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

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## East Texas Genealogical Society

**Saturday, February 11, 2012, 2:00 p.m.  
Tyler Public Library—Taylor Auditorium**

**Program: "It's Never Too Early to Start  
Preparing for the Release  
of the 1940 Census"**

**Speaker: Lisa McKinney**

For many genealogists, the countdown to access the 1940 Census release started months ago, including how different it is going to be compared to census enumerations of the past...and how challenging the format will be. Rumors have been flying.

To meet all the challenges, June Everheart, program chairman, sought out Lisa McKinney to speak to us this month to answer our questions and allay some of our worst fears. Lisa will explain why and how you will need to prepare for your research when the big day arrives. For one thing, she will tell you about the official date of release on Monday, April 2, 2012 at the National Archives. Lisa will also summarize some interesting facts as to how this Sixteenth Enumeration of the United States differs from the one taken a decade prior.

Standardized questions were provided by the Bureau of the Census to all Enumerators, just as in previous years. The standard Population Schedule had 34 questions and more than a dozen Supplemental Questions asked only for those persons who were enumerated on specified lines. This means ensured a random nature in obtaining supplemental questions.

At a time when the domestic letter rate was just 3-cents per ounce, and the American Flag for four decades had displayed 48 stars—one for each state—and Pearl Harbor had yet to take place, no one dreamed that one day the census records of 1940 would be released "digitally."

Lisa McKinney, a former newspaper reporter and business editor, now does freelance writing and editing as well as genealogy research for clients. She currently lives in East Texas and volunteers in the Van Zandt County Genealogy Library in Canton. She won a 1st place writing award from Dallas Genealogical Society for "*Coming to Understand Sources*", and developed a program she also presented to ETGS last October.

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Bring a friend and come learn with us!



## East Texas Genealogical Society and Tyler Public Library Sponsor *Roots 101* Workshops

**Roots 101: Beginning Genealogy (Research for Rookies)** introduced the basic family research on four Saturdays, which began January 21, 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the Tyler Public Library's Taylor Auditorium.

"The sessions are designed to introduce 'rookie' researchers to the basic concepts of family research," said Evelyn McLane, Library Programming Associate. The course will help answer questions about getting started, organizing files and accessing Internet resources.

As the sessions continue on January 28, February 4 and 11, ETGS members will introduce participants to pedigree charts, group sheets, census records, Internet search engines and basic Internet searches. The group will tour the Local and Family History section of the Tyler Public Library, get an introduction to the Smith County Historical Society archives and explore other sources for genealogical information.

Cost for the workshop series is \$5 at the door for materials and supplies. **Roots 101** is open to anyone interested in starting family research. The public is welcome, but registration is required and is limited to 48 participants. No registrations will be taken by phone. Register online: [www.tylerlibrary.com](http://www.tylerlibrary.com). Participants may also download a registration form online or pick one up at the Library. For more information, call the Library at (903) 593-7323.

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Don't Forget to Renew Your Dues!

## Get Acquainted Luncheon

Every 4th Thursday

Starting at 11:30 a.m.—February 23, 2011  
at Heartland Ham Co.—Old English Village  
3400 S. Broadway, Tyler, Texas—Dutch Treat  
Soups, special lunches, sandwiches, great desserts.  
Come and go—depending on everyone's schedule.  
*We have great round-table discussions here!*

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## Welcome New Members

Pat Galloway, Chairman

Cathy Constant, North Richland Hills, TX

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## February Hospitality Committee

Dolores Parker Bain, Chairman

Mary Stovall, Joyce Boyd,  
& Barbara Martin

## Bulletin Board

February 2012

**Black History Month**

- 4 11:00 am Dallas Genealogical Society
- 7 7:00 pm Gregg Co. Genealogical Society
- 7:00 pm Smith Co. Historical Society
- 11 2:00 pm East Texas Genealogical Society**
- 13 7:00 pm Cherokee Co. Genealogical Society
- 14 Valentine's Day**
- 15 7:00 pm Hopkins Co. Genealogical Society
- 7:00 pm Capt. James P. Douglas, SCV
- 18 1:00 pm Rains Co. Genealogical Society
- 20 7:00 pm Wood Co. Genealogical Society
- 23 11:30 am Get Acquainted Luncheon at  
Heartland Ham Restaurant**
- 6:00 pm Athens Genealogy Organization
- 28 2:00 pm Van Zandt Co. Genealogical Soc.

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## Make plans now...

### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Family History Fair

### ETGS & Tyler Stake Family History Fair Saturday, March 10, 2012

Registration begins @ 8:30 a.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
1617 Shiloh Road, Tyler, Texas 75703

**903 509-8322**

As soon as the Flyer is Available we will  
post it on the ETGS Web Page  
Look for It There!

**Bringing together genealogists and family historians!**

## News & Announcements

### 12<sup>th</sup> March Family History Fair

Tresa Tatyrek, a past president of the Dallas Genealogical Society, will be the featured speaker for the scheduled March 10<sup>th</sup> Family History Fair. We will let you know the topics as soon as they have been chosen and we'll have a flyer on line soon.

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June Everheart reported that we had 20 students at our first Roots class, not including the newspaper reporter and photographer. Hope many of you were able to read the great article in Sunday's paper. June is a master at getting good publicity, too. See you at the next class on Saturday.

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## War of 1812 Commemoration

If you need to refresh your memory about the War of 1812, you may want to search catalogs to find helpful resources. Also, go to *Prologue*, Volume 23, No. 4 (Winter 1991) and read it at your library or you can read it online:

<http://www.archives.gov/publications/1991/winter/war-of-1812>

You can also go to Cyndi's List—War of 1812—for all kinds of information covered in 20 links to look at states:

<http://www.cyndi'slist.com/1812/locality/>

There's much to be learned online, such as Military Resources; Genealogical Records of the War of 1812; and War of 1812 Discharge Certificates. And it's always fun to take some trivia quizzes, too—here's one:

<http://www.funtrivia.com/playquiz/quiz2667161e89428.html>

You can learn more history from the trivia quizzes on line than you ever learned at school in your history class.

Start writing your biographical sketches soon to honor your ancestor—whether he's direct or collateral—and we'll print and preserve his story for all to read and learn about!

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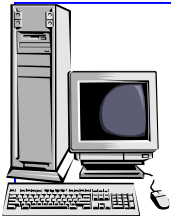
## Black History Month

In the past there have been many stumbling blocks for blacks who wanted to know more about their origins and history. Each year though, more information comes on line or is being published in books to help discover their roots. Nowadays, there are professional genealogists and other historians who work regularly to bring to light genealogical resources to help meet the challenges faced by black American genealogists.

One such website is "**A Directory of African American Genealogical Societies**," compiled by Michael Hait, and last updated in November 2011. You can "Google" it or use your search engine to view it at:

<http://haitfamilyresearch.com/freeresources.aspx>.

Another resource is: <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/african/> Don't forget, there's a world of information on Cyndi's list too: [www.cyndislist.com/african-american](http://www.cyndislist.com/african-american)



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

### Anderson County:

TXGenWeb Project: [www.etgs.org/txanderson/](http://www.etgs.org/txanderson/)  
Manager: Scott Fitzgerald - [scottfitzgerald@tyler.net](mailto:scottfitzgerald@tyler.net)  
TXGenWeb Archives Project: [usgwarchives.net/tx/anderson/andertoc.htm](http://usgwarchives.net/tx/anderson/andertoc.htm)  
Manager: Scott Fitzgerald - [scottfitzgerald@tyler.net](mailto:scottfitzgerald@tyler.net)  
No Recent additions—take time to browse this valuable website.

### Gregg County:

TXGenWeb Project: <http://txgenes.com/TxGregg/>  
Managers: Elaine Martin & Etta Withers—[McStumped@suddenlink.net](mailto:McStumped@suddenlink.net)  
TXGenWeb Archives Project: [usgwarchives.net/txgregg/gregtoc.htm](http://usgwarchives.net/txgregg/gregtoc.htm)  
Manager: Lisa Thomas—[lthomas63@yahoo.com](mailto:lthomas63@yahoo.com)  
This genealogical and historical website has many topics to help you with many of your Gregg Co. families. Take time to explore the "Resource" section...it can be very valuable to you.

### Henderson County:

TXGenWeb Project: <http://www.txgenweb7.org/txhenderson>  
Manager: Bunny Freeman - [Fouls1223@aol.com](mailto:Fouls1223@aol.com) and New Assistant, Laura Gregory Calvin.  
TXGenWeb Archives Project: [usgwarchives.net/tx/henderson/hendertoc.htm](http://usgwarchives.net/tx/henderson/hendertoc.htm)  
Manager: Scott Fitzgerald - [scottfitzgerald@tyler.net](mailto:scottfitzgerald@tyler.net)  
Recent addition: Biographies can contain a world of information — for instance see the excellent story (with photos) of Martha Ann Thames Mobley Gordon bios (under September 2011—"What's New" section).

### Panola County:

TXGenWeb Project: [www.txgenweb4.org/txpanola/](http://www.txgenweb4.org/txpanola/)  
Manager: Marylee Knight—[panolahistory@yahoo.com](mailto:panolahistory@yahoo.com)  
TXGenWeb Archives Project: [usgwarchives.net/tx/panola/panolotoc.htm](http://usgwarchives.net/tx/panola/panolotoc.htm)  
Manager: Lisa Thomas—[lthomas63@yahoo.com](mailto:lthomas63@yahoo.com)  
No new additions. Take a look at "History in News Clippings" and read about Dr. Z. L. Daniel, or the Dennis C. Hill Murder; the Gary History; Tatum Tragedy; or "Thrift Store Organized." If you have information you would like posted to this page, please contact Lisa Thomas, manager.

### Rusk County:

TXGenWeb Project: [www.txrusk.com/](http://www.txrusk.com/)  
Manager: Gina Heffernan - [ginagaleh@yahoo.com](mailto:ginagaleh@yahoo.com)  
TXGenWeb Archives Project: [usgwarchives.net/tx/rusk/ruskotoc.htm](http://usgwarchives.net/tx/rusk/ruskotoc.htm)  
Manager: Gina Heffernan - [dala@mindspring.com](mailto:dala@mindspring.com)  
No recent additions. If you would like to catalog cemeteries or transcribe original records, and don't know how to get started, contact Gina Heffernan, manager, to help you get started.

### Smith County:

TXGenWeb Project: [www.etgs.org/txsmith/](http://www.etgs.org/txsmith/)  
Manager: Frances Grochowski-frankieski@ aol.com  
TXGenWeb Archives Project: [usgwarchives.net.tx/smith/smittoc.htm](http://usgwarchives.net.tx/smith/smittoc.htm)  
Manager: Frances Grochowski-frankieski@aol.com  
No recent additions—but this website which has won 1st Place Awards from TSGS, has a world of information to offer. Take a look at the **Research Section**, broken down into 7 categories, plus Genealogical Links to Multi-Link Sites, From the Computer Interest Group to GenForum, Smith Co.; Lookups—in Selected Smith Co. Books; and Personal Web Pages of people with roots in Smith Co.



## State Census Records

I've written before in this column about state census records and feel compelled to remind you again, as we begin a new year. State censuses are under-used even though they can be invaluable in providing answers and solving problems. For instance, 12 states conducted censuses between 1885 and 1895, any one of which can substitute for that state's missing 1890 federal census. To find out what state and territorial censuses exist, Google "State Census Records", or use your search engine to explore what is available online. Try this one below or any number of others:

*[http://www.census.gov/history/www/reference/genealogy/state\\_censuses.html](http://www.census.gov/history/www/reference/genealogy/state_censuses.html)*



## Two New First Families of East Texas Certificates For Smith County Issued

A Smith County Certificate was issued to Willis Bernard Lukenbill of Austin, Texas. He is a direct descendant of **Robert Patrick McCorkle** who was living in Smith County before December 31, 1850. Robert Patrick McCorkle was born about 1819 in South Carolina and died about 1872 in Smith County, Texas. He was married to **Martha Ann Wells** on December 23, 1855 in Smith County, Texas.

A Smith County Certificate was issued to Valerie Gene Melton of Fountain Valley, California. She is a direct descendant of **Hackett Webb Melton** who was living in Smith County before December 31, 1850. Hackett Webb Melton was born October 14, 1829 in Newton County, Georgia and died April 14, 1916 in Troup, Smith County, Texas. He was married to **Mary Hulsey** on April 17, 1849 in Rusk County, Texas.

Information about our First Families of East Texas Certificate program can be found at our web-site at: <http://www.etgs.org/firstfamilies/firstfam.html> or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to PO Box 6967, Tyler, TX 75711-6967. Be sure and tell us which of our six county applications you need.

## Dues Are Due for 2012

For less than \$2.00 a month, you can renew your membership at only \$20. Please send your check now. You could not attend an ETGS program or receive a quarterly or newsletter if we didn't receive your dues which help us conduct our business. Without dues, we can't pay our bills. We would all lose out. Thanks.

**Please send to ETGS, P. O. Box 6967, Tyler, TX**

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<http://www.etgs.org/txsmith/>

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<http://www.usgwarchives.net/tx/smith/smittoc.htm>

## Anderson County TXGenWeb Project

<http://www.etgs.org/txanderson/>

## Anderson County TXGenWeb Archives Project

<http://usgwarchives.net/tx/anderson/andertoc.htm>

## Henderson County TXGenWeb Archives Project

<http://usgwarchives.net/tx/henderson/hendertoc.htm>

## ETGS Web Page

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~ Lawrence E. Oliver, Web Master

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