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The next Zephyrhills Historical Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6th in the meeting room of the *Zephyrhills Public Library*, 5347 8th Street. The business meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and the program is at 6 p.m. Refreshments include drinks, which are provided, and food brought in to share by members.

Speakers



Our speaker for our January meeting was supposed to be Roxanne Lynette Geisenheimer, Executive Director of the Samaritan Project of Zephyrhills, Inc. I suspected, when she failed to show up that she had been tied up at work. I was correct. She and her staff were exceptionally busy over the next several nights providing housing for the homeless in Zephyrhills. We don't have much cold weather here, but when we do, folks without

proper housing are in for a very tough time. I'm pleased that Roxanne was there for them. We will have her come to make her presentation later in the year. Warmer weather is always on the way in Florida, so I'm confident we will get to hear her eventually.

Louie Holt stepped in at the January meeting in place of Roxanne, and provided us with a sort of book report on Barbara Tuchman's book The Proud Tower, as well as some comments regarding her Pulitzer-prize-winning work The Guns of August. He will be our featured presenter in February, taking the place of Steve Spina, who had a conflict in February but will be with us in March. Louie will be presenting some pictures from our archive. It's always an enjoyable evening when he does so. Come join us!

Tuesday, February 20th, is our next Give-Back Scholarship Fundraiser
at **Sergio's Italian Restaurant** on Hwy. 54 West in **Zephyrhills**. We are meeting at 4 p.m.
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The mission of the Zephyrhills Historical Association is to research, gather, and share local historical information with all generations, through our literature, programs, and scholarships, and to volunteer assistance to the Zephyrhills Depot Museum and WWII Barracks Museum.

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World War I Service Records



Contributed by Louie Holt

On April 6, 1917 the United States declared war on Germany and her allies and entered a conflict that had raged since August 1914. Millions of American men and women served their nation in the Great War, including over forty-two thousand Floridians: thirty-five thousand eight hundred twenty-nine Floridians served in the U.S. Army, five thousand nine hundred sixty-three in the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard, and two hundred thirty-eight in the U.S. Marine Corps. Both the Navy and the Marine Corps were strictly segregated and did not accept black enlistees or officers. The Army took thirteen thousand twenty-four black enlistees and seven officers. Several thousand women served in the Navy, and several hundred in the Marine Corps, as reservist clerks for the duration (however, no record of women Marines from Florida has been found). Women served as Yeoman Class (secretaries) in the Navy and as nurses in both the Army and Navy, although gender is not usually noted on the cards.

Congress ordered that a service record for each person serving between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918 be created and provided to the Adjutant General of each state from which that person entered the service. This record took the form of a card that contained information digested from the service record dossier of each veteran. Clerks in the Department of War (Army) and the Department of the Navy (Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard) executed the work.

The cards were sent to the Adjutant General of each state. The Adjutant General of Florida directs the Department of Military Affairs and is the uniformed officer in charge of the National Guard units in Florida. The Department of Military Affairs is located at the St. Francis Barracks in Saint Augustine Florida.

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The same card form (Form No. 724-1, A.G.O.) was used for members of both the Marine Corps and the Army. These cards contain a paragraph which states "Except the data contained on the first four lines and that relating to battle casualties and physical disability, this statement is prepared as far as practicable from the service record, and no effort has been made to compare data obtained from the service record with other records, except where an error or discrepancy is patent." The Navy card does not contain this statement.

For each person, the cards provide name; age; serial number; race; place of birth; and residence at time of entering service. Some cards also provide the organizations/ships served (with dates of beginning and transfer); engagements; wounds/injuries sustained in action; time served overseas; discharge notations; and general remarks. The Navy cards note the sailor's rate as well as rank.

As noted previously the clerks made no effort to correct information unless the error was "patent" or obvious. Therefore, if there is a question as to the correctness or completeness of the information contained on any of these cards the individual's service record should be checked. These records are generally available from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis Missouri:

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Digital copies of the World War I service cards may be downloaded from the State Library Florida Memory web site at no charge. <https://www.floridamemory.com/collections/wwi/>

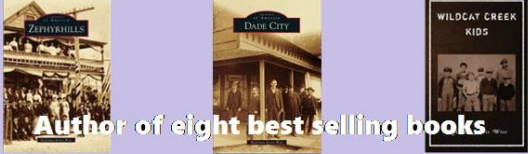
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The following information was obtained by searching the WWI Service Cards collection using the community names displayed on maps from the early 1900's. Of the 567 individuals who listed a Pasco County community as a place of birth or residence, the following 102 persons listed were from the southeast part of Pasco County. Considering race, state of birth, and city of birth: 84 are white, 18 are colored; 55 were born in Florida, 18 in Georgia, 5 in Nebraska, 22 in other states, 1 in Canada and 1 in Germany; 26 were born in Zephyrhills, 10 in Richland, 1 in Abbott, and 65 in other locations.

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Specifically, the following individuals reported that they were born in and/or were residents of Abbott, Branchton, Crystal Springs, Greer, Herndon, Lumberton, Pasadena, Richland, Tucker, Wesley Chapel, or Zephyrhills.

<i>NAME</i>	<i>Branch Rank</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Birth City</i>	<i>Birth State</i>
Berman Asbel	Army Private 1st Class	Tucker	Wesley Chapel	Florida
Clarence C Atkins	Army Private	Crystal Springs	Whitney	Nebraska
Francis R Barnes	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
Eugene Irvin Blake	Army Private 1st Class	Arcadia	Richland	Nebraska
Oscar Oliver Blauvelt	Navy Plumber and Fitter	Zephyrhills		
Clyde E Bobb	Army Private	Zephyrhills		Wisconsin
Robert Lynn Boyer	Navy Musician 2nd Class	Zephyrhills		
Harold O Briggs	Army Mechanic	Zephyrhills	Loup City	Nebraska
Wynfred R Briggs	Army 2nd Lt	Zephyrhills	Aurora	Nebraska
Benjamin H Brown	Army Private	Marianna	Richland	Georgia
John W Browning	Army Private 1st Class	Richland	Green Pond	Florida
Raoul R Charboneau	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Montreal	Canada
Walter L Davis	Army Private	Plant City	Richland	Georgia
Henry M Douglas	Army Private	Crystal Springs	Abbott	Florida
William R Douglas	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
Barry H Douglass	Army Corporal	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
Hugh Douglass	Army Private 1st Class	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
Walter Douglass	Army Cook	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
James A Dupuy	Army Private 1st Class	Crystal Springs	Beardstown	Illinois
Harry Gaddis Durnell	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Leesburg	Florida
Luther W Edmondson	Army Wagoner	Zephyrhills	Okahumpka	Florida
Louis Winfield Entzminger	Army Wagoner	Longwood	Richland	Florida
Byron S Fairchild	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Blair	Nebraska
Elliott Ferman	Army Private	Greer	Allendale	South Carolina
Ernest Fillmon	Army Horseshoer	Zephyrhills	Tampa	Florida
James A Fort	Army Private 1st Class	Wagner	Richland	Georgia
John O Fort	Army Private	Orlando	Richland	Georgia
John Gardner	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Yatesville	Georgia
Cephas Geiger	Army Private 1st Class	Tampa	Zephyrhills	Florida
James D Geiger	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Richland	Florida
Simon J Geiger	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
William A Geiger	Army Sergeant	Zephyrhills	Richland	Florida
Lyle Gilbert	Army Private 1st Class	Zephyrhills	Grand Rapids	Michigan
Elias Godwin	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Dade	Florida
Rountree Goodman	Army Private	Richland	Davenport	Florida
Samuel A Gordon	Army Wagoner	Sanford	Richland	Georgia
Edker H Hale	Army Sergeant	Canal Point	Zephyrhills	Florida
William A Hale	Army Private	Moore Haven	Zephyrhills	Florida

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<i>NAME</i>	<i>Branch Rank</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Birth City</i>	<i>Birth State</i>
John H Hall	Army Private 1st Class	Huntington	Richland	Georgia
George B Harrell	Army Private	Crystal Springs	Tampa	Florida
Warren W Haynes	Army Private	Richland	Richland	Florida
Ralph V Hill	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Jackson	Mississippi
James Hudson	Army Private	Richland	Emarilda	Florida
Henon H Hurst	Army Private 1st Class	Richland	Hudson	Florida
James E Jackson	Army Private 1st Class	Zephyrhills	Lyons	Georgia
Lee Jenkins	Army Private 1st Class	Crooms	Richland	Florida
Burton Monroe Johnson	Navy Fireman 1st Class	Zephyrhills		
Real Kelly	Army Private	Jacksonville	Richland	Georgia
Moray J Kersey	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
Guy Lampkin	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Salem	Missouri
Burton A Lang	Army Private	Dunedin	Zephyrhills	Florida
Charles E Lang	Army Private	Dunedin	Zephyrhills	Florida
Wesley LeBarn	Army Private	Dunedin	Richland	Georgia
Lon Lee	Army Private	Sumner	Richland	Georgia
Dale F Leonard	Army Corporal	Zephyrhills	Garden City	Kansas
Jesse Lee Lyons	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
Laura Vesta Maxwell	Army Nurse	Crystal Springs	Knightstown	Indiana
George F Orcutt	Army Private 1st Class	Zephyrhills	Erie	Pennsylvania
Paul Silas Overstreet	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Richland	Florida
Luke Parish	Army Private 1st Class	Richland	Mount Cellar	Florida
Roy A Parnell	Army Corporal	Zephyrhills	Rich Hill	Missouri
Fred Patten	Army Private	Sarasota	Richland	Georgia
Frank C Powell	Army Private 1st Class	Tampa	Richland	Florida
William Pyatt	Army Private	Richland	Georgetown	South Carolina
Jim Rabon	Army Private 1st Class	Dade City	Richland	Georgia
Melvin Ratliff	Army Private	Richland		North Carolina
Lawrence Rawlins	Army Private	Greer	Waldo	Florida
Jack Carl Renfroe	Navy Seaman 2nd Class	Richland		
Leo V Renfroe	Army Sergeant	Richland	Richland	Florida
Guy H Reynolds	Army Mechanic	Zephyrhills	Lakeland	Florida
Clifford Silas Rice	Navy Water Tender	Crystal Springs		
Ophelia Richardson	Army Private	Greer	Douglas	Georgia
Romanas Richardson	Army Private	Greer	Adrian	Georgia
Bert Ryals	Army Private 1st Class	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
Henry D Ryals	Army Private 1st Class	Tampa	Zephyrhills	Florida
Thomas J Ryals	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
William Jay Ryals	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
Fred H Seaman	Army Private 1st Class	Zephyrhills	Jackson	Michigan
John M Sherman	Army Private 1st Class	Jacksonville	Richland	Georgia
Edwin Morris Singleton	Navy Seaman	Crystal Springs		



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<i>NAME</i>	<i>Branch Rank</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Birth City</i>	<i>Birth State</i>
Arthur W. Smith	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
Bartow J Smith	Army Private	Tampa	Zephyrhills	Florida
Luther Daniel Smith	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
Shadrick H Smith	Army Private 1st Class	Largo	Richland	Florida
Frank R Snelson	Army Private 1st Class	Safety Harbor	Richland	Florida
John J Spivey	Army Private	Citrus Park	Zephyrhills	Florida
Austin E Stebbins	Army Corporal	Zephyrhills	Oneco	Florida
James Harold Stephenson	Navy Hospital Apprentice	Zephyrhills		
William J Strickland	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Thonotosassa	Florida
Jack Stroud	Army Sgt 1cl	Zephyrhills	Tampa	Florida
Charlie Jefferson Summerall	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Crusville	Florida
James Thomas	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
Julian N Ticknor	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Kansas City	Missouri
Lee Tomlin	Army Private	Jacksonville	Richland	Georgia
Eugene D Tucker	Army Private	Richland	Dade City	Florida
Joel A Turner	Army Corporal	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
Nelson James Turner	Army Private	Eastport	Richland	Georgia
Wallace Turner	Army Private	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
Edwin Vogt	Army Sergeant	Zephyrhills	Bremen	Germany
William A Wallace	Army Sergeant	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
Andrew W Wells	Army Private 1st Class	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills	Florida
Carl Wofford	Army Private	Greer	Orlando	Florida

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Jeffery Andrew Meserve, age 53, passed away at the Bailey Center on December 15, 2017.

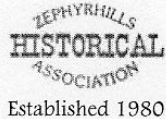
Jeffery was an only son born to Daniel and Judy Meserve in Ft. Bragg, NC. He was a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. His skill and passion for cooking led him an Executive Chef position at the Golden Oaks Country Club in Fleetwood, Pennsylvania. He relocated to the Tampa Florida area, where he co-owned and operated Tarek's Café at USF for 10 years until starting **Abbott Station Restaurant in Zephyrhills** with his wife Kristin for 3 years. Jeff and his wife then decided to sell their beloved restaurant and move to St. Augustine with their two youngest children in May of 2016, where he worked at the historic Flagler College as a chef.

Jeff will be remembered for his warmth, kindness and sense of humor by his many friends and family members. He was a loving son, husband, and father and will be deeply missed by his wife, Kristin; mother, Judy; sons, William and Brock and older daughter, Morgan.

A memorial service will be held on January 7, 2018 from 2:00PM - 4:00PM at Markland House 102 King Street, St. Augustine, Florida. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the Meserve family, Kristin Meserve, PO Box 253, St. Augustine, Florida 32085.

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ZEPHYRHILLS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 2ND, 2018

The Regular Business Meeting of the Zephyrhills Historical Association was called to order by President Jerry Pricher on January 2, 2018 at 5:30 PM. He gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes from the November 7, 2017 Meeting were read by the Secretary, with a motion to approve made by Polly Gill, seconded by Al Stone and accepted by all.

Clereen Brunty read the November and December Treasurer's Reports. A motion to approve was made by Bill Kustes, seconded by Al Stone and agreed to.

Guests tonight were Victor Fitting who hails from Michigan and Bill Craven who works with the model trains at the Depot.

Old Business: Steve Spina reported about the progress and plans regarding the Depot and Jeffries House. The railroad guys are moving the model trains display to another area of the building and Clereen has moved the Zephyrhills High School items out. The freight room will be used as a meeting room. Docents will be needed and more volunteers to staff the Depot. Some Freddy Peterson paintings have been moved to the Jeffries House. There has been a press release given to the Zephyrhills Free Press but it hasn't come out yet. Laser fiches of the Zephyrhills news have been done. Some staff meetings are already being held at the building. Jerry mentioned accessing ZHS yearbooks online by using Fivay.org. There will be further discussion at February's Meeting about the Depot and Jeffries House.

There was discussion about the American Legion banner at the Depot and how to preserve it. Al Stone suggested contacting a preservationist. Clereen said she will call around. She also mentioned that a lot of stuff has been boxed up and removed from the Depot.

Bill Craven said he needs access to the Depot to get to the trains.

Fund Raisers: Patty Thompson passed out flyers for the Rosemary Trottman Scholarship Fund Raiser to be held at Sergio's on January 23 anytime between 11 AM - 9 PM. We generally meet as a group at 4. She encouraged everyone to bring their friends. The November event yielded \$41. Patty also thanked everyone for participating in the tree trimming activity.

Other Old Business: None

New Business: Patty brought up Founders' Day, which will be on March 10, and the theme this year will be "Moonshine, Turpentine and Timber."

Bob Porter will see to the antique cars for the parade. I will help with signs. We discussed whether or not to pay the \$150 membership fee for Main Street or just pay for the slots we occupy in the parade. We decided to do the latter as it will be more economical. Andy Nagy asked if we could set up a table to advertise and recruit. We will discuss it further and finalize at the next meeting.

Jerry mentioned standing committees and that he would like Louie Holt to be in charge of the Scholarship committee. Clereen will be the best one to steer the Audit Committee and there are usually three people on it.

Other New Business: Rod Rehrig reported that Zephyrhills Historical Association member, Judy Meserve, suffered the death of her son recently.

Rod announced that the Chamber of Commerce will have a Barbeque and Blues Fest at the airport on January 20 and he has tickets for the barbeque grille which will be raffled off. Also, the Marine Corps League will have their annual golf tournament on March 10. Following brief discussion, Bill Kustes made a motion for our group to sponsor the #1 hole for \$40, seconded by Al Stone and approved by everyone.

Regarding the January birthday outing, Anna Boone selected Mike's Smokehouse and Margaret Seppanen likes that place also. It will be at 4 PM on January 12.

The Chair entertained a motion we adjourn. Clereen made the motion, seconded by Rod and agreed to. The meeting concluded at 6:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Anna V. Boone, Secretary, Zephyrhills Historical Association

Speaking to us tonight is Louie Holt with a report about Barbara Tuchman's book The Proud Tower as well as some comments regarding her Pulitzer prize winning work The Guns of August.