



# My Journey From Yesterday

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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.

## 2015 MCGS GENERAL MEETINGS CALENDAR

### Speakers:

**September 3, 2015**

Lynelle Bennett Moss

### Topic:

“Family Search.org”

**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



[www.facebook.com/TXMCCGS](http://www.facebook.com/TXMCCGS)

**To all MCGS Members:** Our regular meeting room for our October 1, 2015 meeting **will not** be available. Therefore we will meet in the Genealogy Room at the Eules library. Also there will be no refreshments that night.

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Speaker **Lynell Bennett Moss** is a 6th generation Dallasite. She has been researching hers and other’s families since 1968. She has been in a leadership position with the Plano Family History Center for 22 years and is currently training Consults in Plano and has been the Director of the Great Family Search Conference for 11 years. She beta tested programs for FamilySearch & indexing FamilySearch Historical Records for 8 years. She is a member of the Dallas Genealogical Society, Texas State Genealogical Society and National Genealogical Society.



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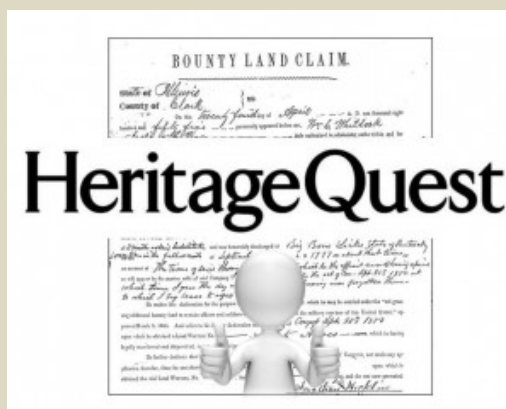
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**[HeritageQuest Online Gets Better With Ancestry's Support](#)**

July 23, 2015 by [Sunny](#)

**HeritageQuest Online** is now even more worth the trip to your local library to access for free, now that its new interface is powered by Ancestry.



For the past few months, library patrons have been getting used to a new version of HeritageQuest Online. This online genealogy resource, available only at libraries or through their websites, “has a new interface powered by Ancestry, enriching the search experience and streamlining the research process,” as described by a company [press release](#) a few months ago.

“The intuitive interface provides a fresh user experience that will be familiar to Ancestry.com users,” states the release. “A new Image Viewer offers basic and advanced capabilities without any plug-in, making it easy to share images with family and friends. Image resolution... is significantly improved with the addition of greyscale and color. The *Research Aids* resources for learning opportunities for novice, intermediate, and advanced searchers.”

Other bloggers have commented on the improved user interface, but what caught my eye was a more detailed, mouthwatering description of all the census extras and other new HeritageQuest Online content ([from its site](#))

“Now available for searching is *the entire U.S. Federal Census collection from Ancestry.com* including supplements (e.g., 1940 Enumeration District Maps) and several schedules (e.g., non-population schedules) previously not included for searching.

20,000 city directories have been added to the existing city directories in the Book collection, increasing the size of the Books collection to more than 45,000 titles.

Expanded content in the Revolutionary War Collection. The entirety of the NARA Series M804 is now included here, providing access not only to the previously available “Selected Records” (Series M805) but now also to the “Non-Selected” records of each file.”

Finally, four of the six HeritageQuest Online data collections (Census, Books, Revolutionary War, and Freedman’s Bank) have “brand new search pages with limits, exact matching options, and additional fields for searching.”

**Resources:**

[5 Genealogy Resources to Look for at YOUR Public Library](#)

[WorldCat for Genealogy: 40 Million Records and Digital Gateway](#)

## Annual San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society Genealogy Seminar

Saturday, 10/17/2016  
8:30 am to 4:00 pm

John Calvin Presbyterian Church, 8102  
Midcrown Dr, Windcrest, TX 78239

Speaker: Patti Hobbs, CG

Cost: \$45 SAGHS members, \$50 non-members. After 6 October \$50 members, \$55 non-members. Download the registration form:

<http://www.txsaghs.org/cpage.php?pt=31>

and mail your check to SAGHS, 911 Melissa Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78213. Phone: 210-342-5242.

Join us for a full day of learning! Patti will present two morning sessions on *Autosomal DNA: Testing for All Genealogical Lines and Analyzing Your Results*. Afternoon sessions include Evaluating Conflicting Evidence and Essential Research: Collateral Lines

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### New Records Added to Findmypast

[Dick Eastman](#) · 08/07/2015 · [Online Sites](#)

The following announcement was written by the folks at Findmypast:

This week's [Findmypast Friday](#) marks the release of over 1.2 million new additions to our collection of Staffordshire parish registers. These new additions have been released in partnership with the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Archive Service and are the second phase of an exciting project to create the Staffordshire Collection on Findmypast – a rich source, which on completion will comprise around 6 million fully searchable transcripts and scanned images of handwritten parish records. Over 17,000 records relating to Hillsborough Cemetery in Auckland, New Zealand are also available to search.

Read more:

<http://blog.eogn.com/2015/08/07/new-records-added-to-findmypast/>

There's a fine  
line between a  
packrat and a  
serious family  
historian.

## Online Petition to Save the "OLD" Ancestry.com "Classic" User Interface

[Dick Eastman](#) · August 11, 2015 · [Current Affairs](#), [Online Sites](#) · [58 Comments](#)

An on-line petition has been started that is directed to Tim Sullivan, President and Chief Executive Officer of [Ancestry.com](#). The petition pleads for the retention of the Classic/Old interface, at least as a permanent option for people who prefer it.



Save "OLD" Ancestry-com~"Classic"

format and prefer the use of Ancestry.com "Classic" versus NEW ancestry.

We the undersigned who have signed, liked or shared the following are NOT resistant to change. The recent change of Ancestry.com "Classic" to NEW ancestry is the worst change that ancestry.com has ever made to its website. HELP SAVE Ancestry-com "Classic"!

We have been informed that Ancestry.com "Classic" will soon be deleted for use by members. We are not pleased with NEW ancestry, and prefer using Ancestry.com "Classic" versus the NEW ancestry.

HELP SAVE Ancestry-com "Classic"

Changing the name on the ancestry website from "Classic" to "OLD" does not change anything.

DAMAGE CONTROL to stop the NEW COKE comparison does NOT change anything.

"OLD" or "NEW" Ancestry-com~"Classic" is the real genealogy research thing!

You can read the full petition and possibly sign it yourself at: <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/600/803/575/save-ancestrycom-classic>.

As of this afternoon (11-August-2015), 1,168 people have signed the petition.

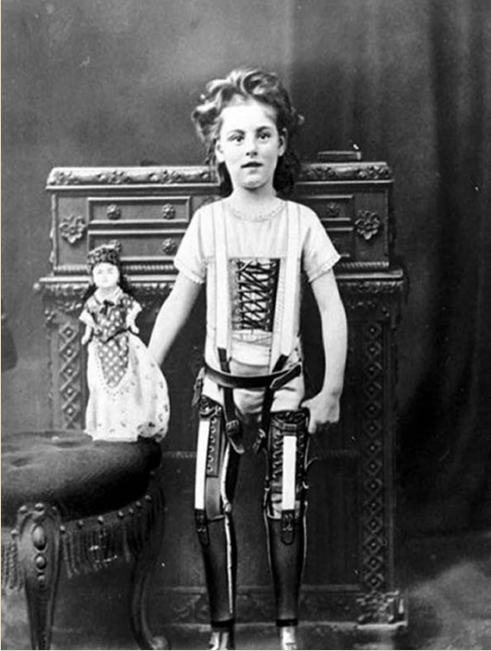
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## Did You Know

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

Posted on July 1, 2015 by Alyssa



25. A Child with Artificial Legs in 1898

Source: [Poprikolu](#)

*Early trials with prosthetics were cumbersome and prohibitively expensive at best, but for this little girl they were probably a dream come true.*

The little girl pictured above must have been from a very wealthy home, as most children in her predicament at the time would not have gotten prosthetics, especially at such a young age that could soon be outgrown. At the time prosthetics were highly specialized and individualized work, only made to fit the individual who would use them.

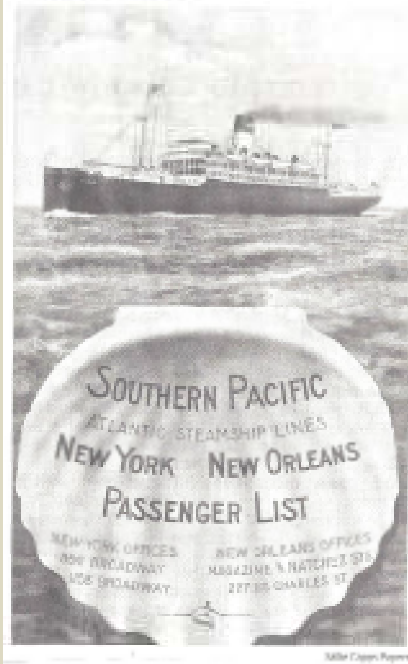
The girl's legs appear to be the newest technology, known as the "Anglesey Leg", developed in the early 1800's for a Marquess of Anglesey who lost his leg in Waterloo. The legs were not very functional for walking, but did allow standing without much support. It just goes to show how far the science of prosthetics has come, as we look to the future of computerized limbs that someone could operate with their own mind as if it were their own.

Read more: <http://trilleffect.com/incredibly-rare-photos-from-the-past/11718#ixzz3gSQRtH8f>

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From: Star Telegram

### Time Frames



At noon May 29, 1909, the Antilles, a modern passenger steamer of the Southern Pacific Atlantic Steamship Lines fleet, set sail from New York for a five-day trip to New Orleans.

This passenger list shows that Mrs. William Capps and three "Miss Capps" of Fort Worth, and Marney Holland and Sam White of Weatherford were among the 52 first-cabin passengers. Eleven second-cabin passengers were also on the journey.

Those aboard could complete their travel to Fort Worth, San Francisco and other destinations with a variety of railroad connections.

The round-trip steamer fare was posted as \$63 including berth and meals. Round trip from New Orleans to Havana was \$45 extra.

The new Antilles was described in a December 1906 Los Angeles Herald article as being 440 feet long and fitted with three double-ended boilers, the largest ever built in the United States to that date. The ship accommodated 152 passengers in "excellently" furnished outside staterooms. Four luxurious suites comprising a parlor, bedroom and bathroom could be booked.

A dining room, library, smoking room, bar and barbershop were also provided.

Safety was paramount: The vessel had a double bottom, and the hull was divided into 22 watertight compartments. Outfitted with a complete electric plant, the ship featured electric lights, electric heaters, call bells, and fire detecting and extinguishing, fumigating, and disinfecting systems.

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 in Time Frames, readers get a glimpse of the past with an image from Special Collections. 817-272-3383; [library.uta.edu/special-collections](http://library.uta.edu/special-collections).

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## GenealogyMagazine.com

[Dick Eastman](#) · [August 13, 2015](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [7 Comments](#)

The following is a press release from GenealogyMagazine.com:

More than 1,300 biographical sketches are now freely accessible at [www.genealogymagazine.com/biographies.html](http://www.genealogymagazine.com/biographies.html). Each biography identifies the original source, long out-of-print books such as Paddock's *History and Biographical Record of North and West Texas*, published in 1906 by Lewis Publishing Company in Chicago.



In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Lewis and other publishing companies sent representatives across America to compile local histories and interview area residents. To finance the printing, representatives sold pre-publication copies. These volumes are some- print had to purchase the book in advance. times known as "mug books." Those wanting to see their biography in print had to purchase the book in advance.

However, "mug books" are often valuable sources for the genealogist. Interviewees were typically asked their full name, date and place of birth, names of parents (including mother's maiden name), name of spouse, names of spouse's parents, and names of children. Names of grandparents, siblings, and aunts and uncles are frequently found as well.



The biographies in GenealogyMagazine.com's collection are also gleaned from rare sources such as Margaret Turner Stewart's *Two Hundred Clubwomen: Second District Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs, 1953*. An avid genealogist, Margaret Stewart sent questionnaires to 200 clubwomen in The Yellowhammer State, asking them to write a brief biographical sketch and include the names of their parents and grandparents.

## New FamilySearch Collections: Week of August 5, 2015

Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter,  
Wed, Aug 13, 2015

The following announcement was written  
by the folks at FamilySearch:

This week millions of indexed birth, marriage, and death records from Italy and Mexico were published online. These free collections are the direct results of the [online indexing volunteer community](#). Discover your ancestry reaching back as far as the 1500's in new collections such as [Italy Bari Civil Registration \(State Archive\) 1809-1908](#), [Mexico Distrito Federal Catholic Church Records 1514-1970](#), and [Mexico Guanajuato Catholic Church Records 1519-1984](#). Explore the full list of new collections online: [Read More](#)

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

July 25, 2015

**Google Genealogy Search Tip #2:** Last week I shared a Google Search tip called NUMRANGE that can help you zero in on a time frame and wipe away centuries you don't need to search. By placing two periods between two 4 digit numbers (aka years) you can instruct Google to return only search results that include a year within that range. Here's the example from my own research: "George R. Moore" 1853...1923 Latimer Oklahoma.

Larry from Kelson, WA wrote: *"Thanks. I just found a new 3rd cousin using this search technique."* I LOVE getting emails like that! Let's see if we can generate some more!

In this week's *Google Tip* we are going to expand your search using **quotation marks** to specify and exact work or phrase, and the **OR** search operator to give you a bit of flexibility in your request.

Quotation marks around a word or phrase instruct Google to return ONLY webpages that include that EXACT word or phrase. In my search *"George R. Moore" 1853..1923 Latimer Oklahoma* Google

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

### **Part I: THE DANCE OF DEATH**

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]

**BATESVILL** September 12, 1879 -- Robert Lancaster, the murderer of Thomas Johnston, was born in Izard County, now Stone, in the neighborhood of Round Bottom, is about thirty-three years of age, and as fine a specimen of physical manhood as I ever saw. After receiving a good grammar school education he learned the trade of a stone-mason, working in this trade when opportunity offered. He soon acquired dissipated habits, and being a man of immense physical strength, was considered a vigorous man when under the influence of liquor. He now admits that it was the desire to be thought "a big man", or "cock of the walk," which led him into the trouble which resulted in the killing of Johnston.



The circumstances of the murder are as follows: On the night of December 24th, 1877, once Thomas Johnston gave a dance in an old store house, at Sylamore, Stone County, the rear end of which he adopted as a residence. Lancaster, with several other young men, came to the dance; and to get there had to cross Sylamore creek, a stream emptying into White River, near the village, which was much swollen. All the party, except Lancaster, left their horses on the opposite side of the creek, but Lancaster had his horse put across and hitched it within one hundred yards of the house in which the dance was to be held, carrying his saddle bags into a store, remarking to the clerk that he was going to leave them there, but when he returned for them he wanted them "d\_\_n quick." He then went to the house where dancing had already commenced

It being Christmastimes shooting of anvils and fire-crackers was being indulged in by the boys and young men, and a fire-cracker was either thrown or accidentally dropped, and exploded near Lancaster. At once he began to rage, and demanded to know who shot that pistol in the ball room, etc. Thomas Johnston, who had given the dance went to Lancaster and told him that no pistol had been fired, that it was only a fire-cracker that someone had thrown down, and as it was Christmastimes, nothing was meant by it, and he must not make so much fuss. At this, Lancaster, peeling off his coat said, "I weigh 167 pounds and cover the ground I stand on, and I can whip any three men in the house." Johnston told him he did not want any fuss with him, but he must keep quiet.

Lancaster was got out of the house by his friends, and the row was thought to be over. While out he went to the store and got his saddlebags and put them across his horse, and returned to the dancing room and tried to get up a row with Johnston. Friends again interfered, and he was again got out of the house. It seems as if he was bent upon killing Johnston, as he repeated the attempt of trying to quarrel with him several times, Johnston avoiding him, and the friends of both parties succeeding in keeping them apart. About 11:00, Lancaster entered the door, passing Johnston, who was sitting near the door; walked to the rear end of the room, where the fiddler was playing; took the fiddle away from him and cut the strings, and said: "Now, by G\_d, this dancing will stop; who will take it up?" He then went up to Johnston and made the same banter, but not being taken up, he said to Johnston, "I understand that you say I am drunk to-night?" To which Johnston replied: "I did not say it." Lancaster then called him a "G\_d d\_\_n liar." Johnston told him that was hard to take in his own house and that he must not repeat it. At this Lancaster stepped back a little, turned from Johnston, drew his pistol and said:

must not only make sure that a number in my specified range appears in every result, but the name *George R. Moore* must also appear. No exceptions.

But what if George is listed as *Moore, George R.* on a genealogy website? Well, unfortunately that website would not make it into my Google results list with my current search query. so I'm going to have make a little change:

*"George R. Moore" OR "Moore, George R" 1853..1923 Oklahoma*

Adding both variations with the search operator OR in between does the trick! Now Google will give me web pages that have one or the other version of his name.

If you already have a copy of my book or have watched the Premium video [Ultimate Google Search Strategies](#), I hope this refresher reminds you to put them to work for you on a daily basis in all your online searches.

Do you have a friend who would benefit from knowing about how to use Google's search operators? **Please share this email with them.**

Thanks for listening friend,



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

July 13, 2015

#### **Google Genealogy Search Tip #4:**

In last week's *Google Tip* we explored a way that you can communicate to Google that there *MIGHT* be a middle initial, a middle name, or word or short phrase between two words. In other words, you can tell Google that there is a *relationship between words*, even when you're not exactly sure what all the words are. The search operator that accomplished all of this was the Asterisk!

*"George \* Moore" 1853..1923 "Latimer" Oklahoma*

**This week I want to help you get those pesky websites** that have nothing to do with your ancestors out of your Google search results. To do that, we will use the **minus sign**.

"You are a God d\_\_n liar," and as he pronounced the last words, fired, shooting Johnston through the head, killing him instantly. He then left the house, mounted his horse, road out of the town, and after calling at his brother's house left the country. He is reported to have been in Kansas and in the Indian Territory for nearly a year, when he returned to Stone County country and succeeding in eluding the officers of the law until an accident compelled him to seek medical aid.

On entering one of his numerous hiding places in the mountains, his pistol accidentally striking a projecting rock, was discharged, the ball entering his leg inflicting a severe wound; he attempted for some time to dress the wound himself but gangrene set in and he was compelled to seek a physician, who amputated his leg, and while still under the charge of the physician, he was captured.

His attorneys procured a change of venue from Stone to Independence County, and his trial came off at the July term of the circuit court of that county. A jury was impaneled, and, after a full examination of the witnesses, for and against, and lengthy arguments by the counsel - occupying nearly two weeks of the time of the court - the jury found a verdict of murder in the first degree.

A motion for a new trial was made by his attorneys, which was overruled by Judge Powell, and he was sentenced to be hung on the twelfth of September. After the sentence his attorneys forwarded a transcript of the proceedings to the Supreme Court for an appeal, asking that a new trial be granted him. This was also refused by Judge English, and to-day he has paid the penalty of his crime

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 Country Historical Society](#), Batesville, AR
- [Stone County Historical Society](#), Mountain View, AR

The October Newsletter will carry Part II of Uncle Bob's Story.

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#### **Another Interesting Obituary: Dorothy McElhaney**

**From: Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter - Thu, Aug 13, 2015 1:14 am**

I have published several humorous obituaries in past newsletters. However, a newly-published obit for 104-year-old Dorothy McElhaney is interesting for different reasons. Obviously written by Dorothy before her death, it is more of a celebration of her life.

You can read the obituary at:  
<http://goo.gl/LJJRkb>.

My thanks to the several newsletter readers who notified me of the obituary.

**DOROTHY's Obituary - posted 1 week ago**  
**August 11th, 2015** <http://goo.gl/LJJRkb>

**McELHANEY.** It pains me to admit it, but apparently, I have passed away. Everyone told me it would happen one day but that's simply not something I wanted to hear, much less experience. But you don't always get what you want in life. On the subject of my life, my mother, Lucy Mae Stewart, was 104 years ahead of her time by negotiating for a new farmhouse in exchange for having a second child, Dorothy Stewart, me. Hence, I was born on November 15, 1910



When I run the search above for George Moore, there are lots of websites in the results list that refer to Choctaw records. However, if my George Moore is not Choctaw, I can remove them from my Google results list with this search:

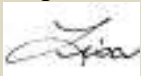
*"George \*Moore" 1853..1923 "Latimer"  
Oklahoma -Choctaw*

**And you can remove multiple words.** As you review the results you get with your initial search, ask yourself "what websites/words could I remove that only pertain to these unwanted websites?" For example you're researching a family with the surname of Lincoln, but you are not related to President Abraham Lincoln, you remove words such as *-president -Illinois -Abraham* or any other words that you are confident would not appear on websites about your family. This comes in VERY handy when researching common surnames? (Premium Members: don't miss the [Common Surname Search Secrets](#) video class devoted these Google searches.)

**Try it right now:** pick an ancestor and run a search. The important thing is to stretch and use your search muscles!

If you already have a copy of my book [The Genealogist's Google Toolbox Second Edition](#) or have watched the Premium video [Ultimate Google Search Strategies](#), I hope this refresher series of *Google Search Tips* reminds you to put these strategies to work for you on a daily basis. I'll be delivering another tip next week.

Thanks for listening friend,



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

August 20, 2015

### Google Genealogy Search Tip #5:

In last week's *Google Tip* we used the minus sign to get unwanted web pages out of our search results.

**Have you been putting these Google Tips to work for you?** Marian has, and with great success! She writes:

"Using this method, I just found this article about my ggrandfather. I'm really

and she got her new farmhouse in Brookline, Missouri. Consequently, my older brother Hubert Stewart very much enjoyed our new farm home; the first to have hand-pumped, gravity-fed running water, albeit cold. A few years later, we quarreled about my being permitted to ride home from church in lieu of his girlfriend in the new-fangled rubber tired buggy- the latest in comfort at the time before cars appeared in our community. As a child, I walked to a one-room schoolhouse, Capurnium, where I completed my formal education. But it was at home where I learned the lessons from my mother and father that gave me the greatest joys in life. Mom was an openhearted soul who gave to others freely. She served as a midwife back when babies were born at home. And it was many a 'railway hobo' that would stop at our door asking for food. I'm told they wrote our family name on the cattle guards of the train tracks for those seeking a respite from the lonely road.

So many things in my life seemed of little significance at the time; they happened, but then took on a greater importance as I got older. The memories I'm taking with me now are so precious and have more value than all the gold and silver in my jewelry box. Memories where do I begin? Well, I remember attending pie suppers; Mother wearing an apron; I remember attending square dances; I remember Daddy on horseback with the hands 'driving' cattle to market with my favorite dog, Pook; raising chickens and selling the eggs for spending money; I remember going to town and picking out my favorite feed sacks with the prettiest calico prints so they could be sewn in to dresses, so little was wasted back then; I remember going with mother to send the local boys off by train to fight in WWI and learning that Hubert would be in the next round if the war didn't end soon; I remember savoring wild persimmons; making gooseberry jelly and playing cards with Daddy. I remember the smell of freshly harvested fields. It could have been no other way. I married the man of my dreams (tall, with wavy hair and handsome) on September 7, 1937 on a jaunt to Tucumcari, New Mexico, and from that day on I was proud to be Mrs. Glenn McElhaney, Grand Diva of All Things Domestic. Sewing, needlework, weaving baskets, making potpourri, attending quilting bees, painting with oil on canvas, painting and firing china plates and teacups, canning jellies, jam, tomatoes and pickles- these were some of the outlets for my creativity that let my spirit sing. Soon we were blessed with our only child, Glenna Sue. Seeing her grow into who she was supposed to be brought a wonderful sense of meaning to our lives.

This might be a good time to mend fences. I apologize for making Glenna play piano on television for Future Homemakers of America, and for sending her to a fancy private prep school when she wanted to stay at the public schoolhouse. Apparently, each of these things was humiliating to her but she was able to rise above her shame and become a very successful adult.

She grew up in Brookline, Missouri in the Ray House, my great-grandfather's home. He wrote a first person account of the bloodiest battle of the Civil War west of the Mississippi that took place across from his homestead in his cornfield. The house still stands as part of the Wilson Creek National Battlefield Park. General Nathaniel Lyon's body was taken there to wait while the battle subsided and was then taken by train to Springfield.

I loved our home in Missouri. The road running just out front was the Old Wire Road- it had the first telegraph lines along it. And before that, it was the Trail of Tears, the route for American Indians forced to flee their native lands for newly created Reservations in the West. Just when I thought I was too old to fall in love again, I became a grandmother, and my two grand-angels stole not only my heart, but also spent most of my money. It was with a heavy heart we moved from our beloved Missouri Ozarks to a new life with our grandchildren in Colonial Heights, Virginia.

Stuart Ashley Kramer and Whitney Paige Kramer have enriched my life more than words can say. I loved making exquisite dresses with petticoats for Whitney and jackets and vests for Stuart; cooking the family's meals and baking sweets for after school treats like chocolate chip ice cream sandwiches; letting them lick the bowl and the mixing beaters and giving out extra icing...Yes, these are a few of my favorite things. They're treasures that are irreplaceable and will go with me wherever my journey takes me.

**impressed and excited!"**

JOHNSON, SWAN E. Sergeant, U.S. Army, Company B, 131st Infantry Regiment, 33d Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: August 9, 1918.

Citation: *The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Swan E. Johnson, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action at Chipilly Ridge, France, August 9, 1918. His company having been held up by concentrated machine-gun and artillery fire, Sergeant Johnson and another soldier went forward and made a reconnaissance, locating a way forward which was protected from direct fire. Although he was badly wounded, Sergeant Johnson returned and led his company along this route, thereby enabling the entire battalion to advance.*

Let's see if we can generate even more successes with this week's tip. Have you ever found a terrific webpage, bookmarked it, and then later gone back and the item you wanted was gone? Google can help. The **Cache**: operator allows you to see what a page looked like the last time Google visited that site. In the search box at [www.Google.com](http://www.Google.com) try a search like this:

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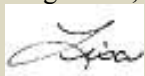
(substitute "web address here" with the URL for the website you want.)

Give it a try with a website you frequent often. And remember: even though something appears to be removed from the web, Google may just be able to get it back for you.

And that wraps up this series of 5 *Google Search Tips for Genealogy*.

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Thanks for listening friend,



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I've always maintained that my greatest treasures call me Nana. That's not exactly true. You see, the youngest of my grand-angels, Ella Ashley Kramer and Finley Christian Kramer call me "Grand Nana" (Thank you Jennifer Mele Kramer and Stuart for having such spunky children). Speaking of titles, I've held a few in my day. After a lifetime entering baking and sewing competitions in Ozark County Fairs, I won my last blue ribbons for my famous sugar cookies at the age of 99, taking Best in Show for Chesterfield County and First Place in the State Fair. And I've been a devoted daughter, an energetic teenager, a loving wife, a comforting mother, a true and loyal friend, and a spoiling Nana and Grand Nana. And if you don't believe it, just ask me. Oh wait, I'm afraid it's too late for questions. Sorry.

So, I was born; I blinked; and it was over. No buildings named after me; no monuments erected in my honor.

But, I DID have the chance to know and love each and every friend as well as all my family members. How much more blessed can a person be?

So in the end, remember, do your best, follow your arrow and make something amazing out of your life. Oh, and never stop smiling.

If you want to, you can look for me in the evening sunset or with the earliest spring daffodils or amongst the flitting and fluttering butterflies. You know I'll be there in one form or another. Of course that will probably comfort some while antagonizing others, but you know me...it's what I do.

I'll leave you with this, please don't cry because I'm gone; instead be happy that I was here (or maybe you can cry a little bit. After all, I have passed away).

Today I am happy and I am dancing.

I leave behind my cherished family, my daughter, Glenna McElhane Kramer; my grandson, Stuart Ashley Kramer and his wife, Jenny Mele Kramer; two beautiful great-grandchildren, Ella Ashley Kramer and Finley Christian Kramer; a lovely granddaughter, Whitney Paige Kramer and her husband, Mark Wesley Crossley; nephew, James E. Stewart; and niece, Edwina Stewart Vaughan and her husband, retired Lt. Col. Arthur Russell Vaughan.

You're invited to walk behind me as I take my final carriage ride. I was born at a time when everybody rode in a horse and buggy and I will travel to my final resting place in a horse drawn carriage. Join me at 4 p.m. Thursday, August 13, 2015, at J.T. Morriss Funeral Home, 3050 W. Hundred Rd., Chester, Va., for a visitation followed by interment in Sunset Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to World Pediatric Project, 7201 Glen Forest Dr. #304, Richmond, Va. 23226, (804) 282-8830. Condolences may be registered at [www.jtmorriss.com](http://www.jtmorriss.com).

Love you forever. Dorothy

**Popular obituary of 104-year-old was copied from Florida woman**

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