

East Bell County Genealogical Society Newsletter

APRIL 2010

Meeting Date & Time

Third Tuesday each month

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Temple Public Library

McLane Room, Third Floor

101 North Main Street

Temple, TX 76502

Next Meeting: April 20

April Program

Speaker: Sandi Wicker, Director of the
Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy Center
North 3rd Street
Temple

“As executive Director of the Czech Heritage Museum & Genealogy Center I would love to be able to honestly say I am of Czech Descent. After all, I would have all of this wonderful research material at my fingertips every day and, perhaps, I could speak a few Czech words. As it is, I am a 5th generation Texas and can honestly brag about being a "Heinz 57." I have traced my family back to London in the 1600's and am working on my husband's. The only background I don't have is Czech, which gave me a lot of room to learn!

I was born in Texarkana, about two blocks from Stateline, and grew up in Houston. In 1976 I moved to Bell County and felt like I had "come home." I am blessed with two daughters, one son, eight grandsons, and one beautiful granddaughter.

I am a graduate of The University of Texas with a degree in Studio Art, and Temple College with an associate degree in Art and certification in Electronic Data Processing. I have done some graduate work with Texas Tech University.

Other than my family, my biggest passion is Texas history, which led to my current professional position. I have learned that the story of the Czech immigration to Texas was similar in many ways to the immigration of my grandmother from Sweden and my grandfather from Denmark into the Lone Star State in the mid 1800's. The lure of the "new" country with the promise of land and the ability to start a new life; the difficulty learning a new language and assimilating onto a different society; and the severe trials of leaving family and home in Europe to travel across an ocean to an unknown future were similarities many experienced. It took extreme faith, bravery, and an independent nature to thrive in Texas. I thank God every day that He put me in Texas! “

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EAST BELL COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

16 MARCH 2010

President Claude Tate called the meeting to order at 6:30PM, Tuesday 16 March 2010 in the McLane Room at the Temple Public Library.

President Tate asked everyone to introduce them self and name the lines they are working on.. The following were guests: Carrie Kline, Fred Lowry, Bernice Hansen, and Debbie Yowell Farley.

The meeting was called as security from the library came and told us they were closing the library due to toxic fumes.

Respectfully submitted,

Millie Brown, Secretary

New at the Temple Public Library:

New Microfilm at the Temple Public Library

First Baptist Church Records 1805-1889; Chatham County (Savannah) Georgia. 3 reels

Bethel Baptist Church (Heard County, Ga.) Church Records 1828-1901

Elkton General Store Account Book, Giles County Tennessee 1854-1855

Mount Morik Baptist Church records 1838-1941

Mt Olivet Primitive Baptist Church Records, Lincoln County Tennessee 1826-1963

Lincoln County, Tennessee Miscellaneous Records 1800-1973 (store account records) 3 reels

Wilkes County Georgia Church Records

Beverdam Baptist church records 1838-1876

Phillips Mill Baptist Church records 1785-1948

Rehoboth Baptist Church records 1806-1933

Sardis Baptist Church records 1805-1951

Washington Baptist Church records 1827-1905

Important News for Researchers: Article from

<http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org/Content-Public/Page-Edit/Page.asp?iID=-395381400>

HOURS OF OPERATION TO BE CUT FOR CLAYTON LIBRARY, AND PLANNED FRIDAY CLOSING

To Members of the Genealogical Community:

On Thursday, April 1st, 2010, Dr. Rhea Lawson, Director, Houston Public Library, presented a report to the City Council concerning a required reduction of operating hours in all Houston libraries (including special collections) due to drastic budget cuts city-wide. This proposal had already been approved by Mayor Parker prior to its presentation to council.

Effective April 17th, 2010, open hours at Clayton Library for Genealogical Research hours will be:

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10-6;

Wednesday 10-8;

Saturday 10-5;

Library CLOSED on Friday and Sunday

Please take a moment to send comments regarding the reduction of access hours to the Clayton Library's unique, reference, non-circulating collection to: **Ms. Meller Langford, Houston Public Library, Deputy Director of Public Services, 500 McKinney, Houston, TX 77002**. Comments should also be made to your individual City Councilperson in support of Clayton Library and the fact that **Clayton Library is not like other regional and neighborhood libraries where books/records can be checked out for use at home**. Limiting the hours the Clayton Library is open unduly restricts records and research access. Comment forms may also be obtained at the library for your convenience.

Online comments may be made at: <http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/services/comments.html> [You may have to copy this and paste it into your browser.]

If you are not a member of Clayton Library Friends, you are encouraged to join. Dues are used to enrich the Clayton collection www.ClaytonLibraryFriends.org.

To volunteer at the Clayton library, contact Clayton library volunteer coordinator Steven Bychowski at steven.bychowski@cityofhouston.net.

Alice Braud-Jones, President
Clayton Library Friends

Texas Events 2010



- **June 26, 2010, "From Sea to Shining Sea". Central Texas Area Museum Annual Sommer Genealogy workshop. 8:00am to 4:00pm. For more information visit <http://ctam-salado.org/Genework/genework.html>**
- **July 15, 16, and 17, 2010, 14th Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference. For more information visit: <http://www.angelina.edu/genealogy/genealogy.html>**

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Rent LDS microfilms through The Temple Public Library:

The Temple Public Library is now a depository for microfilm from the LDS Library.

Rental is \$5.50 per reel

Go to LDS website catalogue to see what is available on microfilm. See Michael Kelsey at the Temple Public Library for information or rental.

Reminder:

Annual dues for the upcoming year are due by January 2010.

Individuals are \$12, Family \$15

Please contact Treasurer

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