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Don't forget that the MGS Board meets the last Wednesday of the month at 10:00 at the Manatee History Records Library in Bradenton (October-May). All members are invited to attend.

SOCIETY PARTICIPATES AT GAMBLE PLANTATION HISTORY FAIR

On Sunday, March 5, the Gamble Plantation Historical State Park celebrated Manatee Heritage Days 2006 by holding a Spring Open House, allowing visitors to experience a bit of the plantation life through informative tours, music and living history interpretations.

Members of the Manasota Genealogical Society were on-hand to distribute information about our Society and provide a variety of information on how to research your civil war ancestors.

Also, here is a photograph of two of our own Society members, Barbara Schulz and Audrey Peacock, providing tours on behalf of their local United Daughters of the Confederacy chapters.



SOCIETY MEETING SCHEDULE

The final two meetings of our Society for the 2005-2006 year are below:

Wed., 5 Apr 2006 10am-Noon

"7777 Seasick Seamen - How to find Your Swedish Ancestors" by Anne Young

Noon-2:00pm

Bring-Your-Own Picnic Lunch to be held at Sutton Park in Palmetto

Afternoon Workshop 2:00pm

Tour of Palmetto Historical Park

Wed., 2 May 2006 10am-Noon

"The History of Parrish Florida" by David Cole

"The Parrish Family of Parrish Florida" by Eunice Parrish Moore

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ALL ABOUT THE MILITARY

(SUBMITTED BY JEAN MORRIS)

Military History Institute Collection

The Military History Institute has become a component of the US Army Heritage and Education Center at Carlisle Barracks, PA. Their purpose is to tell the Army's story, one soldier at a time. There are already over 60,000 soldier stories, privates to generals, in personal papers collections supported by a half a million historical publications and documents, over one million photos and 40,000 artifacts.

The primary interest is in acquiring material specifically about the history of the US Army and service-related experiences of soldiers and their units. Soldier stories are told through text, images and objects associated with their service.

Their address is: U.S. Army Military History Institute, Upton Hall, 22 Ashburn Drive, Carlisle Barracks PA 17013-5008. Anyone interested in donating historical materials should contact Greg Statler at 717/245-3094 or greg.statler@carlisle.army.mil or visit their web site at <http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usaamhi/>

Veterans Records on the Web

The VA has made it easier and faster to get answers about family history, old war buddies or famous war heroes. 3.2 million records for veterans buried at 120 national cemeteries since the Civil War are on the web. The VA's Nationwide Gravesite Locator also has records for some state veterans cemeteries and burials in Arlington National Cemetery since 1909 (www.cem.va.gov/). The navigator includes names, dates of birth and death, military service dates, service branch and rank, if known, cemetery information and grave location in the cemetery. The VA will withhold information, such as next of kin, for privacy purposes.

[both of the above from REUNIONS August/September 2005 p. 48]

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

(by Anne Young, Acting President)

This has been a very unusual and difficult time for our Society. The departure of our wonderful President, Walt Stock, left a huge void which will be difficult to fill. Since he and Maureen left in December, he has sent a note saying that Maureen's illness was not as bad as they had feared, and for that we are all grateful. Whether they decide to return to Florida or to remain in Philadelphia, I know you all join me in wishing them the very best!

Since the first of the year we have had three excellent speakers, and have learned many useful things as a result. As we mentioned at the last meeting, Theresa's has expressed a reluctance to continue our lunches. They say that our arrival at the peak of the lunch hour is too much for them to handle. This doesn't mean that those of you who like to lunch can't continue to do so, whether at Theresa's or somewhere else. It just means that you will have to go on your own, rather than as a part of the larger group.

I hope that this time of transition will continue to go smoothly. We will have our annual election of officers at the May meeting. Ed Gaulin and his committee are working on a slate to be presented to us at the April meeting. I have enjoyed serving as your Acting President, and am looking forward to being an active part of the Society when my short term is over.

See you at the meetings! Anne

When reading old obituaries the word Instant/Instance = the present or current month.

Ultimo = last month, or the month preceding.

Cartouche = an identifying plate on early maps.

The paucity of records kept by the Methodists makes almost anything which breaks into print noteworthy.

Beginning in 1860, as the circuit riders were phased out, local churches began keeping records.

BOOK COMMITTEE REPORT

DID YOU KNOW that MGS provides its members an opportunity to buy expensive genealogy books through our 50/50 program? Here is how it works!

Is the book something that will be useful for other genealogists in addition to yourself? Does it pertain to history and families east of the Mississippi River? Did you check the online card catalog to avoid duplication with books already on the shelf?

Please submit full information of books desired including: title, author, ISBN, publisher, cost and where to purchase to the MGS Book Committee.

The Book Committee periodically sends a list to Director of Collections, Kevin Beach, at the Manatee Central Library. When the Library has funds to spend for Genealogy, he will submit an order, often based on our requests.

Recently, 3 volumes (V, VI & VII) of "Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess County, New York : an historical and genealogical study of all the 18th century settlers in the Patent" by Frank J. Doherty" were donated by the Manasota Genealogy Society to continue a series the library presently owns.

Volume VIII was purchased by Phyllis Doucette. She turned the receipt into the Genealogy Society within 3 months of purchase. By meeting the 3 month deadline, she donated the book to the Library and was reimbursed 50% of the cost of the book. This program has been in place with MGS for several years.

Linda Smith, MGS Book Committee Chair

Members: Barbara Wolheuter, Barbara Schulz, Jean Morris, Phyllis Doucette



Linda Smith, Book Review Committee Chairperson,
appropriately READING A BOOK!!!!

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP HIGHLIGHT

By John McRae

The Genealogy Special Interest Group, or Gen SIG, is one several special interest groups that the Manatee PC UsersGroup, "MPCUG" sponsors. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month 10 AM to 12 Noon at the MPCUG Resource/Learning Center on 27th Street West. Our primary interest is the use of computers in genealogy research and record keeping. We talk about the different programs that are available, such as Family Tree Maker, PAF, Legacy, My Family Tree, etc. We also demonstrate using the internet for research. Meetings are normally not structured and we usually follow the leads or interests of the members.

Meetings are open to all members of the MPCUG, as are several other SIGs. There is a \$1.00 contribution for each SIG meeting that is used to offset costs and purchase new software for the organization. Visitors are welcome to attend and see what we are all about. If you are interested in participating membership in the MPCUG is required.

The Resource Center is located at 4825 27th Street West, in the Parkwood Professional Center bldg., room 135, 1st floor on the right front. Directions; take 26th St W to 47th Ave. west, a short distance south of Cortez. Turn south on 47th, go one block to 27th St. W., turn left on 27th St.. The two story office building will be on your left, Parkwood Professional Center. Parking available on both sides and at the front.

Come on out and join the "fun". We will enjoy meeting you.

MATERIALS ADDED TO GENEALOGY COLLECTION AT CENTRAL LIBRARY - 2006
(SUBMITTED BY KEVIN BEACH AND ROSE TAYLOR)

1. 929.3774 Ind Index to the 1850 Federal population census of Michigan/
(compiled by the Michigan Genealogical Council)
2. 941.1 Moo Scottish local history: an introductory guide / David Moody.
3. 929.3438 Hof Polish surnames: origins and meanings / William F. Hoffman.
4. 929.374 And The great migration: immigrants to New England, 1634-1635 /
Robert Charles Anderson, George F. Sanborn, Jr., Melinde Lutz Sanborn, Vol. 2
5. 929.374 And The great migration: immigrants to New England, 1634-1635 /
Robert Charles Anderson, George F. Sanborn, Jr., Melinde Lutz Sanborn, Vol. 3
6. 929.2 Rat Rathbun family history / compiled by G.R. Rathbun.
7. 929.3755 Adv Adventurers of purse and person, Virginia, 1607-1624/5.
8. 929.3494 Mil Both sides of the ocean: Amish-Mennonites from Switzerland to
America / by J. Virgil Miller.
9. 910.4 Dob Transatlantic voyages, 1600-1699 / by David Dobson.
10. 284.5 Lee The Huguenots in France and America.
11. 974.402 And The Pilgrim migration: immigrants to Plymouth Colony, 1620-
1633 / Robert Charles Anderson.
12. On order Tracing your Irish ancestors, 2nd ed.
13. In cataloging: Early Western Augusta pioneers. Cleek, George Washington.
14. Periodical
PENNSYLVANIA Journal of the Lancaster County Historical Society, Vols 100- 102.
15. Periodical G Journal - Gwent Family History Society (Wales), 2000-2002.

There are also an additional 40 titles donated by the DAR that are in processing in the cataloging dept.

CENSUS.MATE.COM

MGS members present at the March 1st, 2006 afternoon session were delighted to learn of CensusMate, a tool that can help you to unlock the data that can lie hidden in the age ranges of the 1790 - 1840 US Census. Before 1850, only the head of household was named in the census, with coded references to the number of residents within certain age ranges, so CensusMate was developed by John Haynes of Sarasota, FL to help organize and simplify the analysis of your census data.

The CensusMate worksheet can be used to record, visualize, and analyze those early data. The timeline format of the worksheet gives immediate visual display of birth year ranges (no need for any math!), and their relationship to other census years. Children's names can be added easily as they become known; as well as much more. The website has useful information on the early census plus links to census data.

You can download the Excel spreadsheet for free from www.CensusMate.com; John only asks for a \$10 donation, which he then donates to research on Macular Degeneration! How cool is that!?

BOOK REVIEW

The Life and Letters of Corporal William David Jones, 12th Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteers, 1861-1864. By Anne C. Young, 6101 34th St. W., Unit 18-F, Bradenton, FL 34210. Published by Gateway Press, Inc., 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211. ISBN 0-9764576-0-1. 82 pp. Index. Softbound. \$15.00 + \$3.00 for shipping.

MGS member, Anne C. Young has written and published this book about her ancestor, William David Jones, based on correspondence written to his mother and siblings from the battlefields and camps of the Civil War. His letters were preserved, many in their original envelopes, and recently discovered in a basement in Bellaire, Ohio. Through the transcription of more than thirty letters, the reader is transported in time and experiences the war through the eyes of a raw recruit at Camp Curtin in August 1861 to a seasoned veteran by June 1864.

William's letters mention relatives, neighbors and boyhood friends from his hometown of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, where he worked as a coal miner at the time of his enlistment. Included are a few letters from William's 16 year old bride, Margery, to her mother-in-law, Mary G. Jones. The author has included a preface explaining the ancestry of the Rees and Mary Gregg Jones family of Wales and their journey to America in 1842.

The author has enhanced the book by adding photographs, maps, an index and a wonderful visual description of the letters and envelopes physical conditions. Source citations are sometimes incomplete and are not formatted to genealogical standards. With over 250 men serving in the war from Pennsylvania named William Jones, it is a valuable resource to anyone researching such a common surname. By: Diane Ragan, CGRS, McMurray, Pennsylvania

FROM THE DESK OF THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, JIM MCHUGH

DUES

We have 119 members who have paid their dues as of this publication date. We need some more "renewals" (past members pay current dues) to bring our membership number to last years 126; this is our GOAL. Dues are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family couple. Dues can be paid at any regular membership meeting, or mailed to the Manasota Genealogical Society, 6023 26th Street West PMB 269, Bradenton, FL 34207. If you are not sure of your "Dues" status, check the MGS Membership Roster that is available at all of our regular Membership Meetings. Please include with your payment (whether brought to a meeting, or mailed), the following information:

Name (or Names if Couple), Complete Address, Telephone Number & E-Mail Address

MEMBERSHIP RESEARCH INTERESTS

If you are a current MGS member and did not receive via e-mail our Membership Research Interests PDF file publication, send an e-mail note to me with "MGS Research Interests" as your message "Subject" line, also current members can submit new input, corrections, etc. to the research interest database via e-mail text to <jamchugh@ix.netcom.com>. Again please use "MGS Research Interests" as your message "Subject" line. In the e-mail message body providing your input, let the text word wrap with no indents (tabs or extra spacing), no paragraphs, and use Upper & lower case (NO ALL CAPS). Also, if needed, you can correct membership information (name, address, telephone, and e-mail address) in this same message. We will continue to periodically distribute via e-mail a "PDF" file containing research interests.

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

- **The Manasota PAF Users Group** meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at the South Manatee Branch Library, 6061 26th Street, West, Bradenton, Florida. Doors open at 9:00am, and the meetings runs from 9:15am until 11:30am., <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flmpafug>>
- **Dimage** (digital photography) 6:15 pm, fourth Tuesday, monthly, Flanzar JCC, 582 S. McIntosh R., Sarasota, FL <<http://www.dimage.org>>
- **(EGS) Englewood Genealogical Society of Florida**, 1:30 pm, usually Wednesday, Sept-May, Elsie Quirk Library, Englewood, FL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flegsf>>
- **(LWL) Lakewood Ranch Genealogy Group** 7:00pm, 1st Monday, Oct-May, Lakewood Ranch Town Center. Contact Jo Ann Froman joannf@gimi.org
- **(EGST) Florida Genealogical Society of Tampa**, 12 noon, 3rd Saturday, monthly. John F. Germany Library at 900 North Ashley Drive., Tampa, FL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flfgs/>
- **(GSS) Genealogical Society of Sarasota**, 10:00 am, usually 3rd Saturday, Oct-May, Selby Library Auditorium., Sarasota, FL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flgss>
- **(JGS) Jewish Genealogical Society of SW Florida** 1:00 pm, 3rd Sunday, monthly, Flanzar JCC, 582 S. McIntosh Road, Sarasota, FL <<http://www.jewish-sarasota.org/jgs/jgsofswfl.htm>>

BACK TO BASICS

Now where would I find that? When you are deep in research, the place to find certain information may not seem obvious. This handy list comes from a Family History Seminar some years back.—*The Genealogical Inquirer*, Sept. 2005.

Information Needed	Primary Research Records	Follow-Up Research
Age	Census, Vital, Cemeteries	Military, Tax
Birth Date	Vital, Church or Bible	Cemeteries, Obituaries, Census, Military
Birthplace	Vital, Church, or Census	Newspapers, Obituaries
City/Parish Foreign Birth	Church Records, Genealogy, Naturalization/Citizenship	Vital, Obituaries, Histories, Emigration, Immigration
Country of Foreign Birth	Emigration/Immigration, Census, Naturalization, Citizenship, Church	Military, Vital, Newspapers, Obituaries
County Origins and Bounds	Histories, Maps	Gazetteers
Death	Vital, Church or Probate, Cemeteries, Obituaries	Newspapers, Bibles, Military
Divorce	Court Records, Vital	Church, Emigration, Immigration, Naturalization, Citizenship
Ethnicity	Minority, Native Races, Societies	Church, Emigration, Immigration, Naturalization, Citizenship
Historical Background	Histories, Periodicals	Migration
Immigration Date	Emigration, Immigration, Naturalization, Citizenship, Genealogies	Census, Newspapers, Biographies
Living Relatives, Adoptions	Genealogies, Directories, Court, Obituaries	Census, Biographies, Societies, Church or Probate
Maiden Name	Vital and Church, Newspapers, Bible	Cemeteries, Military, Probate, Obituaries
Marriage	Vital, Church and Bible, Census, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military, Probate, Naturalization, Citizenship, Land and Property
Occupation	Census, Directories, Emigration, Immigration	Newspapers, Court
Parents, Children, Other Family Members	Vital Church, Census, Probate, Obituaries	Bible, Newspapers, Emigration, Immigration
Physical description	Military, Biographies	Naturalization, Citizenship, Vital, Emigration, Immigration, Genealogies
Places Features	Gazetteers, Maps	Histories, Periodicals
Place of Residence	Census Index, Genealogies, Military, Vital, State Indexes	Biography, Probate, History, Obituaries
Places of Family Residence	Census, Land, Property, Histories	Military, Tax, Obituaries
Previous Research	Genealogies, Periodicals, Societies	History, Biography
Record Locations	Archives, Libraries, Societies	Periodicals
Religion	Church, Histories, Biographies	Bible, Cemeteries, Genealogies
Social Activities	Histories, Biographies, Newspapers	Town, Court

PUBLICATION NOTICE: Every effort is made to publish accurate information. However, the Society assumes NO RESPONSIBILITY for the accuracy of any published materials. Established errors will be corrected in the next issue.

**WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT A LISTING OF BOOKS WRITTEN BY
OUR OWN VICE PRESIDENT, JEAN MORRIS!**

Guide to the Published Archives of Pennsylvania 2nd edition by Jean S. Morris, 55pp. 6x9 paperbound, indexed, maps. \$15.00 ppd. from the compiler at 174 Osprey Circle, Ellenton FL 34222 or 941/722-5156, email morrisjean@verizon.net

The genealogical and historical material contained in the 138 volumes of the Ten Series of the Published Archives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is extensive. They begin with the Colonial Series 1681-1790. This guide is an outline of what is contained in each of the 138 volumes. There is a cumulative list of data contained by county; and a comprehensive list of all volumes. The guide shows, for example, in which volumes can be found muster and military rolls, marriages, tax lists, land records. It also tells the researcher which volumes are, and are not, indexed. The small size fits nicely into your briefcase.

Maps Showing the Development of Pennsylvania 1681-1920. 1976 by Jean S. Morris, 15pp. 8.5x11. Intro. softbound. Indexed. \$6.00 ppd. from the compiler. (reprint of 1962 maps issued by The Bureau of Land Records, Dept. of Internal Affairs [of Pa], Harrisburg Pa.)

This set of 15 maps were pulled from the Pennsylvania Land Records volume to save space, but are most necessary to understand the formation the 67 Pennsylvania counties. Included are maps showing Early Claims of CT, MD, & VA; the 3 original counties in 1682 and the purchase lines (from the Indians) in 1718, 1736, 1749, 1754, 1768, 1784 & 1792; 1730, 1770, 1780, the Donation & Depreciation Lands (awarded to PA volunteers in the Revolutionary War), 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820, 1840, 1850, and 1855-1878.

Western Migrations by River and Canal from Pennsylvania and New York: A Bibliography, 3rd edition, 2005 by Jean S Morris, 30+ pp. 8.5x11, softbound, \$12.50ppd

Sources to help you locate your river or canal ancestor, or to find out how they traveled when migrating west or south by these waterways, with many maps showing trade routes in Eastern U.S. to the Mississippi; the Monongahela and Youghiogheny rivers; the Ohio Canal system. Canals 1785-1850 and the Cumberland Road; the Allegheny river; the Erie Canal; Pennsylvania's abandoned, existing and proposed canals and navigable rivers in 1922. Sources regarding the Annual Reports of the Steamboat Inspection (SIS) to Congress beginning in 1867 listing every river man licensed during the preceding year. How to research Marine Hospitals which were created in 1798. Holdings in the manuscript collection of the Inland Rivers Library, Dept. of Rare Books and Special Collections at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio; and the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania's Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh; as well as hundreds of published works and articles.

Library Research in Pennsylvania: A Reference Guide by Jean S. Morris, a database, an on-going publication, always up to date. ca 25 pages 8.5x11. \$6.50 ppd.

This database includes all genealogical and historical society archives, city and state libraries with location, telephone number, email or web site addresses with an introductory research guide for larger libraries with insight into their special collections.

Frontier Forts of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia & Ohio 1740-1794: Built by the French, English & Americans: A Bibliography and Finding Aid by Jean S. Morris, 2003. 66pp 8.5x11 softbound, maps, \$14.00 ppd. every-name and place name indexes. The paper begins with a an extensive Bibliography of Sources, then an alphabetical listing of all known forts by category, location by state, physical location, when erected, by whom, present location if known (by county and state), with references for further reading with each entry. Accompanied by 13 illustrated maps.

Locating Your French and Indian War Ancestor 1754-1763: A Bibliography by Jean S. Morris, 2nd Edition, 2002. 25pp. 8.5x11, maps, softbound. \$8.50ppd. A Chronology of the F&I War from 1749-1763; an extensive bibliography of sources, with web sites; and accompanied by 11 maps.

Whiskey Rebellion of 1794 in Southwestern Pennsylvania: A Bibliography & Finding Aid by Jean S. Morris, 1998, 11pp., 8.5x11, \$5.50 ppd. Contains an Introduction to the Whiskey Rebellion with an extensive bibliography, with sites outlined on a southwestern Pennsylvania overlay map to help you locate where your ancestors lived during this short conflict about the first taxation by the Federal government after the Revolutionary War on corn whiskey made in the southwestern counties of Bedford, Somerset, Westmoreland, Fayette, Washington, and Allegheny counties in Pennsylvania.