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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
and
Van Zandt County Genealogical Society
Present

An All Day Genealogical Seminar
at the Hart-Morris Conservation Center
Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center
5301 County Road 4812, Athens, Texas

Saturday, August 8, 2009
8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Featuring

Desmond Walls Allen,
National Speaker and Author of 200 Books

***“Preserving Your Family Papers,
Photographs & Heirlooms”***

Topics: “Ideas About Organization,” “Identification of Threats”,
“Suggestions for Storage”, “Techniques for Preservation”
and “Plans for Backups of Papers and Photos.”

Registration: \$40 before July 31; \$45 after July 31
Includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch
Catered by Danny’s Barbecue

Accommodations available at Athens Holiday Inn Express
For reservations at reduced price for Attendees,
Call 1-903-675-2500

At the End of the Day You will know more about organization,
threats, storage, preservation, and backup plans.

For more information contact: e-mail: 1stvp@etgs.org or (903) 877-4501
or vanzandtgensoc@etcable.com or (903) 567-5012

Registration forms are at www.etgs.org, or at the Tyler Public Library (3rd Floor) or e-mail June Everheart at 1stvp@etgs.org (903-877-4501), or pick your forms up at the Library of Genealogy and Local History at Canton— 903-567-5012, Courthouse Annex, Terrell Street and Hwy 31.

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Invite your friends and come join us August 8th—there’s no better way to make genealogy easier than by educating yourself through attending seminars and conferences! You may even meet a new cousin there!

First Families of East Texas Certificates Issued

We welcome new First Families of East Texas Certificates to Russell K. Long, Mountain View, CA, Don M. Stewart, Sugar Land, TX, and Carman M. Brumley, Huntsville, TX.

A *Smith County Certificate* was issued to Russell K. Long, a direct descendant of David Harrison Lindsey, who was living in Smith County before December 31, 1850. David Harrison Lindsey was born about 1816 in Shelby County, Alabama; died about 1867, Canton, Smith County, Texas. He married Nancy Whitley Cross 9 April 1840 in Shelby County, Alabama.

An *Anderson County Certificate* was issued to Don M. Stewart, who is a direct descendant of Murphy Vaughan, born 22 December 1816 in Alabama and died 14 December 1867 in Anderson County, Texas. He married Louisa Conaway on 21 September 1836 in Monroe County, Mississippi. He and his wife are buried in Old City Cemetery in Palestine, Texas.

A *Panola County Certificate* was issued to Carman M. Brumley. He is directly descended from Henderson Fyke, born 15 January 1823 in Robertson County, Tennessee. Henderson Fyke died 15 July 1897 in Carthage, Panola County, Texas. He married Sara E. Jackson on 3 May 1856 in Panola County, Texas.

Certificates are issued in recognition of progenitors of those now living, who were instrumental in founding and settling our six counties. More information can be found: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txetgs/FirstFamilies;firstfam.html> or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 6967, Tyler, TX 75711. Tell us which county application you need.

Get Acquainted Luncheon

Every 4th Thursday

Starting at 11:30 a.m.—August 27, 2009
at the Heartland Ham Co., Old English Village,
3400 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas

Got genealogy questions? We've got answers. Join the "lunch bunch" when they meet for Dutch Treat Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - come and go - depending on everyone's schedule. You are invited. Hope to see you there!

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Welcome New Members!

Pat Galloway, Chairman—membership@etgs.org

Lynn Byrd DeOrnellas, Tyler, TX
Doshia Musgrove, Millican, TX

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Bulletin Board

August 2009

- 4 7:00 pm Gregg County Genealogical Society
- 7:00 pm Smith County Historical Society
- 8 8:30 am to 3:45 pm ETGS-VZCGS Seminar**
- 10:00 am Harrison Co. Genealogical Society
- 10 7:00 pm Cherokee Co. Genealogical Society
- 15 1:00 pm Rains County Genealogical Society
- 17 7:00 pm Wood County Genealogical Society
- 20 7:00 pm Hopkins Co. Genealogical Society
- 7:00 pm Capt. James P. Douglas, SCV
- 24 7:00 pm Dallas Genealogical Society
- 27 11:30 am Get Acquainted Luncheon at Heartland Ham**
- 6:00 pm Athens Genealogy Organization
- 27 7:00 pm DGS Regular Meeting

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Mark Your Calendars!

September 2-5, 2009

"Passages Through Time"

A Conference for the Nation's Genealogists

Federation of Genealogical Societies

Little Rock, Arkansas

www.fgsconference.org

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November 6-7, 2009

2009 Genealogy With A Mission

Texas State Genealogical Society

Hosted by San Antonio Genealogical
and Historical Society

with Craig R. Scott, C.G. as featured speaker
Contact SAG&HS, P O Box 790087, San Antonio, TX
210 342-5242—<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsaghs/>
Or TSGS at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsgs/>

Door Prize Donations for ETGS-VZCGS Seminar

East Texas Genealogical Society and Van Zandt County Genealogical Society will gratefully accept any donations to give out as door prizes at our annual seminar, August 8th. If received by July 31st, the donor will be listed in our seminar syllabus. Items may be mailed: Scott Fitzgerald, 326 South Fannin Avenue, Tyler, TX 75702, (903) 539-5572, scottfitzgerald@tyler.net — or dropped off to any officer of ETGS, or VZCGS, or at the Van Zandt County Genealogy Library, located at the County Courthouse Annex, Terrell Street and Highway 19, Canton, Texas or call (903) 567-5012.

We will also accept any promotional material to be placed on a "Freebie Table."

You are reminded that early registration discounts ends on July 31st for the seminar. A registration flyer can be found at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txvzcgsvzGenSem.htm> or at: <http://www.etgs.org/meetings/200909allenflyer/pdf>. Driving directions and Map can be found at: <http://www.etgs.org/meetings/tffcmap.html>.

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Anderson County Books Available

Charles Steen of Palestine has written two books, "*The History of the Palestine Police Department*" and also "*The Palestine Masonic Lodge No. 31.*" He says he has dropped the price of the Police History book from \$60.00 to \$35.00 to make it more affordable to many people who have expressed an interest in purchasing this book.

He has only four books remaining on the original order of 300 on "*The 150 Year History of Palestine Masonic Lodge No. 31.*" When these last four books are gone, that's it! Cost of the Palestine Masonic Lodge book is \$45. So for both books, the cost is \$80. Checks made payable to Palestine Police Museum can be mailed to him at: Detective Charles L. Steen, c/o Palestine Police Department, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, TX 75801.

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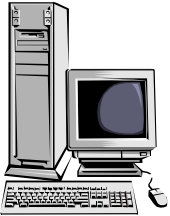
News and Announcements

Beverly Odom is currently working on the Marriage Book for Anderson County and as soon as it is proofed, it will be ready to compile into a printable book.

Frances Grochowski has agreed to be the Cemetery Survey Coordinator. If you would like to help at any time with cemetery surveys, please contact her.

John Dulin is working on the second volume of the Rusk County Probate Records, with four volumes yet to be abstracted, approximately 2,400 pages! He's also working on Probate Birth Records, through Volume 16, so far.

New Nominating Committee Formed: June Everheart, Pat Galloway, and Lucile Hobbs, volunteered to serve in finding new officers for the year 2010. Thanks ladies!



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

Anderson County:

TXGenWeb Project: www.etgs.org/txanderson/
Manager: Scott Fitzgerald - scottfitzgerald@tyler.net
TXGenWeb Archives Project: usgwarchives.net/tx/anderson/andertoc.htm
Manager: Scott Fitzgerald - scottfitzgerald@tyler.net
Recent additions: Photographs for Chambers-Day Cemetery; Fort Houston Cemetery, and Old City, Palestine cemetery photos.

Gregg County:

TXGenWeb Project: <http://txgenes.com/TxGregg/>
Managers: Elaine Martin & Etta Withers—McStumped@suddenlink.net
TXGenWeb Archives Project: usgwarchives.net/tx/gregg/gregtoc.htm
Manager: Lisa Thomas—lthomas63@yahoo.com
No recent additions but take a look on the website at old Gregg County people/places from old pictures and post cards from Kilgore Gladewater, Longview, Pine Tree, Judson and White Oak.

Henderson County:

TXGenWeb Project: <http://www.txgenweb7.org/txhenderson>
Manager: Bunny Freeman - Fourls1223@aol.com and New Assistant, Laura Gregory Calvin.
TXGenWeb Archives Project: usgwarchives.net/tx/henderson/hendertoc.htm
Manager: Scott Fitzgerald – scottfitzgerald@tyler.net
Recent Additions: Featherston Park; New Walton Community News
Obits for Mrs. Florence Rice; E.E. Blackney; Grock Crocker; Mrs. D. E. Cassity; Lyndia Ford; Richard Beam; Daisy Avant & Charlie Fuller; also Sheriff New Bloodhounds.

Panola County:

TXGenWeb Project: www.txgenweb4.org/txpanola/
Manager: Mary Lee Knight—panolahistory@yahoo.com
TXGenWeb Archives Project: usgwarchives.net/tx/panola/panolotoc.htm
Manager: Lisa Thomas—lthomas63@yahoo.com
No recent additions but take time to visit the Look-Up section on the website. Volunteers for various look-ups are: Ron Harvey, Mary Lee Knight, Robbie Sutlive and Angela Weaver.

Rusk County:

TXGenWeb Project: www.txrusk.com/
Manager: Gina Heffernan - dala@mindspring.com
TXGenWeb Archives Project: usgwarchives.net/tx/rusk/rusktoctoc.htm
Manager: Gina Heffernan - dala@mindspring.com
No recent additions, but their Look-Up site lists volunteers: Linda, Laminack and Kathey Hunt for various subjects/resources.

Smith County:

TXGenWeb Project: www.etgs.org/txsmith/
Manager: Larry Oliver - oliverl@suddenlink.net
TXGenWeb Archives Project: usgwarchives.net/tx/smith/smittoc.htm
Manager: Larry Oliver - oliverl@suddenlink.net
No recent additions, but Lookup Volunteers & their e-mails are: Geraldine Graves, Nova A. Lemons, Angie Smith, Randy Gilbert — for subjects such as Vital Statistics, Tax Records, District Court Minutes, Obituaries and Civil War Records.



The Clayton Library

If you would like to make a genealogy trip closer to home to do your summer research, don't forget about the Clayton Library in Houston. It is one of the great genealogical treasures of the Deep South. It doesn't matter whether or not you have ancestors in Texas, you will want to check out the blog, posted by guest columnist Sue Kaufmann, director of the Clayton Library on the website of "Genealogical.com" at:

<http://www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com>

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November 6-7, 2009

Omni Hotel San Antonio, 9821 Colonnade
Blvd. at IH 10 N
1-800-TheOmni (843-6664) for reservations

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New Website of Peggy Fox "Locating Your Confederate Forebears"

Peggy Fox has been a guest speaker at ETGS a number of times in the past thirty years. She was formerly director of the Confederate Research Center and Museum, located in Hillsboro, Texas, at the Harold B. Simpson History Complex, Hill College, Hillsboro, Texas. The Center deals only with the War Between the States, and has nearly 5,000 books, brochures, maps and pamphlets on the Civil War, with emphasis on Confederate Military History. Their archives contain original letters, documents, maps and photographs. They keep an extensive file of newspaper and magazine clippings, and subscribe to nearly 60 magazines in the field of southern and military history.

Now that Peggy Fox has retired, she will do research and has created a new website of her own. Visit it at:

<http://www.locatingconfederateforebears.com>

Peggy can be reached by telephone: 254 582-8127 if you have Civil War questions. She is a professional genealogist and Confederate consultant with thirty years of experience. She was the 2006 Silver Star Recipient Civil War Round Table, Austin, Texas.

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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>

“Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever...it remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything.”

~ Aaron Siskind, 1903-1991

ETGS TXGenWeb Page

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

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