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From the President's Desk...

The cold, cold days were still with us at our January meeting. But, so many of you wonderful members braved the frigid temperatures to be there. Hopefully, the weather will be much better on February 13. This will be our 48th Anniversary. Please plan to attend. We will have a beautiful Anniversary Cake and punch.

Larry Caver, our new First Vice President will be presenting the program. Larry is a native of Birmingham, grew up in Mobile County, lives in Semmes and works for the State of Alabama. During the past 20 years he has had the opportunity to reside all over Alabama and do research with his primary area being old newspaper research. He is a graduate of Liberty University and has taken additional coursework in history and genealogy at University of Alabama-Birmingham and Wallace State Community College at Hanceville. He is the author of many books related to history and genealogy.

The topic of this program will be Using Vital Records in Family History Research. All researchers will benefit from this program.

MGS recently received news that one of our Life Members, Mary Braun, who resided in Temple, California passed away in April 2009. Our sympathy is extended to Mary's daughter and family.

The Budget Committee met and presented the 2010 Budget to the Executive Board of Directors which was unanimously approved.

The By-Laws Revision Committee is meeting again to "fine tune" the MGS Constitution and By-

Laws. The revisions will be presented to the membership at one of our spring meetings.

Volume 2 of the White Marriages of George County, MS has been published by the Abstract Committee. Other publications, such as early Will Books of Mobile County will be the next order of business for this committee.

I would like to remind everyone that the MGS membership dues have increased this year to \$30.

The Society is in the market for donations of various software for the library computers such as Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher. If anyone could help with this, please contact the library.

Looking forward to seeing each of you at the February meeting.

Eugenia

February Program



The program for February to be presented by Larry Caver will be "USING VITAL RECORDS IN FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH." It will include information on traditional records such as birth, death, marriage

and divorce records, but will also include some other resources many do not consider when doing genealogical research. The program is a good program for those just beginning to do family history research and for veteran researchers too. Plan to attend!

This and That

The four 2010 Elected Board Members not included in last month's newsletter photograph and seen here are: June LaVernway, Margaret Odom, Larry Caver, and Roy Parker.



Volume II of the George County MS White Marriages 1943-1947 will be available at the February meeting. Cost is \$40. Volume I covering 1910-1943 for \$40 is still available along with the book of Colored Marriages 1910-1979 for \$35.



We sold out of the 2010 Mobile Memories calendars at the January meeting. More are being printed. Cost is \$8. It is worth the price alone just for the old Mobile photos.



More members are needed to help with the Hospitality Committee at monthly meetings with "set up" and "take down." Please contact Mary Ann Ingram at 661-9191 if you would be willing to assist her in this project.

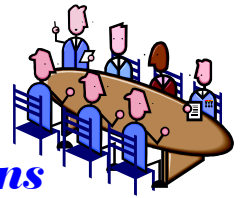


Anyone who would like to serve on the Cemetery Abstract Committee, please call Eugenia Parker at 340-6510. We need several more members to serve in this capacity.



At the January meeting guest speaker Tom McGhee, enlightened and entertained the attending members with his presentation on the history of Mobile's Magnolia Cemetery.

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LIBRARY NOTES

The MGS Library continues to grow and receive donations of excellent books from friends and members of the Society. We greatly appreciate these donations, some of which are out of print and timeless.

Larry E. Caver, Jr., recently gifted MGS with a copy of his latest book, Transcriptions from Dallas County, Alabama Newspapers (1823-1865), which has 437 pages and is indexed. Larry serves on the MGS Governing Board and has authored a total of 17 books on family histories and genealogical ab-

stractions from various sources and locations. Many of his books are in the Library for your use.

A big "Thank You," to MGS member, Mr. John Hengen of Jessup, MD, who recently made a generous contribution to the MGS Library. Because we are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, we greatly appreciate the tax deductible gifts made by our gracious donors.

The MGS Library is open each Monday 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and every second Saturday following the MGS Regular Membership Meeting to 2:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Smyth
MGS Librarian



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INTERNET WEB ADDRESS(ES) OF YOUR FAMILY HISTORY INFORMATION:

SURNAMES YOU ARE RESEARCHING (Up to 10):

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
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What genealogy software do you use? _____

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Audit — Membership — Publications — Library — Research — Refreshments — Publicity
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By signing and submitting this application, you grant the Mobile genealogical Society, Inc. permission to use your data in our Surname Search Engine on the 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: _____

You are also encouraged to submit a 5-generation pedigree chart with your application for our *MGS Members' Pedigree Charts* publication.

The amount of your check should be:

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

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**Important
DATE!**

February Meeting

**Saturday the 13th at 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon
In Vitale Room of Holy Family Church in Mobile, Alabama
1400 Joyce Road (off Overlook Road just East of University Blvd.)**

Since we will be celebrating our 48th Anniversary at our February meeting, as an organized society, we will serve a beautiful anniversary cake and some delicious punch. A few items such as nuts, chips and dips, mints or other party foods will be welcomed. Save your hardier dishes for another time. We do appreciate your cooperation in helping to make our society a fun and interesting place to come, learn and fellowship with like-minded people. Thanks,

Mary Ann Ingram
Hospitality Chairperson

