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**East Texas Genealogical Society  
and the Tyler Family History Center  
present our  
“8th Annual FAMILY HISTORY FAIR”**

**Saturday, April 12, 2008**

**Registration: 8:30 a.m.—Opening: 9:00 a.m.**

**LDS Family History Center  
1617 Shiloh Road, Tyler, Texas**

**Keynote Speaker: Rich Kinnunen**

## **Program Topics:**

### **Microsoft Photo Story 3 for Windows XP**

Learn to create slideshows using your digital photos. With a single disk, you can touch up, crop, or rotate pictures. Add stunning special effects, soundtracks, and your own voice narration to your photo stories. Then, personalize Them with titles and captions. Small file sizes make it easy to send your photos stories in an e-mail. Watch them on your TV, a computer, or a Windows Mobile-based portable device. This is a free program from Microsoft.

### **Grilling Granny**

This covers the basics of getting started with your Family History. We will discuss how to interview family members and how to record the data. Other topics include discussion of Pedigree Charts, Family Group Sheets, Family History Software and Internet Genealogy.

### **The Paperless Genealogist**

We will explore the technology available today and how it can help us record our family history. Learn how to identify the best methods for preserving your history—and discovering conclusions that will surprise you.

Rich Kinnunen has been tracking down his ancestors for over twenty years. Although his family did not arrive in the United States until 1865, they did arrive in North America as early as 1620, settling in Quebec. His ancestral lines reach back to Canada, England, Finland, France, Holland, Germany and parts of the United States. Rich has taught genealogy workshops throughout the North Texas area for the past ten years. He currently serves as Assistant Family History Director for the Carrollton Texas Family History Center.

**Tour the FH Center and visit the Display Tables during Lunch Break -  
12:45—1:15 p.m. LUNCH (provided)**

## **GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS & CONFERENCES ~**

**Why You Should Attend!**

**Education, education, education...**one of the main purposes of ETGS and most other genealogical societies is “to bring together persons researching family history and to promote fellowship and cooperation among them.” Another, and one of our main purposes, is “to foster, stimulate and share ideas, information, methods and practices in family research, as well as to act as a training agency for persons interested in genealogical and family history research.” Therein lies our mission and the reasons for continuation and sponsorship of annual educational seminars and workshops. Sometimes we partner up with other groups, such as we do with the Tyler LDS Family History Center. The focus is on improving skills!

**Please note...**The 2008 Family History Fair at LDS is a little different this year. The “public” part of the day will end immediately after lunch. The afternoon is just for Church members.

LDS ladies are providing lunch and cups, glasses, and napkins. Three ETGS members, Sam and Sherry Kidd and Jessie Files, are providing ice and all drinks. ETGS members should/can bring donuts, cookies, pigs-in-blanket, etc.

### **“Show and Tell”**

ETGS members are encouraged to bring anything they choose for “show and tell” - tables will be at the sides of one room for genealogy displays. ETGS’ Mary Beth Ramage will have society books to display — so “come one, come all” for a great day of learning, fun and fellowship!

## Get Acquainted Luncheon

Every 4th Thursday

Starting at 11:30 a.m.—April 24, 2008  
at the Heartland Ham Co., Old English Village,  
3400 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas

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## Welcome New Members!

Pat Galloway, Chairman

Wanda Dower, Tyler  
John & Barbara Merritt, Tyler  
Janice King Crawford, Annandale, VA  
Anna Shelton, Benton, IL

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## April Hospitality Committee

Sherry Kidd, Chairman

ETGS members are invited to help provide donuts,  
cookies, pigs-in-blanket, or other finger-foods for the  
morning break at the LDS Family History Fair

## Bulletin Board

### April 2008

- 1 7:00pm Gregg County Genealogical Society
- 7:00pm Smith County Historical Society
- 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
- 10:00am DGS- Advanced Methodology Study Group
- 12 **8:30am 8th Annual Family History Fair**
- 2:00pm DGS - Master Genealogist User Group
- 14 7:00pm Cherokee Co. Genealogical Soc.
- 11 6:30pm DGS - Digital Preservation Group
- 17 7:00pm Hopkins County Genealogical Society
- 7:00pm Capt. James P Douglas SCV Meeting
- 19 1:00pm Rains Co. Genealogical Society
- 21 7:00pm Wood County Genealogical Society
- 24 **11:30am Get Acquainted Luncheon @ Heartland Ham**
- 24 6:00pm Athens Genealogical Organization
- 26 2:00pm Van Zandt Co. Genealogical Society
- 28 7:00pm Dallas Genealogical Society

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## Big Events Are Coming Up!

**April 12, 2008—8th Annual LDS Spring Family History Fair,**  
**FREE ~ 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

## Family Reunions

Summertime is just around the corner and with it comes the opportunity to plan and hold a good old-fashioned "family reunion." It's not too late if you begin now to celebrate your heritage and meet your many "cousins" at or near the old family homestead and "stomping grounds." Your family get-togethers will provide the opportunities to ask questions and gather information and more clues about your shared ancestors. If you have never done this, it's great fun!

You'll find all kinds of ideas for planning a successful family reunion through on-line websites and at favorite on-line or local book stores, or, your local library.

For your family reunion planning and genealogy ideas, do steer your search engine to this neat website: "*Relatives & Reunions—Connecting with Family—About Genealogy*" - you'll learn from informational topics on subjects such as:

- Cousins & Kinship
- Family Legends
- Holiday Traditions
- Oral History and Interviews
- Humor and Fun
- Great Ways to Share your Family History
- Creating A Family Cookbook—"Cooking Up Your Family History"
- 50 Questions for Family Interviews

[http://genealogy.about.com/od/family/family\\_connections/](http://genealogy.about.com/od/family/family_connections/)

*Cyndi's List—Reunions*—provides a wealth of general ideas and tips for resource sites, as well as for mailing lists, family reunion invitations, t-shirts, tote bags, speakers, memory books, family charts and just about anything you may have questions about.

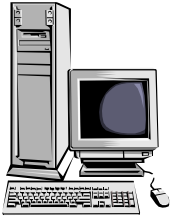
George G. Morgan offers his great book for sale: "*Your Family Reunion: How to Plan It, Organize It, and Enjoy It.*" From Ancestry.com, you'll find his article "*Tips for Planning the Family Reunion.*"

Other family reunion related categories on [Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet](#) may be found covering a multitude of topics:

- Events and Activities
- Finding People
- How To Topics
- Kids and Teens
- Photographs and Memories
- Preserving Your Family's Heirlooms, Treasures And Genealogical Research

Websites and ideas abound on the internet, but if you want to find out about family reunions by surnames or states, try "googling" - Kentucky Reunions, Mississippi Reunions, Ohio Family Reunions, or Maryland to Kentucky Reunion. Also, check out: *Family Reunion.com* and *ReunionTrees.com*.

The *About.com: Genealogy* website provides "[10 Family History Activities for Family Reunions](#)": photo swaps, family wall charts, scavenger hunts, cookbooks, storytime, tours into the past, skits, and don't forget the memorabilia table. Family reunions are the perfect time to share and have fun!



## 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)  
Photo and inscription of Francenia Florence Dowling tombstone  
Submitted by Mary Watts.  
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: Lisa Thomas—[lthomas63@yahoo.com](mailto: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 - [Fouirls1223@aol.com](mailto:Fouirls1223@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 - [Fouirls1223@aol.com](mailto:Fouirls1223@aol.com)  
Recent Additions for March, including HC Historical Commission  
Website additions: Publications for Henderson Co.—HC Historical  
Commission; Index to 1903 Southland Newspaper; Index to 1901  
Athens Review Old Settlers Edition; CSA Pensions filed in HC;  
Commemorative Addition of Athens 1st Frick School; and two full  
Pages of information, too numerous to mention (check this out).

### 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)  
Recent Additions for February and March, including many  
cemetery gate photos and transcriptions.  
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—<http://usgwarchives.org.tx/smith/smiltoc.htm>  
Manager: Larry Oliver - [oliverl@suddenlink.net](mailto:oliverl@suddenlink.net)  
Recent additions: Completed set of photos for Elkins Cemetery,  
Tyler, by Sam and Sherry Kidd.

## “Preservation Tip of the Month”

The spine is the most vulnerable part of a book, since it bends and flexes each time the book is opened. Even in a well bound volume the joints may split or crack in time if heavily used and not carefully handled. In oversized and/or extremely heavy books the joints are under stress just sitting on the shelf. The best way to shelve these oversized books is to lay them flat on a shelf at least as wide as the book and alternate the spines. Larger books should be placed at the bottom of a stack of not more than four or five books. ~~ By Becky Schipper, Genealogy Gems

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## THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON...

### USGenWeb Sites Leaving RootsWeb

Diane Haddad, newsletter editor of “Family Tree Magazine Newsletter <[familytree-newsletter@fwpubs.com](mailto:familytree-newsletter@fwpubs.com)> provides an E-mail Up-date on news about the RootsWeb’s domain change to Ancestry.com, a great source for free historic newspapers, and more, with this notice:

### USGenWeb Sites Departing Ancestry.com-Hosted RootWeb

The free, volunteer-driven genealogy Web site RootsWeb has been transplanted to the domain of the subscription site (and RootsWeb’s sibling under parent The Generations Network) Ancestry.com.

The move has spurred a large number USGenWeb Project administrators to take their sites off RootsWeb. Why—and what does this mean for you? See the Genealogy Insider blog (this long web address wraps):

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/insider/Many+USGenWeb+Sites+Leave+RootsWeb.aspx>

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## Immigration and Naturalization

Use your search engines to check out these data bases:

1819 to 1820 U.S. Passenger List—Arrivals in 35 ports in 14 states and the District of Columbia between October 1819 and September 1820.

Archives of Michigan Naturalization Indexes—Indexes to naturalization records for some Michigan counties. (should work for other states, as well—try it).

CastleGarden.org—A database of information on 10 million immigrants from 1830 to 1892.

Ellis Island Records—Original ship manifests, 1892-1924.

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild—Transcripts by year and ship. Not searchable by name.

National Archives Naturalization Records—Name indexes to some naturalization records.

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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/>

The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year.

~~ Mark Twain

## ETGS TxGenWeb Page

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

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