



# My Journey From Yesterday

Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

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Bonnie Baker, President

Mid-Cities Genealogical Society meets the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**2014 MCGS GENERAL MEETINGS  
CALENDAR**

**October 2, 2014**

**Meg Hacker:**

19<sup>th</sup> Century Fort Smith  
Criminal Cases

**November 6, 2014**

**Judy Knight:**

Topic To Be Announced

**December 4, 2014**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

**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.



**SEPTEMBER  
SPEAKER:**

**Dreanna Belden**

**TOPIC:**

**The Portal to Texas  
History**

Dreanna has been with the University of North Texas Libraries since 2003. She holds an MLS from UNT, and her interests include exploring how digital cultural heritage collections can most effectively be used in education, and working with museums, libraries and archives to place their materials online. She began her career managing partnerships with the Portal to Texas History's 280 plus collaborators, including dozens of museum partners. The American Library Association selected Dreanna as a participant in its prestigious Emerging Leaders program in 2007. In 2014, she was selected for the Texas Library Association's leadership institute, Tall Texans.

In 2011 Dreanna became the first librarian elected to the Council of the Texas Association of Museums, and was appointed to their executive board in 2013. She is a past Chair of the Advisory Board for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's "Train to Share" IMLS funded program. She serves on the Advisory Boards for the Texas House Oral History Project, the PBS Texas Our Texas programming initiative, and the Community Advisory Board for KERA/KXT, Public Media for North Texas.

**CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS!!!**

The following individuals were elected at the August meeting to serve as Executive Officers for the upcoming term:

President: Bonnie Baker  
Vice-President: Marilyn Reid  
Secretary: Patsy Harrison  
Treasurer: H. P. O'Mary

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**MESSAGE FROM  
PAST PRESIDENT:**

**Jane Aronhalt**

**2012-2014**

**THE LITTLE SOCIETY THAT COULD . . . .**

Do you remember the childhood story, "The Little Engine That Could?" Published in the United States in 1930, the story demonstrated how to teach children the value of optimism and hard work. A long train must be pulled over the mountain. Larger engines were asked to pull the train but refused the task. A smaller engine agrees to try. As the smaller engine is pulling the train over the mountain, he repeats over and over, "I think I can, I think I can." And when he succeeds, he repeats, "I thought I could, I thought I could."

I feel that pretty well describes our Society. We start off with an idea, "We think we can," and end up proving, "We thought we could." We are fortunate to have a talented pool of members who excel at pulling together to accomplish a common goal.

The past two years have been exciting, fun, educational, profitable, and have brought many new friends to our organization.

To highlight the past two years, we participated in the Texas State Genealogical Society Conference in Fort Worth in 2012. We had great fun raffling an I-PAD at our conference table. In August 2013, we celebrated our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and shared pictures and memories of friends and events. We now have a Facebook page. (Please give us a "like" and watch for updates on our Society.) And because of the success of Ancestry Day in September 2013, we have been able to host two free workshops for our members and the public. Marilyn Hay presented a free workshop on how to get the most out of Family Tree Maker, and in October we will host Debbie Wayne Parker. Debbie will demonstrate how DNA testing can facilitate our search for ancestors.

It has been an honor and a pleasure serving as your President for the past two years. I am optimistic for what we can achieve together as a Society, and look forward to the future. "I know we can, I know we can."

## WELCOME EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

**President: Bonnie Baker**



**Vice President: Marilyn Reid**



**Secretary: Patsy Harrison**



**Treasurer: H.P. O'Mary**



## TIPTON FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

*Shared by Ruth TIPTON Smith*

*What follows is the first 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, Winter 1999

It's that time again. The next issue of the TFAA Newsletter. One new addition this time is me, Debbie Tipton Kunze, as the new Editor. I am single, have been a student of the Tipton family for several years. I am a skeptic (especially when sources are not cited); however, it has kept me out of trouble several times.

I was born August 30, 1954 in Waco, Texas. In 1963 I moved with my parents, William Edward Tipton and Nelga Jeanne Goodwin, along with my younger sister, Karen, to Fort Worth. My youngest sister, Cheryl, was born in 1967, six weeks before we moved to Abilene, Texas. After living there for four years, the five of us moved to Hurst, Texas. In 1973, I married Robert E Kunze. We had one child, Leslie Anne Kunze, born April 15, 1976. About 16 years ago I became a student of genealogy, and one of the things I have learned is that we are always students; there is always something new to learn.

Several years ago, my skepticism paid off. I thought that Edward Tipton who came over in 1668 was the father of Jonathan. I wanted to believe everything I read, mainly because I didn't know any better. However, I soon became aware of the fact that we, as students of learning family history, are either searchers or researchers. I have learned that I am a researcher, and I'm proud of that trait. What I found out about Edward was in the county records of Charles County, Maryland. In specific, Edward was adjudged to be 18 years old when he immigrated in 1668. Consequently he could not be Jonathan's father under either scenario that I had theorized. If Jonathan's obit was correct in that he was born in 1639 (which I strongly doubted), then he was born before Edward. And if the obit was incorrect (1659 mistaken as 1639), Edward would have been about 9 years old when Jonathan was born. So neither theory fit for Edward being Jonathan's father. I feel fortunate that I can look beyond what is in black and white, especially when sources are not cited, then check it out! But that is the paralegal in me, which is my profession. I've worked for 10 years with the U.S. Government. I'm not sure whether genealogy has helped me more in my profession, or my job has helped more in my real career – genealogy.

Stay tuned for more Tipton family history in next issue

# JUST FOR GRINS



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## EVENT REMINDER



Mid-Cities Genealogical Society  
Presents a **Free Workshop—**  
**DNA and Your Family History**

Saturday, October 11, 2014  
at the Euless Public Library  
201 N. Ector Drive, Euless, TX 76039

Speaker:  
Debbie Parker Wayne, CG®, CGL™



**SAVE THE DATE**

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## TIME TO RENEW

It's time to renew membership for 2014-2015!

Please complete the attached form and submit to H. P. O'Mary.

Thanks.

# ARE YOU CRAZY?!!!

Contributed by Jane Aronhalt

**REASONS FOR ADMISSION**  
1864 to 1889

INTEMPERANCE & BUSINESS TROUBLE	DISSOLUTE HABITS
KICKED IN THE HEAD BY A HORSE	DOMESTIC AFFLICTION
HEREDITARY PREDISPOSITION	DOMESTIC TROUBLE
ILL TREATMENT BY HUSBAND	DROPSY
IMAGINARY FEMALE TROUBLE	EGOTISM
HYSTERIA	EPILEPTIC FITS
IMMORAL LIFE	EXCESSIVE SEXUAL ABUSE
IMPRISONMENT	EXCITEMENT AS OFFICER
JEALOUSY AND RELIGION	EXPOSURE AND HEREDITARY
LAZINESS	EXPOSURE AND QUACKERY
MARRIAGE OF SON	EXPOSURE IN ARMY
MASTURBATION & SYPHILIS	FEVER AND JEALOUSY
MASTURBATION FOR 30 YEARS	FIGHTING FIRE
MEDICINE TO PREVENT CONCEPTION	SUPPRESSED MASTURBATION
MENSTRUAL DERANGED	SUPPRESSION OF MENSES
MENTAL EXCITEMENT	THE WAR
NOVEL READING	TIME OF LIFE
NYMPHOMANIA	UTERINE DERANGEMENT
OPIUM HABIT	VENEREAL EXCESSES
OVER ACTION OF THE MIND	VICIOUS VICES
OVER STUDY OF RELIGION	WOMEN TROUBLE
OVER TAXING MENTAL POWERS	SUPERSTITION
PARENTS WERE COUSINS	SHOOTING OF DAUGHTER
PERIODICAL FITS	SMALL POX
TOBACCO & MASTURBATION	SNUFF EATING FOR 2 YEARS
POLITICAL EXCITEMENT	SPINAL IRRITATION
POLITICS	GATHERING IN THE HEAD
RELIGIOUS ENTHUSIASM	GREEDINESS
FEVER AND LOSS OF LAW SUIT	GRIEF
FITS AND DESERTION OF HUSBAND	GUNSHOT WOUND
ASTHMA	HARD STUDY
BAD COMPANY	RUMOR OF HUSBAND MURDER
BAD HABITS & POLITICAL EXCITEMENT	SALVATION ARMY
BAD WHISKEY	SCARLATINA
BLOODY FLUX	SEDUCTION & DISAPPOINTMENT
BRAIN FEVER	SELF ABUSE
BUSINESS NERVES	SEXUAL ABUSE & STIMULANTS
CARBONIC ACID GAS	SEXUAL DERANGEMENT
CONGESTION OF BRAIN	FALSE CONFINEMENT
DEATH OF SONS IN WAR	FEEBLENESS OF INTELLECT
DECOYED INTO THE ARMY	FELL FROM HORSE IN WAR
DERANGED MASTURBATION	FEMALE DISEASE
DESERTION BY HUSBAND	DISSIPATION OF NERVES

**"I didn't really want to get into genealogy! Kept putting it off! When I started within six weeks I had my father narrowed down to one of three or four people!"**

# MCGS MEMBERSHIP FORM

## 2014 – 2015

(Membership from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015)

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Individual Membership: \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Couple: \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Surnames you are researching: \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you learn about the MCGS? \_\_\_\_\_

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