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"I am
not a
pack rat.

I'm an
archivist."

A song
lyric by
Buck 65,

aka

Richard Terfry

Canadian
alternative
hip hop
artist

President's Comments

Deborah Halacy, MCGS President

Do you use Facebook to stay in touch with family and friends? My guess is that most of you do. But, do you use Facebook for genealogy research? My guess is that most of you don't. Or, not nearly as much as you should. As of September 2, 2014 Facebook has a list of 4,026 links to groups, pages, or websites. The list is 118 pages and is available at: www.socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list. The list is organized with the US states listed alphabetically (2,109 links) at the beginning. Following this are the international sites, Afghanistan to Zimbabwe (703 links). And, finally, Specialty sites (1,214 links) including topics such as adoption, lineage societies, ethnic specific groups, maps, surname groups, and much more.

The list is a downloadable PDF, however, you can simply save the address to your favorites as every listing has a hotlink to the group, page, or website. Links for many of the best genealogy websites such as Cyndi's List, Library of Congress, and National Archives can be found here and there are many pages such as Ancestry that allow you to join the discussion simply by liking them. Finally, there are the groups which allow you to enter into discussions of limited scope with people who share a similar interest. I'd like to share a few pointers on groups with you.

Groups may be either open or closed. With an open group any Facebook member can join. Content posted to the group will be visible and you will immediately be able to join the discussion. With a closed group content is only visible to members. Nonmembers can see a list of members but none of the posts. A closed group allows an administrator control over who takes part in a group. Closed groups make it easier to prevent spammers from joining the group and annoying members by, among other issues, hijacking discussions or going off topic. You may join these groups by clicking on join and waiting to be approved by the administrator or, often, by another member. But you won't have to wait long. I have found that approval comes within an hour or so of joining, sometimes less. When joining a closed group it is good form to thank them for adding you. Also, read the rules of the group carefully as to what types of discussions are allowed and what will not be tolerated as not following the rules will get you expelled from the group. And, though it happens, since there is a group for just about everything this should not be a problem. Finally, remember that it's the internet, so even though discussions may be more private than open groups, you shouldn't consider posts in a closed group to be 100% confidential.

With so many links to explore the world is, literally, at your fingertips. Enjoy!

Calendar of Events for the Next Three Months

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

On October 2nd, November 6th and December 4th, from 5:45 PM to 7:45 PM

in the Blake Library Genealogy Room,
2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart

A members from MCGS will be available to assist persons doing genealogical research. There is no charge.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH ASSISTANCE - MCGS/DAR

October 4th, November 1st, and December 6th, from 10 AM to 12 Noon, in the

Blake Library Genealogy Room, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart

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.

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.

All of the meetings will be at the John F. Armstrong Wing of the **Blake Library**, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL.

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 17, 2014, Friday, 1 to 3 PM

The program for this meeting is still being determined.

November 21, 2014, Friday, 1 to 3 PM

The program is "Using the DAR Database as a Research Tool" by MCGS/DAR member Colleen Kimball.

In addition to the program, there will be an election of 2015's Board of Directors, as four current directors have completed their terms of service. Thus, members' attendance is very much encouraged, as we need a quorum to vote on the election.

December 19, 2014, Friday, 1 to 3 PM

Come celebrate the Holiday Season with MCGS's Holiday Social, featuring our cookies and other treats, and the Holiday Raffle. Please bring a raffle gift, ~\$5. Also cookies. This is a fund raising activity for the Society!

WORKSHOPS:

Open to the public are educational workshops scheduled for the 3rd and 4th Saturday mornings of each month, September thru May. The doors open at 10 AM and class will start at 10:15 AM and go to 12 PM.

Please go to the mcgensociety.org website, click on EVENTS, to find the latest information. At these workshops, we typically have a computer and projector set up, used by the presenters in giving the workshop, and also so that we can visit websites of interest to those in attendance. A donation of \$3-5 will be appreciated.

Interested attendees are encouraged to send a sign-up Email to mcgsfl@gmail.com. This is important when we meet in the Genealogy

Room of the Blake Library, which is a small room. But, at the Morgade Library, our usual meeting place, walk-ins are most welcome as the room can be the large size community room. However, if the attendance is small, we will be in the smaller conference room inside the library section of the building.

September 27, 2014, Saturday • 10:15am-12:00pm

MCGS WORKSHOP, 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Robert Morgade Library, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1).

The workshop is "Beginning Genealogy 2", given by MCGS member Walt Bruetsch. This workshop will be an in-depth review of the new FamilySearch.org web site. This site has lots of new features and databases, so we'll be learning how to maximize our research. Time permitting, the other websites will also be reviewed.

Send an E-mail to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for this class. Please put BEGIN2 in the Subject Box.

October 18, 2014, Saturday 10:15am-12:00pm

MCGS WORKSHOP, 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Robert Morgade Library, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1).

The workshop is either "Using the NEHGS website for Genealogical Research" by Shirley Pizziferri or "Census Research" by Robert Bishop.

Send an E-mail to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign

up for this class. Please put NEHGS in the Subject Box.

Walk-ins are most welcome, as the room is the medium size Conference Room 1. The community room is being used for early voting.

October 25, 2014, Saturday • 10:15am-12:00pm

MCGS WORKSHOP, 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Robert Morgade Library, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1).

The workshop is "Genealogical Research into the 1700's: a case study", presented by MCGS member Walt Bruetsch. The intent of the workshop is to show and discuss the methods used, which may be helpful to others doing similar research.

Send an E-mail to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for this class. Please put 1700 in the Subject Box.

Walk-ins are most welcome, as the room is the main CONFERENCE ROOM, inside and to the back left.

November 15, 2014, Saturday • 10:15am-12:00pm

MCGS WORKSHOP, 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Robert Morgade Library, 5851 SE Community Dr., Stuart (off Salerno Road, west of US 1).

The workshop is "Using Ancestry.com" by MCGS member Colleen Kimball. A video will be shown as part of this program.

Send an E-mail to mcgsfl@gmail.com to sign up for this class. Please put ANCESTRY in the Subject Box.

Walk-ins are most welcome, as the room is the large size community room.

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.**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 **scllysr@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.**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, Director of Education

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.**Misc. Info on Genealogy****New in the Genealogy Room, Blake Lib.**

This book is one of a few in the New Book section on the computer table:

Jamestown People to 1800: Landowners, Public Officials, Minorities, and Native Leaders. By Martha W. McCartney, copyright 2012

A New Discovery

By Reba Shepard

I was working on Ancestry Library Edition in the Blake Library Genealogy Room and made a discovery that will make a big difference in my research.

It was a census page, and after clicking on PRINT, a note appeared that said, "basically", shall we send this to your home computer?

I said yes, and inserted my e-mail address twice, clicked a button, and the computer told me it had been successful in making the send.

I went home, not sure of what to expect, and an e-mail from Ancestry.com told me:

"You made a discovery at the library on Ancestry." A new entry has been posted on your discovery page. Your latest find was on Thursday, September 04, 2014 at MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM.

[View your discoveries](#)

I clicked on view your discoveries, and there was the page I sought. It was like magic. No 25 cents a copy, print it at home.

New Databases at NEHGS

By Shirley Pizziferri

Every week NEHGS puts out a new batch of databases via their Weekly Newsletters. Below is a list of additions given in June, July, August and part of September across the USA.

The way to access these databases is to go to computers in the Genealogy Room of the Blake Library. Double click on the NEHGS icon. A browser will open and you'll read "Welcome, Martin County Library System". The website's URL is www.americanancestors.org.

So try this at home also. It would appear that a researcher doesn't need a paid membership to link to these databases.

Once you are on the home page, click on PUBLICATIONS on the top navigation bar. Scroll down to e-Newsletter, and click on The Weekly Genealogist. Then select The Weekly Genealogist, Vol. # and No. # of interest to you.

Vol. 17, No. 36, Sep 10, 2014: Univ. of N. H. Library

Vol. 17, No. 36, Sep 3, 2014: Catholic Cemetery D/B: GA, ND & RI,

Vol. 17, No. 35, Aug 27, 2014: Tompkins Co., NY Public Library

Vol. 17, No. 34, Aug 20, 2014: Minnesota Cemetery Databases

Vol. 17, No. 33, Aug 13, 2014: Michigan Cemetery Database

Vol. 17, No. 32, Aug 6, 2014: Tennessee and California Resources

Vol. 17, No. 31, July 30, 2014: Newspaper Resources for IOWA

Vol. 17, No. 30, July 23, 2014: Fort Collins, CO

Vol. 17, No. 29, July 16, 2014: Geauga County, OH

Vol. 17, No. 28, July 9, 2014: Northern Oregon Cemeteries

Vol. 17, No. 27, July 2, 2014: Campbellsport, Fond du Lac Co., WI

Vol. 17, No. 26, June 25, 2014: Cemetery Databases in WA, IL and MO

Vol. 17, No. 25, June 18, 2014: New Brunswick, NJ, Free Public Library

Vol. 17, No. 24, June 11, 2014: Remember that Maine, Conn. and R.I.

VR's [Vital Records] are updated weekly in the NEHGS Newsletter.

NYS Vital Records Archive

The NYS vital records indexes are at the NYS Archives in Albany. They are on microfiche. If you can find someone to check them for you, they can locate the record and drop off a records request form and \$22 payment right at the Archives in the drop-box. These are picked up every afternoon. The certificate will arrive in 2-3 weeks.

By Dennis Marr via NY-Troy-Irish-GenSoc Digest Vol 9, Issue 184 on 7 Sep 2014.

Arizona Homestead Records: To Be Digitized

An important part of Arizona history will soon be available to view online. The Homestead National Monument of America is in the process of digitizing thousands of homestead records from the U.S. National Archive.

[Ed. note: This article was found via Geneanet. Do a search engine search for more information. <http://ktar.com/22/1748080/Arizona-homestead-records-to-be-digitized>]

The National Park Service website has access to these records. <http://www.nps.gov/home/historyculture/homesteadrecords.htm>

This website shows that the Nebraska records have been completed and are available on fold3.com. This is a payment req'd site.

Census Surprises: 1840 U.S. Census

by Jack Butler,

as given on www.flsgs.org
[Florida State Gen. Soc.],
and printed with permission.

Thank you Mr. Butler and FLSGS!

The 1840 U.S. Census has a second page that is often totally overlooked by genealogists. This page has columns that provide information about how the family made its living - many "farmers" also ran businesses and about family members who might have had disabilities. Page two of this census also contains a column that could be the golden key that unlocks a treasure trove of genealogical facts.

Right in the middle of page two, we find the column "Pensioners for Revolutionary or military service included in the foregoing." This column provides the names and ages of anyone in the household who was receiving a Revolutionary War pension during the census year. It follows that where there is a pensioner, there must have been a Revolutionary War pension application - and these pension files can be goldmines for the genealogist.

For example, on the 1840 Census of Licking County, Ohio, the "Pensioners for

PENSIONERS FOR REVOLUTIONARY OR MILITARY SERVICES, INCLUDED IN THE FOREGOING.	
NAMES	AGES
Chloe McCuller	81½

Revolutionary or military service included in the foregoing" column reports that the household of W. W. Blake contained a pensioner named Chloe McCuller, age 81½ years. Knowing this,

the question becomes how do we make use of it?

There are several research options available at this point, but it is nearly always best to take the easiest - in this case an Ancestry.com search - first. The Ancestry.com search for Chloe McCuller returned 3 results that were related to Revolutionary War pension applications: (1) a ledger of payments made to pensioners in Licking County, Ohio that included Chloe's name, (2) a listing from the 1841 census of Revolutionary War pensioners, and (3) the Index card from the Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files at the National Archives.

All three items included images of the original document, and all three included valuable genealogical data.

Of greatest value, from the research perspective was probably the index card.

What makes this card valuable is that it allows us to identify Chloe as the widow of William McCuller and tells us that William served in the Revolution from Massachusetts, and, best of all, it gives us William McCuller's pension file number - [W5363] this allows us to locate and review both William and Chloe McCuller's pension application files.

Revolutionary war pension files can be acquired from the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C. - you can either order **online** (<https://eservices.archives.gov/orderonline/>) or by **mail**.

Many pension files are also available online at the Fold3 (formerly Footnote.com) website - note that this is a subscription site and requires payment. At Footnote, we discovered a pension file that ran to more than 90 pages and included the following, along with many other bits of useful information:

- In earlier records, the family name is written as McCullogh.
- Chloe McCullar was W.W. Blake's mother-in-law, mother of Blake's wife, Nancy. This was previously unknown
- Chloe's maiden name was Bullard
- William & Chloe were originally from Worcester County, Massachusetts
- The place and date of William & Chloe's marriage.
- The names of four of William & Chloe's daughters who were unmarried at the time of William's pension application.
- William and Chloe's dates and places of death
- Details of William's Rev War service
- The fact that William, Chloe and family lived in Rutland County, Vermont between living in Massachusetts and Ohio.

And all of this was found because of one name entered on page 2 of the 1840 Census - one of the "bad census" reports.

CENSUS FOLLOW-UP

By Walt Bruetsch

So how do we find the above page in the 1840 Census? In the Blake Library's Genealogy Room, use one of the computers to access Ancestry Library Edition. Select the 1840 Census. Enter your surname and click search. The first page image comes up. Then just go to the next image to see the second page.

The 1840 Census was also the first time a question on occupation was asked.

In the 1830 Census, there is a question on if a person was an alien. Also town or district and county info was asked.

In the 1820 Census, there are questions on naturalization, and the number of persons engaged in agriculture, commerce or manufacturing. And the number of colored persons. The 1820 manufacturing schedules are on 29 separate rolls of microfilm.

In the 1810 Census, the manufacturing schedules are scattered among the population schedules.

For the 1790 Census, a \$20 fine would be levied against anyone who refused to answer the enumerator's (marshals) questions. The fine was to be split between the marshal's assistants and the government.

Christ Church in Philadelphia: website

By Walt Bruetsch

The church's website is www.christchurchphiala.org

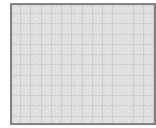
In the top right hand corner is "Family records / genealogy search". Click on this.

Then scroll to the bottom of the page to "Click here to view Christ Church's on-line holdings...".

Parish Registers contain baptisms from 1709 to 1900, marriages from 1709 to 1913, burials from 1709 to 1900 and pew rentals from 1778 to 1785.

Read the entire article on blog.mocavo.com, Michael J. Leclerc's Genealogy News titled "Free Records From Christ Church in Philadelphia".

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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:

There were no new or renewing members during the summer recess.

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.