



My Journey From Yesterday

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Mid-Cities Genealogical Society meets the 1st Thursday of each month at:

Mary Lib Saleh Library

Meeting Room, 201 N. Ector Eules, Texas

6:30 p.m. – Social

7:00 p.m. – General Meeting

Visitors are welcome.

2014 MCGS GENERAL MEETINGS CALENDAR

September 4, 2014

Dreanna Belden:

The Portal to Texas History

October 2, 2014

Meg Hacker:

19th Century Fort Smith Criminal Cases

November 6, 2014

Judy Knight:

Topic To Be Announced

December 4, 2014

CHRISTMAS PARTY!



**ELECTION
and
INSTALLATION
of
EXECUTIVE
OFFICERS**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR THE UPCOMING TERM

MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING their favorite toppings, bananas, cookies – whatever you like. MCGS will provide the ice cream!

IN ADDITION, please come prepared to share research stories – what have you recently discovered? Did a brick wall come down? Did you learn your cousin is Clyde Barrow or Charles Manson? Or your mother's 4th husband you didn't know about worked for the CIA? Let's **SHARE** and **HAVE SOME FUN!!**

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The following individuals have been nominated to serve as Executive Officers for the upcoming year:

President:	Bonnie Baker
Vice-President:	Marilyn Reid
Secretary:	Patsy Harrison
Treasurer:	H. P. O'Mary

Elections will take place at the August Ice Cream Social.

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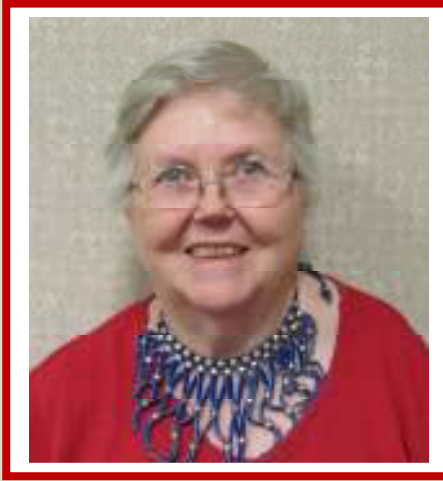
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**MEMBER
SPOTLIGHT:**

Sammy Harrison

Genealogy is like a crazy quilt. You collect a little here and a little there, never knowing how it will look or the shape it will take. Some sit in the closet for a while with missing pieces while you work on another. Years go by until one day you walk by that closet and something falls out. You pick it up, examine it from a different angle and then go searching for just one more piece for it. Suddenly you locate a cousin with a closet full of what you have been searching for! This has happened to me on several of my genealogy quilt squares.

I got started on this crazy road when my sister and her husband got lost when traveling from Fort Worth to visit our parents in Arkansas. Our Dad always said that if they spelled their name "Hynds," they were related to us. Charlene saw a Hynds Real Estate sign and convinced her husband to check it out. Sure enough, not only was he related to our Grandfather, but had a Hynds history written by Alexander Hynds in 1916.

Dad didn't really talk much about his family. We knew his brothers and sisters, but very little about his parents other than his mother died when he was a child, and his dad died when he was a teenager. In that history, Alex revealed that seven of the Hynds brothers served in the Civil War, including our Grandfather. I said to Dad, "You told us about your Uncle Dave being in the Civil War. But you never told us that your Dad was." Nonchalantly he replied, "Yes, he was."

That Hynds history was fascinating. Alex made the claim that we were related to Sam Houston, and I set out to disprove it. Once that was accomplished, I was hooked for life. My family took my parents to Dandridge, Tennessee in 1973 to meet the daughter of Alex, and then on to West Tennessee to meet some of the Hynds cousins in Warren County.

I was to learn later that Alexander Hynds was highly respected and considered an expert on the subject of East Tennessee history. He and a sister were the only family members who remained in Dandridge. Alexander later became a probate judge with Jefferson County, and I have had the privilege of visiting Dandridge on a number of occasions, always feeling as if I was "going home."

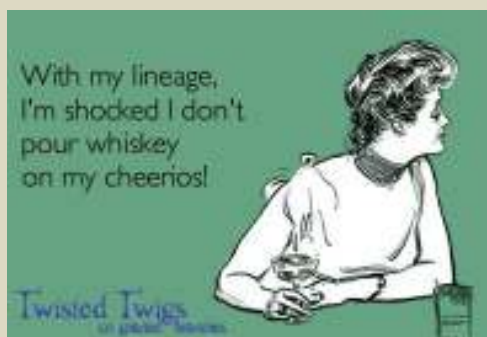
U.S. Marine Corps Offers Historical Database

From *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*
July 20, 2014

Family members of Marines who were wounded, killed, deemed a prisoner of war or missing during past wars can now access their loved ones' casualty card using the Marine Corps History Division's new online database. Each casualty card lists the military member's unit, service number, type of casualty and date of death. Currently, there are digitized casualty cards for World War II, Interwar period 1946-50, and for war dogs, trained military dogs that served in combat. Korean War cards are scheduled to be complete and released this summer, and Vietnam in the fall. To access the online database, visit the [U.S. Marine Corps History Division Casualty Card Databases webpage](#), or to request a copy of the original card, send an email to history.division@usmc.mil or a request in writing to:

United States Marine Corps History
Division
Attn: Reference Branch
3078 Upshur Avenue
Quantico, Virginia 22134

JUST FOR GRINS



Today my brick wall is still with that history. I have beat my head on it for all of these years and gotten nowhere on the parents of my 2nd Great-Grandfather, George Henry Hynds. The most promising clue is the 1880 census for which his grandson served as the enumerator, documenting that his father's father was born in South Carolina. That lead has gone nowhere.

The first stop in my quest to disprove relationship (cousin) to Sam Houston was the Fort Worth Library. The staff there recommended I attend a workshop to learn the ropes of genealogy. That led me to join the Fort Worth Genealogical Society. I continued to attend their meetings, helping to locate records in an effort to bridge the loss of the 1900 census, until I met one of those wonderful cousins, Shirlene Babb. She introduced me to Mid-Cities, where I have held various offices including Hospitality Chairman, Quarter Master, Newsletter Editor and Greeter.

My life beyond genealogy is focused on family and church. I have one son and one daughter. My daughter has blessed me with four grandchildren, a great-grandson and a great-granddaughter. I remain very active in the Messiah Baptist Church in Richland Hills where I serve on the Mission Committee, sing in the choir and also operate the videocamera for our Outreach program (a challenge when I also sing in the choir).

We have come a long way from hand-writing all those Family Group Sheets and Pedigree Charts, and traveling to all the courthouses to dig through their records. But I will never forget the warm fuzzies and goosebumps I experienced when I stood in the courthouse in Sherman holding the first Marriage Book of Grayson County, Texas. It contained the marriage record of a lady whose face I inherited.

Where do you search for records? Everywhere. I was fortunate to have worked for a brief period at filing abstract records. Abstracting records is much like genealogy in that you are interested in a piece of land as long as your ancestor lived there. An abstractor is interested in your ancestor as long as your ancestor lived on that land.

Just recently I completed the documentation for my Grandfather, Lieutenant Robert Henry Hynds of Company E, 39th Regiment, Tennessee Mounted Infantry, and was accepted into the Abner Baker Chapter 1404 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in East Tennessee. I want to complete the paperwork for my Great-Grandfather, Captain Charles James Miller, 18th Arkansas Infantry Regiment, CSA Company E, who had members of the Crockett family serving under him. Then there are the Donathan brothers from Arkansas who also served in the confederacy. One day I may see about Elias Auvenshine, my lone "Yankee." I also need to pursue the Sherrill family of North Carolina who fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain in the Revolutionary War.

What's in my future? You guessed it! I have located another of those wonderful cousins who not only has a closet, but an entire house full of information. So I'm now on the quest of the Mayflower. But that's another story. . . .

WIKICHICKS GENEALOGY NEWS NETWORK OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES

From

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter
July 28, 2014

The WikiChicks Genealogy News Network (WikiChicks GNN), an engaging genealogical news service, has officially launched. WikiChicks GNN is a new way for genealogists to stay informed of current industry news and relevant stories. By using social media tools, we can provide information in a way that allows folks the ability to both read and share it easily with others," said Tami Osmer Glatz, co-founder of the group. What I like about this concept is that it is a great example of how genealogists can come together, collaborate and make great things happen! Said Eowyn Langholf, co-founder. WikiChicks is different from existing community news services in that it is accessible through many platforms, and news is shared throughout the day, with evening digests of the day's events created as a single blog posting.



WikiChicks' goal is to share information of interest to genealogists daily via popular social media sources, including Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Flipboard and Storify.

WikiChicks' postings combine aggregate information with new content. For those who don't spend all day perusing social media sites, the team publishes the "Whaddya Miss" posting every weekday evening on the WikiChicks Genealogy News Network blog, www.WikiChicks.wiki. This segment includes all the day's shared links and stories in one place.

Additionally, the WikiChicks team shares regular weekly columns on the WikiChicks, wiki blog, such as Monday's Muse, a collection of interesting genealogical tips, tricks and stories to motivate you for the week ahead; Tuesday's ChickTips, featuring websites and resources helpful for research; Wednesday's Spotlight, sharing personal stories and information about folk's genealogical journeys; Thursday's Tweets, a collection of the week's interesting and informative "don't miss" comments from

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WHY YOUR FAMILY SHOULD BE CERTIFIED

Contributed by Marilyn Reid

I recently submitted some of my research for certification to the East Tennessee Historical Society's *Civil War Families of Tennessee* heritage program. My great great-grandfather and his brother fought at Murfreesboro and I wanted to document that for my children.

As I waited to hear from the Society, I thought of several reasons we should apply for these certificates, even if we may not want to join some of the heritage societies.

- 1) Your research will be perused by experts. For example, in Tennessee every application submitted for the *Civil War Families* program or the *First Families of Tennessee* program will pass under the eyes of Dr. George K. Schweitzer! Dr. Schweitzer is *THE* expert on Tennessee history and genealogy.

If there are any holes or weak spots in your research, your application will not be accepted until they are corrected. There may be a small fee for the certificate but the overview by an expert could be priceless.

- 2) Having the certification may influence another member of your family toward genealogy. Seeing the certificate may prompt curiosity in another family member. "I didn't know we were a first family of Arkansas!" (Arkansas Genealogical Society also has a first family recognition certificate program.)
- 3) When families are certified, they are included in a permanent database. Names, addresses, and sometimes email addresses are added so, in the future people who are also researching that same family can connect with the applicants.

I applied for the certification on behalf of my children. The framed certificates will be a gift to each of them. In addition, I put together a book with all the information about their Civil War ancestors that I had collected including information about the battles where they fought. In a separate section, I added the documentation I used for the certificate application.

I recently read that family information can be lost in three generations. Hopefully, with this kind of documentation that tragedy won't happen. Maybe that should be reason number four.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION IN NORTH CAROLINA

If you are researching those who participated in the above conflict, the following link of useful information was provided by Sammy Harrison:

http://www.carolina.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_captains.html

various genealogists on Twitter; and Friday's "Weekend Warmup," a recount of a few select new stories to get readers "warmed up" and ready to research over the weekend.

The website, www.WikiChicks.wiki, includes the blog, as well as an all-inclusive genealogy calendar of events, searchable by state or event type, such as conferences, webinars, etc.

Who are the WikiChicks?

The WikiChicks began as Eowyn Langholf and Tami Osmer Glatz. The two met as team members for the collaborative family tree website, WikiTree, where Eowyn is the Forest Elf and Social Media Manager, and Tami is the Playground Manager and Courtesy Counselor (aka Community Assistant).

Tami's contributions to the genealogy community have included the free Relatively Curious Internet Genealogy Toolbar, and presentations and classes on using the Internet for research while maintaining professional-level genealogical standards and practices. Eowyn is smart, funny, wonderful, wildly successful working for a major published author and celebrity, and single. She recounts, "Tami and I were manning the WikiTree booth at RootsTech, modeling our fashionably orange WikiTree shirts when Genea-Musings blogger Randy Seaver stopped by for a chat. He took one look at us and said, "You two must be the WikiChicks." We give him credit for the name and now refer to him affectionately as "Uncle Randy."

Eowyn and Tami are pleased to announce the latest contributor to WikiChicks, author and researcher Gena Philibert-Ortega. "Gena has been a part of so many aspects of the genealogy community, from her articles for WorldVitalRecords, to her being the genial hostess of the Genealogy-Wise online forums, to her behind-the-scenes research for Genealogy Roadshow, and so much more. Her breadth of knowledge is going to be a huge asset."

About WikiChicks

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To learn more about WikiChicks, visit their website at www.WikiChicks.wiki.

EVENT REMINDERS

Ambassador

Federation of Genealogical Societies
GONE TO TEXAS

A conference for the nation's genealogists
August 27-30, 2014★San Antonio, Texas
with local co-hosts
San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society
and the Texas State Genealogical Society

<http://www.fgsconference.org>.

FAMILY TREEMAKER WORKSHOP

Saturday, August 16, 2014

Noon to 4:00 PM

Presenter: Marilyn Hay

Learn how to:

- Navigate Family Treemaker
- Add Photographs
- Add Ancestors to your Tree
- Customize and Print Reports



Mid-Cities Genealogical Society
Presents a **Free Workshop—**
DNA and Your Family History

Saturday, October 11, 2014
at the Euless Public Library
201 N. Ector Drive, Euless, TX 76039

Speaker:
Debbie Parker Wayne, CGSM, CGLSM



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