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GET IN THE GAME READ!

Two pictures tell a story

By Richard Lane, Public Services

A popular adage tells us that a "picture is worth a thousand words." Perhaps, but consider the value of two pictures of the same person taken a lifetime apart. The case in point is two photos of James Henry Myers (1844-1916), my maternal great-grandfather. James Henry has always been a mystery to me. I knew bits and pieces about him, but I never identified with him as a real person having lived a life. That all changed when a cousin shared two photos. The photos invited me to examine them closely. They have provided an insight not previously experienced.

The first photograph was taken circa 1860 when our subject was in his teens. The second image was captured years later, around 1905. The photos offer similar views. Both photos were taken from nearly the same angle, straight on. The details are strikingly similar. Both show James Henry wearing a dark jacket with tie and vest. The hair of the younger is dark and parted. That of the older remains untouched by gray and still parted in a similar style. Eyebrows are arched and prominent in both pictures. The nose remained throughout his lifetime straight and narrow. The ears are prominent, in line with the corner of the eyes. The beard and moustache of the elder show gray. The younger, judging by the smoothness of his cheeks, is yet to shave.

One may wonder about the years lived between the images. The first was taken of a confident and handsome youth. The second is a haunting photo of a man in the remaining years of life. The younger man looks out upon a future yet to be charted. The older shows the strains encountered over the course of a lifetime.

We know few of the details of James Henry Myers' life. We know that he served as a Private in the 46th Regiment, Missouri Infantry, Company C. We know that the regiment was formed near the end of the Civil War and eight men were mortally wounded in action. We know that many in the Regiment suffered acute illness. Military records show that 18 members of the regiment died from disease. James Henry's obituary records that he contracted pneumonia during

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his military service resulting in a life diminished by poor health. Genealogy records tell that James Henry Myers married Verlina Morrow in 1865. They settled in Hamilton County, Texas on a 90 acre farm. He and Verlina raised 7 children.

There are only a few elements of his life that can be garnered. All who knew him have passed on many years ago. The letters he may have written have been lost. We know little of his Civil War experience. We know nothing of the qualities of his voice or the pattern of his speech. His obituary attests to his life as a country preacher. Like many in the years after the Civil War, James Henry Myers was called to preach the gospel in keeping with a theme of restoring the Christian Church to the tenets of biblical times. His sermons, perhaps filled with fire and brimstone, never rose to a level of prominence justifying that they be set to print.

The narrative is brief. The photos are telling. They offer a glimpse into the life of an ordinary man whose passing has reached the century mark. Take the time to examine your family photographs. They tell a story beyond the scribbled notes and family trees.

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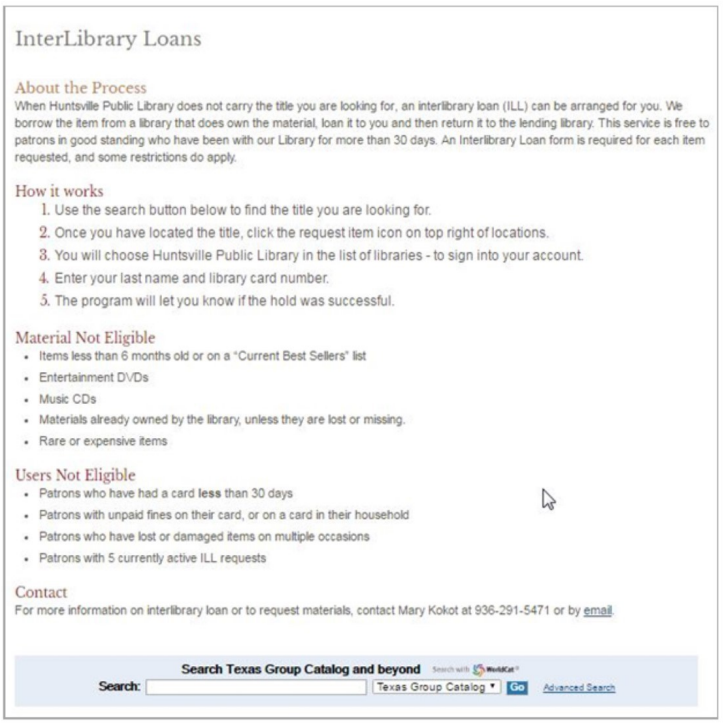
Did you know that if you can't find the book you want at HPL then most likely you will find it through Interlibrary Loan. Even better, now you can look for that book from the comfort of your own home! There's a new feature on the HPL website that allows patrons to make this request online. Simply click on the link "Interlibrary Loan" on the left-hand side of the library webpage and follow the simple directions. You will be notified by email or a phone call when your book arrives at the library. Of course, if you prefer the old-fashioned way, we can still accommodate you. Just call Mary Kokot, (936)291-5471, to make your request.



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How it works

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3. You will choose Huntsville Public Library in the list of libraries - to sign into your account.
4. Enter your last name and library card number.
5. The program will let you know if the hold was successful.

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- Patrons who have lost or damaged items on multiple occasions
- Patrons with 5 currently active ILL requests

Contact

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Our annual Summer Reading Program for teens is here! What is the Summer Reading Program? It is a free incentive-based program to encourage teens to read and explore various library programs including diverse, free educational and fun programs for teens up to 17 years of age.

This year's theme is "Sports and Fitness" and the slogan for teens is "Get in the Game: READ!" This year Summer Reading Program is a little different. Candy will not be involved, but teens can still read to win one of the amazing grand prizes we have for summer reading. Reading logs will be disturbed to then after signing up either online on the library's website or at the Summer Reading Kick-off Party on June 4th .

Teen Summer Fun at HPL

Since summer break is starting, teens will need a safe haven for the summer, and why not make that place the library. Summer Reading Program is not only about reading, it's about having fun and learning something new you did not know before. This year's summer program for teens is PowerPoint Jeopardy. Teens will utilize PowerPoint and the Makey Makey kit to make their version of the game show Jeopardy! This class will be a five week course for teen's ages 13-17 from 4:30 to 6:00 on Wednesdays starting June 8th through July 13th in the library's Board Room. After the class is over, teens, families and their friends can play their PowerPoint made gameshow at Quiz Night. To play, participates must have at least have three players, no more than six. Quiz night is for all ages and will be on Friday, July 15th at 5:30pm in the library's Community Room. Registration is required for both PowerPoint Jeopardy and Quiz night. Teams can sign up online at myhuntsvillelibrary.com under the Teen Services tab or by calling the library. For more information, feel free to contact me at 936-291- 5912 or via email at newsome@huntsvilletx.gov.

- Ashley Newsome, Teen Coordinator

The Game of Thrones Goes On

With the recent premier of the sixth season of the award winning television series Game of Thrones, many are excited to see what developments will befall their favorite characters.

Already much and more has been revealed, arguably exploring more about the universe in the five episodes released on writing this article as has been revealed in whole seasons in the past. And now that the television series has advanced further than the book series it was based upon, every episode holds more new and amazing twists and turns for the world and its inhabitants. But, for those of us who may not be familiar with the series, how about a (mostly) spoiler free look at the world George R.R. Martin has created?

In a medieval world, in a land of seven kingdoms and winters that last decades, in a contest reaching across seas and continents, of dragons and myths all but forgotten, the Iron Throne is the highest prize and when playing for the throne you win or you die. Powerful words, especially when spoken by a queen, and in Martin's world frighteningly prophetic. The land of Westeros has had relative peace and summer for years, since the violent rebellion of the new King Robert Baratheon and his marriage to a family of wealth and status through Circe Lannister. But as things rise, Westeros is preparing for greater falls, and across the sea, Essos prepares even more surprises.

The story opens with the execution of a deserter from a post as a lifelong guard and moves on death becoming a familiar face as King Baratheon visits the ancestral home of his long time friend, Eddard Stark, their families meant to mingle. The visit was expected to be mostly brief, but even in a short time, events rapidly turn foul as unpleasant truths about the royal family are uncovered by an unfortunate observer, Eddard's middle son, Brandon. Meanwhile Eddard is offered a position at the king's side, moving much of the Stark household to the seat of the throne, well south of the Stark lands. As mystery unfolds regarding the Baratheon rule and lineage, intrigue, deceit, regret and the past clash, destined to unsettle the realm. Far to the north of the trials and tribulations of the Iron Throne, an ancient relic stands, the Wall, guarding the Seven Kingdoms from raids of Wildlings and according to legend things told in stories to scare children. But when legend comes to life, and winter is truly upon the land once again, only the Night's Watch will stand guard. These Black Brothers, sworn to their duty until the day they die are now few and ill equipped, the fire of their guard guttering. Sworn to not join in the affairs of the Kingdoms to the south, the Black Brothers' requests for reinforcements fall on deaf ears while the Kingdoms break apart under the bid of a growing number of "kings".

The dragons? Where are the dragons though? Across the sea, in Free Cities and cities of slaves, in oceans of grass dominated by fierce and proud masters of horse, the children of the old kings of Westeros, once great riders of dragons struggle just to survive. Driven by revenge Viserys and Daenerys Targaryen work to build a great army and reclaim their Seven Kingdoms. The last dragons seen in Westeros were little more than house pets, small and sickly, and in Essos, all that remains of the terrifying beasts are three seemingly stone eggs...

This is just a taste of what The Game of Thrones has in store, along with crippling losses of favorite characters, gripping story and depth and twists and turns, drama and rising from the dead. The series isn't through, but it is becoming more exciting by the episode, and I for one, look forward, while still remembering those we have lost.

- Peirs Anderson, Circulation

Bots in your Belly

Researchers at MIT have made a prototype of a pill like capsule that when swallowed and dissolved turns into a foreign object seeking robot.

The problem over the years is that kids will put just about anything into their mouths. This includes batteries. Specifically, small button batteries are easy to accidentally swallow.

More often than not, the battery passes through the digestive system without any harm. There is still the slight chance that the battery can rupture and spill battery acid into the stomach and potentially damage internal organs.

Once the robot is free from its capsule inside the stomach it will actively seek out the battery and submerge the battery within itself.

This protects the battery from stomach contents and increases the probability that the battery will not rupture. Are you willing to take a pill that puts a robot inside you? Let us know on Facebook and Twitter!

- Drew Nevlud, Tech Coordinator

Camp Invention

One of the classic milestones for most children is going to summer camp. Swimming in a lake, making lanyards, and roasting s'mores around a campfire—many children and adults have fond memories of attending one of the many summer camps in America.

Camp Invention is something entirely different as the "only nationally recognized summer programs focused on creativity, innovation, real-world problem solving and the spirit of invention." Partnering with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Collegiate Inventors Competition, Camp Invention says that everything they do is inspired by the world's smartest inventors.

Camp Invention supplies the curricula and materials for schools and organizations to host the week long program for children entering 1st-6th grade. Camp Invention is all about encouraging children to think scientifically: to "upcycle" and re-engineer something new from gadgets, gears, and spare parts. Topics range from powering a circuit using solar energy and building a tree house that relies on simple machines to 3-D printing and coding a robot. Registration is required for the official Camp Invention summer experience.

Two members from Camp Invention, Mr. and Mrs. Gedelian, who have an impressive 62 years teaching experience between them, have agreed to host two summer programs at the Huntsville Public Library that emulate the Camp Invention experience. At 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 6th, elementary aged students are invited to "Creating Coasters." Participants will experience Newton's first law of motion (an object in motion will stay in motion in a straight line unless acted on by an outside force) by working in small groups designing and building roller coasters from everyday supplies.

The second program will take place at 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 18th and is called "Gassy Experiments." Participants will safely experiment with a variety of common, household items to see how they react.

Sign-up is not required for either Camp Invention event at the library but supplies are limited. For more information on summer programs at the Huntsville Public Library, visit myhuntsvillelibrary.com or call 936-291-5472.

- Rachel McPhail, Children's Librarian

dates to Remember

Check out the exciting Children's Programs at the Huntsville Public Library!

- ☐ **Mother Goose Lapsits, 10:30 Mondays**
- ☐ **Storytime, 10:45 on Wednesdays AND Fridays**
- ☐ **Duplo Party, 11:15 on Wednesdays**
- ☐ **Family Movie Night, 5:30, 2nd Friday of the Month**

Special Programming

- ☐ **Toddler Craft Time, 11:15, June 7, 14, 21, 26**
- ☐ **Elementary Craft Time, 3:00, June 7, 16, 21**
- ☐ **Camp Invention, 3:30, June 6**
- ☐ **Houston Space Center, 3:00, June 10**
- ☐ **Natural History Dome Show, 3:30, June 14**
- ☐ **Busy Beekeepers, 3:00, June 23**
- ☐ **Comic Book Club, 2:00, June 25**
- ☐ **Crocodile Encounter!, 3:00, June 27**

Complete listings of events at www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com

For more information, contact Children's Coordinator Rachel McPhail, at 936-291-5910.