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Mid-Cities Genealogical Society meets on 1st Thursday of each month at:
Mary Lib Saleh Library

Meeting Room
201 N. Ector
Eules, Texas

6:30 pm. – Social
7:00 p. m. – General Meeting

Visitors are welcome

2016 MCGS General Meetings Calendar

February 4, 2016

Speaker

Laura Weekley

Topic: DNA

March 3, 2016

Speaker

John Frembling, Archivist and Reference Services Manager at the Amon Carter Museum

Topic: Unique historical repository at the Museum

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Laura Weekley, a native Texan and University of Texas graduate, has spent her career as a pharmacist in the DFW area. She enjoys swimming, bird watching, gardening, photography and, of course, GENEALOGY. You will frequently find her volunteering at the Family History Center in Arlington.



Her experience at the Family History Center has given her an opportunity to develop her skills in ancestry research. She will share what she has learn about DNA and what you can do with the results. Some things she will cover are: what are DNA

circles, how much DNA do you share with your relatives, who is the common ancestor to whom you are connected, why make your tree public as opposed to keeping it private, and what are some best practices for making DNA connections.



TxSGS @ Genealogy Roadshow in Houston

TxSGS Director of Development (now President) Randy Whited and Director of Education Sue Kaufman chatted all things Texas genealogy at the TxSGS table, as part of **Genealogy Roadshow in Houston** on 22 November 2015

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Family Reunion 90 Years Ago: Mystery Solved

By MCGS Member Terri Bradshaw O'Neill, 2015

At a recent meeting of Mid-Cities Genealogical Society, a program was presented by a panel of speakers discussing the planning of, and the benefits to be gained from, family reunions. The speakers, Jane Aronhalt & Sandra Crowley, offered some useful tips, good ideas and an array of gadgets to make a family reunion successful. Questions and discussion also provided shared experiences of well-planned family gatherings. The discussion reminded me of a genealogical breakthrough I had a few years ago, the result of material I had collected on one of my research trips to North Carolina, specifically the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

On research trips, we typically gather as much material from repositories as we possibly can in the time allotted, and put it aside for later evaluation. In this instance, I found a list of attendees to a family reunion that took place 3 October 1925, at Mt. Tirzah, the home of Stephen Moore in Person County, North Carolina. The organizers of the reunion also prepared brief biographical sketches and descendant charts of some of the children & grandchildren of Stephen Moore. For the most part, these sketches and charts were accurate and the information agreed with compiled genealogies, Bible records, vital, court, deed, and family histories gathered over the years, with one exception.

Robert Moore was the eldest son of Stephen Moore, yet there was an aura of mystery surrounding him. He was named executor of Stephen Moore's will along with Stephen's widow Grizey and his next eldest (living) son Phillips. They all received equitable shares of Stephen's estate along with the rest of the siblings and Stephen's sister, Ann (Nancy). Inexplicably, Robert was not mentioned in the family Bible kept by Stephen's daughter, Mary (Moore) Stanford, though Mary carefully recorded the birth, marriage and death dates of her parents and all her other siblings. Over the generations, Robert's descendants came to believe that this was an oversight, and that Robert was the twin of Stephen & Grizey's first born child, John, born 12 November 1769, & who died before his first birthday. One of Robert's descendants had a family Bible which stated that Robert's birth date was 5 November 1762, *six years before the marriage of Stephen Moore to Grizey Phillips*, which took place in Quebec, Canada, 25 December 1768. This record was apparently dismissed as a mistake in transcription, as the record was copied from an earlier one, long after Robert's death. The sketch of Robert, prepared for the 1925 reunion, failed to set off any alarm bells the first time I read it. It was only puzzling because it was incomplete: Robert's first son, Yancey Moore, was not included in the list of his children, most likely because Yancey had moved from North Carolina to Tennessee in the 1830s, nearly 100 years before the reunion. The sketch began,

"Robert Charles Moore, Only child of General Stephen Moore and Julia who was an actress."

But, when reviewing the list and sketches years later, and in combination with the two conflicting Bible records, the light bulb finally came on. Robert was not mentioned in the Stanford/Moore Bible because he was a child of Stephen's but *not of Grizey*. He was a half-brother to the rest of Stephen's children. Mary (Moore) Stanford recorded in her Bible only her own parents and siblings. The organizers of the 1925 reunion were aware of the circumstances of Robert's birth, but over the ensuing generations, the story was lost and forgotten. When I asked a direct descendant of Robert's if he had ever had any indication that Robert was born

outside of Stephen & Grizey’s union, he simply replied, “Well, no.” On further reflection, and reviewing the evidence, he realized that it explained the perceived “difference” or “apartness” of Robert in the Moore family dynamic.

We gather, collect and compile bits and pieces of information on our ancestors from as many sources as we can find, but often, those pieces fail to coalesce into a clear picture. Putting the pieces together in a timeline, a genealogical database or a narrative can reveal that clearer picture. I am grateful to the organizers of the reunion of 90 years ago who provided the one clue that solved a long-standing mystery

Geni.com’s World Family Tree Surpasses 100 Million Profiles

Dick Eastman · January 26, 2016 · Online Sites

The following announcement was written by Amanda, Social Media Coordinator, and originally published in the Geni Blog at <http://goo.gl/SdvEKT>:

Today we’re excited to announce that **Geni’s World Family Tree** now connects over 100 million profiles!



Geni’s World Family Tree now connects over 100 million profiles!

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the entire Geni community, the World Family Tree has quickly become the largest, highest-quality family tree of the world. This significant

milestone is the product of the hard work and research done by our dedicated community of users and our trusted team of volunteer Curators.

Geni.com’s World Family Tree Surpasses 100 Million Profiles

The World Family Tree is the definitive family tree for the entire world. It connects millions of relatives in over 160 countries and across all seven continents. It is a truly global endeavor as millions of genealogists and family historians from all around the world collaborate on the family tree, continuously working to improve, enhance and preserve our shared ancestry.

Genealogy is often characterized as a giant puzzle; a puzzle that is traditionally pursued in solitude. However, this solitary approach results in the same research being done again and again. By combining research into a single family tree, more time can be spent verifying existing information and making new discoveries. Through collaboration, everyone can benefit from the work already done by others, and any new findings that may be uncovered.

When visiting other genealogy websites, you will often find a seemingly endless number of duplicate family trees. A simple search for Apple co-founder Steve Jobs can result in hundreds of entries. However, when searched on Geni, you will find only one clean and accurate entry for Steve Jobs. Since the profile is

designated a Master Profile, all subsequent duplicates that may be created will be merged into the Master Profile, ensuring all of the best information is collected in one place. Photographs, documents and sources can be added to the same profile for all to share and review.

A common pitfall of other online family trees is the perpetuation of errors that seem impossible to rectify as they are copied across duplicate trees. What makes working in Geni’s World Family Tree extraordinary is that when a mistake is found, it can be corrected quickly and without the worry that the error will be repeated across multiple family trees, which can create a false sense of accuracy. As more people work together, the World Family Tree gets better and better as mistakes are corrected, existing profiles are enhanced and new information is found.

To further ensure the accurate preservation of our shared ancestry, we introduced our team of volunteer Curators to act as stewards of the World Family Tree. Since 2010, Curators have helped protect and maintain the accuracy of the tree. These are users who are not only actively contributing to the World Family Tree, but are also well regarded by the Geni community for their helpfulness and genealogical expertise. In the years since we first introduced this role, our team of Curators has grown to over 190 volunteers from all around the world. Each curator brings with them a strong passion for genealogy and collaboration in the quest to connect all of humanity. Not only has their hard work helped to make Geni’s World Family Tree one of the most accurate online family trees around, but their boundless enthusiasm to help others has become a cornerstone of Geni’s collaborative community. Our Curators have been instrumental in helping to shape the World Family Tree into what it is today by spending countless hours merging duplicates, making corrections and assisting Geni users with both genealogical and technical inquiries.

What motivates our volunteers to dedicate so much time and effort to the World Family Tree? Randy Schoenberg has been a Geni Curator for nearly five years. A lawyer and philanthropist, Randy has been exploring genealogy since he was 8 years old. He explains,

“Every genealogist is motivated initially by an almost narcissistic desire to learn about himself by discovering his or her ancestors. When you broaden your focus and

realize that every one of us is part of a giant human tree, then you start to see things a bit differently. It becomes less about me, and more about us. Geni is like a giant jigsaw puzzle that we all work on together. Each time I add someone to the tree, it feels like I am discovering a new link in the web of humanity.”

Uncovering one’s family history is a very personal endeavor and any help a curator may be able to offer can bring great joy to someone’s family. It also gives them the opportunity to learn something new themselves. Randy shares,

“I like helping people with their trees and solving problems. Not only is it nice for the person I am helping, but I learn so much about genealogy, often in areas that I don’t regularly deal with on my own tree. I am acutely aware of how much I have learned, and how much more knowledgeable I have become about genealogy. Being a Geni curator provides experience in genealogy that no one else has, including how to work collaboratively with other genealogists from all over the world.”

With over 100 million profiles connected to the World Family Tree, everyone has the opportunity to discover how they’re related to a vast array of people, from celebrities to historical figures to a childhood best friend. However, these fascinating connections are only good if they can be trusted and this is why we are grateful for the contributions from our volunteers. As for what Randy has to say about his curator colleagues,

“I find my fellow Curators are invariably the most informed and talented genealogists in their fields. I am lucky to be able to work with them and learn from them.”

With the help of the Curators and the entire Geni community, we can ensure that the World Family Tree will continue to grow and thrive as existing branches are refined and new branches are added. We remain committed to bringing you the best tools to further improve and enrich your family history research on Geni and we couldn’t be more thrilled to have reached this significant milestone.

Thank you!

Terry Dunn shared this photo.

A forgotten American Hero - His is a very Interesting story.

Terry Dunn--This is too cool not to share:

Do you know who this is a photo of? Chances are you don’t, but don’t feel bad because probably not one



American in one million does, and that is a National tragedy. His name is Eugene Jacques Bullard, and he is the first African-American fighter pilot in history. But he is also much more than that: He’s also a national hero, and his story is so incredible that I bet if you wrote a movie script based on it Hollywood would reject it as being too far-fetched.

Bullard was an expat living in France, and when World War 1 broke out he joined the French Infantry. He was seriously wounded, and France awarded him the Croix de Guerre and Medaille Militaire. In 1916 he joined the French air service and he first trained as a gunner but later

he trained as a pilot. When American pilots volunteered to help France and formed the famous Lafayette Escadrille, he asked to join but by the time he became a qualified pilot they were no longer accepting new recruits, so he joined the Lafayette Flying Corps instead. He served with French flying units and he completed 20 combat missions.

When the United States finally joined the war, Bullard was the only member of the Escadrille or the French Flying Corps who was NOT invited to join the US Air Service. The reason? At that time the Air Service only accepted white men.

Now here is the part that almost sounds like a sequel to ‘Casablanca’: After WWI Bullard became a jazz musician in Paris and he eventually owned a nightclub called ‘L’Escadrille’. When the Germans invaded France and conquered it in WW2, his Club, and Bullard, became hugely popular with German officers, but what they DIDN’T know was that Bullard, who spoke fluent German, was actually working for the Free French as a spy. He eventually joined a French infantry unit, but he was badly wounded and had to leave the service.

By the end of the war, Bullard had become a national hero in France, but he later moved back to the U.S. where he was of course completely unknown. Practically no one in the United States was aware of it when, in 1959, the French government named him a national Chevalier, or Knight.

In 1960, the President of France, Charles De Gaulle, paid a state visit to the United States and when he arrived he

said that one of the first things he wanted to do was to because most of them, of course, had never even heard of him. They finally located him in New York City, and De Gaulle traveled there to meet him personally. At the time, Eugene Bullard was working as ... An elevator operator.


Not long after Eugene Bullard met with the President of France, he passed away, and today very, very few Americans, and especially African-Americans, even know

who he is. But, now YOU do, don't you? And I hope you'll be able to find opportunities to tell other people about this great American hero that probably only 1 American in 1 Million has ever heard of.


For more information on Eugene Bullard go to:


www.airpower.maxwell.af.mil/apjinternational/apj-s/.../chivaletteeng.htm

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene_Bullard



Dallas Genealogical Society invites you to explore your family's British Isles' heritage at the DGS Spring Seminar






Date: Saturday, March 12, 2016

**Place: J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young St., Dallas 75021**

Speaker: Paul Milner



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From Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter richar@eastman.net

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Findmypast and sister site Mocavo Come Together

[Findmypast](#) aims to deliver a more focussed, efficient and comprehensive service to US family historians

The move is part of Findmypast's plans for continued expansion in the US

Leading family history website [Findmypast](#), has today announced that sister site Mocavo will be incorporated into Findmypast to create a single experience for customers interested in discovering more about their family history.



Mocavo

The move forms an important part of the US growth strategy set out by Annelies van den Belt, CEO of Findmypast, and will bring the best aspects and features of both sites into one place.

The two websites are currently working together to transfer Mocavo's strengths and expansive record collections over to Findmypast.

The transition will begin immediately and is expected to be completed within the next few months.

The move is part of Findmypast's continued expansion and growth in the US market. By merging the two brands, Findmypast will create a more focussed and efficient business that will offer a more comprehensive experience to US customers while continuing to offer the industry's best British and Irish collections.



In 2016, Findmypast will also be publishing hundreds of millions of new and exclusive US records to further enhance the experience for US family historians.

As part of Findmypast's commitment to sustain Mocavo's 'free forever' promise, Mocavo subscribers will continue to enjoy free access to all of the same records that were previously published for free on Mocavo. In addition, they will be invited to take advantage of a subscription to Findmypast equivalent to their existing Mocavo subscription. Mocavo customers can easily import their family trees onto

Findmypast and can immediately start to receive hints opening the door to new discoveries that they never knew existed. A subscription to Findmypast will allow them

Annelies van den Belt, CEO of Findmypast, said; "A key part of our 2016 US growth strategy is to centralise our efforts on one core brand, Findmypast. Combining Mocavo's strengths and Findmypast's massive collection of British and Irish data will allow us to provide a richer and more comprehensive experience to family historians all over the world."

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Genealogy News

Highlights from the genealogy community.

A Growing Source for Free Genealogy: Digital Public Library of America

[Amy Johnson Crow](#)

Is the FREE Digital Public Library of America part of your regular research work?

http://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/2016/01/13/a-growing-source-for-free-genealogy-digital-public-library-of-america/?utm_source=All+TxSGS+Emails&utm_campaign=ccde208459-TxSGS eNews for January 2016 27 2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0 ac552f3d35-ccde208459-179027141

Ordering the SS-5: redux

[Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist](#)

A refresher on ordering SSA applications since the 2011 privacy policy changes.

http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2016/01/06/ordering-the-ss-5-redux/?utm_source=All+TxSGS+Emails&utm_campaign=ccde208459-TxSGS eNews for January 2016 27 2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0 ac552f3d35-ccde208459-179027141

4 Steps to Begin Researching Your Eastern European Immigrant Ancestors **[Genealogy Insider](#)**

Helpful tips if you are just starting out on your Eastern European ancestry.

<http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/>

3 Ways to Use Instagram for Family History **[FamilySearch Blog](#)**

Are you using Instagram for your research or to promote your society?

https://familysearch.org/blog/en/3-ways-instagram-family-history/?cid=social_20151223_56681656&adbid=679685403830427648&adbpl=tw&adbpr=398296723&utm_source=All+TxSGS+Emails&utm_campaign=ccde208459-TxSGS eNews for January 2016 27 2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0 ac552f3d35-ccde208459-179027141

How to Get Started Using DNA for Genealogy and Family History

[Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems \(Video\)](#)

Diahan Southard and Lisa Louise Cooke discuss the available DNA tests and companies.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGx3xyiR9rA&utm_source=All+TxSGS+Emails&utm_campaign=ccde208459-TxSGS eNews for January 2016 27 2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0 ac552f3d35-ccde208459-179027141

Researching Your Eastern European Great Grandma from Your Easy Chair

Family Tree Magazine Genealogy Insider [<mailto:newsletter@familytreecommunity.com>] January 28, 2016

Genealogy research in Eastern Europe has come a long way in the past couple of decades. It used to be that locating church or civil registration records required a lot of effort and waiting

But it's getting easier to find online church and civil registration records from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and other localities.

On the Genealogy Insider blog, Lisa A. Alzo, author of *The Family Tree Polish, Czech and Slovak Genealogy Guide*, shares [three steps for researching ancestors' baptismal, marriage or death records using the historical record collections on FamilySearch](#).

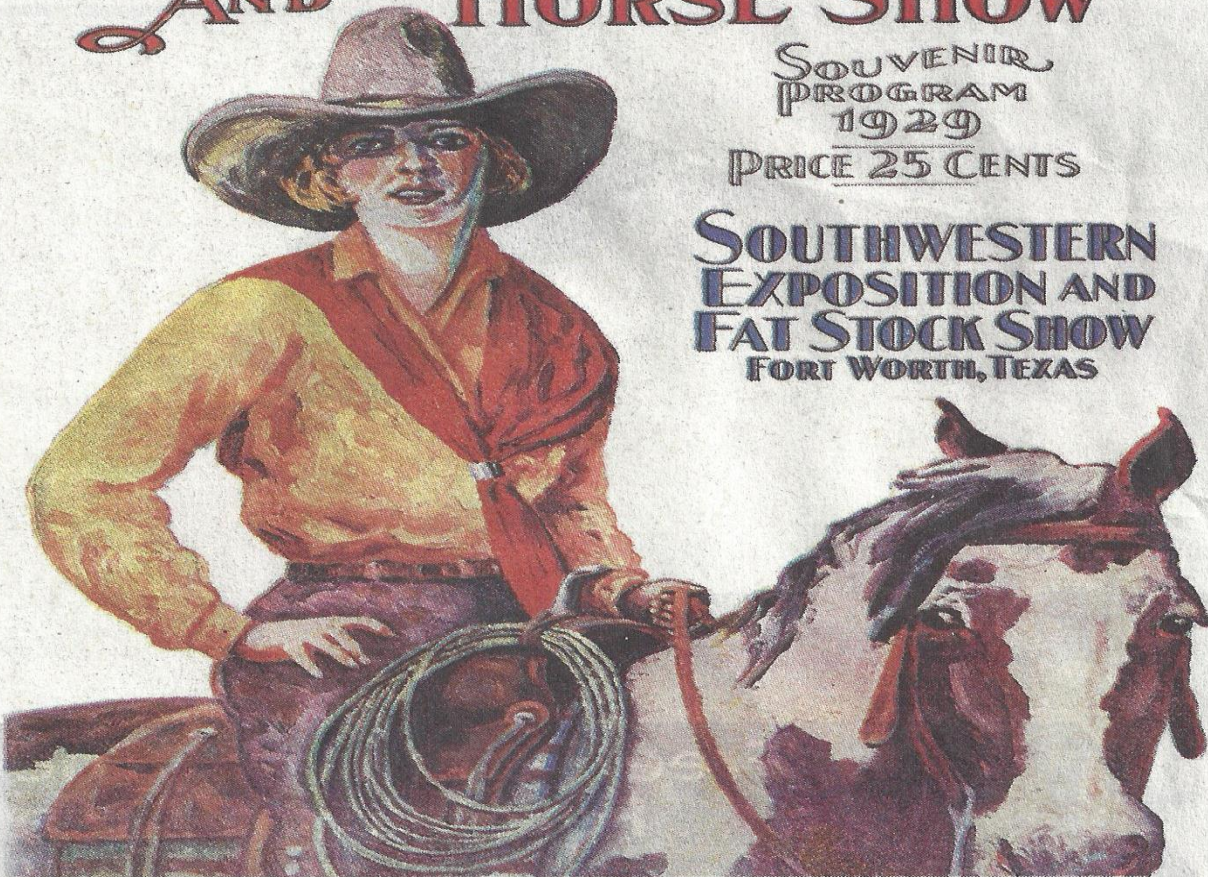
(And you can use similar strategies to find FamilySearch online records from other regions of the world.)

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FAT STOCK SHOW
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UTA Libraries Special Collections

"Rodeo and Horse Show" was the name of the souvenir program for the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in 1929.

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For more than 100 years, the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, commonly referred to as the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, has drawn crowds both from remote ranches and urban apartments.

The event originated in March 1896 on the banks of Marine Creek in Fort Worth. The 1929 Stock Show broke attendance records; 220 seats had been added to North Side Coliseum (now the Cow-

town Coliseum), allowing the exposition to seat an additional 3,740 guests. Opening night festivities featured an exclusive horse show and "society night" gala, which replaced the traditional pageant and coronation program. Trick riders and rodeo contests were interspersed between horse show events. Another addition to the 33rd Southwestern Exposition and Fat Show (as it was then named) was an avia-

tion exhibition featuring 16 airplanes from leading manufacturers, the first display of its kind for the Stock Show.

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. 817-272-3393; library.uta.edu/special-collections.

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