



Keys To The Present

Newsletter of the Genealogical Society of Kendall County, Inc.

Feb. 19 Meeting at St. John's Anglican Church

GHSKC members will return to St. John's Anglican Church, 7 Sisterdale Road, for the next two meetings as the Board seeks a new location for future meetings. The meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Historian Glen Treibs will speak on *German Settlers in the Hill Country* at the February 19 meeting of the Genealogical and Historical Society of Kendall County.

Treibs taught Texas history in Fredericksburg schools for many years and is a descendant of German settlers to the Hill Country

area. All eight of the families of his great grandparents settled in the Gillespie County area around 1840, and are still there 162 years later. Gillespie County was formed in 1848 from Bexar and Travis counties.

Treibs has been active in the Gillespie County Historical Commission, the Gillespie County Historical Society and The German Texan Heritage Society. He is a past president of the Texas State Teachers Association.

After the talk and a short refreshment break, the business meeting will be held.

2011 Directories Ready

The 2011 Membership directories will be available for members to pick up at either the meeting on the 19th, or at The Family History Place. It will be mailed by Chairman Carol Smith to members living outside of the area or unable to attend a meeting. In addition to names and member contact information, the Directory has the new By-Laws and Standing Rules; a list of officers, committee chairmen, and The Family History Place Volunteers; the annual calendar, and more.

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Upcoming Events

February 19, 2011

GSKC Meeting

Early Germans in Hill Country
St. John's Anglican Church

March 19 2011

GSKC Meeting

Book Repair & the Cemetery

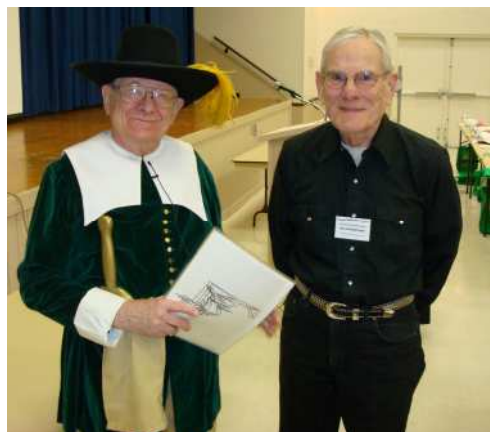
Librarian Bruce Mergele

April 10-17, 2011

Research Trip to Salt Lake City

7th Annual Family History Big Success

Most of the 133 people who registered for the Seminar came despite the freezing temperatures that had badgered the Hill Country for several days. Their Seminar Evaluations expressed their delight at our choice of speaker; and of the food served before the Seminar began, at breaks, and at lunch. Thanks to the efforts of Co-chairmen Nancy McLarry and Linda Stephens and their crew of volunteers, before and during the Seminar, the entire production went smoothly. Pictured left below is Linda Stephens holding the basket for Audrey Jellett, to draw door prize winners for Nancy McLarry to announce. On the right is Dr. George Schweitzer in a Colonial Maryland costume and Bob Goldsborough.



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Gwen's Gems

By President Gwen Adrian February 2011

What a wonderful Seminar!!! Following three days with temperatures in the teens and twenties, the roads cleared, the sun came out, and Dr. Schweitzer's plane (with Dr. Schweitzer) landed right on time! Everything after that was great! -- the dinner, the weather, the seminar food, the attendance, and, of course, Dr. Schweitzer's entertaining and substantive presentations. Special kudos go to Nancy McLarry and Linda Stephens for co-chairing the event! They did a splendid job and were helped by many Society members. Many thanks to all of you who helped make our Seventh Annual Hill Country Seminar a success. Thanks, too, to Judge Gaylan Schroeder and Mayor Dan Heckler for welcoming visitors to Kendall County and Boerne. If we are very fortunate, Nancy and Linda may also chair our seminar next year – if we let them do it their way. I think their way is superlative!

On Monday, January 31st, several members gathered to work on assembling the new Kendall County First Families books that will contain the 2010 applications from the twenty 2010 First Families inductees. With this great help, we should soon have the new books on the shelves. Thanks to Erle Adrian, Janice Brazil, Stephen Bishop, Mary Jean Gourley, Carol Smith, and Louise Taylor.

At our Saturday, February 19th regular meeting we have a very special speaker, Glen Treibs. Mr. Treibs taught Texas history in the Fredericksburg schools for many years and is a descendant of German settlers to the Hill Country area. All eight of the families of his great grandparents settled in the Gillespie County area around 1840. Gillespie County was formed in 1848. As Mr. Treibs said, he is definitely a "local yokel"; his family being in the Gillespie County area for 162 years. He has been very active in the Gillespie County Historical Commission, the Gillespie County Historical Society, The German Texan Heritage Society, and also served as President of the Texas State Teachers Association. He will speak on the German settlers in the Hill Country, especially Gillespie County. His talk will be guided by your questions about the people and history of the area. He has many wonderful stories, understands well the German "personality", and is very knowledgeable about the history of the Texas Hill Country and its people. Hearing him speak is a very special "Deutsch" treat.

Our active Society is something most of us are enjoying and to which most of us contribute. We are earnestly searching for additional support to maintain our facilities, and any suggestions that you may have are most welcome. Best wishes to you all. Happy Valentine's Day! Gwen Adrian



Attendees gather for > start of the Seminar. Some are still partaking of the Continental Breakfast in back left corner; while others are still browsing at Books & Things tables in separate room.

< Many hands filled the Tote Bags at The Place before the Seminar.



<Dr. Schweitzer, dressed in uniform of Revolutionary War militia soldier discusses a point with Ed Mergle.

Vicky Zapf had some > questions for Dr. Schweitzer about her Scots-Irish Ancestors after his talk..

(Photos by Jerry Ball)





Happenings at The PlaceNew Books

In addition to the 400 plus books about KY, TN, SC, NC, MD, PA, TX and other states that we received between October and December 2010, the following titles have been cataloged since Jan 1, 2011.

Tennessee records of Giles County; miscellaneous wills
 Vital statistics, Floyd County, Kentucky 1852-1904
 Magoffin County, Kentucky marriages 1st fifty years
 Magoffin County, Kentucky marriages 1910 - 1950, Vol. 3
 Magoffin County Kentucky cemeteries, Volume I
 Magoffin's first century – history
 Generations : Ledford Family
 Pocahontas, alias Matoaka, and her descendants
 A Crocker genealogy, 1639-1993
 Johnson-Mitchell ancestry with allied families
 The Doane family
 Family reunion handbook : a guide for reunion planners
 Madison County, Georgia censuses, 1820-1860
 William Bloodworth of Cambridgeshire, England and his descendants

The genealogical register of the family of Alfred Day, 1794-1886, and Lydia Calkins Day
 Sumach on the hill : history of the Sumach Cumberland Presbyterian Church 1846 -1976
 Local and family history in South Carolina : a bibliography
 The life, times, and treacherous death of Jesse James
 The descendants of William White, of Haverhill, Mass
 Richard Warren of the Mayflower, and his descendants for four generations
 Robert Bartlett of the ""Anne"" and his descendants for four generations
 Descendants of Jesse and Rhoda Hill
 Kings Mountain Battle
 The Doane family
 Divided we stand Yearbook, Boerne Middle School North
 Medical history records of Fort Sill, I. T., and Oklahoma 1873-1880 and 1903-1913
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Minutes of the Genealogical Society of Kendall County

10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 15, 2011

President Gwen Adrian opened the January regular meeting at the Hungry Horse Restaurant with a welcome to all members and visitors present. Minutes as printed in the Keys To The Present newsletter were accepted as printed.

Harry Dell, Treasurer, presented reports of present net worth, transactions since last meeting and cash flow report for 2010. Copies were available for review by members if desired. Report is attached to minutes.

President Gwen said the location for our regular meetings is still pending and thanked Hungary Horse their hospitality for this meeting. She also requested donations to enable further funding for expenses the Family History Place.

Membership chairman, Carol Smith, announced as of 1/14/11 that 121 members had paid their dues. Jack Charles stated that from Jan. 2010 to Aug. 2010 there were 1900 volunteers hours documented at The Family History Place and Boerne Library. Hours were not documented for everyone who assisted the move to FHP. Stephen Bishop topped the list with 180 hours, with Mary Alice Dell and Harry Dell running second and third. He reports there are 27 volunteers presently at FHP. He requests more to step up as there are openings in all capacities.



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Gwen announced the date for 2011 Seminar as Feb. 5, at the Boerne Convention Center. Nancy and Linda state that 200 totes have been donated by USAA. HEB and Broadway Bank have also been supportive for syllabus ads.

Volunteer meeting for assembling the newest First Family books will be at 10 AM Mon. Jan. 31. She explained to newcomers that First Families dates are prior to 1862, while Early Settlers dates are between 1862 and 1899.

Librarian, Bruce Mergele, thanked Cathy Schwarz for all her unending work cataloging new books – and more. Cathy and Bruce are currently labeling and shelving new books as they arrive.

Discussion regarding the Salt Lake City trip, April 10-17, reminds us there will be 2 training sessions to prepare goals for efficient research. Gwen has more information for anyone interested in joining the group.

Mary Alice Dell requests a committee chairman and volunteers for the cookbook project we began last year. Meeting will be at FHP Mon. Jan.24 at 10AM. She reminded us that the previous cookbook netted quite a profit for the society.

Gwen also proposed possibly combining the Society's 30th Anniversary and our First Family celebration planned for Oct. 15, 2011.

Mary Alice said requests have been made regarding evening and Sat. hours for research and requests membership input. She presented a visual reviewing FHP availabilities for research and reminded members there are books from all over – not just Texas. More books are being received. After the informative presentation, President Gwen adjourned the meeting. Submitted by Gladys Kuebel, Secretary..



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Welcome New Members

Bob and Barbara Baker
Gretchen & Sandy Barr
JoAnn Boerner
Berry & Jane Breining
John Brazil
Patricia Butler
Joyce Clair
Amy E. Harris
Patt Heffel
Linda Nielson-Reynolds
Vance Wilson
Cypress Grill

Going to Salt Lake City?

It is not too late to join the group of researchers going to Salt Lake City April 10-17 to visit the Family History Library. That is the place you are most likely to find the answers to your genealogical problems. There are over 2 million microfilmed records from county, state and federal agencies. Thousands of books containing extracted records and family histories. All this plus help in searching the records. Call Gwen today!

- Obion County history of Tennessee
- The Lesley E. Voorhees records
- Marriage book 1, 1864-1887 Bradley County, Tennessee
- Vital records; Rhode Island, 1500s-1900s
- 400 years with a New England Lewes-Lewis family
- Descendants of Cornelius Autry, Edgecombe Co. NC & Neil Culbreth, Sampson Co. NC
- Descendants of Richard Knowles, 1637-1973
- Sears Genealogical Family History
- 1815 Rowan County, North Carolina, tax list
- Searching on location : planning a research trip
- The Ohio blue book
- Your family records : how to preserve personal, financial & legal history
- Irish and Scotch-Irish ancestral research 2 volumes
- Biographical and historical memoirs of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana
- Maryland Colonization Society Manumission Book, 1832-1860
- Goodspeed's History of Maury, Williamson, Rutherford, Wilson, Bedford, and Marshall Counties of Tennessee
- McLennan County TX - before 1980
- Pittsylvania County, Virginia, abstracts of wills, 1768-1800
- The 1840 census of the Republic of Texas
- Natchitoches, 1729-1803 : abstracts of the Catholic church registers of the French and Spanish post of St. Jean Baptiste des Natchitoches in Louisiana
- Early landowners of Maryland
- Kerrville Mountain sun and Kerrville advance obituary and death notice index, 1898-1965
- Genealogies of Virginia families H-P & R-Z the Virginia magazine of history and biography
- Territory town, the Ardmore OK story
- Research guide to Oklahoma tribes: Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee, Creek, and Seminole
- Members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of TX – 2 volumes
- Marriage records of early Texas, 1824-1846
- The History & heritage of Goliad County
- Indian wars and pioneers of Texas
- Famous trees of Texas
- Ohio guide to genealogical records including maps, histories, charts and other helpful materials
- Floyd County, Georgia, 1860 census