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"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 is the place to be May 12-17, 2008 when the nation's genealogists gather for a week of special events and an outstanding conference. Lectures feature a wide variety of topics including homestead records, migration patterns, land records and DNA research.

The newly renovated Hyatt Regency Crown Center is the conference hotel. It is just minutes from downtown, the Country Club Plaza, and nearby theaters and dining. The room rate is \$129 per night plus tax, up to four people in a room and is good from Sunday to Sunday. Make your room reservations now by calling 1-800-233-1234 or fax: 1-816-435-4190.

Mark your calendar for these very special events that will be associated with this most extraordinary conference:

Monday, May 12th – Research day at Mid-Continent's new Midwest Genealogy Center

Tuesday, May 13th – Research day at the National Archives – Kansas City Branch

Tuesday, May 13th – MoSGA's "Show Me Missouri Wines" evening reception at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center

Tuesday, May 13th – Historic sites tour in Independence and Kansas City

Wednesday, May 14th – Evening reception at Mid-Continent's new Midwest Genealogy Center

Thursday May, 15th – Evening reception at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City

For updates and registration information:

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>

The Missouri State Genealogical Association is a proud co-sponsor of the NGS Conference in the States.

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 (slightly used / donations).

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!

WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!

Send changes of address to MoSGA Membership Chair Rob Taylor at:
<taylor.robertw@gmail.com>.

MISSOURI GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

DeKalb County Heritage 38:2 (June 2007) has three articles of possible interest to MoSGA members. The first is a **history of Winslow, a town in Polk Township**. The second is a list of DeKalb County people who **have shared their name with a famous person**, or had a notably unusual name. The third article is on **Cogdill Cleaners in Maysville**. It's written by Deloris Cooper, daughter of Carl and Alta (Cleaver) Cogdill. Deloris, who turned 80 in March 2007, has many memories of her parents, their businesses, and the town of Maysville. She notes that owning a cleaning business in the 1930s was a lucky thing, as people who couldn't afford new clothes would pay to keep the old ones presentable. DeKalb County Historical Society:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~modekalb/dchs.html>

Iron County Historical Society has moved! Their new museum is located in the recently restored train depot known locally as "Whistle Junction" (junction of highways 21 South and 72 East in Arcadia, Missouri). The Visitor Center is open M-Sat 10-4, and Sun 1-4.

They've reprinted Past and Present: a History of Iron County, 1857-1994. Copies of the hardbound, 434-page book are \$49.95 plus either \$4.00 (media mail) or \$10.00 (priority mail). There is also a Supplement to the above history that's selling for \$20.00 plus \$3.00 postage.

Send your check or money order to: Iron County Historical Society, P. O. Box 183, Ironton, MO 63650. Have a question? Call 573.546.3513 or check their website:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~moichs/index.html>

We would like to take belated note of the passing of **Bruce Brown Palmer** on 10 September 2007. Bruce was a fixture at Lincoln County (MO) Genealogical Society. He was a fairly young man, just 53 years old, when he died as a result of Multiple System Atrophy, a degenerative

neurological condition. Bruce had served as Recording Secretary of LCGS until his medical problem made it hard to write; he was then elected Vice-President in recognition of the esteem in which he was held by fellow LCGS members. Bruce produced note cards of historic buildings of Lincoln County for LCGS, and spearheaded the reprinting of People and Places of Southeast Lincoln County. Our condolences to LCGS and to Bruce's daughters, Jessica and Emily, and a sister, Patsy (all of Florida).

A detailed biographical sketch of Mr. Palmer may be found in LCGS Messenger 25:4 (Fall 2007), which also includes a biographical sketch of **Colonel William Monks, a Union militiaman** from Howell County who was involved in the suppression of guerrilla activity in southeast Missouri during the Civil War.

Lincoln County Genealogical Society
305 Main Street
Moscow Mills, MO 63362-1253

Annual dues are a bargain at \$10.00!

The Resume (July 2007) reprints a great article from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat (1882) about a **courier's chance encounter with some persons of note**. The courier had been hired to pick up a court settlement in Springfield, Missouri for the St. Louis firm of Gaylord & Son. The article notes that the courier had "rigged himself out with the conventional jewelry of the day: two navies and a big knife." (A navy was a .36 caliber Colt revolver, so-called because they were issued to U.S. naval officers.) After picking up the settlement (\$6,000 in gold and currency), the courier took a stagecoach for home. The coach stopped that evening at a Polk County roadhouse to re-provision and rest the horses. The courier walked in and noted eight armed men sitting around a table, several of whom "were about half-drunk." The courier offered to buy the men

a drink, and all accepted except one who said that he never touched liquor. One of the men offered the courier the use of his big knife, so that the courier could cut hunks of meat and cheese from trays on the bar. As they were leaving the roadhouse, the coach driver leaned over to the courier and told him that the man who'd offered him the knife was **Cole Younger**, and the man who never drank liquor was **Jesse James**.

Polk County Genealogical Society:

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

St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly 40:3 (Fall 2007) has several articles of possible interest. The first is a transcription of headstones at **St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery** (Manchester and Ballas Roads, St. Louis County). This article is reprinted verbatim from the 12 September 1893 issue of the *Western Watchman* newspaper. Note: many headstones were inscribed in German, and the German inscriptions are offered without translation.

A second article does a good job of explaining the old **Liturgical Calendar** used by many churches of the **Western Rite** (Catholic, Episcopal, and Lutheran, for example). It's important to note that some feast days were fixed (St. Thomas, St. Mark, Sts. Peter and Paul), while some were moveable feasts (Easter is the most famous example). It's also important to note that feast days for **Eastern Rite** churches like the Eastern Orthodox Church can differ significantly from those of Western Rite churches.

A third article consists of the second part of an index to **St. Louis City marriages in 1881**. Index listings provide groom name, bride name, certificate number, and date of marriage. The article notes that copies of certificates are available for 25 cents per certificate plus \$1.00 mailing costs from St. Louis County Library, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131.

MISSOURI STATE ARCHIVES 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/>

GENIE NEWS FROM OTHER STATES

The Illuminator 23:4 (November 2007) includes a remembrance of Lake County (IL) gas stations in the early days by Harold Osborn. One memory involves the robbery of the Texaco station at 29th & Sheridan Road. The robbers tied up and gagged the attendant, and left him in the restroom. He managed to stand up, and noticed two teenage girls walking by. He tried to attract their attention, but the gag meant he could only make noises that the young ladies interpreted as vulgar propositions from a leering mouth-breather. They kept right on walking, so he had to wait quite some time before the next passerby happened along. Zion Genealogical Society website: < <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilzgs/> >.

Midwest Historical and Genealogical Register 42:3 (Oct-Nov-Dec 2007) includes an article on the murder of Charles Anderson by Leon Fouquet. During a disagreement about the division of a wheat crop raised by Anderson on Fouquet's land, voices were raised and tempers flared. Anderson struck Fouquet on the side of the head with the handle of a pitchfork he was holding. Fouquet grabbed the pitchfork and speared Anderson, "the prongs entering the body almost up to the handle, passing, it was supposed, through or under the heart." Anderson was taken to his home, and lay there in agony until he died almost seven hours later. Fouquet in the meantime had demanded to be placed in the county jail, fearing that he might be lynched otherwise. The article also provides an account of

Fouquet's trial (he was found guilty of manslaughter).

NGS NewsMagazine 33:4 (Oct-Dec 2007) includes a number of articles of interest. Ann Carter Fleming contributed an article about the **upcoming NGS conference in Kansas City**. A second article explains **tax lists: real estate and personal property**. There's an article **on beginning to research an African-American family**, and a second that explains **slavery-era insurance registers** (slave owners who leased out their slaves could take out insurance policies to protect their investments if a slave was injured due to accidents or abuse by the lessee). Another article concerns **substitutes for the missing 1890 census**, while another discusses **records that deal with Confederate civilians**, such as provost marshal's files, quartermaster reports, conscription records, prison records, and records of the Southern Claims Commission. If you had an ancestor who **served in the Austrian army**, there's even an article that deals with that!

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

Oregon Genealogical Society Quarterly 45:4 (Fall 2007) includes a reminiscence by the three Atkins sisters of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Their father was stationed aboard the USS Dobbin, a destroyer tender, and the family was staying in a house at Hickam Field. As two of the girls, one six years old and the other seven, prepared to read the Sunday funnies while eating their Cream of Wheat, they heard the thunder of many

airplanes flying low and fast. This noise was soon intensified by the addition of explosions and machine-gun fire. The girls' mother made them hurry and get dressed, so that she could drive them inland to the large home of family friends, the Nishikawas (yes, a Japanese-American family). In the meantime the third Atkins sister, who'd been staying with a friend, had arrived at home. She had witnessed Japanese planes strafe an old couple walking near her. She told her mother that she wasn't strafed because, "My red hair was blowing in the wind and the pilots thought I was on fire."

When they were finally allowed to return to their house at Hickam Field, the girls looked for their cat. They finally found it under a bed, and noted that, "Poor Kitty had been so frightened that her black hair was turning white." Once they arrived back in the States, the girls noticed that, "Mother's beautiful dark hair was streaked with gray. She was thirty-one years old."

RootsWeb Review 9:16 (19 April 2006) included an article (that's well worth bringing to your attention at this late date) on a lady who managed to upload a large amount of family info to WorldConnect and various other RootsWeb sponsored websites just one week before lightning struck and sizzle-sealed her hard drive. In addition to quickly (and painfully) learning the value of a good-quality surge suppressor, she also quickly learned the value of making complete backups of valuable materials at regular intervals. Prior to her RootsWeb uploads, this lady's only copy of her genealogical data had existed on her hard drive-- had she waited a week to do the uploading, she would have had to reconstruct all of it, using only her memories of where she had acquired certain information.

Now, the real moral of this story isn't that you must upload all your genealogical data to various RootsWeb websites (although there's no good reason certainly why you shouldn't). No, the real bottom line of this

story is this-- back up your genie data, and do back-ups on a frequent basis. If fact, if you've never backed-up your files before, or your last back-up occurred more than three months ago, stop what you're doing **RIGHT NOW** and begin a back-up. After the lightning strikes, it's too late...

Westward Into Nebraska 32:4 (Nov/Dec 2007) includes a reprint of a discussion by Dick Eastman of the topic, "Why can't all genealogical info on the Internet **be accessed for free?**" The article notes that access to genealogical records is really only free if you happen to live within walking distance of a repository that holds the genealogical records you need, and even then you will probably incur photocopy charges. If you've got to drive / fly to the needed repository, you will also incur travel / hotel / meal expenses. Perhaps you begin to see the point: **access to genealogical info is almost never "free."**

The next question often asked is this: **why do the pay services charge so much?** This question requires a two-part answer.

Part 1: Digitizing genealogical records can be a fairly expensive proposition, as can making the records available on the web. There are equipment, labor, and energy costs at every step of the digitization process. The records supplier is entitled to recoup his expenses, and to make a profit on his endeavor.

Part 2: What makes you think the fees charged by genealogical information suppliers are expensive / exorbitant? Compared to what? Do you think it would be cheaper to take one trip to Salt Lake City (or the foreign country your ancestors are from), or to subscribe for a year to Ancestry.com, HeritageQuest.com, and Footnote.com? Seen in this way, **the pay services are actually a bargain** for the person who makes frequent use of these or other pay genealogy websites.

Dick Eastman's Genealogy Newsletter:

< <http://blog.eogn.com/>>.

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@mcppl.lib.mo.us>.

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TOO CLOSE A SHAVE?Reading Headstones

by Mary Harrell-Sesniak, RootsWeb
Review columnist

Ah, the old **shaving cream technique**.

A recent article of mine suggested applying wetted, non-toxic, colored sand to illegible headstones. Many readers reacted strongly and responded with their own ideas, so I wasn't surprised to read that shaving cream was among the suggestions. Transcribers use it to read elusive weathered epitaphs, and it works. They slather it on, and use either their hand or a squeegee to remove the excess. The crevices then transform into readable text.

Thanks for the input, but I don't approve of the shaving cream technique. It can work wonders for tombstones, but only if you don't mind leaving a sticky, gooey substance that can cause permanent damage. But don't take my word for it. The Association for Gravestone Studies has this to say:

"Our professional conservators tell us it is definitely not a good idea to use shaving cream on porous gravestones because there are chemicals, greasy emollients, in shaving cream that are sticky and very difficult to remove from the stone with a simple washing. Indeed, even with vigorous scrubbing and lots of rinsing, the cream fills in the pores of a porous stone and cannot all be removed.? The result of leaving it there is that in time it may discolor or damage the stone."

www.gravestonestudies.org/preservation.htm

So do your part in saving cemetery stones. Try the Association's idea **of shining light on the text with a mirror**, a non-invasive way of getting otherwise illegible lettering to appear.

This site shows some pictures of how well the mirror technique can work:

<http://www.warehamhistory.com/AgawamCemetery/Mirrors.htm>

Since there's no expert consensus, start with non-invasive techniques, **including using digital software to enhance images**. Next, consult cemetery staff and local boards, since local laws and rules determine which techniques are allowed. Ask them to put on workshops and organize groups to transcribe and photograph as many cemeteries as possible.

Since some stones will still be illegible, however, get involved in making local policy. I believe a gravestone is a historical artifact first, a piece of art second. It needs to be cleaned, conserved, and preserved for future generations, and that's the responsibility of the cemeteries and the families. So if an epitaph has reached the point where it's illegible, take efforts to document the text before it's too late. But if you aren't a lineal descendant, a member of cemetery staff, or a conservator, find someone who is to help you.

When I find a family grave, I like to think my ancestor is grateful that someone came to pay respects, and is even happier if an effort was made to tend to the plot. My cousin is careful when she uses the sand technique, and pun intended, I do consider her to be an expert in the field. Not only has she uncovered long-ago forgotten and submerged stones, she has trimmed the weeds, cleaned the stones, and re-erected them amongst the ancestors. And I do the same whenever I can. We're off again soon on another ancestral hunt, and I imagine we'll visit a cemetery or two.

So let your conscience rule. If someone stumbled upon your time-weathered stone and couldn't decipher it, what would you want them to do? Personally, I give my lineal descendants permission to take further measures if they think it needs to be done.

Better to have visitors know who's who than to be lost to the elements.

Previously published in RootsWeb Review:
22 August 2007, Vol. 10, No. 34.

Denver Public Library's Western History/Genealogy Department has received a \$778,000 grant to digitize the City of Denver's collection of materials relating to **Denver's historic neighborhoods**. The collection to be digitized includes manuscripts, photographs, published narrative, cartography, audio and video recordings. Newspaper clippings from private sources will also be linked with the public records to create a source of in-depth information about the history of the city of Denver and its historic neighborhoods.

Link to article in the Cherry Creek News:
<http://www.thecherrycreeknews.com/content/view/2148/2/>

Crossroad Trails 28:4 (2007, No. 4) has a nice list of websites of interest:

Put in a **town name** and fill in the state name to see what county that town is in, or leave the state name blank and get a list of states that have a town by that name (plus you get the county for each):

<http://resources.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/townco.cgi>

Need help with **country or regional abbreviations**?

<http://helpdesk.rootsweb.com/codes/codes1.html>

Need **UK country and county codes**?

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/Regions/Code s.html>

Looking for **older photos of counties and / or cities**? Try penny postcards:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/special/ppcs/ppcs.html>

You can also see if any **postcards / ads / photos of the county or city** are for sale on eBay.com—smart sellers post a good-sized photo of the object for sale:

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

This issue also features a nice timeline of **Ellis Island**. Did you know it was originally known as **Gull Island**, because

those birds were its only inhabitants? The first Dutch settlers called it **Oyster Island**, because of all the oyster beds that surround it. It received the name Ellis Island because of Samuel Ellis, who at the time of the Revolution owned a **taavern on the island** that catered mostly to fishermen (did New York State issue BWI tickets-- boating while intoxicated?).

Link to Effingham County (IL) Genealogical Society:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ileffing/ECHSmemberapp.htm>

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 Berry

Alexander:

Ancestor Adam Jefferson STATLER

Ancestor Peter STATLER

Ancestor Peggy MASTERS STATLER

Ancestor Mary Margaret STATLER

BROTHERTON

Pioneer Certificate for Abigail Berry

Alexander:

Ancestor Harriet JACO STATLER

If you're interested in researching Jewish ancestors you really should know about Nu? What's New? It's a bi-weekly Internet magazine published by Avotaynu that **provides information of interest to persons tracing their Jewish family history**.

To be added to or removed from **their mailing list**, you need to visit this URL:

<http://www.avotaynu.com/nuwhatsnew.htm>.

Their **archives** (this bi-weekly e-newsletter began publication in 2000) is here:

<http://www.avotaynu.com/nu.htm>.

Are you attempting to research ancestors from the **Dundee, Scotland** area? If so, you may want to book tickets for the next available flight to Scotland. The Dundee City Council has opened a **Local History Research Centre** that combines the offices of city registrar, city archivist, local history library, and burials administration section.

Officials expect that staff in the centre should be able to trace most families back to the late 17th century. The Local History Centre collection includes government records, books, directories, maps, plans, photographs and even images of gravestones. Local History Centre staff can also issue official certificates for any **Scottish birth, death, civil partnership or marriage record** held by the General Register Office for Scotland for which digital images are available.

Dundee Local History Centre website:
http://www.dundee.gov.uk/centlib/loc_stud.htm

St. Louis Genealogical Society Meetings and Fair, Mar-Jun 2008

Date: Saturday, 01 March 2008

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.

Presentation: 10:30 a.m.

Topic: **Taking Your Ancestors to Church: Finding Clues in Ecclesiastical Records**

Speaker: Scott Holl

Date: Saturday, 12 April 2008

Meeting Time: 8:00 a.m.

Presentation: 8:30 a.m.

Topic: **38th Annual Family History Conference - Maryland Heights Centre**

Speaker: Paula Stuart-Warren, CG

Date: Tuesday, 13 May 2008

Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Presentation: 7:30 p.m.

Topic: **Unveiling the Secrets of the City of St Louis Recorder's Archive Department**

Speaker: Dusty Reese and Ann Grisham

Date: Wednesday, 11 June 2008

NEW AT THE LIBRARY (cont'd from p. 7)

Oregon County Genealogical Society.
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FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**Board of Directors Report
MoSGA Board Meeting- 2 February 2008**

Your MoSGA Board of Directors met 2 February 2008 in Columbia MO on a cold but clear and sunny day.

Highlights of the meeting:

1. Public Relations Director, Carolyn Branch, distributed the newly re-designed MoSGA membership brochure. The brochure features MoSGA's First Families program. If you would like a packet of brochures for distribution at your society meeting or library, please contact Carolyn at publicrelations@mosga.org.

2. Journal Editor, Bob Doerr, reported via written report that he has acquired almost 900 subscribers to a quarterly notification of our journal's Table of Contents. Those subscribing receive an e-mail notification of the current issue's contents. If you wish to sign-up: bob.doerr@gmail.com.

3. There will not be a MoSGA conference this year because we are co-sponsoring the National Genealogical Society's Annual Conference in Kansas City, May 14-17, 2008. The board decided not to hold an annual conference so that members can take advantage of the national conference in Kansas City. In place of our conference, we are offering a FREE, One-Day Workshop in Columbia on Saturday, August 23. Mark your calendar now. Additional information is included in this newsletter and will be forthcoming on the MoSGA Blog and Web site.

4. If you are attending the NGS Conference in Kansas City, consider volunteering as a room or hall monitor. MoSGA member, Barbara Dale is coordinating shifts. Please

let her know if you can possibly help out: bjpdale@sbcglobal.net.

5. And, don't forget to attend MoSGA's **"Show Me Missouri Wines" Reception**, Tuesday, May 13, 5-7pm at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center. Join us the night before the start of the NGS Conference as we welcome conference attendees to Missouri. You can register for the reception and conference at www.ngsgenealogy.org. All proceeds benefit MoSGA's 21st Century Fund.

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See you in Kansas City in May 2008!

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