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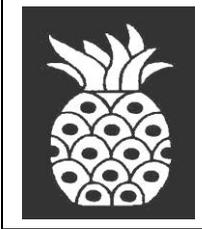
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### **Membership Levels:**

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2013 – 3:00 PM**

Melbourne Public Library  
540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne

## **The Amazing U.S. Census**

**What It Reveals About Our History**

**A Presentation by Marian Harrison**

We usually think of the census as a head count, a measure of our population. It's so much more. Information collected reveals:

- ❖ who lived where and when
- ❖ immigration
- ❖ population shifts
- ❖ changing social attitudes
- ❖ geographic expansion of the U.S.
- ❖ economics: poverty and wealth
- ❖ agriculture, commerce, industry
- ❖ education, culture, the arts



Photo of a Census taker standing in a field  
(From the U.S. Census Archive)

Marian Harrison will give us an introduction to the history and tools of the census. Mrs. Harrison has many years of consulting, digesting and teaching about each and every census! She teaches the Basic Genealogy classes for the Genealogical Society of South Brevard (GSSB) and serves on their Board. She is an Assistant Director of the Family History Center in Rockledge, and serves as Family History Consultant for her local church unit. Marian is excited about going to Sweden this summer to walk through some of the villages where her ancestors lived! She is trying to learn basic Swedish. She and her husband Joe - both ex-Air Force - live in West Melbourne, where he raises vegetables and she stays glued to her computer.

When was the first U.S. Census taken?

Who was in charge of the first U.S. Census?

In which year did the U.S. Census include Florida?

## DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS....

I'm not a historian..... I wouldn't even call myself a history buff. But I do love the field of history. And, as I delve deeper into so many subjects of history, I've become fascinated by the ways we can examine it.

I've developed the "pan and zoom" approach, my "micro/macro" method and now I have fallen in love with the tools of the U.S. Census. And so...I give the rest of this space to an interesting photo and quote from the Census Bureau website.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER.....See you in September.!

**Carol Andren, President, SBHS**  
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*"A family listens to the radio in the 1930s. The Census Bureau collected radio ownership data in 1930 on the population schedule. In 1940, the inquiry was part of the housing census."*



Photo courtesy of the National Archives

The U.S. Census Bureau began collecting data about the characteristics of the nation's housing in the 19th century. In 1940, the number of inquiries expanded to 31 questions using a separate "housing schedule." This "Census of Housing" included inquiries that collected information about the home's bathroom facilities, water supply, heating equipment, mortgage or rent, and even if the residents had access to a radio. Government housing programs, along with marketing firms had successfully lobbied for the expansion of data."

## SBHS CALENDAR

### JULY and AUGUST SUMMER BREAK

The Fall program schedule will be posted on our website over the summer - go to [www.southbrevardhistory.org](http://www.southbrevardhistory.org)

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

**June 6, 2013 6:30 PM**  
***Underwater Archaeology Around the World***  
Florida Institute of Technology Foosner Art Museum presents Bob Marx, underwater archaeologist and deep sea explorer. Marx will share his life-long odyssey of exploring ancient shipwrecks and sunken cities in over 60 countries. In the museum's Harris Community Auditorium. Phone: 321.674.8921, reservations recommended.

**June 19, 2013 7:00 PM**  
***Shipwrecks, Oysters and Archaeology***  
Presented by Robin Moore, St. Johns County Historic Resources Coordinator  
FHS Library, 435 Brevard Ave., Cocoa, FL, 321.690.1971, Ext. 223

## NEW MUSEUM OPENS

***Elliott Museum***  
825 Northeast Ocean Blvd.  
Stuart, FL - 772.225.1961  
[www.elliottmuseum.org](http://www.elliottmuseum.org)  
Permanent collection includes ***Wheels of Change Exhibition*** highlighting early transportation and how it changed Florida. In the ***Baseball Gallery*** a comprehensive signed collection of baseball related items. Special exhibit through September, 2013 - ***Leonardo daVinci Machines in Motion.***

## HISTORIC HOME TOUR

***The Historic 1891 Pritchard House***  
424 So. Washington Ave., Titusville, FL.  
321.267.4480  
House is furnished with period furniture, accessories and interesting collections.  
Tours by reservation Tuesday – Friday at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm.

## 37<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Kentucky Military Institute

Ann Raley Flotte

*As reported in the March newsletter, Ann Raley Flotte was recently interviewed by KET/PBS in Kentucky regarding her knowledge of the Kentucky Military Institute (KMI) which wintered in Eau Gallie for years in the early 1900's.*

*Ann is a local historian and co-author of the Images of America book on Melbourne and Eau Gallie. Since 2005 she has been consumed with her research on KMI history. Because of Ann's contribution to the PBS program, she and her husband Keith were invited to attend the 37<sup>th</sup> reunion of the school in Venice, Florida.*

*Following is her account of the event:*



*The San Marco Hotel*

Keith and I arrived in Venice Florida, a beautiful little town on the West Coast of Florida. The townsfolk had "pulled out all the stops" for the alumni. We enjoyed touring the former San Marco Hotel which now houses shops on the first floor. The walls are lined with memorabilia of the school. We enjoyed touring the hotel and talking to a local historian who has been instrumental in changing the name of the Hatchett Creek Bridge to KMI Bridge in the town. In addition to the San Marco, we enjoyed seeing the impressive Venice Hotel, once part of the school; now an assisted living facility.

At the reunion, we met dozens of alumni, the oldest was from the class of 1941. The 94 year-old son of one of the founders, Col. Hodgson, was also there. It was fun sharing some of our information with everyone. It's amazing that even some of them who lived in the Melbourne area knew nothing of its existence here.

I am very excited about the PBS project and hoping to share it with SBHS when it airs later this year.

*The SBHS thanks AAA Malabar Mini-Storage, located across the street from the Malabar Town Hall, for their generous donation of air-conditioned secure storage for the Society's collections and archives.  
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