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**A people
without the
knowledge of
their past
history,
origin
and culture
is like
a tree
without
roots.**



**Marcus
Garvey**

President's Comments

Reba E. Shepard, MCGS President

It has been many years since I was President of the Martin County Gen. Society, and I want to thank all the members for welcoming me back.

We have a great board this year, and I expect great things from them. We will concentrate on Education and Membership. We want to increase our membership and upgrade our education.

Education Chairman and Vice President Bob Bishop is doing a banner job in planning speakers and workshops, and is working on bringing you a first class all day seminar.

Ever faithful Walt Bruetsch is always there when needed, setting up for workshops, keeping the web site up to date, giving workshops, fulfilling the duties of treasurer, and whatever else is needed.

Shirley Pizziferri is in charge of the Genealogy Room at the Library, is adding new books and databases, and is capably performing the job of secretary.

Our newest board members, Colleen Kimball and Debra Halacy stand ready to serve.

Jerry Bloom does our newsletter, acts as corresponding secretary, sends out Get Well and Condolence cards, and whatever other correspondence is needed.

Ex Officio member E. Lee Vought handles publicity.

We are one member short, and hope to replace him/her soon. Are you interested? We could use you. Support your board. They need your help.

The more you give in volunteer effort, the more you get in return. We need you.

Let's make our club the best ever.

Calendar of Events

March

- **7 - THURSDAY - MCGS Board Meeting** - 10:15 AM - **Cummings Library**, 2551 SW Matheson Ave., Palm City.
- **15 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1 - 3 PM at the **John F. Armstrong Wing** of the **Blake Library**. Program: "The Great Seal" by Norma Reubert. Guests are most welcome to attend MCGS meetings, which are free. Light refreshments will be served.
- **16 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Robert Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1). Topic: "Beginning Irish Research" by Bob Scully. Send email to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for the class. Put IRISH in the Subject box. Walk-ins welcome. Donation of \$3-5 appreciated for handouts.
- **23 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Robert Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1). Topic "DNA and Genealogy Research", given by MCGS member Walt Bruetsch. Send email to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up. Put "DNA" in the Subject box. Walk-ins are welcome. Donation of \$3-5 for handouts is appreciated.

April

- **4 - THURSDAY - MCGS Networking** - 5-7:45 PM **Blake Library Genealogy Room** - A casual gathering of anyone interested in genealogy. Reba Shepard of MCGS will be available to answer questions and assist those seeking help.
- **6 - SATURDAY - MCGS and Daughters of the American Revolution - Halpatiokee Chapter** - 10 AM to 12 Noon. MCGS and the DAR-Halatiokkee Chapter members will be in the Genealogy Room at the **Blake Library** to assist people researching ancestors who were American Revolutionary War patriots.
- **11 - THURSDAY - MCGS Board Meeting** - 10:15 AM - **Cummings Library**, 2551 SW Matheson Ave., Palm City.
- **13 - SATURDAY - Seminar - All Day**. The Imperial Polk Gen. Soc. Seminar 2013 (www.ipgs.org) features Lisa Louise Cooke, an International Genealogy Speaker at Family Ministries - Auditorium B, Highland Park Church of the Nazarene. Registration: 8-9AM, Seminar 9AM-4PM. Includes Box Lunch. Costs: Pre-register non-members = \$45. Mail to: IPGS, PO Box 10, Kathleen, FL 33849.
- **19 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1 - 3 PM at the **John F. Armstrong Wing** of the **Blake Library**. Program: "Planning and Researching in Salt Lake City" by MCGS Member Bob Bishop. Guests are welcome to attend meetings, which are free. Light refreshments served.
- **20 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Cummings Library**, 2551 SW Matheson Ave., Palm City, in the Diter Lizzi Room. Topic: "Using Technology in Researching", given by Justin Delacruz. Send email to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for the class. Put "IDEA LAB" in the Subject box. Walk-ins are welcome. Donation of \$3-5 for handouts is appreciated.
- **27 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Robert Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1). Topic: "Beginning Genealogy" by MCGS Member Walt Bruetsch. Send email to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up. Put "BEGIN GEN" in the Subject box. Walk-ins are welcome. Donation of \$3-5 for handouts is appreciated.

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- **9 - THURSDAY - MCGS Board Meeting** 10:15 AM - **Cummings Library**, 2551 SW Matheson Ave., Palm City.
- **17 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1 - 3 PM at the **John F. Armstrong Wing** of the **Blake Library**. Program: The program is "Founding Mothers" presented by MCGS guest speaker George M. Kleine. Guests are most welcome to attend MCGS meetings, which are free. Light refreshments will be served.
- **18 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Robert Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1). Topic: "The New FamilySearch website", given by MCGS President Reba Shepard. Send email to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for the class. Put "FamilySearch" in the Subject box. Walk-ins welcome. Donation of \$3-5 for handouts is appreciated.
- **25 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Robert Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1). Topic: TBD. Send email to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for the class. Put "WORKSHOP" in the Subject box. Walk-ins welcome. Donation of \$3-5 for handouts is appreciated.

June

- **1 - SATURDAY - MCGS and Daughters of the American Revolution - Halpatiokee Chapter** - 10 AM to 12 Noon. MCGS and the DAR-Halatiokkee Chapter members will be in the Genealogy Room at the **Blake Library** to assist people researching ancestors who were American Revolutionary War patriots.
- **6 - THURSDAY - MCGS Networking** - 5-7:45 PM **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.
- **6-8 - WEEKEND - Genealogy Jamboree** - Cumberland Gap, TN. This FREE one-of-a-kind, three-day event combines genealogy with period re-enactors and craftsmen in a historic setting. There will also be lectures by nationally renowned speakers. Since genealogy is the primary focus of this event, attendees will be able to research their family trees through pedigree chart displays, at family surname tables, and with the many genealogical/historical societies which will be represented. Beginners can learn how to start researching their family trees by attending some of the lectures and by talking with other interested people at the event. You can find more info at [1] [Facebook.com/genealogyjamboree](https://www.facebook.com/genealogyjamboree) [2] [twitter.com/@danjr64](https://twitter.com/danjr64) For further information, go to their website at [3] <http://www.genealogyjamboree.us>
- **13 - THURSDAY - MCGS Board Meeting** - 10:15 AM - **Cummings Library**, 2551 SW Matheson Ave., Palm City.
- **21 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1 - 3 PM at the **John F. Armstrong Wing** of the **Blake Library**. Program: "Show and Tell", a popular program presented by you, the members. Tell us about an interesting genealogical experience, cemetery experience, interesting web site, an interesting family heirloom, etc. Guests are welcome to attend MCGS meetings, which are free. Light refreshments will be served.
- **22 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - No workshops are scheduled for the months of June, July and August. Enjoy your summer!

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* - Questions? Contact Lee Vought at eleevought@aol.com or Shirley Pizziferri - gypsygal2009@gmail.com.

Irish help - Persons with a question can contact Bob Scully in the Gen. Room on Fridays (2-4 PM) or **772-486-0549** or sclysr@yahoo.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.

This 'n That

Are you interested in going to Salt Lake City for a few days of researching? If so, come listen and learn from Bob Bishop at our MCGS April General Membership Meeting. He's looking to see if there is interest for a trip there in 2014. Contact him at Rbish661@verizon.net.

Genealogy Jamboree Cumberland Gap, Tennessee

The folks at the Jamboree would like to help you find other relatives. One of the big items is a collection of pedigree charts and descendant charts from over 1400 people across the country. People look through and make connections. We would like you to mail or email your pedigree charts and descendant charts to Genealogy Jamboree Dept Gap, P.O. Box 705, Tazewell, TN 37879 or email to: mark@genealogyjamboree.us or <http://genealogyjamboree.us/> See details on our MCGS Calendar of Events on page 2 in this issue.

Our MCGS Acquisitions Chairperson, Shirley Pizziferri informs us that MCGS just purchased the new book on the "*Winthrop Fleet*" published by the NEHGS (New England Historic Genealogical Society). The NEHGS also has several journals and periodicals on their website that can be searched. In addition to the *Register*, they have *The American Gene-*

alogist (TAG), the Virginia Genealogist, and many more now available. Their newest one is the Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine.

Walt Bruetsch said recently, "I just uploaded the obit index for Volume 13 of the Clipped Obits Index [on our MCGS website]."

Reminder: for MCGS members to submit their pedigree charts to Shirley Pizziferri so the names they're researching can be added to our database. The book with all the names of pedigree charts currently included can be found in the Blake Gen. Room. The actual charts will be given only to those researching specific names.

MCGS member **Rita Irene Vom Hofe** passed away November 18, 2012 at Treasure Coast Hospice in Stuart.

Have you tried the World Vital Records site on our Gen. Room computers? Be sure to use the name ID as mcfl@gmail.com and insert the password "family2".

Irish Surnames

In preparation, or anticipation of the upcoming Irish Workshop on Saturday, March 16 (see Calendar of Events on Page 2) Lee Vought offers this list of name variations:

BRENNAN	(O'Braonain, MacBranan)
BURKE	(Bourke, deBurgh, deBurca)
CASEY	(O'Casey, O'Cathasaigh, MacCathasaigh)
CALLAGHAN	(O'Callaghan, Callahan, O'Ceallachain)
COLLINS	(O'Coileain)
CONNELL	(O'Connell, O'Conaill)
CONNOLLY	(O'Couoghaile)
DOHERTY	(O'Dohertyk O'Dochartaigh)
DOYLE	(O'Dobhghaill)
DUNLEAVY	
FEENEY	(O'Fidhne, O'Fighne)
FITZGERALD	(MacGearailt)
GALLAGHER	(Gallacher, Gallager, Gallaher, O'Gallchobhair)



If you care to be on a MCGS published list of "Researchers For Hire", contact Shirley Pizziferri.

Edith Adele (Wolfram) Bradley

We recently received communication from Ellen Asselin, the daughter of MCGS life member Edith Bradley. Edith was 91, formerly of South Deerfield, Massachusetts. She died unexpectedly Tuesday morning, Feb. 26, 2013, at her home in Port Salerno. She was born in Whately, Massachusetts, October 18, 1921, the daughter of William and Alida (Wright) Wolfram. She married Raymond L. Bradley on Feb. 28, 1940. They made their home in South Deerfield, moving to Florida in 1985. Ray predeceased her in 2009.

She was a former member of the South Deerfield Congregational Church, a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts since 1931, a member of the South Deerfield Firemen Women's Auxiliary, PVMA Franklin County, several MA Genealogical Societies, a South Deerfield Girl Scout leader for 20 years, town committees, served on the Board of Directors of the Franklin County Girl Scout Council, the Western MA Girl Scout Council and Massachusetts Girl Scouts, Inc.



Edith did extensive research and compiled the genealogy of family histories including Bradley, Mather, Crowningshield, Wright, Wolfram, Phillips, Lansing and Fletcher. In Florida, she attended Stuart Congregational Church.

She was a life member of Halpatiokee Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the Revolutionary War, the Martin County Genealogy Society, Friends of Morgade Library and the Kane Senior Center and Council of Aging, Martin County. In the summer of 2012, she attended the Girl Scout Round-up Reunion in Button Bay, VT, and was honored for 80 years of Girl Scouting.

Reba Shepard commented, "I got to know Edith best through DAR. I was chairman of the Genealogical Records Committee, and Edith had a manuscript she wanted to finish and include in my reports. It may have been her first writing, but am not sure. I helped her and she finished it. I believe she has since finished several small books. "

"She was one of the most friendly people I knew, always a smile on her face and you always felt she was glad to see you. I am one of the few people who knew her home address, and visited her there. She used a PO Box for most of her communications. I will miss her."

Patti Kirk, MCGS Member and founder of a genealogy research group known as Family History Researchers did an article on Edith recently. See her website (<http://www.familyhistoryresearchers.org/teachers/default.html>) for the entire story. Our thanks also for permission to use her photo of Edith, provided by her daughter Ellen Asselin, in the Girl Scout uniform she wore since childhood, and the one her daughter informed us she was buried in.



MCGS Roster - 2013

Each spring is the time to update our membership files and make changes as needed for those who have renewed from 2012. Included with this issue is your MCGS Roster of current members. This list is for the use of the Martin County Genealogical Society only and is limited to giving notices to members of the MCGS concerning meetings, business, classes, conferences and other relevant matter of the MCGS.

For those members who receive your Journal electronically, your 2013 MCGS Roster is on a separate attachment. You may print it out or save on your computer to review as needed.

Baby Alice's Sterling Cup

By Joyce Fletcher Menard

For my entire childhood, I remember this tarnished silver baby cup being kept in the kitchen cabinet, in our house in southeast Florida. My father Wallace Wilson Fletcher was an only child and he never knew anything about this cup or the child "Alice W. Fletcher 1891", the name engraved on it. The cup was passed down to our family, via his mother, Clara Rhoads Fletcher Wappler Myers. She died when I was seven. Her first husband Wallace Fletcher Jr., my grandfather, died some ten years before I was born. Thus I never knew my paternal grandparents, let alone any family history.

In 2002, I began working on my father's genealogy and had huge break through when I found a book "Nicholson, Bruner and Getz Family History" compiled by James B. Nicholson, published in 1930. Mr. Nicholson brought me my Fletcher families all the way back to my 2nd Great Grandparents and Revolutionary War patriots. Though Mr. Nicholson didn't cite sources for his book, his work was easily supported through documents found on ancestry.com, familysearch.org, genealogybank.com and by using search engines such as google.com. All of this brought the story of this mystery child family to life. Mr. Nicholson's book listed all the children –

two of whom were my grandfather Wallace Fletcher and his sister Alice Fletcher.

The death date for Alice in the book matched the date on this mysterious baby cup. Her Death Return records [show] Alice was only 6 months old at the time of her death on 14 July 1891, when she succumbed to "cerebral congestion." Alice was the sixth child of nine and the fifth of six daughters all born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to James Wallace Fletcher and his wife Annie Fiss.

By the time Alice came to this household, the first-born Emma had lived and died (b. 1870-d. 1878), the second child Adelaide "Addie" was born in 1873. Addie would grow to adulthood, becoming a wife and mother. Alice's brother Lansing B. Fletcher was fifteen when Alice died.

My grandfather Wallace J. Fletcher, Jr. was born in 1881. Then came baby Mary in 1884,



she lived only 7 months. Anna came along the following year and at the age of 6 was waiting to receive a new baby sister and a brother Joshua Stroud Fletcher arrived instead. This son was the fourth man in the family to be given this name. Joshua was underfoot when Alice came to the household. The year after Alice's brief life, another daughter Sarah came into the household; she too grew to womanhood. By the

time my interest in genealogy developed my parents were also gone from this earthly life; I had only met my great aunts Anna and Sarah as a 12 year old for a brief afternoon.

So where is the cup today? My only sibling is a brother without issue. So, I passed this cup to a fourth cousin, once removed at the birth of her first daughter, Hannah. "Cousin Kate" is my only known living Fletcher relative. She and I have spent years together researching our Fletcher Family. Without the blessing of the internet and ancestry.com, I never would have found Kate a wonderful lady to research alongside in cyberspace. Baby Hannah gets much more than a sterling silver baby cup with a great story. Through our shared ancestry, her mother's friendship and my membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, she now has readily proven lineage to 3 American Revolutionary War patriots.

Life expectancy calculator...

This is not a joke; this is an interesting calculator that was developed by Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company - found on website <http://media.nmfn.com/tnetwork/lifespan>

Watch your age in the upper right hand corner ! Kinda fun to watch your age go up and down as you answer the questions. Now this is interesting, give it a try.... How long will you live?

This is a calculator that estimates your life expectancy based on actuaries accumulated by Northwestern Mutual Life.

It's interesting that there are only 13 questions. Yet, they can predict how long you're likely to live.

Members, we invite you !

We need members to share their experiences in genealogy to come forward. We always are looking for speakers for meetings, and workshop leaders. If you need preparation help, it will be provided.

Our organization is only as good as we make it.
WE WANT YOU!

Bob Bishop, Director of Education

Tom Tryniski Digitizes More Newspapers than the Better-known Web Sites

One computer expert working alone has built a collection of digitized historic newspapers at <http://fultonhistory.com/> that is much bigger and more popular than one created by a federal bureaucracy with millions of dollars to spend. Armed only with a few PCs and a cheap microfilm scanner, Tom Tryniski has played David to the Library of Congress' Goliath. His site pres-



ently has more than 21,790,000 old New York State historical newspaper pages. He now is also adding newspapers from other states.

Tryniski's site, which he created in his living room in upstate New York, has grown into one of the largest historic newspaper databases in the world, with 22 million newspaper pages. By contrast, the Library of Congress' historic newspaper site, *Chronicling America*, has 5 million newspaper pages on its site while costing taxpayers about \$3 per page. In January, visitors to fultonhistory.com accessed just over 6 million pages while *Chronicling America* pulled fewer than 3 million views.

fultonhistory.com really got going in 2003, when Tryniski bought a scanner that handles microfilm for \$3,500 in a fire sale. That meant he didn't need access to the original newspaper copies and he could work quickly because microfilm scanners are largely automated. Tryniski pays all expenses for the site himself. The only significant costs are bandwidth, for which he pays \$630 per month, and hard drives, which run him about \$200 per month. His primary server is located outdoors in a gazebo on his

deck. Everything on his web site is available free of charge.

Tryniski is adding new content at a rate of about a quarter-million pages per month with no plans to slow down.

You can access Tom Tryniski's web site at <http://fultonhistory.com/>. This article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.

Copyright and Ethics

By Michael J. Leclerc

The following article comes from *Michael Leclerc's Genealogy News*, dated 26 Jan 2013. There has been a tremendous amount of discussion on the genealogy blogs lately about copyright. Part of this has been precipitated by greater awareness of the issue, as well as an ongoing legal action regarding a potential copyright violation appropriating information from a well-used genealogy website.

Copyright is a very serious issue, and one that all genealogists should be aware of. As researchers, it is critically important to cite your sources for information. This is even more important when you use text that someone else has already created. Quotation marks and references to the source are essential if you don't want a lawsuit on your hands. In addition to copyright, however, there are also ethical considerations. Appropriating someone else's ideas may not be illegal, but it can certainly be unethical. At the very least, it can say a great deal about your character.

If someone tells you they are working on something, don't pick it up and run away with it and claim the work as your own. If it is a subject you know a great deal about, consider a collaboration. Or, if you have already been working on the same idea and are further along, you at least owe the person a conversation about it.

Now sometimes a number of people come up with similar ideas at the same time. Different researchers, for example, might come across the same clue and start researching on their own with the intent of publishing an article or book. This is an unfortunate fact of life, and if nobody knows you are working on it, you can't blame someone else if they found the solution and published before you.

As part of the research and writing process, we look for previously published information. This search usually reveals whether something is already in print. Thus you can see whether you have anything new to contribute to the conversation while referencing the previously published information.

On occasion, it may be possible to miss something. This happened to me recently in preparing an article. A colleague did a slightly different search on a CD version of the PERSI database and found an article published 50 years ago that I had not found. Examination of that piece allowed me to see that the original author did not follow the entire chain of evidence on all individuals named in the document, and left several identifications out, allowing me to continue working on my own article.

If, however, you discover that you have published something that is almost identical to someone else's work, it behooves you to make a reference to that work, even if it is after the fact. [This] is very easy for electronic publications, such as blogs and websites, where changes can easily be made. Scholarly journals and magazines publish errata and corrections all the time.

Acknowledging that someone else has done similar work shows that you are an ethical researcher and author. We all miss things and make mistakes. Acknowledging them will enhance, not detract, from our reputations. And we will all be the better for it.

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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:

Betty Jean Dees

Leslie Alarcon

Gerri Leech

Yvonne Harralson

Carolyn Timmann

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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.