



My Journey From Yesterday

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Bonnie Baker, President

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.

2015 MCGS GENERAL MEETINGS CALENDAR

Date: August 6, 2015

Annual Election of Officers and ice
cream social.

Date: September 3, 2015

Speaker:

September 3, 2015

Lynelle Bennett Moss

Topic:

Family Search



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Nominees for Officers for 2015-2016 MCGS

Elections of officers of the Mid-Cities Genealogy Society for the year 2015-2016 will take place at this month's meeting, Thursday, August 6, 2015. Following is a list of those nominated for office. Prior to the election, there will be an opportunity to make nominations from the floor for each office.

NOMINEES ARE:



President: Bonnie Baker graduated from Odessa Permian high school in 1968 and is an alumnus of Texas Tech in Lubbock, TX. She married in 1972 and has three children and six grandchildren. She is also a member of the DAR and Daughters' of the Confederacy.

Bonnie is presently the president of MCGS and is also writing a book through Ancestry and hopes to have it finished by Christmas for her children. So far she has over hundred pages written.



Vice President: Ruth Tipton Smith was born in Waco, TX, and is an avid genealogist. Ruth's interest in genealogy began at TCJC (now TCC) in 1995 when her instructor, Ed Wilson, took the class on field trips to visit LDS, the national Archives, and MCGS in Hurst. This greatly wet her interest so much so that she became an active member in MCGS. In 1998-1999 she was elected treasure. A few years later Ruth volunteered to work at the National Archives and Records

Administration (NARA) and remained there for six years. She considers herself really blessed because she learned so much from all these experiences. And one of the most exciting highlights for Ruth was finding herself in the 1930 census that she had helped bring to the public while working at NARA on the *1930 Census Project*.



Secretary: Patsy Buford Harrison was born in Wichita Falls, TX, a year after WWII ended. For the first years of her life, the family lived in various places such as Galveston, TX, and South Dakota. She and her family settled in Ft Worth when she was nine years old.

Patsy and her husband, Charles, were blessed with five children, nine grand-children and seven great grand-children. She took a Genealogy course at TCC where the instructor, Marilyn Hay, introduced her to ancestry and the Mid-Cities Genealogy Society. She has been a member for three years and secretary for the 2014-2015 year.



Treasure: John Pinkerton was born and raised in Plainview, Texas, on a farm 15 miles west of there. He graduated from Texas Tech in 1970 and went into the Army and flew helicopters in Viet Nam. After the Army, John worked for several companies and retired 5 years ago.

John has always enjoyed history and took a genealogy class at Tarrant County College with Marilyn Hay assisting in the class. Marilyn invited him to the monthly meeting at Mid-Cities Genealogy, and for the last three years John has been hooked on genealogy. At the present time, he has 958 people in his tree and over a thousand pictures.

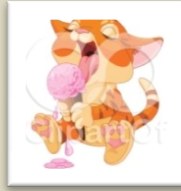
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FOLLOWING the election and installation of officers there will be an ice cream social. MCGS is providing the ice cream and members are to bring the toppings. Please make your plans to attend, to enjoy ice cream and to visit with one another.

Irish Catholic Parish Registers from National Library of Ireland

July 8, 2015 by [Lisa Cooke](#)

Writer James Joyce's baptismal certificate; click to link to Wikipedia image.

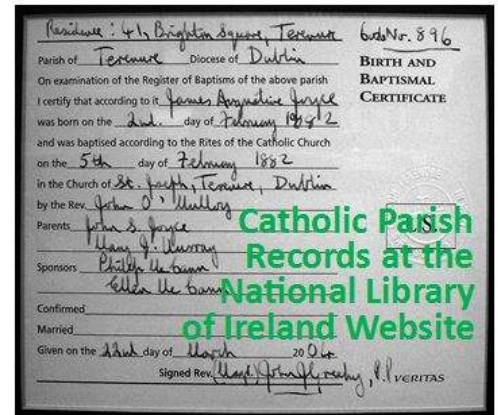
As of today, the National Library of Ireland expects to launch a free, digitized collection of ALL its Catholic parish registers on its website ([this link](#) takes you to the English version; it's also available in Irish). Nearly 400,000 digital images of microfilmed parish records comprise this collection.

According to a press release, "The parish register records are considered the single most important source of information on Irish family history prior to the 1901 Census. Dating from the 1740s to the 1880s, they cover 1,091 parishes throughout the island of Ireland, and consist primarily of baptismal and marriage records....Their digitization means that, for the first time, anyone who likes will be able to access these registers without having to travel to Dublin."

Catholic parish registers are a vital genealogical resource. In addition to the names of those baptized or married, they usually include those event dates, names of parents of baptized children, godparents and witnesses (who may also be relatives).

NOTE: This is a brows able-only collection. There are currently no plans to index or transcribe the records. However, the press release included a great suggestion for accessing indexes: look to local family history centers for that parish or neighborhood. "The nationwide network of local family history centers holds indexes and transcripts of parish registers for their local areas," it says.

Those unfamiliar with Ireland research may assume this means local [FamilySearch Family History Centers](#), but a map shows only a few of these in Ireland. I would start first with the network of [county genealogy centers, accessible online at Roots Ireland](#). According to that site, "The county genealogy centers are based in local communities, working with volunteers, local historical societies, local clergy, local authorities, county libraries and government agencies to build a database of genealogical records for their county. By using this website you are supporting that work and the



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Announcements

From Bernard Meisner while he was in North Carolina:

New Family History Guide to be Released Later This Month (July). This new instructional Web site is supposed to launch later this month, so it might deserve a mention or more in our August Newsletter: <http://www.thefhguide.com/get-started.html>

From Marilyn Hay: Just wanted you to know that Season 7 of “Who Do You Think You Are?” is now airing on Sunday night on TLC.

Privacy Group Asks FTC to Push Google on U.S. ‘Right To Be Forgotten’

This could be a huge threat to the rights of genealogists to access the records of their ancestors and other relatives. The following message was received from Jan Meisels Allen, Chairperson of the IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee:

The Santa Monica-based organization, Consumer Watchdog has requested the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to impose the “right to be forgotten” concept from the European Union on Google in the United States. An editorial in the Los Angeles Times, July 16 says to have the U.S. do something because they do it in Europe is a bad idea and sets an “ugly precedent” failing to recognize the differences between the cultures and legal traditions—let alone that they “right to be forgotten” is a bad policy. To read the editorial see: <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorial/s/la-ed-google-right-to-be-forgotten-20150716-story.html>

The complaint was filed with the FTC on July 7 and an article by Consumer Watchdog on their filing may be read at:

communities from which your ancestors originated.” Several counties actually already have online records you can access through the Roots Ireland link above. Ancestry also has [several databases of Irish Catholic parish registers](#).

For more tips on researching your Irish relatives, listen to the FREE [Family History Made Easy podcast episode 21](#), in which we interviewed Irish expert Judith Wight. You’ll hear her tips on finding Church of Ireland records, civil registrations, estate records and how history helps us understand gaps in the records.

Thank you for sharing this post with those who will LOVE to know about these Irish genealogy resources!

Filed Under: [01 What's New](#), [Church](#), [Irish](#), [Libraries](#), [Records & databases](#) Tagged With: [Irish Catholic parish records](#), [Irish family history](#), [Irish Genealogy](#), [National Library of Ireland](#)

How to Safely Secure All Your Files in the Cloud’s File Storage Services with Encrypto

Some people are afraid to use file storage services such as Dropbox, Google Drive, SpiderOak, iCloud, and the many other services. The odds of anyone hacking into these services are very small but not zero. Actually, it is probably easier to hack into your computer in your house than it is to hack into Dropbox, Google Drive, SpiderOak, iCloud, or the other services. However, it is easy to protect your files against hackers regardless of where they are stored: simply encrypt them.



In fact, you should encrypt all sensitive files that are stored in your computer at home in order to protect against devious people around the world who are trying to gain access to your home computer as well as to protect against anyone visiting your home and surreptitiously gaining physical access to your computer. Once encrypted at home, you can safely save copies of those encrypted files on any of the online services as the files will remain encrypted. Only you can decrypt and read them. Even if a hacker should obtain copies of the files from your home computer or from the cloud, he or she will be unable to read them.

Luckily, that is easy to do and the required software can be found free of charge.

You can find dozens of programs that can be used to encrypt files on Windows, Macintosh, Android devices, iPhone, iPad, and many other operating systems as well. Some cost money but most of them are available free of charge. I have used one of the free encryption programs for years but recently found it was no longer available for downloading. I recommended it to a friend but he later said he could not find it. I checked and the company that produced it years ago seems to have dropped out of sight. I have since switched to Encrypto, a **FREE** App to Encrypt Your Files on Windows or Macintosh.

<http://www.consumerwatchdog.org/story/privacy-group-asks-ftc-push-google-us-right-be-forgotten>.

In their filing they stated: "Google's refusal to consider such requests in the United States is both unfair and deceptive, violating Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act." To read their complaint see:

<http://www.consumerwatchdog.org/resources/ltrftrctbf070715.pdf>.

The genealogical community is opposed to the concept of the "right to be forgotten" due to loss of valuable genealogical and historical references to be found through a search engine and I for one agree with the LA Times editorial.

Jan Meisels Allen
Chairperson, IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee.

From: Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter Richard@eastman.net
July 17, 2015 1:11 am

"The People Who Made Me," an Illustrated Children's Book with a Genealogy Connection



It may be a children's book but *The People Who Made Me* also is a genealogy book. It tells a young child about "the people who made me," focusing on the child's ancestry. It describes "Those people, who made the people, who made the people, who made me." It also describes the

Encrypto lets you encrypt files before sending them to friends or coworkers. Just drop a file into Encrypto, set a password, and then send it however you normally would — but this time with added security. Best of all, it's free for both Macintosh and Windows.

Encrypto takes any file or folder and adds AES-256 encryption to it. With encryption, you know your file is incredibly secure and that only the right person can access it. Encrypto offers:

- Create a Password Hint – Instead of relaying a password to the file recipient, you create a unique, embedded password hint that only they would be able to decipher.
- Send Files Securely – You can send encrypted files the way you usually do. No matter how you send your files, they're protected.
- Save Them to Disk – Not only does Encrypto let you send encrypted files to others, but it also lets you save them to your hard drive. Select your files, put them through Encrypto, and they're protected.
- Hide Original – If you're really looking for security, why stop at encryption? Encrypto's got seamless integration with Hider 2, which lets you hide your files and make them invisible to everyone — but yourself, of course.
- For Windows, and for Mac – Encrypto lets you share files with friends or coworkers no matter their OS. You use a Mac, your friend uses Windows — you both can encrypt and send files to each other with Encrypto.

The downside of Encrypto seems to be that there is no version of it available for Android or Apple iPhone or iPad.

You can read more about the free Encrypto application at <http://macpaw.com/encrypto>.

From: Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter July 9, 2015

Ocupayshun: Census Taker

(Ever wonder why you can't make heads or tails out of the census?)

"I am a cencus takers for the city of Bufflow. Our city has groan very fast in resent yeers & now in 1865, it has become a hard & time consuming job to count all the peePhill. There are not many that con do this werk, as it is nessarie to have a ejucashun, wich a lot of pursons steal don not have. Anuther atribeart needed for this job is god speling, for meny of the peePhill to be counted can hardle speak english,let alon spel there names!"

Kroger Community Rewards

Linking your Kroger Plus Card to the **Mid-Cities Genealogical Society** is a painless way that you can provide a financial benefit of a percentage of your purchases at Kroger stores to the **Mid-Cities Genealogical Society**.

Starting in August, **Mid-Cities Genealogical Society** members can enroll

adventures and sometimes hardships that many of these ancestors endured so the child could be given the gift of life.

Author Troy Hallewell is raising money on [Kickstarter](#) to fund the printing and promotion needed for this new book. He writes, "I've really been trying to get this project in front of the eyeballs of people interested in genealogy and I've had some success so far." He also stated, "I've raised over \$600 in pre-sales, but I need to raise another \$1400 in order to fully fund the project. I know this project might go unfunded and I can live with that. But I don't want to roll over and give up until I have done everything I can to promote the book."

This looks like a worthwhile project. You can read more about *The People Who Made Me* at <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/763002278/the-people-who-made-me-illustrated-childrens-book>. You might even want to contribute to the effort. In return, you will receive one or more copies of the book when published. Details may be found at <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/763002278/the-people-who-made-me-illustrated-childrens-book> by looking in the Rewards column long the right side of the page.

I contributed to the project this morning and look forward to reading the book to my young grandchildren later this year.

Do you have comments, questions, or corrections to this article? If so, please post your words at the end of [this article](#) in the Standard Edition newsletter's web site where everyone can benefit from your words. You might also want to read comments posted by others there.

When the grandmothers speak, the earth will be healed. –Hopi Proverb

their Kroger Plus Card online at: www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Note you must re-enroll every year to participate.

Beginning in September, every time an enrolled participant shops at Kroger using his or her Kroger Plus Card, the **Mid-Cities Genealogical Society** will begin accumulating credits.

To participate in this program, follow these instructions:

- Register online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- Customers must have a registered Kroger Plus card account to link to **Mid-Cities Genealogical Society**.
- If you don't have a Kroger Plus Card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger store.
- If you are a new online customer, click on the "Create an Account" button.
 - You can sign up for a Kroger Community Rewards account by entering your zip code, clicking on your favorite store, entering your email address, creating a password, and agreeing to the terms and conditions.
 - You will get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.

Already have a Kroger.com account?

- Click on the "Sign In" button and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on "Edit Kroger Community Rewards" information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter the **Mid-Cities Genealogical Society** Organization Number (**90414**) and click on the Confirm button.
- To verify that you are enrolled correctly, you will see an orange "View Your Rewards Details" button on the page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for our **Mid-Cities Genealogical Society** until after you've registered your card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Plus Card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus Card or use their Alt ID (phone number) when shopping for each purchase to count.

You can confirm your enrollment by looking for "You are contributing to MID-CITIES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY" at the bottom of your register receipt.

From: Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter

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Wed, Jul 22, 2015 1:13 am

U.S. National Archives opens an Innovation Hub

David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, has announced in his [personal blog](#) the opening of an **Innovation Hub** on the first floor of the National Archives building in Washington, D.C. The new Innovation Hub has two sections: a meeting area, and a citizen scanning room where researchers can scan the National Archives' records with state-of-the-art

DID YOU KNOW?

From:

<http://trilleffect.com/incredibly-rare-photos-from-the-past/11718/5>

12. Women Getting Their Bathing Suits Measured

Source: [TheLoadLaugh](#)



Watch out ladies, no bikinis on this beach, scandalously small bathing suits were strictly forbidden in the early 1900's.

Bathing suits have come a long way. So have a lot of other things. This image of bathing suits being measured to see if they were suitable for public eyes seems beyond ridiculous today when freedom of expression seems to extend to any fashion or personal style preference. Less than 100 years ago women still had to get their skirts measured to make sure they weren't going to cause a scene. Read more at:

<http://trilleffect.com/incredibly-rare-photos-from-the-past/11718#ixzz3gSFx4Hnk>

Research is doing what I'm doing when I don't know what I'm doing—Wernher von Braun

equipment at no cost as long as they also contribute a copy of their digital scans for inclusion in the National Archives' online catalog.

The result is a win-win: the visitor to the National Archives receives free use of state-of-the-art digitizing equipment to keep for his or her own use while the National Archives gets pieces of its holdings digitized at no additional expense beyond creating and stocking the Innovation Hub. (Paying someone to digitize documents normally is quite expensive.)

Ferriero writes, "The Hub is already buzzing with activity. Our first week, we hosted the Primarily Teaching group of educators, who scanned almost 100 pages of records on Chinese immigration to be included in our online Docs Teach system and our Catalog. We have planned transcription parties as well as hosting Wikipedian meetings as well."

You can read more in David S. Ferriero's blog at <http://aotus.blogs.archives.gov/2015/07/20/the-innovation-hub-2/>.

6A www.star-telegram.com Monday, 07-27-2015

Time Frames



Fort Worth Star-Telegram Collection

In 1912, Wise County cattleman and oilman W.T. Waggoner commenced construction

on a new residence at 1200 Summit, at the southwest corner of Summit and Lancaster avenues. The Star-Telegram reported on May 6, 1912, that this would be "the finest residence in Fort Worth when completed." Contemporary accounts estimated the construction cost to be \$100,000, and later reports pegged the investment at \$250,000.

Pictured shortly after completion in 1913, the Waggoner home is said to have had 22-karat gold door fittings, ornate chandeliers, mahogany paneling, a third-floor ballroom, and a basement with a cooling system that forced air over 300-pound blocks of ice. The trees in the photograph have a ghostly appearance, a technique

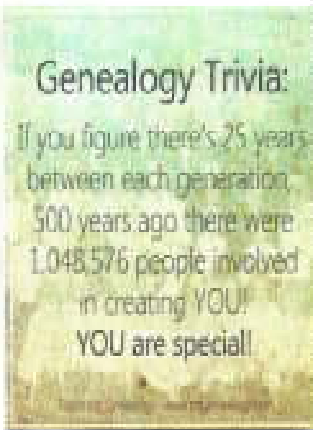
utilized by the photographer to minimize the foliage so that the structure was more readily visible.

In 1923, the Waggoners built another Georgian style mansion in the Rivercrest area where Waggoner passed away in 1934. Bryan Hanks purchased the Summit property around 1947. The house was razed in 1965, making way for the Summit Towers constructed in the 1970s.

The University of Texas at Arlington Libraries offer a rich and diverse collection of materials on the history of Texas and the Southwest. Each week, readers get a glimpse of the past with an image from Special Collections. 817-372-3393; library.uta.edu/special-collections.

Genealogy Trivia:

If you figure there's 25 years between each generation, 500 years ago there were 1,048,576 people involved in creating YOU! YOU are special!



Grave Stone of Asahel Porter

Inscription:

Here lies Buried the Body of Mr. Asahel Porter who was slain in Lexington Battle on ye 19th of April 1775. Although a Man of Peace he was caught in a conflict not of his choosing. As a result he become one of the first to die for his New Country.



Burial:

[First Burial Ground](#)

Woburn

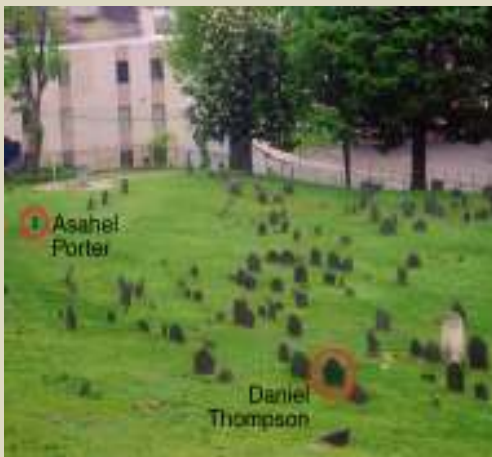
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Massachusetts, USA

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Asahel Porter 1752-1775

3rd cousin 7xs removed of Ralph Hebert Hurd

Asahel is one of the first casualties of the American Revolution War (1776-1783). Shelly Barclay of the American Revolution History Examiner published his story in sections. Following is Asahel's story as related by Barclay:

(August 13, 2010) One of the least known casualties of the Battle of Lexington and Concord was the death of a man named Asahel Porter. Redcoats on the road from Boston to Concord killed him, after they forced him to march with them from present-day Arlington to just outside of Lexington. Asahel Porter was a man who may have just been in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Asahel Porter and Josiah Richardson of Woburn, Massachusetts were either on their way to or coming home from Boston on April 19, 1775. They ran into some regulars who were on their way to Concord in the part of Cambridge that was known as Menotomy, but is now Arlington. They explained that they were going into town to sell some goods. At this point, the regulars didn't know that the countryside had been warned about their coming. They believed that Asahel and Josiah were on their way to warn the people (which show that they were probably leaving Boston when they were discovered). Whether that was the case or not, the regulars could not let them leave because they knew too much. Therefore, they robbed them of their horses and possessions (neither man was armed) and forced them to walk to Lexington among the soldiers.

The regulars, Asahel Porter and Josiah Richardson came across another rider near Lexington. His name was Simon Winship. Simon claimed he was out so early because he was on his way home from his father's house. The troops treated him as they had treated Asahel and Josiah. He was also made to walk with them. Not long after, the regulars got word that the militia had been raised; someone had warned them. There was no reason to keep their three prisoners anymore. Therefore, they decided to release them.

(August 15, 2010) There is some confusion over the release of these three men. Some sources say that Richardson was told to walk away by one redcoat, while another told him to run. Asahel was presumably given the same instructions. Other sources say that the three men were told to leave without drawing attention to themselves or their captors. Either way, when the time came to go, Asahel Porter made a run for it. He was shot in the back and killed by one of the regulars. Simon and Josiah must have decided to walk away for they appear to have survived their ordeal. Asahel is sometimes regarded as the first casualty of the American Revolution. However, some men may have died on Lexington Green before Asahel was murdered.

It is unlikely that Asahel was riding out to warn the militia and people. If he was heading toward Boston, he was going the wrong way. If he was leaving **Boston**, it does not make any sense. He lived in Woburn. Furthermore, if he had left home the night before to sell goods in Boston, he would not have known about the advancing troops. He was a member of his hometown's militia, but so were most of the men who were of fighting age. If he had known about the fighting, he would have most likely have been with the Woburn militiamen who rode out to fight the redcoats. Now, the real mystery is why he ran from his captors. Was he nervous or was he going to tell the militia how close this group of regulars was to Lexington?

From: <http://www.examiner.com/american-revolution-history-in-boston/shelly-barclay>

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