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From the President's Desk

We had another wonderful meeting in June. Attendance was somewhat low but the content of the presenters was touching and emotional as was at the May meeting.

We are continuing to do well in the sale of our publications (see the Publication Officer's Report). We are in the "second" printing of both Volume 1 and 2 of the George County, MS Marriage Books as well as Mobile County Will Book 1.

The revised Publications List for MGS has been sent out to many libraries and archives and orders are steadily coming in.

The Abstract Committee will be obtaining ample material for use in both the Quarterlies and for new publications. This will be a very busy committee. Volunteers are needed – if you are a good and accurate typist – we need you!

Sylvia Morris, our Second Vice President and Membership Chairperson, has sent an

announcement that she will be teaching a Beginner's Genealogy Class scheduled for Tuesday nights 6-8 p.m. at the Volunteers of America Community Enrichment Center on Ziegler Boulevard June 22 through July 27. The cost is \$36 per person. For more information, please call 649-3651, 208-1654 or 208-1607.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to our Treasurer, Don Culberson in the death of his father, P. D. Culberson, Jr. Mr. Culberson, a native of Goodwater, Alabama, passed away on Saturday, June 12 in Mobile. Our prayers and thoughts are with Don and his family at this difficult time.

July is the month we all celebrate our country's independence. As you and your family are celebrating and enjoying festivities and cookouts, take time to remember all our ancestors who have gone on before who served in earlier wars defending our freedoms and liberties. Don't forget those who are currently serving, male and female; they continually need our prayers and support. **Pray for America** – there is so much turmoil everywhere.

Have a great 4th of July,

Eugenia Parker





Reminders



Please check your labels either on your quarterly or newsletter. If your membership expires in **June or July**.....please renew promptly.

Also, if you plan to be away from your home on vacation, etc. temporarily, please notify MGS to hold your newsletter and/or quarterly.....when these publications are returned to MGS, the return postage mounts up for our society.



Hospitality Committee

In celebration of Father's Day at our June meeting the ladies far out-did the men in furnishing refreshments at the Mother's Day meeting. The competition was nil but most interesting. While the men folk furnished all sweets for the ladies, the ladies brought an abundance and a variety of good foods. Both "social hours" afforded lots of laughs and teasing -- all in fun of course.

Our July 10th meeting will center on a patriotic theme with decorations. Along with our usual requests to bring small sandwiches, dips/chips, cheese ball/crackers, nuts and fruit trays or watermelon slices, you might want to consider bringing cookies or cakes decorated in red, white and blue. (There will also be a surprise treat.)

Coffee, soft drinks, water and paper products will be furnished.

Mary Ann Ingram,
Hospitality Chairperson



Publications Officer's Monthly Report



June Newsletter - 200
New Publications - 50
New Publications

(second printing) - 60

Old Publications (reprints) - 60

Publications Mailed out - 26

Refurbishing covers on old

Quarterlies for orders - 12

Prepared old Quarterlies

for mailing - 86

(All of this constitutes "in-house" publishing)

Roy Parker

Publications Officer
Bulk Mail Officer



WORKSHOP PLANNED

Plans for a **New Beginners' Workshop** are in the making. The proposed time will be September. Please call and register if interested. We would like to get an idea of how many would attend. **Call Mary Ann Ingram at 661-9191.**



Library Notes

Books, books, books! Informative, resourceful, and helpful books. The shelves of your MGS Library are bulging with 53 books, all assessed and shelved in June. Now, does that not make you want to get in there and find those new books? What's even more exciting is that we have more to access and get ready for you to use.

For those of you who missed it, the Book Sale, was a big success for MGS financially. I think that making \$118.00 is a success in anybody's terms. Guess what, we still have books to sell and make more money for MGS.

Now, just a note to all of you MGS Library users. If you take a book from a shelf and you just cannot recall where

you got it from, just place it in the library cart or leave it on the table. I will be delighted to shelve the book for you. Now, how can you beat that deal?

Things are going to even be humming more and more in the library now that Elizabeth is back. I need someone to keep me in line and productive. We can all be thankful for her return and that her surgery was successful.

Look for the little cracks in those "brick walls" and daylight will start to shine through.

Barbara W. Preston, Library Staffer



Membership Dues Reminder

Are your dues past due or coming due this month? We have recently sent out letters and/or notices in the May Quarterly to remind those members whose dues are due. Without your dues and donations, the Society can not function. Your dues help support the publication of the quarterly, newsletters, maintaining the MGS Library, to develop new publications and other endeavors which would not be possible without your involvement, both financially and by volunteering.

Please send in your dues along with your renewal application (to keep your information current) to help to keep MGS thriving. If your dues are up to date and you just want to make a donation, this would be welcomed also.

The applications are in each newsletter and also on the web site at www.mobileroots.org.

Thank you so much for your support.



QUERIES

Are you having problems with certain branches of your family tree? If you still have vacant areas on your family group sheets or pedigree charts.....then you have areas to be completed in your family history research.

Prepare a query and send in to be published in the MGS Quarterly and also in *Climbing the Family Tree*, a weekly column in the Press-Register and the Baldwin Register.

MGS members email your queries to mgsmobile@bellsouth.net or regular mail to MGS, P O Box 6224, Mobile, AL 36660-6224.

Non-members, the fee for the query is \$5.00 for publication in the *Deep South Genealogical Quarterly*. MGS members submitting queries, this service is free. Queries published in *Climbing the Family Tree* are free.

Remember to include your full name, postal address, email address and/or telephone number for those who might have an answer for your query.

MGS MEMBERS ATTEND MOBILE COUNTY PROBATE COURT RECORDS AND ARCHIVES DEPARTMENTS

MGS members, Meriem Barlow, Doris Bush, Ann Byrd, Jane Everest, Mary Ann Ingram, Barbara Mastrone, Eugenia Parker, Doug Ammons and Art Green met at the MGS Library and caravanned downtown on Wednesday, June 16, to tour the new Mobile County Probate Court Records and Archives Department.

Judge Don Davis met the group on the first floor of the building and gave them a personal tour of the facilities including the License Division, Voters' Registration Department, Marriage License Department, the Courtrooms, and the Records Department.

Coll'ette King was also present and gave a tour of the Probate Court Archives.

Everything was so fresh and new and very, very spacious. Everyone remarked how informative and enjoyable the tour was.

Our thanks to Judge Don Davis and Coll'ette.

ABSTRACT COMMITTEE

The latest volume of the **George County, Mississippi White Marriages, Volume 3** is now ready. It consists of the dates of January 25, 1947 through April 23, 1949.

The proofing committee, Meriem Barlow, Eugenia Parker, Mary Ann Ingram and Sylvia Morris will be journeying back to Lucedale to the George County, Mississippi Circuit Court to proof the next set of marriage books for Volume 4. This volume will be finalized and ready for purchase in August.

Meriem Barlow
Abstract Chairperson

JUNE MEETING RECAP

A brief review of the June meeting deserves some worthy attention. Father's Day was celebrated by eight volunteers recounting stories of their favorite male ancestor. We were awed and inspired by the love, close bond and the lasting impressions these individuals shared between their personal lives. Our participants were Roy Parker, Andy Anderson, Delores Hunt, Don Wehner, Margaret Odom, Doug Ammons, Sylvia Morris and Mary Ann Ingram.

Grandfather's Albums were given as door prizes to Andy Anderson, Don Wehner and Roy Parker. It was an enjoyable and meaningful meeting.

Mary Ann Ingram
First Vice President and Program Chairperson

ELIZABETH SHOWN MILLS SEMINAR

Cynthia Dean, president of the West Florida Genealogical Society, has announced a fall seminar scheduled for Saturday, November 6, with Elizabeth Shown Mills as the featured speaker. Mills is cited in the National Genealogical Society Quarterly and the New England Register as "the genealogist who had the most impact on American genealogy in the post-Roots era."

Plans are in the preliminary stage at this time, but Ms. Dean would like to get an idea of how many from the Mobile area would be interested in attending this seminar in Pensacola. She has asked that those who are likely to attend please let her know in order to reserve an adequate venue so as not to turn anyone away. Please respond to Ms. Dean at cgdean@bellsouth.net or call 1-850-432-7072.

The fee will be \$36 plus an optional lunch or you may eat elsewhere.

Topics will include: Genealogical Problem Solving: Professional Techniques for Everyday Success; Finding Origins and Birth Families: Methods that Work; In a Rut? 7 Ways to Jump-Start Your Research; and, The Genealogical Proof Standard: How to Build a Case When No Record States the Answer.

(More details will be printed in this newsletter when they become available)



Happy Birthday to all of our MGS members who are celebrating a birthday during the month of July



Publication SALE

White Marriages Of George County, Mississippi

All volumes are soft cover. The body of the books is in alphabetical order by names of both the grooms and the brides in separate sections.

Prices of each book is \$40.00 (includes postage and handling)

1910-1943 Volume 1

With 196 pages and containing the marriage records of 4,828 white couples who married in Lucedale

1943-1947 Volume 2

With 185 pages and containing the marriage records of 4,770 white couples who married in Lucedale



1947-1949 Volume 3

With 165 pages and containing the marriage records of 4,260 white couples

**NOTE: Volume 4 will be available in
AUGUST**

Will Book I, 1813-1837 Transcripts of Wills of Mobile County, Alabama

(includes translations of French and Spanish Wills)

The book is soft cover with 164 pages and contains the transcriptions of the earliest wills of Mobile County, Alabama. For those researching their early Mobile County ancestors, this publication is a must have.

Price \$45.00 (includes postage and handling)

Will Book, IV, 1860-1875 Abstracts of Wills of Mobile County, Alabama

This book is soft cover with 325 pages and is indexed. It contains the abstracted wills during 1860-1875 time period.

Price \$55.00 (includes postage and handling)

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Member's Name _____ DOB _____

Joint Member's Name _____ DOB _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Email Address _____

Phone (include area code) _____

Internet Web Address of Your Family History Information _____

Surnames You Are Researching (Up to 10):

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| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
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What Genealogy software do you use ? _____

Circle ALL areas below that interest you and which you might be interested in volunteering:

- Abstracts - Audit - Cemetery- DSGQ - Grant Writing - Historian - Library
- Membership- Newsletter - Programs - Publications - Publicity - Refreshments - Resale - Research - Telephone - Typing - Web Site

By signing and submitting this application, you grant the Mobile Genealogical Society, Inc. permission to use your data in our Surname Search Engine on MGS Web Site, in our annual MGS Members Directory and in other appropriate media that is generated by MGS. (We will NOT put your telephone number on the Internet.)

Signature _____ Date _____

Circle One: New membership or Renewal

Mail your SIGNED application and check to:

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P.O. Box 6224

Mobile, AL 36660-6224

The amount of your check should be:

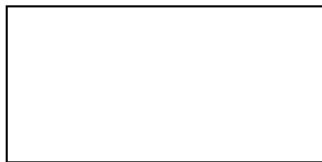
- \$30.00 for 1 - year individual membership
- \$30.00 for 1 - year joint membership
(2 members at one address—one set of mailings)
- \$40.00 for 1 - year organizational membership
- \$400.00 for individual life membership (age 60+)



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July Meeting



Amy Beach from the Local History and Genealogy Department of the Mobile Public Library will be the featured speaker for the July meeting.

Amy's topic will be "Stories around the Gumbo Pot". Amy's original research was on cooking and recipes throughout Mobile's history, with her focus on the economy of the kitchens in the 1870s and 1880s (and the social changes within the city being reflected through the recipes). Some of Amy's family research was through "food ways," or cooking traditions passed from generation to generation.

The topic "Stories around the Gumbo Pot" was chosen because that is the food tradition of her Bayou La Batre family heritage.

There will be digital recordings, interview logs and photographs.

Meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Vitale Room which is located on the square immediately behind Holy Family Catholic Church in Mobile, Alabama located at 1400 Joyce Road (off Overlook Road just east of University Boulevard).

Happy Independence Day