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Send your news about genealogical events of interest to MoSGA members to the editor at: 89ILGUY@GMAIL.COM. Items submitted may be edited for length and content.

CYBEREXCHANGE 101

14-15 November 2008

Mesa AZ-- **Cyberexchange 101**: Learn the tech to trace your roots conference -- Mesa, Arizona Family History Expo 2008 at the Mesa Convention Center, 263 N. Center Street, Mesa. Doors open at 7AM on Friday and 8AM on Saturday. Early bird cost is only \$65.00 for both days. Regular pre-registration cost for both days is \$75.00.

At the door cost will be \$90.00. Over 100 sessions will be for beginners through advanced researchers. Exhibit Hall will be available to attendees. Website:

www.myancestorsfound.com/events/upcoming.php?event_id=43

StLGS ANNUAL BOOK JAMBOREE

7 December 2008

Need presents for those deserving genealogists on your Christmas shopping list, or have you been a good girl or boy wish to treat yourself? In either case, you'll want to mark your calendar for the **St. Louis Genealogical Society Annual Holiday Book Jamboree**. Last year's Jamboree was a fun event, and this year's promises to be at least as exciting.

Date: Sunday, 7 December 2008
Place: 4 Sunnen Drive, Suite 140
Sunnen Business Park

St. Louis, MO 63143-0010

Check their website for time and further details:

<http://www.stlgs.org/>

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Please note that annual dues for MoSGA expire at the end of each calendar year. Your prompt payment ensures uninterrupted mailing of the *MoSGA Journal* and "Show-Me State" *Genealogical News*. Postcard reminders and mailing of back-issues cost money, so please do your part to help reduce our costs. Dues are still only \$20 per household per year (\$400 for a lifetime membership), and may be mailed to PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833.

GREAT CIVIL WAR BATTLES: FREDERICKSBURG

13 December 2008

Please join Tom Pearson as he discusses the history of **this important winter Civil War battle**, in which a better-equipped, numerically superior force under Union General Ambrose Burnside was thoroughly whipped by a rebel army under the command of the Old Gray Fox, Robert E. Lee. This lecture is free and open to the public.

Time: 10 AM-Noon.

Date: Sat, 13 December 2008.

Place: St. Louis Public Library
Meeting Room 1, 3rd Floor
1301 Olive Street
St. Louis, MO 63103.

To register or for more info: call 314-539-0381 or email him at tpearson@slpl.org.

CALENDAR 2009

SALT LAKE INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGY

12-16 January 2009

The Utah Genealogical Association's 2009 **Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy** will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Institute offers a week of in-depth instruction by expert genealogists in ten courses:

Course 1: American Records & Research:
Focusing on Localities

Course 2: Research of the Gulf South—
Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi,
Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas

Course 3: English Research

Course 4: Research in German Speaking
Areas

Course 5: Colonial American Research

Course 6: Effective Use of the Internet

Course 7: Hispanic Research: Discovering
Your Ancestors in Spain and Latin
America

Course 8: Beyond the Library: Research in
Archives, Courthouses and Manuscript
Collections

Course 9: (Course full) Skill Building for
Professional-Level Research

Course 10: Genealogical Problem Solving

For more information or to enroll online,
please go to www.infouga.org.

MANCHESTER HISTORY FESTIVAL

20-21 March 2009

If you're planning a trip to Old Blighty in 2009, and are researching kin from the Manchester area, you may want to keep this in mind:

A **Manchester History Festival** is being planned for Friday 20th and Sat 21st March 2009. It will be held in the Town Hall Albert Square.

It is being organized by Manchester University Manchester Metropolitan University and Manchester City Council, and is intended that the festival will become an annual or biannual part of the city's calendar.

Local history groups libraries and family history societies are being contacted. A web site is being created and maintained as a resource and means of connection for schools, societies, universities cultural institutions and the wider public.

Best wishes,

Trish Whitmore tysh9@yahoo.co.uk

"TELL ME ABOUT IT"

28 March 2009

Virginia Beach Genealogical Society's 2009 Annual Conference, "**Tell Me About It,**" features well-recognized author, teacher, publisher, and wit, John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. Dr. Colletta will give four presentations to fine-tune your genealogical research and writing in his unique, energetic, and entertaining style on Saturday, 28 March 2009, 8:30 AM - 5 PM, at Central Library, Virginia Beach VA.

His topics are:

Lesser-Used Federal Records;

Libraries, Archives & Public Records

Offices: Understanding Resource
Repositories;

Effective Interviewing; and Turning

Biographical Facts into Real-Life Events:
How to Build Historical Context.

You'll also find exhibitors, vendors, door prizes, free DNA kits, magazines, goodies, and much more. Registration form required plus \$35 members/\$40 for nonmembers. Add \$5 for payment received after March 16, 2009. For registration form and details, please call J. B. Wright 757.495.0672;

email: jwright73@cox.net,

or visit: www.rootsweb.com/~vavbgs.

MISSOURI GENIE NEWS

BALLTOWN CEMETERY REHAB

Every once in a while a community volunteer comes along and donates time and funds beyond all expectations to accomplish a project for the benefit of the community, and the significance of the project is such that

Seater, graduate of Metz High School and a retired U.S. Naval officer, **has personally undertaken the complete renovation of Balltown Cemetery** near Metz, with the assistance of Tex McKinley, as his assistant. In addition to trimming trees and removing overgrown bushes, he is repairing broken stones and straightening those which have tipped over the years.

A newspaper article which really just touches on the magnitude of this project has recently been posted at:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/>

"Balltown Cemetery Rehab is a Labor of Love." Five web pages of before and after pictures have recently been added to help show the marvelous work being done. Please note that there will be a public ceremony this fall, November 9, to dedicate the new military memorial and rededicate the G.A.R. memorial -- mark your calendar now to attend.

Robert estimates it may take about five additional years to complete the remaining planned work which includes installing an engraved marker with the cemetery's history (Balltown is Vernon County's oldest cemetery) as well as repairing and leveling gravestones in the north section which is the older part of the cemetery.

Regards,

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Nevada, MO 64772

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<http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/>

P.S. for those with dial-up internet service, the file size for the newspaper story is 43KB and the pictures range from 322 to 606KB. Adobe Reader v. 6 or higher is required to view the picture pages.

IN THE GENIE MAGAZINES

BURNED BY A FLOOD

The Preserver 16:1 (August 2008) asks, "What Happened to the 1890 Census?" 47,000 enumerators collected information on 62 million Americans. On the afternoon of January 10, 1921, smoke was seen wafting from the Commerce Building, where the 1890 schedules were stored. The fire was confined to the basement, but the basement was flooded in the effort to put out the fire.

Some census schedules stored on the fifth floor of the Commerce Building were not damaged. Other schedules stored in a supposedly waterproof vault in the basement received minor damage. **The 1890 schedules**, while in the basement, were not in the vault. They were thoroughly soaked. To add insult to injury, the decision was made to allow the soggy schedules to remain in the flooded basement until a damage assessment could be done the next day!

A small part of the 1890 schedules in fact survived, but these fragments only cover very small sections of ten states and the District of Columbia. The cause of the fire was never officially ascertained- it was suggested by the government that some papers had spontaneously combusted, but a second, more widely-believed theory held that a worker smoking in the basement set off the blaze accidentally.

NARA 1890 Census Fact Sheet:
<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/census/1890/1890.html>

CIVIL WAR PENSION FILES 101

NGS Newsmagazine 34:3 (July-September 2008) includes an informative article by Claire Prechtel-Kluszens called Anatomy of a Union Civil War Pension File. She notes that **a typical Civil War pension file** is 100 or more pages long, and mentions more than 100 individuals in addition to the pension claimant. A Civil War pension file should contain all claims for a pension by a particular veteran and any other persons like widows or minor children who applied for a pension based on that man's Civil War service. Eligibility for Civil War pensions

varied according to the act of Congress in effect at the time of application, although prior to 1959 only Union soldiers, sailors, and marines and their widows were eligible for federal Civil War pensions. Initially, a man had to be unable because of wounds incurred or sickness contracted during the Civil War to do a full day's work in order to qualify for a pension. As time passed, pension laws were liberalized until, by 1907, Civil War veterans needed only to be age 62 or older to qualify for a pension.

WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!

You can send news of a mailing address / email address change to our Membership Chair, Rob Taylor, at PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833, or to his email: taylor.robert.w@gmail.com. Thanks!

**GET THE MOST OUT OF
FAMILYSEARCH.ORG**

Leslie Albrecht shows you how to get the most out of **this great online resource** in Discovering Family History (July-August 2008): 20-22.

"I WAS AN AWFUL COWARD."

St. Clair County (IL) Historical Society Newsletter (August 2008) includes two Civil War articles of interest. One concerns **the federal prison at Alton, Illinois**. Persons confined at this prison included Confederate soldiers, captured guerrillas, and persons convicted of disloyal acts by military tribunals. Overcrowding and inadequate diet, clothing, and medical care contributed to a high death rate due mainly to diseases like measles, smallpox, and pneumonia. More than 1,500 prisoners died while confined at Alton.

The second article is an excerpt from the diary of Pvt. Jefferson Moses of Company G, 93rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry. The diary is somewhat unusual in that Pvt. Moses **freely and cheerfully confesses the fear** he felt when it first occurred to him that he might be forced to fight in the war. As he says, "I was an awful coward." He also notes that the first uniformed soldier he ever saw was at a funeral in Freeport, Illinois for a captain killed at the Battle of Shiloh. While

attending a war rally in August 1862, however, Moses caught finally caught war fever and asked his father for permission to enlist. Shortly thereafter, he left for camp at Rockford, Illinois in the company of one hundred or so other young men

**I'LL GIVE YOU 58 REASONS WHY YOU
SHOULDN'T DO THAT...**

The Shawnee 23:4 (Summer 2008) mentions an incident that occurred near Golconda, IL on 29 April 1933. Several officers from the Sheriff's Department **were attempting to arrest** Olpha Tolan when Tolan took offense at the prospect and threw a large rock at Deputy D. T. Henley. The rock broke Henley's shoulder, but he managed to fire his shotgun at Tolan anyway. Fifty-eight pieces of buckshot were dug out of the miscreant.

IT ISN'T JUST ABOUT YOU...

Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly 40:2 (Summer 2008) includes an interesting article called "Mining for Ancestors- A Challenge to Our Readers." The crux of the article is this: in documents you possess relating to your family lines, **mention is probably made of hundreds, possibly thousands of persons not part of your lines**. Those persons were not of special interest to you, so their names are probably not noted in transcriptions, indexes, or other finding aids you've created for those documents. As the article says, "Our challenge to you is to start mining for other genealogists' ancestors in your files. Think of it as one of those random acts of genealogical kindness." The Editorial Committee of the ISGS Quarterly goes on to invite readers to send in their notes about non-family members encountered in documents in their personal collections.

MASTER THE SSDI

Learn all about the **Social Security Death Index** in an article by Donna Potter in Discovering Family History (July-August 2008): 11-12. A second article by Janice Nickerson explains how to search for burial information in a second article about your dear departed(s) (pp. 8-10).

ONE FOOT AT A TIME...

The Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois Newsletter 36:8 (August-September 2008) includes an interesting article by Ken Cochran called "How Big Was Grandpa's Farm?" The article is a nice capsule history of **land ownership and measurement conventions**. Did you know that the measurement one foot (12 inches) is the approximate length of the sole of a size 10 men's shoe, and that one square foot therefore literally measures one foot per side? That a league was the distance a man could walk in an hour, or that an acre was the amount of land that one man with one team of oxen could plow in one day?

ONE IF BY BLIMP...

Branching Out From St. Clair County, Illinois 35:4 (August 2008) includes a story about **the transfer of mail from a blimp to a moving train**. It happened near Scott Field in St. Clair County in the 1930s. The blimp was commanded by Lieutenants K. S. Axtater and E. H. White. A movie newsreel crew filmed the mail transfer, which involved a blimp crew member handing a mail sack to a member of the train crew.

SLOW NEWS DAY?

Macoupin County (IL) Searcher 29:1 (July 2008) notes **this news item** in the Weekly Transcript newspaper (23 April 1908):

"B.S. Thompson, who has been complaining for several days, is better."

NOTE: Glad to hear it, but if that's all the news that's fit to print in your county, it's going to be hard to keep the kids in Macoupin County down on the farm!

TIED TO A TREE AND SHOT

An article about the author's quest to determine if a family "legend" **was actually a true story**- it was! Full story in St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly 41:1 (Spring 2008): 29-31.

NOTE: Anybody else find it ironic that an article entitled "Tied to a Tree and Shot" was written by a lady named Peggy Rifleman?

TO HEIR IS HUMAN...

Elgin Genealogical Society Newsletter 33:3 (September 2008) includes a copy of a "Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament." If you've worried that your spouse / kids **will toss years of painstaking research into the dumpster** before you've grown completely cold, you may wish to consider adding such a codicil to your will. In it, you make your heirs aware of your estimation of the value of your genealogical research, and ask that they endeavor to find an individual or institution willing to give your papers a good home. The one page document provides space to suggest specific individuals or institutions with whom you would prefer that your genealogical research be entrusted.

A VERY SAD (AND DOWNRIGHT WEIRD) OBITUARY

The Saga of Southern Illinois 35:3 (July-September 2008) includes an obituary from the Jonesboro Gazette (Union County, IL) dated 31 August 1901. The story notes that Mary J. Seavers and her son, George, age 9, **were killed when a tree fell on the wagon they were traveling in** during a storm. Mrs. Seavers' husband and young daughter managed to escape death. The obituary goes on to note the extremely odd fact that:

"The woman's heart was found thirty feet from the rest of her body."

GENIE INTERNET NEWS

Send items of interest to the editor at: [<89ILGUY@GMAIL.COM>](mailto:89ILGUY@GMAIL.COM). Items submitted may be edited for length and content.

NOTE: You should check any downloaded program with your computer security software before installing on your computer- better safe than sorry!

250+ DIGITAL LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES

Lengthy **annotated** list.

<http://oedb.org/library/features/250-plus-killer-digital-libraries-and-archives>

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP EXPRESS

Adobe Photoshop Express allows you **to do minor editing of photos online**, and allows you to store up to 2GB of your photos online (for free):

<https://www.photoshop.com/express/landing.html>

ALLEN COUNTY MILITARY HISTORY CENTER

Links to **various military history sites** of interest from the Colonial Wars to the present conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan:

<http://www.genealogycenter.info/military/>

ANTIETAM NATIONAL CEMETERY BURIALS

Digitized book includes a listing of men buried in the cemetery as of 1867:

It lists those **Union soldiers buried in the Antietam National Cemetery in Sharpsburg, Maryland, as of 1867**. Many died at the nearby Battle of Antietam and the fighting on South Mountain in September 1862. In addition, Union soldiers who died in Allegany and Frederick counties and elsewhere in Washington County, Maryland, are interred here too. The battle of Monocacy in Frederick County in July 1864 produced large numbers of dead. Other skirmishes in the state at Funkstown, Hagerstown, Boonsboro, Folck's Mill, Weverton, and several other small towns also produced casualties, many of whom are buried in Sharpsburg. Some of those Union soldiers injured in the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia were transported to Maryland hospitals and if they died were buried in the Antietam National Cemetery.

<http://www.whilbr.org/antietamNationalCemetery/index.aspx>

ANTIETAM NATIONAL CEMETERY PAYROLL, 1866-1867

Digitized book at the Western Maryland Regional Library website:

"The Antietam National Cemetery was established to contain the remains of the

Union dead from the nearby Battle of Antietam in Sharpsburg, Washington County, Maryland. This book contains the financial accounts of the Cemetery during 1866 and 1867, when the wall around the cemetery was being constructed. **These names appear to be those of the laborers who quarried the stone, crafted the capping coping stones and constructed the wall.** Many of the same names are found in the Sharpsburg area today."

<http://www.whilbr.org/AntietamCemeteryPayroll/index.aspx>

COMBINING FILM, PHOTOS, AND MUSIC IN A GIFT

At this point, it's probably easier than you thought possible **to make a gift that combines photos, home movies, and voice recordings** of family members into a present that will truly knock someone's socks off:

<http://www.komando.com/tips/index.aspx?id=5197&page=1>

EDIT ME

Would you like to start a website, but don't know HTML or CSS and don't really want to learn? EditMe may be your answer: using this site, you really can create a website without knowing any HTML or CSS:

<http://www.editme.com/Home>

NOTE: It does help to be somewhat familiar with Microsoft WORD, and Edit Me is not free, although you do get a free 30 day trial (you don't need to provide a credit card number until the trial period ends, at which time you simply walk away if not satisfied). If you like the site, and want to continue after the trial period, basic site fee is \$4.95 / month.

EXPOMUSEUM

Need more information about **an international fair or expo**, such as the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair? ExpoMuseum covers them all, 1851-present:

<http://www.expomuseum.com/>

FREE AUDIO EDITOR

If you're thinking about getting into podcasting, or **just want to start recording interviews with family members**, you may want to look at Free Audio Editor:

http://freewarehome.com/index.html?http%3A/freewarehome.com/Home_and_Hobby/Sound_Tools/Editors_t.html%231365

FREE LANGUAGE TUTORIALS

Going to Europe, or do you work frequently with documents in foreign languages? There are **free tutorials** in 15 Indo-European languages here:

<http://www.ielanguages.com/>

GEOTAGGING YOUR PHOTOS

This Kim Komando Weekly Column includes an article **about geotagging photos**:

<http://www.komando.com/newsletters/newsletter-newsletter.aspx?id=4395>

IF IT'S FONTS YOU SEEK...

Try trolling for **free fronts** at Urban Fonts. Includes enough old-fashioned / foreign language / calligraphic fonts to cause uncontrollable drooling in the unprepared genealogist...

<http://www.urbanfonts.com/>

IOWA DIGITAL LIBRARY

"The Iowa Digital Library **contains more than 175,000 digital objects**- photographs, maps, sound recordings and documents—from libraries and archives at University of Iowa and their partnering institutions. The Iowa Digital Library also includes faculty research collections and bibliographic tools (holdings information for some library materials that are not otherwise accessible through the online catalog). Digital collections are coordinated by Digital Library Services, which manages the preservation, delivery, and structure of UI Libraries' digital content."

<http://digital.lib.uiowa.edu/>

IOWA HERITAGE DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

"Welcome to the Iowa Heritage Digital Collections, an online repository of Iowa history and culture created by bringing together in digital form documents, images, maps, finding aids, interpretive and educational materials, and other media from collections held by a wide range of organizations throughout Iowa."

<http://iowaheritage.org/>

IT'S OUR TREE

Create family trees online, for free- and you can specify who else is allowed to view that tree:

<http://www.itsourtree.com/>

NOTE: Trees can be created in **English or various other European languages**-- your choice.

JING

What is Jing? It's a **freeware screen capture program**, with versions available for both Windows and Mac OS X:

<http://www.jingproject.com/>

JOHNSON'S ISLAND

They're **excavating the site** of Johnson's Island Prison (Ohio), a Civil War prison for captured Confederate soldiers:

<http://www.archaeology.org/interactive/johnsons/index.html>

KENTUCKIANA DIGITAL LIBRARY

"The Kentuckiana Digital Library is your gateway to **rare and unique digitized collections housed in Kentucky archives**. These digital collections are built to enhance scholarship, research and lifelong learning."

<http://kdl.kyvl.org/>

NOTE: Collection includes finding aids, books, journals, newspapers, images, maps, oral histories, and manuscripts.

MAPPING TOOLS FOR GENEALOGISTS

Family Tree Magazine has posted an online article **about Web mapping tools** of interest to genealogists:

MILITARY RANKS

Nice **lists of military ranks** (Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Air Force):

<http://jade.theostrohafamily.com/rank.htm#Army>

A huge list of **military terms and acronyms**:

<http://www.milterms.com>

And a **list of abbreviations commonly found on military headstones**:

http://genealogy.about.com/od/military_records/a/abbreviations.htm

MISSING PERSONNEL OFFICE

The Department of Defense maintains a Missing Personnel (POW / MIA) website that **includes lists of MIAs from World War II to the present-day**:

<http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/> LINK

MoSGA HAS A BLOG!

Actually, we've been blogging since November 2007! You can find our blog, **MoSGA Messenger**, here:

<http://mosga.blogspot.com/>

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF SOUTH AFRICA

Have relatives **who came from / immigrated to South Africa**? Then you'll want to check out the website of the National Archives of South Africa:

<http://www.national.archives.gov.za/> LINK

ONE HUMP OR TWO?

Could **camels have replaced the vanishing buffalo** as a source of livelihood for some American Indian tribes? One U.S. senator thought so:

<http://blogs.ancestry.com/circle/?p=2788>

ONLINE LIBRARY OF MISSOURIANA

Interesting collection of digitized items relating to Missouri history. Includes books, journal articles, pamphlets and brochures, images, and maps.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mogeneal/modigital.htm>

OZARKS DIGITAL LIBRARY:
GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI

"This site contains the full-text contents of publications exploring different aspects of **the history and people of Greene County, Missouri**. It is a collection of full-text, indexes and abstracts to records held at the Greene County Archives and Records Center, Springfield, Missouri. These records include circuit court record books, coroner records, alms house records, justice of the peace records and others.

The material is of interest to genealogists who are attempting to fill in gaps in their research or to fill in details about individuals they have encountered in previous research. The material is also of interest to historians and others interested in historical details of the interaction between local government authority and citizens."

<http://thelibrary.springfield.missouri.org/lochst/records/index.html>

PDR HEALTH

The **Physician's Desk Reference** isn't just for drug advice anymore- it can also help with advice about diseases and possible treatment plans:

<http://www.pdrhealth.com/home/home.aspx>

STARTING FROM SCRATCH

If you're new to the genealogy game, you will be interested in this Family Tree Magazine article **about starting your family research from Square One**:

<http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/nowwhat/default.aspx>

REFORMATTING A DRIVE

In case you need to **reformat your hard drive** (or if you don't know what reformatting is), you will be very interested in an easy-to-follow column on the subject by Kim Komando:

<http://www.komando.com/tips/index.aspx?id=5167>

**VIRGINIA HERITAGE PROJECT
DATABASE**

You can search **this finding aid to archival and manuscript collections in 27 Virginia repositories** for free:

<http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaead/>

WANTED: USED THUMB DRIVES

Do you have any old USB thumb drives (memory sticks) lying around your home or office? No longer have need for your 128/256/512MB USB flash drives after upgrading to larger ones?

Wolfner Library, Missouri's library **for those who are unable to use standard print materials due to vision loss, physical impairment or reading disability**, is asking for your unwanted USB drives. The thumb drives will be used to help distribute digital books and magazines free of charge to Wolfner readers.

As Wolfner transitions its collection of analog tapes to digital flash cards, there is a need for thumb drives to hold locally produced and ephemeral items, as well as items suited to long-term use, such as Bibles and cookbooks. A single 256MB USB drive can hold an entire digital book. Donated drives may be kept by the patron indefinitely. Donations may be shipped to:

Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
P.O. Box 387
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0387

Questions? Call or email:

(800) 392-2614 (toll free in Missouri)

(573) 751-8720 (Jefferson City area and outside Missouri)

Wolfner@sos.mo.gov

WINDOWS LIVE PHOTO GALLERY

Wikipedia tells you everything you need to know **about this free Windows Vista / XP photo organizer**:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_Live_Photo_Gallery

This link tells you all you need to know **about the Windows Live suite of products and services**:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_Live#Windows_Live_2.0

WINDOWS MARKETPLACE

Windows Marketplace is a section of the Microsoft website where they list programs available for the various Windows operating systems. A section of The Marketplace **lists free programs for Windows users**- and there are thousands of free programs listed!

<http://www.windowsmarketplace.com/category.aspx?bccatid=1&maxprice=0>

**CENSUS RECORDS: FOR
DEMOGRAPHICS OR GENEALOGY?**

by Mary Harrell-Sesniak

"Genealogy is not just a pastime, it's a passion."

Don't be fooled by thinking U.S. federal census records were created for family historians—their original purpose was for demographics. Genealogists use them now, but knowing their original purpose and knowing the questions asked and notations used can keep you from being misled.

Marital Status or Civil Condition

Early on, newlyweds were the only ones whose length of marriage was recorded, and the only year the month of marriage was asked was 1870. By 1880, divorces, widowhood, and single status were included.

From 1900-1910, the number of years a couple had been married was enumerated, but in 1920 this was eliminated. Strangely, in 1930, the enumerator determined the age when a person had first married.

That's quite a different issue, and it didn't matter if one was on a second or third marriage—the enumerator just recorded the age at first marriage. So what was the point? From a demographic standpoint, as more women worked or attended college,

they were less likely to marry high school sweethearts! Luckily some records show M1 or M2, indicating first or second marriage.

Information enumerated, by census year and column number:

- 1850 and 1860. Columns 10 and 11, respectively: Whether married within the year
- 1870. Column 14: If married within the year, the month (Jan., etc.)
- 1880. Column 9: Civil Condition Single; Column 10: Civil Condition Married; Column 11: Civil Condition Widowed, Divorced; Column 12: Whether married during the census year
- 1890. Column 7: Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced; Column 8: Whether married during the census year (June 1, 1889, to May 31, 1890)
- 1900. Column 9: Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced; Column 10: Number of years of present marriage
- 1910. Column 8: Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced; Column 9: Number of years of present marriage
- 1920. Column 12: Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced
- 1930. Column 14: Marital condition; Column 15: Age at first marriage

Military

Some abbreviations you will see relating to military information include "UN" for Union Navy; "UA" for Union Army; "CA" for Confederate Army; "CN" for Confederate Navy; "CW" for Civil War; "SP" for Spanish American War; and "WW" for World War I. In 1910, column 30 recorded whether someone was a survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy. In 1920, the question wasn't posed, but in 1930, column 30 noted veterans of the U.S. military or naval forces mobilized for any war or expedition (with a Y or N), and column 31 indicated the war/expedition.

Interestingly, a number of Civil War veterans survived, along with veterans of the Spanish American War and the Great War.

In addition, in 1890 a special census was enumerated to assist with pension requests

granted to veterans or widows. Only those with disabilities were eligible, and it didn't include confederates. Much of this special census schedule is missing—only records from Kentucky and Wyoming remain. However, if you are lucky enough to have an ancestor recorded, there are a number of important items included.

Information enumerated, by column number:

- Columns 1 and 2: The house and family number
- Column 3: Name of surviving soldiers, marines, and widows
- Columns 4 and 5: Rank and Company
- Column 6: Name of regiment or vessel
- Columns 7 and 8: Date of enlistment and discharge
- Column 9: Length of service
- Column 10: Post office address
- Column 11: Disability incurred

Citizenship and Naturalization

Over the decades, questions were expanded from place of birth to information about parents and native languages.

Information enumerated, by census year and column number: · 1850. Column 9: Place of birth, naming the state, territory, or country

- 1860. Column 10: Place of birth, naming the state, territory, or country
- 1870. Column 10: Place of birth, naming the state, territory, or country; Columns 11 and 12: Parentage of father and mother of the foreign born; Column 19: Constitutional Relations—Male citizens of U.S. of 21 years of age and upwards; Column 20: Male citizens of U.S. of 21 years of age and upwards where right to vote is denied on other grounds than rebellion or other crimes
- 1880. No related information enumerated
- 1890. Column 33: Number of years in the U.S.; Column 14: Whether naturalized; Column 15: Whether naturalization papers have been taken out
- 1900. Column 13: Place of birth of this person; Column 14: Father; Column 15: Mother; Column 16: Year of immigration to

the U.S.; Column 17: Number of years in the U.S.; Column 18: Naturalization

- 1910. Same as 1900, but recorded on Columns 12 through 14; Column 15: Year of immigration to the U.S.; Column 16: Whether naturalized or alien
- 1920. Column 13: Year of immigration to the United States; Column 14: Naturalized or alien; Column 15: If naturalized, year of naturalization; Columns 19 and 20: Place of birth/mother tongue of person; Columns 21 through 24: Father and mother
- 1930. Columns 18 through 20: Place of birth of person, father, and mother; Column 21: Language spoken in home before coming to the United States; Column 22: Year of immigration to the U.S.; Column 23: Naturalized or alien; Column 24: Whether able to speak English

In addition, census records often report addresses, literacy, occupations, and property values. Each decade was different, so do your research carefully. I recommend **RootsWeb's Guide to Tracing Family Trees Number 9**, which details the index system, official dates of enumeration, and pitfalls in interpreting and locating data.

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MoSGA'S ELECTED OFFICERS 2009

President— Darrell Jackson, CG, Lohman Mo. Darrell, a graduate of U. of MO, holds a Ph. D. in Religious Studies from Yale U. He retired in 2003 as Director of Research for the Missouri House of Representatives and has served as 2nd VP and 1st V P of MoSGA; contributed articles to MoSGA Journal; attended IGHR and written family histories of 3 grandparent lines.

Treasurer— David Sapp, Columbia Mo. David served as President, VP and Publications Director of MoSGA and President of the Boone County Historical Society. He has been extremely instrumental in establishing *Boone Junction*, a recreated village at the Boone County Museum grounds in Columbia.

Recording Secretary— June Sommer, St. Louis Mo. June graduated from Brigham Young U. with a BS in Genealogy, Magna Cum Laude. She holds a MA Degree in Library Science from U of Missouri-Columbia. She is a Charter member of MoSGA, was a Branch Manager for the St. Louis County Library and is currently employed as a professional genealogist.

Public Relations Director — Carolyn Branch, Fulton Mo. Carolyn has served MoSGA in various positions including Webmaster and Public Relations. She is a Reference Librarian with the Fulton (Callaway County) Public Library and has held various positions with the Missouri Library Association Board including Public Relations.

Editorial Director— Tom Pearson, St. Louis, Mo. Tom is MoSGA Newsletter Editor and Blogmaster. He is a Reference Librarian with the Special Collections Department of St. Louis Public Library, and does programs on genealogy and military history for the Library.

Library Director — Jean Foster Kelley, CG Tampa, Fl. Jean has more than twenty years research experience with her family in the Midwest (Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio). Her educational background includes the NGS home study course, IGHR, and NIGR.

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Member at Large— Barbara Huddleston, Fulton Mo. Barbara became director of the Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society and Museum after serving 8 years as the society's President. She is a 4th generation "Callawegian" and is a graduate of William Woods University and UMKC School of Pharmacy. She operated Dunavant's Drug in Auxvasse for 15 years.

Nominating Committee Member - Martha Henderson, St. Louis Mo. Martha retired as Branch Manager of the Genealogy Branch, Mid-Continent Public Library in 2001. She currently works part-time as a Reference Librarian for St. Louis Community College. She is a former Newsletter Editor and Librarian for MoSGA and is finishing her term as MoSGA President.

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