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Election Season

The President's Line

Having circumnavigated the flooded I-95 corridor in North Carolina, we are now back home from Cape Cod. I understand that it may not be until November for some areas of I-95 in North Carolina to re-open. On the Cape, we were glued to the Weather Channel and CNN/Fox to keep up with the arrival and departure of Hurricane Matthew. I hope all of you are successfully returning to normalcy given the near-direct hit that St. Augustine experienced.

In Society news, everyone will be receiving SAGS Officer ballots by email between now and our next meeting on November 12th. One real benefit is that we won't need to stand in line on "Election Day"! Like 2014 (and the 2015 Bylaws ballot), you can submit your vote by selecting the hotlink (underlined word in blue) near the bottom of the email. As in the past, we will still have paper ballots available at the meeting, but the email submission helps the tallying process significantly. And there can be floor nominees as well.

Our slate of Officers includes Bernie Patruno (for President), Judy Parrino (1st VP-Programs), Sue DiDomenico (2nd VP-Membership), Pat Tanner (Secretary), and Neda Makin (Treasurer). I will become your Immediate Past President (IPP). All other Chairs are appointed before year-end, if possible, by the new President, with the concurrence of the Board (aka Executive Committee).

Separately, your Board has decided to become a sponsor to the North Florida Genealogy Conference, held annually in early March. We will staff a table with volunteers to advertise our Society to those in attendance. Our Publications Chair, Denise Olson, is serving as conference Webmaster, and we congratulate her on that honor. For about \$25, attendees receive a box lunch plus admission

to many interesting presentations by knowledgeable genealogists. I urge you all to attend if you are able.

Finally, although I will be attending our daughter's wedding, our Society meeting will feature Judy Wright of Ocala, a prior speaker, and her topic has been renamed "Family Tree Maker is Alive & Well – And Full of Surprises." As an FTM user myself, I know this will be an interesting and informative presentation. You don't want to miss this one!



North Florida Genealogy Conference

March 4, 2017

Learn more at <https://nfgenealogyconference.org>. Better yet, subscribe to the conference newsletter and have all the latest news delivered to your inbox.

Protect Your Photos With Flickr

Research Toolbox

We came through Hurricane Matthew with no losses or damage - just a mess of branches, leaves and twigs to clean up. However, several years ago I did lose some amazing photos taken on a trip to Washington, D.C. They had been stored on a hard drive which later died a horrible death thanks to a power surge. Soon after that traumatic event I stumbled onto a new photo-sharing platform called Flickr. It wasn't the first service dedicated to photographs but several unusual features made it stand out. First of all, Flickr believes that the user should have control of their own photos. The terms of service required only authorizing rights to use my photos as are necessary to legally perform their services. I control the licensing (copyright) for my photos along with the privacy settings for them. On top of that, it cost me nothing to use. So I did.

I've been a member for 11 years now and I currently have more than 19,000 photos stored at Flickr. Is this the only place I save my photos? No. I also have them stored on an external hard drive, in my iCloud account and in the daily backups sent to another off-site source. Many of my photos were "born" digital (taken with a digital camera or phone) but most are scanned photos and documents from my family archives. Had our house been destroyed in the storm, I would have lost a lot of irreplaceable photos that are still waiting to be scanned. Everything else would still be available as digital images.

Anyone can create a free account at Flickr which includes 1,000 GB of storage for photos and even videos. To demonstrate how much storage Flickr offers, my 19,000 photos take up less than 45 GB. There is a Pro account available for \$50/year. It offers unlimited storage along with a desktop app that will automatically upload photos from your computer to your Flickr account. Pro users can also

take advantage of some impressive online editing tools as well as ad-free browsing. With these features, Flickr Pro makes a very affordable off-site storage option to protect precious photos.

There's a lot more to Flickr than off-site storage. Flickr is also an amazing place for family historians to connect and collaborate with research cousins. Any user can create a Flickr Group (public or private) where members can share their own photos without giving up control of them.

The Barkers of Kincaid Mountain ✓ Joined
2 Members • 58 Photos • 2 Discussions

Overview Administration Discussions Photos Members Map Invite Friends

moultriecreek ADMIN September 18, 2015

This group celebrates the Barker family of Holland, Georgia. John Thomas Barker settled his family here in 1876 when he bought a small farm on Kincaid Mountain. His descendants still live in the area. Any of these descendants and others with information and photos of this family are welcome to participate in this group. You can add photos, comment on photos and share in the discussions. Together we can build a pictorial history of the family and the Holland community.

Photo pool [Add photo](#) Showing 4 rows [View 58 photos](#)

The photo pool contains the following images:

- A person on a boat.
- A person sitting on a porch.
- Handwritten document titled "Births".
- Handwritten document titled "Marriages".
- Handwritten document titled "Deaths of Others".
- Handwritten document titled "Family News".
- Handwritten notes on a red background.
- A vintage photograph of two women.
- A black and white photograph of a house.
- A black and white photograph of a woman standing in front of a building.
- A photograph of a storefront.

A private group for family members to share photos and information.

Each group includes a photo pool and a discussion area where members can ask questions or share information. The administrator controls how the group operates and who has access. Even if you don't use Flickr to share your own photos, you will find a number of the public groups quite useful. For example, the [Graves of Veterans of the American Civil War group](#) has almost 1,000 members who have submitted more than 12,000 photographs.

Flickr's search engine is incredible and will lead you to some amazing things. Sometime back I wanted a copy of a photo of my great grandfather and used Flickr's search instead of trying to wade through all the albums in my collection. In less than a second that photo was right in front of me - along with several photos of him I had never seen. Following the link to their owner's profile, I quickly realized we were related. Flickr has an in-house messaging system which I used to contact the owner of that photograph. He was the son of a cousin I hadn't seen in more than 30 years. Thanks to Flickr I have connected with another family historian and reconnected with his mother.

He's not the only cousin connection made through Flickr. I recently met a young cousin who had commented on a photo of his great-great grandmother I had posted. His grandfather is one of my summer vacation playmates from our summer visits to the family farm.

Flickr offers something for just about everyone with features to protect, present and discover photographs. It's both affordable and easy to use. To learn more, visit <http://flickr.com> and see for yourself.

The Commons on Flickr

In the Archives

Are you looking for photos of a place or a period in time? Take a look at [The Commons on Flickr](#). Archives, museums and libraries from all over the world are making historical photos and other interesting graphics available for everyone to see. Even better, most of these images are public domain so you can use them in your family history projects.

What will you find at The Commons? Obviously there are fabulous collections of historical photographs. That's just the beginning. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History has a number of collections, including their Historical Map collection with 149 maps. These are helping me track my Mississippi ancestors as they moved into and around the state, but it also gives me graphics I can use to help tell their stories. Who knows, I may even find a photo or two . . .

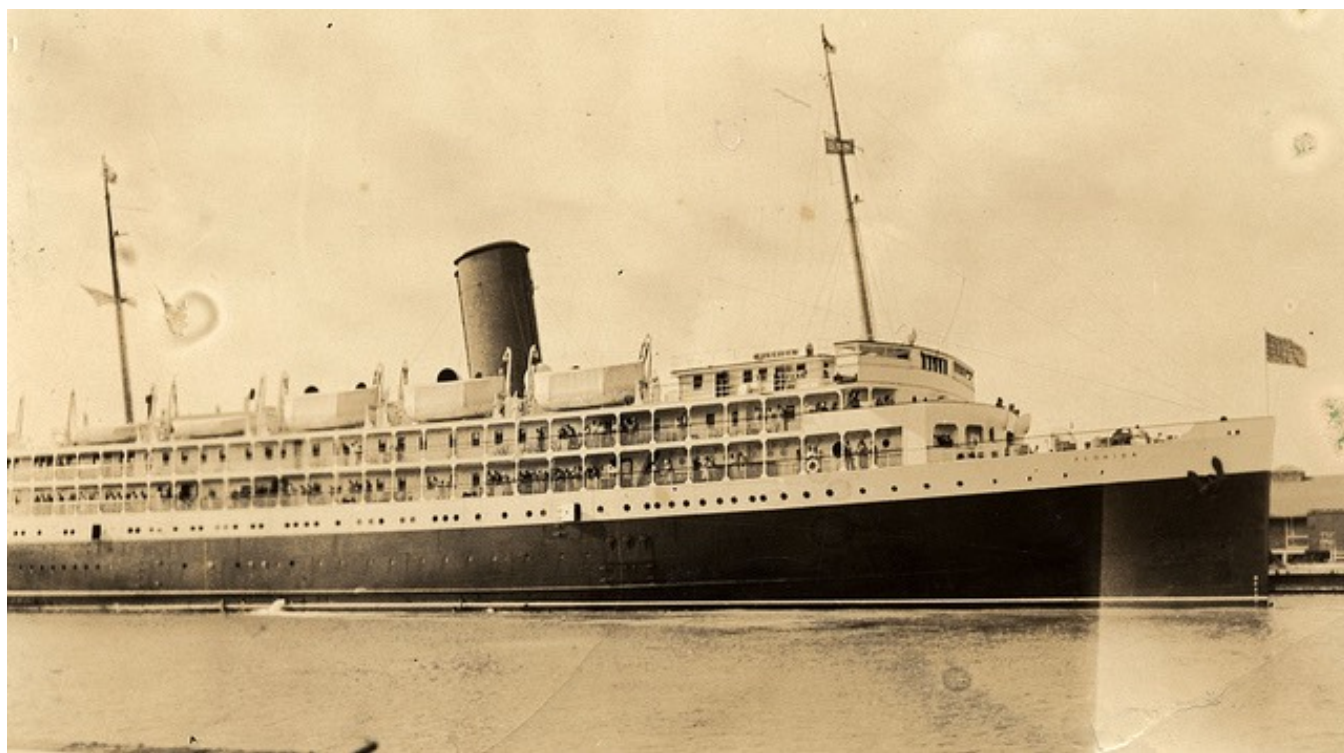
Texas looks interesting too with lots of maps and even scans of the original Texas Declaration of Independence. I'll need to spend some time looking through the Gulf Coast photographs to see if any relatives show up there.

The Florida Archive has provided lots of amazing images including the Spanish Land Grants issued during Florida's Second Spanish Period. Our family didn't show up down here until many years later, but it's still quite fascinating.

Both the British Library and the Internet Archive are posting images from old books. The British Library has posted more than a million images using tags and albums to organize them. Do you need period clothing from a certain era? You'll probably find it here. There are also tons of great graphical images that could help add "color" to a family history project. Everything I've seen so far has "no known copyright restrictions". The Internet Archive has posted more than 5

million images. Each photo includes information about its source and often links back to the scanned copy of the book containing that image, but they have not yet begun organizing the images. There are no albums so you'll either have to browse or use search to help you find specific types of images.

Maps, historic photos and graphic images can be quite useful in family history projects. For example, I've found several photographs of the S.S. Florida - a small cruise liner that took travelers from Miami to Havana in the 1930s and 40s. As a teenager, my father worked as a deck hand during the summer. It was the beginning of his career as a merchant seaman. You can bet I'll put any and all photos I can find of that ship to good use.



P & O Steamship Line. S. S. Florida. Gift of Betty Demonich to the Florida Keys Public Library.

The Commons is only one portion of the photographic goodness you'll find at Flickr. I've met several cousins through family photos that popped up in my searches. You can view photos without creating an account, but creating a user account - even a free one - makes it possible to connect with other Flickr users.

Five Brothers

Denise Barrett Olson

I live on Moultrie Creek just south of St. Augustine, Florida. There is also a town called Moultrie in Georgia, a county in Illinois and Fort Moultrie in South Carolina. These three Moultrie locations are named for one man, William Moultrie, who was a South Carolina patriot and a hero of the American Revolution. My creek is named for his brother, John, a loyalist and the Lieutenant Governor of the British colony of East Florida.

John and his brother, James, came to Florida not long after the British took control of the territory from Spain in 1763. John became the Lieutenant Governor and James became Chief Justice. James died in 1765. John took advantage of the opportunities Florida offered and developed several plantations along the east coast including one at the mouth of Woodcutter's Creek about five miles south of St. Augustine. He built a large stone house there, calling it Bella Vista.

Back in South Carolina, brother William fought in the Anglo-Cherokee war and later served in the colony's colonial assembly. He was commissioned as a colonel in the 2nd South Carolina Regiment and in 1776 would organize the defense of a small fort on Sullivan's Island which stopped the first British attempt to capture Charleston. This was the first real victory for the Patriots' cause and made William an American hero. The Continental Congress promoted him to brigadier general. In 1778, he would be instrumental in preventing the British capture of Savannah.

Brother Thomas also served in the 2nd South Carolina Regiment holding the rank of captain. He was killed during the battle to save Charleston.

One last brother, Andrew, served as a colonel during the war. When the British captured Charleston in 1780, Andrew was arrested and shipped to St. Augustine with about twenty other Charleston patriots. On their arrival, Governor Grant

offered them parole as long as they stayed in the local area. Andrew would stay at his brother's plantation on Woodcutter's Creek.

After the war, William would later become the 35th governor of the state of South Carolina. That small fort on Sullivan's Island was named Fort Moultrie in his honor. Andrew became South Carolina's first Attorney General. As a result of Britain's defeat by the Americans, the Florida territory was returned to Spanish control, forcing John to leave the colonies. He spent the rest of his life in Shropshire, England. Although his house at Bella Vista no longer exists, Woodcutter's Creek is now known as Moultrie Creek.



Sunset on today's Moultrie Creek

The Society Page

The November member meeting will be held on Saturday, November 12th, beginning at 10:30 am at the Southeast Branch Library located at 6670 US 1 South. Our speaker is Judy Wright and her presentation is titled *Family Tree Maker is Alive and Well and Full of Surprises*. She will discuss the transition from Ancestry.com to MacKiev, provide an overview of the major features found in version 14.1 and reveal some hidden gems in the software.

Judy Wright is retired from two careers. She was a foreign language teacher in Palm Beach County for 27 years, then worked in the legal profession for 11 years, first as a translator and legal secretary, then as an IT professional. Her interest in genealogy began about 20 years ago. It's rumored she took early retirement from the law firm so she could spend more time climbing the family tree.

She was a volunteer alpha tester for Family Tree Maker for 9 years, and is now a beta tester for Software MacKiev, the new owners of Family Tree Maker. She is the webmaster and outgoing president of the Marion County Genealogical Society.

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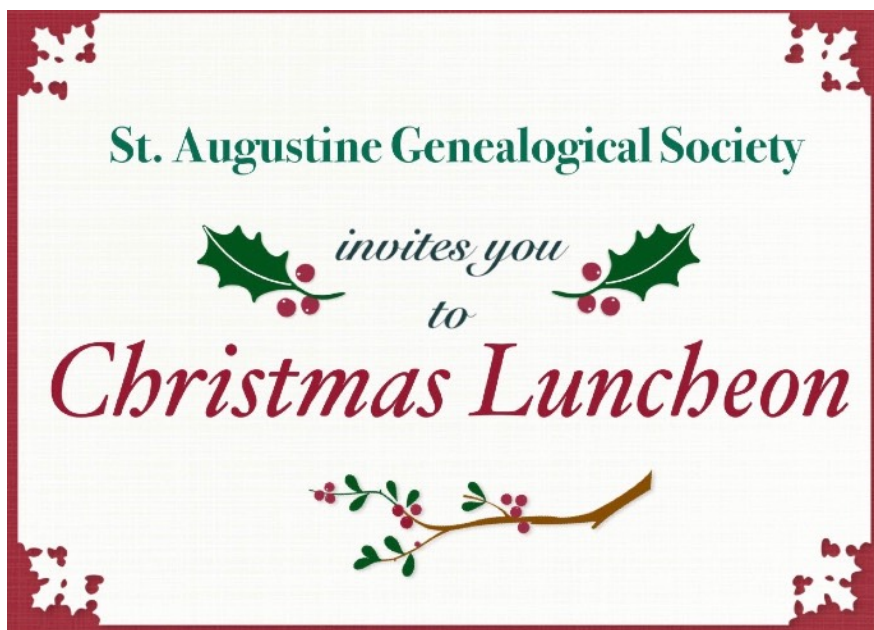
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We hope you will join us for lunch at Amici's Restaurant on Saturday, December 10th, at 12:00 noon. Amici's is located on the corner of A1A and SR 312 in St. Augustine.

Menu choices are manicotti, eggplant parmesan or chicken parmesan with spaghetti. The meal is accompanied by salad and bread with mini cannoli for dessert. Coffee and tea are included with the meal. The cost is \$20 per person which includes tax and gratuities. Alcoholic beverages and Coke products can be purchased separately.

Spouses and guests are also invited. Menu selection and payments must be made in advance. The deadline for receipt is November 30th. A sign-up sheet will be available during the November meeting along with payment collection. When paying by check, make it payable to St. Augustine Genealogical Society. Mail them to SAGS % St. Johns County Public Library, Southeast Branch, 6670 U.S. 1 South, St. Augustine, Florida 32086.


The January meeting will be held on Saturday, January 16th, beginning at 10:30am, at the Southeast Branch Library, 6670 US 1 South. Our members are the program for this month's Family History Faire! Each member is encouraged to share a family history project, a research success story, a treasured scrapbook




or a heritage photo album. This year's theme is Sharing Our Past so bring the younger members of your family too. This is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate how fascinating family history can be. Who know, you may even generate some future genealogists!

Research Notes

The U.S. GenWeb coordinator recently announced another system crash at RootsWeb. They sent out a notice to state GenWeb coordinators to move their mailing lists/message boards to other platforms. If you are using RootsWeb to share information, now would be a good time to insure you have backups of all records/files you have posted there.



Hurricane Matthew demonstrated how important off-site backups can be. If you'd like to learn more about Flickr or protecting your photos, you'll find the Digital Toolbox section at the SAGS Support members-only website. If you haven't registered yet, send a note to sags.publications@yahoo.com and we'll get you set up right away.



Check out the online calendar of GeneaWebinars, Hangouts and other online events at GeneaWebinars.com.

Society Services

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 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 Support](#) - The society's members-only 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 and in the message body. 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 it.
- [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 Group](#) - This blog supports our writers group.

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.

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