

Sponsoring Memberships

At its business meeting in December 2011 the Virginia-North Carolina Piedmont Genealogical Society authorized a new class of membership, Sponsoring Membership, which is available to businesses and individuals. The cost of a Sponsoring Membership is \$100 per year. A Sponsoring Member is entitled to two regular memberships, one for the Sustaining Member and one for someone designated by the Sponsoring Member as a gift. Each regular member will receive the publication "Piedmont Lineages" four times a year and will be entitled to all services and discounts offered by the Society. Sponsoring Members will be listed as such in "Piedmont Lineages" and on the Society's website, vancpgs.org, and will be entitled to a 3-line listing in the Lineages and on the website not to exceed 10 words per line. The first line may consist of the name of the Sponsoring Member (business or person), the second line may consist of the address of the Sponsoring Member and the third line may consist of any statement the Sponsoring Member wishes to make such as the names of products and/or services offered, a website address or an e-mail address.

By becoming Sponsoring Members businesses or individuals will show support for the Society by increasing memberships and providing funds for Society programs, equipment and supplies. Members and visitors to the Society's Search Room and website will be encouraged to take advantage of products and services offered by Sponsoring Members and thus afford a limited amount of advertizing for the Sponsoring Member. Sponsoring Members are encouraged to make their copies of Piedmont Lineages available to visitors in their homes or businesses. At a later date the Society may provide a certificate of Sponsoring Membership to each Sponsoring Member for display.

The Society also offers gift memberships which are open to anyone. Gift memberships, at a cost of \$20.00 per year are less expensive than Sponsoring Memberships yet afford some of the same advantages of a Sponsoring Membership. Gift Memberships make excellent gifts for anyone who wishes to make a gift for any reason to someone interest in genealogy. Forms are available for requesting gift memberships and requests will be followed up by Society volunteers, making gift memberships very easy to give and receive. Gift memberships are easy to give to friends and family members on a variety of occasions and provide a valuable gift to the recipient. Gift memberships provide the recipient with all four copies of Piedmont Lineages each year plus all services and discounts offered by the Society.