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

MOSGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2009

August 7-8, 2009
Capitol Plaza Hotel
Jefferson City, Missouri

Featured Speaker: Julie Miller, CGSM

Julie Miller is a Certified Genealogist with more than 30 years of genealogy experience. She is a newspaper columnist for the Broomfield Enterprise and is on the Board of Directors for the National Genealogical Society, Association of Professional Genealogists, and International Society of Family History Writers and Editors. Ms. Miller is the President of the Colorado Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists and Past President of the Colorado Genealogical Society.

Supporting Speakers

Supporting speakers include Gene Block, Evie Bresette, Marian G. Davis, Angela McComas, Tom Pearson, and Michael L. Strauss.

Preconference Workshops

Preconference workshops (\$20) include:

1. Show-Me Soldiers: Researching Missouri Civil War Militia and Volunteer Soldiers
2. Life in Captions: Writing Family Stories

Scheduled Classes

Scheduled classes include:

3. Google's Not the Only Game in Town
4. Whatever Happened to Uncle Joe: How

- to Find a Living Person
5. Historical Maps
6. Records of the Great War
7. How to Find What Was Unique About Your Ancestors' Lives
8. When Grandpa Went Off to War: U.S. Military Records
9. Photographing Andrew County Tombstones: Creating a Digitization Project
10. Forms and Analysis: Intermediate Research Techniques
11. Becoming American: Naturalization Records
12. Roosevelt's Tree Army: Genealogical Research in the CCC
13. Getting to Know Father Abraham: Sources of Information on Our 16th President

Vendor Area

Vendor area will be open: Friday, 9:00 AM-6 PM
Saturday, 7:30 AM-3 PM

Vendor tables are \$18 (full table); non-profit table rates are \$12 (full table) or \$6 (half-table). Need more vendor info? Email Janice Schultz at jschultz@mcpl.lib.mo.us.

Registration

Full registration is \$80 (\$90 for non-members). Pre-conferences are extra (\$20 for members or non-members). You can also register for partial conference attendance.

Conference Hotel

You can reserve a room at the conference hotel (Capitol Plaza Hotel, 415 W. McCarty Street, Jefferson City, MO) by calling 573-635-1234. Mention you will be attending the MoSGA Conference to get the special conference room rate (\$86.68 per night--the room rate plus taxes).

More Info

Need more information, or a conference brochure? Check our Conference webpage at:

<http://www.mosga.org/conference2009.html>

CARONDELET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Carondelet Historical Society is sponsoring an exhibit on the architecture of Carondelet. The exhibit, which is scheduled to run from 1 May 2009- 1 September 2009, will include paintings, photographs, and newspaper depictions of Carondelet buildings, boats, and trains. The extensive exhibit will include displays on all three floors of the Historic Center.

Hours: Tues, Weds, Fri- 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Sat – 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. You can also call 314-481-6303 to schedule a tour.

Carondelet Historical Society, 6303 Michigan Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63111

KCGS CONFERENCE 2009

20 June 2009

Wichita, KS - The 2009 conference of The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, Inc. and The Wichita Genealogical Society features **Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak**. It's scheduled for June 20, 2009 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, Kansas. Sessions include:

- Trace Your Roots with DNA
- Welcome to Roots Television
- Reverse Genealogy
- Find That Obituary: Online Newspaper Research

Early registration: \$45.00 [rec'd by 5/30/2009]. Late registration: \$50.00. Contact kscouncilgensoc@juno.com for details or visit our website at:

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/kcgs/>

MISSOURI CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

In 2002, a grassroots group of Missouri businessmen and citizens formed the "Missouri Civil War Museum, Library and Research Center", a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization. This organization is

dedicated to the preservation and study of Missouri and its involvement in the American Civil War, and we are committed to telling both sides of the story in an impartial manner. Attempts were made to locate centrally in the state, but an opportunity we could not pass up arose to locate instead at Historic Jefferson Barracks near St. Louis-- the oldest active military base west of the Mississippi River (established 1826).

In 2003, we acquired the old "Officer's Post Exchange and Gymnasium Building" at Jefferson Barracks, a beautiful old Federal-style building built between 1903 and 1905, which is currently being restored to its original state. This building will become the Missouri Civil War Museum. The group also acquired the neighboring, officers' post exchange building, which was built during World War I (1918). It is also being restored to its original state for use as the Missouri Civil War Library and Research Center. To date, over 2000 volumes have already been collected for the library. Membership in the organization is quickly growing and is now over 400 members. To learn more about the Missouri Civil War Museum, Library and Research Center, please go here:

<http://www.mcwm.org>

The Missouri Civil War Museum (MCWM) wants every county in our state accounted for and represented at the museum. We are working on creating links from our website to the Civil War link of every County in the Missouri GENWEB system. As you probably already know, soldiers' military records and pension records can sometimes contain a great wealth of family and genealogical information, often solving many of those "brick walls" and "dead ends". The MCWM hopes to someday have a file created for every Missouri soldier from every county, including military records and pension records, and this will include soldiers from other states who served in Missouri, or who lived in Missouri after the war, and / or who are buried in Missouri soil.

If you would like to help, please send any information or pictures you have about Civil War soldiers with a Missouri connection to the MCWM.

Also, if you or anyone you know has Civil War artifacts or books (including Civil War books about your particular county), please consider donating or loaning them to the MCWM. All donations are tax-deductible and appropriate paperwork is supplied to the donor, and staff members will make arrangements to pick these items up from you, if you can't deliver or ship them.

Despite these tough economic times, good things are happening, and this memorial to our Show-Me State Civil War ancestors is long overdue. Here's a chance to make Missouri history and help preserve the memory of our Civil War ancestors. Please consider spreading the word about the Missouri Civil War Museum, and please consider becoming a member:

<http://www.mcwm.org/imgs/Museum%20Membership%20Form.pdf>

If you'll send us the names and addresses of persons who might be interested who don't have computer access, we'll be glad to mail MCWM information to them.

Thanks for posting this in the MoSGA newsletter.

Sincerely,

John Maurath <jmaurath@mcwm.org>
Missouri Civil War Museum
222 Worth Rd
Jefferson Barracks, MO 63125
MCWM phone number 314-845-1861

MISSOURI HISTORY MUSEUM

Upcoming lectures include "Interesting Documents," June 10; "Finding Genealogical Treasures," June 18; "Exploring Death Records," Oct 27. Genealogy Workshop dates are May 23 and October 10; House History Workshops are scheduled for Aug 29 and Nov 14. Contact <http://www.mohistory.org> for more information, or email dpn@mohist.org.

The three sources described below were added to the **Missouri History Museum Genealogy and Local History Index** in March:

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

1. **St. Louis Volunteer Fire Department portraits**, circa 1850s-1903. Most of these photographs are portraits of veterans of the St. Louis volunteer fire department. The volunteer fire companies disbanded in the late 1850s when a paid fire department was established. The bulk of these photographs appear to have been taken circa 1890s. Most of the photographs include a notation indicating the name of the fire company in which he served. Some of the photographs contain brief biographical notes on back.

2. **One Hundredth Anniversary, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1858-1958** (St. Louis, Mo., 1958). This church history contains group photographs of church groups (such as the Board of Trustees, tellers, and bookkeepers), which include current members (i.e., 1958) and past members. The history also includes portraits of church pastors, usually accompanied by a biographical sketch; portraits of the current teaching staff; brief notes about church members; and a few images of past church buildings.

3. **Old and New St. Louis: A Concise History of the Metropolis of the West and Southwest, with a Review of Its Present Greatness and Immediate Prospects** // by James Cox (St. Louis: Central Biographical Pub. Co., 1894). This book contains biographical sketches of prominent St. Louisans, many of which are accompanied by their portrait. These sketches often include the man's exact place and date of birth, parents' names (including the mother's maiden name), parents' names, names of business associates, wife's maiden name, and children's names. Please note that the index entries refer not only to the name of the man who is profiled, but also the names of others mentioned in each biographical sketch.

Also, please take a look at **our new Genealogy Links page**:

<http://www.mohistory.org/lrc/family-history/genealogy-links>

Dennis Northcott
Associate Archivist for Reference

Missouri History Museum

ST. LOUIS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

All listed programs will be held in the Auditorium, Headquarters Branch, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131, (314) 994-3300 ext 208, <scollections@slcl.org>.

Tuesday June 9, 2009. Meeting time: 7:30 PM. Topic: **Planning and Organizing a Research Trip.** Speaker: Ilene Murray, St. Louis Genealogical Society.

Tuesday July 14, 2009. Meeting time: 7:30 PM. Topic: **Research at the National Archives in Washington, DC.** Diane Walsh, St. Clair County Genealogical Society Quarterly Editor.

Tuesday August 11, 2009. Meeting time: 7:30 PM. Topic: **What's New at the Missouri History Museum Library.** Speaker: Dennis Northcott, Archivist, Missouri History Museum.

ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT LIBRARY

Their collection includes 15,000 books, 120 periodical titles, clipping files, Police Department Annual Reports, and Police Board Minutes. It also includes some historic photos. Members of the public can use the library, **but by appointment only.**

Interested? Call Barbara Miksicek at 314-444-5581 or blmiksicek@slmpd.org.

**ST. LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY
PROGRAMS SCHEDULE 2009**

June 27, 2009 10 a.m.-Noon. Topic: **Great Civil War Battles: Wilson's Creek.** Join us as we discuss this major Civil War battle that helped to decide the fate of the Show-Me State. Central Library, Meeting Room 1.

July 18, 2009 10 a.m.-Noon. Topic: **Missouri 24/7: Researching Missouri Ancestors on the Internet.** Join us as we discuss the best sources of Internet information on Show-Me State ancestors. Buder Branch Library.

To register or for more information, call 314-539-0381 or email <tpearson@slpl.org>.

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

FAMILY REUNIONS 2009

Sunday 28 June 2009

PINKLEY / RICH / FITZGERALD

The descendants of William Marion PINKLEY and his wives Lucinda Catherine RICH and Lettie Catharine FITZGERALD would like to announce a family reunion. We will be gathering at Fort Davidson State Historic Site in Pilot Knob, Missouri on Sunday, June 28, 2009 for a potluck dinner. The time is 1:30 p.m. We would like to invite our cousins from the PINKLEY family (as well as allied families including: SHRUM, RICH, FITZGERALD, CARTY, MIDDLETON, LAMBERT, MOYER, BROOKS, and WILSON) to join us at the large pavilion on that day. Remember to bring a dish and family photos to share. For more information:

<pinkleyreunion@gmail.com> or
314-277-6077.

SAD NEWS

Patricia Ann "Pat" Shackelford, age 73, a longtime resident of Lee's Summit, Mo., passed away on May 10, 2009, following a valiant eight-year battle with multiple myeloma. Burial was at the Lee's Summit Historical Cemetery. Pat was born May 29, 1935, in Wheaton, Mo., daughter of L. E. and Susie (Cooper) Sapp. She was an accountant for the former Western Electric (later AT&T), for 25 years prior to retirement in 1989. Following retirement, she pursued her passion for genealogy, and served as volunteer coordinator and later educational director and speaker for the National Archives Central Plains Region until 1998. She was a member, and served for two years as president of the Missouri State Genealogical Society. You may sign an online guest book or send a message to the family via <http://www.parklawfunerals.com>.

ABOUT MOSGA

Annual dues for individuals or institutions are \$20; contributing members are \$40 annually; patrons are \$100 annually; and life memberships are available for \$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 the genealogical community.

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.

** 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 the editor, Bob Doerr at bdoerr@rollanet.org.

**Free Queries in the MoSGA Journal, up to 50 words each, as many as space permits.

** 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.

** Annual Conference is held in August, normally at a central location in the state.

**Keynote speakers 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>

Thank you for your continued membership in MoSGA.

Sincerely,

Rob Taylor
3rd Vice President – Membership
taylor.robert.w@gmail.com

ASSOCIATE JOURNAL EDITOR WANTED!

Seeking **Associate Editor for the MoSGA Journal.** Associate Editor will be familiarized with the duties of the Journal Editor, and will assume that position no later than 1 January 2011. Prefer someone with previous writing / editing experience; also prefer someone with a proven track record for meeting deadlines. Need not be a member of MoSGA at present, but must be willing to join upon appointment as Associate Editor. Prefer someone who will be able to attend quarterly Board meetings in Columbia, Missouri on a fairly regular basis. This is a volunteer position with reimbursement for expenses. If interested, please contact Associate Journal Editor Search Committee Chair Tom Pearson at 314-389-6231 or 89ilguy@gmail.com.

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IN THE GENIE MAGAZINES

*Note: Periodicals mentioned in this newsletter are available at the **Midwest Genealogy Center** in Independence, Missouri. Contact them if you'd like a copy of an article mentioned here:*

<http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/genlh/mgc.htm>

ALICE GHOSTLY

Bushwhacker Musings 41:2 (April 2009)
"Alice Ghostley"

Famous character actress Alice Ghostley was born in Vernon County, Missouri. Her father was a railroad telegrapher whose job required that he and his family move on a frequent basis. Alice went to New York at age 18 to try her hand at acting. Progress was slow at first, and she took jobs in a detective agency and as a typist for Life Magazine ("the slowest typist in the history of Life Magazine" is how she put it) before finally breaking in show business-- as a movie theater cashier!

While in NYC, she met opera teacher Eleanor McClellan, and was able to take lessons with her. This got her several jobs as a night club singer, which led in time to summer stock, off-Broadway, and finally the Great White Way itself. She met actor Felice Orlandi on Broadway. During their 50-year marriage, the couple performed together on stage just once!

Alice during her career worked on the stage, in television, and in the movies. She appeared in "To Kill a Mockingbird," "The Graduate," "Viva Max," and "Grease." She died in September 2007 at her home in Studio City, California. She left her estate (which included a treasure trove of career memorabilia) to longtime friend John Graham.

Mr. Graham in 2008 agreed to give some items to the Bushwhacker Museum, and to loan others like her Tony Award to it for an exhibit at the Museum. Mr. Graham gave a talk at the Museum on April 19, 2009. For more info on the exhibit, call editor Patrick Brophy at 417-667-9602.

DROP, STOP, AND DANGLE...

The Stalker 29:1 (2009) includes an article about a Montana cowboy **who was hanged as a train robber in 1889**. The cowboy had done time in the territorial prison for horse thievery prior to his death. As it happens, the only photo of this man in the possession of the family is a shot of him standing on the gallows awaiting his appointment with eternity! The article notes that a biographical

sketch of the cowboy written by a relative managed to **put a positive spin** on his life and death:

"Remus Reid was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

MHR MISCELLANY

Missouri Historical Review 103:3 (April 2009)

"L'Annee du Coup: The Battle of St. Louis, Part 1" by Carolyn Gilman

This article relates the events that led up to **the westernmost battle of the American Revolution**. It took place in 1780, when a mixed force of American Indians and English soldiers laid siege to the town of St. Louis, which was defended by a mixed force of militiamen and townspeople. The author attempts to sort fact from fiction by examining a number of previous (conflicting) accounts of the battle.

"'A Damned Tight Place': General Jeff Thompson Confronts the Federals at Fredericktown, Missouri" by James E. McGhee

Account of **a battle that took place in Fredericktown on October 21, 1861**. Confederate forces were led by Missouri State Guard General M. Jeff Thompson, while U.S. forces were led by Colonel Joseph Plummer. The author attempts to sort out the facts, since both commanders claimed victory in their after-battle reports.

"Drifting Back into Their Old Ways": Local Efforts to Banish the German Language from Missouri During the Great War" by Petra DeWitt

The German language was still in widespread use in various parts of Missouri when the First World War began. It was spoken as a second language by many German-Americans in St. Louis, and the St. Louis Public Schools offered free classes in German on Saturdays in various city schools. In some historically German rural communities, German was still the primary language. German-American farmers often knew only enough English to do business with English-speaking businessmen and professional people. In 1914, there were still 3 daily, 25 weekly, and 12 monthly German-language publications in Missouri. When the U.S. entered the war in 1917, however, the federal government and the state government both began campaigns to make the public believe that anything German was not to be trusted.

TEXAS COUNTY RESEARCHERS LIST

The latest issue of the [Ozark Happenings Newsletter](#) 26:1 (Jan-Feb-Mar 2009) includes a list of society members with surnames they are researching. The list includes name of members (with maiden names for married women), phone number, email address, and surnames being researched.

GENIE INTERNET NEWS

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

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

10 WORST MICROSOFT PRODUCT NAMES

Even if you love their operating system and various other kinds of software (OK, you don't), you've got to admit that the Microsofties product launch team wouldn't know a good product name if it bit them on the, err, USB port:

http://www.cio.com/article/487262/The_Worst_Microsoft_Product_Names_of_All_Time?page=1

25 COMPUTER PRODUCTS THAT SIMPLY WON'T DIE

If you're over 40, you'll recognize many of these products-- and will be astounded to learn that you can still buy them off the shelf:

http://www.cio.com/article/487731/Computer_Products_That_Refuse_to_Die?page=1

AMAZON KINDLE DX

If you have vision problems, or know someone who is blind, you may want to invest in an Amazon Kindle DX. Dick Eastman has given it a glowing review, in which he notes that this ebook reader will actually read downloaded magazines, newspapers, or books to you-- and you don't need a computer to perform wireless content downloading:

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2009/05/kindle-dx-amazons-97-wireless-reading-device.html

ANIBOOM

If you're a budding Walt Disney or John Lasseter, or if you just like to watch interesting short animated films, you should take a look at AniBoom:

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

Note: If you like to scrapbook, and are good at it, it occurs to me that you already have the design sense and skill sets necessary to make an interesting stop-motion animated film about your ancestors...

ARCHIVES OF MARYLAND ONLINE

Images of more than 471,000 historical documents pertaining to the history of the Old Line State:

<http://www.archivesofmaryland.net/html/index.html>

CHURCH HISTORY OF BRITAIN

Free ebook (in six volumes, no less):

Fuller, Thomas. [The Church History of Britain: From the Birth of Jesus Christ Until the Year 1648](#). Oxford University Press, 1845. 6 volumes.

<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/book/lookupid?key=olbp46639>

CONNECTICUT HISTORY ONLINE

On this site persons with ancestors from the Nutmeg State will find 14,000+ photos, drawings, and prints of scenes of Connecticut history:

<http://www.cthistoryonline.org/cdm-cho/index.html>

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATES

A history of the debates, plus information about the communities in which the debates took place:

<http://www.lookingforlincoln.com/debates>

MAPPING THE BRAIN, GENE BY GENE

Full-text, illustrated article from Wired Magazine available online:

http://www.wired.com/medtech/health/magazine/17-04/ff_brainatlas

Note: What are they going to do with this detailed knowledge of the brain? One possible scenario is explored in a second article, "Dial H For Happiness":

<http://www.wired.com/science/discoveries/news/2009/03/neuroengineering2>

OPENZINE

Create your own free online magazine-- you can include articles, pictures, and video:

<http://www.openzine.com/asp/asp/>

Note: Take a look at several of the example zines they provide links to-- if your society, library, or church has been looking for a better way to promote itself / get its message out, your (free) ship may just have come in...

ROCK-BOTTOM DNA TESTING

FamilyBuilder DNA offers low, low prices on yDNA (\$59.95) and mtDNA (\$89.95) testing:

<https://dna.familybuilder.com/client/dna-store-genealogy-testing-kit-family-ancestry.action/homepage.html>

2010 NGS CALL FOR PAPERS

ARLINGTON, VA, JANUARY 5, 2009:
Proposals will be accepted starting 1

January 2009 for the 2010 NGS Family History Conference, "Follow Your Ancestral Trails," to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, 29 April to 1 May 2010. Salt Lake City is a place where you discover millions of records for ancestors who lived almost anywhere around the world. The international theme for this conference encourages submissions for lectures on topics about ancestral countries, both old and new. Other possible topics include methodology, problem solving, federal records, military records, land records, migration, ethnic, technology, and family history writing.

Sessions are generally limited to fifty minutes plus a ten-minute question-and-answer session. Syllabus material (PDF files) due in early 2010, is required for each lecture or workshop presentation and will be included in the syllabus distributed to all conference registrants.

Please see proposal guidelines at www.ngsgenealogy.org/callforpapers.cfm for instructions regarding submitting proposals. Speakers may submit any number of proposals.

NGS members will be given first consideration as speakers. Lecturers will be provided with complimentary conference registration and publications. Compensation, per diem, and lodging will be based on the number of lectures given, and transportation expenses will depend upon the speaker's home address.

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

2009 BALLOT
Missouri State Genealogical Association

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Ara Kaye and Martha Henderson, put forward the following candidates for election to the MoSGA Board of Directors. Please vote by placing a check on the appropriate line for either the nominated candidate, or a write-in candidate of your choice (biographical sketches of candidates are on next page).

Beth Talken, 1st Vice President _____

Janice Schultz, 2nd Vice President _____

Sharlene Miller, 3rd Vice President _____

Tiffany Perkins, Corresponding Secretary _____

Vacancy, Education Director _____

George Giles, Historical Director _____

Evie Bresette, At-Large-Director _____

Robert W. Taylor, Nominating Committee 1 _____

Mary Celeste, Nominating Committee 3 _____

Please return ballot by August 1, 2009 to:

MoSGA Ballot
P.O. Box 833
Columbia MO 65205-0833

**Biographical Information – 2009 Candidates
Missouri State Genealogical Association
Board of Directors**

1st Vice President – Beth Talken, Columbia MO. Beth's interest in genealogy started when she wrote her first cemetery transcription at age 5. She has been active in the Genealogy Society of Central Missouri [GSCM] for 15 years serving as recording secretary, vice president and president. She currently serves as newsletter editor for GSCM.

2nd Vice President – Janice Schultz, Independence MO. Janice is the Genealogy Librarian/Branch Manager of Mid-Continent Public Library's Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, Missouri. She has been with the library since 1987 and has served as the Branch Manager since 2001. Janice is chair of the American Library Association's Genealogy Committee and has served on the MoSGA Board in several capacities.

3rd Vice President – Sharlene Miller CG, St. Joseph MO. Sharlene is a Certified Genealogist and has been active in genealogical research for over 30 years. She is an active member of the Heartland Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She is currently the webmaster for the chapter website and has served as program chair for the chapter.

Corresponding Secretary – Tiffany Perkins, Independence MO. Tiffany is a Reference Assistant for the Mid-Continent Public Library's Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, Missouri. She has been with the library since 2004. Tiffany has her Associate of Arts degree and is working on her certification in genealogy as well as her Bachelor's degree.

Education Director – Vacant

Historical Director – George Giles, Troy, MO. George began family research in 1969. He has been active in genealogical societies in Lincoln, Franklin, Audrain and Warren Counties. He is currently completing a ten-township cemetery index for Four Rivers Genealogical Society in Franklin County. He is the Recording Secretary for the Lincoln County Genealogical Society. George is seeking his second term as MoSGA Historical Director.

At-Large-Director – Evie Bresette CG, Kansas City MO. Evie is a Certified Genealogist with the Board for Certification of Genealogists, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and its affiliate local chapter, Heartland APG. She is a past Registrar for the Sagamore Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. She has volunteered at the National Archives-Central Plains Region since 1993 and specializes in heir searching and due diligence.

Nominating Committee 1 – Robert W. Taylor, Columbia MO. Rob is completing two terms as MoSGA 3rd Vice-President – Membership. He is the journal editor for the Genealogical Society of Central Missouri as well as a past president. Rob chaired the committee to index and publish the 1917 Boone County (Missouri) and 1897 Howard County (Missouri) atlases for GSCM.

Nominating Committee 3 – Mary Celeste, Platte City MO. Mary retired from the Mid-Continent Public Library in 2007 after twenty years of service. She has served MoSGA as an At-Large-Director during which time she organized the First Families of Missouri Certificate program. Mary served as a Genealogy and American Heritage Merit Badge Counselor for the Boy Scouts and has led an intergenerational family history group project for the 4-H.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO MoSGA BYLAWS

Article XIII of the Bylaws of the Missouri State Genealogical Association permits the Bylaws to be amended by a two-thirds vote by ballot upon approval by the Board of Directors of MoSGA and upon being submitted in writing to the membership in writing at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting. By vote of the Board of Directors on February 7, 2009, the following amendment to the Bylaws is proposed. The language underlined would be added to the Bylaws if approved by the membership. The purpose of the amendment is to permit a family membership category. If approved, the Board will set the cost of a family membership, effective at the close of the annual meeting. The complete Bylaws may be found at www.mosga.org/by-laws.htm.

Article III of the Bylaws of the Missouri State Genealogical Association is amended to read as follows (proposed changes to existing bylaws are underlined):

Article III**Membership**

Section 1. Any individual or institution interested in supporting the mission of the Association may become a member by paying the dues established by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Memberships shall be classified as follows:

(a) Individual. Any person who pays dues established by the Board of Directors.

(b) Family. Any two family members living at the same address who pay dues established by the Board of Directors;

(c) Institution. Any organization that pays dues equal to that of an Individual member. The institution may designate one person to be a voting member of the Association and a delegate to the annual meeting.

(d) Contributing. Any person who pays an annual amount equal to two times the annual Individual member dues.

(e) Patron. Any person who pays an annual amount equal to five times the annual Individual member dues.

(f) Life. Any individual who pays a one-time amount equal to twenty times the annual Individual member dues.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall set all dues. Memberships shall be based on the calendar year.

Section 4. All classifications of membership shall include a subscription to the official publication(s) of the Association.

Section 5. All Individual, Family, Contributing, Patron, Life members, and designated Institutional delegates shall be voting members of the Association.

Section 6. Any member whose dues are in arrears for two months shall no longer receive the benefits of membership.

Section 7. Membership lists shall be treated as confidential. Use of membership lists for any purpose other than for projects of the Association must have the approval of the Board of Directors.

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