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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, October 10, 2009, 2:00 p.m.
Tyler Public Library—Taylor Auditorium**

Speaker: Linda L. Reynolds

Program: “The East Texas Research Center”

We usher in our East Texas fall season with another unique educational program, presented by Linda L. Reynolds, Director of the well-known East Texas Research Center at the Ralph W. Steen Library, Stephen F. Austin University at Nacogdoches. It's a wonderful place to do research!

As outlined in their brochure, the mission of the East Texas Research Center (ETRC) is to collect, preserve and make available to the public items pertaining to the East Texas geographical region. The ETRC houses collections on manuscripts, photos, books, county, newspapers, oral history, maps, and other archival materials that emphasize eastern Texas life, culture, economy and its history. All of these materials are used for historical and genealogical research by many students, teachers authors, and the general public. The inactive county records housed at ETRC cover Nacogdoches, Rusk, Angelina, Cherokee, Panola, Sabine, San Augustine and Shelby.

Linda Reynolds has a MS from the University of North Texas in Library Science; a BA from Western Illinois University in History and English, and manages the Regional Historical Research Depository for county and local records. In 2008, she became a Certified Archivist, and has presented programs to genealogical and historical societies around the states, including an international quilt symposium in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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“Questions, Brick Walls and Family Memorabilia”

In lieu of a CIG program, something special is planned for the October meeting. It is moderated by Frances Grochowski and Janet Cottle and the program requires your help. Members are invited to supply “show and tell” memorabilia from their ancestors with a five-minute discussion about it. Janice Brown will explain how she successfully scaled several brick walls and the methods used. You can also share the spotlight with your “brick wall” questions. Come prepared by writing them down. We expect a lively question and answer session from all the successful “brick wall” climbers among us! This program depends on you!

Join us—where good minds meet and ideas are born!



“Genealogy with a Mission”

November 6-7, 2009

Texas State Genealogical Society's 2009 Conference in San Antonio is co-hosted by the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society at the Omni Hotel, 9821 Colonnade Blvd. Vendors and door prizes abound. Registration begins Friday, November 6 at 8:00—8:45 a.m. followed throughout the day by two Texas cultural genealogy workshops covering Czech, German, Polish, Jewish, Hispanic, and Scottish, then a business meeting, lunch, partner society sessions, round table small group topical discussions, and the TSGS Awards Banquet featuring David Bowles, Dinner Speaker and author, is from 7:00—9:00 p.m. Awards will be given for Writing, Volunteer, Website, Scholarship, and Grant Winners.

Saturday's registration begins at 8:30-9:00 a.m., followed by the featured speaker, Craig R. Scott, C.G., president and CEO of Heritage Books, Inc. Craig is a professional thirty-year researcher, who specializes in the records of the National Archives, including those relating to the military. He is the author of *The “Lost” Pensions* and has co-authored several books of Northern Virginia records. Four lecture topics will be covered between breaks, open area exhibits, and lunch:

**Researching Colonial Wars
9:00—10:00 a.m.**

**Colonial Land Records
11:00—12:00 Noon**

**Researching Your Mexican War Ancestor
1:30—2:30 p.m.**

**Treasury Records—Follow the Money
3:00—4:00 p.m.**

Address questions to Registrar at:
scottfitzgerald@tyler.net
Or call 903 539-5572.

Get Acquainted Luncheon

Every 4th Thursday

Starting at 11:30 a.m.—October 22, 2009
at the Heartland Ham Co., Old English Village,
3400 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas

Got a genealogy question? Get help from 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. Come say hello to old friends and meet and make new ones. We’re just plain friendly folks! Join us.

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October Hospitality

Sherry Kidd, Chairman

Sunshine Knowles
Isabel Warren
Mary Beth Ramage

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Bulletin Board

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- 6 7:00 pm Gregg County Genealogical Society
- 7:00 pm Smith County Historical Society
- 10 2:00 pm East Texas Genealogical Society**
- 10:00 am Harrison Co. Genealogical Society
- 12 7:00 pm Cherokee Co. Genealogical Society
- 15 7:00 pm Hopkins Co. Genealogical Society
- 7:00 pm Capt. James P. Douglas, SCV
- 17 1:00 pm Rains County Genealogical Society
- 19 7:00 pm Wood County Genealogical Society
- 22 11:30 am Get Acquainted Luncheon at Heartland Ham**
- 22 6:00 pm Athens Genealogy Organization
- 24 2:00 pm Van Zandt Co. Genealogical. Society
- 26 7:00 pm Dallas Genealogical Society

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and Historical Society

with Craig R. Scott, C.G. as featured speaker
Contact Scott Fitzgerald, Registrar, PO Box 7308, Tyler,
Texas 75711, (903) 539-5572, scottfitzgerald@tyler.net
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsaghs/>

Or TSGS at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsags/>

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WOW! Take a look at Wood County's new Website!
Congratulations—great job!
<http://woodtxgene.com>

News and Announcements

You are reminded of the up-coming vote in November for new 2010 officers and directors, offered by the ETGS Nominating Committee: June Everheart, Pat Galloway and Lucile Hobbs.

President	James Sellers
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Director, Marketing & Sales	Mary Beth Ramage

Director 2012	Sam Kidd
Director 2012	June Laswell

Upon approval of a majority vote, our new leaders will be introduced at the December Christmas Party and will take office on January 1, 2010.

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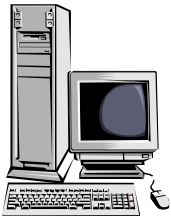
ETGS Executive Board Meeting Notes

Did you ever wonder what on earth we do at the monthly board meetings of ETGS? Well, it goes like this — we assemble at 12:30 p.m. with a call to order by **Sam Kidd**, president, followed by the reading of previous month’s minutes by **Sherry Kidd**, recording secretary. Next comes Officer Reports by treasurer—**Caryn Giesler**; newsletter editor—(yours truly); then quarterly editor—**Scott Fitzgerald**; corresponding secretary—**Susan Newman**; membership, **Pat Galloway**; Marketing—**Mary Beth Ramage**; programs and publicity—**June Everheart**; First Families—**Scott F**; Library—**Michael Vaughn & Scott**; Internet—**Scott**; report of **Rick Featherston**—CIG director. Unfinished business and any updates on various projects are discussed next, such as all of the cemetery projects headed by **Frances Grochowski**, and then any new business comes before the Board. So you can see we all earn our keep! :)

ETGS has always been fortunate to have a very talented and hardworking group...all volunteers...as evidenced by everything you see on our wonderful website—first hosted by **Mary Love Berryman**, followed by **Larry Oliver**, both of whom had volunteers from all over East Texas furnishing new material for our website as well as typing. **Frances Grochowski** now helps **Larry Oliver**.

The same is true of our quarterly, **East Texas Family Records**, which from the beginning was served by county representatives from each of our six counties, who were most knowledgeable about the history and what needed to be furnished and published from their particular county.

Now you know! Our society didn’t “just happen.” A lot of work has gone into ETGS in past years, ever since our organizational meeting in April 1977. And now we take great pride in what we have achieved! **Be a volunteer!**



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: An alphabetical transcription of the 1910 Anderson County Census, generously contributed by Paula and Danny Trigg. This is a wealth of information you can use!

Gregg County:

TXGenWeb Project: <http://txgenes.com/TxGregg/>
Managers: Elaine Martin & Etta Withers—McStumped@suddenlink.net
TXGenWeb Archives Project: usgwarchives.net/txgregg/gregtoc.htm
Manager: Lisa Thomas—lthomas63@yahoo.com
Read all the histories provided on this website: Gregg County, Clarksville, Gladewater, Kilgore, Longview, and White Oak. View the maps provided for surrounding towns and counties.

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
Recent Additions: *Houston Telegraph*—Aug. 21, 1860; *The Eastern Texas Incendiarism* pdf file 9-11-09; Constable James Hopson Killed by Negro at Athens, Dec. 11, 1917; *The Dallas Morning News* pdf file 9-11-09.

Panola County:

TXGenWeb Project: www.txgenweb4.org/txpanola/
Manager: Mary Lee Knight—panolahistory@yahoo.com
TXGenWeb Archives Project: usgwarchives.net/tx/panola/panoltoc.htm
Manager: Lisa Thomas—lthomas63@yahoo.com
Educate yourself about Panola County from 53 helpful research topics, plus other research aids, military links, and data bases. Send in your queries and ask for help from look-up volunteers.

Rusk County:

TXGenWeb Project: www.txrusk.com/
Manager: Gina Heffernan - dala@mindspring.com
TXGenWeb Archives Project: usgwarchives.net/tx/rusk/rusktoct.htm
Manager: Gina Heffernan - dala@mindspring.com
Are your Family Group Sheets listed on the Rusk County website? Check out the announcements, addresses, and on-site research information. You can ask for help from Look-up volunteers, too.

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
You may get the help you need from the Research Section—see the calendar, Lookups, Queries, Family History Center data, Mail List, Links, and Publications. Check out the personal web pages, too, as well as Researchers who will help you for a fee.



Genealogy Tip of the Day

Would you like a FREE newsletter delivered to your email box seven days a week? Expand your genealogy prowess in just a few minutes each day with the popular “*About Genealogy Tip of the Day*” newsletter. Now, you can explore new genealogy research tips and techniques—both beginner and advanced; discover great genealogy sites; check out genealogy tips to make your search for ancestors more fruitful, and join discussions, questions, lessons and/or the chat of the day—for those of you who have questions or who like to learn in an interactive environment. You can visit this helpful website at: <http://genealogy.about.com/library/bltipoftheday.htm>

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1910 Anderson County Census

Scott Fitzgerald and Beverly Odom, Anderson County TX File Managers, report that thanks to Paula and Danny Trigg, an alphabetical transcription of the 1910 census images can be viewed at:

<http://www.usgwarchives.net/tx/anderson/census/1910.htm>

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New Panola Cemetery Book

The Walnut Springs Cemetery, a 262-page book, contains color photos of all cemetery headstones, along with decedent family information printed above the headstone photo. On the backside of the page, is a complete obituary (not an abstract). Each page is printed on cover stock paper. The book is spiral bound. Headstones are arranged in alphabetical order. Plans are to annually update new photos for insertion as new burials take place in the cemetery, thus it makes an on-going document. The book sells for \$115.00, plus \$12.50 shipping if the book is mailed. The printer charged \$65 and the remaining \$50.00 is donated toward the upkeep of the Walnut Springs Cemetery. *The Marshall News Messenger*, Marshall, TX published a feature story about the book in their Sunday, August 30, 2009 edition, “Lifestyle” section. Download it online by visiting their website. Contact the authors, Robbie Sutlive at pquip@sydcom.net or Edna Crawford at ecfoggy@yahoo.com to order this book. If purchasing, make check payable to Edna Crawford. Mail to 765 CR 241, Beckville, TX 75631.

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Preparing, Protecting and Preserving Family Treasures

Last month, Desmond Walls Allen told us many ways to protect the family heirlooms we possess. Now see the website of the Library of Congress, offered below.

<http://www.locweb.loc.gov/preserv/familytreasures/index.html>.

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“Our greatest responsibility is to be good ancestors.”

~ Jonas Salk (1914-1995, US physician and microbiologist)

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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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