

Help Wanted

Listed below are some of the current people needs of the Va/NC Piedmont Genealogical Society:

Members: Although the current dues of \$20.00 per year for the Society are modest compared to the dues of other similar societies, membership dues represent a large portion of the revenue of the Society which is available to support the majority of the work of the Society which is to collect, preserve and disseminate genealogical information, particularly that pertaining to the seven North Carolina and Virginia counties which are covered by our Society. Probably the highest and best reason for membership is the contribution it makes to the work of the Society, but there are also benefits to the individual member. Membership entitles one to receive quarterly issues of *Piedmont Lineages*, which some feel is reason enough for membership. Members whose e-mail addresses are made available will also receive notices of meetings and other announcements and information from time to time via e-mail. Members who are also members of Facebook, which is free, can become members of an exclusive Facebook page which allows private communications between members with one another and the posting of queries and genealogical information. It is currently is only available to members of the Society. Although all meetings and facilities of the Society are available to the public without charge there will always be some freeloaders who will take advantage of the work of others without contributing themselves, we hope that such people will remain at a minimum and that they can be convinced to become members of the Society. Membership is available to individuals, families, libraries, societies and/or corporations. Gift memberships are available and make nice, inexpensive gifts to family members or friends to whom someone may wish to give a gift for some special occasion or for some service rendered. Care should be taken to renew memberships before the beginning of a new year to avoid lapses in membership and the loss of issues of *Piedmont Lineages*.

Volunteers: The Society is always in need of volunteers. Except for modest payments to the Editor of *Piedmont Lineages* and fees paid to some authors or owners of some of the publications sold by the Society, all of the work of the Society is carried out by volunteers. Volunteers are needed on a continuing basis to serve during the hours that the Search Room of the Society is open, and we have a commitment to the Danville Public Library for a minimum number of hours that the Search Room will be open to the public, but there is a need for volunteers who can serve at other times and on other tasks that are needed which can be done as the volunteer has time available and at places other than at the Society's Search Room, even at the volunteer's home. A volunteer who can devote as little as one hour per week or several hours per month can be used. Persons who are retired and have reduced work and family responsibilities make excellent volunteers. Being a volunteer can enhance a person's own genealogical information. We hope that more of our members will see their way clear to become volunteers in some capacity.