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"I have found that in the simple act of living with hope, and in the daily effort to have a positive impact in the world, the days I do have are made all the more meaningful and precious. And for that I am grateful."

**Elizabeth Edwards
1949-2010**

Genealogical Research for a Museum's Historic Exhibit

by Alice L. Luckhardt

The following article was recently published in the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (ISFHWE) March 2012 Quarterly Newsletter for Members of ISFHWE, PO Box 38314, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138-0314. By agreement between Alice Luckhardt and Phyllis Matthews Ziller, *Columns* Editor, it is reprinted here for your reading enjoyment.

For those who have ever worked on a massive genealogical project, it can be very time-consuming, and many times frustrating, to connect all the names, dates, and places. I was asked in 2011 to tackle such a project for the local House of Refuge Museum in Stuart, Florida. The requested genealogical information, which would be a part of a major exhibit opening up in late March 2012, was to research all the immediate family members (the wives and children) for each of the Life-Saving Station Keepers along the east coast of Florida from its conception in 1876 until the last one was closed down in 1918. *(continued on page 7)*

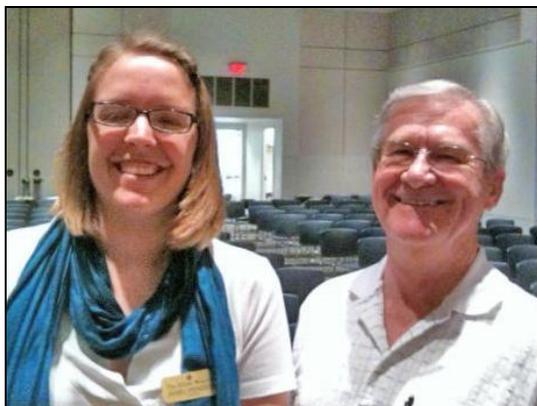
President's Corner

By Tom Lewis, President MCGS

This is my first message as the MCGS president and it is a plea for help and cooperation! Our society belongs to all of the members and to run it properly takes a lot of planning and work, but the work should not be left to just a few individuals. We need YOU to take on a committee or at least to help on one. If you really don't want to help on a committee, give a talk at a meeting or do a workshop. If you can't decide on a job to do just ask any board member or anyone on any committee.

We are going to try something new at our next meeting, we will have post it notes available for you to use and we want everyone to list the family names you are searching and also the areas of the world where you are researching. This should help us to talk to each other during the break before the program and hopefully give us help with our own genealogy research.

At our January meeting we had a very informative talk on "Oral History" presented by Janel Hendrix, the curator at the Elliott Museum. She is pictured here with me. This is just an example of the programs we have and you will miss if you don't attend.



Calendar of Events

March

- **16 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1-3 PM at the **Morgade Library**. Program: "Preserving Our Heritage" Anne Krueger Stimmell give her story of the preservation of the historic Krueger house. The Robert Morgade Library, 5851 SE Community Drive, is located off Salerno Road, west of U.S. 1.
- **17 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM at the **Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart; Topic: How I Use Ancestry, part II, by Shirley Pizziferri. Send an E-mail to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for this class. Please put "ANCESTRY" in the Subject Box. Walk-ins are most welcome, as the room is large. A donation of \$3-5 will be appreciated.
- **24 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM at the **Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart; Topic: Irish Genealogical Research, by Dick Scully. Send an E-mail to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for this class. Please put "IRISH" in the Subject Box. Walk-ins are most welcome, as the room is large. A donation of \$3-5 will be appreciated.

April

- **5 - THURSDAY** - 5:45 – 7:45pm **Networking - Blake Library Genealogy Room** - A casual gathering of anyone interested in genealogy. A member of MCGS will be available to answer questions and assist those seeking help. This month's assistant is Virginia Streader.
- **6 - FRIDAY** – 3-5 pm - **Cummings Library**, 2551 SW Matheson Ave., Palm City. "Grant and Shiloh" is part of a series of Civil War history presentation by historian Josh Liller. No reservation required.
- **7 - 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 Genealogy Room at the **Blake Library** to assist people, including researching ancestors who were American Revolutionary War patriots.

- **14 - SATURDAY - Seminar**- 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM (including lunch) - **Allegro Independent Living Facility** on Astor Lane, Stuart, off Indian St, west of US 1. \$30/members, \$35/non-members. See the enclosed flyer with reservation form.
- **20 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1 - 3 PM at the **John F. Armstrong Wing** of the **Blake Library**. Program: Lineage Research by Reba Shepard.
- **24 - TUESDAY - Workshop**- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Noon) - **Location: Allegro Independent Living Facility** on Astor Lane, Stuart, off Indian St, west of US 1. Topic: Beginning Genealogy by Reba Shepard.
- **28 - SATURDAY - Workshop**- 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Morgade Library**. Topic: Beginning Genealogy, by Walt Bruetsch. Send an E-mail to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for this class. Please put "BEGIN" in the Subject Box. A donation of \$3-5 will be appreciated.

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- **18 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1 - 3 PM at the **Robert Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart. Program: Cemetery Researching by Ginny Schilt. Guests welcome to attend.
- **19 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Robert Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart. Topic: "Going on a Research Trip" by Tom and Jane Lewis. Send an E-mail to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for this class. Please put

"TRIP" in the Subject Box. Walk-ins are most welcome, as the room is large. Donation of \$3-5 appreciated.

- **25 - FRIDAY** – 3-5 pm - **Cummings Library**, 2551 SW Matheson Ave., Palm City. "McClellan and the Peninsular Campaign" is part of a series of Civil War history presentation by historian Josh Liller. No reservation required.
- **26 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM at the **Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart; Topic: "New Family Search" by Reba Shepard. Send an E-mail to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for this class. Please put "FAMILY" in the Subject Box. Walk-ins are most welcome, as the room is large. A donation of \$3-5 will be appreciated.

June

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- **7 - THURSDAY** - 5:45 – 7:45pm **Networking - Blake Library Genealogy Room** - A casual gathering of anyone interested in genealogy. A member of MCGS will be available to answer questions and assist those seeking help.
- **15 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1-3 PM at the **John F. Armstrong Wing** of the **Blake Library**. Program: Linda Epstein will present a program on "Researching Jewish Genealogy."
- **15 - FRIDAY** – 3-5 pm - **Cummings Library**, 2551 SW Matheson Ave., Palm City. "War of 1812" is part of a series of Civil War history presentation by historian Josh Liller. No reservation required.
- **16 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - Location and Topic: TBD. See MCGS website for update.
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History Of Martin County Genealogical Society

By Reba E. Shepard, President, 1995 and 1996

Digested March 2012

In honor of the twentieth year of this Journal, we solicited one of our MCGS Charter Members to provide some history on the organization. This is what Reba had to offer.

Between 1950 and 1970, an organization of interested members met as a Genealogical Society of Martin County. Its history has not survived, other than by word of mouth, but we do know that by 1984, the organization was nonexistent.

In 1984, a group of interested parties got together to agree they would like to form a Genealogical Society. They met loosely as a group, having reserved the Stokes Room of the Martin County Library at 701 East Ocean, Stuart. Eventually the organization was formed with 41 charter members: June Alley, Nedra Bacheller, Harold Dean Barclay, Eleanor Barham, Dorothy Boberg, Edith Bradley, Frances R. Brown, Jack Buntz, Jim and Kay Burgess, Martha Y. Clements, Elizabeth M. Collery, Ed Fletcher, Elizabeth Irwin, Rosalee M. Keeney, Lee Kelly, Barbara L. Kernan, Margaret "Pegi" Eaton Martinez, Bertha Owen, Phyllis D. Reed, Calvin R. Rimmer, Marie L. Sarafaty, Norton R. and Jean H. Schonfield, Louise and Boyd Shaffer, Marjorie "Peg" Sheffield, Lawrence I. and Reba E. Shepard, Virginia Bunn Smith, Barbara Carver Smith, Evelyn S. Thacker, Irene and Lloyd L. Welker Jr., Barbara L. Kevisan, Harold R. Mull, William V. Young, Cecilia P. Reiling, Amy and L. Tedeschi and Edith L. Fedelson.

Original dues were \$5, and the treasurer, Pegi Martinez kept them in a shoebox until there was enough to open a bank account. By early 1988, bylaws were drawn and adopted. Even then it was the intent of the group to become a nonprofit organization, it was 1998 before that became a reality, under President Lawrence I "Larry" Shepard. Meetings became organized, and speakers were invited. The membership agreed to raise monies to give something to the library.

The MCGS started a newsletter in 1994, and began to exchange information with other local genealogical societies. By 1996, about 20 newsletters were exchanged.

Our group worked with the Martin County Library to create an interest in Genealogy. The library had some Genealogy books, but it was not yet time to build a genealogical collection. So, members of Martin County Genealogical Society chose to save their money, and one day they would give something meaningful to the library - after Genealogy became important.

Some of the members were also members of the Halpatiokee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, who had some genealogy books housed in the Elliott Museum. But, when the museum needed the space in 1991, with the help of the Martin County Genealogical Society, a loan agreement was reached between Halpatiokee Chapter, NSDAR and the Martin County Library, whereby those books were to be housed in the Martin County Library Reference Section, a spot to be known as the Genealogy Department, but still owned by Halpatiokee Chapter, DAR.

In November, 1994, the MCGS bylaws were amended. The society again announced their intention to become a nonprofit corporation and to seek tax exempt status. However, the board chose to make no move in that direction at that time. During that same time, Reba Masterson Shepard was elected President for 1995. Her philosophy was that any organization had to have their membership active, and had to grow or die. She set about a program to bring in new memberships, and established programs to involve members. The two programs worked to each other's advantage.

A good rapport was being built between the Library and the Gen Society. When Gretchen Hammerstein became Library Director, she took an interest in the Genealogical Section. She was elected an Honorary Member of MCGS. Relations continued to improve, and the MCGS began collecting books from members to give to the Genealogy Department. Now the Gen Collection at Martin County Library was a mixture of those books the Library owned, and those books the DAR owned and had lent to the library. It was still that way in December, 1996. The Library Book fund grew so that by the last part of 1996, the fund had grown to over \$600.

MCGS established a program of "free workshops" in conjunction with the Halpatiokee Chapter, NSDAR. The first Saturday of every month, from 10-12 a.m. anyone can still walk into the Stokes Room at the Library and find MCGS and DAR members waiting to help them with their genealogical research. Help was often a one-on-one situation. There was no charge. Many attendees realized that Genealogy is an organized science, and chose to join MCGS.

A beginner's kit that had been a long time in the making was completed, and put up for distribution. Anyone could have one by contributing \$5 to the Society. Beginner's Classes were established. Anyone was welcome to attend the 2-4 hour sessions by contributing \$20 to the MCGS book fund. Membership benefitted. Next came classes of higher learning, in classes such as Census, Unusual Genealogical Resources, The Mayflower, Computer Genealogy, and more.

Projects were started to involve members:

- A community fair, in cooperation with the LDS Church in Palm City, with exhibits telling about MCGS
- Reading the tombstones in the 14 Martin County cemeteries
- Collection of obituaries for later publication, as well as Bible records

Each member was encouraged to give the society his 5 generation pedigree chart with permission to publish. Today those pedigree charts fill 2 notebooks. Members were encouraged to write their family history, and at least five members have done so and contributed a copy to the Library on behalf of MCGS.

MCGS cooperated with a nine-county Cooperative of Gen Societies, the East Central Florida Genealogical Society, to develop a book of bibliographies of the Family History Books kept in the nine county libraries. That book was published in 1996 and is now available in all libraries in the nine counties. In 1997, the work was supplemented by other books that have been added since the original project, and by adding other libraries such as the Family History Centers and College Libraries. That book is today still in our Genealogy Room at the Blake Library, and lists what family history books are in libraries in a 100 mile radius of Stuart.

A new library was being planned, and MCGS worked diligently to secure a special room for Genealogy. The concession was a Special Collections room, to house Genealogy and Florida History. It wasn't long before Genealogy "took over" the entire room.
[to be continued in the next MCGS Journal, June 2012]

The 1940 census

By Patti Kirk,
FamilyHistoryResearchers.org

From personal experience, my vote is the 1940 census is the best ever presented to the public. This is a special census; in that, the process of working with it to uncover family information will be a challenge to all genealogists. This **1940 census is not name indexed**, so we will learn other ways in tracking down our family.

The census is not indexed at all. But for the moment, we will discover our families by their residences.

We will all learn very quickly that the enumeration district (E.D.#) will direct us to the actual 'neighborhood' for searching.

Once that is located; and verified. you will be tapping into the census (many pages) of the neighborhood. From that point, we will read line for line until we find your family! The system I am teaching is locating the actual residence in 1940 and working with 5 tools step by step takes us in that direction. Once you learn the system - you will be encouraged to use the same process on previous census records like 1900 / 1910/ 1920 / and 1930 and locate the family previously you could not find.

A question I have for you is this: what has the government been doing for the last 72 years ??? The 1940 census is the **first census that has been fully digitized ! Special answers await you on this census.**

Persons giving information to the enumerator will place a circle around their page entry. We will know quickly if it was a parent, young child or neighbor.

Other valuable bits of detail are found here: highest grade of school attended; list of another resi-

dence you may have been living at April 1 **1935 ..yes, 1935 !** Where were your parents married? state? city or town? Also, an employment section for all ages over 14years of age; a quick view of the military section gives background of all military record; if the mother been married prior to this marriage ? how old was she when married first ...and so on. This census is full of terrific genealogical questions to perk your research.

Once you learn the system, and really work it, the final destination will be worth all of it !!!! Good Luck !!

Research Help Request

Linda Hudson, here, President of Treasure Coast Genealogical Society in Fort Pierce, FL (your neighbors)

I am helping a patron who is looking for the maiden name of the two wives of John Orville Gilbert. Gilbert died in August of 1981 and I have his obituary, which states he is survived by his wife, Gladys, of Jensen Beach, FL. I was told that Mr. Gilbert married Gladys, after the death of his first wife, Edith Louisa, who died in April 1961. I have Edith's obituary too and it does not give her maiden name. I am pursuing that through Yates Funeral Home here, or I may have to order her death certificate from the Florida Vital Statistics office in Jacksonville.

I was told Gilbert married Gladys in St. Lucie or Martin County. I have checked the St. Lucie Clerk's records and John Orville Gilbert did not marry Gladys in St. Lucie County. Do you have access to marriages in Martin County? Can you provide information if John Orville Gilbert married Gladys Unknown in Martin County between the years 1961 and 1981? If you can help, respond to me at - lindahudsonbailey@yahoo.com.

This 'n That..

A recommendation from Shirley Pizziferri... "I just signed up for one of Walt Bruetsch's suggestions. This is another free database that could be disseminated to our members. It is http://barrysblog.mygenshare.com/lunch_and_learn."

Condolences to Dolores Esmonde, wife of William Esmonde, long-time MCGS member who passed away last month. Bill was one of the "king-pins" who was instrumental in developing and chairing the MCGS Scholarship program. This project was supported for several years, providing funds to deserving local high school students.

Genealogy Room - Blake Library

Monday - 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 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.

* **SIG** - Special Interest Group 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.

"Copy Store" Rewards:

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

Look for the "Can" at the meeting or in the Genealogy Room the next time you come to Blake.

They will be turned in to Office Max, Office Depot or Staples stores for reward credits that are used to defer costs for MCGS printing needs.
And thanks....

Reba's Tip of the day

When reading newsgroup messages, a **torn paper icon** indicates that only the message **header** has been downloaded. A **whole paper icon** indicates that the message **body** has also been downloaded.

NOTE: Only messages with a **whole paper icon** can be read while you are offline.

Library Acquisitions

New Books as of February 2012

By Shirley Pizziferri, Co-Library Chairperson

We've bought a few new books lately and also got a big donation from former member, Marion Romine. Here's a list of the most recent additions:

State Census Records, Lainhart, 1992

Digging For Genealogical Treasure, Lainhart, 1996

Vincennes, Indiana, Land Claims in 1935, 1983

Banchor, England, small pamphlets

Record of Pennsylvania Marriages Prior to 1810, Vol. II, 1987

Emigrants From England to America, 1682-1692, 1968

Colonial Records of Virginia, 1992

Index of Maryland Source Records, 1940

Missouri Genealogical Records & Abstracts, Vol. 2, 1900

Abstracts of Will Records of Hamilton Co., IN, 1842-1901, 1981

Brown County, Ohio, Marriage Records, 1851-1900

History of Town of Cheshire, Berkshire County, Mass., 1885

Rise of the Huguenots of France, Vol. II, 1879

The Fales Genealogy, Vol. 2, by Jerry Bloom

Maine Families in 1790, Vols. 2 & 3

Getting Started with Jewish Genealogy,

Tracing Your Irish Ancestry, a new magazine

Two books on Kentucky Court Records:

"King and Queen County, Virginia"

"The Cahills of Cincinnati and Related Families"

"Genealogy of the Family of John and Catherine Payne"

More 1940 Census Tips

MCGS Member Reba Shepard informs us that "the 1940 Federal Census has been digitized and will soon be available to the public. The date set for public access is 2 April 2012. Well known research sites like Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org will most likely have the census available on that very day. However, another free resource, sometimes overlooked, will make the census available to researchers. The National Archives has created a site just for the 1940 census. The site will officially open on April 2. In the meantime, the site's homepage offers a brief video about the census and the digitization process."

Check out <http://1940census.archives.gov>

What can you do? If you are interested in becoming involved with the indexing of this massive project, be sure to review the email message sent to you on March 9, 2012. Or, contact Jerry Bloom for more details. She is one of the many volunteers with FamilySearch and can help you get started. You can message contact her at jerrybloom@fales.org or call 772-678-0343 Tuesday or Friday evenings or any time weekends.

Meet Your MCGS Board Member - Donna Johnson Markowitz

Thanks to our encouragement, we got MCGS Secretary and Board Member Donna Markowitz to give us some information about how she became interested in genealogy. This is her story.

I became interested in genealogy when my father's sister passed away and he, William Verne Johnson, received the "Family Bible." We went over it together and he told me some stories about what he knew of the people in it. I scribbled a line chart of who and how he was related as his family was scattered from CA to NJ where we came from. Then as life happens, it got put on the back burner until 1999 when my father passed away and I was handed the Bible.

The Bible started with Charles Johnson born in 1806 and his wife Elenore Tracy who were married in 1832. They lived on their own farm in Johnson Co. and had 13 children. All 13 had birth dates, and following my lineage was more complete, but they were all on separate pages. It was very complicated because the weddings were on one page and births on another and deaths on another. There were stories written in between, so I decided I better take some classes, etc. to be able to organize it. I put it all down in Family Tree Maker and then joined the Martin County Genealogical Society.

My greatest find was in 2007 at the MCGS monthly meeting where Frank Fazekas gave a talk on how he searched for and found his relatives in Hungary. I had a much loved grandfather on my mothers side, named Peter Lazarides, who'd been born in Greece, but we had no knowledge of his family back there. We knew he had come to the states at the age of 16 and never went back to Greece. I finally found his ship records and found the name of the town he was from and his father's name. One of his younger brothers came here and some cousins visited but my other American cousins didn't know any more about the relatives back in Greece than I did. I took Frank's suggestion and wrote letters in English to seven of the people with the same last name in or around the village where my grandfather was from. I got those addresses from the Internet phone directory. And then I waited. Two months later, I got an answer in the form of a letter telling me that Penelope Lazarides was my cousin and she welcomed me into the family. She also sent me information on the family, as her father was still alive and his father was a younger brother of my grandfather. She didn't read or write English but her sister in law, niece and nephew did so they translated for her. About a month after that, I received an email from a younger cousin, Makis, from a different branch of the family. He was writing for his father who doesn't speak English. All of these family members now live in Athens but go up to the village of Belecomiti for holidays and Penelope's family still own the same house my grandfather was born and raised in. They all immediately invited us over to visit and said they would take us up to the village to see where the family all came from. It seems they always wanted to know what went on with the two brothers that came here. But since we here in America didn't speak Greek, even when Penelope had written after my grandfather had died, no one understood her or answered her. He lived to be 92. We communicated back and forth slowly, but when we were invited to Makis' wedding this past July 2011, Bill and I went. It was a wonderful experience and the wedding was amazing. So many of my family were there and all wanted to talk to us. We were put up in our one cousin's house, and they actually argued over who was feeding us or paying for our dinners when we went out.

After the wedding, we did a lot of sightseeing. Then in two cars, ten of us went up to Belecomiti, which was a three-hour drive. We spent four days there. It was in the mountains and awesome for me to stand on the porch where my grandfather had lived and look over the mountains and lake of which he had told me. It was as beautiful as he had told me. His family gave me a handmade vest, which my great-grand-father, Spero, made for my grandfather. It was worn and passed down to every cousin to wear. I learned Spero was the best tailor in the area. That answered a question for me from my grandfathers ship records. I knew his final destination was St. Augustine which was on the records but couldn't figure out why he put his occupation as tailor, as he later became a chef and then worked in or owned diners all his life. Now I'm sure by age 16 he had trained under his father to have a career here or even in Greece.



I learned Greece was a genealogist's nightmare. There had been no electricity in Belecomiti until 1964. I talked to the priest of the village and he said there were no vital records kept before 1952 when he arrived. The cemetery was a small area behind the church, with each family name recorded. But, after three to five years, the buried person's bones were dug up and stored for 50 years in a shed in the corner of the cemetery until they were emptied into a hole inside the shed. The earlier ones were put in bags and more recent excavations placed into boxes. There were no names written of who or when they were put into the hole. No one alive knew what dates my grandfather's mother and father were married or born or even died. This is a true "Brick Wall."



(House of Refuge - continued from page 1)

There were ten Life-Saving Stations, also known as Houses of Refuge, owned by the US Federal government, which were in remote, isolated locations along the Atlantic Ocean shores. Manned by civilian contractors, or "keepers," and their families, their purpose was to rescue and assist any crew or passengers on ships in distress along the immediate coast. The basic supplies to feed and care for any person rescued were housed in these stations.

The keeper and his family had to be on call all day and night. Due to governmental record keeping, a fair amount of information is known about each of the keepers who served, but little or nothing is known about the keeper's life before and after service and even less is known about his family. The new museum exhibit will focus on the forgotten families of keepers who were just as valuable an asset to the

running of the life-saving stations as the hired keepers.

So, with solely the names of each keeper, which station they served at, and the dates of service, I tackled this genealogical quest. Some stations only had two or three keepers over a twenty to thirty-year period. Other stations had up to fifteen different keepers between 1876 and 1917, some of whom had only served a few months.

Out of approximately 70 keepers along the Florida east coast from 1876 to 1918, there were 15 I could not locate any additional information on their lives before or after the station service or about any family members. A few of the keepers had actually served at a couple different stations at different times, so the number to actually research was a little less. *[to be continued in the next issue of the MCGS Journal, June 2012].*

NEHGS Database News

by Sam Sturgis, Digital Collections Administrator,
and Ryan Woods, Director of Internet Technology

New York: Long Island Cemetery Inscriptions, 1652-1910

This database was created from a typescript set of cemetery inscriptions donated to NEHGS by Josephine C. Frost between 1912 and 1914. The original typescript volumes are numbered 1 to 12, but only ten volumes remain, volumes 6 and 10 being lost to time. Inscriptions for 98 cemeteries are included in the collection, all from cemeteries on Long Island, in Kings, Queens, Suffolk, and Nassau Counties. The inscriptions range from 1652 to 1910. This database contains 13,000 records from those cemeteries. A complete list of the cemeteries included can be seen here: [New York: Long Island Cemetery Inscriptions, 1652-1910.](#)



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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.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mcgensociety.org>

Welcome New MCGS Members:

We hope you take the time to seek out our newest MCGS members the next time you are at a monthly GMM or see them in the Genealogy Room.

Warm welcome to:
James Balensiefer
Bob Bishop
Margie McDonough
Eva Switzer Waylett

Annual Membership Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$25 for a family or 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.