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of the East Texas Genealogical Society

representing the counties of Anderson, Gregg, Henderson, Panola, Rusk, and Smith

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## East Texas Genealogical Society

**Saturday, March 8, 2008, 2:00 p.m.**  
**Tyler Public Library - Taylor Auditorium**

**Program: "Using the U.S. BLM-GLO Web-Site  
To Find Land Records"**

**Speaker: Debbie Parker Wayne**

The U. S. Government has made many of the records of the BLM-GLO available online. These records are for the initial transfer of land from the government to an individual, not for records where one individual sells land to another. From this web site you can search for land records of ancestors, save an online copy of the land patent, and even order a certified copy of a land patent. Best of all, you can get the record numbers to allow you to order the land file from the National Archives where additional information about the family may be found.

Debbie Parker Wayne has spent over 25 years in the computer industry. In 1990, as technical explosion in genealogy was beginning, her interest and experience with computers provided a perfect complement to a new-found interest in genealogy and family history research.

She enjoys complex problem solving and using social history to add historical context to family histories. After moving to East Texas in 2000 she has worked full time on genealogical research and has taught many classes for genealogical societies in East Texas. She has been interested in DNA research longer than she has been doing genealogical research and has studied it closely.

Debbie is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and an officer in the Lone Star Chapter APG. She has attended Samford's Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research for many years. Her web site at <http://etxquest.com/> has many helpful hints on using computers, the internet and electronic genealogical resources.

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**Computer Interest Group**  
Frances Grochowski, Director

Some people claim you can't beat a "pocket PC" if you want to carry a lot of information with you in a small package. Join us as Sharon Brogdon proves it!

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**ETGS meetings are free and open to the public. Come learn with us!**

## What is a Genealogy Blog? Ten Blogs Worth Reading!

"According to Webopedia.com," says Susan Ward of *About.com*, "a blog (short for Weblog) is a Web page that serves as a publicly-accessible personal journal for an individual." In light of how blogs are being used, Susan takes it one step further and offers her own updated definition as being "a blog is a regularly updated on-line journal of information and opinions."

Kimberly Powell (*About.com:Genealogy*) recommends these 10 genealogy blogs as worth reading:

1. [Genea-Musings](#) - by Randy Seaver
2. [The Genealogue](#) - Chris Dunham
3. [Ancestry Insider](#)
4. [Creative Genealogy](#) - by Jasia
5. [The Genetic Genealogist](#) - Bettinger
6. [Genealogy Blog](#) - Metizier & Edmon
7. [Think Genealogy](#) - Mark Tucker
8. [The Practical Archivist](#) - Sally
9. [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#) - Dick Eastman
10. [Boston 1775](#) - J. L. Bell

The article also mentioned a few other blogs you might like to browse:

1. [Dear Myrtle](#) by Pat Richley.
  2. [24-7 Family History Circle](#), featuring Juliana Smith, Michael John Neill and Maureen Taylor.
  3. [Geneablogie](#) by Craig Mason.
  4. [Rootdig](#) by Michael John Neill.
  5. [Family Oral History Using Digital Tools](#) by Susan Kitchens
  6. [Walking the Berkshires](#) - Tim Abbott
  7. [Genealogy Reviews Online](#) by Tim Agazio
  8. [Hill Country of Monroe County, Mississippi](#) by Terry Thornton
- Enjoy!

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**Tell us your favorite genealogy blog!**

## Get Acquainted Luncheon

Every 4th Thursday

Starting at 11:30 a.m.—March 27, 2008  
at the Heartland Ham Co., Old English Village,  
3400 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas

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## Welcome New Members!

Pat Galloway, Chairman

Shari Novak Johnson, Lawrence, KS  
Lena Faye Bailey, Levelland, TX

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## March Hospitality Committee

Sherry Kidd, Chairman

Dixie Flick, Debbie Wayne, Isabel Warren

## Bulletin Board

### March 2008

- 1 10:00am DGS - Family Tree Maker User Group
- 3:00pm DGS - Internet for Genealogist Group
- 4 4:30pm DGS - DNA Interest Group
- 6:30pm DGS - Computer Interest Group
- 7:00pm Gregg County Genealogical Society
- 7:00pm Smith County Historical Society
- 8 10:00am Harrison Co. Genealogical Society
- 10:00am DGS- Advanced Methodology Study Group
- 2:00pm East Texas Genealogical Society**
- 2:00pm DGS - Master Genealogist User Group
- 10 7:00pm Cherokee Co. Genealogical Soc.
- 11 6:30pm DGS - Digital Preservation Group
- 15 1:00pm Rains Co. Genealogical Society
- 17 St. Patrick's Day**
- 7:00pm Wood County Genealogical Society
- 18 7:00pm DGS - African American Interest Group
- 20 6:30pm DGS - Speaker Roundtable
- 7:00pm Hopkins County Genealogical Society
- 7:00pm Capt. James P Douglas SCV Meeting
- 22 2:00pm Van Zandt Co. Genealogical Society
- 23 Easter**
- 24 7:00pm Dallas Genealogical Society
- 27 11:30am Get Acquainted Luncheon @ Heartland Ham**
- 27 6:00pm Athens Genealogical Organization

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## Big Events Are Coming Up!

**April 12, 2008—Annual Spring Family History Fair**, LDS Church,  
Tyler, TX—Meet Your Friends There!

**May 14-17—National Genealogical Society—Kansas City, MO**  
"Show Me The Records"

**July 17-19—12th Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference**  
"Keys to Discovery" - Lufkin, Texas

**Sep 13, 2008-ETGS Fall Seminar—Desmond Walls Allen, Speaker**  
Tyler, Texas—Come Learn With Us!

**Oct. 24 & 25, 2008 —TSGS 48th Conference**, Abilene, TX  
Hosted by the West Texas Genealogical Society

## The Google Toolbar For Genealogists

Several folks have recommended this topic to be seen on Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, Feb 18 2008 issue. Read Dick's comments that provide details for you:

"Robert Ragan from Treasure Maps How-To Genealogy Site has produced an interesting video showing detailed instructions for using the Google Toolbar for genealogy searches. The Google Toolbar is a free tool that installs in your Firefox web browser on Windows, Macintosh, or Linux or in your Internet Explorer browser on Windows. The Google Toolbar simplifies websearches, blocks obnoxious pop-up ads, and does a lot more. In fact, The Google Toolbar does not find any information that you could not find yourself by manually conducting searches. However, it does add convenience and simplicity."

Dick says he has been using the Google Toolbar for years, primarily because he likes the way it blocks pop-up ads although Firefox has since added similar functionality to the browser itself. Ragan's 4-minute video shows how to install and use the Google Toolbar for genealogy searches. You can watch the video at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qefdagIK38>.

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## Free Genealogy Helps

This is a great site! Recent posts are featured by going to: <http://freegenealogylookups.blogspot.com/> There you will find wonderful information about various interesting topics:

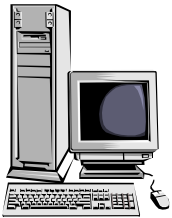
1. Victorian Secrets
2. New German Records Can Help you Find Your Ancestor
3. Using Ancestry: The Hamburg Passenger List Database
4. U. S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925
5. What Will the U.S. Passport Applications Collection Reveal About Your Ancestors?
6. My Genealogical Christmas Wish
7. Finding Answers in British Isles Census Records
8. Under My Nose
9. Take a Break from Census Research and Read About It
10. Geographic Reference Library
11. Rediscover Your Heritage
12. Three Genealogical Exercises by George G. Morgan

A wealth of research information is shared to provide all kinds of ideas as you try to learn more about your ancestor's past. It is important to become as knowledgeable as possible about the history and culture of the time and place where ancestors lived. Explore and learn as much as you possibly can about the surviving records, such as government, church, public and private records.

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## The Clock Is Ticking!

Don't wait—or you will miss the next quarterly, *East Texas Family Records!* Write your check for \$20 this minute for 2008 dues. Please address to : ETGS, Attn: Pat Galloway, Membership Chairman, P O Box 6967, Tyler, Texas 75711.



## Web Pages & E-mail Addresses with Recent Additions to County Archives

### Anderson County:

TXGenWeb Project - [www.rootsweb.com/~txanders/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txanders/)  
 Manager: Scott Fitzgerald - [scottfitzgerald@tyler.net](mailto:scottfitzgerald@tyler.net)  
 TXGenWeb Archives Project -  
[www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/tx/anderson/andertoc.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/tx/anderson/andertoc.htm)  
 Manager: Scott Fitzgerald - [scottfitzgerald@tyler.net](mailto:scottfitzgerald@tyler.net)  
 No recent additions.

### Gregg County:

TXGenWeb Project - <http://txgenes.com/TxGregg/>  
 Manager: Elaine Martin & Sharon Pierce—[tdsfw@aol.com](mailto:tdsfw@aol.com)  
 TXGenWeb Archives Project -  
[www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/tx/gregg/gregtoc.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/tx/gregg/gregtoc.htm)  
 Manager: lthomas63@yahoo.com  
 Recent additions: Index of the 1890 Gregg County Tax Roll

### Henderson County:

TXGenWeb Project - [www.rootsweb.com/~txhender/txhender.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txhender/txhender.htm)  
 Manager: Bunny Freeman - [Fourls1223@aol.com](mailto:Fourls1223@aol.com)  
 TXGenWeb Archives Project -  
[www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/tx/henderson/hendertoc.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/tx/henderson/hendertoc.htm)  
 Manager: Bunny Freeman - [Fourls1223@aol.com](mailto:Fourls1223@aol.com)  
 Recent Additions for January and February: Many new Family Group Sheets (FGS) added; plus addition of Dover Surname; and Fletcher Gordon Wood (Find a Grave), and more.

### Panola County:

TXGenWeb Project - [www.rootsweb.com/~txpanola/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txpanola/)  
 Manager: Mary Lee Knight—[panolahistory@yahoo.com](mailto:panolahistory@yahoo.com)  
 TXGenWeb Archives Project -  
[www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/tx/panola/panoltoc.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/tx/panola/panoltoc.htm)  
 Manager: Lisa Thomas—[lthomas63@yahoo.com](mailto:lthomas63@yahoo.com)  
 No recent additions.

### Rusk County:

TXGenWeb Project - [www.rootsweb.com/~txrusk/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txrusk/)  
 Manager: Gina Hefferman - [dala@mindspring.com](mailto:dala@mindspring.com)  
 TXGenWeb Archives Project -  
[www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/tx/rusk/ruskto.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/tx/rusk/ruskto.htm)  
 Manager: Gina Hefferman - [dala@mindspring.com](mailto:dala@mindspring.com)  
 No recent additions.

### Smith County:

TXGenWeb Project - [www.rootsweb.com/~txsmith/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txsmith/)  
 Manager: Larry Oliver - [oliverl@suddenlink.net](mailto:oliverl@suddenlink.net)  
 TXGenWeb Archives Project—  
[www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/tx/smith/smittoc.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/tx/smith/smittoc.htm)  
 Manager: Larry Oliver - [oliverl@suddenlink.net](mailto:oliverl@suddenlink.net)  
 New addition: Oliver's Chapel (African-American) tombstones with photos by Jim and Jeanne Sellers. Pugh-Goss Cemetery (old cemetery— first time survey); Added Pictures of the Pugh-Goss Cemetery by Sam and Sherry Kidd. New survey for the Bethesda Cemetery by Ms. Syble Glasscock and the Elkins Cemetery by Sam & Sherry Kidd. Also, new surveys for Sections B & O, Rose Hill Cemetery, Tyler, by Scott Fitzgerald.



## "OFFICIAL "IRISH DIRT"

Remember when people laughed at "bottled water" - well now The Auld Sod Export Company has been born, with a brand new concept that you may want to take advantage of. They point out: "Whilst Irish Immigrants were always able to take their culture, traditions, stories and beliefs from the old country, one thing they could never take was "Mother Earth" - well, now you can."

Thanks to the new company of Alan Jenkins who nurtured this idea for 10 years and a chance meeting with Pat Burke, an agricultural scientist, the idea became a reality. Now with sales of Shamrock seeds joining the "dirt sales" you really can have a "little piece of home" whether it is a shamrock in Irish dirt for St. Patrick's Day or to wish luck to the dear departed on their journey or to grow a rose for a loved one, you can have your little piece of Ireland and never lose touch with your roots from the Old Country. You can hold a little piece of Ireland in the palm of your hand—no matter how far from the Emerald Isle you live. Here's some ideas you may wish to consider:

- \* Scatter it on the casket or grave of a dearly departed loved one.
- \* Make a centerpiece of Shamrocks on your family table.
- \* Grow an Irish Rose for your sweetheart.
- \* Plant a tree in it to mark the birth of your child.
- \* Have fresh Shamrock Button-holes ready for St. Patrick's Day.

To learn more, Google "*Home of The Official Irish Dirt.*" If you are of Irish descent, you have an opportunity to keep a part of your heritage. It will make a "unique" gift, for sure!

## THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON...

### Wood County Genealogical Society

P. O. Box 832, Quitman, TX 75783

903-763-4191

<http://www.quitmanlibrary.org/genealogy.htm>

If you have ancestors in the county to our north, you may want to pay them a visit when they meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Quitman Library, 200 East Goode Street, Quitman, TX on the third Monday of each month (except December). Or you can post a query on a message board: Wood County Ancestry forum, *GenForum*. View some of the Wood County gravestone transcriptions by Googling—*Cemeteries in Wood County, TX*. Some of the cemeteries include City Cemetery, Clover Hill, Coldwater, Concord, Dumas, Fouke, Gentry, Green and Ford, Haney, Hawkins and many more.

Libraries in Wood County include Allen Memorial Public Library, Gilbreath Memorial Library, Mineola Memorial Library, and Quitman Public Library. To find additional information, go to the library site and click on Genealogy or the Events calendar. The Quitman Public Library serves all of Wood County. Collection size: 30,000 items. Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Contact: Delene DeLaRosa, Director, 903-763-4191, or Fax 903-763-2532. Email: [qlibrary@texascellnet.com](mailto:qlibrary@texascellnet.com) or you may also want to look at :

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txwood/>

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## Smith County TXGenWeb Project

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txsmith>

## Smith County TXGenWeb Archives Project

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/tx/smith/smittoc.htm>

## Anderson County TXGenWeb Project

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txanders/>

## Anderson County TXGenWeb Archives Project

May you always have walls for the winds, a roof for the rain, tea beside the fire, laughter to cheer you, those you love near you, and all your heart might desire. ~~ Irish Blessing

## ETGS TxGenWeb Page

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txetgs/>

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