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"Misers  
aren't fun  
to live with,  
but they  
make  
wonderful  
ancestors."

By David Brenner  
via  
Crypto Quote,  
Palm Beach Post,  
2 Dec 2014

## President's Comments

Colleen Kimball, MCGS President

Dear Members & Friends,

December is a time for reflection of all the blessings we have received, taking pride in our accomplishments, and looking forward to a continuance of friendship, service and commitment to the Society in the coming year.

We are blessed to have so many members who give generously of their time and talents in service to the Society, and these efforts are truly appreciated. We express our sincere thanks to Walt Bruetsch, Shirley Pizziferri, Reba Sheppard and Jerry Stevenson for their service on the Board of Directors over the past years and welcome the new elected Directors -- Jean Gray, Margaret Gray, Karen Peterson, Donna DuBois and Cindy Sheppard.

The support of the membership for our monthly meetings is gratifying, and we will continue in our efforts to provide genealogical workshops and interesting programs for you in the coming year. Your suggestions for projects or programs are encouraged and welcomed.

With warmest thoughts and best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a very happy New Year.

MCGS Board of Directors for 2015

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## Calendar of Events for the Next Three Months

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### FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 5:45 PM to 7:45 PM

in the 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.

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### FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH ASSISTANCE - MCGS/DAR

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, February 7<sup>th</sup>, and March 7<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM to 12 Noon, in the

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. Free.

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### MEETINGS: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

During the first half of 2015, MCGS' Friday meetings will be in various libraries around Stuart. So "pay" particular attention to which library is being used.

Guests are most welcome to attend MCGS' meetings, which are free, and light refreshments will be available between the business meeting and the program. Ages 12+.

### January 16, 2015, Friday, 1 to 3 PM

At the MORGADE LIBRARY, 5851 SE Community Drive, Stuart. (Off Salerno Road, west of US 1).

The program for this meeting is still being determined.

### February 20, 2015, Friday, 1 to 3 PM

At the BLAKE LIBRARY, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart.

The program for this meeting is still being determined.

### March 20, 2015, Friday, 1 to 3 PM

At the MORGADE LIBRARY, 5851 SE Community Drive, Stuart. (Off Salerno Road, west of US 1.)

The program for this meeting is still being determined.

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### WORKSHOPS > Individual assistance.

MCGS has decided to focus our efforts on individual research assistance, instead of organized classes. Thus we have discontinued workshops for the beginning of 2015. We will be evaluating the response of the public to this change.

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MCGS member, John Sheppard, is volunteering his time and talents on every Thursday evening, 5:45 PM to 7:45 PM in the Genealogy Room of the BLAKE LIBRARY, for genealogical assistance.

Following John's example, MCGS member Walt Bruetsch is volunteering his time and talents on Saturday afternoons, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM in the Genealogy Room of the BLAKE LIBRARY, for genealogical assistance.

MCGS is seeking a volunteer to provide genealogical research assistance on Monday evenings in the Genealogy Room of the Blake Library.

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## **Genealogy Room Redo**

by Shirley Pizziferri

John [Sheppard], your secret is out! When I met with Richard Reilly last Wednesday he revealed that you were the one who constructed the shelf for all the binders and put up the new bulletin board with all the Lucite holders.

When I first saw the changes in the Gen. Room, I wanted to thank whoever did it, but your "I'm not guilty" response when I asked the question at the Board meeting threw me off. I believed you; I'll know better next time.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for doing all that. It really is a great improvement to the way we had notices standing all over the place and cluttering up the room before. Apparently you must have asked permission from the library before doing it, so you can't hide any more.

## **Board of Director Meetings:**

MCGS Board of Directors meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 10:15 AM at the Cummings Library in Palm City. MCGS members are welcomed to attend.

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## **New Books > Genealogy Room**

**Gifts of member, Bob Bishop:**

History of Scott County, Virginia by Addington (reprint 1992), including biographical sketched.

Tennessee Genealogical Research by Schweitzer; records available, by county.

Marriages of Claiborne & Campbell Counties, Tennessee by Whitley (1983) from 1838-1853; names and dates.

Hensley Settlement, Cumberland Gap National Historic Park, a history.

**Purchased by DAR:**

Portrait of St. Lucie County, FL by Rights (1994); pictures.

Early New York Naturalizations by Scott (2011), in memory of Alice Harris; abstracts of 1792-1840, name, where from, date Purchased by MCGS for volunteers who served over 100 hours in Gen. Room:

John Billington, Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Vol. 21 (2014).

John Alden, Part 2, Mayflower Families Through Five Generations No. 16 (2002), continuation of Part 1; carries John Alden's daughter Elizabeth Pabodie / Paybody's descendants through generations 5 and 6. Part 1 includes Elizabeth's descendants, generations 1-5.

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**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

**Researching in New York State**

If you have an interest in New York State genealogy, then you might want to consider joining the New York State Archives Partnership Trust organization.

<http://www.archives.nysed.gov/apt/becomemember/index.shtml>

The Archives website has a Contact Us E-mail address. Their website:

[www.archives.nysed.gov](http://www.archives.nysed.gov)

The Archives interact with the Partnership Trust on their presentation of information.

The Capital District Genealogical Society staffs a volunteer desk in the State Library. It would appear that out-of-area people would need to send an email to this society and ask them if any genealogical society member would be interested in helping to do a search in the archive.

<http://www.capitaldistrictgenealogicalsociety.org/index.html>**Calif. Digital Newspapers 1800's**

From NY Troy Irish Gen. Soc. Digital Digest 10 Dec 2014 from SR

Just an FYI in searching for relatives who went out to the Gold Rush. I was given this website by Mr. Carey of the Jackson Historical Society. It has a variety of old newspapers from that era, as well as before and after.

Thought I would pass the site along. It helped me find several articles about my ancestors!

<http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bidnc>

Susan

## New Databases at NEHGS

By Shirley Pizziferri

Every week NEHGS puts out a new batch of databases via their Weekly Newsletters. Below is a list of additions given in September, October, November and part of December across the USA.

The way to access these databases is to go to computers in the Genealogy Room of the Blake Library. Double click on the NEHGS icon. A browser will open and you'll read "Welcome, Martin County Library System". The website's URL is [www.americanancestors.org](http://www.americanancestors.org).

So try this at home also. It would appear that a researcher doesn't need a paid membership to link to these databases.

Once you are on the home page, click on PUBLICATIONS on the top navigation bar. Scroll down to e-Newsletter, and click on The Weekly Genealogist. Then select The Weekly Genealogist, Vol. # and No. # of interest to you.

Windham, Me. Historical Society, Vol. 17, No. 38, September 17, 2014  
Hist'l Societies Online: CT & NH, Vol. 17, No. 39, September 24, 2014

Adams County, NE Historical Society; Vol. 17, No. 40, October 1, 2014  
Cemetery Resources, New Mexico, Vol. 17, No. 41, October 8, 2014  
Boyd County, Kentucky, Public Library, Vol. 17, No. 42, October 15, 2014 & No. 43, October 22, 2014  
Gloucester County, NJ, Historical Society, Vol. 17, No. 43, October 29, 2014

Loutit District, Grand Haven, MI, Vol. 17, No. 44, November 7, 2014  
Evansville, Indiana, Cemeteries, Vol. 17, No. 46, November 12, 2014

Richland Library, Columbia, SC, Vol. 17, No. 47, November 19, 2014  
Rock Island, IL, Gen. Soc., Vol. 17, No. 48, November 26, 2014

Sharon, CT, Historical Society & Museum, Vol. 17, No. 49, December 3, 2014

VR's [Vital Records] are updated weekly in the NEHGS Newsletter. Paper copies in the Genealogy Room will be discontinued. Previous copies are stored in a green binder, located over the filing cabinets.

## DAR Library now FREE

From Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter 29 Oct 2014, category: Current Affairs.  
<http://blog.eogn.com/2014/10/>

"The following announcement was written by the folks at the DAR Library: The DAR Library, one of the country's premier genealogical research facilities, is now FREE to all researchers. In October, the entrance fee for use of the Washington, D.C. family history library was eliminated as part of ongoing efforts to make the extensive DAR genealogical resources more accessible to the public.

"We are so pleased to be able to now offer the DAR Library resources free of charge," says Eric Grundset, Director of the DAR Library. "We invite and encourage anyone who may have been deterred in the past by the usage fee to come visit and explore our vast holdings. You never know what you may be able to discover about your family at the DAR Library."

Further details may be found at:

<http://www.dar.org/national-society/media-center/news-releases/research-dar-library-now-free-public>.

## Irish Archives Resource www.iar.ie

From [www.IrishTimes.com](http://www.IrishTimes.com), 18 Sep 2014

### Website gives instant access to 500-plus archive collections

Irish Archive Resource website means Bosco and others 'can go through the Magic Door'

Researchers have online access to information contained in more than 500 archival collections throughout the whole island with the re-launch yesterday of an expanded Irish Archive Resource website.

"In the words of Bosco, It's the means to go through the 'Magic Door'," declared Joanne Rothwell, Waterford city and county archivist and a member of the IAR steering committee. Details of the expanded access to archives were outlined at a launch in the National Archives in Dublin, attended by representatives of participating bodies including the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht; the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure of Northern Ireland; the Heritage Council; and the UCD school of history and archives.

### 'Treasure trove'

Minister for Heritage Heather Humphreys said the portal gave researchers easy access to a "treasure trove that is . . . genuinely astounding. This portal will prove a valuable source to academics, providing details for access to primary source material available in the public arena through a central, one-stop site," she said. "It will also provide an important tool to genealogists, local historians, the diaspora and visitors planning to come to our shores."

She said the website (iar.ie) "should be seen as a clarion call to all archive services to ensure that materials in their archives [are] simi-

larly digitized, catalogued, preserved, [and] guaranteed for future generations".

The IAR website was launched as a pilot project in 2008. Researchers use it to determine whether matters of interest to them are reflected in archived collections, including some at the National Archives, the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland, and some other participating country archives, for instance.

The participating archives have expanded to include, among others, TCD's manuscript and archives research department, the National Museum of Ireland Archives, UCC Archives, Derry City Council Heritage and Museum Service, the archives of St Patrick's College Maynooth, together with a host of religious institutions, private clubs and societies and seven photographic collections in the RTÉ stills archive, including the Cashman Collection. "The idea behind the portal is to improve access to archive collections, irrespective of what institution they're stored in and to give researchers an opportunity to get access to collections they are otherwise unaware of," said Ms Rothwell.

The service is free and based on simple text searching. An advanced search allows for four additional search options: type; repository name; period; or townland, county or province.

### Collection finder

"The great advantage in having the portal is that it allows you to track down collections irrespective of where they are stored and sometimes it can throw up some surprises," said Ms

Rothwell. "It's an access point to the collections. We don't hold the collections; we're simply there to give access to the collections, the link bringing the researcher directly to the archive service itself."

Describing the portal as "a work in progress", she said collections beyond the over 500 already participating would be added. "What we have at the moment is there because the archive services themselves have added the collections."

## **Genealogical Proof Standard**

By Walt Bruetsch 14 Dec 2014

[This report is inspired by an article in The Internet Genealogy magazine, which MCGS subscribes to, titled "Consider the Genealogical Proof Standard" by Dave Obee, author, of several genealogical guides, etc., in the August/September 2013 issue.]

The Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) was developed in the late 2000's by the Board for Certification of Genealogist, (BCG). Their website is [www.bcgcertification.org](http://www.bcgcertification.org). Click on Genealogy's Standards, in the lower right hand corner, to see the list.

When we teach a beginner's class at Martin Co. Gen. Soc., we always say, list your sources! Going along with that statement is the un-stated, prove what you are "writing" about your ancestors. As stated on the BCG website: "Proof is a fundamental concept in genealogy."

The BCG gives five (5) elements to the GPS.

### **1 Do a reasonably extensive search.**

Don't just stop at the first result. See if other databases support the first result. What you are trying to do is to not jump to a conclusion.

There are so many people with the same name that you have to uncover all available data.

### **2 Give complete and accurate citation of sources**

Doing this shows the depth of the research and shows the quality of the sources.

And it allow other to repeat the steps taken to reach a conclusion. (The ability to get the same result from a source results in an increase in the confidence of your work.)

### **3 Have a reasonable analysis and organization of your facts.**

For example, a time line is a neat way to put events in order. If something doesn't fit, it become obvious, and in turn may indicate more research is needed. Does your conclusion represent all of the facts.

### **4 Resolve contradicting facts.**

Sometimes researchers have to show how a person of the same name belongs to another lineage, in order to proceed with the research on the correct person.

### **5 Write a good conclusion.**

Give your reasons why the facts led you to that conclusion.

BCG goes on to state that the above five (5) standards, when used together, reflects an improvement from the term "Preponderance of the Evidence". BCG has links to an article on this subject, if you are interested in the background for the change.

As was pointed out by author Dave Obee, these elements are inter-related. Don't be lazy and skip some of them, because you could be led astray. He closes with: "The Genealogical Proof Standard doesn't exist to be a nuisance; it is a roadmap to the truth. And that's what we all want, right?"

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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](mailto: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:

**Beth Bauer, Charles Berger,  
Katharin & Arthur Brink,  
Marion Driscoll,  
Peggy & Alvin Gonsalves,  
And Kathy Teter.**

**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.