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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
Eules, Texas

6:30 p.m. – Social

7:00 p.m. – General Meeting
Visitors are welcome.



Sandra Crowley is a genealogist and lecturer who specializes in using technology for all aspects of family history. She is President of the Dallas Genealogical Society and Seminar Coordinator for the Mid Genealogical Society. Sandra is President of Membership of the Texas State Genealogical Society, Past President of the Mid Society in Eules, Texas; and a member of

the National Genealogical Society and several state societies. She serves as video editor and webinar producer on the Webinar Committee for the North Carolina Genealogical Society and on the Technology Committee for the Federation of Genealogical Societies. She was National Publicity Chair for the FGS 2014 conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Genealogical Proof Standard

The purpose of the Genealogical Proof Standard ^[1] is to show what the minimums are that a genealogist must do for his or her work to be credible.

There are five elements to the Genealogical Proof Standard:

1. Reasonably exhaustive research has been conducted.
2. Each statement of fact has a complete and accurate source citation.
3. The evidence is reliable, and has been skillfully correlated and interpreted.
4. Any contradictory evidence has been resolved.
5. The conclusion has been soundly reasoned and coherently written.

Any proof statement is subject to re-evaluation when new evidence arises.

[More information](#) about the Genealogical Proof Standard can be found on the website of the [Board for Certification of Genealogists](#).

2015 MCGS GENERAL MEETINGS CALENDAR

Speakers:

October 1, 2015

Sandra Crowley, MCGS Member

Topic: "Digital Scrapbooking"

November 5, 2015

Marilyn Hay, MCGS Member

Topic: "US GEN WEBSITE"

December 3, 2015

CHRISTMAS PARTY

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talk to myself
because sometimes I
need expert advice*

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1. [↑ \[1\]](#), Board for Certification of Genealogists, *Genealogical Standards*, 50th Anniversary Edition (Nashville & New York: Ancestry Imprint, Turner Publishing, 2014), 1-3, and Thomas W. Jones, *Mastering Genealogical Proof* (Arlington, Va.: National Genealogical Society, 2013).
2. <http://www.bcgcertification.org/resources/standard.html>

Updated: Richard Heaton's Index to Digitalised British
and Irish Newspapers Online

[Dick Eastman](#) · [September 14, 2015](#) · [Uncategorized](#) · [No Comments](#)

I have written before about Richard Heaton's online indexes of British and Irish newspapers. See <http://goo.gl/Oj5ZM3> and <http://goo.gl/0BAXVN> for two of the earlier articles about this collection. Now Richard writes, "I have been maintaining a list of *Titles of Digitalised Online British and Irish Newspapers*. Whether available Free, by Subscription, or Pay to View. There are now over 2,900 references."

Richard Heaton's is an **INDEX**, not the images of original records. However, every entry in the index does point to a newspaper image on one of any number of other web sites. This web site is the place to start when looking for British or Irish newspapers. The actual images of newspapers are a mix of free, by subscription, and "pay to view."

You can access Richard Heaton's online indexes of British and Irish newspapers at: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dutilleul/BritishandIrishNews.html>.

A Member's story: Barb Tsigotis' Uncle Bob Lancaster
From: DAILY ARKANSAS GAZETTE SATURDAY MORNING,
SEPTEMBER 18, 1879

[The September Newsletter carried Part I of Uncle Bob's Story.]

Pistol Shot Ends a Christmas Ball; Mr. Lancaster Expiates His Crime at Batesville Yesterday; Account of the Murder and Life of the Murderer Crowd at the Execution -- Fully Five Thousand People Present

[Special to the Gazette]

Part II: THE EXECUTION

Lancaster was conveyed from the jail by the sheriff, with a guard of fifty men, to the place of execution. At 29 minutes to two, the rope was adjusted. After the black cap was placed over his face by Sheriff Case, he asked Mr. Case how he felt, Mr. Case's reply was "I expect I feel worse than you do." Mr. Lancaster replied: "Mr. Case,

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Discovering Your Family History: 7 Unique Technologies

Dick Eastman · September 8, 2015
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As mentioned in the [MyHeritage Blog](#), "MyHeritage Founder and CEO Gilad Japhet recently presented a keynote address to hundreds of attendees of the IAJGS 2015 conference in Israel. He discussed *Seven Unique Technologies for Discovering Your Family History*.

"His talk is a great introduction to understanding MyHeritage technologies, Smart Matches,



Record Matches, Newspaper Matches and Instant Discoveries. Gilad described new technologies that MyHeritage has recently released, such as Global Name Translation, as well as new technologies that we are about to release."

You can view the full talk on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrVrx5zy4eU>

if you feel as good as I do, you are all right." He warned the assembly to avoid crime if they wish to escape the gallows; that crime would bring them where he was. To avoid crime, they must avoid bad company, as it was keeping bad company that brought him to this place. He expressed great hope of salvation to the Lord Jesus Christ, and that he was ready to leave a bad world for a better one. His last words to the sheriff, a moment before he was hurled into eternity, were: "False testimony brought me here, but I forgive them all." Not less than 5,000 persons witnessed the execution. They came from this and adjoining counties. Many came yesterday and camped near the gallows.

"Crowds began to come in on yesterday to witness the execution of Lancaster today until all the hotels are full and numbers had to camp out. Over 5,000 people were here to witness the scene."

"At 11 o'clock, Rev. Messrs. Brown and Jernigan, of the M. E. Church South, were with him in his cell. Several hymns were sang, and prayers were offered up, that God would be with him in the great trial through which he was about to pass."

"He was then saved and dressed, and at 12:30 Sheriff Case informed Jailor Kinman that the hour was at hand. The prisoner was then brought from the jail, and took his seat in a wagon provided for the occasion. He was accompanied by the Rev. J. C. Brown, Gen. Thompson and J. C. Yancey, his counsel."

"Sheriff Case had summoned fifty guards, who were in charge of Capt. A. G. Cravens, and after the prisoner had been seated in the wagon, the order to march was given, and the procession moved to the place of execution."

"The gallows had been erected at the foot of Main Street, between the river and Polk Bayou. An enclosure of 100 feet square was protected by a rope attached to stakes; outside of this stood guards."

"Lancaster was accompanied on to the scaffold by Sheriff Case, Rev. Mr. Brown, Gen. Thompson and J. C. Yancey. An eloquent prayer was delivered by Rev. Brown, after which the death sentence was read by Sheriff Case.... [Lancaster was asked if] he had anything to say."

"He supported himself on his crutches and stood up before the large crowd that were assembled, and spoke in a clear and audible voice the following words: 'As I have previously made a statement through the newspapers, I did not intend to speak on the gallows, but I thought I would say a few words before I die as it may do good. If you don't want to come to the gallows, don't commit crime and keep out of bad company. I know where I am today, but know not where I will be tomorrow, but I trust in the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ, and hope that I am going to a better world. I forgive everybody, and hope they will be all pardoned as I feel I have been. I thought I would say a few words



Which DNA Test Should You Take?

**From: Lisa Louise Cooke's
Genealogy Gems**

September 10, 2015

In our last episode of As the DNA World Turns Lisa Louise Cooke, discovered that she was an H11 and a Genealogy Gems was her distant cousin...

Many of you wrote me this last week to say you were getting hooked on this DNA soap opera of mine that I've been sharing here in the newsletter. Jayne in Winnipeg included this question: *"I have a question about The various DNA companies. I did testing for my husband and used Ancestry.com because it showed both sides. The results were extremely interesting and I have made some connections. I noticed that your testing was a mitochondrial test. Guess my question is - should someone do all 3 tests? It seems confusing. An avid listener from Canada."*

I passed this question on to Diahn Southard, Your DNA Guide at Genealogy Gems, and she says *"The autosomal DNA test, like the one you took at Ancestry, is wide and shallow. That means it will only go back 4 or 5 generations reliably, but it covers the breadth of your pedigree chart. Conversely, the mtDNA and YDNA tests are narrow but deep. They cover only one line of inheritance, but as far back as we would really care to go with our genealogy. So yes, depending on what you want to know, all three tests can be useful."*

I had questions of my own for Diahn such as "can you help me make sense of this?!" And that's exactly what she did. Diahn offers one-on-one DNA consultations to her clients ([click here to visit her](#)

to show that I was in my right mind, and that I was not afraid to die. I shall say no more.' "

"When the cap was adjusted, he raised it and said, 'Let me look at the crowd.' With a calm and serene smile he glanced hurriedly over the crowd and said, 'I am ready,' and told the Sheriff goodbye and said, 'I die from false testimony, but if you feel as well as I do when you die you will be all right.'"

"At 1:29 the drop fell. He gave about a half dozen jerks and in 11 minutes was pronounced dead by Drs. Case and Weaver. He was cut down in six minutes of 2 o'clock. His face was as calm as when he ascended the scaffold. The physicians differed as to whether his neck was broke. His body was given to friends who departed to Stone County for interment."

"Up to the very minute of his death he [exhibited] the utmost coolness, and no man ever stood on a gallows that showed more nerve and bravery than he. His good behavior while in jail had made him many friends among our county officials..."

The above excerpts taken from:

- North Arkansas Pilot
- Batesville Guard Extra, Sept. 12, 1879
- The Independence County Chronicle
- Heritage of Stone, Vol. III, No. 1, Spring 1979
- Independence County Historical Society, Batesville, AR
- Stone County Historical Society, Mountain View, AR

From: GenealogyBank.com July 2015

"Slave Born in 1686 Dies at Age 116 in 1802"

While doing genealogy research recently in GenealogyBank's Historical Newspaper Archives. I came upon the obituary of a woman identified

only as "a female slave named Alice," who died at Bristol, Pennsylvania at the remarkable age of 116!

Alice was only 10 when she was taken from her parents in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Bristol, Pennsylvania

– where she lived in servitude as a slave the rest of her days. The

OBITUARY.

DIED]--At Guadeloupe of the Yellow fever, (which makes great ravages at that place) General Seriziat, commander in chief of the forces lately arrived at that Island.

DIED lately at Bristol, (Penn.) a female slave named ALICE, aged 116 years. She was born in Philadelphia, of parents who came from Barbadoes, and lived in that city until she was ten years old, when her master removed her to Dunk's Ferry, in which neighborhood she continued to the end of her days.

She remembered the ground on which Philadelphia stands when it was wilderness, and when the Indians (its chief inhabitants) hunted wild game in the woods; while the panther, the wolf,

[website](#)) to help them understand and actually make use of their DNA results. My reaction? *SIGN ME UP!*

Diahan not only met with me using Go to Meeting and went through all of my DNA results, but she provided me with a video recording of the consultation to keep and refer to! In our next episode of *As the DNA World Turns* I will share a video clip of Diahan's consultation with me so you can see how cool this is for yourself, and see what I learned.

Thanks for listening friend,



From: *Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter* Sept. 17, 2015
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Thanks to Genealogists and DNA, a Man with No Name Finally Knows His Real Identity

After 11 years of wondering, searching and struggling, a man in Jacksonville now knows his true identity. Alive, but lost in his amnesia, until he got help from genetic genealogist CeCe Moore.

Moore and a team worked on the man's case for two and a half years, comparing his DNA to those in databases across the country.

Along with information the man thought he remembered, Moore's team made the connection – when law enforcement couldn't.

You can read the full story and watch a video about it at <http://goo.gl/1rWOCJ>.

Murphy's Law for Genealogist

You grandmother's maiden name that you have searched for four years was on a letter in a box in the attic all the time.

newspaper article states that her parents were from Barbados.

Philadelphia was founded in 1682 – so her family had to be among the first Black slaves brought to that area. Bristol township in Bucks County was founded in 1692.



Illustration: "Alice, a Female Slave, ca. 1802" from Eccentric Biography; or Memoirs of Remarkable Female Characters (Worcester, Mass., 1804), frontispiece. Source: Image Reference NW0120, as shown on www.slaveryimages.org, sponsored by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and the University of Virginia Library

Because of her extreme old age and excellent memory, Alice served as a local historian for the community. According to her obituary:

"Being a sensible, intelligent woman, and having a good memory, which she retained to the last, she would often make judicious remarks on the population and improvement of the city and country; hence her conversation became peculiarly interesting, especially to the immediate descendants of the first settlers, of whose ancestors she often related acceptable anecdotes."

The old news article relates some of the memories she shared with her neighbors:

"She remembered the ground, on which Philadelphia stands when it was wilderness, and when the Indians (its chief inhabitants) hunted wild game in the woods; while the panther, the wolf, and beasts of the forest, were prowling about the wigwams and cabins in which they lived.

"She remembered William Penn, the proprietor of Pennsylvania; Thomas Story, James Logan, and several other distinguished characters of that day."

The old 1800s obituary also tells a wonderful story about Alice herself:

"She was a worthy member of the Episcopal society, and attended their public worship as long as she lived. Indeed she was so zealous to perform this duty in proper season that she has often been met on horseback in full gallop to church, at the age of 95 years."

The old newspapers in ***GenealogyBank's*** archives have her remarkable life story.

Find your ancestors' stories – don't let them be lost to your family.

Note: FamilySearch International (FamilySearch.org) and ***GenealogyBank*** are partnering to make over a billion records from recent and historical obituaries searchable online. The tremendous undertaking will make a billion records from over 100 million U.S. newspaper obituaries readily searchable online. The newspapers are from all 50 states and cover the period 1730 to the present. Find out more at: <http://www.genealogybank.com/family-search/>

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CG, [Missing Links](#)

[HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT](#) by
Joseph Edwards,
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Due to the demise of my mother when I was only 13 days old, I was reared by my maternal grandmother. My father was a soldier in 1929 and unmarried (widowed) soldiers could not have a home with children. I was told nothing about my mother's family. In September 1937, my grandmother took me to a small town in Illinois and introduced me to a young lady, saying she was my sister. Being a child, I thought it was great, but promptly forgot and she was never again mentioned to me.

After retiring, my wife and I traveled the United States in a recreational vehicle. When we passed the small town of Henry, Illinois in September 1997, something in the back of my mind told me to look here for family. My middle name is Amza. Except for my grandfather, Amza JOYCE, I had never heard the name elsewhere.

We drove through the town cemetery and found the grave of Amza JOYCE on which a flower was placed. We found the cemetery board recorder, who gave us the phone number of the person who placed flowers on Amza Joyce's grave.

Preserving Memories for Decades to Come

Dick Eastman September 2, 2015

Generally speaking, people take and share far more photos today than at any other point in history. It's only natural to want to capture as many precious memories as possible. Digital content is fragile. Every computer user has experienced the sting of losing photographs due to changing phones, accidental deletion or a computer failure.

An article by Brittany Lindstrom in Boise State University's student newspaper describes methods of making sure you can save your digital photographs for decades. It is written for college students but everything she describes applies to all of us who use digital photography.

You can read *Preserving Memories for Decades to Come* at <http://goo.gl/XMhVCC>

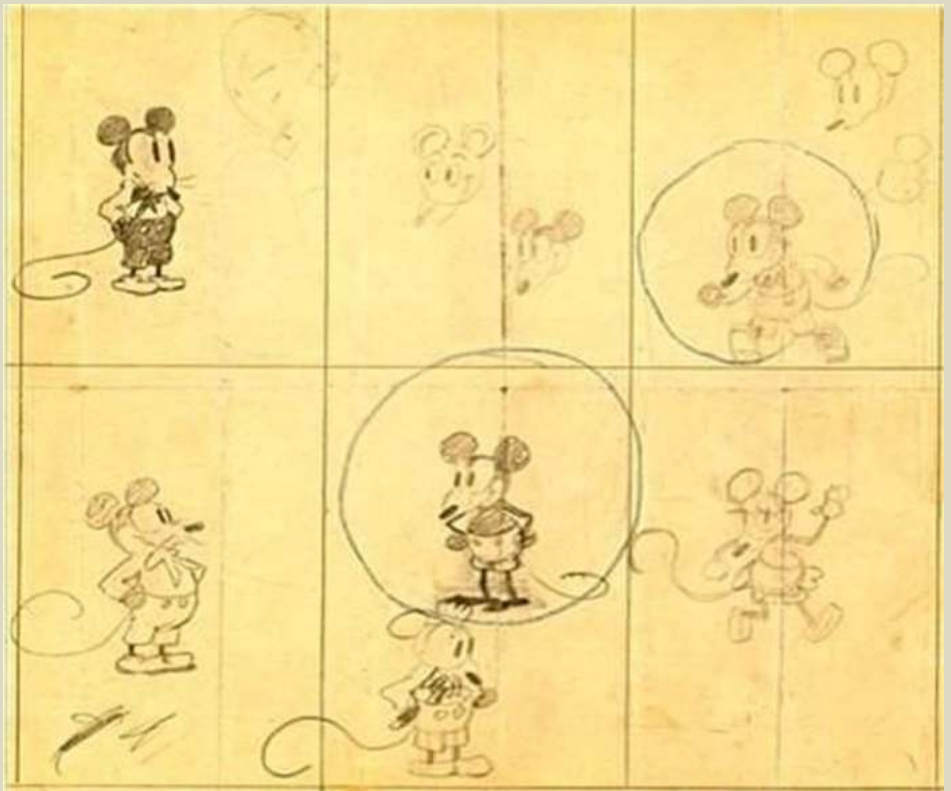
From: <http://trilleffect.com/incredibly-rare-photos-from-the-past/11718/5>

Posted on July 1, 2015 by Alyssa

44. Walt Disney's Early Sketches of Mickey Mouse

Source: [SillyPlace](#)

The mouse has made it a long way from just one pair of pants and an old boat to having his own theme park.



November 17th, 1928 a mouse was born who would become famous all around the world. Most of us grew up with this most well-known mouse, but indeed he was actually born in our grandparent's lifetime.

I called that number and found my sister Mary living in the same house I had visited 60 years, to the month, before.

Since that time, we have been making up for lost years. My wife and I took Mary for a tour of Ireland (we have Irish ancestors) and we are in weekly contact with Mary and many of her nine children. I enjoy the belated privilege and opportunity of being a "little brother" and teasing my "big sister."

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dgstuart/g32.htm>

Did You Know

Arlington Cemetery

Arlington Cemetery began as a Cemetery for Union Soldiers only. In 1898, President William McKinley, a former Union soldier, spoke in Atlanta, Georgia and said, "In the spirit of Fraternity it is time for the North to share in the care of the graves of former Confederate soldiers." In consequence to his speech, by act of the United States Congress, a portion of Arlington National Cemetery was set aside for the burial of Confederate soldiers. At this time 267 Confederate remains from and near Washington, DC., were removed and reinterred at this new site at Arlington.

Valerie Hughes

<https://genealogywithvalerie.whordpress.com/2014/09/06/9-interesting-facts-about-cemeteries-and-headstones-2/>

Mickey Mouse, one of Walt Disney's earliest and yet most well-known creations, has become a globally recognized symbol of children's cartoons.

Some statistics suggest that Mickey is more widely recognized than even Santa Claus and is a frequent choice for presidential election write-ins. Ever since Steamboat Willie premiered on television, Mickey has been an unstoppable and timeless success.

Read more: <http://trilleffect.com/incredibly-rare-photos-from-the-past/11718#ixzz3gST53M6Z>

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FROM: *Star Telegram*

June 9, 2015

Time Frames



Star-Telegram Collection

Stamford's Texas Cowboy Reunion originated in 1930, when, in the midst of the Depression, 13 businessmen decided to establish a local celebration to boost morale.

With Stamford surrounded by large cattle ranches, a rodeo was a natural choice. About 12,000 people attended that first Texas Cowboy Reunion, and 98 cowboys competed in three days of calf roping, wild-cow milking, steer riding and bronc riding.

This tradition of honoring the heritage of the West Texas working cowboy continues today.

The 2015 Texas Cowboy

Reunion is slated for Wednesday through Sunday and will include a parade, rodeo, chuck-wagon cook-off and cowboy poetry symposium.

The 10th annual Texas Cowboy Reunion rodeo parade is pictured here on July 3, 1939.

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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