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Jane Aronhalt, President

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

October 3rd
General Forum

Open Question/Answer Session

Observations from
AncestryDay 2013

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NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce the following
New Members:

SUSAN FUSCO
MARY R. WILLIAMS

Welcome!

**COUNTDOWN TO
ANCESTRY DAY TEXAS**

 **19 DAYS**



Mic Barnette, Family Tree Book Company, attended Southwest Texas State University and Texas State University, where he obtained a degree in History, Political Science and Education.

Mic has been actively engaged in genealogy since he was 12 years of age. He has written numerous articles which have appeared in many national, state and local magazines, newsletters and quarterlies. In addition, for over ten years, from 1994 to 2004, he penned a widely read award winning historical-genealogical column in Houston's leading newspaper, the Houston Chronicle. Mic has been a library associate for the Dallas Public Library over eight years, most of that time in the Genealogy Department.

Since the 1980's Mic has conducted professional genealogical research, taught genealogical classes and lectured on genealogical topics while residing in New Orleans, Louisiana, Atlanta, Georgia, and Houston and Dallas, Texas. His research has taken him to every state of the South, Washington, DC and Salt Lake City. He has addressed genealogical organizations in nearly every Southern State and three National Genealogical Society Conference In The States held in Portland, Oregon (1990), Houston, Texas (1994) and Milwaukee, Wisconsin (2002).

As webmaster, Mic administers several websites including one for his online genealogical bookstore, one containing many of his past columns, the Barnett Surname DNA Project, the Finch Surname DNA Project, the Dallas Genealogical Society DNA Project and the Great Galveston Storm website where he is attempting to identify the 5,000 to 10,000 people who lost their lives in the 1900 Galveston Storm. Mic, also, has a website where he has identified over 250 surnames of individuals and families of Free People of Color Who Resided in Texas Prior to the Civil War. In addition, Mic has a project attempting to identify as many Black Texas Confederates as he can locate. All his websites may be accessed <http://micbarnette.bravepages.com>.

Mic is a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, the Sons of the Confederacy, the Sons of the American Revolution, is President of the Collin County Genealogical Society and is an Admiral in the Texas Navy.

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER:

Mic Barnette

TOPIC:

*Immigration to and the
Settlement of North
America Before the
American Revolution*

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DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Fall Seminar - October 12

D. Joshua Taylor

Visit www.dallasgenealogy.org 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.

Finding the Roots of Your Family Legends

Just because Great Aunt Mable said your ancestor was from Scotland doesn't mean that she was. Learn how to uncover the truth behind family legends and stories and how to integrate them into your personal writing and research.

Treasures in the Archives: Using Archive Grid

Dive deeply into Archive Grid and make the most of the nation's leading online catalogs of archival materials. Learn keyword searching techniques, how to read and understand results, and other techniques.

The Modern Genealogist: Timesaving Tips for Every Researcher

While we would all like to devote more hours to family history, there simply are not enough hours in most days to do so. Learn timesaving techniques to make the most of every minute (or hour) you are researching.

Sharing in the 21st Century

With social media trending upward and family history in the mass market, the way we share our findings is constantly shifting. This session explores social media outlets, such as Twitter, Tumblr, Pinterest, Instagram and others along with ideas to help protect your privacy and rights online.

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.

Is it Safe to Trust the Cloud?

*From Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter
August 31, 2013*

One message I have read many times is that many people do not trust "the cloud" because of security concerns. Christina Warren has published an article in Mashable.com that answers many of the concerns. She states, "Most major cloud services — including Google and Dropbox — offer a level of security and encryption for data. Still, some data is safer than others."

Christina suggests that the cloud is not for everyone. Actually, she is a bit more specific: it may not be suitable for every application. However, she also points out that the cloud is generally safer and more secure than your own computer is when running on an open Wi-Fi network.

You can read this interesting article at: <http://mashable.com/2013/08/30/cloud-trust/>.

Of course, securing your data stored in the cloud is very easy to do: use encryption. That's what the banks, the stock exchanges, the Federal Reserve System, the military, and even drug dealers do to keep their online data safe from prying eyes. Free encryption software is available for most all operating systems and is easy to use.

Editor's Note: Our own Sandra Crowley will address this very issue, as well as other topics, as Speaker at the Mesquite Historical & Genealogical Society on September 14.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time again! We've attached the Membership Renewal Form for your convenience.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

H P O'Mary

H P O'Mary joined MCGS 13 years ago after having been invited to a meeting by his friend, Al Hickman. A retired production/assembly line supervisor, H P and his wife have three sons.

"I was born in a log cabin on a farm, working from daylight to dark, and then doing our chores, and then to bed around 8 PM, all without tv or electricity. Some people call that 'the good old days.'"

H P's preferred research methods are online databases, especially Find A Grave. His Uncle Jimmie lived to be over 100 years old. "He let us ride in a one horse buggy going to church."

His most challenging ancestor is his gggreatgrandfather, Thomas Christmas. Born in 1828 in North Carolina, "That is a brick wall; the trail ends there." If he could talk with one ancestor, it would be his Uncle J D, to ask him "where he was at." The most surprising fact he discovered about an ancestor was "my grandpaw making moonshine!"

In addition to genealogy, H P also enjoys Sudoku puzzles and Wire puzzles. And his bucket list? "Finding the boat that brung us over here."

IT'S ALMOST HERE – ANCESTRY DAY TEXAS!!!

After months of anticipation and intensive planning, Ancestry Day Texas is a short 19 days away.

At last count, registration is nearing 900! Registration is now very limited, so if you want to attend, sign up today.

It's not too late to volunteer! Help us make this a memorable and spectacular event!

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2013 – 2014

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

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