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"This packrat has learned that what the next generation will value most is not what we owned, but the evidence of who we were and the tales of how we loved. In the end, it's the family stories that are worth the storage."

- Ellen Goodman,
The Boston Globe

President's Corner

by Lee Vought, Interim President

Congratulations! I am pleased to have you all "on board" and look forward to working with you in 2011. Our new MCGS directors will be Lee Vought as President, Pidge Tibbetts as Vice-President and Membership Chairperson, Sue Swain as Treasurer, and Jim Ringo as Secretary. Additionally, Donna Markowitz is Sunshine Chairperson, Hospitality Chairperson and Volunteer Coordinator, Paul Beall heads up the Gen. Room and Reba Shepard the liason with Martin County Historical Society. Be sure you say "welcome" to each of them at the annual holiday party on December 17th.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee for their hard work: Virginia Folk Streader, Chairperson, with Walt Bruesch and Jerry Bloom.

2011 MCGS Officers

As presented at the MCGS November General Membership Meeting, the following people have been approved by MCGS membership as our current Board of Directors for 2011. With regrets, we had to accept the resignation from the board of Gail Muth, as he was forced to leave for personal reasons. Sue Swain has been appointed by the MCGS Board as his replacement.



Left to Right: Paul Beall, Sue Swain, Pidge Tibbetts, Donna Markowitz, Lee Vought, James Ringo and Reba Shepard



Calendar of Events

December

- **17 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1 - 3 PM at the **John F. Armstrong Wing** of the **Blake Library**. Annual Holiday Social: Bring an old family photo for a show and tell. Also a low cost gift for the Holiday Raffle, and a sample of your favorite Christmas cookies, candies, cakes, etc.

January

- **8 - SATURDAY – MCGS and Daughters of the American Revolution - Halpatiokee Chapter**– 10 AM to 12 Noon. MCGS and the DAR-Halatiokee Chapter members will be in the Gen. Room at the **Blake Library** to assist people researching ancestors who were American Revolutionary War patriots.
- **8 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10 AM to 12 Noon - **Blake Library - Computer Lab**. Topic: The new Beta Research site from Latter Day Saints. Incredible FREE site to advance your research in family histories. Part 1. **To register**, see below.**
- **15 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10 AM to 12 Noon - **Blake Library - Computer Lab**. Topic: Begin your journey! This is part one of a Beginner class to excite and educate you on the joys and rewards of searching out the history of your family's name! **To register**, see below.**
- **21 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** – 1 - 3 PM at the **Donahue Room of the Cummings Library**, 2551 SW Matheson Ave., Palm City, FL with "Dedication of Genealogy to Strangers". Our guest speaker will be Kurt Spence, a published genealogist, a member of Family Histories, and lecturer. Kurt has a extremely interesting genealogy story to share. By accident, he came across a small envelope containing photos of 175 airmen shot down by the Germans in World War 2. This genealogist and author tracked down the families of these airman and published 2 books to share their story. Survivors have now connected with Kurt to share their side of the story.

February

- **5 - SATURDAY – MCGS and Daughters of the American Revolution - Halpatiokee Chapter**– 10 AM to 12 Noon. MCGS and the DAR-Halatiokee Chapter members will be in the Gen. Room at the **Blake Library** to assist people researching ancestors who were American Revolutionary War patriots.
- **12 - SATURDAY – Workshop** - 10 AM to 12 Noon - **Blake Library - Computer Lab**. Topic: The new Beta Research site from Latter Day Saints. Incredible FREE site to advance your research in family histories. Part 2. **To register**, see below.**
- **18 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** – 1 - 3 PM at the **John F. Armstrong Wing** of the **Blake Library**. Program: What is Cluster Genealogy? This is a research technique used by professionals to uncover family mysteries.

Yes, more work and more answers and less BRICK WALLS! All interested genealogists welcome.

- **19 - SATURDAY - Workshop** – 10 AM to 12 Noon - **Blake Library - Computer Lab**. Topic: Enjoying your journey. This is part two of our Beginners Class to further excite and build confidence in reaching progress of your family's history!**To register**, see below.**

March

- **5 - SATURDAY – MCGS and Daughters of the American Revolution - Halpatiokee Chapter**– 10 AM to 12 Noon. MCGS and the DAR-Halatiokee Chapter members will be in the Gen. Room at the **Blake Library** to assist people researching ancestors who were American Revolutionary War patriots.
- **12 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10 AM to 12 Noon - **Blake Library - Computer Lab**. Topic: Newspaper Research - locating news articles on your Ancestor in his hometown. Reading is believing! Many of these newspapers started in the 1600s. **To register**, see below.**
- **18 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1 - 3 PM at the **John F. Armstrong Wing** of the **Blake Library**. Program: "Lesson on how to self publish your Family History" by Elizabeth Coursen.
- **19 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10 AM to 12 Noon - **Blake Library - Computer Lab**. Topic : Census Substitutes. Many genealogists have been abstracting local records to recreate the 1940 and 1950 Censuses. For those anxious researchers, this is a great tool in unlocking more answers in quicker time. **To register**, see below.**

Genealogy Room at the Blake Library

Monday through Friday - 10 AM to 4 PM

MCGS volunteers are available for free assistance.

DNA SIG* and Germanic SIG* - Persons with a question can contact Walt Bruetsch, **772-220-1638** or email him at **waltbruetsch@usa.net**. Help is on a one-on-one basis.

New England SIG* and Irish SIG* – Persons with a question can contact Lee Vought at **eleevought@aol.com**.

All these events are always **FREE** and **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. Everyone is welcome! Visit the MCGS Web site **<http://mcgensociety.org>** for more information.

***SIGS** are **Special Interest Groups** made up of MCGS members and guests who meet to discuss ways of improving their personal genealogical search methods, and to find new helpful tools and resources. They also provide help to **NON-MEMBERS** who have an interest in learning how to research their genealogy.

****Registration is required.** Reservations **MUST BE MADE** at least two days in advance of all MCGS workshops by contacting Patti Kirk at **ckirkfirst@comcast.net**. You will be given a four digit number which is your admission ticket. This new procedure is required to limit the crowd to the capacity of the room. Class is free, with a \$3.50 recovery fee for class materials.

Gen Room Musings

by Shirley Pizziferri

I encourage all members to visit the Genealogy Room to check out:

- new books in the Holdings Binder
- new Indexing Project
- new periodicals
- list of Favorites on computers.

Be sure to sign the register at the front of the table as you enter the Gen. Room. That is an important detail that library staff look at when reviewing annual department budgeting. Higher count means potential higher interest for our room. That translates to (hopefully) higher success in keeping funding at levels needed for future activities and programs.

We're also short one volunteer to host the Genealogy Room on Friday mornings; see Donna Markowitz if you think you can spare some time. You'll be trained if you need it.

There is a new periodical on Jewish genealogy called "Family Gatherings." It has been put on the main table in the library because the periodical rack is full, but look for it if you have Jewish genealogy.

I'm sending this little tidbit along for you to consider. When people are told "there are no records because the Courthouse burned," here is a good answer:

Courthouse Fire in Chatham County, NC

The Chatham County, North Carolina courthouse, under reconstruction, caught fire on March 25. Twenty-four hours later, firefighters were still working to stamp out smoldering fires inside the historic building. Luckily, the county's vital records were not stored inside the building and are presumed to be safe. (A backup copy was made on microfilm some years ago as well and copies of those microfilms are stored at several locations.)

New Magazine Arises from Dust

Everton's Genealogical Magazine which had run for 52 years and to which our library had a subscription, has ceased being published, but the same publishers have introduced a new magazine called *Family Chronicle*.

Much smaller, and with less advertising, this new little magazine has several articles worth reading. "Researching in a Recession" suggests ways to do just that. "Natural Disasters and Genealogy" reminds us to check for

natural disasters in order to find stories behind those bare death dates, and "Chancery Court Records" gives me an idea for a new place to search.

An article on the "Brooklyn Historical Society" should interest many of our members, and other articles on Jewish, Welch and Polish research, along with one on how to use City Directories are all valuable and informative.

If you're not spending time reading our subscriptions to genealogical periodicals in the Gen Room, you're missing a lot. They are not only fun reading, but you'd be surprised how much you can learn. Give yourself a half-hour of down-time and sit down to look at these wonderful sources.

Have you checked our our website lately? Comments? Suggestions? We'd love to hear from you. <http://mcgensociety.org>

Renewal Time

Enclosed with this issue is a renewal form for the new year, 2011. Please fill out by providing any address, email or phone number updates and return with your check promptly. Note, despite the looming postal postage increase, there is no increase in our annual fee: \$20 for individuals, and \$25 for family memberships for members residing at the same address.

If you are a life member, you can use this form for updates, too. Just indicate on the line for amount enclosed, "life" and we can continue to keep you connected.

Be sure to check the box for receiving your quarterly Journal via the Internet. Join the growing number of members who already have committed to receiving their Journal electronically. 44% of MCGS members and 80% of our complimentary organizations and libraries receive their Journal electronically, helping reduce cost in printing, mailing and handling.

This savings go directly back to our organization through program development, workshops, genealogy subscriptions and additional research materials.

Note: If you received this issue of your Journal electronically, be sure to print out your copy of the renewal form and bring it with you when attending the Holiday Party December 17th. If you're not able to attend, be sure to mail the filled out form with your check right away.

FSGS Conference Recap

by **Reba E. Shepard**

Approximately thirty genealogy societies were represented by over 250 attendees at the 34th Annual Conference of the Florida State Genealogy Society in Sarasota in November. Representing your Martin County Gen. Society were members Reba E. Shepard and Betty Schultz.

The theme was "Picturing the Past", starting Friday at 9am and was virtually non-stop until Saturday afternoon.

Maureen Taylor, known as the Photo Detective, was the featured speaker. She gave lectures on Discovering Genealogy Clues in Family Photographs, Photographs and Stories from the American Revolution, How to Find Family Photographs off and online and more. For \$30 extra, you could have a private 15 minute consultation on your photographs. In one case, she magnified a button on the lapel in a photo as Grand Army of the Republic, verifying that the picture was of a Northern Civil War Soldier. She gave the dates for various types of photographs. The Dausserotype was from 1839-1865. The Ambrotype from 1850-1870. The Tin Type from the late 1850's to the 20th Century. Paper prints were made back to 1839 in Europe, but were started about 1859 in the US. She listed dozens of clues to look for in photographs.

Pam Cooper of Vero Beach spoke on "Did Someone Say the 1890 census was burned?", giving us insights on what exists, what does not, and how we can bridge the gap from the 1880 to the 1900 census.

The luncheon speakers were two well known researchers, known as The Genealogy Guys - George G. Morgan and Drew Smith. They recorded a live episode of their PodCast, recognized as one of the best 40 genealogy blogs and one of the best 101 Websites.

New and Different Genealogy software was discussed, and shown at the Vendor Show which was "chuck-a-block", where many different genealogy items were for sale.

The topics included "Bring Out Your Dead" which Kim Garvey presented at our January Family History Fair, "English Parish Chest Records", "Finding German Ancestors", "Digital Archiving", "Clues and Pitfalls of British Census Records", "Strange Websites for Family History Research", "Pensions of the Poor, Women - Inheritance and the Law" and "Converting Media to Computer Files".

The Florida Pioneer program added dozens of new Florida Pioneers, and appealed to anyone living in a county or the state before it was formed to join.

My conference fee cost was \$103, plus two- nights' hotel stay. I know of nowhere else you could receive that much education for so little. I hope we can get a group together to go next year, which will be the second weekend of November 2011, probably in North Florida.

Websites to Try

Shirley Pizziferri says:

- If you're into New York researching, a new website for Tioga, Bradford and Chemung Counties, New York is worth the effort to check out online at www.joycetice.com. She saw it recently in the October 4, 2010 Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter, found at www.eogn.com.
- Also, on October 3, 2010 from Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter; EVERY issue of the NYG&B Record is now available online and simultaneously searchable. Simply type in: www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org.

FamilySearch is undertaking a new indexing project that is being listed on the following website: [Beta FamilySearch.org](http://BetaFamilySearch.org). Patti Kirk's workshop on January 8th will help simplify your understanding on how to use this site.

Lee Vought suggests:

- Palaeography (study of old handwriting): www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/palaeography
- Civil War Photos & Battlefields: <http://www.mikelynaugh.com/VirtualCivilWar/New/originals2/index.html>
- Canadian Records: <http://www.genealogysearch.org/canada/>
- Scottish Research: http://www.proni.gov.uk/guide_to_church_records.pdf

Stories Wanted

How did you get started with your interest in Genealogy? Who were your mentors? What interesting "facts" did you uncover? How? Do you have any hints in researching you'd like to share?

Contact Jerry Bloom with your story or idea. We are always looking for interesting topics to share with our members. She can be reached at 920-559-7440 or jerrybloom@fales.org.

Member Comments

[December 1, 2010 email] Jerry: I am settled in, in part. Some pictures remain to be hung, some boxes still remain packed. I don't know where the time goes, but it goes. Food is good, sometimes great. I attend two exercise classes on Monday, one on Wednesday and Friday and will join a walking group a week from Saturday. I have not been able to check out all the transportation so haven't sold my car yet. All in all, life is good. My son and daughter-in-law flew down from Columbus, OH and unpacked me. Otherwise, I still would be opening more boxes than I do.

I have a family physician, dentist and ENT specialist. Still need to find someone for eyes and stomach...I will not go to SLC this year and perhaps not again as age kicks in.

Lloyd [Welker, Ft. Myers, FL]

[June 25, 2010 email] Great! Thank you so much, Jerry... I've printed out the pages and will add it to our collection right now. Thanks again!
Kathy Burd,
Genealogy Periodicals, Allen County Public Library

[September 14, 2010 email] The Journal came over just great.
Frank & Janet Fazekas

[September 14, 2010 email] Wow! The newsletter looks great. Thanks for emailing it to me.
Leanna Everett

[September 14, 2010 email] Fantastic Job!!!! It came through very well and I thought the articles were very good. Thanks for all your effort.
Sandy Larsen

[June 20, 2010 email] I printed out my copy of the journal and the color came out beautiful. I can't speak for everyone but my printer is a good one.
Donna Markowitz



Alex Moskovic - November MCGS Speaker and Holocaust Survivor



Lee Vought with Dick Gidley, our October MCGS Speaker with his wife, Phyllis.

Scan2PDF Mobile

Have you ever found yourself at a library or a records repository and needing to make a copy of a document? It might be a will or a deed or a birth record. Whatever the document, you need a copy. The problem is, there is no photocopier to be found. The solution is simple: use the camera in your cell phone.

Most any cell phone camera will do a so-so job of storing an image of a document. It might not be the best quality, but it is usually acceptable. You can store the image as a JPG or possibly some other format. However, for only a few dollars, you can find software that will store it as a PDF file which then can be emailed to yourself, to someone else, or stored and copied to the desktop computer later for printing. You can even send it as a FAX, if you wish.

Scan2PDF Mobile is a lifesaver when you need a PDF file in a hurry. The program uses your mobile phone to scan documents and convert them to PDF files. It all happens on your phone allowing you to scan documents anywhere - as long as you have your phone. Think of it as a document scanner/fax machine that you always have with you. Scan2PDF Mobile actually produces BETTER images than the ones created with the cell phone's camera alone. The program enhances and compresses the output from the camera into a high -quality PDF which is then stored on your phone and can be emailed. Scan2PDF Mobile is compatible with almost all Windows Mobile phones (as long as they have a built-in camera with a resolution of at least 1 mega - pixel) as well as Apple iPhones and Android phones. A Blackberry version is now in development, although not yet available.

Scan2PDF Mobile is quicker than almost all scanners and photocopiers. A 4 page PDF can be made in under one minute. The program's email capability allows you to quickly share a document with friends and colleagues. This could be a letter, statement, contract, magazine article or just about anything else.

Images created with Scan2PDF Mobile are not as good quality as pages scanned with a desktop scanner but are significantly better than a photocopier. The images are also in color. You can see a sample of an image made with Page 1 of 3 Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter: Scan2PDF Mobile 8/25/2010
http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2010/08/scan2pdf-mobile.html

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<http://www.burrotech.com/scan2pdfmobile/test.pdf>
 Scan2PDF Mobile is available to try as a fully functional

free demo version. If you like the program, the price to upgrade to the fully functional version is \$14.99. You can learn more at <http://www.burrotech.com/scan2pdfmobile/>. Posted by Dick Eastman on August 24, 2010.

Correction Noted

Correction to page 4 of MCGS Genealogy Journal, Volume XVIII, No. 3 - September, 2010:

The TCGS alerted members to the cutbacks and new library hours of the Indian River County Public Library's Genealogy Section, not St. Lucie County.

You might also be interested to know that Indian River Genealogical Society members have volunteered to staff the library on Saturdays.

Linda Hudson, President
 Treasure Coast Genealogical Society

Knowledge Sharing Continues

Reba E. Shepard still keeps active with her passion for teaching and sharing knowledge in Genealogy. We are pleased to have her as one of the many experienced and knowledgeable members in our society.

This January, she will present a 10-week, 20-hour course each Thursday evening from 6:30-9:30pm, starting January 20th through March 24, 2011.

The course is entitled, "Who Am I? Who Are My Ancestors? How Do I Find Them?" for \$85 in cooperation with the Adult Community Education program at Martin County High School, Room C-9. Registration is now open. To sign up or get further details, call Monday through Thursday afternoons from 2-9pm at 772-219-1828 or online at www.vace.sbmcc.org.



Internet Aids Family History Sleuthing



"Like a lot of Americans, I don't keep close track of where I came from.

"I thought of this when I heard Rahm Emanuel choke up on the radio [recently] when talking about how his father and grandfather came to this country looking for opportunity.

"Most of us hear stories about how grandma and grandpa came here from Italy or Ireland or Poland or Germany or somewhere and that's about it.

"But the Internet overcomes barriers such as dead relatives who didn't write down family histories.

"I am trying to resolve my own family mystery about my great-grandmother - the mother of my father's mother. She died young, at age 30 in 1901.

"But thanks to an elderly aunt, I did have a name, one Salina Perkins, and some dates. I tried to find more, but never made much progress.

"Until recently that is and thanks to the Internet, which is helping mil-

lions of Americans reach into a long forgotten past.

"I found a Salina Perkins in the 1880 census, but living in Kentucky. Was this truly my great-grandmother? What was she doing in Kentucky?

"I tried to match her up with my great-grandfather, but could only find a wife named Laura for him. The mystery would have ended there except after years of searching, I finally found a marriage record in Kentucky, but his wife was listed as L.S. Perkins. Could her name be Laura Salina Perkins?

"So I searched under that name and out came a match in a book about the family history of Moses Cleveland. An inquiry to a Connecticut library returned a copy of a page with Laura Salina Perkins listed with the same set of parents I found in the 1880 census in Kentucky for Salina Perkins. It was all matching up.

"Of course I was curious about this Moses Cleveland character, an ancestor of the person who I'm thinking is my great-grandmother.

"So I searched for him online, too. Turns out he was a Revolutionary War officer who was also a surveyor and discovered the site of this little town in Ohio called, you guessed it, Cleveland.

"I'm still not exactly positive this is my great-grandmother, but it sure feels good to think that my great-grandfather to the 12th power came to this country in the 1600s to find opportunity and after just 12 generations I'm still your average schmuck.

"Is this a great country or what?"

Although we do not know this person, the story rings true to all of us. The article comes from Randy Blaser, columnist for Pioneer Press, Edison-Norwood Review, October 7, 2010, p25, pioneerlocal.com.

Mentoring Program

MCGS has initiated a Mentoring Program, where members will give one-on-one help. Mentors are available for Beginning Genealogy; genealogy software programs "Family Tree Maker" and "RootsMagic;" and other subjects. Contact Sandy McDonnell, 772-781-3800, who will pair you with a mentor to meet in the Genealogy Room of the Blake Library.

"Copy Store" Rewards:

Please bring all your **used printer ink cartridges** to our meetings.

They will be turned in to Office Max, Office Depot or Staples for reward credits that are used to defer costs for

MCGS printing needs.

And thanks....

Planning a Research trip?

Some facilities now require proof of membership in a genealogy society. See the Treasurer if you need a membership card.

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MCGS Board of Directors - 2010

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Martin County Genealogical Society membership meetings are held the third Friday of each month at 1 p.m. Guests are welcome. There is a short business meeting preceding a program.

Annual Membership Dues are \$20 for one and \$25 for a family & organization.

The Genealogy Journal is usually printed four times a year and distributed at the March, June, September and December MCGS meetings. Suggestions and contributions are always welcomed.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mcgensociety.org>

Welcome Newest MCGS Members:

Karen Bayha

Matthew Layden

Sharon Coffey

Elden and Cathy Tetzlaff

Be sure to look for them and greet them the next time you see them at the MCGS General Meeting or in the Genealogy Room at the Blake.

