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From the President's Desk

March was another wonderful meeting for MGS. Susie Hartman gave an interesting and informative program on the history of the town of Mount Vernon (Mobile County) and Searcy Hospital.

Our theme was "Irish" and we all joined in and sang ***When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*** led by Roy Parker. The food may not have been "Irish" but it sure looked Irish and was delicious as usual. Our hospitality committee certainly takes care of us at our meetings. A special thanks to Mary Ann Ingram and her committee.

We had several guests at the meeting including Kent Keenlyne, Sallie Grow and Delores S. Hunt. We welcomed all of them.

I regretfully report that our new **MGS First Vice-President**, Larry E. Caver has resigned due to personal reasons. Mary Ann Ingram has graciously stepped forward to fill his position for the remainder of the year.

A few items to report.....we only have two **MGS 2010 Calendars** left.....we will not be printing any more for this year.

Mobile County Probate Court has a new Email address, it is probate@mobilecountyal.gov. A new phone number for the Archives is **251-574-6065**. New phone numbers for the Probate Records Department are **251-574-6070** or **251-**

574-6071. Please make a note of this. The departments of the Probate Court housed temporarily at the old Press Register Building will be relocating to the new facility very soon.

Thanks to Don Culberson and Roy Parker for loading up and taking to the recycling event at the Greater Gulf States Fair Ground all of MGS's old and **obsolete electronic equipment** on Saturday, March 19.

One of our new members, Barbara Preston, will now be the new chairperson for our **Resale Committee**.

The MGS Executive Board approved the increase in prices of our **MGS Publications**. Some prices have not been updated for many years. Costs in printing, postage and supplies have gone up in recent years and we needed to update our prices. New prices will soon be published in the February 2010 quarterly and on our web site.

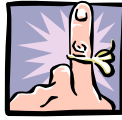
Sales for our newest publications have been brisk..... orders are continually arriving at MGS for older publications. Roy Parker, Publications Chairperson, reports visiting the Post Office several times a week. We are now doing the printing of publications (including the quarterly and newsletter) in-house. We are not out-sourcing the printing at this time.

Sympathy cards have been sent out to the families of Una Werneth Fagerstrom and Caleb Ernest Molpus, Jr. Una was a current member of MGS and Caleb was a long-time member for many years. Also, our Abstracting Committee Chairperson, Meriem Barlow's sister, Rose Marie Fancher passed away. Our sympathy is extended to all these families.

Eugenia Parker



Reminders



Please check your labels either on your quarterly or newsletter. If your membership expires in March or April.....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.

Research Committee



I would like for **several** of our MGS members to step forward to assist in the research requests we are receiving from out of town. You know how you have appreciated assistance when you have requested information for your own research through an out of town facility.

Please help us to assist these folks. This helps the requester and also helps MGS – it's a win-win situation for both parties.

It's too much for one person. I need **several** volunteers to look up obits at the downtown library, search for death certificates at LDS Family History Center, occasional research at the courthouse and in our own library. **I'm counting on you** to respond to this need. It only involves a few hours per month. Call the library for more information or see me at the April meeting. Please!

Eugenia



Hospitality Committee

Most everyone confessed, by a show of hands, to be of Irish descent at our March 13th meeting. Using the Irish theme for decorations and foods made the event fun and memorable. Many thanks to Eugenia Parker who brought the huge beautiful green and white flower baskets used as centerpieces on the food tables. She also brought weighted green metallic shamrock plumes for individual tables. Cut-outs of shamrocks were placed around each table. Acrylic picture frames held Irish songs, prayers and blessings. Marta Pierce loaned us her metallic shamrock tree, pot of gold and a large green satin shamrock with her **McConnell** surname on one side. **Sadly, this piece was missing after the meeting.** Please, please check all your belongings to see if you mistakenly picked it up and call me at 661-9191 so I can return it to Marta. It was a keep-sake from her trip to Ireland. All the fun and delicious Irish foods were great topics for conversation. We thank each of you for your efforts in making the monthly meetings more enjoyable.

For April, we are requesting spring colored foods. Bring only finger-foods (small sandwiches, chips, dips, cheese, crackers, cookies, candies, fruit dishes, etc.). Call me to let me know what you are bringing.

Mary Ann Ingram, Hospitality Chairperson



Library Notes

DONATIONS, DONATIONS, DONATIONS—

The sentiment of two MGS Library Staff who spent hours sifting through boxes of books given to the library within the last several weeks – 305 books to be exact. The area of the library that has benefited most from this donation is our Military Section, more specifically the Civil War grouping.

Considering the large number of books which are either duplicates or simply lacking in genealogical

value, MGS is considering a Book Fair for our members and the public. This will be an assortment of books with widely varying content. Watch for future information about the date, location, etc.

Welcome to Barbara Preston, who is coming aboard as a new library staffer and will also be working with the Resale effort.

Elizabeth M. Smyth, MGS Librarian



Publication SALE

White Marriages Of George County, Mississippi 1910-1943 Volume 1

The book is soft cover with 196 pages and containing the marriage records of 4828 white couples who married in Lucedale. The body of the book is in alphabetical order by names of both the grooms and the brides in separate sections.

Price \$40.00 (includes postage and handling)

White Marriages Of George County, Mississippi 1943-1947 Volume 2

The book is soft cover with 178 pages and containing the marriage records of 4770 white couples who married in Lucedale. The body of the book is in alphabetical order by name of the grooms in the first section and alphabetical by name of the brides in the second section.

Price \$40.00 (includes postage and handling)



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):

1. _____ 6. _____

2. _____ 7. _____

3. _____ 8. _____

4. _____ 9. _____

5. _____ 10. _____

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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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

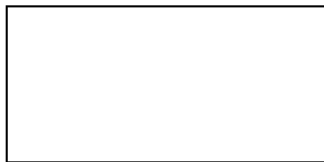
\$400.00 for individual life membership (age 60+)



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April Meeting

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

SEARCHING FOR YOUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS

Arthur (Art) E. Green will be our guest speaker. Art was born in Dallas County, Alabama in 1937. He is a direct descendant of Revolutionary War Patriot William Day of Edgefield District, South Carolina, who is buried in Dallas County. He is also the grandson of John C. Green who fought for Southern Independence in the War Between the States in the 38th Alabama Infantry Regiment.

He is retired from Alabama State Docks Department and has compiled several published regimental history books on South Alabama Confederate Regiments. Art is married to Karen Harvey Green who is a native Mobilian. He is a member of several historical, genealogical and heritage organizations including Mobile Genealogical Society.