



My Journey From Yesterday

Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

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

Eules Public Library
Meeting Room, 201 N. Ector Eules, Texas
6:30 p.m. – Social
7:00 p.m. – General Meeting
Visitors are welcome.

2013 MCGS GENERAL MEETINGS CALENDAR

January 2, 2014

Marilyn Hay:
"My Canvas"

February & March 2014

To Be Announced

A BLOGGER IN OUR MIDST!!

Catch MCGS member Earl Armstrong's
latest blog for Ancestry at:

<http://ancestry.me/1bdVGmz>

Earl is a published author in several genres including children's stories, newspaper articles, a short booklet on spider webs, a book on cellular health issues, and recently authored a personal history and biography for a retired surgeon. For over five years, he has taught a very popular senior education class on memoir and life story writing at Tarrant County College.

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YOUR FIRST CHRISTMAS DINNER OF THE SEASON



**Thursday, December 5th
Dinner Served at 6:30 PM**

The main course will be provided by MCGS. Please bring your favorite covered dish, serving utensils, a gift to exchange (\$5.00) and a donation of food for Six Stones Mission. (Six Stones in particular is in need of spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, crackers, Hamburger Helper, cereal, canned meat and jellies.)

We need volunteers to assist with set-up, which will begin around 4:30. If you are able to arrive early and help, please contact Barb at BLTLan@verizon.net or 972-255-8966.

In addition to FELLOWSHIP, FOOD and GAMES, one lucky member (guests not eligible) will win a Flip-Pal Scanner!! Each member who attends will receive a ticket to enter the drawing.



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Collection Spotlight: WWII United News Newsreels

Posted by [Pam Velazquez](#) on November 21, 2013 in [Ancestry.com Site](#), [Collections](#)

During World War II, in the summer of 1942, the United States government started a branch known as the Office of War Information (OWI) whose role was to bring together many of the government communications circulating during the war. As a part of its job, the OWI was responsible for creating and distributing news used domestically concerning the war.

The OWI used radio broadcasts, posters, and eventually used newsreels to promote patriotism in the home front, inspire women to sign up for war work and also warn citizens of foreign spies. OWI created countless propaganda posters to push these initiatives, which over time have become an iconic symbol of America during WWII. Messages in these posters and radio broadcasts urged women to start canning their food, planting gardens, and keeping sensitive information to yourself in fear of saboteurs and spies.



One of the most interesting pieces of information produced by the OWI was their [United News Newsreels](#). They developed hundreds of newsreels aimed at conveying these messages. The United News newsreels were shown throughout the U.S., but were also developed in several languages and distributed to allied and neutral countries. Some of the more well-known events covered in these newsreels include the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima, the Japanese surrender, D-Day, and many others.

Ancestry.com's database of 267 of these newsreels is an amazing collection to explore. Genealogy is about more than just the hard facts – birth dates, marriage records, death dates, etc. These newsreels help us understand what life was like for those who were fighting overseas and also for those that were left behind on the home front, and it's interesting to see the stark differences between wartime then and now. Explore this amazing collection and help tell your ancestor's whole story!

- See more at: <http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2013/11/21/collection-spotlight-wwii-united-news-newsreels/#sthash.NU9M7yrQ.dpuf>

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AT FORT WORTH

Citizen Archivists Wanted

NARA is seeking three citizen archivists to help index and digitize slave manifests from 1808 – 1860. This project will take place on December 17, 2013 – December 19, 2013. This project commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.

To apply, send your contact information and a paragraph stating why you want to become a citizen archivist to ftworth.education@nara.gov.

Friday Freebie: Pearl Harbor in Your Backyard

The National Archives at Fort Worth – Montgomery Plaza location presents its “Friday Freebie: Pearl Harbor in Your Backyard!” on December 6, 2013 from 12 noon – 1:00 pm. The attack on Pearl Harbor ushered the United States into World War II and forever changed our nation. The National Archives holds much documentation that provides insight into the events of that fateful day, but did you know that the National Archives of Fort Worth holds records related to Pearl Harbor? Learn more about the fascinating records in your backyard that provide first-hand accounts of this historic event. The program will be presented by Jenny Sweeney.

The National Archives at Montgomery Plaza is located at 2600 W. 7th Street, Suite 162, Fort Worth, Texas 76107. Please email ftworth.education@nara.gov to reserve your spot. Space is limited!

PROFUNDITIES

If you ever start feeling like you have the goofiest, craziest, most dysfunctional family in the world, all you have to do is go to a state fair. Because five minutes at the fair, you’ll be going, “You know, we’re alright. We are dang near royalty.”

- Jeff Foxworthy

Looking Back at the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy in New Online Historical Record Collection

Posted by [Kristie Wells](#) on November 20, 2013 in [Ancestry.com Site](#), [Collections](#)

Nearly 100 years of Texas birth and death records now available online, including key figures who investigated the death of the nation’s President and reported on the events in the days that followed.

Today we are releasing, for the first time online, **6.5 million new birth and death records** from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Spanning nearly a century (1890-1980), the collection includes the state’s entire public archive of death records, including a newly-discovered certificate for President John F. Kennedy, as well as those involved in the investigation and reporting of his assassination, which rocked the nation 50 years ago this month.

The [president’s death certificate](#) describes the weapon used, injuries inflicted, location of injuries, and duration before death, which is noted as only “minutes.”

DEATH OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
STATE OF TEXAS
75708

PLACE OF BIRTH: Dallas, District of Columbia
DATE OF BIRTH: May 29, 1917
PLACE OF DEATH: Parkland Memorial, 7600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington
CAUSE OF DEATH: Multiple gunshot wounds of the head & neck. Minutes
MANNER OF DEATH: Homicide
METHADONE TEST: Negative
MORPHINE TEST: Negative
TOXICOLOGY: Negative
ALCOHOL: Negative
DRUGS: Negative
OTHER TESTS: Negative
SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR: J.P. [unclear]
DATE OF REGISTRATION: 11-22-63
PLACE OF REGISTRATION: Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

Evelyn Lincoln, the president’s personal secretary, is listed as the informant – the person responsible for positively identifying the body of her former Commander-in-Chief.

The newly-released Texas database also provides the new levels of insight regarding key figures surrounding the death of the nation’s President on November 22, 1963, including Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby, Lyndon Johnson and others.

- See more at: <http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2013/11/20/assassination-john-f-kennedy-historical-record-collection/#sthash.m0eYiWLi.dpuf>

RootsTech 2014

Family History and Technology Conference

February 6-8, 2014 | Salt Lake City, Utah

RootsTech is a global family history event where people of all ages learn to discover and share their family stories and connections through technology. At RootsTech, there is something for you, regardless of your experience in family history or your skill in technology.

The registration fee includes:

A three-day pass to the RootsTech conference.

Access to the Expo Hall.

Access to Getting Started classes.

Access to Developer Day (Wednesday).

An opportunity to sign up for prize drawings.

A conference bag.

Participation in collaborative sessions.

Please note: All single-day passes allow attendees access to the conference and Expo Hall for one day only.

For registration, cost and other information, visit www.rootstech.org.

November 22, 2013

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

5,000+ Family Biographies Added to My Genealogy Hound

According to an announcement from the owners of the My Genealogy Hound, more than 5,000 additional family biographies have been added to the site. This brings the total number of family biographies available to over 17,000 biographies in 122 counties in 10 states. All of the biographies are freely available without cost of any kind.

The most recently completed addition is more than 1,000 family biographies in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Other recent additions include biographies for counties in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee.

All of the biographies can be easily browsed by family surname or by county and state.

The My Genealogy Hound website is located at: www.MyGenealogyHound.com.

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2013 – 2014

(Membership from September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014)

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Please check one: _____ Renewal _____ New Member

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