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Saturday, November 14, 2009, 2:00 p.m.
Tyler Public Library
Taylor Auditorium

Speaker: David Hanover

Program: "Sons of the Republic of Texas"

Texas has a rich, unique history compared to all the other states, created from part of the Mexican state Coahuila y Tejas and formed as a break-away republic from Mexico as a result of the Texas Revolution in 1835. The state once claimed borders encompassing an area that included all of the present U. S. state of Texas, as well as parts of present-day New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and Wyoming, based upon the Treaties of Velasco between the newly created Texas Republic (1836-1845) and Mexico. Many of the important historical dates in Texas history celebrated today had their origins before and during the time when Texas was an independent Republic, from March 2, 1836 to February 19, 1846.

If you have ancestors who are direct lineal descendents of those who settled the Republic of Texas, prior to February 19, 1846, when Texas merged with the United States as the 28th state, you are eligible to apply for membership in the Sons of the Republic of Texas. The SRT traces its origins back to April 1893 and the Texas Veterans Association, which was comprised of members that actually lived in the Republic of Texas.

Our guest speaker, David Hanover, a seventh generation Texan, will give an overview of the Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) including a brief history, purpose, mission, goals, and membership requirements. He has served the SRT Piney Woods Chapter, Tyler, in all leadership capacities and as Northeast District Representative for SRT. Hanover currently serves on the SRT Speakers Bureau and is chairman of the SRT Texas Navy Committee. In 2007, he was commissioned as an Admiral in the Texas Navy; he is also a member of Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, and the Texas Navy Association.

"How To Do Genealogy for SRT"

Stan Stokes, SRT North East District Representative, will conduct a computer interest group and give important tips about how to discover your Republic of Texas ancestors, and he is familiar with membership requirements for both the SRT and the DRT.

2010 Election of Officers

Come prepared to vote in November for new 2010 officers and directors, offered by the ETGS Nominating Committee: June Everheart, Pat Galloway and Lucile Hobbs.

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Upon approval of a majority vote, our new 2010 officers and directors will be introduced at our December Christmas Party and will take office in January.

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Where Has All The Time Gone?...

Believe it or not, a year has almost gone by and it's time to consider paying your 2010 membership dues. Individual and family dues are still the same—only \$20, and for that, you receive four quarterlies, *East Texas Family Records*, twelve newsletters, educational seminars, great monthly programs. Combined, all of these resources will aid in improving your genealogy skills, and *that* will save you time and money. Join us! We meet the second Saturday of every month.

Send your dues today to: ETGS, P. O. Box 6967, Tyler, TX 75711 - Attention: Pat Galloway, Membership Chairman.

Get Acquainted Luncheon

Normally every 4th Thursday
Because of Thanksgiving we are changing to:

Tuesday Nov. 24, 2009 starting at 11:30 a.m.
at the Heartland Ham Co., Old English Village,
3400 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas

Come and go at our "lunch bunch" get-togethers for like-minded folks who enjoy chatting about anything and everything genealogy or history. Dutch Treat Lunch, the timing depends on your own schedule. Ask questions—someone just may have the answer to your "brick wall" puzzle. :) We're full of ideas and sometimes, solutions!

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Renewal and New Members!

Pat Galloway, Chairman—membership@etgs.org

If you send in your dues early, you won't have to think about it in December. Thank you!

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HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Sherry Kidd, Chairman

Debbie Warren, Lorene Conaway, and Billye Nolan

Bulletin Board

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- 3 7:00 pm Gregg County Genealogical Society
- 7:00 pm Smith County Historical Society
- 9 7:00 pm Cherokee Co. Genealogical Society
- 10:00 pm Harrison Co. Genealogical Society
- 2:00 p.m. East Texas Genealogical Society**
- 16 7:00 pm Wood County Genealogical Society
- 19 7:00 pm Hopkins Co. Genealogical Society
- 7:00 pm Capt. James P. Douglas, SCV
- 21 1:00 pm Rains County Genealogical Society
- 23 7:00 pm Dallas Genealogical Society
- 24 11:30 am Get Acquainted Luncheon at Heartland Ham**

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Thanksgiving Blessings

For each new morning with its light
For rest and shelter of the night
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

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A Unique Christmas Gift!

An ETGS membership is a great value for the money. Why not think of giving one or more to your favorite family members? The benefits are many—regular monthly meetings and annual seminars, plenty of networking opportunities, sharing ideas, information and exchanging tips. The newsletter, quarterly, and websites are just icing on the cake. It's a fine way to meet old friends and make new ones!

News and Announcements

Our long-time webmaster, **Larry Oliver**, has resigned his duties as manager of the Smith County TXGenWeb and as Smith County Manager, TXGenWeb Project Archives, but the good news is he will remain manager of the ETGS Website. And more good news—**Frances Grochowski** has agreed to become manager of the two sites Larry just vacated. Our thanks are extended to both of you for all the good work you both do for our Society! Everybody should browse the websites that represent our organization. See page three of this newsletter under "*Web Pages and E-mail Addresses with Recent Additions to County Archives.*"

Our websites contain a world of genealogical resources to help you fill in your blanks and puzzle pieces! And while you are at it, see if you have family information, bios, obits, or photos to contribute to the listed County Managers. They can use your help as well as all of our readers! It may also result in finding new cousins who will see your contributions to your particular county.

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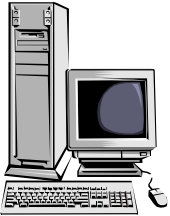
Interesting Survey Results

Most of you probably know Dick Eastman through his top-notch "*Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*," but if you don't subscribe to his FREE edition, you should. It's one of the most universally used newsletters and will keep you up-to-date on everything worthwhile in the field of genealogy. Dick recently conducted a genealogical survey and you may enjoy seeing the answers to one of his questions. **Question: Which online web sites do you use frequently? Please check all that apply.** Here are the resulting replies:

1. Ancestry (including Ancestry.com, ancestry.ca, ancestry.co.uk, etc)84.5%
2. FamilySearch.org: 83.9%
3. RootsWeb: 73.2%
4. FindAGrave:45.7%
5. Footnote.com: 34.9%
6. EllisIsland.org: 26.8%
7. Other: 26.7%
8. NewEnglandAncestors.org: 21.2%
9. Library and Archives Canada: 16.7%
10. FamilyTreeDNA:14.9% 14.9%
11. GenealogyBank: 13.8%
12. ScotlandsPeople: 8.8%
13. NewsBank: 7.7%
14. 1837Online: 4.5%
15. OneGreatFamily.com: 3.8%
16. Yad Vashem: 2.3%
17. AncestorsOnBoard: 1.8%
18. GeneTree: 1.4%

Dick Eastman's newsletter is educational and widely read by professionals as well as beginners. Visit his web site, read his biography, read his newsletter, see comments from subscribers, and subscribe "free" at:

<http://www.eogn.com>



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: Wood Bros. photo found at Anderson County Historical Commission (thanks to Bev Odom); Thomas & Sarah Hanks Tombstone Photo in Antioch Cemetery; updated Antioch Cemetery Transcription; Confederate Burials and possible burials in Anderson Co.; Bonner Family Records; 1910 Census A thru Z.

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
Post a message to the Gregg County Message Board; submit your Family Group Sheet to get the best exposure by being posted to the Gregg county site and to the state Family Group Sheet Project.

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: Miller-Lightfoot Cemetery updated photos added, obits for Bobby Eugene Head, Mary Litchfield J. T. Murry, Joseph Murry ,10/10/09; and Courthouse Fire. Feb 1885 (10/10/09); F. A. Hunt, County Clerk, Suicide July 1887 (10/10/09).

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
Visit the website section with 24 Panola Communities and Early Schools; *submit your history or photos for a community or school*; visit "The Beckville Weekly Times" Vol. 1 #22 edition of Aug.1912.

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
Recent additions: Updated Maps, Cemeteries, Churches and Historical Markers; History of Smyrna Baptist Church; Photos and transcriptions for Crow Cemetery and Concord Cemetery.

Smith County:

TXGenWeb Project: www.etgs.org/txsmith/
Manager: Frances Grochowski-frankieski@ aol.com
TXGenWeb Archives Project: usgwarchives.net.tx/smith/smiltoc.htm
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No recent additions, but visit the Records section, containing Bible, Census, Cemeteries, Churches, Confederate Pension Files, Family History Center, Land, Medical, Military, Newspapers, and Probate.



Name Changes

Ancestors who changed their name created nightmares for today's researchers. That process is accomplished now in a court proceeding, but in the early days name changes had to be by legislation act. For a complete list of all name changes by legislative act in Georgia from 1800—1856, go to:

<http://www.westberrymoses.com/main/files/namechange.pdf>

Thanks to Mike Vaughn for this information. (If you have found a helpful website that others need to know about, please e-mail your editor at the address on the back of this newsletter. Sharing is our motto!)

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Miller-Lightfoot Cemetery Cleanup Needs Helping Hands

The Miller-Lightfoot Cemetery, Henderson County, TX, a private and abandoned cemetery for decades, is scheduled for cleanup Saturday, November 7, at 8:00 a.m. The burial of Nancy Lightfoot in 1880 is believed to be the first, with the last burial being Mollie Dalton Miller, who died February 26, 1930. Fifteen known Millers and nine known Lightfoots are buried there, plus Howards, Garners, Nugents and Stones. Ancestors and community volunteers are asked to help restore the cemetery or to help with donations toward purchase of supplies. To offer help and so they will know how many to expect, or for directions to the cemetery or for information, e-mail Laura G. Roberts at laura9102@yahoo.com or call 903-675-4922, or you can contact Judy Reena Lamb-McGaha—e-mail judymc1976@hotmail.com, or call 512-947-6580. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

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Anderson County Book

The *Palestine Herald Press* recently included an article and photo of new officers of the Anderson County Historical Commission, which includes our own Beverly Odom, as secretary. Beverly is looking for old photographs that might be used for their new project, a pictorial history or stories about Anderson County. The commission is currently assembling historic images of schools, churches, industries, families, communities and stories that go with them. Anyone who has photos or stories to be considered for the book may contact Beverly Odom, 903 723-0576. Bring the photos in to be scanned and they will be handed right back, or if need be, they offer to pick up the photos or go to the person to get their stories. The ACHS office is located at 101 East Oak Street inside the Federal Building in downtown Palestine. You can email: achccommission@yahoo.com.

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**A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue,
But the parent of all the other virtues. ~ Cicero**

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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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