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"Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body. But rather, to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming WOW what a ride."

— Mark Frost,
The Match

Thanks to Lloyd Welker for suggesting this quotation.

President's Corner

by Lee Vought, President

TO: MCGS members:

This year is the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War. Josh Liller, a local history student and afficionado at Indian River State College gave a presentation at the Blake Library on the first battle of the war, First Bull Run. We are encouraging him to create more material for presentations throughout the coming months.

In conjunction with this project, the MCGS Board of Directors would like to compile a listing of our members' Civil War ancestors. We would then work with Josh to personalize the presentations on the battles that involved our ancestors.

If you have a favorite Civil War website, we'd love to let everyone know about it!

E. Lee Vought:

ANTHONY, Mark (1827-1893) – Pvt, 94th Ohio Infantry Regiment, Co. K – Union

DUMM, Eli (1821-1892) -

McCLINTOCK, William Andrew (1844-1916) – Pvt, 156th Ohio Infantry (National Guard), Co. G – Union (Film #M552, roll 69)

SILVERS, Doctor William (1837-1915) – Pvt, 94th Ohio Infantry Regiment, Co. K – Union

SNOW, Henry (1845-1886) – Pvt, 128th Ohio Infantry Regiment, Co. G – Union (1861-1865) (Aug 30 1862 Land Navy 1 year) (NARA T289) (Film #M552, Roll 101)



Reba Shepard:

SHAFER, Isaac (1835-1923) - Pvt - Tennessee Co G, 5th TN Mounted Infantry, CSA, enlisted 15 March 1863 at Madisonville, TN, captured at Vicksburg, Mississippi 4 July 1863, paroled 9 July 1863. Confederate.

SCOLES, Joshua (1817-1868) - Pvt - Ohio -. Company 9, Unit 2 Battalion Veteran Reserve Corps, Union Army.

Calendar of Events

September

- **16 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1 - 3 PM at the **Cummings Library** in Palm City, **Donahue Room**. Program: "Migration Patterns" by Ginny Schilt, Note: Our previously scheduled program, "Heraldry" by Norma Reubert, is being rescheduled for a later date due to a family illness.
- **17 - SATURDAY - Workshop**- 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Anderson Community Room** of the **Robert Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart. "Using Military Records in your Research" by Reba Shepard. Send an email to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for the class. Please put "Military Records Class" in the Subject box.
- **24 - SATURDAY - Workshop**- 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Anderson Community Room** of the **Robert Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart. "Upgraded Resources of the FamilySearch.Org website", presented by Ginny Schilt. Send an email to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for the class. Please put "Family Search Class" in the Subject box. A monetary donation for the workshop will be appreciated. Walk-ins are welcomed, as plenty of space is available.

October

- **1 - 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 researching ancestors who were American Revolutionary War patriots.
- **15 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Anderson Community Room** of the **Robert Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart. The program is "Why You Should Preserve Your Photo Memories", given by Suzanne Woodie. Suzanne has given the lecture portion and in this workshop will help you with your preservations. Send an email to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for the class. Please put Photo Memories Class in the Subject box. A monetary donation for the workshop will be appreciated. Walk-ins are welcomed, as plenty of space is available.
- **21 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1 - 3 PM at the **John F. Armstrong Wing** of the **Blake Library**. Program: "Using Census in Your Research" by MCGS member Reba Shepard.
- **22 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Anderson Community Room** of the **Robert Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart. Topic: "Social Networking" with Sandy Larsen. Learn about the new ways to communicate with other genealogical researchers. Send email to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for the class. Please put "Social Net Class" in the Subject box. A monetary donation for the workshop will be appreciated. Walk-ins are welcomed, as plenty of space is available.

November

- **5 - 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 researching ancestors who were American Revolutionary War patriots.
- **11-12 - FRIDAY thru SATURDAY - ALL DAY - Florida State Genealogical Society Conference** is this year in Maitland, Fla., just north of Orlando, at the **Sheraton Orlando North Hotel**, 600 North Lake Destiny Drive. Rooms are available for \$88. Check website - <http://flsgs.org> for various conference details such as schedules, costs, registration, hotel reservations, etc.
- **18 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1-3 PM at the **John F. Armstrong Wing** of the **Blake Library**. Program: "Searching for my Swiss Ancestors" by Walt Bruetsch. We will be holding the election of 2012's Board of Directors: We need a quorum, so members please attend!

December

- **3 - 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 researching ancestors who were American Revolutionary War patriots.
- **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!

Genealogy Room at the Blake Library

Monday through 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 email him at **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.

***SIGs** are **Special Interest Groups** 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.

Sons and Daughters of World War II Veterans Genealogical Society

For those of you who might be interested, MCGS member Virginia Streader invites you to consider.

As of January 1, 2011, the Sons and Daughters of World War II Veterans Genealogical Society is open for membership! This project has been a long time in the making and we here at the Admiral Nimitz Foundation are excited to see it launch. If you follow us on Facebook, Twitter or our blog, you've been hearing about this genealogical organization for quite some time.

Setting Sons and Daughters of World War II Veterans apart from other WWII registries, this organization is a genealogical endeavor - allowing individuals to prove lineage from a WWII veteran of the US Armed Forces. It will follow the American Genealogical Standard of Proof, thus making membership both meaningful and helpful to future generations.

For more information and to join, visit:
www.sonsanddaughtersofww2veterans.org

Using You-Tube in Genealogy

FamilySearch has unveiled a newly updated [YouTube channel](#) giving viewers an informative, fun and fascinating look at several different aspects of genealogy through a growing number of videos in five playlists.

High-quality videos are available for the rookie genealogist and the seasoned veteran alike. The *Genealogy in 5 Minutes* playlist demonstrates how, in just a few minutes, individuals with little or no genealogy experience can make some headway on their family's history.

The *Woven Generations* playlist features powerful, personal experiences from those who have found success or inspiration through family history work.

Additionally, FamilySearch sent camera crews to Virginia, Ohio, California, Indiana and other locations for a closer look at how FamilySearch works with societies and archives to provide access to more records online and to further mutual interests in family history. These videos can be found in the *Societies and Archives* playlist.

These videos and others are available at YouTube.com/FamilySearch and can be powerful tools in introducing the excitement of family history to a friend or family member. They will also enrich the life of a veteran

genealogist. Check out the videos today and share them with your family and friends!

A teen's love for family history

By May Lee Johnson

South Bend Tribune - July 10, 2011 -

Washington High student compiles information for book

For 15-year-old Taylor Jackson, tracing his family history was like doing a jigsaw puzzle with pieces scattered across the country. Some of the pieces are blank; others missing, carelessly discarded over the years. But it became Taylor's mission to put as much of the Redding family puzzle together as possible prior to the family's reunion this weekend.

It's rare to find a teenager deeply interested in family history, but Taylor said that kind of research "chills me to my core." Taylor, who will be a sophomore at Washington High School, clearly recalled the first time he attended the reunion of his grandmother's family. "I was about 3 or 4," Taylor said. "One of the first relatives I met was Uncle Willie Ed. He has since died, but he still holds a place in our family's history." Taylor's efforts are evident in the Redding family's history book, "Miles Apart, Yet Close in Heart."

The book, to be released at the reunion in South Bend, has 247 pages with much of the research provided by Taylor. Although several members of the reunion committee contributed, many agreed Taylor did most of the research. "Taylor spent hours in my basement," said Barbara Joseph, a cousin, who has boxes of information about the family. She said Taylor was so persistent, calling her so often on the phone that at times she didn't even answer.

"Taylor is a very determined and smart young man," she said. Taylor's grandmother, Stephanie Wheeler, said when she took Taylor to his first reunion in Atlanta when he was 4, Taylor "looked around and said 'these are all my cousins?'" "Since then he has had an interest in learning about his family ... and it didn't surprise me when he wanted to step up and volunteer to update our family history book. He has met and introduced us to family members we did not know and he has made many friends along the way and I am proud of what he's accomplished."

Taylor did take some good-natured ribbing from his friends for his interest in genealogy. "When my friends found out I was researching my family some of them wondered why and thought it was silly," Taylor said. "But most of them thought it was cool and some have even

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A Great Seminar Learning Experience

By Reba Sheperd

The IGHR (Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research) is held every year at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

Students can stay in the campus dorms and eat in the 1100 seat cafeteria or choose a hotel. Either way, shuttle service is provided. If you choose the dorms, you must take bedding and towels.

Students registered on Sunday afternoon, and attended classes from 8am to 4pm daily with a plethora of nationally known lecturer instructors.

My class was Intermediate Genealogy and Historical Studies. We had classes on Introduction, Pitfalls, Federal Land Records, Advanced Bibliography, Court Records, Military and Pension Records, Analysis and Correlation of Information, Ornithology (the study of words), Passenger Arrival Records, Naturalization Records, Guides to Manuscript Collections, Church Records and Newspapers as a Research Source.

After class, we researched in the Special Collections room at the Library or used some of the numerous computer databases until 8pm. Then, the hearty went to the Law Library which was open until midnight. Computer copies cost 5 cents, special collections copies cost 25 cents.

Registration for the week was \$400. The dorm for 5 nights cost \$225 and this included 3 meals a day. My plane fare was \$450 including baggage fees or a total of \$1075 for 5 ½ days of jam packed instruction, comfortable beds and too much food.

There were many other classes where registrants could spend the full time on Military Records, German Research, Techniques and Technology, Advanced Methodology, Writing and Publishing, Genealogy as a Profession, Virginia, Her Records and Her Laws, or Land Records Using Maps. The Land Records class boarded a bus one morning for a nearby cemetery with camera and GPS equipment in hand (provided by the college). Their homework was a picture, a transcription of the stone, and a GPS location of the tombstone.

A banquet, with an entertaining speaker from the LDS Library in Salt Lake was punctuated with a downpour which left the outer stairways looking like waterfalls. (the campus is on a hill). We had been warned to bring an umbrella or a poncho.

This seminar is held the first week of June and enrollments are staggered, but this year sold out in 5 hours. Courses change every year, and some on-line registrations filled up in 20 minutes.

National Archives and Records Administration:

Washington, DC. 26 August 2011. Assessments are continuing of the earthquake damage at the National Archives Washington National Records Center in Suitland, MD. Based on preliminary review by engineers, the facility will remain closed through Monday, August 29, 2011. A full review will determine when the facility will reopen. During an extensive walk-through, National Archives Executive for Agency Services Jay Bosanko has determined that there is no known permanent damage to any records. In a statement Mr. Bosanko said, "Our first and foremost priority is the safety of our employees and visitors to the building. We are working closely with the General Services Administration to ensure that we achieve that before we reopen the doors. We are also paying close attention to the security of the records that we store for our customers, federal agencies and members of Congress."

From a preliminary evaluation, damage from Tuesday's earthquake and its aftershocks includes spalling and cracking of masonry in internal walls and stairwells, a small water leak in one stack area, and a limited amount of shelving failures in a vault within one stack area. In the shelving failures, several rows of shelving shifted into other rows or walls, causing minor crushing of some boxes of records. The records, however, appear to have remained intact. Masonry debris has fallen in the perimeter aisles of stacks and in the internal stairwells of the building.

During the closure, a small team of National Archives staff members are on-site to coordinate the response, prepare for potential complications from Hurricane Irene, and to service a limited number of emergency requests from federal agencies.

Background: The Washington National Records Center is a part of the National Archives and Records Administration's Federal Records Centers Program. It is one of the largest records centers in the system, storing approximately 4 million cubic feet of records in 20 separate stack areas. Each year, it accepts 250,000 cubic feet of transfers, and services 500,000 reference requests. The records center houses the most diverse collection of Federal records in the Federal Records Centers Program, including records on a variety of media from several hundred Federal agencies in Washington, DC, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia area. <http://www.Archives.gov>

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asked me to help them find out about their families. I told them after our reunion, I will see what I can do." He has utilized websites such as ancestry.com, rootsweb.com and familysearch.org. "It's daunting but it's fascinating," Taylor said of his work. "I have wanted to know all about my heritage since I was 9 years old. Plus I just love history. I could be what you would call a history buff." To that end, he credits his teachers at LaSalle Intermediate Academy, including Jameson Eller and Connie Graham.

Some of the highlights in his research include:

- Learning that his great-great-grandfather, Wilson Redding, was one of the first African-Americans to work for the Coca Cola Co. in South Bend.
- The Redding family came to South Bend in 1923 and was one of the largest African-American families in the area.
- "My great-great-great-great-uncle, Jerry Redding, was one of the first black persons to be buried in Carver Memorial Gardens in Jonesboro, Ga. That very land was once cared for by him."
- The Redding family has been hosting a reunion since 1929.

"It can be difficult doing research without the help from the different websites," said Taylor. "The one constant is that you start with the present and work backward."

Apprenticeship-101

By Jeraldene Bloom

The brick wall that blocks me from truly understanding where my ancestor James Fales the emigrant originated, as well as when and how he managed to come to America is still standing. I have not found the confirming link or evidence. But, one fact is certain. Dedham records show evidence of his presence as early as 1632 with his signature on the famous Dedham Covenant. He was granted a share of the land in 1655. It is also documented that he was "made a freeman" under the first charter of Massachusetts in 1653 and his marriage to Anne Brock in Dedham July 28, 1654 is found in early Dedham town records. These facts I know and accept.

So, what does that mean - "made a freeman"? To understand, we need to understand the term apprenticeship, with regard to early English tradition. Recently, I ran across an interesting article about Ancestry.co.uk, who added over ½ million digitized records to their online library. The file consists of apprentices and masters in England going back to the early 18th Century. While that isn't back far enough for our needs with my James¹, the premise is still important. It gives me a glimpse of life in the 17th century as well.

Richard Eastman, who blogs in daily writings in his Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter, detailed this tradition 26 August 2011. He stated, "While modern apprenticeships were reintroduced in 1995 and the concept has taken on new meaning with the well-known TV show, these records come from a time when apprenticeships were a legal requirement in order for someone to take up a desired trade. The collection includes thousands of aspiring blacksmiths, coopers, tanners, bakers, drapers, toymakers, barbers, butchers and many more.

"Apprenticeships became a legal obligation in 1563, but official records of such working agreements weren't kept until the early 18th century, when the government began taxing the premium paid by parents to masters for taking on their children.

"As it is today, education and training in the 18th century was big business, with an apprenticeship costing parents between £10 and £50 – equivalent to £1,700-£8,600 today. Some apprenticeships to the most eminent merchants would even cost as much as £1,000 (£175,000 in today's money) so it wasn't uncommon for parents to pay in installments or part-pay in goods such as food or precious items. Regardless of how the apprenticeship was paid, the government took a cut of every premium upon completion of tenure.

"As a result, some 523,000 records of indenture are included in this collection, which lists the name of the apprentice and their master, the trade and workplace location, and the premium paid for the apprenticeship."



Mr. Eastman continued, "The vast majority (around 97 per cent) of apprentices were boys, with the most common trades being coopers, tailors and carpenters. Of the small number of girls included in the collection, most are listed as apprentice tailors, seamstresses and mantua makers (dressmakers) and would frequently pay a greater premium for their indenture.

"Masters were often friends of the family, with many trades were dominated by a small number of well-networked families. For those less well-connected, it wasn't uncommon to advertise in the local newspaper to

find a master, and conversely masters would often advertise to find a likely apprentice."

If you want to learn more by accessing the file, **UK, Register of Duties Paid for Apprentices' Indentures, 1710-1811**, you need to connect with Ancestry.co.uk.

This 'n That...

R.I.P. **Marion E. (Jenkins) Daly**, MCGS Life member, who died peacefully in her sleep on June 14, 2011.

In response to our general MCGS email on the FINAL newsletter distribution of the neighboring organization, Genealogy Club of Osceola County, we had this reaction from MCGS Member **Lloyd Welker**. He said, "It is sobering when you think of all the good that the members would have accomplished over the years... My Fayette County, Illinois Society (my home county) has just reduced its 30 to 40 page journal from quarterly to semi-annual production. Its editor has not changed for years."

A Thank You note was received recently for an obituary look-up, conducted via the Internet. He enclosed a \$5 donation in appreciation.

"23 Aug 2011
MCGS, Stuart, FL

Please accept this donation in appreciation for the prompt

and efficient service of Walt [Bruetsch] in finding an obit for me.

Best of luck to all your volunteers. Keep up the good work.

Mike"

Does anyone do Skype?

Your MCGS Board is considering it for board meetings where a director may be unable to attend in person, but would be available for teleconferencing. We need to learn more about it. Can you help us? Contact any MCGS board member.

Congratulations to **Jim Reeder** for being the FIRST renewal member for 2012.

Did your parents or grandparents "come over" and settle in **Brooklyn, New York**? If so, you may be interested in something that MCGS member Virginia Streader found recently and suggests you to try this site:

Kings County Clerk's Office
Index To Brooklyn Naturalization Records - 1907-1924
<http://www.jgsny.org/kingsintro2.htm>

Virginia adds, "It does say that there is a 3-6 month wait for copies of Naturalization Papers - but - then it can give you the number of roll of film you can send for at Church of the Latter Day Saints in Palm City. Pretty neat."

The Book Depot, run by the six friends groups of the Martin County Library System, is seeking volunteer help. If you have a couple of hours on a Saturday or Sunday, please consider helping out. Contact Terry Dick, Volunteer Coordi-

nator for the Martin County Library System. She can be reached at 772-219-4906. Terry will fill you in on the particulars. If this is "not your thing", please feel free to pass this note on to friends and relatives who might be interested.

Florida State Genealogical Society

From the **FSGS** Facebook... are you aware of... "The Florida Civil War Heritage Trail" guidebook? It's very new... with information about it just posted by Patti Schulz in early August. The guidebook offers a factual account of the impact the Civil War had on Florida's communities and families. It is a valuable educational resource that will enhance our knowledge and understanding of the Florida places, people and events that played a role in this historic struggle.

Another great posting was that of Henrietta McClellan on Florida links... for births, marriage & divorces, deaths, laws, Dept. of Health, etc. Very valuable... and very useful!

"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 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....

Some Webinar Offerings from Others

Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

2:00 PM EDT (Free)

Researching Your Connecticut Ancestors

Legacy Family Tree-www.legacyfamilytree.com/Webinars
Presenter: Marian Pierre-Louis, House Historian and Genealogical Lecturer

Learn how to research your Connecticut ancestors. Discover what records are available, where they are located and how to put them to the best use. Marian, a native of Connecticut, grew up in a picturesque colonial town surrounded by historic houses and an ancient burial ground. During her childhood she was nurtured into the ways of genealogy by a mother who had spent a better part of every Saturday during the 1960s at the Connecticut State Library. A poster calendar on the kitchen wall recorded five generations of ancestors' birthdays for every day celebration.

Wednesday, September 28, 2011.

1:00 PM EDT (Free)

Making Key Find in 15 Minutes or Less

Presenter - Crista Cowan , family historian
Ancestry.com is trying something new: a live Q&A with Ancestry. Our topic will be, and we'll be holding the event — including taking your questions — live via the Ancestry.com Facebook page.

Thursday, September 29, 2011

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM EDT (Free)

Using the FamilySearch Catalog

Via Ohana Software - webinars@ohanasoftware.com
Presenter: Barbara Renick, Professional Genealogist, Lecturer & Author

For the time being, there are two versions of what used to be called the Family History Library Catalog. The new version is called the FamilySearch Catalog and is being enlarged to include holdings in Family History Centers around the world plus links to digital resources online (books, images of records, and explanatory articles in the FamilySearch Wiki about catalogued resources). The FamilySearch Catalog also has new advanced search features (including wildcard searches in almost every category).

Search statistics clearly show users are not taking advantage of the full strength of the FamilySearch catalog and this Webinar is designed to help genealogists find new ways to search and find more.

Saturday, October 15, 2011

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM EST (Free)

FamilyInsight: Overview

Via Ohana Software - webinars@ohanasoftware.com
Presenter: Cina Johnson

The Surrey Stake Family History Centre is having a genealogy conference and we have been invited to present a class on FamilyInsight. Although the class is for their conference, you are invited to join us for this session. The overview will cover each mode (function) in FamilyInsight so that you will have a better understanding of FamilyInsight's power and versatility.

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM EST (Free)

Obituaries

Via Ohana Software - webinars@ohanasoftware.com
Presenter: Thomas Jay Kemp, Director, Genealogy Products - NewsBank, inc.

This session will give you the tips you need to make sure you get the most from an obituary notice. Recognize the clues that will help you extend your family tree.

Letter of Appreciation - Lynn Warner

We, the Board of Directors of the Martin County Genealogical Society and Membership extend our heartfelt best wishes to you.

Although we try very hard to "speak with one voice", we haven't always managed to do that. You have graciously and willingly made the numerous room, class, and time changes that we required -- many times, at the last minute.

We will miss you, but send you North with a BIG THANK YOU!! We hope you use our MCGS mug and remember us!



(L-R: Lee Vought, George Seaman & Lynn Warner)

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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 Newest MCGS Members:

**Helen K. Harralson
 Shirley Bramson
 Barbara Schwartz**

Be sure to look for them and greet them the next time you see any of them at the MCGS General Meeting or in the Genealogy Room at the Blake.

Annual Membership Dues are \$20 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.