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

Sam Kidd, Jr., President
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**Saturday, September 12, 2009, 2:00 p.m.
Tyler Public Library—Taylor Auditorium**

**Program: “Essential Lighting Conditions
for Digital Imaging”**

Speaker: Bill Dow

Many new technologies make finding, recording and sharing information faster and easier than ever, including digitizing and photo editing tools. This lecture will provide digital preservation information to get better scanned images, and covers the nature of light and it's use and effects on subjects of imaging. Of particular interest to genealogists are proper lighting conditions for such things as tombstones, objects, photos and documents. Tips and techniques will be shown for getting the best results for these images. Come learn from an expert!

William B. Dow, Jr., is an award-winning, internationally known, professional photographer and videographer. He retired from a 20-year career as Principal & CEO of a computer consulting business. Bill is also a professional genealogist with over 25 years experience in the field. He is a former director of GENTECH and has lectured at many national, regional and local conferences on Computers, Digital Imaging and Genealogical Methodology. He currently leads the Digital Imaging for Genealogy SIG for the Dallas Genealogical Society.

Computer Interest Group

Rick Featherston, Director

With the advent of notebook computers that cost less than \$350, genealogists may own more than one. It can be expensive with the cost of software licensing. Jeri has researched and used many open source alternatives. She will introduce you to Open Office (Office Suite), Thunderbird (Email), VLC (Media Player), GIMPShop (Photo Editor), Dia (Diagraming Tool), and Web Content Management Systems (Word Press and Joomla)

Jeri J. Steele is an IT professional as well as a professional genealogist. She is a past president of the Dallas Genealogical Society and is a life member of ETGS. Her mother's four great-grandparents were all in Smith county by 1852. Jeri has achieved certification as a Project Manager Professional and as a Computer Hacking Forensic Investigator.

Two Programs in One Just for You!—and Both Are FREE to the Public.

ETGS—VZCGS August Seminar Report



ETGS Smiling Faces Say It All!



Sam and Desmond



Happy Genealogists: Getting Educated

The ETGS—VZCGS Fall Seminar was a big success! Everything went smooth as silk, thanks to all the wonderful members from both societies who made it happen! Friends from near and far found the food, book vendors, educational handouts and door prizes a perfect accompaniment to the entertaining speaker, Desmond Walls Allen. Ninety-four folks learned many things about preserving photos, family papers and heirlooms. There's nothing better than two-partner societies who know how to produce a top notch seminar! Now what for 2010?

Thank Scott Fitzgerald for the Photos!

Get Acquainted Luncheon

Every 4th Thursday

Starting at 11:30 a.m.—Sept. 24, 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. *Sometimes* we solve puzzles there!

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Welcome New Members!

Pat Galloway, Chairman—membership@etgs.org

L. Glenn Littlejohn, Holly Hill, SC

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September Hospitality Committee

Sherry Kidd, Chairman

Delores Bain, Ama Phillips, June Elliott

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Bulletin Board

September 2009

- 1 7:00 pm Gregg County Genealogical Society
- 7:00 pm Smith County Historical Society
- 12 2:00 pm East Texas Genealogical Society**
- 10:00 am Harrison Co. Genealogical Society
- 14 7:00 pm Cherokee Co. Genealogical Society
- 20 7:00 pm Hopkins Co. Genealogical Society
- 7:00 pm Capt. James P. Douglas, SCV
- 19 1:00 pm Rains County Genealogical Society
- 21 7:00 pm Wood County Genealogical Society
- 24 11:30 am Get Acquainted Luncheon at Heartland Ham**
- 24 6:00 pm Athens Genealogy Organization
- 26 2:00 pm Van Zandt Co. Genealogical Society
- 28 7:00 pm Dallas Genealogical Society

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Lloyd Bockstruck Retires from DPL

We are saddened to learn of the recent retirement of Lloyd Bockstruck, well known librarian, speaker, educator, author and genealogy expert, after 36 years of service to the Dallas Public Library. He has presented programs and seminars for ETGS in the past. We wish him much success in whatever endeavor he undertakes. It will take someone with big shoes to fill his place at DPL! Good luck!

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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/>

Report from the Nominating Committee

Once again, the three-member Nominating Committee, composed this year of June Everheart, Pat Galloway and Lucile Hobbs, have worked on your behalf to find new officers and directors to serve our society in 2010. We will vote in November. Presented here are the Candidates—you will be the voters!

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Editor, "East Texas Family Records"	Scott Fitzgerald
Director, Computer Interest Group	Rick Featherston
Director, Marketing & Sales	Mary Beth Ramage
Director 2012	Sam Kidd
Director 2012	June Laswell

Thanks go to our ETGS Nominating Committee for taking on this annual search for our leaders in a new year. And thanks also to all the willing members who accepted jobs! Can you believe a New Year is right around the corner?

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News and Announcements Heads Up!

The **Computer Interest Group** will present something just a bit different for the October Meeting to give each of you a chance to learn how to break down your "**Brick Walls.**" If you have a Brick Wall story successfully climbed that we can learn from, please come tell us. If you have items from the past, bring your "**Memorabilia to Share**" and explain all about it. We are sure to have a great Question and Answer period! Please participate!

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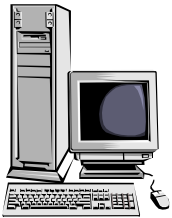
Scott Fitzgerald has finished the Spring Quarterly and the mailing crew, consisting of **Pat Galloway**, who typed and made the labels, then **Mary Beth Ramage**, helped put the labels on, then sorted according to mail categories and took the quarterlies to the post office. The friendly post man put them in your mail box, and you should have the quarterly in your hands by now. Good job, Scott! The Summer issue will be completed in the near future.

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Larry Oliver is welcoming **Frances Grochowski** as his new Co-County Coordinator for the Smith County TXGenWeb Project, which is divided into five sections—History, Places, People, Records and Research. They hope this will help you navigate the web pages and find what you are looking for. The Site Index will be helpful in finding where information is located.

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If you enjoy the quarterly, programs and other projects, take time to thank our volunteers. Better still, become one and volunteer your spare time. We can always use it somewhere.



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
No Recent additions, but check out the website "Repositories" section, including important locations, addresses & telephones.

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 read all about the Gregg County Message Board and how to post a message there...then check out the Family Group Sheet section...important website benefits!

Henderson County:

TXGenWeb Project: <http://www.txgenweb7.org/txhenderson>
Manager: Bunny Freeman - Fouls1223@aol.com and New Assistant, Laura Gregory Calvin.
TXGenWeb Archives Project: usgwarchives.net/tx/henderson/hendertoc.htm
Manager: Scott Fitzgerald - scottfitzgerald@tyler.net
No recent additions, Please review all the Henderson County Surnames...then send in your own surnames, the time period they lived in the county and the town where your people lived.

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. Don't forget to see their Panola County Surname section, then send an email with your own Surnames. You may connect to a cousin, so don't overlook this section on The Panola County website. You can place a query there, too.

Rusk County:

TXGenWeb Project: www.txrusk.com/
Manager: Gina Heffernan - dala@mindspring.com
TXGenWeb Archives Project: usgwarchives.net/tx/rusk/ruskotoc.htm
Manager: Gina Heffernan - dala@mindspring.com
No recent additions. Please see the Rusk County Cemetery Photos. There's a possibility that you may find your people there!

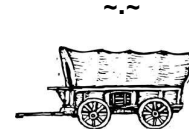
Smith County:

TXGenWeb Project: www.etgs.org/txsmith/
Manager: Larry Oliver - oliverl@suddenlink.net
TXGenWeb Archives Project: usgwarchives.net/tx/smith/smiltoc.htm
Manager: Larry Oliver - oliverl@suddenlink.net
No recent additions, but please welcome **Frances Grochowski** as the new **Co-Coordinator** for Smith County TXGenWeb Project Website. Then, just surf the website—there's a world of info to be found, provided by many volunteers. We invite you to contribute and to share your research with others. Good genealogists do that!



"Ordering Social Security Applications"

If you are looking for names of someone's parents and he/she had a Social Security number, you can purchase a copy of the original application for a Social Security card/number from SSA under the Freedom of Information Act. Applications include the applicant's address, date and place of birth, parents' names, as well as the name and address of his/her employer. Each one costs \$27. Most copies will be accurate and will hopefully match up with information you already have obtained from your other family members. (When you locate a family member in the SSDI on Ancestry.com, go to Page Tools on the left side for the option to automatically generate a letter to request the application.) *Adapted from a tip by Larry Rower, Dover Pennsylvania in Ancestry.com Issue of Monday, August 24, 2009.*



New "First Families of East Texas" Certificate Issued

An Anderson County Certificate was issued to Nancy Franklin Bundrick of Palestine, Texas. She is a direct descendant of Miles Bennett, who was living in Anderson County before December 31, 1850. Miles Bennett was born 26 July 1816 in Indiana and died 24 November 1887 in Anderson County, Texas. He was married to Laura Jordan on 15 June 1848 in Anderson County, Texas.

Information about our First Families of East Texas Certificate program can be found at our web-site at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txetgs/FirstFamilies/firstfam.html>—or you can send a self-addressed stamped envelope to P. O. Box 6967, Tyler, TX 75711-6967. Don't forget to tell us which of our six county applications you need.

September 2-5, 2009

"Passages Through Time"

A Conference for the Nation's Genealogists

Federation of Genealogical Societies

Little Rock, Arkansas

www.fgsconference.org

Louisiana Biography and Obituary Index Now Online At:

<http://www.nutrias.org/~nopl/obits/obits.htm>

"Photography is an instant of time, altering life by holding it still."

~Dorothea Lange, (1895-1965)
American Documentary Photographer

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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>

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