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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

A friend of mine, a professional genealogist, constantly reminds me that when you look at a headstone you see a date of birth and a date of death but the really important stuff of genealogy is what happens between those two dates. We are all guilty of data mining without consideration for the life and times of the individuals we are researching.

To that end, I'm asking each of you to occasionally step away from the data-base driven stuff, such as ancestry.com, and take a little time to give life to the, otherwise, cold and hard facts of your ancestors' lives.

How do I propose you do that? Make Google your new best friend.

Now, I understand that those of you who have been researching for a while will most likely have done this with each ancestor that you discovered but we need to remember that, if we searched last year, last month, or even yesterday, there might be new discoveries waiting for us today. And for those of you who are just beginning your research I understand that there is a bit of giddiness that comes with finding your ancestors records and filling in your family tree. But moving to a point beyond "just the facts" is every bit as, if not more, rewarding.

So, I suggest that you make full use of every feature that Google has to offer. Not just generic searches on the web but also searches of maps, books, and images, too.

Recently, I searched an ancestor (1622 – 1717) who I'd found relatively recently. Among my findings, several portraits that had been painted of him, a statue of him in front of the Quebec Parliament, an entry in the Catholic Almanac, and an article in the Dictionary of Canadian Biography. The dictionary article quoted from his "Memoires", written during his old age in a section he entitled "My Last Wishes". "I do not leave you great wealth, but the little that I do leave you has been very properly acquired. I have done what I could to leave you more, I have neglected nothing to that end, having indulged in no foolish expense, as you all know; but it did not please God, who is the master, to give me more. I leave you for friends, many persons of rank and distinction and many honest people. I leave you no enemies for my part, as far as I know. I have done what I could to live without reproach; try to do the same."

This single entry tells me everything I need to know about what sort of man he was, information that I would have never found in any vital record.

## Calendar of Events for the Next Three Months

### MEETINGS:

Regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month meetings are scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday), May 16<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>. Please go to MCGS' website, [mcgensociety.org](http://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.

The April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting's program will be "Cemeteries are Outdoor Museums", presented by members of the Florida Public Archaeology Network. Genealogists know about the thrill of doing cemetery research on site. Remember the bumper sticker: "Caution. I break for cemeteries"? Now, we'll learn a little bit more about it.

The May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting's program is in process of being finalized. Members will be notified of the full details via email.

The June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting's program is "Brick Wall Busters", where a panel of MCGS members, using various Internet search engines and databases, will try to solve the attendees' genealogical problems. So be sure to bring your research papers to define the problem for the panel.

### WORKSHOPS:

Open to the public are educational workshops scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning of April, and for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday morning of May. The doors open at 10 AM and class will start at 10:15 AM and go to 12 Noon.

Please go to the [mcgensociety.org](http://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](mailto:mcgsfl@gmail.com). This is important when we meet on April 26<sup>th</sup> in the Genealogy Room, which is a small room. But, at the Morgade Library on May 17<sup>th</sup>, walk-ins are most welcome as the room is the large size community room. However, if the attendance is small, we may move into the smaller conference room inside the library section of the building.

The April 26<sup>th</sup> workshop will be "Thinking Outside of the Box, or Using Your Genealogy Room Without the Computer", taught by MCGS member Shirley Pizziferri. Attendees should bring paper and pencil / pen to take notes, always a good idea when doing something involving genealogy. It will be held in the Genealogy Room of the Blake Library, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL.

The May 17<sup>th</sup> workshop is "Beginning Genealogy" given by MCGS member Walt Bruetsch. He usually uses the first hour presenting the fundamentals of genealogy, and then the second hour showing various internet websites that can be accessed from home. And, of course, he will be answering questions. It will be at the Robert Morgade Library, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart, FL (off Salerno Road, west of US 1).

The April 19<sup>th</sup> workshop will not be held, because it is Easter weekend, and the May 24<sup>th</sup> workshop will not be held, because it is Memorial Day weekend. And, there are no workshops in June, as many members are away for the summer.

### Board of Director Meetings:

MCGS Board of Directors meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and June 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM at the Cummings Library in Palm City. MCGS members are welcomed to attend.

**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

## Special Visitor(s)

It was in the evening on the first Thursday of the month, the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. The people in the Blake Library were as silent as church mice, as they interacted with their silent computers. Colleen was helping a researcher in the Genealogy Room and Jerry was checking the Family History Surname Index Book. Walt was on the way to the main entrance with several green MCGS brochures, when he met the anticipated visitor from New Zealand for the evening.

There was JAN GOW, (who previously has been awarded the Queen's Service Metal "for services to genealogical research"), her son Geoff, and the young lady who had arranged the entire visitation, Tara Chase. Walt led the group to the Gen. Room, where introductions were exchanged all around and we gave Jan a quick tour of the room.

But then, to the amazement of Walt's widening eyes, there strolling towards the entrance of the Gen. Room, between the racks of book shelves, was a tall man, wearing a dark brown Aussie "cow-boy" hat, looking exactly like his picture on our seminar flyer, none other than **DICK EASTMAN!**

After exchanging greetings and hugs (Dick had been a house guest of Jan's in New Zealand, and they were "old buddies"), we learned that Tara had emailed Dick earlier that day with an invite. And he had decided to drive from Orlando to join Jan and the rest of us that evening, despite tornado warnings that day. It is really a small world, after all.



L-R: Walt, Dick, Tara, Jan, Geoff and Jerry

We all had a delightful evening, learning from Jan about genealogical research in New Zealand, where the government provides the vital records databases, updated every night. And we discussed genealogical societies in general and received an idea for future membership meetings.

After an hour plus, Tara gave a smile and said it was time to go. And so we shall remember our wonderful special visitors, Jan Gow and Dick Eastman.

## Misc. Info on Genealogy

By Shirley Pizziferri

### From Library:

Have you noticed that the Weekly Genealogist from the NEHGS website is being printed and placed in the magazine rack? Have you read it yet? Lots of good stuff there. The No. 1 issue in January points out recent additions to Vermont Vital Records. No. 2 includes sources for Nevada County, California, including mining records.

### New NY State Records:

More than 10 million New York City birth, death and marriage records spanning nearly a century -- from 1866 to 1948 -- went online recently on Ancestry. The New York City records, available for free, can be accessed at [Ancestry.com/NewYork](http://Ancestry.com/NewYork), In addition, Ancestry has also added the state censuses of 1855, 1875 and 1905 to its New York collection. Earlier censuses are already online.

### Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

(EOGN) had a post on Jan 22nd about a new resource for French-Canadian genealogical research and Sandra Goodwin.

Sandra Goodwin has released four episodes of a new podcast:

- Beginning French-Canadian Research
- The Dreaded 'Dit' Name
- French Pronunciation and Text-to-Speech Aids
- More French-Canadian Name Variations

These podcasts are excellent resources. If you have French-Canadian ancestry, turn on your computer's speakers and go to <http://maplestarsandstripes.com>. You also can listen to them on an iPod, iPad, or iPhone by subscribing in iTunes at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/maple-stars-stripes-your-french/id793460330?mt=2>.

## Is Pocahontas Your Ancestor?

By Cindy Sheppard

Pocahontas, born about 1595, was the daughter of Chief Powhatan and one of his 100 wives. Known as Princess Matoaka in the Algonquian tribe, she was given the nickname of Pocahontas, which meant "playful one".

On April 5, 1614 in Jamestown, Virginia, Pocahontas (now baptized by the English as Rebecca) married John Rolfe. They had only one son, Thomas Rolfe. Thomas married Jane Poythress and they too had only one child, Jane Rolfe.

Jane married Colonel Robert Bolling and had one child, John Bolling. John would go on to become a Major in the Virginia Militia and marry Mary Kennon. They had six children, who are the beginning of the genealogical trail known as the Bolling Line, found in the book "*Pocahontas' Descendants*"<sup>1</sup>.

There are some who believe Thomas Rolfe had a second, older, daughter Anne who married Peter Elwyn. There is some doubt about this Elwyn Line, but their names are also included in the book.

This interesting and informative book can be found in the Genealogy Room at Blake Library on Shelf 1, among the family history books.

<sup>1</sup> *Pocahontas' Descendants*, Brown, Stuart E., Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1994. (REF 929.3 BRO)

## Thank You Volunteers!

By Walt Bruetsch

In the September 2013 Journal, Jerry Bloom Stephenson wrote a very nice article titled "Reflections on Volunteering". Here are some of the ways that some MCGS members are participating.

Jerry just recently updated and printed the Surname Index to the Family History Books located in the Genealogy Room of the Blake Library. The printed version, of some 130 pages, is in the Gen. Room and the same index is available on the Internet via the mcgensociety.org website, under PROJECTS.

Cindy and John Sheppard are volunteering in the Genealogy Room during the week. In addition, along with Ruth Faust, they are working on the Obituary Project, currently the indexing of persons listed in the Clipped Obits books in the Genealogy Room. Just recently the index for 2003, from January thru June was uploaded to the internet. And the index for 2001, from January thru May was uploaded. We need to complete up to 2003, which is when Legacy.com takes over in the new digital age, now 10 years old.

The Genealogy Room volunteers are at full strength, thanks to our seasonal members. However, summertime assistance is needed to fill several slots when they head north. The shifts are from 10am to 12pm, 12pm to 2pm, and 2pm to 4pm. Contact Shirley Pizziferri soon to let her know your interest in helping.

Special thanks to Jim Balensiefer for applying his flat iron to some of the water damaged books in the Gen. Room from the recent library roof leak. And, to Charlie Beal and Diane Dorgan for going through the shelves and pulling out additional books that also received some water damage.

The MCGS Journal is published four times a year. We have one person as the main editor,

currently Walt, who is getting help from Jerry Bloom Stephenson and Shirley Pizziferri. We are always in need of additional people to provide interesting articles, ideas, facts, etc. to the editor. And to be editor - Let your light shine.

## MCGS Projects

By Walt Bruetsch

One of our goals as a society is to provide databases for the researching genealogist. Going to our website, *mcgensociety.org* and clicking on PROJECTS, we find projects on:

1. Bible Records - transcribe copies.
2. Cemeteries – add GPS coordinates.
3. Family History Books - transcribe surnames
4. Genealogy Room - two (2) hours once a weekday.
5. Obituary Project - We are still creating databases to upload to the Internet. Volunteers are needed to enter obituary info from Clipped Obituaries onto a spreadsheet.

## New Members' Interests

Sixteen people became new members in MCGS between January and early March, 2014. MCGS members extend a warm welcome to these sixteen new members. Their names are listed on the last page of this issue. And, thank you, in advance, for becoming active in the Society's events and projects.

### In Memoriam

We honor here the names of MCGS members and friends who have passed away recently.

Dick Gidley  
Alice Harris

Bill Temple, husband of Greta

## Technology Applied To Early Census Data

By Walt Bruetsch

Some researcher avoid the early 1800's U.S. census results, but here is a way to organize the data.

Benjamin Andrews Family Group Sheet				
Year	Son 2	Son 3	Son 4	Son 5
Name	George	Asa	Son 4	Son 5
1780	b.90,b.00	b.90	b.90	Rev. War
1781	b.90,b.00	b.90	b.90	Rev. War
1782	b.90,b.00	b.90	b.90	Rev. War
1783	b.90,b.00 b. Jan 1783	b.90	b.90	x
1784	b.90,b.00	b.90	b.90	x
1785	b.90	b.90,b.00	b.90,b.00	x
1786	b.90	b.90,b.00 Est. b. ca 1786	b.90,b.00	x
1787	b.90	b.90,b.00	b.90,b.00	x
1788	b.90	b.90,b.00	b.90,b.00 Est. b. ca 1788	x
1789	b.90	b.90,b.00	b.90,b.00	x
1790 Jan - July	b.90	b.90,b.00	b.90,b.00	x
2 Aug 1790	Under 16	Under 16	Under 16	x
1791	x	x	x	b.00
1792	x	x	x	b.00
1793	x	x	x	b.00, Est. b. ca 1793
1794	x	x	x	b.00
1795	x	x	x	b.00
1796	x	x	x	b.00
1797	x	x	x	b.00
1798	x	x	x	b.00
1799	x	x	x	b.00
1800 Jan - July	x	x	x	b.00
4 Aug 1800	16 thru 25	10 thru 15	10 thru 15	Under 10

Use computer software technology, i.e. a spreadsheet, to illustrate the data that is presented by the 1790 thru 1840 US Census, where only the head of the household is named and all others are grouped into various male and female age zones.

Begin by opening your spreadsheet and start with a title line. Then begin to apply headings to each column. Since years are going to be in a column, and people in a row, the headings are: Year, Father, Mother, Son 1, Son 2, Son 3, Son 4, Son 5, Dau 1, Dau 2, etc. (For the illustration, the Father, Mother, Son 1, and Daughters columns have been removed.)

The next line is the name of the person, if you know them. If names become known in the future, it is easy to add them to the spreadsheet. Of course, there would be one page for each family group.

Then proceed to put in the years. Following the illustration, type in 1780. Then go to the FILL button, click, and then select SERIES. Select COLUMN, interval of 1, and end at 1800, in this case. Then "hit" ENTER. Like magic, the years are entered from 1780 to 1800. In the illustration, an additional row was inserted to represent the months in 1790 and 1800 before the census was taken,

Then go to the census years of 1790 and 1800 and enter the date of the census and the age grouping of each person. In our example, in 1790, there were three (3) sons under 16. And in 1800, one son was in the 16 to 25 range, and two were in the 10 thru 15 range. A 4<sup>th</sup> son was in the Under 10 range, and obviously he was not in the 1790 census. The census years are highlighted with a pastel color to make it "stand out" from the other cells.

Then proceed to fill in the appropriate cells. First, enter b.90, meaning birth year before 1790, in the cells just above the census. Then select the cells to fill up, go to the FILL button and click on "up".

Secondly, we enter b.00 for the years from the 1800 census. This data has to be entered along with the b.90 data, so the cell looks like b.90,b.00. Where the two census year data overlaps, then those are the years of the birth. These years are high-lighted with a blue color. For daughters, a pink color would be a choice.

In our example, George's birth in Jan, 1783 was found from another source, and it fits the census data. Asa was in the 1810 census, but his and son 3's births are just entered as ca = estimated.

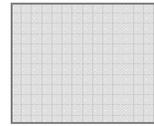
Thus this is a neat way to "look at" and organize the early census data.

Ray W. Andrews Genealogical Research Analysis: Birth via Census Records.																																						
		Birth Year																																				
			1825												1826												1827											
			J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A													
Census Year	Person	Age																																				
1830, June 1st	George H. Andrews	1 male under 5 ~4														B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B													
In Sharon Township, Franklin Co., Ohio																																						
1840, June 1st	George Andrews	1 male 10 & under 15 ~14														B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B													
In Sharon Township, Franklin Co., Ohio																																						
1850, June 1st	Ray W. Andrews	25	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B																								
Interviewed 20 July 1850					B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B																					
In Sharon Township, Franklin Co., Ohio, newly married																																						
1860, June 1st	R. W. Andrews	34													B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B													
CIVIL WAR In Onarga, Iroquois Co., Illinois																																						
1870, June 1st																																						
Can't Find																																						
1875, March 1st	R. W. Andrews	51																																				
In Olathe (City), Johnson Co., Kansas																																						
1880, June 1st	R. W. Andrews	55	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B																								
In Olathe (City), Johnson Co., Kansas																																						
1900, June 1st	Ray W. Andrews	77, Aug 1823																																				
In Lansing, Leavenworth Co., Kansas																																						

Another example of using a spread sheet to help in the analysis of census data is to figure out a possible birth date for Ray W. Andrews. Attention is given to the date of the census, official and the date on the original. Ray's father, George, puts Ray at age 4 and 14 range for two census. In 1860, before the Civil War, Ray's age agrees

with his dad's data. And maybe the 1850 data also agrees if the date of the interview is considered. But after the Civil War, nothing agrees. Ray was wounded in action, and perhaps his attitude was affected. We are seeking proof of a June or July 1826 birth date.

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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 meeting or see them in the Genealogy Room.

Warm welcomes to:

**Liz Atterbury, M. Karen and Douglas Benson,  
 Kaye and Stephen Brook,  
 Marybeth Clark, Judy Dugan,  
 Carolyn Jensen, Linda King,  
 Nancy Leta, Niki Martens,  
 Patricia Morgan, Bill Parrott,  
 Patricia and Carl Reidway,  
 Nicki Von Vonno,**

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

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