member can publish their own works at no cost. More on that later.


Scribd is accessible online using your web browser and there are also free mobile apps for iPhone, iPad, Android devices and the Kindle Fire tablet. A Scribd premium membership costs \$8.99 a month. Your membership gives you access to all the books available on Scribd as well as the documents library. Even if you don’t become a member of the subscription service, you will still have access to the documents section.

<p>DNA and Family History: How Genet... Chris Pomery ★★★★☆ (4/5) </p>	<p>Organize Your Genealogy: Strategi... Drew Smith ★★★★☆ (0/5) </p>	<p>How to Organize Family History... Denise May Levenick ★★★★☆ (0/5) </p>

A search for "genealogy" books returned 1,167 titles. This included books from Kimberly Powell, Drew Smith, Denise Levenick and many more familiar authors.

As a member, not only can you read books, you can also highlight content you find interesting, bookmark pages and even add notes. You can access the highlighted content and notes at any time.

Each member has a profile page. It serves several purposes. You can include personal information so other readers can find you and it offers a place where you can create reading lists. In this sample, you see I have three reading lists included in my profile along with several guides I uploaded to Scribd.









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Flickr Photo Archive - Give Your Photos a Soc...	Flickr Photo Archive - The Camera Roll	Storytellers Studio - Found Ephemera	Kukawalla's Spring	WordPress 101 - All About Stats	Flickr Photo Archive Search

Reading Lists

Curated collections from experts, influencers & our editors.

		
<p>Genealogy Research Library</p> <p>28 titles</p>	<p>Florida History</p> <p>3 titles</p>	<p>Finished Titles</p> <p>34 titles</p>

The reading lists are especially handy when you have a book you refer to frequently.

	<h3>Sharpen Your Digital Pencil: An Introduction to Metadata</h3>	<p>Pages: 6 Reads: 1,232 Likes: 0 Notes: 0 Public</p>
	<h3>Flickr Photo Archive - Give Your Photos a Social Life with Groups</h3>	<p>Pages: 13 Reads: 228 Likes: 0 Notes: 0 Public</p>

Any member can publish to the documents section of Scribd. In this example you are looking at two short user guides. These guides were written using a word-processing program and uploaded to the owner's profile in Scribd's documents section. It costs nothing to upload documents like these. You can announce your publication via Facebook, Twitter or email and you can embed it in a blog post. Notice that Scribd keeps track of the number of readers, likes and notes related to your document.

Scribd is an impressive and affordable resource for good reads, whether they be novels, genealogy, history or reference books. Take a look and see what Scribd can do for you.

Society Services

The Research committee supports our members with research assistance either at meetings or via our Facebook group. Our Research Committee chair is available before and after each monthly meeting. Members are encouraged to join our members-only Facebook group - [SAGS Community Research Center](#). This group makes it possible for members to stay connected between meetings. You are encouraged to ask questions, share tips or just chat. Society staff are also posting news items, deals and resources that can help us all improve our research efforts.

Additional ways SAGS members can connect online include:

- [SAGS Online](#) - The society's public web site and records archive.
- [SAGS Support](#) - The society's members-only site offers weekly news updates, research support, 24/7 access to our publications library along with social networking features making it easy for members to stay connected between meetings.
- [Research Notes](#) - Our weekly email update for genealogy news and deals along with links to useful resources and other articles. Research Notes arrives in your Inbox every Monday morning and past editions are available online at SAGS Support.
- In addition to the SAGS Community Research Center, the society also maintains a public Facebook page providing information about the society and upcoming meetings.

Publishing Guidelines

We encourage our members to submit articles related to genealogy, family history and research methodology 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@yahoo.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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