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### OUR NEW FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

Couples at a US address **can now join MoSGA as a Family**. For \$30, you get four Journals and four newsletters, and two votes and two Conference discounts! See the membership form **on the last page of this newsletter**.

### JOURNAL DIGITIZATION PROJECT

Work is continuing on our Journal Digitization Project. Our goal is to eventually have all past issues of the Journal available on the MoSGA website. If you **have written an article for the Journal at some point**, we **need your permission to digitize that article**.

Please **take a look at the attached list of "missing" authors** and see if you can provide information we can use to request their permission to put their articles on the Missouri Digital Heritage website. U.S. Mail or email is preferred. The following folks are the ones who have provided us with the most articles, so we would especially like to contact them (or their next of kin, should that be necessary):

- Michael Cassady
- Martha Kiersey Cooper
- Nadine Hodges
- Wendell E. Wilson
- Paul H. Reeves
- Jacqueline H. Williams (dec.)

Receiving permission from the following individuals **would help us "complete" an issue** (i.e., secure permission from all authors featured in that issue):

- Lonnie Chrisman
- Carolyn Daily O'Connor
- Rich Nichols
- Iris Norton Turner (dec.)

- R.E. Bayley
- Frank H. Slaven
- Wendell E. Wilson (same as above)
- Kristin Brandt

Please contact Rob Taylor at [taylor.robertw@gmail.com](mailto:taylor.robertw@gmail.com) if you can help, and many thanks for your cooperation!

### WE HAVE A NEW WEBMASTER!

Our capable and hardworking Webmaster, Carolyn Branch, has informed us that she will be unable to continue in that position once her term expires in August 2010. We have managed to recruit **a replacement Webmaster, Laura Thomson**. Laura has already started working with Carolyn to **make needed changes and upgrades** to our website. Check it often in the months to come: <http://www.mosga.org/>

### STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI RESTORES NORMAL HOURS OF OPERATION

For immediate release:

February 2, 2009

Contact: Gary R. Kremer (573) 882-7083

The State Historical Society of Missouri announced today that the Society's Board of Trustees **has voted unanimously to return the organization to its normal hours of operation**, 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. This new schedule is effective Friday, February 5, 2010. The Society has been closed on Fridays and Saturdays since November 1, due to a 25% reduction in its FY 2010 state appropriation that occurred in late October 2009.

The State Historical Society is able to return to a six-day week **due to the more than \$90,000** in private funds which has been

raised to support its public purpose. This amount is enough to **supplement the Society's state appropriation for at least four months**. In making this announcement, Executive Director Gary Kremer emphasized that the Society's governing board understands that money raised thus far represents less than one-third the amount needed to restore the Society to the level of activity it was engaged in prior to the budget cut. The **fund-raising effort will need to continue** if the Society is to remain open six days a week.

Kremer further emphasized that the announcement that the Society will return to its normal hours of operation **does not mean all Society programs have been restored**. For example, there are still no funds for the Society's popular Missouri History Speakers' Bureau, and its newspaper microfilming project will be only partially funded. Likewise, there **are no funds to restore the four full-time positions** eliminated over the past year.

<http://shsofmissourinews.blogspot.com/2010/02/state-historical-society-returns-to-6.html>

### **CALENDAR 2010**

*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.*

#### **2010 NGS FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE**

##### **Registration Is Now Open**

Mark your calendar for the 2010 Family History Conference, "**Follow Your Ancestral Trail**", which will be held 28 April—1 May 2010, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Whether your family helped settle the nation, migrated across the country, stayed in the same place, or recently arrived in America, this conference has much to offer. A few examples of the Family History Conference's diverse program offerings include the **International Workshops** which will focus on researching the cultural records of other countries through lectures, research, and problem solving; the **Evening**

**Celebration of Family History**, which will incorporate a multimedia tribute to family history, a special guest speaker, and a mini-concert by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir; and **Ask An Expert**, where the Utah Genealogical Association will sponsor twenty minute family history consultations to registered attendees.

Registration for the 2010 NGS Family History Conference to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, is now open. **View the online conference program here:**

<http://members.ngsgenealogy.org/Conferences/2010Program.cfm>

#### **MISSOURI HISTORY MUSEUM**

Keep an eye on the **Missouri History Museum Genealogy and Local History Index**, as we're adding new content on a regular basis:

<http://www.mohistory.org/genealogy>

Dennis Northcott <[dpn@mohist.org](mailto:dpn@mohist.org)>  
Associate Archivist for Reference  
Missouri History

#### **StLGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

You are cordially invited to **our Annual Family History Conference:**

**Date:** Saturday, 15 May 2010  
**Place:** Maryland Heights Centre  
2344 McKelvey Road

Again this year, we are pleased to be able to **offer audio CDs of selected lectures** to those who are unable to attend. These CDs will be available 15 May 15 through 1 September 2010.

##### **CLASSES:**

##### **40A: *Balancing on North Carolina***

Learn about locating records, repositories, and the resources you need to find a Tarheel ancestor (J. Mark Lowe).

##### **40B: *What's New in RootsMagic 4, Part 1***

An introduction to RootsMagic 4, the newest version of this award-winning genealogy

software (Bruce Buzbee).

**40C: *Connecting with Your Czech and German-Bohemian Ancestors***

Identify an approach to locating your ancestors' place of origin in today's Czech Republic and tracing them in that country (Dan Vornberg).

**40D: *Getting Started in Genealogy***

Basic concepts of family history research, how to document your research, and the tools needed for best results (Ann Barberis Wittenberg).

**40E: *Tennessee, the Road to the West***

Learn about the abundant records that exist for genealogists researching Tennessee (J. Mark Lowe).

**40F: *Everything You Need to Know About Footnote.com***

Learn about Footnote.com, an up-and-coming genealogical website (Russ Wilding).

**40G: *Irish Research—Climbing the Family Tree***

Analyze information on your Irish family and develop a game plan (Sandra M. Brunsmann-Hughes).

**40H: *Published Histories, City Directories, and Sanborn Maps: A Trifecta of Sources***

Learn how to find and use city directories to locate the residences and businesses of families. Sanborn Insurance maps may help you to locate buildings in historical settings (Bob Goode).

**40I: *Siege Warfare: the Missouri State Archives Prepares for the Civil War Sesquicentennial*** (John Dougan).

**40J: *Why Send Germans to Missouri, Of All Places? Gottfried Duden and His (Many) Enemies*** (Steven W. Rowan).

**40K: *Using American Church Records in Genealogy***

What church records exist in America, and what useful information may they contain for your family research (Dan Vornberg).

**40L: *Kentucky, The First State to the West***

Learn about the record types, where to find them, and how to use them in your research (J. Mark Lowe).

**40M: *What's New in RootsMagic 4, Part 2***

Discover even more new features of RootsMagic (Bruce Buzbee).

**40N: *How to Crack the Case on Your Family History—Missouri Laws and Judicial Records***

Understanding the history of Missouri's judicial records helps you to use and value them in family history research. (Patricia M. Luebbert).

**40O: *Finding My Way Home Again ... OR A Closer Look at Migration Trails***

This lecture focuses on the major trails and migration patterns in NC, TN, and KY that led our ancestors to the frontier South. (J. Mark Lowe).

**40P: *Footnote Presents: History is Biography—Making History Personal***

Footnote.com helps you to find and share historic documents. See how this can help make history personal (Eric Keith).

Our featured speaker for the event will be **J. Mark Lowe**, is a **full-time professional genealogist, author, and lecturer** who researches primarily in original records and manuscripts throughout the South. His weekly local history article appears in the [Robertson County Times](#).

Nearly every year since 1970 the Society has hosted **an all-day genealogical conference**. Historically, it has been the largest such single-day event in the Midwest. The Conference features **one or more nationally-recognized speakers**, several outstanding local speakers, a large and bustling vendor area, and an optional lunch.

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

The following programs are sponsored or co-sponsored by St. Louis Public Library. **Please note that locations vary:**

March 3, 2010. 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. **On Beyond Google: Search Engines Made Simple for the Befuddled Genealogist.** Learn to search smarter and faster. We'll cover search engines (Google isn't the only game in town!); meta-search engines; advanced search; specialty search engines; searchable concepts; keywords; Boolean operators; plus proper framing of search queries. St. Luke's Parish Hall, 301 N. Church St., Belleville, IL 62220. To register or for more information, call 314-539-0381.

March 13, 2010. 10 a.m.-Noon. **Spring Cleaning Your Computer: Routine Maintenance Tips & Tricks for the Befuddled Genealogist.** Simple ways to de-clutter your computer; speed up your operating system; keep track of files and folders; manage email, downloads, and bookmarks; and stay one step ahead of hackers and other online predators. Note: Primarily for users of Windows operating systems. Buder Branch. To register or for more information, call 314-539-0381.

April 10 10 a.m.-Noon. **Bullets, Breastworks, & Bayonets: Weapons and Tactics of the Civil War.** Join us as we discuss weapons and tactics used by Civil War soldiers and armies. Central Library. To register or for more information, call 314-539-0381.

Buder Branch  
4401 Hampton Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63109

Central Library  
1301 Olive Street  
St. Louis, MO 63103

Programs are free and open to the public. Pre-registration is recommended. To register or for more info, please call 314-539-0381. Parking at meters near Central Library is free on Saturdays, and parking on the Buder Branch lot is always free. Our website: <http://www.slpl.org/>.

It's easy to add you to my programs notification list. Just email me at [tpearson@slpl.org](mailto:tpearson@slpl.org) and use NOTIFY in the subject line- that's all you need to do!

**NEW BOOKS OF INTEREST**

Daniel E. Sutherland. *A Savage Conflict: The Decisive Role of Guerrillas in the American Civil War.* Civil War America Series. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2009. 440 pp. \$35.00 (cloth), ISBN 978-0-8078-3277-6.

Reviewed by Sam C. Hyde (Southeast Louisiana University).  
Published on H-CivWar (February, 2010)

It seems as long as there has been war, politicians, military officers, and others have debated the value of guerrilla warfare. In many cases, the guerrillas have been held in contempt, regarded as little more than a lawless rabble if not outright criminals. Regular army officers especially **have looked upon guerrillas as undisciplined enemies of civilized warfare**, while the civilian population, both friend and foe, have frequently feared the very notion of a guerrilla war. Such concerns, of course, have proven well justified. Gangs of men operating outside the parameters of established authority, often answerable to virtually no one, connote a descent to anarchy and potentially limitless suffering for all in the affected areas.

Yet another vision of guerrilla warfare offers that such unorthodox warriors provide a great equalizing mechanism. Much like the Afghan guerrillas who made life hell for the British army, or the Spanish irregulars who created a "bleeding ulcer" for the Napoleonic French, **guerrilla operations have long proven that they can bring a powerful regular army to its knees.** Most poignantly for Americans, the simplest review of Western involvement in twentieth-century Indochina reveals the power guerrilla operations can hold over regular forces. One of the liveliest debates concerning the value of guerrilla operations centers on their effectiveness in the American Civil War. Few dispute the value of irregular forces during the American Revolution. Indeed, the daring exploits of Francis Marion, the "Swamp Fox of the Revolution," and others like him have become the stuff of legend. In sharp contrast, far from being celebrated, the vast majority of guerrillas who operated in the

Civil War are regarded as little more than thieves and murderers. Indeed, despite the approving portrayal offered by some Confederate sympathizers, few modern scholars find much positive to say about them.[1] The obvious answer to the contrast in treatment is that most Civil War era irregulars fought in support of the Confederacy. And, as with most such conflicts, the losers do not enjoy the same sympathetic postwar evaluations afforded the victors. Not surprisingly, though fewer in number, irregular forces that supported the Union are generally regarded as heroic. The double standard applied in modern popular culture is easily revealed when one compares, say, the current treatment of reputed Mississippi unionist Newt Knight to that afforded Missouri Confederate guerrilla chief William C. Quantrill.[2]

Unfortunately, the political inclinations evident in popular culture distract attention from what many regard as the more relevant questions. Specifically, **were Civil War era guerrillas effective?** And would the war have been different if the Confederacy had been more aggressive in promoting irregular forces? This new volume from the University of North Carolina Press forthrightly confronts such questions. Author Daniel E. Sutherland provides what may be the closest thing we have yet to a definitive assessment of guerrilla operations during the Civil War. Sutherland has clearly done his homework. His meticulous research, as evidenced in his notes, reveals a thorough command of the literature on the subject. Moreover, unlike most previous studies that focus on one individual or region, this volume offers a comprehensive view of the war. The author provides comparative analysis of the forces that motivated guerrilla operations, along with analysis of their effectiveness, in a chronological timeframe that is inclusive of virtually all regions of the nation.

Sutherland expands the popular understanding of the areas affected by irregular operations to include regions north of the Mason-Dixon Line, just as he uncovers little-known guerrilla fighters in regions previously thought to be at best on the periphery of

such contests. This book is simply a banquet for Civil War buffs eager to learn more about events that remained separate from the large field force contest. Readers **are treated to exciting details of guerrilla actions from the uplands of Florida to the cornfields of Illinois.** Poignant portraits of guerrilla leaders provide rationale for understanding their behavior as well as insight into the motives of the men who followed them. By focusing on the effectiveness of irregular operations, rather than their morality, Sutherland offers an answer to the question of the guerrilla's ultimate relevance.

Existing literature reveals that most studies of irregular operations have been limited to the implications they carried for the immediate region where they were practiced. Through the broader interpretive approach he applies, Sutherland **concludes that in the end guerrilla warfare weakened the Confederacy** by compromising the trust citizens put in their government officials to protect them. In some regions of the South, Confederate officials relied on guerrillas and partisan fighters as the only viable option available to them. Sutherland's study suggests that in the early years of the conflict irregular forces in some areas did prove valuable to the Confederate war effort. Yet as the war continued, irregular forces came to include men more eager to settle personal scores, or simply engage in criminal activity. These men and their gangs operated beyond the confines of military necessity and accordingly became as much, or more, of a burden to government officials than they were an asset. As such the guerrillas ultimately contributed to the defeat of the Confederacy.

Written in engaging prose abundantly sprinkled with exciting anecdotes, **this book will be useful to the scholar just as it will entertain the general reader.** Skillfully constructed to educate, rather than pontificate, Sutherland's study raises the bar of Civil War scholarship. Though everyone will not agree with all of his conclusions, few will dispute the value of this study for interpreting the cause, and effectiveness, of

guerrilla operations during the American Civil War.

**Notes:**

[1]. See, for instance, Walter B. Cisco, War Crimes against Southern Civilians (Gretna: Pelican Publishing Company, 2007).

[2]. Michael Fellman, Inside War: The Guerrilla Conflict in Missouri during the American Civil War (New York: Oxford University Press, 1989); Sally Jenkins and John Stauffer, The State of Jones (New York: Knopf-Doubleday, 2009); and James McPherson, Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era (New York: Oxford University Press, 1988).

Citation: Sam C. Hyde. "Review of Sutherland, Daniel E., A Savage Conflict: The Decisive Role of Guerrillas in the American Civil War." H-CivWar, H-Net Reviews. February, 2010.

<http://www.hnet.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=25332>.

**MARSHA HOFFMAN RISING**

Marsha Hoffman Rising died peacefully in her bed on the seventeenth of February 2010 after a thirteen and a half year battle with ovarian cancer. She was born on the nineteenth of August, 1945 in Kansas City, Mo. to Paul and Zella (Deschner) Hoffman. She graduated from Winter Haven FL High school. She received her BA in Psychology from the University of South Florida and her MSW from Florida State University. She then taught for a year at Troy State University before being hired to become the first Director of the MSU undergraduate Social Work program. She guided that program through accreditation. In her early days in Springfield she was on the steering committee for the Child Advocacy Council and was the President of the local ACLU.

She then changed directions, left the University and became a Certified Genealogist. In that capacity she became the President of the Genealogical Speakers Guild, the President of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, a Fellow and President of the American Society of

Genealogists, the Vice-President of the National Genealogical Society and a Trustee of both the New England Historic Genealogical Society and the Association of Professional Genealogists. She published several books, the most popular of which was The Family Tree Problem Solver. She also published several genealogical references, her magnum opus being Opening the Ozarks: The First Families in Southwest Missouri.

In the time she was given by the excellent surgery by Dr. Albert Bonebrake and experimental chemotherapy after her cancer diagnosis she chose to become a traveler. She visited 7 continents, 42 countries and all 50 states. She leaves to mourn her husband Dean; her sister, Carol; step-daughter, Amy and Amy's husband Brian Brown, all of whom want to thank St. John's Hospice for their care in the final days of Marsha's illness. Her body has been cremated and at her request there will be no service. There will be a visitation at Gorman-Scharpf Funeral Home Friday, February nineteenth, 7 to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: FGS, 1812 Fund-Rising Tribute, P.O. Box 200940 Austin, Texas 78720-0940.

Obituary (with photo) in the Springfield News-Leader:

<http://php.news-leader.com/Announcements/ObitView.php?NoticeID=52234>

**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.

**ACCESS TO ARCHIVAL DATABASES-- WARS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

From your friends at the National Archives (US):

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/series-list.jsp?cat=WR25,26,27,28,42,43>

**ACCESS TO ARCHIVAL DATABASES-- PASSENGER LISTS**

More from your friends at the National Archives (US):

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/series-list.jsp?cat=GP44>

**ALABAMA ONLINE ARCHIVES**

Researching Alabama ancestors? This blog post includes numerous helpful links to online archives:

<http://ancestries1.blogspot.com/2010/01/52-weeks-of-online-american-digital.html>

**ASSORTED VIEWS OF KANSAS CITY**

599 images made available on the Web by the Missouri Valley Special Collections Department of the Kansas City Public Library:

<http://www.kchistory.org/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/Assorted>

**CEMETERY EXPLORERS**

Interesting blog with lots of photos:

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

**CRIME IN NEW YORK CITY, 1850-1950**

A collection of photos, manuscripts, court transcripts, and other documents on this topic:

<http://www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/crimeinny/>

**THE DECISION TO DROP THE ATOMIC BOMB**

A digital collection courtesy of the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library:

[http://www.trumanlibrary.org/whistlestop/study\\_collections/bomb/large/index.php](http://www.trumanlibrary.org/whistlestop/study_collections/bomb/large/index.php)

**DIVIDED STATE**

"Divided State: Missouri Military Organizations in the Civil War" was created to serve as an aid to genealogists and historians searching for information **about particular Missouri Civil War regiments and regiment members**. It is intended to serve as a supplement to such primary information sources as the records maintained by the Missouri State Archives in Jefferson City,

and the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

"Divided State" is a selective, annotated guide to information published in periodicals and books **about various Missouri Civil War era military organizations** (Union and Confederate). The sources cited can vary widely in scope and content. Some offer regimental histories; some accounts of particular battles; some lists or partial lists of regiment members; and some are lists of men from many regiments which contain the names of some men from the regiment in question. All cited sources will contain some information about the regiment under consideration.

Listings for periodical articles provide the following information: periodical title, volume number, issue date, page number(s), and a brief annotation. Annotations provide an idea of the article's contents, and should thus alert the researcher to articles of potential relevance.

Listings for books and book sets provide the following information, when relevant: author, title, place of publication, publisher, date of publication, series number, volume number, page number(s), and a brief annotation. Annotations provide an idea of the book's contents, and should thus alert the researcher to books of potential relevance.

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<http://previous.spl.org/libsrc/cvwara.htm>

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You may also check Worldcat.org:

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

to see if these cited items are available at a library near you.

**ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CHICAGO**

Chicago History Museum has made an online Encyclopedia of Chicago available on its website:

<http://www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org/pages/700025.html>

**FAMILY HISTORY SA**

That's SA as in South Australia, for all you blokes and sheilas with kin from the land down under:

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

**FINDING GENEALOGICAL TREASURES IN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES**

Interesting article from the Family Tree Magazine blog:

<http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/2010/01/28/BestOf2001GenealogyAtUniversityLibraries.aspx>

**FREE GENIE FORMS**

Need some free genie forms to help start the New Year's research right? Family Tree Magazine offers some nice free forms here:

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/freeforms>

**HELM'S GENEALOGY TOOLBOX**

Matthew Helm's wonderful website makes it easy to do many searches for surnames, genealogical topics, and locality info:

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

**HISTORIC BROOKLYN PHOTOGRAPHS**

A guide to photos in the collection of Brooklyn Public Library:

<http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/brooklyncollection/photo-collections.jsp>

Note: You can view many photos online!

**HOME GROWN KIN**

Interesting blog by a Missouri-based blogger:

<http://homegrownkin.wordpress.com/>

**HOW BIG IS ANCESTRY.COM?**

Well, if you mean how many databases it consists of, here's your answer:

<http://www.geneamusings.com/2009/12/type-s-and-number-of-databases-on.html>

**ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN**

Take a stroll through 150 years of MBG history (1859-2009):

<http://www.mobot.org/mobot/archives/>

**ABOUT MOSGA**

Annual dues for individuals or institutions: \$20; family memberships: \$30; contributing members: \$40; patrons: \$100; and life memberships: \$400 (one-time payment). Dues should be mailed to PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833.

We appreciate **your timely renewal!** Postcard reminders and mailing of back-issues costs money- money we'd rather use to help Missouri genealogists and genealogical societies.

Your continuing membership entitles you to:

Current issues of the "Show Me" State Newsletter. We welcome news of happenings in your local society; books you are publishing, meetings, family reunions, etc. for inclusion in the Newsletter. Please send the information to the attention of our Newsletter Editor at PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833 or email the editor, Tom Pearson, at [89ilguy@gmail.com](mailto:89ilguy@gmail.com).

MoSGA Journal. This publication contains 64 pages per issue and is published 4 times per year with the first issue coming out in late March, thence every 3 months thereafter. Members are encouraged to send in the following for potential publication: Bible records, Cemetery listings, county records, etc. Please send materials to Journal Editor at PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833 or email Carrie Tuck at [carrie@eblingfamily.com](mailto:carrie@eblingfamily.com).

Free Queries in the MoSGA Journal. Up to 50 words each for members and non-members, as any as space permits (member

queries given preference).

Four Generation Charts. Please consider submitting a Four Generation chart that will be indexed on our Web site:

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

*Note: For privacy reasons, the "birth date" of LIVING individuals born after 1910 will not appear in the online index. Please sign your name to grant permission to publish the information and send it to PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833.*

Our Annual Conference is held in August, normally at a central location in the state- Jefferson City and Columbia have been locations in the recent past.

Keynote speakers chosen are nationally recognized, and our numerous supporting speakers help to provide broad subject areas. An exhibit hall allows you to shop for books and other materials. Networking with other family researchers is an added benefit.

<http://www.mosga.org>

Thanks **for your continued membership** in MoSGA!

Sincerely,

Sharlene Miller

3rd Vice President – Membership

Email: [smiller@stjoelive.com](mailto:smiller@stjoelive.com)

### MoSGA HAS A BLOG!

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

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

The blog covers genealogical news of interest, **including notices about upcoming meetings, conferences, and publications**. We're especially interested in news from genie societies in Missouri and neighboring states, so **send us your news and get some free publicity**:

[mosgablog@gmail.com](mailto:mosgablog@gmail.com)

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### NEW BOOKS AT MCPL

Author (Last, First). *Full Title*. Place: Publisher, year. # p. [Dewey Decimal Number]. <http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/genlh/mgc.htm>

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Browne, Gordon M. St. Louis Country Day School: the First Fifty Years. St. Louis, MO: Self-published, 1972. 140p. [373 B816]

Burke, Jack L. Naturalization Petitions and Records, Williamson County, Illinois. Marion, IL: Williamson County Historical Society, 1997-. [977.3993 B9172N v. 5]

Chase County Historical Sketches. Emporia, KS: Chase County Historical Society, 1940-. [978.159 C3862 vol. 2]

Everts & Stewart. Combination Atlas Map of Washtenaw County, Michigan: Compiled, Drawn and Published from Personal Examinations and Surveys by Everts & Stewart. Evansville, IN: Unigraphic, Inc., 1974. 124p. [977.435 EV27]

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Hudson, Weldon I. Johnson County, Texas, Marriage Records. Fort Worth, TX: W. I. Johnson, 1982-. [976.4524 H869 V. 2]

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Jordan, Paul Robert. The Civil War. Washington, DC: National Geographic Society, 1969. 215p. [973.7 J766]

Klein, Bernard (ed.) & Icolari, Daniel (ed.). Reference Encyclopedia of the American Indian, 13th ed. New York, NY: B. Klein, 1967; 2007. [970.00497 R259]

Lindbergh, Charles A. The Wartime Journals of Charles A. Lindbergh. New York, NY:

Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, 1970. xviii, 1038p. [B L64]

Mapp, Alf J. Thomas Jefferson: Passionate Pilgrim: The Presidency, the Founding of the University, and the Private Battle. Lanham, MD: Madison Books, 1991. xvi, 445p. [973.46 M322T]

Nelson, Ralph D. Jr., et al. Delaware 1782 Tax Assessment and Census Lists. Wilmington, DE: Delaware Genealogical Society, 1994. [975.1 D376]

O'Neal, Bill. Fighting Men of the Indian Wars: A Biographical Encyclopedia of the Mountain Men, Soldiers, Cowboys, and Pioneers Who Took Up Arms during America's Westward Expansion, 1<sup>st</sup> ed. Stillwater, OK: Barbed Wire Press, 1991. [978.00992 ON2]

Randolph County, Illinois Veterans: Lest We Forget. Paducah, KY: Turner Pub., 2003. 208p. [977.392 R159R]

Rawlings, Keith. What a Grave Undertaking, Quinette Cemetery, a Slave Burial Ground, est. 1866. Kirkwood, MO: Youth in Action, Inc., 2005. 200p. [977.865 R199W]

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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Darrell Jackson, President  
Missouri State Genealogical Association  
February 6, 2010

### **Donation to the State Historical Society of Missouri**

After consultation with the full board by e-mail, in view of the budget cuts the State Historical Society of Missouri has recently suffered, on November 29, 2009, I placed the following motion before the Executive Council pursuant to Article IX of the Bylaws: "MoSGA shall make an unrestricted gift to the State Historical Society of Missouri in the amount of one thousand dollars. Upon approval of this motion, the treasurer shall issue a check to the Society for the full amount as soon as is practicable."

By e-mail, the Council approved the motion and the Treasurer issued a check to the Society. By a letter dated December 14, 2009, Gary Kremer, Executive Director of the Society, thanked MoSGA for the donation. A copy of the letter was attached to the copy of this report given to the Secretary.

### **Revision of the law limiting access to court records**

After consultation with the board by e-mail, I contacted Ron Berry, Director of Governmental Affairs, Office of the Secretary of State, concerning MoSGA's interest in solving the problem of access to court records caused by the enactment of Section 452.430 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri in 2009. He suggested that I write to the chairs of the House and Senate judiciary committees and to a member who has introduced a bill to revise the section. I did so and expressed MoSGA's support for setting a time limit for the restrictions impos-

ed by the section. In follow-up discussions with the State Archivist and with legislative staff, it appears that there is an interest in such revision. The most likely change would be to set a limit of 72 years on the prohibition of release of records pertaining to dissolution of marriage. There is also consideration of a permanent restriction applying to the period between the beginning of Social Security (1935) and the requirement that circuit clerks keep Social Security numbers out of marriage dissolution records.

Action: I request a vote of the board to authorize me to speak for the board in indicating MoSGA's support for placing a limit on the restrictions currently imposed by Section 453.430, preferably 72 years or less [Board approved this request].

#### Webmaster

After Carolyn Branch expressed her desire to be relieved of the duties of webmaster for MoSGA, Tom Pearson placed an announcement on our Weblog that we were looking for a new webmaster. Laura Thomson responded and after examination of her work, consideration of her qualifications, and in consultation with the full board, I appointed her webmaster. I have expressed my appreciation to Carolyn for the excellent work she has done over the five or so years that she has served as the MoSGA webmaster.

#### ARTIFICIAL LIMBS FURNISHED TO CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS

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by Dawne Slater-Putt

"Artificial Limbs Furnished to Soldiers" (973.74 Aa1uw) is an 1866 Surgeon General's Office report listing Union Civil War soldiers who received prosthetics. Arranged alphabetically, it includes each soldier's rank, company, regiment, state,

residence, date, type of limb received, its cost, and the manufacturer.

It might interest his descendants to know that Private W. B. Kress of Fort Wayne, Indiana, a member of Co. H, 75th Indiana Infantry, received an artificial arm on 11 February 1865. Kress's prosthetic arm cost \$50 and was made by the Marvin Lincoln company of Boston, Massachusetts.

By 11 May 1866, when the Surgeon General's report was filed, the federal government had furnished its Union veterans with 2,134 prosthetic arms, 3,784 legs, 14 hands, 9 feet and 104 "apparatus" at a total cost of \$357,728.

Providing prosthetics for Confederate veterans was not a function of the federal government, but of the individual former Confederate states. Some state-specific lists of Confederate soldiers who applied for artificial limbs exist, such as "Artificial Limbs for Confederate Soldiers" by Patrick J. McCawley of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History (973.74 So8mc). McCawley's book describes the South Carolina General Assembly's actions to furnish Confederate veterans with prosthetics from 1866 through 1909, followed by an alphabetical index to veterans' applications for limbs that includes veteran's name, county, year of record series, folder and item number.

Ansley Herring Wegner's "Phantom Pain: North Carolina's Artificial-Limbs Program for Confederate Veterans" (973.74 N81weg) is a combination history and index to records at the North Carolina State Archives. The index portion of the book lists the soldier's name, county, unit, date, type of limb, and record citation.

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