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(From left to right—Tom Hanahan III, Roger Carlton, Larry Ashton, Randy Holcombe, Bill Altstaetter and Tom Hanahan)

## HONORING OUR MILITARY PAST

The Heritage Library's Annual Gala was held on November 8, 2001 and featured soldiers as guests: Thomas Hanahan III—wearing a World War II Army uniform once worn by David Witt, Roger Carlton as a Union soldier from Ohio, Larry Ashton as a World War I doughboy (this uniform was worn by your Editor's Grandfather Fred Schweighart who served with the AEF as a bicycle messenger), Randy Holcombe as a Confederate General, Bill Altstaetter as a Revolutionary War General, and Tom Hanahan's Korean War Navy uniform still fits.

*In our on-going series about the various lineage societies, we looked to the Hereditary Society Blue Book and found the following Military Societies. The Blue Book is edited by Robert Davenport.*

### HEREDITARY MILITARY SOCIETIES

The following military societies are among the societies listed in the Hereditary Society Blue Book. For further information on any society, please consult a copy of the Hereditary Society Blue Book at the Heritage Library, or visit the site at [http://members.tripod.com/~Historic\\_Trust/military.htm](http://members.tripod.com/~Historic_Trust/military.htm) and click on a link to the society that suits you.

#### COLONIAL WARS

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

Ancient and Honourable Order of the Jersey Blues

General Society of Colonial Wars

National Society Women Descendants Ancient & Honorable Art Co.

National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars

Continental Society Sons of Indian Wars

Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars

Order of Descendants of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co.

#### REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Society of the Cincinnati

Veteran Corps of Artillery State of New York

General Society Sons of the Revolution

National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Daughters of the Cincinnati

National Society Children of the American Revolution

Hereditary Order Descendants Loyalists & Patriots American Revolution

Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge

#### WAR OF 1812

Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland

Military Society of the War of 1812

National Society United States Daughters of 1812

General Society of the War of 1812

#### TEXAS WAR OF INDEPENDENCE

San Jacinto Descendants

Society of Descendants of the Alamo

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## NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

### *John J. Griffin, Sr.*

John Griffin was born, raised and lived in New York City. John and his wife, Doris, married in 1953 and raised their family in New York, New Jersey and Illinois. John served in the Rainbow Division of the New York National Guard, 1st Division US Army and the Active Army reserve. He joined the news department of NBC in 1954 as a Copy Clerk, attended the Corporation's RCA Technical Institute and worked in various worldwide news gathering technical positions while based in New York and Chicago. He retired in 1998 as Director of News—Technical Operations. John and Doris moved to Hilton Head Island in 1996. He is President of the Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society and a senior librarian at the Heritage Library. John is active in the Knights of Columbus and as he puts it, "a wannabe fisherman". His genealogy specialty is Irish family history and research in New York — both city and state.

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## *From the President*

*by Tom Hanahan*

First, let me wish you a Happy New Year, filled with joy, peace, prosperity, love, and success.

Our Board of Directors were elected unanimously and we welcome two new Board members, John J. Griffin, Sr. and Robert Smith. You may recognize their faces. John is President of the Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society and Robert and wife Betty are familiar faces in the Library. Robert serves as our Senior Librarian on Fridays. We want to thank them for their contributions and we look forward to working with them on all aspects of the Library's activities. Our Gala was once again a successful one! We brought in over \$4,000 with our ticket sales and silent auction. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make the event successful. And, thank you to all of you who attended and helped support our efforts. It was great fun!

We want to thank the Heritage Foundation for their grant for equipment and also the Hilton Head Island Foundation for their recent grant for computer equipment and upgrades to our system.

As this newsletter goes to press we learned of the Town Council's approval of our grant for operations for 2002 from the ATAX funds. We are in desperate need of this help as we cannot operate solely on income for our dues. The largest portion of our operations, of course, is the rent for our facility. Funds may be lower than expected this year due to the economy and the events of September 11th. In addition, the Council approved our second ATAX grant for advertising. The Library is seeking exposure in the national genealogical realm. With this grant we will advertise our existence with NGS, FGS and other national society newsletters and periodicals. It will also allow for payment of booth rental and associated costs at national meetings.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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## GENEALOGY ON THE NET

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### On the Day You Were Born

What were the popular songs, news headlines, the price of bread, or the top TV show on the day you were born? You can find out at dMarie. Once at this Web site, you simply enter a chosen month, day, and year, and this free service will offer a choice of either a "quick" time capsule page or an "advanced" page that has more in-depth information, including the names of famous people born on that day of the year, typical consumer prices from that year, Academy Award winners, and more. The available data online includes the years 1800 through 2001, although the Web site cautions that data for the years 1800 - 1875 is probably "spotty." <http://www.dmarie.com/timecap>

### 1901 UK Census is Online and Busy

After two years of preparation, the British Public Record Office released the 1901 UK census results on its website on January 2. Within minutes, anxious genealogists and others who are seeking information about UK residents of a century ago overloaded the site. The Web site virtually ground to a halt as more than a million users tried to log on and trace their family history during its first three hours.

The Public Record Office (PRO) had doubled the number of servers in anticipation of the demand. However, the 1901 census was placed online at 9:00 AM GMT. At noon a PRO spokeswoman said, "We have had more than a million hits since it went online. The system is overloading and we ask people to be patient. All we can suggest is to keep trying."

The census was conducted a few weeks after the death of Queen Victoria as Britain was beginning a new era under the rule of King Edward VII. The 1901 UK census lists the names, ages, addresses, and mental health of more than 32 million people. It provides the first public look at details that have been extracted from 1.5 million pages of handwritten census returns for residents of England and Wales. Alison Webster, Public Record Office project manager, said: "The census returns are our most popular documents and making them available on the internet means that anyone can access information on their ancestors, the history of their house and their local area, as well as gaining an insight into the social and economic conditions of the time. All this without the trouble and expense of traveling to London. We hope this will be the first of many censuses to be digitized and plan to put the 1891 census returns online."

The 1901 census forms asked respondents for their name, address, age, and occupation. The forms also asked them to list the state of their mental health, reporting whether they

are deaf and dumb, blind, lunatic, an imbecile, or feeble-minded. More than 90,000 individuals are listed as "lunatics, imbeciles, or feeble-minded people."

The 1901 census includes the name of the Queen Mother, then eight months old. She is listed as Elizabeth Angela Bowes-Lyon, with her address listed as Walden, Herts. A spelling mistake or poor handwriting appears to have misspelled her middle name with an "i," spelling it as Angelia.

Others found in the 1901 UK census include comedian Charlie Chaplin, listed as a "music hall artiste," while legendary cricketer W.G. Grace is described as a "physician and secretary of the London County Cricket Club." Other famous names to appear include French artist Claude Monet, author H.G. Wells, author J.R.R. Tolkien, Antarctic explorer Robert Falcon Scott, and nurse Florence Nightingale.

Of course, data transcription is never perfect, and some enumerators' shortcuts don't make the job easier. Genealogist Jeanne Bunting points out, "If anyone is researching the name DITTO, there are 39 of them in the index to the 1901 census... One of them was even born in Ditto Ditto!!" Jeanne's experience proves that there is never a substitute for original records. Luckily, digitized images of the original forms are also available online at the Public Record Office site.

Users logging on to the site will be able to search under several categories, including name, place, and address. You can search by first name, last name, gender, or age (plus or minus a number of years). An advanced search also allows the user to search by marital status, occupation, and relation to head of the family.

There are also searches for locations, institutions (hospitals, barracks), and maritime vessels. For a cost of 50 pence (about 72 cents in US currency), users can look at the transcribed details from the census return. Another 50p buys the details of all other people listed at that address. You can also look at a digital image of the census return for 75p. The money raised will help to fund the digitizing of other censuses. The Public Record Office has already begun work on building a similar site for the 1891 census, which is expected to be available to the public next year.

If you have ancestors or other family living in England or Wales during 1901, you will want to look at these online transcribed records. English and Welsh residents may also be interested to find who lived in their house in 1901.

With so many genealogists trying to access this site, you may find the site to be unavailable. In fact, at the time these words are being written, a disclaimer on the site says, "Due to overwhelming demand the technical project team for the 1901 Census site has had to place access restrictions to the site. This will mean that some users will not be able to currently access the service."

You can view the 1901 UK census returns at: <http://www.pro.gov.uk>

## ***PRESERVING SOURCE DOCUMENTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS***

**By Robert Pemberton Smith**

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### **BACKGROUND**

**Th**is article will share some information about the methods and programs the writer is using for the preservation and dissemination of source documents and photographs in Family History work. There may be better ways to do these things because there are so many alternatives, but describing some of the possibilities here may lead you to investigate and find the ways that will suit you best.

Everyone is aware that in the past few years digital imaging has become practicable for almost all researchers as a means of capturing, preserving and distributing images inexpensively. This change is a result of the widespread availability of computers with built in CD writers and the advent of simple scanners, some costing less than \$100.

Whatever the purpose of our research, all would agree that it is good for the images of what we have discovered to be preserved. These can now accompany our finished book or manuscripts as illustrations and as backup information. Multiple copies can be put onto an inexpensive CD ROM and attached as a part of any published book, paper or file. In future years this can make the saved work much more interesting and help preserve its authenticity. Copies of the actual pertinent documents can be seen by the reader instead of just a citation in a reference note. Because of the low cost, the entire body of research materials, even those documents that were discovered pursuing blind alleys, can be included so as to show future researchers that they do not pertain!

In the past, a researcher's usual procedure has been to accumulate photographs in albums and reference documents in files, with the idea that these would be passed along to some interested library or family member after the book or paper they have worked on was completed. Once the publishing was done, these copies of valuable photographs and source documents were then available to only a few at that one location! Additionally, many photocopied documents in these files were printed on non-acid free paper and so were quite vulnerable to the ravages of time.

Other great advantages of the new technology are that, by making multiple CD's, the source documents and photos that validate your work and make it interesting are protected against destructive disasters such as fire and floods, and against being lost or discarded by the individual you gave them to, or his successors, if they do not care about them. Further in later years, the digitized photographs can be wonderfully manipulated and printed for the pleasure of future viewers.

### **EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAMS**

The writer has both an older legal size flatbed scanner, and a newer letter size flatbed scanner bought to handle photo slides or negatives as well as reflective images. The specific scanner you select, as long as it is a flat bed, is not too important. Legal size is advantageous to accommodate larger source documents. But to fit your scanner, the occasional large documents can be reduced to letter size at a photocopying center, at the penalty of losing some quality from the image. Very inexpensive scanners provide less resolution also resulting in the loss of some quality from the image. So if you plan to work with photographs a better medium priced scanner is worth the additional money.

In addition to a program that will come with any scanner telling you how to use it to scan, a graphics imaging program is necessary to process your resulting images for size, to crop or retouch them, to add titles and for other manipulations. It is probable that any scanner you purchase will also come with some basic graphics program, but it may not do all you wish for. The writer has found the Micrografx program to be attractive because its tutorials are easy to understand, and it seems to be uncomplicated. Adobe Photoshop is preferred by many and it is very powerful in its more advanced versions. It is used by many graphics professionals, but may be too complex for some people.



To illustrate the use of a graphics program, Fig. 1 shows a wedding party photo taken in 1904. This original print was only 2 3/4 by 4 1/2 inches and, as you see had deteriorated from fading and scratches. It showed about 30 people in all including the writer's great-grandfather and great-grandmother, grandfather and grandmother, and mother as a young child. Restoring most of the damage was easy but somewhat tedious; the process is called "cloning" which basically allows you to transfer whatever there is inside a selected pristine area into a deteriorated target area. This work is done with the image greatly enlarged and by frequently working on a copy in case the changes need to be redone to achieve an authentic appearance. Fig. 2 is the re-touched enlarged image of a part of the photo showing these immediate antecedents of the writer.

A program for cataloging and storing photographs called Printshop Multimedia (MMO) Organizer was selected and can be recommended. It can be found on the Internet by going to [www.learningco.com](http://www.learningco.com), and then clicking your way to their Printshop section. A word of caution here is that buying a more sophisticated and expensive Printshop program touted as containing or replacing the MMO program may not be advantageous. When you phone the Learning Company to order, some resistance to selling you the simpler program has been encountered in the past- they may even say it is not made any more. The best advice is to stick with your intent, get a supervisor and insist on buying just the MMO Organizer unless you want to complicate your life.

This very specific recommendation derives from the conclusion that MMO provides a possibly unique capability for "Stand Alone" sharing of photographic images with others thereby preserving them for posterity. "Stand alone" means that when you give the CD ROM, on which you have copied the Multimedia Presentation (Slide Show), to someone else, they do not have to have previously separately installed any program on their computer other than what is on the CD. So, in future years, persons using the CD should not have any difficulty on account of obsolescent of the program you have used! The descriptions this writer has seen of other photo cataloging programs, and there are many, do not display this one great "Preservation" advantage.

### **ORGANIZING THE IMAGE FILES**

To simplify matters, all of the writer's images are in the JPEG (Joint Photographers Expert Group) format. JPEG images, which will have either a .jpg or a .jpeg suffix, are accepted by the internet and are compressible which permits adjusting their file size. Also, most digital cameras use it.

Everyone will have their own ideas as to how their image folders should be organized but I am doing it in two basic categories. The first category is for those images, such as wills or other documents, that would normally be brought up one at a time, either on-screen or printed, for close perusal. These are being put into a master hierarchy titled "Archival Storage Files" with sub-folders for each subject. The label and source information for these documents is incorporated into the File Names; up to 258 characters can be used in Windows 98. Also, using the Text Typing function of the graphics program, similar information can be recorded on an expanded margin of the image so that it shows up on prints. For illustration purposes for this article, this was done to both Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 even though these are photographs rather than documents.

The second category of images is put into a master hierarchy titled "MMO Storage Files". This is for photographs that will best be enjoyed (in lieu of a printed photo album) by looking at them as an on-screen slide show made by using the "Create a Multimedia Presentation" function in the MMO program. Within the MMO Storage Files hierarchy the files are further subdivided into folders that correspond to each Library or slide show "Movie" that is created.

The slide shows incorporate a Title for each picture which streams across the monitor when it first shows. After a moment to read it, it then clicks off. This title can give the contents and date of the picture or other



Fig. 1 Mr. Ashby Ogburn's Weds Miss Lizzie Gascoyne in VA in 1904. His second marriage

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**MEXICAN WAR**

Aztec Club of 1847  
 Descendants of Mexican War Veterans

**CIVIL WAR**

Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
 Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865  
 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic  
 United Daughters of the Confederacy  
 Sons of Confederate Veterans  
 Children of the Confederacy  
 Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States  
 National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865, Inc.  
 Military Order of the Stars and Bars  
 Hood's Texas Brigade Association  
 Point Lookout Prisoner of War Organization  
 National Order of the Blue and Gray

**INDIAN WARS**

Order of Indian Wars of the United States  
 Continental Society Sons of Indian Wars  
 Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars

**SPANISH AMERICAN WAR**

Sons of Spanish American War Veterans

**PHILLIPINE INSURRECTION**

Military Order of the Carabao

**WORLD WARS**

Military Order of the World Wars  
 Order of Lafayette  
 Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge  
 International Military Order of the Southern Cross  
 Order of the First World War  
 Order of the Second World War

**MILITARY SOCIETIES FOR ALL WARS**

Cleveland Grays  
 Legion of Valor of the United States of America  
 Naval Order of the United States  
 Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States  
 Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars

Military Order of the Purple Heart  
 Sons of the American Legion  
 Order of Daedalians  
 American Ex-Prisoners of War  
 United States Cavalry Association

**Editor's Note:** As many of you may know Cathy Speller's familiar face has not been seen around the Library for some time. Cathy was a volunteer in the Library within the first year of our existence. She assisted many patrons with research and was an expert in West Virginia research. Cathy also helped plan and develop the Library catalog system — CASPR among many other duties. She worked tirelessly for her love of genealogy and she will be greatly missed. Her mother, Alice, loved to work in our 'kitchen' when we had open house, genealogy meetings, or for our Gala. Alice, too, will be greatly missed.

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**A Note from Cathy Speller**

*Dear Friends,*

*As many of you already know, we have left Hilton Head for the DC area. I have accepted a job at the DAR Library as a Reference Assistant. While I love the new job, it will never take the place of The Heritage Library and the wonderful friends I found there. If you plan to be in the DC Area, please be sure to let me know. My email address is chgbks@yahoo.com. I will miss all of you!!*

*Fondly,*

*Cathy Speller*

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Fig. 2. Portion of Ogburn-Gascoyne Wedding Picture Showing J. D. Petty Family

useful information. At any time the slide show can be paused to permit a longer look than the display times you stipulated when you created the show.

### **SHARING YOUR PHOTO IMAGES**

The explanation of how the MMO program works will, of course, be included when one purchases the software. But when one shares a “movie” the recipient will have to be told about one or two of its features, and it may be helpful to tell here how this is done.

What has been done is to put each slide show into a file created beforehand directly on the C drive, and then selected when the program asks where it is to go. Each such file has a title like “MMO Movie- J D Petty Family” which also becomes the title of the slide show. Then a selection of one or more of these movie files that you want to give to someone can be copied to a CD ROM made just for them. And when you want to find them, they are all together in the “MMO” section of the C drive.

An important feature of the MMO program is that the file folder titled “Media” that is a part of each of these shared MMO “movies” contains a .jpg copy of all of the images. This means that all of these valuable family images which have been collected and possibly restored will be available for posterity at all the places you have sent the CD ROM copies for sharing. When opened into a graphics program years later they can be resized, cropped or printed by future generations as they may wish.

Since they will not have the Help menu that comes with the program disk, They may need to be told that the slide show is started by clicking on the “Autorun.exe” icon. This brings up the interesting opening window with a thumbnail of the first photo and the movie’s title, and an invitation to install the streaming video program “Quick Time”. If they have not already installed it- they simply click on the underlined install function. It takes a very short time. Then, all that remains to be done after this installation is to start the show from this same opening window by clicking on “Show Me the Multimedia Presentation” bar. All this advice can be incorporated into a “Read Me” file that you would create and put on the CD ROM along with the “Movies”.

Finally, it may be important to you on account of limited memory space on your C drive, to note that you too may keep these collections of slide shows on your own CD ROMs. If you have put all the pertinent information about the pictures into the file titles and into the slide show captions, the MMO Storage files on the C drive can be erased, keeping only the CD copies.

### **LONG TERM SECURITY FOR THE IMAGES**

The reason I have selected a JPEG format for all images is that there are indications, in some published discussions about the archiving of digital images, that the JPEG format for images may be the best choice. The reason librarians and archivists give is that it is used so very widely and therefore the computer programs to read this format may have a suitably long life. It is hardly credible to think that this format will become obsolete in later years without every computer user being made fully aware of just how to convert his saved JPEG images into whatever new format is replacing it.

Further security for preservation is inherent in the suggested procedure of consolidating all the images into the Archival and MMO Storage Files. Grouping them makes it more assured that none will be missed when you copy them while performing your normal computer back-up operation.

### **CONCLUSION**

Just a word about preserving typed documents may be in order. An investigation into which word processing program is most likely to be readable in the distant future has not been made. But some have suggested that any Microsoft program would be a likely candidate because of their current dominance in the computer programming industry. Of course the fact that CD ROMs may require recopying every ten years or so in the out years because of chemical deterioration suggests that your recipients who wish to preserve your work before it becomes unreadable may also have to take your text files that are on CD ROM and from time to time translate them to whatever program they will then be using for word processing. Of course if your text has been printed on acid free paper, hard copies should survive for many years on their own without regard for its CD ROM life.

We all know that there are millions of historical documents and photographs residing in individual family collections. To preserve the history of our culture such material should be made available for future generations if at all possible. Leaving such collections to, perhaps, disinterested relatives or to a library where there may not be archiving funds available to catalogue, classify and make it available to future searchers could result in a considerable loss. Much is being done to preserve public and organizational collections, but individual family collections seem to be neglected.

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### **Robert P. Smith**

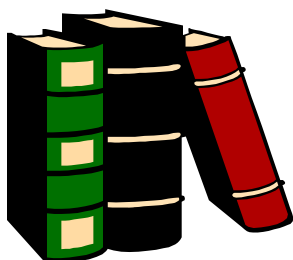
Mr. Smith was born in Richmond, Virginia and lived in the Philadelphia area for many years before he and his wife, Betty-Jane moved to Hilton Head in 1990. He is a graduate of The Virginia Military Institute with a degree in Civil Engineering and after graduation studied Naval Architecture. During WW II he provided specialized services for the fleet vessels designed, built and repaired at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

In his business career he became Vice President, Marketing for a Philadelphia based international company providing engineering consultation, design, project management and construction services for power stations, chemical plants, steel mills and other custom designed heavy industrial facilities in the United States and abroad. His responsibilities also included advertising and public relations.

Over the years he has maintained strong interests in music and has performed as soloist and presenter with various choral groups. In retirement family history research and golf are his main pursuits. He was a member of The Union League Club of Philadelphia and Chairman of the Rose Valley Folk, a theatrical and social club in the Philadelphia suburbs. In Hilton Head he has been a Board Member of the of the Port Royal Plantation Club and served as membership chairman for several years.

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### **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>March 9</b>	<b>Fort Myers, FL: Sharon De-Bartolo-Cormack — Gen Fair 2002 at the Lee County Library</b>
<b>March 12</b>	<b>Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society—10 a.m. at the Heritage Library</b>
<b>April 9</b>	<b>Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society—10 a.m. at the Heritage Library</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>Long Island, NY: “Searching Italian Ancestors” — Italian Genealogical Group</b>
<b>May 14</b>	<b>Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society—10 a.m. at the Heritage Library</b>
<b>May 15-18</b>	<b>Milwaukee, WI: NGS Annual Conference</b>
<b>June 11</b>	<b>Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society—10 a.m. at the Heritage Library</b>
<b>July 7-12</b>	<b>Springfield, IL: Genealogical Institute of Mid-America</b>
<b>August 7-10</b>	<b>Ontario, CA — FGS Annual Conference</b>