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"From our
ancestors
come our names,
but from our
virtues
our honors."

Thanks
to Virginia Streader for
suggesting this quotation.
It is a Proverb.
Source unknown.

President's Corner

by Lee Vought, President

TO: MCGS members:

I look forward to the introduction and response to FIRST THURSDAY NITES at the BLAKE Genealogy Room. This will begin on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 5:45 – 7:45 PM.

A MCGS member will be available to assist the researchers. If you would like to host a Nite, please contact Reba Shepard, Education Chair. (telephone or email)

As I reflect on the accomplishments of the past few years, I want to thank the many people who have contributed to the many tasks that must be done throughout the year to keep MCGS going. You all know who you are!!
THANK YOU...

I look ahead and imagine what bright new ideas will evolve which will make use of the technical advances now available to us and of future developments which will enhance research in genealogy. Our Website is constantly updated and we continue to add more information to help with your research. We need your talents, ideas, and suggestions for the future and growth of our organization. Please volunteer and support your 2012 Board of Directors.



Walt Bruetsch made a presentation at the November MCGS Meeting on "Searching for my Swiss Ancestors".

[Photograph submitted by Lee Vought.]

Calendar of Events

December

- **16 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1 - 3 PM at the **John F. Armstrong Wing of the Blake Library**. Annual Holiday Social: Bring a low cost gift (~\$5) for the Holiday Raffle, and a sample of your favorite Christmas cookies, candies, cakes, or special holiday treat. This is a fund raising activity for the Society!

January

- **5 - THURSDAY** - 5:45 – 7:45pm **Networking - Blake Library Genealogy Room** - A casual gathering of anyone interested in genealogy. A member of MCGS will be available to answer questions and assist those seeking help.
- **7 - SATURDAY** – **MCGS and Daughters of the American Revolution - Halpatiokee Chapter**– 10 AM to 12 Noon. MCGS and the DAR-Halatiokee Chapter members will be in the Genealogy Room at the **Blake Library** to assist people, including researching ancestors who were American Revolutionary War patriots.
- **20 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1 - 3 PM at the **John F. Armstrong Wing of the Blake Library**. Program: "Oral History", presented by Janel Hendrix, curator at the Historical Society of Martin County, which owns and operates the Elliot Museum.
- **21 - SATURDAY - Workshop**- 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Computer Lab of the Blake Library**. "How I Use Ancestry.com", given by MCGS member Shirley Pizziferri. Ancestry.com is one of the largest internet genealogical database providers and this is our chance to learn Shirley's research techniques. Send an E-mail to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for this class. Please put ANCESTRY in the Subject Box. Seating is limited, so signing-up is a MUST! A donation of \$3-5 will be appreciated.
- **28 - SATURDAY - Workshop**- 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Anderson Community Room of the Robert Morgage Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart. "Beginning Genealogy",

given by MCGS member Walt Bruetsch.

Start the new year by leaning about how to start this interesting hobby of genealogy / family history. Send an E-mail to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for this class. Please put Begin Gen in the Subject Box. Walk-ins are most welcome, as the room is large. A donation of \$3-5 will be appreciated.

February

- **2 - THURSDAY** - 5:45 – 7:45pm **Networking - Blake Library Genealogy Room** - A casual gathering of anyone interested in genealogy. A member of MCGS will be available to answer questions and assist those seeking help.
- **4 - SATURDAY** – **MCGS and Daughters of the American Revolution - Halpatiokee Chapter**– 10 AM to 12 Noon. MCGS and the DAR-Halatiokee Chapter members will be in the Genealogy Room at the **Blake Library** to assist people, including researching ancestors who were American Revolutionary War patriots.
- **17 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1 - 3 PM at the **John F. Armstrong Wing of the Blake Library**. Program: "Heraldry" presented by Norma Reubert, an avid genealogist, as evidenced by her being a member of the Martin Co. Gen. Society, a past president of Colonial Dames and Vice Regent of the DAR, Halpatiokee Chapter.
- **18 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - Location and Topic: TBD. See MCGS website for update.
- **25 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - Location and Topic: TBD. See MCGS website for update.

March

- **1 - THURSDAY** - 5:45 – 7:45pm **Networking - Blake Library Genealogy Room** - A casual gathering of anyone interested in genealogy. A member of MCGS will be available to answer questions and assist those seeking help.
- **3 - SATURDAY** – **MCGS and Daughters of the American Revolution - Halpatiokee Chapter**–

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- **16- FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1-3 PM at the **John F. Armstrong Wing of the Blake Library**. Program: "Lineage Research" presented by Reba Shepard. Reba is the Florida State DAR State Chairman of Lineage Research - Supplementals, and she gives this seminar throughout the State of Florida. She is a two term Past President of MCGS and an Honorary Regent of Halpatiokee Chapter of DAR.
- **17 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - Location and Topic: TBD. See MCGS website for update.
- **24 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - Location and Topic: TBD. See MCGS website for update.

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.
- **New England SIG*** and **Irish SIG*** – Persons with a question can contact Lee Vought at eleevought@aol.com.

All 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.



FamilyTree.com An Online Resource Guide to Family History

Every family researcher, whether a novice or experienced, is looking for that extra hint or clue that can assist them in learning a little more about their ancestors. FamilyTree.com presents that additional resource guide to better understand about surnames, ethnic backgrounds and availability of genealogical sources across the 50 U. S. states and beyond. Included are interesting and often overlooked tips to assist all researchers.

For those just starting to develop their family tree, the basic guidelines of how to start their quest, what is essential to do and the pitfalls along the way are all presented on the site in a clear and concise form. FamilyTree.com has also compiled searchable databases on surnames, heritage and ancestry for easy reference.

Two special blogs keep the site fresh and up-to-date. One is on scrapbooking which blends nicely with genealogy and the other is the Genealogy Blog. A couple of the comments expressed by readers include: "Nice details! I have already been looking for something like this for a time now. Bless you!" and "Thanks for an explanation, the easier, the better."

FamilyTree.com is also on Facebook.

Review submitted by

Alice L. Luckhardt, Stuart, FL

This 'n That...

Condolences to **Jerry Bloom**, MCGS Life Member and Journal Editor, whose husband Bernard Bloom passed away November 14, 2011 after a short illness.

Dorothy T. Nance, of Stuart, FL and Life Member of MCGS since 2001, died April 14, 2011 in Jupiter, FL.

On Saturday, 22 Oct 2011, Ms. Margo Nance gave to the Martin Co. Gen. Soc. a donation of \$50 in honor of her late mother, Dorothy T. Nance. This was done at the Morgade Library and Margo spoke to a few of us in appreciation of how much Dorothy appreciated the Society and what we do.

Special thanks were sent recently to MCGS members Lloyd Welker, Sandra McDonnell and Dick Gidley for their many years of dedicated service to MCGS.

Successful link in the Civil War Project:

From MCGS Member Code 3a:

"I noted in reviewing same that Member Code # 2d lists an ancestor, Eugene Harrison Fales, 1st Lt. 131 Reg N.Y. Infantry who was imprisoned in Libby Prison as was my ggrandfather, David B. Caldwell.

I have a large, old, framed lithograph which lists the names of U.S. Officers imprisoned at Libby Prison. # 2d might be interested to know that "E. H. Fales 131 NY" is listed as a lieutenant.

You may share my ID with # 2d." Ken Caldwell
[Ed. Note: #2d is Jerry Bloom]

Interesting information from MCGS Member Alice Luckhardt:

Here is the new Stuart Heritage web site - now fully running online that the Museum had me set up (along with a professional web master). Just click on the site.

There are several page links (tabs) at the top of the Home Page to go to.

Make sure you view the 19 minute - 1964 video of Stuart that has narration.

Any questions or comments -- **do send an email** to the Stuart Heritage Museum at:

stuartheritage1@yahoo.com

Web site:

<http://stuartheritagemuseum.com>

If you haven't done so already, be sure to add to your website "favorites" the great Internet resource of "one-step research aids" found at stevemorse.org.

"Copy Store" Rewards:

Please bring all your **used printer ink cartridges** to our meetings.

They will be turned in to Office Max, Office Depot or Staples stores for reward credits that are used to defer costs for

MCGS printing needs.

Look for the "Can" at the meeting or in the Genealogy Room the next time you come to Blake.

And thanks....



Cartoon obtained from the Door County Advocate, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin; June 13, 2011.

Census Researching

This past October, Reba Shepard presented an informative talk on "Using the Census in your Research" during the MCGS General Membership Meeting. As there were more present than anticipated, some of her handouts ran out before all who were there got a copy.

If you still need or want copies of either handout, contact Jerry Bloom and she can email (as an attachment) copies of "What the Census Tells Us" or the organizing aid, fill-in form to keep track of your researching, entitled "Census Search."

Make your request via email to Jerry Bloom - jerrybloom@fales.org or call her at (772) 678-0343 or contact directly to Reba at rshepfl@bell-south.net. Pictured here is Reba with some of her lecture notes and MCGS President Lee Vought.

[Photograph submitted by Dan Dougherty.]



"Rewards" Acquisition

What happens to the ink cartridges you drop into the box in the Gen. Room, you ask? Thanks to the efforts of Lee Vought and Walt Bruetsch, the cartridges are converted to store credits to be redeemed at either Office Depot, Office Max or Staples.

This summer, due to the expiration date looming on a \$50 coupon we earned, Walt had to use it for store merchandise. So, we are the proud owner of a handsome office chair that now sits in our Gen. Room. We'd prefer to use the money for our usual "want" of printing costs. Due to the difficulty of timing for printing needs, this may happen again. If you're so inclined, would you consider giving us a "donation" of \$50 for the use of the next chair purchase for your own home? Then, we could use that money for MCGS printing needs. Let us know!

Networking with MCGS

Starting in January, your MCGS will host a networking session on the first Thursday evening of each month. It will be a casual gathering for anyone interested in genealogy. A volunteer member of MCGS will be available to answer questions and assist those seeking help. This is a great opportunity for younger, working people to expand on their genealogical hobby and share their discoveries, hopefully at a time more suitable for them to attend. See the "Calendar of Events" on page 2 for specific dates and times.

As this is a new venture for us, we look to you for comments, ideas or suggestions for improvement as time goes forward.

Doug Poulter Remembered

We lost a valued member of MCGS, Doug Poulter, who died one year ago (December 30, 2010). He was a tireless volunteer in both the front lines and in the background. His interest in genealogy with his family produced three books, located in our Gen. Room inventory. The first was published in 1997 on his Hubble families in the U.K.; then he expanded and wrote a second one, entitled "A Sojourn: The Hubbles of the U.K...". Then, in 2009 his last book released was, "PoulterDale: The Poulters of Yorkshire and some other Places". As you might expect, much of his free time away from his Palm City home was in the U.K. Research was his passion and he was GOOD at it.

Doug was an interesting and entertaining speaker on multiple topics, with genealogy one of his favorites to talk about. He also led many workshops on English (U.K.) researching.

Volunteering his time in the Gen. Room helping other researchers was also well known. Many people adjusted their research time to his "shift" so they could glean from the expert in latest U.K. research tips. He also spent many hours making sure the CD catalog was up to date and put many of the society's collection on the Gen. Room computers to make it easier for people to do their computer researching. Also, did you know he was a former member of the MCGS Board, started the MCGS Scholarship program, was Past President of the OPCUG (Users Helping Users), an Ottawa, Canada Personal Computer Users Group, Inc. and an avid white water canoeist?

Yes, he was a man of many talents who left this earth FAR too early. He is missed by many.

Military Records

This research aid is provided by Reba Masterson Shepard, Lecturer - from the Family History Fair, Orlando, FL- 27 Sept 2003.

Colonial Wars:

King Philip's War	1675-76
King William's War	1689-97
Queen Anne's War	1702-13
King George's War	1744-48
French & Indian War	1754-63
Revolutionart War	1775-83

Post-Revolutionary Wars

(there are several conflicts not listed below in which your ancestor might have served):

War of 1812	1812-13
Indian Wars	1817-1858
Mexican War	1845-48
Civil War	1861-65
Spanish American War	1898

Modern Wars:

World War I	1917-18
World War II	1942-45
Korean Action	1950-53
Vietnam Action	1961-73



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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>

MCGS Members Renewal Dues Now:

This is the time of year we reflect on the year's events and look forward to renewing our promises and goals. Be sure to include MCGS in that commitment to yourself. Spend time with your passion in research for family members and long-lost ancestors.

Fill out your renewal form included with this issue and mail it right away - or simply bring it to the next MCGS General Membership Meeting.

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.