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~Norman
Vincent Peale

President's Comments

Tom Lewis, MCGS President

Well this will be my last message as president of MCGS.

As some of you know, Jane and I are moving out of the area soon (the children think we need to live close to them in our old age). I didn't know I was old! My last official day as your president is December 31, 2012.

I have truly enjoyed my time as president. I wish the new board much success in the coming years and I want to encourage each member to support them. The very best way is to help them is to volunteer! Get on a committee, give a presentation at a meeting, whatever. Just do something. Don't just leave it up to a few members to carry on the business of the society. Help, Help, Help!! You will gain a whole lot more than you give.

I wish all of you a very happy holiday season.

Renewal Time for 2013

Each new year is traditionally a time to renew - old friendships, forgotten promises and rejuvenating better habits (health and otherwise). Put us on your list for renewing - by filling out the enclosed MCGS membership renewal form and return with your check right away.

For those of you who receive your Journal electronically, please print out your (attached) renewal form and bring with you at the upcoming MCGS general meeting. Or, if unable to attend, mail with your dues payment to the address on the form.

January - New Member Month

We have declared January to be "New Member Month" for Martin County Genealogical Society. An "Open House" will be held on the regular General Membership Meeting date of January 18, 2013 in the Robert Morgade Library, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1).

You are encouraged to bring at least one friend to join us for a fun afternoon of socializing and entertainment, following a short general membership meeting. Alice Luckhardt, historian and long-time MCGS member is anticipated to bring us a very interesting program, entitled "Stuart's Early Pioneers". It is a topic that should interest genealogists and historians alike.

Calendar of Events

December

- **21 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1-3 PM the **John F. Armstrong Wing** of the **Blake Library**. Join us for our annual Holiday Party. Bring a sampling of your family favorite holiday treat to share with your fellow genealogy researchers and guests. As in the past, we will hold a fundraiser raffle for donated "treasures" (~ \$5) that you or other members bring to share in the fun.

January

- **3 - THURSDAY - MCGS Networking** - 5-7:45 PM **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. This month's assistants are Lee Vought and Reba Shepard.
- **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 - FRIDAY - Civil War Lecture** 3-5 PM - **Cummings Library**, 2551 SW Matheson Ave., Palm City. "The Battle of Stones River, Tenn." is part of a History Lecture Series of Civil War information presented by historian Josh Liller.
- **18 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1 - 3 PM at the **Robert Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1). Program: "Stuart's Early Pioneers" by historian and MCGS Member Alice Luckhardt. Guests are most welcome to attend MCGS meetings, which are free. Light refreshments served.
- **19 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Robert Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1). Topic "Beginning Genealogy", given by MCGS member Walt Bruetsch. Send email to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for the class. Put BEGINNING in the Subject box. Walk-ins welcome. Donation of \$3-5 for handouts is appreciated.
- **20 - SUNDAY - Genealogy symposium** - 9:30 AM - 4 PM - **South County Civic Center**, 16,700 Jog Road, Delray Beach, FL. The Jewish Genealogical Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. presents a Genealogy Symposium with eleven (11) presentations. Cost: \$25 for members, pre-registration (before Jan. 15th.), \$30. for non-members & walk-ins (includes box lunch and handouts). Registration Form: <http://www.jgspalmbeachcounty.org/symposium.htm>. Questions: email 'sisitsky@jgspalmbeachcounty.org'.
- **26 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Robert Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1). Topic "How I Use Ancestry", given by MCGS member Shirley Pizziferri. Send email to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for the class. Put ANCESTRY in the Subject box. Walk-ins welcome. Donation of \$3-5 for handouts is appreciated.

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- **15 - FRIDAY - MCGS Monthly Members Meeting** - 1 - 3 PM at the **John F. Armstrong Wing** of the **Blake Library**. Program: "Founding Mothers" by George M. Kleine. Guests are most welcome to attend MCGS meetings, which are free. Light refreshments will be served.
- **15 - FRIDAY - History Lecture** 3-5 PM - **Cummings Library**, 2551 SW Matheson Ave., Palm City. "**Colonial Spanish Florida**" is part of a History Lecture Series presented by historian Josh Liller.
- **16 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Robert Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1). Topic: "Genealogical Research into the 1700s; a case study", given by MCGS member Walt Bruetsch.. Send email to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for the class. Put "1700s" in the Subject box. Walk-ins welcome. Donation of \$3-5 for handouts is appreciated.

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- **23 - SATURDAY - Workshop** - 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM - **Robert Morgade Library**, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1). Topic "Military Records", given by MCGS member Reba Shepard. Send email to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for the class. Put MILITARY in the Subject box. Walk-ins welcome. Donation of \$3-5 for handouts is appreciated.



MCGS Banner

At last month's General Membership Meeting, we heard a synopsis of Reba Shepard's first-hand experiences at the recent Federated Genealogical Societies (FGS) 2012 conference held in Deerfield Beach, FL.

Reba had the privilege of carrying the MCGS banner at the opening ceremonies. In preparation of that honor, she provided the history of our banner, which we proudly display in our Blake Library Genealogy Room. Do you know about the banner's symbols and what they represent?

Some of the statistics provided were:

Name of Society: Martin County Genealogy Society - Stuart, Florida

Years displayed at FGS Conference - NEW and first displayed in 1998

Colors used: Coral, teal and black

Description of banner: Outline map of Martin County Florida, dissected by the St. Lucie River

Palm trees; Rising Sun encircled by "Martin County" and "Genealogy Society"

The Tree represents MCGS commitment to members – to train and assist researching our roots. The rising sun depicts

our growth in both membership and stature. The river both divides and unites the sections of Martin County. Our name, encircling the whole, binds us as one.

The banner was the result of a contest held by then President Larry Shepard. There were several entries, and members judged the winner. It was designed by member Gloria Kenny, now deceased.

Larry took it to Ampersand Graphics, near Monterey and Kanner, who digitized the design. MCGS ordered mugs, T-shirts, and the banner. The T-shirts were sold and one was included in the tour price for those who went to Salt Lake City around 1996. MCGS members who went to Salt Lake City wore their shirts there. Unfortunately, the company no longer has the digitized design.

Books, Genealogical

by Walt Bruetsch

Books are a great help with genealogical research, especially when a researcher is going back in time to the early 1800s and 1700s. And when the researcher gets into the 1600's, many very helpful books have been written on the genealogy of our Founding Fathers and Mothers, providing information on the early "planters" of Jamestown-1607, Plymouth-1621, the Winthrop Fleet-1630, and many other early colonies. And not all of these books are available on-line via "Google Books".

We are very fortunate in Martin County, Florida, to have a Genealogy Room within our Martin Co. Library System, located in the Blake Library, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart. Within the "Gen. Room" is a wonderful collection of books to help a researcher with those early years in New England and Virginia. And within an one-hour drive is the Vero Beach Library with an even larger collection.

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* - Questions? Contact Lee Vought at leevought@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 these events are always **FREE** and **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. Everyone is welcome! Visit the MCGS Web site <http://mccgensociety.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.

But also, just across a bridge, we have a second collection of genealogical books available to the Martin Co. researching public. Most of us don't know about the collection of books that the Family History Center (FHC) at Palm City's The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon Church) has collected, over time, with donations of books from various people.

In May, 2012, our Martin Co. Genealogical Society (MCGS) received a donation of many, many books from a private library. Those books that we already had in the Gen. Room, or were of a general nature, we sold, via the Friends of the Library Bonnie's Book Store, to the public. Another large group of books were reviewed by the Library Staff and some were added to the Gen. Room collection. Those not added to the Gen. Room were made available for loan to, or nominal purchase by, MCGS members. Many boxes of books have now been given to the Palm City Family History Center.

MCGS is going to be working with the FHC to provide an on-line index webpage, via our mcgensociety.org website, so that researchers can determine if a book of interest is located at the FHC. An on-line catalog IS available for the Gen. Room, via the library.martin.fl.us website. Just input a few key words, such as: New York genealogy or Scottish genealogy or New England genealogy, for example.

Just remember, when your research takes you into the 1700s, start checking to see if your family of interest is listed in one of our books.

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!

Reba E Shepard, Director of Education

Geno 2.0 Project

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to attend a workshop with MCGS member Walt Bruetsch on DNA discoveries, you should make it your priority for next time he offers one. It can be technical, but very informational, and perhaps bring new discoveries to your own family researching.

As an additional perspective, The Genographic Project, a non-profit branch of National Geographic, is uncovering the mysteries of our collective past. They believe that by participating in this real-time scientific project, they are helping answer fundamental questions about where we came from and how populations spread around the globe. And they state a portion of the proceeds from your purchase supports ongoing project research, as well as indigenous cultural conservation and revitalization efforts through the Genographic Legacy Fund. To date, more than 500,000 people are already subscribed to this project.

National Geographic has recently introduced an offer to Geno 2.0 - the next generation of their Genographic Project participation kit. They state this new DNA testing uses cutting-edge technology to trace your history from the very beginning of your ancestral lineage, giving you rich ancestry information. Although a bit pricey (just under \$200), it is not out of line from other DNA service providers. To learn more, check them out at www.shopng.org/genographic. MCGS has no affiliation with them on this offer.

They state you will be able to

- Discover the migration paths your ancient ancestors followed hundreds—even thousands—of years ago, with an unprecedented view of your ancestral journey.
- Learn what percentage of your genome is affiliated with specific regions of the world.
- Find out if you have Neanderthal or Denisovan ancestry.

- Have the opportunity to share your story and connect with other Genographic Project participants, helping us fill in the gaps in the human story.

This 'n That

We recently received a request for information about our founding date, number of current membership and when we meet. Willi Miller is a Arts and Entertainment columnist - Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers and feature writer for the Indian River magazine. She said she is putting together a story with the focus on "the Archive Center in Vero Beach, but I added Saint Lucie and Martin counties." We look forward to seeing our name in print!

Are you interested in going to Salt Lake City for a few days of researching? If so, contact Bob Bishop. He is looking to see if there is interest for a trip there in 2013 or 2014. Let's work out a date that is agreeable to everyone. Contact him ASAP at Rbish661@verizon.net.

An excellent site that you can look for cemetery records is at <http://teafor2.com>. There are currently 227,294 cemetery photos you can search for and copy for free. They are listed in order by state, county, cemetery and surname. Also accessible there is a shortcut to the Camp Hol-loway VietNam Memorial Wall replica in Parker, TX. You may copy any for your personal records but since you do not own them, please note that they came from <http://teafor2.com> if you republish them.

Want Some Summer Fun?

In June 2013 History will come alive in the streets of Cumberland Gap, Tennessee. On June 6, 7, and 8, 2013 the 3rd annual Genealogy Jamboree will be hosted by the Cumberland Gap Volunteer Fire Department. This event is free to the public and combines genealogy / history lectures, with period re-enactors and tradi-

tional crafters in an historic setting. Nationally known speakers such as Mark Lowe, Carrie Eldridge, and others, will give these lectures. Traditional music will also be provided.

There will be many craftsmen, and women, demonstrating their pioneer crafts. What is now considered by many as being "rare skills" were once used in everyday life in pioneer times throughout the Appalachian and Cumberland Mountains.

All these lectures, concerts, and demonstrations are free to the public. All vendor fees are donated to the Cumberland Gap Volunteer Fire Department. This is a nonprofit event for the Genealogy Jamboree Committee and volunteers.

Attendance over the three days of their last Jamboree was approximately 5600. Come and celebrate our mountain heritage with them. For further information please go to their web site www.genealogyjamboree.us or contact mark@genealogyjamboree.us The web site will be updated often and as they get closer to the time for the event. Lecture and concert schedules will be added to the web site as they become available.

Cemetery Photos:

Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw Indiana

Genealogy buffs and families can now look no further than the World Wide Web for persons buried in Warsaw's Oakwood Cemetery.

With the assistance of the Kosciusko County Historical Society, Oakwood Cemetery has photographed and mapped 95 percent of its 70 acres and 18,000 graves.

"We get calls from all over regarding their loved ones," said Hal Heagy, cemetery sexton. "We wanted to get into the technology age. This puts GPS locations in place of physical books, allowing anyone anywhere in the world to locate a person buried here."

The project involves volunteers photographing each gravestone, then marking each location for Geographic Information System and GPS mapping purposes before entering collected data — like birth and death dates — into a database. The database is then accessible to the public through Kosciusko County's Beacon website, www.beacon.schneidercorp.com/?site=KosciuskoCountyIN.

Project leader Bill Holder stated they hope to keep up with current burials, possibly on a yearly basis, relying on townships and cemetery association to provide burial records.

The project has been in the works for three years and maps not only Oakwood Cemetery, but every cemetery in the county. In addition to mapping the acreage, the project aides the Historical Society. Bill Holder of the Historical Society and head of the county's GIS program, spearheads the mapping project.

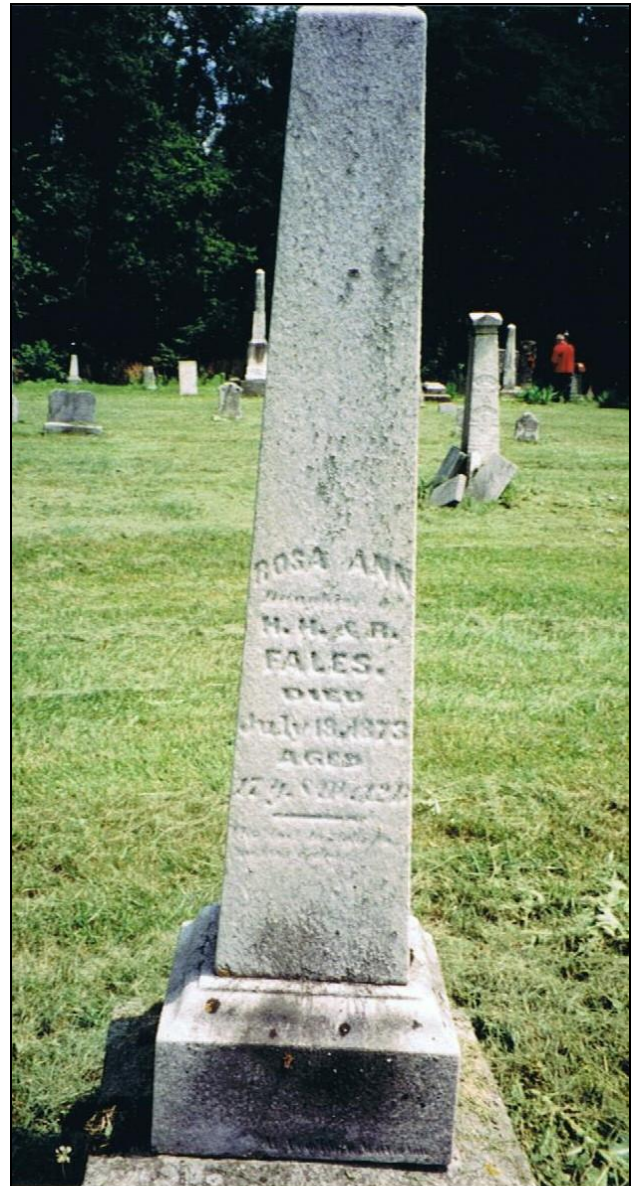
"I provide (the volunteers) with aerial photo maps, so they can see the gravestones," said Holder. "They then take those maps out with them."

Volunteers go up and down rows at cemeteries taking photos, using the aerial maps as reference points and markers for where they left off. Holder noted multiple shots are often needed per gravestone, especially on older and harder to read ones.

The entire project is expected to wrap up in 2013. Thanks to Dick Eastman from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter for this article. It is copyright by Richard W. Eastman and is republished here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.

MCGS has ALL 14 known Martin County cemeteries recorded and documented for your research needs. The project started in 1996 with Doug Poulter and is currently maintained by Walt Bruetsch. You can access our Cemetery Project easily through our own web site at <http://mcgensociety.org>. The records are com-

plete up to the date each cemetery was downloaded to our website, with some as late as



Rosa Ann Fales
 Daughter of
 Henry Harrison & Rebecca Fales
 Died July 18, 1873 Aged 17yr8mo22days
 White City Cemetery Spencerville, Indiana
 photo date July 4, 1998

2009. No attempts have been made to keep up with recording burials after those dates. There are, however, many Martin County obituaries from 1913 to the present available on microfilm in the Gen. (Special Collections) room of the

Blake Library in Stuart, FL. Before you think this is a great project for us to jump into by expanding our cemetery databases with photographs, please be sure to read the following article.

[Headstone photo submitted by Jerry Bloom]

Cemetery Photos: Is Permission Required?

Do you need to obtain permission from cemetery owners before taking pictures of tombstones? Writing in *The Legal Genealogist* blog, Judy Russell has written an excellent article that we suggest should be required reading for every genealogist. She is highly qualified to write about legal issues that affect genealogists, as Judy is both a law professor at a major university and a Certified Genealogist (CG).

We strongly suggest you read *Cemetery photos: permission required?* at <http://goo.gl/abzsi>.

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World Vital Records Site Again Available



Back by popular demand, a subscription was purchased by MCGS for its members. It is available for MCGS members at any Martin County Library computer. And, as you know, there are two computers dedicated only for genealogy researchers in the Gen. Room

Anyone who is looking for ancestors "across the pond" will find the vast collection of indexed databases at worldvitalrecords.com an invaluable

research tool. And, it is provided to you free with your membership at MCGS.

To access the site, you must first access the Internet through MS Explorer or FireFox. Then sign in as MCGSFL@gmail.com. The password: family2. MS Explorer has the site under the "favorites" menu and FireFox has it bookmarked.

Write this info down and keep in your purse or wallet. There will be no public display of this access information, as it is a special benefit for MCGS members only.

Introducing the 2013 MCGS Board

Following the regular MCGS Board meeting on December 13, 2012, the members of the newly elected board held an organizational meeting where they worked out the selection of officers for the 2013 year.



After some discussion, they agreed to the following positions: President: Reba Shepard; Vice-President and Program Chairman: Bob Bishop; Treasurer: Walt Bruetsch; Membership Chairman and Journal Editor: Jerry Bloom; Secretary: Shirley Pizziferri and Members-at-Large: Bobbi Hoffmann and Tom Lewis.



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MCGS Board of Directors - 2012

President	Tom Lewis
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Members-at-Large	Bob Bishop & Bobbi Hoffmann
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Public Relations	Shirley Pizziferri
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Calling Tree	Pearl Dougherty
Hospitality	Donna Markowitz
Journal Editor	Jerry Bloom
Website Administrator	Walt Bruetsch

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 GMM or see them in the Genealogy Room.

Warm welcome to:
Kathy and Jonathan Saleh
Judith Watt
Linda Epstein
Margaret Gray
Joyce Fletcher-Menard

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.