Maryland Genealogical Society, Inc.

Privacy Policy

Personal information that the Maryland Genealogical Society (MdGS) collects and publishes falls generally into two categories: membership data and genealogical data. The Society has established the following policies for the collection, use, sharing and publication of personal information:

Membership Data

1. Membership data include the names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, membership dates, membership numbers and codes used for accessing the Members-Only part of the MdGS Website, of present and past MdGS members.

2. Members provide contact information when they join the Society and from time to time thereafter. The Society uses the information to manage its membership rolls, to communicate with members by postal and electronic mail, and to grant access to the Members-Only part of the MdGS Website.

3. Membership data of joint Maryland Genealogical Society/Maryland Historical Society members are shared between the two Societies for purposes of membership management. MdGS provides membership data to the company that provides Website services to MdGS for purposes of Website management only. Members’ names and mailing addresses are provided to the companies that provide bulk mail services for our publications. The companies are not authorized to use the data for any other purpose. Except as provided above, MdGS does not provide its membership list or members’ e-mail addresses to any outside company or organization.

4. From time to time MdGS may publish, in paper and/or electronic format, a directory of members containing their names and contact information. Names and postal addresses of new members are published in the paper and Website versions of the Society’s Newsletter. When members provide their names and contact information in submitting a query to The Family Exchange, that information may be published in the Newsletter and on the MdGS Website. Otherwise, MdGS does not supply such information to other members, and all members are prohibited from republishing or transmitting it or using it for solicitation or commercial gain.

Genealogical Data

5. Genealogical data include the names of individuals, their dates and places of birth, marriage and death, relationships to other persons, and biographical information.

6. Members and non-members provide genealogical data which MdGS may publish in paper and/or electronic formats in the Society’s Journal, Newsletter, Website and elsewhere.

7. MdGS does not now publish dates of birth of living persons born within the last 110 years, but to the extent that contributors provide it, the names, relationships, and places of birth and localities of such persons may be published. Any such information which may have been published by the Society in the past is in the public domain, and there is no practicable way to remove it.

Approved by the Executive Board, 17 November 2012