

## My Journey From Yesterday

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Mid-Cities Genealogical Society meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at:

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

#### **2013 MCGS GENERAL MEETINGS** CALENDAR

#### October 3rd

General Forum Open Question/Answer Session Observations from Ancestry Day 2013

#### **November 7, 2013**

Lynelle Moss Updates on Family Search.org

#### December 5, 2013

Christmas Party!

#### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

MCGS currently has the following volunteer openings:

\* Historian \*

\* Greeter \*

Meet new people and make new friends! Sign up today!

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## ANCESTRY DAY TEXAS WE DID IT !!

After months of intensive brainstorming, planning, fine-tuning and registration rehearsal, Ancestry Day Texas was an unqualified SUCCESS!

Many thanks go to Sandra Crowley, Event Coordinator, and Jane Aronhalt, MCGS President, for their leadership, organizational expertise and countless hours donated in pursuit of this project, as well as Terri O'Neill, Barb Lancaster, Mary Moore, Marilyn Hay and Nancy Garnett. Additional thanks go to Evelyn Kelly for providing promotional materials and gift bags, as well as the entire MCGS Board and many other dedicated volunteers without whom this event would not have been possible.

And thank you, ANCESTRY.COM, for allowing MCGS to be a part of the first Ancestry Day in TEXAS! Lisa Arnold and Crista Cowan presented an awesome program!

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## DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Fall Seminar - October 12

#### D. Joshua Taylor

Visit <u>www.dallasgenealogy.org</u> for Registration and Event Information

The Dallas Genealogical Society invites you to join them for a one-day workshop featuring D. Joshua Taylor, a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher. Back by popular demand, Josh will show you how to unravel the real story behind family legends, take advantage of online archival materials, use research time wisely to maximize results, and take advantage of various methods to share your stories with friends and family.

D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS, is the Lead Genealogist and Business Development Manager — North America for brightsolid online publishing, the creators of findmypast.com, and a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher. He holds an MLS (Archival Management) and an MA (History) from Simmons College and has been a featured genealogist on NBC's Who Do You Think You Are? with Sarah Jessica Parker, Ashley Judd, Reba McEntire, and Rob Lowe.



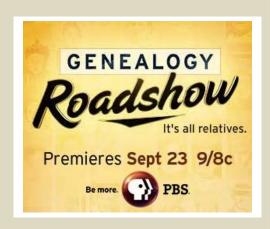
## LOCATE RELIABLE RESEARCH FOR ALMOST ANY SUBJECT THROUGH THE TEXSHARE DATABASES

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The Genealogy new PBS series, Roadshow, premiered September 23, and will air Mondays through October 14, at 8 Part detective story, part emotional journey, Genealogy Roadshow combines history and science to uncover fascinating stories of diverse Americans. Each individual's past will link to a larger community history, revealing the rich cultural tapestry of America.

Genealogy Roadshow's premiere season will feature participants from four American cities - Nashville, Austin, Detroit and San Francisco – who want to explore unverified genealogical claims, passed down through family history, that may (or may not) connect them to an event or a historical figure. These cities were chosen as American crossroads of culture, diversity, industry and history, with deep pools of potential participants and stories. After participants are chosen, experts in genealogy, history and DNA will use family heirlooms, letters, pictures, historical documents and other clues to hunt down more information. These experts will enlist the help of local historians to add color and context to the investigations, ensuring every artifact and every name becomes a clue in solving the mystery.

Editor's Note: D. Joshua Taylor, speaker at the October 12 Dallas Genealogical Society's Fall Seminar, is also a co-host of Genealogy Roadshow.



#### GOOGLE AIMING TO INCREASE THE HUMAN LIFESPAN

From Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, September 25, 2013

Today's huge Internet-based companies seem to be able to tackle any problem, but can they make humans live longer? Google thinks it can.

Google CEO Larry Page says the company is planning to become a major investor in a healthcare firm that aims to help people live longer. The firm will be called 'Calico' and its mandate is to extend the human lifespan rather than simply find cures for life-threatening diseases. Its partnership with the world's most prominent Internet firm has led TIME magazine to pose the question: "Can Google Solve Death?"

Google chief executive officer Larry Page isn't certain that his company can reach that lofty goal but apparently believes that the goal is so worthwhile that he and the company need to attempt it. He has stated, "Maybe we should shoot for the things that are really, really important so ten or twenty years from now we have those things done."

Exactly what Google will do isn't yet known. However, industry speculation is that it could involve using Google's technology and experience in storing, processing and analyzing data on a massive scale.

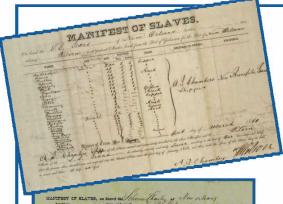
Read more at <a href="http://business.time.com/2013/09/18/google-extend-human-life/">http://business.time.com/2013/09/18/google-extend-human-life/</a>.

#### WANTED: CITIZEN ARCHIVISTS

Want to become a Citizen Archivist for the National Archives at Fort Worth? To commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the Citizen Archivist will focus on indexing and digitizing slave manifests from 1808-1860. Space is limited, and applications must be received by Wednesday, October 16, 2013.

To apply, please send your contact information and a paragraph stating why you wish to become a Citizen Archivist to <a href="mailto:ftworth.education@nara.gov">ftworth.education@nara.gov</a>.

Please see the attached flyer for further details. For additional information, contact Suzanne Fritz, Librarian, Fort Worth Central Library, Genealogy, History and Archives.





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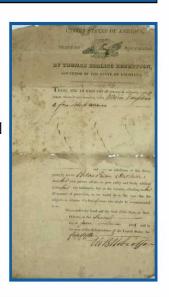


ON OCTOBER 22-24<sup>TH</sup>.

TO COMMEMORATE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION 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 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>.

TO APPLY: PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AND A PARAGRAPH STATING WHY YOU WANT TO BECOME A CITIZEN ARCHIVIST TO: FTWORTH.EDUCATION@NARA.GOV



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

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