



My Journey From Yesterday

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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

March 7th
Speaker:
Bernard Meisner
Program: Mining the Gems
In Civil War Pension Files

April 4th
Speaker:
Judy Knight
Program: Respected Lawyer
to Counterfeiter

May 2nd
Speaker:
Paula Perkins
Program: With a Click of a Button,
Demystify and Unlock the Secrets
of Finding Family Records

BECOME A CITIZEN ARCHIVIST!

Are you interested in becoming a Citizen Archivist? The National Archives at Fort Worth is seeking Citizen Archivists for February 26-28, 2013. The Citizen Archivist program will focus on indexing and digitizing slave manifests from 1808-1860. Space is limited to three citizen archivists so apply by Friday, February 15, by sending your contact information and a paragraph stating why you want to become a citizen archivist to:

Ftworth.education@nara.gov

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

JAMES “RUSTY” BRENNER
TOPIC: CEMETERY RESTORATION

Rusty Brenner is the owner and craftsperson of Texas Cemetery Restoration. He started in the monument preservation business while working with his father at his monument company in Crockett, Texas. Rusty fell in love with visiting old cemeteries, photographing old tombstones and learning about the history of the people who settled this land and made it home. When he was about 19 years old, he decided that someone needed to preserve the beautiful monuments that memorialized our ancestors. And so his company, Texas Cemetery Restoration, was born.

The mission of Texas Cemetery Restoration is to provide exceptional conservation, preservation and restoration services to individuals and cemetery associations for their cemetery and monument restoration projects.

EULESS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Contributed by: Jane Aaronhalt

The History and Genealogy room at the Eules Public Library is available to all patrons of the library. You will find genealogists, history buffs, students and people being tutored in English in this room. Sometimes we have our meetings there, as do other groups. When a group is having a meeting in that room – it is closed to the other library patrons. If you use any of the three computers in this room, you will find that you can research on Ancestry Library, Fold 3 (formerly Footnote) and Heritage Quest. These computers are not available for internet use, and you cannot save information to the hard drive or desktop. You may, however, save to a flash drive.

You can print copies from these computers to the printer that is outside by the large group of computers across from the reference desk. Copies are 10 cents each. If you'd like to make copies from a book, that copier is also by the reference desk.

You may access TexShare Databases at www.eulesstx.gov/library, select Databases & Downloads (option in list on left side of page), click on TexShare Databases, and enter login ID: RMN1130, Password: TX 76039.

! GOOD NEWS !

Barb Tsirigotis has volunteered to serve as our new Hospitality Chairperson. She can be reached at bsirigotis@verizon.net or 972-255-8966. Thanks Barb!!

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Eules' History in Pictures

Contributed by: Sandra Crowley

The Eules Library Foundation ("ELF") has commissioned a 6' x 9' hand painted ceramic tile wall mural to help tell Eules' history and to be installed in the Eules Public Library. Each tile is an individually created work of art based on photos and historical text provided to the artist by ELF and the Eules Historical Commission. It is a time-consuming process, yet the end result is something that the Eules community can point to with pride.

Community leaders and organizations are sponsoring tiles such as the Cotton Gin tile pictured below. MCGS sponsored the "Tennessee to Texas Migration" tile which will highlight the "Gone to Texas" generation who helped settle Northeast Texas in the 1800s. Elisha Adam Eules, for whom the city was named, migrated from Bedford County, Tennessee as did several other prominent Texans. A row of hand-painted book spines will frame the top and bottom of the mural and will include names of individuals. MCGS is supporting book spines in memory of several members we have lost during the past few years. We will add Marie Talbott's name to that list.

As tiles are delivered, they are put on display in the library near the Local History and Genealogy Room. When all tiles have been received, then the mural will be assembled and installed near the entrance to the library. ELF thanks MCGS for its support and is pleased to announce that installation is expected in the summer of 2013. Visit www.euleslibraryfoundation.org for additional information and photos.



BIOGRAPHY

Paula Stuart-Warren, CGSM, FMGS, FUGA works full time in the area of genealogical and historical research, lecturing, consulting, and writing. She has been a Board-Certified Genealogist since 1988, passing the every-five-year renewal assessments by the national Board for Certification of Genealogists.

Paula has served on numerous boards and committees. She is currently co-chair of the FGS 2013 Conference to be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She has written for *Ancestry Magazine*, *FGS Forum*, *NGS Magazine*, *New England Ancestors*, *Minnesota Genealogist*, and is co-editor of FGS Conference News Blog and *Paula's Genealogical Eclectica*. Her articles and lectures focus on unusual resources, manuscripts, methodology, analyzing records, Midwest, and Native Americans.

The lecture will be held at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. Visit the Dallas Genealogical Society web site for registration information.



Dallas Genealogical Society Presents SPRING LECTURE 2013

Records, Research & Stories
Keynote Speaker: Paula Stuart-Warren
March 16, 2013

TOPICS:

Tho' They Were Poor, They May Have Been Rich in Records

So many researchers put up artificial brick walls because their ancestors weren't land owners, were perennial renters staying one step ahead of the bill collector, or didn't leave behind a 10 page Will listing all the children. Various records and sources for tracking these ancestors down will be discussed.

Research Reports for Ourselves: More Than a Research Log

Reporting to yourself on analysis and research is not as daunting a task as some researchers think.

Stuck? Have You Tried ...? Have You Overlooked ...?

This session covers techniques and resources that offer help in overcoming that proverbial "brick wall" in family history research. Reviewing, presenting, sharing, broadening, redoing, correcting, comparing, looking at "new" sources, and other ideas will be presented along with some true success stories.

A Baker's Dozen: Easy Ways to Begin Writing Your Family History

Anyone can write! Learn ways to get your family history in print without a lot of strain. Sharing and preserving the family stories, both the joyous times and the tough times, can enhance your understanding of yourself and the greater family. A handout will point you to further ideas and help in both print and online formats.



**Lenora Rolla
Heritage Center Museum**

1020 E. Humbolt
Fort Worth, Texas 76104

February 24, 2013
2:00 PM

Donation: \$10.00

Refreshments will be served.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society.

"An Afternoon with Lt. Calvin Spann" One of the Original

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN



Come and listen to Lt. Spann explain the role of the Tuskegee Airmen in WWII while illustrating the importance of family support, higher education, drive and determination and the power that these facets of life provide for our young people, the leaders of tomorrow.

Spann is among the elite group of pilots and living legends of the 332nd Fighter Group and the 100th Fighter Squadron under the leadership of Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.

Spann flew 26 combat missions in the mighty P-51 Mustang, to include the longest and most historical mission of WWII (Ramitelli, Italy to Berlin, Germany).

FIRST SATURDAY
“BEYOND THE
INTERNET”
SERIES – 2013

THE FORT WORTH
 FAMILY HISTORY
 CENTER
 5001 Alta Mesa
 817-292-8393

Research classes will be offered on the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 12 noon.

March 2
 Military Records

May 4
 Where Did She Come From?

June 1
 Sharing Your Research
 Results

Classes are designed to be independent of each other so you may sign up for those that fit your needs.

Classes are free, but advanced registration is requested in order to prepare adequate handouts.

To register, contact:

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

MARILYN REID

Marilyn received her degree in Business Administration this past December and hopes to use her skills and knowledge in office administration. She and her husband, Mike, have three children, one of whom is a high school history teacher, one a marine biologist and one a hazardous chemical specialist.

Marilyn's preferred source of information are courthouse records, as she finds them to be both valid and accurate. A member of MCGS for seven years, her interest in genealogy was sparked at a young age when she spent a lot of time with her maternal grandmother. "She had had a very sad childhood but she didn't have any problem talking about her early life. I resolved very early in my life to find out what happened to her family, and I did. However, I never got to tell her about them."

Marilyn's most challenging ancestor was her maternal 4-G grandfather, William Cruse, knowing only that he had a very common name and reportedly was in North Carolina at some point. Her favorite ancestor was her grandmother. "She preserved everything she knew about her family by telling the story over and over again. I never got tired of hearing it. She knew names of people and places and preserved those in the telling. That made it much easier for me to trace her family. I knew where to look and for whom. What a gift!"

Marilyn would have loved the opportunity to talk with her great grandfather, William Marion Cruse, to learn why he chose to come to northeast Texas when he decided to leave Tennessee. There were rumors he left Tennessee because of a measles epidemic, but why come to that particular part of Texas? What drew him to that spot?

One of her mother's first cousins was a famous journalist, writing for *Readers Digest* during the sixties, seventies, and eighties. He was considered an expert on the KGB and authored several books about it. He lived in Washington, D.C. and traveled in those "nose bleed" circles. He was very much embarrassed by his Texas relatives in that he thought they were very backward. Marilyn had the occasion to meet him once, at his father's funeral, and found him to be very arrogant, so much so that he did not allow his wife and twin daughters to attend his father's funeral. "Imagine my surprise to find out after his death that he was spying on the Soviet Union for the United States!"

In addition to genealogy, Marilyn enjoys cooking, reading and needlework. When asked about her Bucket List, "I've never had a Bucket List but I would like to visit Scotland. My husband's family is, obviously, descended from Scots. I also would like to make a quilt for each of my granddaughters."