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Community & Campus Days 2006

The Multicultural Genealogical Center and Ohio University's annual Community and Campus Days Event will be held October 12, 13, and 14, 2006.

This year's theme is music. Music played a major role in our culture and our history. We are asking that participants showcase how music played a role in their families as well as other history and artifacts.

October 12 at 7:00 p.m., The Alvin Adams Lecture Series will be held at the Margaret Walter Hall on the Ohio University campus.

October 13 under the direction of Sylvia Perry, the world renowned Heritage Chorale from Cleveland, Ohio will perform the sounds of anthems, hymns and Negro spirituals. Ms. Perry quotes "The Negro Spiritual is the true American form of music. It is our mission to preserve this rich

and valuable heritage by bringing to audiences, near and far, a moment in time as captured by the moans, groans and melodies of a people in captivity." (see the last page of this newsletter for ticket prices)

October 14 will be the actual heritage sharing at Nelson Commons at Ohio University. This event is intended to, and does, promote harmony between the University and the surrounding communities, with a special emphasis on the communities of color. The event consists of (a) exhibits, by both community and campus people, of whatever each person wishes to share; i.e. historic artifacts, hobby and craft products, business and/or creative endeavors, and any other interest; and (b) talents displayed by both community and campus people; i.e. musical, poetic, dramatic readings, speeches, etc.

This is the most significant event—in terms of numbers of people involved, hours devoted and positive impact—that MGC has undertaken.

An MGC committee organized "community" participation in the event's two "parts", while the African American Studies Department staff of Ohio University organized campus participation, thus exhibiting MGC's ability to collaborate effectively with established, highly-respected institutions.

Contact Ada Woodson Adams, amadams@frognet.net, or 740-448-1305 for more information or De Johnson, johnsod5@ohio.edu or 740-448-1305.

(See enclosed insert for more details regarding Community & Campus Days 2006.)

The Patterson House—Chesterhill, Ohio Future Home of the Multicultural Genealogical Center

In 2005 MGC purchased a house called the Patterson's house. It is located at the intersection of State Route 555 and State Route 377, across from the Chesterhill Branch of the Kate Love Simpson Library.

The Patterson house was at one time one of the beautiful landmarks in Chesterhill. Many people remember it and

remember some of the Patterson's who lived there. MGC wants this to be true again.

MGC is in the process of restoring/preserving the Patterson's house, which will be used as our Center for research and as our museum. We are researching the history of the house and its occupants.

The book *Our Quaker Heritage*, sponsored by the Sunshine

Sunday School Class of the Chesterhill United Methodist Church in March of 1977, gives a history of the house and its occupants.

The title of Mrs. Hoopes' book made me wonder how many of the log cabin structures still exist in Chesterhill, but hidden under some type of house siding. We do know of one such structure and it was an Under-

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MGC & the University Capstone Project

Students from the Ohio University International Communications program are working with board members to develop a five-year report of the development and accomplishments of the Multicultural Genealogical Center organization since its inception. The students, Amy Zawada, Maureen Magee, and Rita Paolino have met with board member Bob Daugherty and Board President, Ada Woodson Adams to gather material, review board and membership minutes and other documents. They also intend to meet with selected MGC members, and plan to complete their work by mid-November. Amy Zawada has stated that "we hope the publication will be not only informative but visually appealing as well". The student group is planning to produce a document that both pictorially and verbally reflects how dedicated people in the Chesterhill area were able to build a strong and vibrant community agency to express their multicultural heritage. The MGC Board approved this project at the May 2006 board meeting.

Bob Daugherty

Chesterhill, Past & Present

In the Morgan County, Marion Township, Ohio 1850 Federal census there is a Samuel Swain, black, occupation "cooper" from Virginia living in Chesterhill. Also living in the same place is the Matthews family and a Nancy Mash also listed as black and from Virginia. The Bundy families are their neighbors. The Bundy's were Quakers and against slavery. I wonder how many of the slaves found their freedom and made their home in Chesterhill? Or did they come as free people?

The George Hilton Family and Albert Frazier also lived in Morgan County, Marion Township, Ohio as neighbors of the Arnold Patterson's in 1850. The Hiltons and Mr. Frazier were all from Virginia.

Arnold Patterson is buried in the Friends Cemetery behind the Friends Meeting House.



Visit The MGC Website

www.mgcenter.org

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ground Railroad Station. Could the future home of the Multicultural Genealogical Center be a part of *Minta's Ye Olde Log Cabin* history and with a hidden story of the Underground Railroad?

The Quakers along with others founded the town of Chesterfield, later changed to it's present name, Chesterhill. The Patterson families were Quakers and part of a group who help hide many a runaway slave and assist them on to freedom.

It is known by many and stated in the book *Our Quaker Heritage* and I quote, "In 1838, Thomas K Smith along with others concealed 12 negroes in Kincaid, now known as Heman's cave for a time." The article went on to say that after a time the negroes were taken out of the cave and hidden in various homes in the neighborhood. With information of this type we hope to reconstruct not only the history of Chesterhill, and the people, but the history of the Patterson house and the role it played.

To give you a little about the house:

The structures support system is made up of logs with the bark still attached, rough hewed logs, smooth cut beams and it also has the newer type 2 by 6 support beams.

The floors in the front part of the house are sagging because the logs have lost their ability to support properly and have termite damage. The floor problems need to be addressed to make sure we have a secure and stable floor system to house our many books and research materials.

The building needs to be completely re-wired and re-plumbed. It needs complete gutters and downspouts. The heating and air conditioning systems need to be

replaced and a bathroom to be changed and enlarged to meet ADA codes.

Except for the above mentioned needs, the over all structure is in sound condition. It has a top grade slate roof and it is in good condition. Good quality workmanship has gone into the structure. It needs a lot of cosmetic repair on the inside and outside, some repair and painting. Landscaping will be needed later.

We need volunteers to research the history of the house and the people. Besides the courthouse records we would like to hear of personal stories connected to Chesterhill and to the Patterson house. Anyone up to researching the Morgan County records on this site? Contact Ada Woodson Adams, amadams@frognet.net.

We will need volunteer skilled and unskilled works to work on the house once we get the specs and plans back. Of course we will need money to complete the project. Anyone out there who wants to serve on the Fund Raising Committee, does not need to live in the area to do so, or anyone with funding ideas can contact Robert (Bob) Daugherty at daugherr@ohio.edu.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Building Fund may send your donations to:
MGC Building Fund,
P. O. Box 125,
Chesterhill, Ohio 43728

We are a 501 C 3 organization.

Help us renovate our future Center.

Ada Woodson Adams

Capital Development

With the establishment of a clear direction and the financial needs for our new building, MGC Capital Development will move into full swing this fall. The committee plans to send fund-raising letters to all members, persons who have expressed interest in the work of MGC, and contact perspective major donors. In addition, grants will be

sought from both private foundations and state and federal government agencies. One of our board members has pledged \$10,000 as a match for all funds raised from the MGC membership, so get out your checkbooks and pledge what you can for the restoration of our new home in Chesterhill.

Bob Daugherty

Community and Campus Days 2006

Theme: "The Music of the Ohio River Valley"

Thursday, October 12

7:00 p.m. The Second Alvin Adams Memorial Lecture will be presented by Dr. Arthur Cromwell, Associate Professor, School of Telecommunications. His topic is "Transbluence: Black Musical Expression Along the Ohio River Valley."

Admission is free and open to the public. The Venue is the Rotunda, Margaret Walter Hall, Ohio University

Friday, October 13

8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Symposium on "The Music of the Ohio River Valley."

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| 8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m. | Continental Breakfast and Check-in |
| 9:00 a.m.—9:15 a.m. | Welcome and Opening Remarks |
| 9:15 a.m.—9:45 a.m. | Introduction by Dr. Vibert Cambridge |
| 9:45 a.m.—11:45 p.m. | Panel 1 "From the Underground to Center Stage" |
| 11:45 a.m.—12:45 p.m. | Lunch with musical performance |
| 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. | Panel 2 "And All That Jazz" |
| 3:00 p.m.—3:15 p.m. | Break |
| 3:15 p.m.—5:15 p.m. | Panel 3 "Musical Meetings and Unities in the River Valley" |

Registration is required for the Symposium. Registration fee includes conference materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon coffee break.

7:00 p.m. "The Music of the Underground Railroad" Concert featuring the Heritage Chorale of Cleveland, Ohio. The concert will be held at the Union Hall Theatre, Chesterhill, Ohio. Tickets cost \$15 for the general public, \$10 for students and \$5 for the first 100 tickets purchased in Morgan County (tickets available at: Chesterhill Library; E R Graphics, Main St., McConnelsville; OSU Extension Office, W. Main St., McConnelsville)

Saturday, October 14

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Heritage Sharing. Showcasing the multicultural and multiracial heritage of Southeastern Ohio. Theme focusing on music of Ohio River Valley and surrounding Appalachian region, with special emphasis on the music of the Underground Railroad. Venue is Nelson Commons Ohio University

For information on the events for Community & Campus Days 2006 visit:
<http://www.ohiou.edu/aas/happenings/cc2006.htm>



Multicultural Genealogical Center
P.O. Box 125 - Chesterhill Ohio 43728

The Multicultural Genealogical Center Monthly Membership Meeting will be on October 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The location of the meeting will be the Lions Club located approximately four miles outside Chesterhill, Ohio. The Lions Club is located at State Route 555 and Boxer Mayle Road.

John Ogden originally from Guernsey County, Ohio, and now living in the Virginia area will present a program on the Abolitionists of Southeastern Ohio. He has done extensive research in this area and will give us a history not much talked about then and not much talked about now.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Come and bring a friend for a delightful time back in history.

You may refer to the MGC website for directions/map: www.mgcenter.org or call Mildred Vore at 740-678-2339.

BIOGRAPHY

Mr. John Ogden is a retired Federal employee and was formerly employed with the Federal Aviation Administration as the HQ's Manager of Training and Career Development. Before his FAA career, he spent 25 years at Dept. of the Army years in the Pentagon. During his career, he developed and delivered a wide variety of blended learning training courses and designed and developed management training storyboards for an electronic curriculum used on the FAA web. He was responsible for creating several training and learning tools including an automated training evaluation CD-ROM used throughout the Federal Government. During his Federal career, he received many local, national and international awards including FAA's Sue Silverman Manager of the Year Award for his work in Human Resource, EEO and Training. He is now enjoying the first flush of retirement following a career of 38 years of public service.

Mr. Ogden completed his undergraduate studies in humanities and philosophy and Master's work in education administration. He has lived, traveled and studied extensively in Southern Europe, the Middle East and India. He is a former officer of the Pentagon I Chapter of Federal Employed Women and is a lifetime member of the national organization where he is a past national chair for membership. He has been active and a spokesperson with Blacks in Government (BIG) and various Hispanic, Asian Pacific and Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights organizations. He is a co-founder of the American Indian Cultural Exchange and co-founder of the FAA's Native American and Alaska Native coalition. In 1988 and 1990, he was responsible for 2 cultural exchange programs between Eastern American Indians and the French Government.

In his spare time, Mr. Ogden is interested in literary and archaeological pursuits and is an avid collector of Indian art and items dealing with the Titanic and Lindbergh. He has published several articles pertinent to his professional field as well as others of a historical nature and is currently working on a book on the activities of the underground railroad in SE Ohio. In 2004, he co-authored a book on the 200-year history of an abolitionist, anti-slavery Methodist Church in Woodsfield, Monroe County, OH. He is a member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Tribe and his Native name is "Watchful One."

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The Center shall be a non-profit organization to document the contributions of multicultural and multiracial families to the social, cultural, political, religious, educational and economic development of the Ohio River Valley. The Center will:

- 1) Collect written and electronic records that document the lives, histories, and genealogies of families in the region whose ancestries cross racial and cultural boundaries;
- 2) Protect the integrity of these records and documents for future generations by securing and maintaining an orderly archive for public benefit;
- 3) Assist individuals or organizations interested -- for personal genealogical and not-for-profit purposes--in researching such families or accessing data housed in the Center archives;
- 4) Educate members, visitors, and the public about the lives, roles and contributions of those families and traditions to American society;
- 5) Exhibit, disseminate, and publicize in appropriate venues information regarding such contributions;
- 6) Promote and improve, through community and educational programs, public perception and recognition of the region's diverse, multicultural heritage; and
- 7) Work cooperatively with organizations, universities, agencies, and libraries to gather, share, and preserve genealogical information and related historic documents pertinent to the region.

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Book Order Form

Name _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____ **Email** _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
Heritage Cookbook Volume #1	_____	<u>\$12.00</u>	\$ _____
Heritage Cookbook Volume #2	_____	<u>\$12.00</u>	\$ _____
As Long as Hearts Remember	_____	<u>\$30.00</u>	\$ _____
A Significant Presence	_____	<u>\$20.00</u>	\$ _____
Hold Tight to the Hames	_____	<u>\$15.00</u>	\$ _____
<i>Shipping (Add \$5.00 for first book, \$3.00 for each additional book)</i>			\$ _____
<u>Total Cost</u>			\$ _____

Multicultural Genealogical Center

Membership Application or Renewal
January through December 2007

Yes, I want to become a member of the Multicultural Genealogical Center.

(Please Print)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Membership Renewal _____ New Membership _____

Enclosed are my year 2007 dues for (check one)

- ☐ Annual Regular Individual membership (\$15.00)
- ☐ Annual Student membership (\$6.00)
- ☐ Annual Senior Citizen membership (age 50 and over) (\$10.00)

Enclosed are:

- ☐ My Lifetime membership dues (\$125.00)
- ☐ First installment, Lifetime membership dues (\$31.25)
- ☐ Second installment, Lifetime membership dues (\$31.25) --due May, 2007
- ☐ Third installment, Lifetime membership dues (\$31.25) --due August, 2007
- ☐ Last installment, Lifetime membership dues (\$31.25) --due November, 2007

Enclosed are other donations:

- ☐ Organization donation \$ _____
- ☐ Building fund donation \$ _____
- ☐ One-time gift of \$ _____

I will support the MGC by:

- ☐ Presenting a program at our Membership meetings.
- ☐ Volunteering to do research.
- ☐ Donating copies of my family trees, family histories, pictures, etc.
- ☐ Sharing stories (oral history) about my family's lives in Southern Ohio
- ☐ Sharing my experiences in gathering family history
- ☐ Conducting short training session(s) on how to gather family history
- ☐ Provide refreshments for membership meetings.
- ☐ Write newsletter articles.
- ☐ Take minutes at membership meetings and transcribe tapes.
- ☐ Help with publications
- ☐ Staff MGC tables at events.

For more information about MGC, visit our website at www.mgcenter.org or contact:

Mildred Vore, Membership Chairperson (740) 678-2339, vore43mt@aol.com

Return this application to:

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Chesterhill, Ohio 43728

President's Column

The President's Column gives the President an opportunity to muse and hopefully muse in an informative and interesting dialogue. Many of our members are unable to attend membership meetings or functions. This column will somewhat bring news to what MGC has done, is doing and wants to do in the future.

We, MGC, value all of our members and hope in some way each one will find something we are doing interesting and helpful. This President's hope is that our members will find a way to contribute and help their organization to grow to fulfill our missions and goals.

MGC's Newsletter is published quarterly, December, March, June and September. For the first time we missed publishing a quarterly Newsletter (June). There were many reasons why this happen, but let's just say we will work very hard to produce and publish each quarter in the future.

We welcome news from you, our members. What is happening in your life that you would like to share with fellow members? Please send us births, deaths, marriages and other events.

Are there any members who have a historical story to share about your

family or your area? Maybe someone might want to share with us your family tree or how your family migrated and settled where they did.

David Butcher stepped up and served as MGC's President when Sherry Walker resigned in 2004. I know Uncle Al guided you in your decision to serve on the Board. Little did you know that you would soon after be thrust into the Presidency. David was elected President in 2005. David is a dynamic person with a strong voice. David was heard, that is he is able to state our cause and our needs and draw people to support our causes. David stated he could not continue, at this time because his young family and his business needed more of his energy and time.

David, thank you for your time and your efforts. Thank you for volunteering to lead MGC at a time when we were re-grouping. You did Uncle Al and Aunt Ada proud. Your presidency took us into a new phase of our growth, that is, the purchase of our future Center. We know you will be there to help and we know that your support is much needed as we prepare the Center for use.

Ada Woodson Adams
MGC President

Building Committee Reports Progress

At the September board meeting MGC Building Committee member Nancy Aiken reported that the committee has carefully reviewed building plans and options and proposed action in three phases.

Phase I would make the house watertight, install heating and air conditioning, and electrical rewiring to make the building basically habitable. Phase II would involve completing all plumbing work, installing bathrooms, and remodeling the downstairs, and repairing and painting the exterior of the building. Phase III would involve completing exterior landscaping and other necessary exterior improvements.

The committee recommended proceeding with Phase I, which would include: 1) securing the building, water leakage and dampness in the basement; 2) to have heating and air conditioning installed; and 3) have new electrical wiring. These are essential if the organization is to move into the building before the end of the year.

The committee presented these three options, and the board approved a plan which would cost \$30,000-\$35,000. MGC would like to thank the board committee, and especially Lee Gregg and Tim Traxler for all their hard work in getting plans developed for the new building.

Bob Daugherty

Appreciation and Dedication for MGC Members, Board, and Volunteers

Volunteers are a valuable asset to any organization. I am especially grateful and honored to have a Board that is dedicated to the cause. Being a grassroots organization, this is a working Board. Each Board Member has a large demand on their time. The people listed below have given much. It is not an easy task to build and grow your organization, but MGC's Board and I take a quote from the Wallpaper Play, would say, "We shall continue the fight! We're from Ohio!"

When people choose to volunteer, they are giving freely to a cause

they believe in, a cause they endorse for the mission and goals. MGC and I are thankful for all of our volunteers. On behalf of the Multicultural Genealogical Center. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to those who have given of their time and/or money.

Thank you.

If you are reading this article, we need you to tell us what type of volunteer work you would like to do for MGC. Contact Bob Daugherty at daugherr@ohio.edu. He will talk with you and compile a list of volunteers on how you want to help.

Ada Woodson Adams

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MGC Fund Raiser

MGC will be participating in an ODOT Free Safety Coffee Break Fund Raiser at the first rest area going north on I-77 out of Marietta, Ohio.

The fundraiser will start at 10:00 a.m. on Fri., Oct. 20 and end at 6:00 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 22, 2006.

Anyone who would like to volunteer during this time period can contact: Mildred Vore at 740-678-2339 or Virginia Norris at 740-551-2072 for more details.

Community & Campus Days 2006

Friday, October 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Union Hall Theatre, Chesterhill, Ohio

"The Music of the Underground Railroad" Concert

Ticket Prices:

General Public	\$15.00
Students	\$10.00
First 100 Tickets purchased in Morgan County	\$5.00

Tickets Available at:

OSU Extension Office, W. Main St., McConnelsville

E R Graphics, Main St. McConnelsville

Chesterhill Library

Membership Information

- Annual Membership runs from January 1 through December 31
- To become a member of MGC, simply fill out an application form (applications can be obtained by contacting the address below) and send it along with your dues to:

The Multicultural Genealogical Center

P. O. Box 125

Chesterhill, Ohio 43728-0125

Or bring it to the monthly meeting at The Friends Meeting House on St. Rt. 555 next to the fire station in Chesterhill. Monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

If you would like to take advantage of the installment plan for a lifetime membership, please contact **Vickie Lee Thurston, Treasurer**, at the monthly meeting.