



Augusta Genealogical Society Augusta, Georgia Virtual Genealogical Program

Saturday, 29 October 2022

1:00 - 2:00 pm ET

Registration deadline by 28 October at

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Limited seating will be offered at Adamson Library to view the virtual presentation. To reserve a seat, please call (706) 722-4073.

Presenting

Michael Lacefield

Cemetery Symbolism and Conservation

Although some people may feel uncomfortable in graveyards, genealogists relish the information that can be gleaned from their ancestors' headstones. Michael Lacefield will walk us through the ins and outs of cemetery symbolism and how best to preserve our ancestors' final resting place.

Michael Lacefield grew up in Perry, Georgia, and graduated from Middle Georgia College and the University of Georgia with a business degree. In 1969, he was drafted; and he retired from the Army after almost 22 years with the rank of Master Sergeant.

Michael began his interest in genealogy in 1991 when Colonel Giddens, who worked with Michael's wife Dollie, had a listing of his own relatives in his office. Thus, began Michael's quest to find the connection between Dollie and the Colonel, who were actually third cousins. Since then Michael has been hooked on genealogy.

Michael began research on his family in the Bowen Cemetery, which was in the woods. It was there he discovered the grave of his great-great-great grandfather. Michael has given many tombstone presentations and has studied with John Appell, a nationally known professional gravestone conservator.

Currently, Michael lives in Wrens, Georgia, where he works as manager of H&R Block. Michael and Dollie have been married for 54 years. Dollie shares in Michael's enthusiasm and his presentations.



Michael Lacefield



Augusta's Magnolia
Cemetery