



My Journey From Yesterday

Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

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

Mary Lib Saleh Library
Meeting Room, 201 N. Ector
Euless, Texas
6:30 p.m. – Social
7:00 p.m. – General Meeting
Visitors are welcome.

2014 MCGS GENERAL MEETINGS CALENDAR

November 6, 2014

Judy Knight:

Topic To Be Announced

December 4, 2014

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

January 1, 2015

Mary Louise Garcia:

Records Available in the Office of the
County Clerk

NOTICE

The positions of Hospitality Coordinator,
and Greeter, are currently open. Please
contact Bonnie Baker if you are
interested in becoming more active in
the Society by volunteering in this
capacity.



**OCTOBER
SPEAKER:**

Meg Hacker

TOPIC:

**19th Century Fort
Smith Criminal Cases**

Born in Florida and raised in West Texas, Meg has been with the National Archives in Fort Worth since 1985. She received her B.A. in American History from Austin College, and her M.A. in American History from Texas Christian University.

Texas Western Press published her thesis, *Cynthia Ann Parker: The Life and the Legend*.

Meg has presented to numerous historical and genealogical societies, archives and library associations, teacher in-services, and classrooms on a wide assortment of topics including: Chinese exclusion, repatriation oaths, genealogy, immigration records, Native American records, 19th century Fort Smith criminal cases, NASA records, maritime records and basic strategies for researching at the National Archives.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!

Volunteers are requested for Hospitality at the DNA Workshop slated for October 11, 2014.

If you are willing to help make this event a success, please contact Sandra Crowley or Bonnie Baker.

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DNA WORKSHOP DOOR PRIZES

In addition to a great speaker and presentation at the upcoming DNA Workshop, we will offer the following door prizes:

- Ancestry DNA Kit (donated by Ancestry.com)
- Library CD: Essential Family Tree Forms (donated by *Family Tree* magazine)
- Publication: *How to Archive Family Keepsakes*, authored by Denise May Levenick (donated by *Family Tree* magazine)
- Publication: *The Genealogist's Question and Answer Book*, authored by Marcia Yannizze Melnk (donated by Books & Things)
- Five CDs of MyHeritage Program Software (donated by MyHeritage)
- MyHeritage Mouse Pad (donated by MyHeritage)
- Screen Cleaner Cloth (Donated by Family Search)
- *Your DNA Guide*: 3-Piece Set of DNA Cheat Sheets (donated by Diahn Southard)

Not only will you learn valuable information, you can win stuff! Please register on-line and plan to attend. Remember, seating is limited.

One Success Story

By Marilyn Hay

I always encourage our members to attend ALL our meetings, even if they believe the topic may not aid their particular research. It has been my experience that every speaker imparts even a tidbit of knowledge that will be helpful down the road. This is a prime example:

At last month's meeting, Bonnie asked for volunteers to report their greatest "find" at the recent FGS Conference in San Antonio. A relatively new member, Lucy Christianson, shared that she approached a lady belonging to a Swedish research group (also a vendor) and asked if she might help her locate her family "across the pond." The lady spent all three days of the conference researching Lucy's family, producing information going back several generations and across the pond.

One of our also new members, Ralph Hurd, spoke with Lucy after our meeting, asking for the name of the lady who did the research. Ralph contacted her and recently told me the same lady had already located his family in Sweden, also discovering that two sisters he didn't know about had traveled to America with his grandfather.

He was so excited! You just never know what you will learn from a meeting that may help you down the road.

"The reason grandparents and grandchildren get along so well is that they have a common enemy."

- Sam Levinson, 1911-1980

GENEALOGY FAIR

Contributed by Bernard Meisner



October 28, 29 & 30, 2014

Please join the National Archives for the 2014 Virtual Genealogy Fair on October 28, 29, & 30, starting daily at 10 a.m. eastern time. This will be a live broadcast via the Internet so you can ask our genealogy experts questions at the end of their talks.

Presenters

Speakers will include genealogy experts from National Archives locations across the nation and U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services.

Live Lecture Sessions

Lectures will feature tips and techniques for using Federal records at the National Archives for genealogy research. Lectures are designed for experienced genealogists and novices.

Online Viewing & Chatting

Instructions for online viewing and chatting will be posted at <http://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/>.

Recorded sessions will remain available online after the event. The webcast will include a closed captioning.

TIPTON FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Shared by Ruth TIPTON Smith

What follows is the second in a series of stories, biographies and other information shared by our long-time member, Ruth TIPTON Smith, as researched and reported by her and other members of her family. Because of the wealth of information provided, it will be limited to family newsletters, certain biographies and other articles of interest. I have not included bibliographies, source information, detailed lineages nor will it likely be in chronological order as reported herein. - Editor

The Tipton Family Association of America (TFAA), a non-profit organization, was founded to foster historical research concerning the descendants and antecedents of Jonathan Tipton, who died in Baltimore, Maryland in 1757.

Excerpts from the TFAA Newsletter, Spring 1999

Spring is here. Or at least that's what the calendar says. These 90+ days in Texas make me wonder. However, the intensity of the storms we've had, both rain and electrical, lets me know that it is just spring; and it is going to get hotter, much hotter!!

My grandfather, Lee William Tipton, and George Aaron Tipton, Sr. were brothers. Lennie Ruth Tipton is the granddaughter of George Tipton, Sr. Shortly after her parents divorced, Ruth left Waco. Growing up, my dad would mention her (they are the same age). Consequently, when I began my Tipton research, I started looking for her.

George Aaron Tipton, Jr. died December 9, 1955. His obituary listed his daughter (Ruth) as Mrs. Layne Smith living in Houston, Texas. I tried calling the Layne Smiths in Houston, with no success. And with "Layne" being an unusual spelling, I felt like this little venture was going to be easy and quick. Wrong!

While my dad was in the hospital two years ago, I got a call from a friend who suggested that I contact this person, "Linda Ruth Tipton Smith." Her bio was printed in a genealogy society newsletter. It said she was the daughter of George Tipton, Jr., son of George Tipton, Sr., all of Waco, Texas. I was so excited – beyond control. And when I found out which newsletter, I was even more beside myself, "Mid-Cities Genealogy Society Newsletter."

I was living in Grapevine at the time and was a member of the Irving Genealogical Society. The mid-cities area is about 5-6 miles from Grapevine. There was no listing in the phone book and no directory assistance listing for Layne or Linda Smith. I called the president of the society, got the phone number, called, no answer, left a message. I waited a few days but no call. By this time I was really anxious, so I reread the bio, which stated that her mother and stepfather still lived in Houston. Directory assistance did have a phone number for the Bartos'. I called the number and guess who answered the phone, "Ruth Tipton Smith." She said my calling her, and being a Tipton so closely related, was the best Christmas present she had ever had. I found Ruth on December 24. So I actually found her in Houston, where my search began. She and her husband, Layne, live less than 5 miles from my parents in Hurst, Texas and have since 1974. We moved from Abilene to Hurst in 1972. She attends the church where I was married (in 1973) and where my daughter and I attended when we lived in Hurst. I have since found out from Ruth that when I first started my search for "Mrs. Layne Smith" she was not doing genealogy. Now she is quite involved; she is treasurer of the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society and volunteers at the Southwest Region of the National Archives.

Bios are great. You never know who will read it. They help us to identify people and with any luck – make a new connection.

Stay tuned for more Tipton family history in next issue

Now in national syndication on affiliated radio stations throughout the country. Check the website for a station near you!

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"Like a 'Drudge Report' for Family History
News"

HELP WANTED

I would like to hire someone to work regularly, at their own schedule, to input the files of Family Group Sheets which I have assembled over my 60 years of genealogy. This could be done in my home, or yours. At my age (81), I will never get it accomplished, and I want to get it in print before I become unable to oversee the process. Someone familiar with genealogy would be great. Please contact me at samakins@flash.net.

STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

Open for Researchers on Second Saturdays

Beginning earlier this year, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission expanded its hours of operation to accommodate researchers. The Commission's three public service areas – the Texas State Archives, Texas Family Heritage Research Center and the Reference and Information Center – are open from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. the second Saturday of each month. The facility is located at 1201 Brazos Street in Austin.

Resources and services available include:

Archival government records dating back to the 18th century, Newspapers, Books, Journals, Legal Resources, Manuscripts, Photographs, Historical Maps, Free Access to Online Databases including TexShare, Ancestry and Fold 3, Genealogical Collections, County Histories, City Directories, U.S. and Texas Government Publications, Interlibrary Loan Service, Public Access Computers, Digital Microform Reader/Printers, Walk-Up Book Scanner as well as knowledgeable and dedicated staff.

Please Note: Researchers using original documents in the State Archives for the first time will be required to register and must present valid photo identification and proof of current address.

On Second Saturdays, no materials will be pulled from closed stack areas after 3:30 PM. In addition, all archival materials will be removed from the reading room at 3:45 PM.

Regular public service hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:45 PM. The library is closed on most federal holidays.

To learn more about the Commission's collections and agency operations, please visit www.tsl.texas.gov. Questions concerning Second Saturdays may be sent to reference.desk@tsl.texas.gov.

**All of my friends are posting
intense political rants on
facebook, and I'm just
over here like,
"Hooray! I just found
my 3rd Great
Grandfather's
Probate Record!"**



Twisted Twigs

Mid-Cities Genealogical Society presents

Free "DNA Workshop"

A one day workshop learning about
DNA and Genetic Genealogy

Saturday, October 11, 2014



Debbie Parker Wayne, CGsm, CGLsm

Lecturer, Researcher & Author

Please visit Debbie Wayne's website at

<http://debbiewayne.com>

Topics of the Day

"GATA GACC! DNA and Genetic Genealogy Today" - This lecture covers where we are today using DNA for genealogy, maximizing Y-DNA, mitochondrial DNA, and autosomal DNA test results to contribute to genealogical research goals.

"Going Nuclear: DNA Discoveries to Trace All Lines of Descent" - This lecture covers the advances made in DNA testing for genealogical research and shows how to use these new test results to advance your personal research. Learn to link families using autosomal DNA test results from any testing company. Includes how to use test results such as those from 23andMe, AncestryDNA, and Family Tree DNA Family Finder tests.

"Paternal Lines: Y-DNA" - This lecture covers the basics of Y-DNA testing for males, and how to find DNA projects and testing companies. Learn details of Y-DNA testing including how to analyze test results. Findings can **corroborate your paper trail or place you on the right research path.**

"Maternal Lines: Using Mitochondrial DNA and X-DNA" - This lecture covers the basics of mitochondrial DNA testing. Understand mitochondrial DNA testing with an introduction to analysis of test results. Sample research problems demonstrate how mtDNA can be used by genealogists.

Due to the number of attendees Debbie will not be able to offer analysis of individual test results at the workshop. Her sessions include case studies demonstrating how to analyze DNA test results yourself and how to locate assistance if you don't want to learn the analysis methods yourself.

Registration: 9:30 a.m. ★ Workshop 10 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

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to insure you have a seat



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