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A Quote

Look up
and not down,
look forward
and not back,
look out
and not in,
and lend a hand!

By

Edward
Everett
Hale

Palm Beach Post

Crypto-quote

President's Comments

Colleen A. Brown Kimball, MCGS President

Dear Members & Friends,

It is hard to believe that summer is nearly over and despite my good intentions, there are still many unfinished items on my genealogy "bucket list." While many tasks remain incomplete, I did manage to take a short road trip to Tennessee and had the opportunity to visit the East Tennessee Archives in Knoxville and had a most productive visit to the T. Elmer Cox Historical & Genealogical Library in Greeneville, Tennessee. This library is housed in a historic building located on North Main Street and is completely devoted to genealogy. Although not large, this library contains a wealth of information not only for Greene County, but for many other counties in East Tennessee. The staff was exceptionally knowledgeable about local history and families and were very helpful, even offering to make the many copies I needed.

A short visit with my dear friend, Linnea Johnson in Dandridge, Tennessee, who volunteers as a librarian for the Jefferson County Archives located in the Court House in Dandridge, afforded me the chance to scour their records as well. With the information from the East Tennessee Archives, T. Elmer Cox Library, and the Jefferson County Archives, I was able to document an entire family lineage in just three days -- a very successful genealogy road trip!

The Family Records & Manuscript collection at the T. Elmer Cox Library was impressive and it gave me pause to think that our own extensive collection of family surname books and records books may be underutilized. Members are encouraged to check the Family Surnames notebook on the shelf above the file cabinets, the surname folders in the file cabinet and the family books in the Gen Room -- there may be a genealogy gem there for you.

Many thanks to the volunteers who did double duty keeping the Gen Room staffed over the summer, and especially those volunteers who helped reshel and relocate books to make room for the many new books added to our collection. Be sure to check out the new books added to our Gen Room over the summer -- thank you, Shirley Pizziferri!

Remember - "it's not all on the Internet."

Calendar of Events for the Next Three Months

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

And on Every Thursday of the Month.

On October 1st, November 5th and December 3rd, from 5:45 PM to 7:45 PM in the Blake Library's Genealogy Room, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart.

Members from MCGS will be available to assist persons doing genealogical research. There is no charge. Please contact MCGS if you intend to be there, so MCGS can ensure that a member will be present.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

ASSISTANCE - MCGS/DAR and regular assistance on Other Saturdays of the Month in the PM.

October 3rd, November 7th and December 5th, from 10 AM to 12 Noon, in the Blake Library's Genealogy Room, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart. The PM time is from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

In the AM, 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. Please contact MCGS if you intend to be there, so MCGS can ensure that a member will be present.

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.

During the last half of 2015, MCGS' Friday meetings will be in the Blake Library.

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+.

October 16, 2015, Friday, 1 to 3 PM

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

The program is "Heraldry", presented by Norma Rupert.

November 20, 2015, Friday, 1 to 3 PM

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

The program is "Unusual Less Known True Stories" by Alice Luckhardt.

This meeting is MCGS' official Annual Meeting, when we have an election for new board of directors members, if necessary. So, your attendance is greatly appreciated.

December 18, 2015, Friday, 1 to 3 PM

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

MCGS' Holiday Party, with our gifts (\$5-10) raffle, benefiting MCGS, and plenty of refreshments, with taking home of left over cookies.

Board of Director Meetings:

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

WHILE YOU WERE AWAY

By Shirley Pizziferri

Many members have been away over the summer months, but now it's time to get back to work. Come in to the Genealogy/Family History room and visit; see what's new. Many new books have been purchased since we last met, including:

"Courthouse Record Indexes Illustrated"

"Courthouse Research for Family Historians"

"Samuel Fuller, Vol. 10, Mayflower Families to Five Generations"

"Isaac Allerton, Vol. 17, Mayflower Families to Five Generations"

"U. S. Catholic Record Sources"

"Turbo Genealogy"

"Map Guide to American Migration Routes, 1735-1815"

"New England Research Revised, 4th edition"

"History of Ancient Families of New Amsterdam and New York"

"100 Years of Memories," the History of the Stuart Women's Club by Reba Shephard

In addition, many books have been added to our collection through donations; too many to list. Check the New Books section to see what may be helpful to you.

Also, you may have noticed that the Genealogy collection has grown **outside of the Genealogy/Family History Room** with a stack in the general library outside our door. All the "How-To" books, the "General Sources" books and the "Computer" books have been moved to that stack to facilitate their use by new researchers.

It is hoped that these books will attract new researchers to venture into our library and begin their family history research.

The inventory of our books is continuing, and you will see books in different locations now. Please use the Holdings Binder to locate books you need. Volunteers, the Stack List is constantly being revised, so please make it a point to **check your assigned stack** as soon as possible.

CONFUSING, ISN'T IT?

By Shirley Pizziferri

Let's say you have an ancestor who you knew came from England in the time before we became the United States. Did you know you might find his name on the New England Historic and Genealogical Society's website, americanancestors.org, for which the Genealogy Room/Family History computers have a subscription (see the icon on the main computer screens of our two computers).

Or, (staying in the Genealogy Room) you may find help in the Colonial Period books on top of Stack #8, or in the United Kingdom books in Stack #8? Let's say that you know that ancestor settled somewhere in New England, do you know that in addition to all the above (and more), you might find him in the books of New England in Stack #7, or in any of the New England states in Stacks #2 through 6? You might even find an article about him in an issue of "The Register" or "The Connecticut Nutmegger" or "The Mayflower Descendant."

There are many other choices; have you checked them all? It pays to be thorough.

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 **scillysr@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.

A big THANK YOU goes out to all those who have contributed articles for this issue. Ed.

A Correction

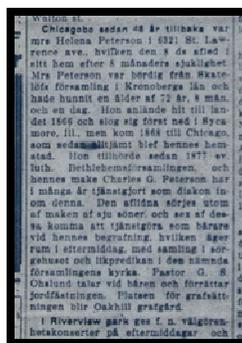
In the June Journal, we published an article about Pat Regan, and mistakenly referred to her as a "former" member. Pat used to live in Jensen Beach and was a very active member, but is now living in upstate New York. She is still very actively doing genealogical research. Pat is a LIFE member of the Martin Co. Genealogical Society, and we apologize for the mistake.

In Memoriam

**Lloyd M. Welker,
a life member of MCGS.**

Ethnic Newspapers

By Karen Peterson



Many immigrants arrived in The United States without knowing the language and settled in areas with people from their own country. Foreign newspapers were a way for the immigrant to get news from their home country and share local news with their neighbors. To find

repositories of foreign language newspapers, one of the best free online sources is *Chronicling America - U.S. Newspaper Directory*. Select the state/county/town; select date range; select language and search. The holdings link will direct you to repositories that hold copies of your newspaper of interest.

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, President

For instance, if you are looking for a Swedish newspaper in Chicago, you will find that Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, has many newspapers on microfilm that can be borrowed on interlibrary loan. Be advised that the Martin County Library does not do out-of-state interlibrary loans, so you will need to find some other means of searching this newspaper, possibly by hiring a local researcher. Or if you have a library card from some other state or from an academic library, you could rent it through them. There are some online digital newspapers. Google Historic Newspapers has some. Don't be afraid to look for your ancestors in ethnic newspapers because of the foreign language. When looking for an obituary, you need the date of death and location of the deceased. When you recognize the deceased's name, make a copy of the obituary for later translation. You can use a foreign language dictionary, or find someone who reads the language. Many times the obituary will give the town of birth, relatives' names, and short biography.

Irish Church Records Online

(From recent *Irish Times* articles)
 Edited by Walt Bruetsch

A website containing Catholic parish records going back 300 years has had nearly four million page views since it launched in July.

The National Library of Ireland (NLI) digitized 370,000 images of microfilm reels on which parish registers were recorded. They are accessible free of charge. The records were put on line in July and so far there have been 255,067 unique users, with the majority from outside Ireland, mostly from the United States and United Kingdom. The average length of time spent on the site is nearly 10 minutes, which is a high level of engagement for visitors online.

These parish register records are considered the single most important source of information on Irish family history prior to the 1901 census. Dating from the 1740s to the 1880s, they cover 1,086 parishes throughout the island of Ireland, and consist primarily of baptismal and marriage records. They are valuable because there are no pre-1901 census records. All of these were destroyed except for the 1821 and 1831 records for a few counties. Previously, anyone seeking information about their Irish

ancestry had to go to the National Library on Kildare Street in Dublin and view the microfilm.

Ciara Kerrigan of the NLI said: "We . . . received a hugely enthusiastic response from people worldwide with an interest in Irish family history."

NLI director Sandra Collins said the digitized records have resonated with the Irish diaspora. "It is tapping into what it means to be Irish," she said.

The NLI has been working to digitize the microfilm for more than three years under what is described as its most ambitious digitization program to date. Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Heather Humphreys, described the number of people logging on to the site as "absolutely amazing."

A lot of work, she said, was put into getting it online. "The records are a huge draw in getting people to come to this country and trace their roots," the Minister said.

About 95 per cent of parishes submitted their registers for microfilming during the 1950s and 1960s.

However, 56 parishes were either omitted from the process or did not come into existence until after the cut-off point for records in 1880. Where this is the case, users are advised to contact the parish in question directly for missing information.

See <http://registers.nli.ie>.

RAOGK

It is always good to know the latest news in the genealogical world. The online **RAOGK** (Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness) (www.raogk.org) is back and running wonderfully. Now under the direction of Brian Nichols, there is a wide volunteer group to be of assistance to fellow family history researchers. Besides the directory of volunteers across America, the site also has Research Guides, as well as a RAOGK Blogs, to help keep everyone up-to-date.

Complete the free register process and you can check out who is available in a local county or hometown to assist you with your questions. Click on a state and there will be the listing of the

volunteer and what areas and locations they will help you with. Florida for example has 22 volunteers. Across the United States there are 546 volunteers, but also many in other countries, such as: Australia (11) and Canada (24). If you want to be part of the group, the information of how to sign up is provided.

Go to their Facebook page to see some of the questions and requests made and what wonderful results have been achieved. Don't hesitate to click on the 'Contact' tab to send any specific questions to Brian about the operation of this updated RAOGK.

Updating DNA Research

By Walt Bruetsch

Back in the early 2000's, the leading lecturer on DNA and Genealogical Research was Megan Smolenyak. Besides teaching the basics, she emphasized the importance of having a *project*, in order to obtain satisfaction as a way to justify the cost of testing. Megan's current website is honoringourancestors.com, and this is a good place to start if you are new (or old) to DNA research. Click on the "Library" tab on the navigation bar and select "DNA/Genetic Genealogy."

As you know, males have Y and X chromosomes, and females just have X chromosomes. The two main DNA categories are Y-DNA and MITO-DNA, with Y-DNA being for our paternal line (usually along the top line of a pedigree chart). MITO-DNA is for our maternal lineage (usually along the bottom line of a pedigree chart). So, Megan has short videos to help us understand each of these DNA categories, in the context of having a project to solve a genealogical problem. A third category of DNA is called Autosomal, which is discussed below.

The Y-DNA video is titled "DNA Stories: A Tale of Two Fathers." And MITO-DNA is featured in the video titled "DNA Stories: A Tale of Two Sisters." These videos are under 10 minutes and are well worth your viewing time. And Megan offers several other videos for your viewing. [These videos are also available via YouTube. Just search "Megan Smolenyak."]

To see what a typical project looks like, I offer up my own, where I tried to follow the principles recommended by Megan. Just google "Bruetsch DNA Project." [A google search is suggested for any surname, before you start your own project.] The project starts with an overview, then a purpose statement, followed by hypotheses of the project. Then some information about DNA and the project, followed by the results.

The hardest thing about having your own project is getting other people to test their DNA. I started by going to the on-line Switzerland telephone book, selecting a Swiss farmer with the same name as my father and who lived in the same old time home town. I wrote a letter to the farmer and he passed it along to his daughter, who was interested in genealogy. This eventually led to us meeting in Switzerland in 2001 and her father taking the Y-DNA test. His result was so close to mine that we found a *Most Recent Common Ancestor* back some 260 years, by using vital record information from church records.

If you are interested in doing your own project, then probably the best company to use is FamilyTreeDNA.com. This company still offers the Y-DNA and MITO-DNA tests, along with the Autosomal (Family Finder) test. This company also offers to support your project by offering discounts to follow-on tests. It also has databases called: YSearch.org and MITO-Search.org, where you can upload your DNA results and have them available to world-wide genealogical researchers.

Autosomal DNA is the third main DNA category. We might call this the cousins' DNA test, where we find out the genetic make-up of our DNA. Probably the best company to use for this type of test is Ancestry.com, because they can compare your results to all the others in their database. This comparison process is so involved that they have to do it for you. This means that you need to have your family tree on Ancestry for them to come up with matches. But the cost is low, being in the \$80 to \$100 range.

Ancestry.com recently provided us with some insight into their testing in July, 2015. The URL: <http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/category/dna/> Scroll down to the July 22, 2015, article titled: "AncestryDNA's New Ancestor Discoveries Solves a 100 Year Old Family Story." Click on "Read more." In particular, note the pedigree chart near the end

of the story. The common ancestor for the DNA match was six (6) generations back from the person tested. Thus to fully utilize Autosomal DNA testing results, you will need a fairly completed pedigree chart.

The Martin County Genealogical Society has a DNA Special Interest Group (SIG). And there are a few books about DNA testing in the Genealogy Room of the Blake Library. Just send us an E-mail if you have questions and/or want to talk about DNA testing.

Using eBay for Genealogy

By Karen Peterson



People who sell items on eBay get them through various means. Some sellers are professional collectors and buy from and sell to other collectors. Some sellers are people who come across items at estate sales, antiques dealers

or in a relative's attic. Anything can show up on eBay. Some of the most common genealogical items you can look for are Bibles, county history books, pictures, war memorabilia, post cards of towns, and paper collectibles like letters and documents. In addition, you can look for "how to" books, decorative family tree charts and genealogy CD's.

You don't have to be a registered user of eBay to browse the website. However if you want to bid on something there are steps you need to take. You can get a tutorial right from the eBay website. Most items are purchased through an auction format, but some have a "Buy It Now" option. If you buy something you will need to set up a PayPal account. I have never had a problem using PayPal. The cost of items can range from a dollar or two for post cards to over several hundred dollars for old Family Bibles or rare items.

Be creative when you search for items. You can search the surname and/or location. To be more specific, add search terms like "family letters," "war letters," "family Bible," etc. If you have time, just browse in the category of your interest. Even though a search on your family name does not produce any hits, it may be included in a related item. Always check the description of the article for more information. If you don't find anything the first time, keep trying. Items are only up for auction for a relatively short time. Check the site often. It may take a while to find an item of interest.

I have had some success using eBay. I have found post cards of my ancestor's home town, photos of relatives, county history books, and family histories. The most exciting find was that of some family stampless letters that survived from as early as 1838. These were highly collectible as paper memorabilia. The seller had bought them at an estate sale. There were seven letters, and all of the bids on them were from other collectors. I was the only family member bidding on them. I won four of them. I asked the seller to copy the ones that I did not win. He was kind enough to email me digital copies. He even found some additional family letters which he sold to me directly. The reason they weren't put up for auction is that they did not have much value to the collector. They were "not interesting," they did not have a postmark, or the paper had a hole or rip. But they were certainly valuable to me. One of those "not interesting" letters, told of my ancestor's death, giving the date and cause, which I did not previously know.

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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:

**Lisa Tompson,
Esther Twitchell, and
Jan Baker.**

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.