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MoSGA WORKSHOP & MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2008

23 August 2008: **SHOW-ME GENEALOGY: TIPS FOR RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY** is an event sponsored by MoSGA. It will take place at the Boone County Electric Coop, 1413 Rangeline Street, Columbia, Missouri 65205.

9:00-9:30-- **Registration**-- Check out the bargains available at our **Used Book Sale** going on today-- hundreds of genealogy books (some like new / others slightly used).

9:30 -10:30-- **SHOW-ME HOW TO GET STARTED**-- Beginning a genealogical project: topics include finding records and keeping everything in order. Janice Schultz is Branch Librarian at the new Mid-Continent Public Library Midwest Genealogy Center. She has served on the MoSGA Board for a number of years in several positions, and is a frequent lecturer on genealogy and library topics in Missouri and elsewhere.

10:30-11:00—**Break**-- Check out the **Used Book Sale**

11:00-12:00-- **Show-Me Land Records**-- No other genealogical record source includes more people than land records. Missouri is called a public land state, but the truth is actually more complex. Learn about French and Spanish Land Grants, the land confirmation process, and how to find ancestors in these records-- as well as how to research the public land records. Dr. Bill Eddleman is Professor and Chair of Biology at Southeast Missouri State University, President of the Cape Girardeau County Genealogical Society, Chairman of the Cape Girardeau Historic Preservation

Commission, and a former MoSGA Board member.

12:00-1:30—**Lunch**-- Enjoy one of our local restaurants.

1:30-2:00-- **MoSGA Membership Meeting and Awards Ceremony**

2:00-3:00-- **Show-Me Missouri Civil War Soldiers**-- Join us as Tom Pearson shows us how to thoroughly research Missouri Civil War ancestors (Union and Confederate) using government records, reference books, regimental and county histories, newspapers, and websites. Tom is Special Collections Librarian at St. Louis Public Library, MoSGA Newsletter Editor and Blogmaster, Secretary and Webmaster for Colonel Hecker Camp #443 Sons of Union Veterans, and a frequent lecturer on genealogy and military history topics in the St. Louis metro area.

Look for more details in our next issue, and on our blog, [MoSGA Messenger](#):

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

NEWSLETTER SURVEY

We're curious: **how do you prefer to get your newsletter?** Do you prefer to get it:

1. printed and mailed to you ;
2. as a PDF on the MoSGA website;
3. or should we just post MoSGA news items as received on the MoSGA blog.

Let us know your preference at mosgablog@gmail.com, or drop us a line at:

MoSGA, Newsletter Survey
PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833.

Thanks-- your opinion matters to us!

GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETIES CALENDAR

OZARKS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S
PATHS TO THE PAST

12-13 September 2008-- **Springfield, Missouri.** Ozarks Genealogical Society is holding its 28th Annual Fall Conference, **Paths to the Past**, on 12-13 September 2008. Featured speaker is Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck. Sessions include Finding the Maiden Names of Females; Beginning Genealogy; Newspaper Research; Federal Bounty Lands; The New Mid-Continent Public Library Midwest Genealogy Center; Usings Courthouse Records; Loyalists & Tories; and Where Did They Go? Migrations from the Peace of Paris in 1783 to the War of 1812.

Registration begins at 6 PM on 12 September 2008, with one session that evening. Registration begins on 13 September 2008 at 7:30 AM. Conference site is University Plaza at 333 John Q. Hammons Parkway, Springfield, MO 65806.

For more info, phone 417-885-9009 or email them at ogsoc@sbcglobal.net. Website is <http://www.ozarksgs.org>.

ISGS 40th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

18 October 2008: **Elgin, Illinois--** The **Illinois State Genealogical Society's** 40th anniversary conference, 40 Years of Discovery - Portals to the Future, will be held at the Fox Valley University and Business Center on the campus of Elgin Community College.

An experienced group of nationally known speakers will present more than 16 classes including the latest about how to use online resources at FamilySearch, Ancestry, Cyndi's List, WorldVitalRecords, Footnote, GenealogyBank, DearMYRTLE, Google, USGenWeb, Family Tree Magazine, Roots Television and more. Find out how to document your sources, get organized using WORD tools, scan photos, and use the latest

genealogy software program, Family Tree Maker 8.0. in our classroom computer lab.

For information as it becomes available go to <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/> or email Linda at: isgsconference@sbcglobal.net.

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP

1 November 2008-- **St. Charles, Missouri.** St. Charles County Genealogical Society will hold a **Family History Workshop** on 1 November 2008 at St. Charles Community College. Featured speaker will be Ann Carter Fleming. Workshop begins at 8:30 AM and lasts until 4 PM. Interested?

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

StLGS ANNUAL SALT LAKE CITY TRIP

9-16 November 2008: **StLGS SALT LAKE CITY TRIP--** The St. Louis Genealogical Society is sponsoring their 15th annual trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City November 9-16, 2008.

The week includes:

1. Seven nights at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square;
2. Six full days of research at the world's largest genealogical library;
3. An orientation tour of the library and surrounding area on Monday;
4. Individual research consultations with group leaders throughout the trip;
5. Transfers and baggage handling between airport and hotel in Salt Lake City;
6. Sunday evening group meal at the hotel;
7. Special genealogical lecture on Monday evening;
8. Access to all classes held at the library from Monday through Saturday.

For complete information and costs, please visit the website at: <http://www.stlgs.or>

StLGS MONTHLY MEETINGS

Date: Tuesday, 08 July 2008
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.
Presentation: 7:30 p.m.
Topic: **Exploring Family and National History Events through Newspapers**
Speakers: Keith Zimmer and Tom Pearson

Date: Tuesday, 12 August 2008
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.
Presentation: 7:30 p.m.
Topic: **Family History Resources in the 19th Century Missouri Court Records**
Speaker: Mike Everman

Date: Tuesday, 09 September 2008
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.
Presentation: 7:30 p.m.
Topic: **Voting Records- Who.. When.. Where..**
Speaker: Ann Fleming, CG, CGL

Date: Wednesday, 08 October 2008
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.
Presentation: 7:30 p.m.
Topic: **Digging Deeper: Using the Missouri Historical Society Archives**
Speaker: Dennis Northcott

Date: Saturday, 01 November 2008
Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.
Presentation: 10:30 a.m.
Topic: **Union, Confederate or Missouri Militia?**
Speaker: Mark Trout

Monthly Meetings: The meetings are held at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters auditorium and are open to the public.

Chat time and a discussion period begin at 7:00 p.m., and the program begins at 7:30 p.m. During the winter months of January, February, and March, the meetings are on the second Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m., with the main lecture at 10:30 a.m.

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

NGS CONFERENCE NOTES

"Show Me the Nation's Records"

National Genealogical Society
Conference in the States and
Family History Fair
14-17 May 2008
Hyatt Regency Crown Center
Kansas City, Missouri

Kansas City Missouri was the place to be May 12-17, 2008 when the nation's genealogists gathered for a week of special events and an outstanding conference. Lectures featured a wide variety of topics including homestead records, migration patterns, land records and DNA research. You can find more info on the conference and conference speakers on the MoSGA blog at <http://mosga.blogspot.com/>.

The newly renovated Hyatt Regency Crown Center was the conference hotel. It is just minutes from downtown, the Country Club Plaza, and nearby theaters and dining. It is an easy walk from the Amtrak station through an elevated glass tunnel that connects directly to the conference hotel. It was also quite possible to enjoy the conference without ever leaving the hotel, for there are a number of restaurants /eateries on the premises.

Attendance was a surprise to NGS officials. 1600 persons attended the conference-- more than were at Richmond last year! A lot of the credit goes to MoSGA volunteers, especially Local Arrangements Chair David Sapp. You may wish to mark your calendar now for next year's NGS conference- this time the host city is Raleigh, North Carolina!

NGS NEWSMAGAZINE NOTES

NGS NewsMagazine 34:2 (Apr/Jun 2008) includes a number of articles you may find that you can use museums to help reconstruct the details of the day-to-day lives of your ancestors. The author uses

several museums as examples of how to do so, including the Arabia Steamboat Museum (the Arabia sank with a full load of passengers and cargo after hitting a submerged walnut tree, which pierced her hull). She sank on the Missouri River, about an hour upriver from Kansas City, on 5 September 1856. She was raised in 1988; researchers found that mud and cold water had preserved most of her cargo. There are tips about making use of museum collections, and tips on how to locate museums of interest.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOURSELF?

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, and may be mailed to PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833.

MISSOURI STATE ARCHIVE NEWS

Friends of the Missouri State Archives (Spring 2007) has number of articles of great interest to genealogists. The first concerns **the Missouri Death Certificate Database** on the Missouri State Archives (MSA) web site. Currently, the database consists of death records from 1910-1956, with certificate images available for 1910-1931 and 1950-1956. Missouri law allows public access to death certificates that are more than 50 years old. The database has experienced 5 million searches in one year, and MSA has received 47,750 photocopy requests.

WESTERN HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS COLLECTION

WHMC-Columbia has added the records of the **A.B. Hirsch Drug Store of Booneville, Missouri** to its collection. The records were donated to WHMC-Columbia by the Friends

of Arrow Rock, Inc. The Hirsch family owned and operated the drug store from 1901-1979. The collection includes thousands of prescription records from the first half of the 20th century. Many of these prescriptions were mixed on-site. The collection also includes some letters to Hirsch requesting jars of VICO, an all-purpose salve that Hirsch invented and sold from a roadside stand along Highway 40.

<<http://whmc.umssystem.edu/>>.

WHMC-Rolla has a number of **school souvenir booklets** in its collection. These booklets were a tradition in many of Missouri's rural schools. The teacher at the end of the school year would present his or her students with a small booklet that contained the names of the instructor, students, and local school board members, a photo of the teacher, plus some inspirational poems or quotations.

WHMC-Rolla's collection includes various souvenir booklets dating from 1900-1926, and includes examples from Ash Grove School, Pleasant Dale School, Swindle College School, Ivey School, Blue Hall School, Ball School, Thompson Grove School, Colon School, Roscoe School, Motley School, Bernie School, Trammel School, Tiff School, and Damon School. A complete list of this and other educational records at WHMC-Rolla can be found here: <http://web.umr.edu/~whmcinfo/topics/Education/>

MISSOURI GENIE SOCIETY NEWS

DIGITIZING YOUR PAPER PILES

If you've got more money than time, and could use a **helper to convert newspaper clippings, letters, diaries, and other paper documents into digital formats** that you can use on websites, post on a blog, publish in a genealogical newsletter or quarterly, or print as a family history book, we may be able to help. We received a note recently from Randal Phillips, a Springfield,

Missouri English teacher who has 20 years of experience working in newspaper and print advertising. He's been doing conversion work for genealogists for the last four years, including putting Christian County, Missouri obituary entries on the Web.

If you (or your society) can use somebody to do the conversion grunt work for you, get in touch with Mr. Phillips and see if he is the man who can solve all those pesky conversion problems!

Randal Phillips
1942 S. Cedarbrook Avenue
Springfield, Missouri 65804
417-823-9786
randalphillips@gmail.com

TEXAS COUNTY SCHOOLS BOOK

There's still time to order your copy of the **Texas County (MO) Rural Schools Book**. They've found additional information and photos, so the book has expanded from a proposed 224 pages to 304 pages. The price has also expanded, to \$54 plus \$6 postage. Need a copy?

Texas County Genealogical & Historical Society
P.O. Box 12
Houston, MO 65483

Note: The Ozark Happenings Newsletter 25:2 (Apr/May/Jun 2008) has 19 pages of info on Texas County schools, 1881-1931.

BATTLE OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE

There's a three-page account of this battle (25 December 1837) in **the Seminole War** in GSCM Reporter 27:3 May/June 2008). The force of 9,000 US volunteers under Col. Zachary Taylor included 600 mounted Missouri men under Col. Richard Gentry. Yellow fever and a hurricane reduced the Missouri numbers to 227 men and 150 horses by the time the force reassembled in Florida.

When the force finally found the Seminoles, the Indians had done a tremendous job of preparing a open field of fire that would make a frontal assault a suicidal undertaking. Col. Gentry and several other officers advised a flanking approach, but future President Taylor would have none of it. The frontal assault proceeded, and the US volunteers in fact defeated the Seminoles and caused the retreat of the survivors into the swamps. But the assault was quite costly; 40 of the 132 Missouri volunteers directly involved were killed or wounded, including Col. Gentry, who was gutshot and later died from the agonizing wound.

YESTERDAY AND TODAY: A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF PIKE COUNTY

Anna M. Henson of Bowling Green, Missouri announces the pending publication (Spring 2009) of **Yesterday and Today: a Pictorial History of Pike County**. This book will include over 400 pages of photos, with some photos of every community in Pike County. This hardbound book will sell for \$50 plus \$6 postage (\$60 plus \$6 postage if you order after 1 November 2008). Need a copy? Send orders with check payable to:

Anna Henson
12432 Pike 403
Bowling Green, MO 63334

Questions? Call her at 573-324-2531.

GENIE NEWS FROM OTHER STATES

FORT BEECHER, KANSAS

There's two pages of newspaper articles on Fort Beecher from the Wichita Eagle reprinted in the Midwest Historical & Genealogical Register 43:1 (Apr/May/Jun 2008). Articles include illustrations from the newspaper.

Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society
1203 N. Main Street
Wichita, KS 67203
316-264-3611

MoSGA LIBRARY NOTES

The following books were either donated to MoSGA or purchased for placement in the MoSGA Library Collection located in the North Independence Branch of Mid-Continent Public Library in Independence, Missouri. The collection is available for borrowing by local patrons and by researchers nationwide through interlibrary loan. If you would like to request any of these items, contact your local library and ask your librarian to request the books via standard ALA Interlibrary Loan Request Form. The local form should be addressed to: Interlibrary Loan Department, Mid-Continent Public Library, 15616 East 24 Hwy, Independence, MO 64050. Requests may also be submitted by fax to (816) 521-7265, or to <illadh@mcpl.lib.mo.us>.

Bergmann, Leola Nelson. *The Negro in Iowa: With an Editorial Addendum Twenty Years After by William J. Petersen*. Iowa City, IA: State Historical Society of Iowa, 1969. 96 pages. [977.7 B454]

Bowen, Elbert Russell. *Theatrical Entertainments in Rural Missouri before the Civil War*. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press, 1959. 141 pages. [792 B675]

Cole, Franklin P. *The Preached Liberty: An Anthology of Timely Quotations from New England Ministers of the American Revolution on the Subject of Liberty, Its Source, Nature, Obligations, Types and Blessings*. Fort Lauderdale, FL: Coral Ridge Ministries, 198?. 176 pages. [323.044 C674]

Corey, Jane and Cindy. *Exploring the Piedmont of North Carolina*. Chapel Hills, NC: Provincial Press, 1985. 124 pages. [975.65 C812]
Dorrance, Ward Allison. *We're from Missouri*. Missouri: s.n., 193?. 91 pages. [917.78 D737]

Evans, Cerinda W. *Some Notes on Shipbuilding and Shipping in Colonial Virginia*. Williamsburg, VA: Virginia 350th anniversary Celebration Corporation, 1964. 77 pages. [975.502 EV15]

Gillis, Delia C. *Kansas City*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2007. 127 pages. [977.8411 G416]

Hamilton, Winifred Oldham. *Wagon Days in Red River*. Red River, NM: s.n., 1957 (1977 printing). 44 pages. [978.953 H18]

Headley, Robert Kirk. *Married Well and Often: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia, 1649—1800, Marriages and Marriage*

References for the Counties of Lancaster, Northumberland, Old Rappahannock, Richmond, and Westmoreland. Baltimore MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2003. 504 pages. [975.52 H344]

Hertford County Bicentennial Commission. *Hertford County, The First Two Hundred Years: 1584—1789*. Winton, NC: The commission, 1976. 111 pages. [975.6155 H441]

Jones, George Fenwick. *German-American Names*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1995. 320 pages. [929.4 J716 2ND]

Kennedy, Elizabeth L. *Abstract of County Court Record, Boone County, Missouri (Book A 1821—1823)*. Columbia, MO: Genealogical Society of Central Missouri, 1981. [977.829 K381 BK. A]

Kennedy, Ruth S. *Naturalization Records for Oakland County, Michigan, 1827—1906*. Birmingham, MI: Oakland County Genealogical society, 1985. 122 pages. [977.438 K386]

Martinsville Historical Committee. *North of the Rariton Lotts: A History of the Martinsville, New Jersey, Area*. Neshanic, NJ: Neshanic Printing Company, 1975. 256 pages. [974.944 N811]

McArthur, Judith N. *A Gentleman and an Officer: A Military and Social History of James B. Griffin's Civil War*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 1996. 362 pages. [973.742 M118]

Mitchell, Elma Hetherington. *History of East Meredith*. Laurens, NY: Village Printer, 1973 and 1986. Volumes 1 and 2. [974.736 M692]

Modelski, Andrew M. *Railroad Maps of North America: the First Hundred* [continued on p. 10]

GERMAN ORIGINALITY.COM

A Welcome Letter from The German Ambassador

With the launch of the Web site germanoriginality.com, the German Information Center USA, the German National Tourist Office, and all their partners now make it more exciting than ever before to discover America's German heritage.

German-Americans comprise the largest ethnic group in the United States: More than 42 million Americans, almost 15 percent of the population, claim German ancestry. As America celebrates the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement, we remember that Germans were among the first courageous pioneers to arrive in 1608.

Today, germanoriginality.com extends an invitation to Americans from all walks of life to come visit and learn about the contribution Americans of German ancestry have made to the social fabric, culture and economy of the United States— and to discover Germany "as it was... and is today."

Klaus Scharioth
Ambassador of the
Federal Republic of Germany
<http://germanoriginality.com/>

FULTON STATE HOSPITAL NEWS

Recently received from a proud husband:

Dear Missouri State Genealogical Association,

I am writing you to let you know about a wonderful thing that my wife has done, and to nominate her for an award.

While doing research for her **Perry County Poor farm project**, Jennifer Ruth Baker found that some of the residents from there had been transferred to the **State Mental Hospital #1 in Fulton MO**. As she found out more about the hospital, she learned that a cemetery was on the grounds.

Jennifer found out that there were an estimated 800 people buried there, but only a few names on the head stones were all that officials knew because of a fire in 1956 that had destroyed their cemetery list and plot map.

Jennifer was given permission to start a project by the hospital to try and reconstruct a cemetery list. Jennifer used the Secretary of State's web site to do this project.

After 400 hours of reading death certificates, she found 553 people that had been buried in people that had been buried in this cemetery.

On March 19, 2008 she turned her research and findings into the State Hospital #1 in Fulton Mo.

Jennifer has restored a part of history that has been lost for 52 years due to terrible fire. Please consider her for an award because she has done such a wonderful job on this very interesting project.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,
David Baker
Perryville, Mo

WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!

If you've moved recently, or changed your email address, please let our Membership Chair, Rob Taylor, know so that you don't miss out on a single issue of our newsletter or journal!

Email Rob at taylor.robertw@gmail.com, or drop him a line at:

MoSGA Membership Services
PO Box 833
Columbia, MO 65205-0833.

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IS GOOGLE MAKING US STUPID?

It's a question Nicholas Carr asks in a thoughtful article in The Atlantic. What's he's asking ultimately, though, is this:

"Does frequent, long-term use of the Internet change the way that users read, and even the way in which they think?"

Think for a moment, and ask yourself if your reading habits have changed since you started using the Internet on a frequent basis. Do you read as much as you used to? Do you read as much fiction as you used to? Do you actually read, or do you find that you are skimming items rather than reading entire books or articles? Read Carr's entire article, and then make up your mind (and please, no skimming of his article allowed!).

<http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/200807/google>

RECORDS OF THE SALVATION ARMY

If your relative served as a **commissioned officer** (the Army's equivalent of a minister) in the Salvation Army, **you can request a copy of his or her record**. The record will likely contain birth date and place and death date and place, a short biography, and may contain info on spouse (also likely to be a Salvation Army officer, as they have to marry fellow officers or leave the service), children, and funeral of that officer. They have records for commissioned officers only, so don't bother asking for personnel records for civilian employees, volunteers, or clients. Send your e-mail request to Susan Mitchem, National Archivist. An answer via e-mail won't cost you a dime-- if paper copies are necessary, you'll be expected to pay for those (was 25 cents per copy).

susan.mitchem@usn.salvationarmy.org

You can also ask the Salvation Army **to help find a long lost relative anywhere in the world**. The service won't cost you a dime, since it's considered part of the

Army's ministry (although in the event of a successful search, a properly grateful person would certainly make a generous donation). To get help, contact the Salvation Army branch nearest you (no matter where you live or where you suspect the missing person might be living). They'll give you a form to fill out that provides basic info on the missing person- they will then forward copies of that info to other relevant Army branch offices. BTW-- if they find your missing person, they'll tell you if he or she has died-- but if that person is alive and wants to stay "missing," they won't tell you his or her whereabouts.

Want more on this subject? There's a very helpful article by Donna Murray in the Sept/Oct 2007 issue of Family Chronicle.

HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED WAGNER...

Nels Nelson married Margaret Merriam in South Dakota in 1904. The couple just didn't hit it off. Four years later, Nels filed for divorce in Washington State, saying he hadn't seen Mrs. Nelson in 18 months. A witness at the divorce proceeding said that Mrs. Nelson had visited her every day for three years just to talk about her husband's numerous shortcomings. Mrs. Nelson told this lady that she'd "gotten even" with Nelson by whistling ragtime tunes whenever he was trying to get to sleep. Mrs. Nelson was quoted as having said, "Nels don't like anything except folk songs of the Vikings, and that's why I whistled good old ragtime."

Also in the Adair Historian 5:2 (Spring 2008): the Adair County Historical Society is selling Troubled State: the Civil War Journals of Franklin Archibald Dick, for \$35.95 plus \$5 postage. Need a copy? Send a check payable to ACHS to:

ACHS
211 South Elson
Kirksville, MO 63501

2008 BALLOT - MISSOURI STATE GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Nominating Committee members Nancy W. Thomas and Ara Kaye put forward the following candidates for election to the MoSGA Board of Directors. Elected officers serve a two-year term. Place a check on the appropriate line, or write in a candidate. Please mail by August 20 to: **MoSGA, PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205** or **FAX to 573-874-7185**

 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.

OR Write-in Candidate

 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.

OR Write-in Candidate

 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.

OR Write-in Candidate

 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.

OR Write-in Candidate

 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.

OR Write-in Candidate

 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.

OR Write-in Candidate

 Publications Director – vacant

OR Write-in Candidate

 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.

OR Write-in Candidate

 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.

OR Write-in Candidate

MISSOURI FIRST FAMILIES CERTIFICATES

Pioneer Certificate for Janice L. Bell:

Ancestors David C. and Emily C.

DAVIDSON NORTON

Ancestor Thomas BARNES

Territorial Certificate for Abigail BerryAlexander:

Ancestor Adam Jefferson STATLER

Ancestor Peter STATLER

Ancestor Peggy MASTERS STATLER

Ancestor Mary Margaret STATLER

BROTHERTON

Pioneer Certificate for Abigail BerryAlexander:

Ancestor Harriet JACO STATLER

LEE MACE'S OZARK OPRY

The quarterly of the Friends of the Missouri State Archives (Spring 2008) includes an article on Lee Mace's Ozark Opry on Highway 54 just south of Bagnell Dam. I'm sure I'm not the only person who has memories of being dragged kicking and screaming (err, led joyfully) into the Opry Auditorium by parents who were trying in vain to instill a love of country music in their Swinging Sixties offspring. I do remember enjoying the show once I resigned myself to being there-- so-- no hate mail from country music fans, please!

The article reveals that the Opry started as a twice a week show for 200 people in 1953, and grew to a twelve shows a week (in summer) auditorium that seated 1,200. I'm sure you could do the math if necessary, but I'll save you the trouble: that's 50,000 rumps in seats per month, even if the auditorium wasn't full to capacity at each performance. Lee and wife Joyce (nee Williams) were doing all right, I reckon...

Lee Mace died on 16 June 1985, in an airplane accident that also killed flight instructor Lee Sopp.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY (cont'd from p. 6)

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Moses, L.G. and Raymond Wilson, ed. *Indian Lives: Essays on Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Native American Leaders*. Albuquerque, NM: University of New Mexico Press, 1985. 227 pages. [973.0497 IN2]

Primm, James Neal. *Lion of the Valley, St. Louis, Missouri*. Boulder, CO: Pruett Publishing Company, 1981. 592 pages. [977.866 P935]

Randolph, Vance. *Pissing in the Snow and Other Ozark Folktales*. New York, NY: Avon Books, 1976. 239 pages. [398.20976771 P677]

Roberts, Gary Boyd. *The Royal Descents of 600 Immigrants to the American Colonies or the United States: Who Were Themselves Notable or Left Descendants Notable in American History*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2004. 811 pages. [929.70973 R542R]

Seary, E.R. *Family Names of the Island of Newfoundland*. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 1998. 573 pages. [929.4209718 SE17]

Stone, Ilene. *Jane Froman: Missouri's First Lady of Song*. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press, 2003. 142 pages. [782.42164092 F926]

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FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President's Report
MoSGA Board Meeting- 7 June 2008

Your MoSGA Board of Directors met 7 June 2008 in Columbia, Missouri.

Highlights of the meeting:

- First VP Darrell Jackson represented MoSGA at the recent official launch of the Missouri State Archive's new *Missouri Digital Heritage*:

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/>

This cooperative effort between the Archives, the Missouri State Library and the State Historical Society of Missouri offers an opportunity for local societies to have their unique records digitized and placed on *Missouri Digital Heritage*. Check out the Web site for more details.

- Editorial Director Saundra Peddicord noted that our journal editor, Bob Doerr has undergone treatment for cancer and may have to step down sometime in the future. The board discussed the necessity of finding an editor. Angela McComas, current MoSGA Library Director, offered to fill the position. She and Bob will work together over the next year to make a smooth transition.

- President Martha Henderson reported that the MoSGA Wine & Cheese Reception held during the May National Genealogical Society's Conference in the States in Kansas City was a success with over 150 in attendance. Retired archivist, Niel Johnson, portraying Harry S. Truman, welcomed conference attendees to Missouri and Kansas City.

- Past President David Sapp served as the Local Arrangements Chair for the NGS Conference. He gave a glowing report on the success of the conference noting that the Kansas City venue drew more attendance

(over 1,600) than the 2006 NGS conference in Chicago. Sapp also noted that Barbara Dale, Volunteer Chair, reported over 700 volunteer hours. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the conference a resounding success!

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WHMC-Rolla has preserved the records of over forty-five IOOF organizations in southern Missouri. The collection includes some records of the Rebekahs, the IOOF's auxiliary organization for women. Coverage is very good for Jasper, Phelps, and Crawford counties, with some coverage of other southern Missouri counties.

The collection includes minute books; treasurers' ledgers; membership rosters; and occasional correspondence.

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