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"To live
in hearts
we leave
behind
is not
to die."
Thomas
Campbell
(1777-1844)

President's Comments

Deborah Halacy, MCGS President

As many of you may know I attended the Florida State Genealogical Society (FSGS) annual conference in March. It was an amazing weekend of meeting old and new friends, while learning a few new tricks to apply to my own family history. In the last journal I asked you all to step away from the computer and the endless data bases that give us facts and figures but no context.

When you attend a gathering of genealogists you have an opportunity to talk about your ancestors as if they were in the next town and you could go visit them at any time you wish. It's a wonderful time to share and listen to others whose goal is to know as many of their ancestors as possible. You always come away feeling energized and determined to try some of the things you've experienced at the conference.

But, as we all shared in the glow of the moment, there were some very real issues that needed to be discussed in the business portion of the weekend. The fact is that FSGS, like many societies across the country, is in trouble. Both from the financial standpoint and also in membership. There was much discussion as to the reasons for the decline and several leading issues were identified.

First, it's no surprise to any of us, that the membership in genealogical societies is, shall we say, graying. As always the discussion turns to the fact that we need to attract younger people to our societies.

Another reason for the decline of societies is the fact that people don't see a reason to belong to a state or regional group. Most people will think that because they are not from Florida that it is not in their best interest to join a Florida society. But, the fact is that of about 30 odd sessions that took place over the weekend, the only session that was specific to Florida was an informational session on Florida pioneers. It's sad for me to say that some local Florida societies have chosen not to participate in FSGS. Some have even retired their banner as they no longer have a use for it.

To that end, I urge each and every one of you to join a state, and/or regional society. They are, for the most part, 501c3's, so your membership is tax deductible. You will meet people with common interests and people who can show you a few new tricks. And, most importantly, you'll be energized to look at your research with a fresh eye that may help you conquer at least one of your more persistent brick walls.

Please consider membership in your state genealogical society. When they thrive we all benefit. Membership brochures are available in the Genealogy Room of the Blake Library.

Calendar of Events for the Next Three Months

July and August: Summer Break Time

Members of the Society will be in the Genealogy Room of the Blake Library to assist researchers from Monday to Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM. Send an email to mcgsl@gmail.com if you want to meet with a member in the room for assistance.

There will be no First Saturday of the Month research assistance on Saturday, July 5th.

August 2, 2014, Saturday • 10am-noon

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH ASSISTANCE - MCGS/DAR

Blake Library Genealogy Room, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart

Members from MCGS and the Daughters of the American Revolution-Halpatiokee Chapter will be available to assist the public doing research about their ancestors: those from any time era and those who were American Revolutionary War patriots.

27-30 August 2014. FOUR (4) DAYS

FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES' ANNUAL CONFERENCE

San Antonio, Texas

Prepare yourselves for a "total immersion" into genealogy! Attend the annual FGS Conference, this year in San Antonio, Texas.

Go to website: www.fgsconference.org for full details.

Also, there are a few conference booklets in the Genealogy Room of the Blake Library. Hotel reservations are now open for bookings.

September 4, 2014, Thursday • 5:45 pm-7:45

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH EVENING ASSISTANCE

Blake Library Genealogy Room, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart

A members from MCGS will be available to assist persons doing genealogical research. There is no charge.

September 6, 2014, Saturday • 10am-noon

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH ASSISTANCE - MCGS/DAR

Blake Library Genealogy Room, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart

Members from MCGS and the Daughters of the American Revolution-Halpatiokee Chapter will be available to assist the public doing research about their ancestors: those from any time era and those who were American Revolutionary War patriots.

MEETINGS: 3rd Friday of Every Month

Please go to MCGS' website, mcgensociety.org, and click on EVENTS, to find the latest info about the program for a particular meeting.

All of the meetings will be at the John F. Armstrong Wing of the Blake Library, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL. Guests are most welcome to attend MCGS' meetings, which are free, and light refreshments will be available between the business meeting and the program.

September 19, 2014, Friday • 1-3pm

MCGS MONTHLY MEETING, 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

John F. Armstrong Wing of the Blake Library, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart

The program is "All About the Find-A-Grave Website". A comprehensive review of the Find-A-Grave website, now owned by Ancestry.com. Does MCGS want to set up a project?

Guests are most welcome to attend MCGS' meetings, which are free, and light refreshments will be available between the business meeting and the program.

WORKSHOPS:

Open to the public are educational workshops scheduled for the 3rd and 4th Saturday mornings of each month, September thru May. The doors open at 10 AM and class will start at 10:15 AM and go to 12 PM.

Please go to the mcgensociety.org website, click on EVENTS, to find the latest information. At these workshops, we typically have a computer and projector set up, used by the presenters in giving the workshop, and also so that we can visit websites of interest to those in attendance. A donation of \$3-5 will be appreciated.

Interested attendees are encouraged to send a sign-up Email to mcgsfl@gmail.com. This is important when we meet in the Genealogy Room of the Blake Library, which is a small room. But, at the Morgade Library, our usual meeting place, walk-ins are most welcome as the room can be the large size community room. However, if the attendance is small, we will be in the smaller conference room inside the library section of the building.

September 20, 2014, Saturday • 10:15am-12:00pm

MCGS WORKSHOP, 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Robert Morgade Library, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1).

The workshop is "Beginning Genealogy 1" given by MCGS member Walt Bruetsch. He will use the **first hour** presenting the **fundamentals** of genealogy, and then the **second hour** showing various internet **websites** that can be ac-

cessed from home. And, of course, he will be answering questions.

Send an E-mail to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for this class. Please put BEGIN1 in the Subject Box.

September 27, 2014, Saturday • 10:15am-12:00pm

MCGS WORKSHOP, 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Robert Morgade Library, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1).

The workshop is "Beginning Genealogy 2", given by MCGS member Walt Bruetsch. This workshop will be an in-depth review of the new FamilySearch.org web site. This site has lots of new features and databases, so we'll be learning how to maximize our research. Time permitting, the New England Historic Genealogical Society website will also be reviewed.

Send an E-mail to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for this class. Please put BEGIN2 in the Subject Box.

Board of Director Meetings:

MCGS Board of Directors meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, so September 11th at 10:15 AM at the Cummings Library in Palm City. MCGS members are welcomed to attend.

Irish Research Links

The Irish Ancestral Research Association website, www.tiara.ie, has many links to websites that may be of help for your Irish and United Kingdom research. >Click on LINKS on the navigation bar just below the Title banner.

**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.

Jewish Genealogy SIG*- Questions? Contact Linda Epstein at **JewishSIG@yahoo.com**

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 **scllysr@yahoo.com**

All of 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

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

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!**

Colleen Kimball, Director of Education

Misc. Info on Genealogy

New in the Genealogy Room, Blake Lib.

These books are in the New Book section on the computer table:

Pagans [Indians], Puritans, Patriots of Yesterday Southold by Warren Hall (A history written to commemorate 200 years since 1776.)

Virginia Military Organizations, a Guide (American Revolution 1774-87)

Jamestown People to 1800 by Martha W. McCartney ca 2012

Revolutionary War Pensions by Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck ca 2011.

Genealogy Standards -50th Anniv. Ed. 2014.

Early Virginia Marriages, County Records

East Liverpool, OHIO, Pottery District

Griffin's Journal – First Settlers of Southold;

The names of the heads of those families, being only thirteen (13) at the time of their landing. By Augustus Griffin of Orient, Long Island, Published by Augustus Griffin [in] 1857. The book is a facsimile reprint, published by Oysterponds Historical Society, Inc., Orient, Long Island, New York, 11957 in 1983.

The Journal begins: A company, consisting of thirteen men, with their families, left their mother country (old England) about the year 1638, for the newly-discovered World, known as America. ..., they arrived at New Haven, then a small village in the then colony of Connecticut. At this place they stopped until early in the autumn of 1640, having made their stay there about two years. ...they had not fully decided where to make their permanent abode,... They now ALL agreed to charter a vessel and embark on board, ...rounded the East end of Long Island and ...settled on the south shore of Long Island. An interesting book to read.

Also, remember to read the periodicals in the magazine rack. The newest American Ancestors is beginning a series on how to write your family history.

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle Online

Thanks to a partnership between the Brooklyn Public Library and Newspapers.com, free access to the full run of The Brooklyn Daily Eagle is now available. The database can be viewed at Brooklyn Newsstand [via www.bklynpubliclibrary.org]. The newspaper content on Brooklyn Newsstand can be printed, saved, shared, or clipped. While access is free, people who want to use some of the website's advanced features may be asked to register with Newspapers.com. Registration is also free, and a Brooklyn Public Library card is not required.

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle was published from 1841 until 1955, and the resulting newspaper database contains 761,019 pages. "At one point the Eagle actually became the nation's most widely read afternoon newspaper. Unusual among major metropolitan daily newspapers of that time period, the Eagle chronicled national and international affairs as well as local news and daily life in Brooklyn. As a result the Brooklyn Daily Eagle provides a window into Brooklyn's past, as well as documentation of national and international events that shaped history."

The Brooklyn Public Library's Local History Division, the Brooklyn Collection, also offers the opportunity to view and/or purchase more than 20,000 Brooklyn photographs; use 31 year of Brooklyn city directories (from 1856 to 1908), and browse a number of digital collections.

Reprinted from Plymouth County Genealogist, Inc. journal The Genealogical Inquirer, May 3, 2014. And The Weekly Genealogist of April 23, 2014.

DNA Tests and Ancestry.com

Y-DNA and mtDNA tests are no longer being sold on Ancestry.com (but the company will continue to sell its Ancestry DNA autosomal tests, and autosomal DNA customers aren't affected). Customers who've taken Y-DNA or

mitochondrial DNA tests can download their raw data by visiting the Ancestry DNA website. Y-DNA and mtDNA customers' samples will be destroyed (it might become possible to upgrade samples to autosomal testing, such as for someone who is now deceased—stay tuned). This is one of five services being retired as of September 5, 2014.

[FamilyTreeDNA.com is accepting Y-DNA transfers for as low as \$19. And their ysearch.org and mitosearch.org databases are still available. Contact the MCGS DNA SIG to talk about DNA testing.]

Guide on Getting Organized

Learn tips for organizing your research, your findings, and your files with this new subject guide by New England Historic Genealogical Society expert Rhonda McClure. Whether you're new to genealogy or have been researching for years, researchers of all levels are sure to find a new tip or tool!

The growing Online Learning Center at www.AmericanAncestors.org/learning-center contains subject guides on a variety of genealogical topics, how-to videos, webinars, online courses, and more. If you have questions or feedback, please contact Online Education Coordinator Ginevra Morse at gmorse@nehgs.org

Source: The Weekly Genealogist, NEHGS, Dec. 4, 2013

The Martin Co. Gen. Society pays for the access to NEHGS databases for the computers in the Genealogy Room of the Blake Library. Enter URL: www.americanancestors.org

You will see up on the top line:

Welcome, Martin Co. Library System ...

Click on "About NEHGS"

Scroll down to near the bottom of the webpage to the paragraph that starts: If you're new ... >

Click on Learning Center. > Click on Getting Organized. Then on the left hand side will be

a list of many other subjects. Also, you can do this from your home computer.

Emigration Within the USA.

By Walt Bruetsch

This year, 2014, I gave a couple of talks about Land Records, Emigration, Homesteading, etc. In these talks, we covered the emigration of settlers. The definition of emigrate is to leave one country or region to settle in another. To emigrate was a major event in our ancestors' lives. Included in the talk was a list of highlights about how, and where, our ancestors emigrated: as given below.

Evolution of Transportation System

Louisiana Purchase in 1803, Lewis and Clark from May, 1804 to Sept. 1806, beginning at St. Louis to the Columbia River in Washington.

Oregon Trail (now I-80) went from Missouri to Oregon. 1836 was the first wagon.

The Prairie schooner was smaller (about ½) than the Conestoga wagon. 1840 was all the way.

California Trail in 1843. Gold rush in California in January, 1848.

Railroads were in action during the Civil War.

Homestead Act in 1862, land lots of up to 160 acres: to help populate least desirable areas.

1x1 = 1 sq. mile = 640 acres, 1x1/2 miles = 320 acres, ½ x ½ miles = 160 acres.

Live on the land, and improve on it, for 5 years, then become the owner of the homestead.

1869 was the Transcontinental Railroad.

Oklahoma Land Rush was on 22 April 1889, at high noon.

Autos, trucks in early 1900's:

Henry Ford's Model T = Tin Lizzie mass produced Oct. 1, 1908 - May 27, 1927.

"Lincoln Highway" was in 1910. U. S. Highways Numbered System in 1926, Interstate Highways in 1956.

Panama Canal: France started digging in 1881.

The United States took over Pan. Canal in 1904, opened 14 Aug 1914.

Homesteading and Maps

By Walt Bruetsch

The closing part of the Land Records, etc. talk was on researching **Homesteading Records** and the subsequent use of maps in the research process. So here is a step-by-step set of instructions to find a homestead.

Most important: Use a Google browser, such as Goggle Chrome or Fire Fox Mozilla. This is because of a special affiliation of using Google Maps to show the location of the homestead data. Internet Explorer browser doesn't have the "special connection".

Open Goggle Chrome browser.

Enter URL www.blm.gov for Bureau of Land Management.

Click on Information Center, on the left hand side.

Click on Land Records.

Click on Gen. Land Off. (GLO) Records, in the middle.

Click on Land Patents, on the left hand side.

Select your state: Montana for this talk. Hawaii is not included.

Input Last Name: Zurbruegg for this talk, Walt's grand-father.

Click on **Search Patents.**

The data for Emil Albert Zurbruegg's homestead is Township=004N, Range=021E, Ali-quotes=NE1/4, Section 12, County of Stillwater.

You can click on the Image and view/print a copy of the Patent for Emil.

But return to this Results List webpage for the mapping feature.

Click on the Accession #, in this case 359939.

Each page has a Printer Friendly icon, but first, scroll down the "elevator" to look at the map on the bottom half of this webpage.

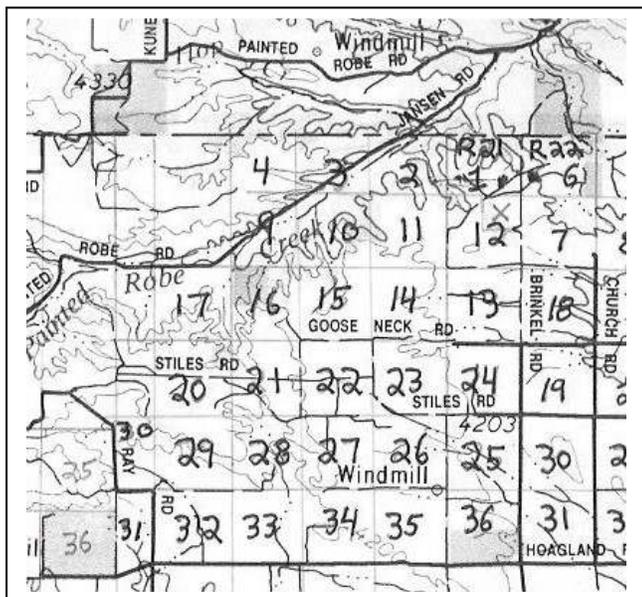
Click in the box below the word "Map" on the top, left hand side. The US map is showing.

After you click the Map box, the new map shows Twp=4N, Rng=21E. This box is sized 6

miles by 6 miles. Section 12 is size 1 mile by 1 mile (640 acres) and the Aliquots or homestead is NE1/4, size ½ mile by ½ mile (160 acres) [On map below, see the X, top right of 12]. The county is Stillwater and Golden Valley Co. is just a mile north. The town of Broadview is to the East by 8-9 miles. State Road MT-3 goes through Broadview. Now zoom out in space, and you'll find that Billings is to the Southeast by like 31 miles. (Open up a new browser window and go to Google maps.) This information is important for the next step of ordering and purchasing a map.

ORDERING A MAP.

Now we want to order a map that gives the Township and Range locations. This map is a BLM Edition, Surface Management Edition map, 30 minutes of latitude vs 60 min. (1 deg.) of longitude, topographic, scale 1:100,000. These maps are only available via the state's BLM field offices.



Enter the URL www.blm.gov on your browser. Click on Our Offices/Centers, on the left hand side of the webpage. Click on Montana, which also covers North and South Dakotas. Click on Field Offices. Click on Billings, the closest one to our Twp=4N, Rng=21E homestead. Click on Information Center

Click on Maps

Click on State Map Indexes Available for: Montana
We find Billings and decide that Harlowton 61 and Roundup 70 (for Broadview) are the two we should order. Also maybe Big Timber 62 and Billings 71 would be nice to have. Jot down name and number. Click on Map Ordering Information.

We find that the maps cost \$4 each and they give a telephone # where you can call and use your credit card to expedite your order.

They also make available BLM map coverage for Idaho and Wyoming.

Clicking on Wyoming: on their home webpage, under Frequently Requested is Maps. Click on Maps. Click on Map order form for 1:100,000 Surface ... maps of Wyoming. Scroll down to page 2 to find the location name, i.e. Jackson Lake (south of Yellowstone Nat. Park). On page 1 is a telephone # if you wish to use your credit card.

Clicking on Idaho, on the Idaho home webpage, then click on Information Center. Then click on Maps. Click on Surface Management Maps for the State of Idaho, 1:100,000 scale. Up comes the state map sub-divided and named for various locations. Select your location and name. A telephone # is given for credit card orders.

As you can tell, it appears that each state's field office website has a different way of ordering the BLM Surface Management map. So be very flexible in your "exploring" of each website to find your way through new information.

LOCAL MAP STORE

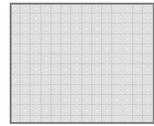
In Martin County, we have an authorized agent (a map dealer) for the U. S. Geological Survey, where the public can purchase/order topographical maps. The "map store" is Florida Classics Library, 11300 SE Dixie Hwy, Hobe Sound, FL 33455, telephone 772-546-9380. Here you can get help in purchasing the "zoom in" map, 1:24,000 scale, also called 7 ½ minute of latitude and longitude, which will show building locations.

And you can check out www.usgs.gov at home. On the right hand side is Map Locator & Downloader. Be aware that the map size is over 2' by 2' in published size.

Finally, be sure to share your homestead mapping results with your relatives. They will be interested.

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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. [E-mail: mcgsfl@gmail.com]

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 meeting or see them in the Genealogy Room.

Warm welcomes to:

**Doris Clark, Bonnie Cohen,
 Donna DuBois, Larry Imhoff,
 Martha (Marty) Miller-Leveille,
 Sharon and Kay Ray,
 Karen Smith, and
 Hans Anthony Wagner.**

Also, many thanks to our renewing members.

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.