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Who we are

We are a professional group of newcomers to seasoned pros. Our members must also be members of the [parent organization](#).

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Next Meeting

Case study of article by our Amy Giroux

The Chapter's next meeting on Saturday, 5 August will be a case study review of Amy Giroux's article on using pre-1850 censuses.

The meeting will be held at 9 a.m. in room 419 of the main [Jacksonville Public Library](#), 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville, Florida 32202 (904-630-2665).

Program chair [Yolanda Campbell Lifter](#) will lead the discussion of "A Classic Census Problem—Identifying Fathers before 1850: John

Bulson of Orange County, New York."

The piece was written by Chapter Treasurer [Amy Larner Giroux](#), CG, CGL, of Orlando and was

On 7 October 2006 (tentative), Mitch Brown will address the group in Gainesville on the Indian Wars. The October trip to the Southeast NARA in Georgia has been canceled.

published in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 89 (December 2001): 259-273. Upon

request, Amy will e-mail a copy.

Before the discussion, the group will tour the Genealogy Department and Florida History Department. Lifter suggests that you park in the open-air lot at Church and Main; the fee is \$3 for the day and is self-pay on the honor system.

Attendees will go out for lunch. The meeting is open to members, guests, and others interested in professional-quality *genealogy*.

President's Corner

Lively Orlando meeting, upcoming election

By [Jean Foster Kelley](#)

At the May meeting at the Orlando Public Library two new members attended their first meeting: Percy "Mac" MacDonald, a returning member, came along with Dick Robinson and Jack Butler, from Tallahassee, who recently joined APG and the Chapter.

When asked if he would be the northwest region representative of APG Florida Chapter, Jack immediately agreed to help. The group held a

lively discussion of genealogical resources.

During the NGS Conference in Chicago, the APG, led by our own Sharon Moody, APG president, held the first "Gathering of Chapters" to discuss chapter issues and how the parent group can help. Marta Metcalf represented the Florida Chapter and will report on it later.

Soon we will be forming a nominating committee under Cindy Davis' chairmanship to seek

candidates for secretary and chapter representative. How can you serve the Chapter?

APGFL hosts 'road show'

Chapter volunteers will provide complimentary, 15-minute genealogical consultations at the Florida State Genealogical Society's 30th Annual Genealogical Conference in Melbourne on 10-11 November. Vice President [Ken Macomber](#), CG, is chairing our first "Ancestors Road Show."

SPOTLIGHT

Researching and recognizing our pioneers

“The Florida Pioneer Descendants Program is one of the finest in the country!”

– Alvie L. Davidson, CG

Florida was once a sparse wilderness inhabited by many people from older Southern plantation areas, native Indian people, African Americans, and Spaniards.

These rugged pioneers who arrived before Florida became a state in 1845 often went unnoticed in history. But now more than 4,300 of them have individually been recognized in state history thanks to the Florida Pioneer Descendants Program, started by the Florida State Genealogical Society (FSGS) in 1978.

FSGS awards certificates

at its annual fall conference to people who document that they are descendants of pioneers who settled in Florida before statehood or in a county before its creation. The Society also gives certificates to researchers who document a new pioneer on behalf of a descendant.

Alvie L. Davidson, CG, of Lakeland, is among a few chapter members who have participated in the program. He earned his first researcher's certificate five years ago for a high school classmate. He said, “This program has developed

into one of the finest in the country. Its (genealogical) standards are one of the strictest of lineage organizations I have worked with, including the DAR.”

He notes that his pioneer research has actually been more of a pleasure than a job. He has given descendants much pleasure too, knowing that the legacy of their ancestors would be preserved at the Florida State Archives.

Davidson, who has been doing genealogical research for 40 years, summed up what he thought about Florida's pioneer program, “It has been one of the best parts of my research career!” For further information on the program, go to the [FSGS website](#).

Members tell...

How they spent the dog days of summer



Got the summer doldrums? Or maybe you just can't get away from the lazy dog days of summer.

Nope, no doldrums here in the Sunshine State where a number of Chapter members are having a very busy, exciting summer.

Five members ventured to the Windy City for the recent NGS conference (**Sharon Moody, Gladys Paulin, Debbe Hagner, Marta Metcalf, and Laurie Caulk**.... Three taught (**Ken Macomber, CG; Alvie Davidson, CG, and Ann Staley, CG**) and three learned (**Mitch Brown, Jack Butler, and**

Caulk) at IGHR in Birmingham, Alabama. Fifteen Florida residents attended.

Hagner, AG, led researchers from the Milwaukee Genealogical Society west to Salt Lake City.... **Staley** put up her own new Website, sold ads for NGSQ as its advertising manager, and retreated to SLC.

Cindy Davis is back from NIGR... **Dick Robinson** spent more hours in churches (researching) for a client in Michigan than he has spent going to church here the past year. **Paulin** is preparing for a bite of the Big Apple as a

speaker at the IAJGS (Jewish gen) conference. Clarinetist **Giroux** (we've got many multitalented members) musically toured Europe with her children.

Now for the summer finale, at least three APG-FLers will present at FGS in Boston (**Moody, Ann Osisek, and Amy Larner Giroux**). **Donna Moughty** chairs the FGS' APG PMC, a must-attend event.

The Sun could find only one member who gave this account of her summer activities: “Nothing... Nothing at all... Nada... Zip ... Zero.



Deadline for the October issue

9 September 2006

– **Dick Robinson, Editor**