



Keys To The Present

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First Families To Celebrate 10th Year

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Members are urged to attend the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the First Family program on October 3 to welcome returning descendants who have received certificates in the past and this years awardees, said Gwen Adrian, Chairman of the Celebration. It's a good time to wear the blue GSKC logo shirts.

Twenty six different descendants will receive one or more certificates recognizing them as members of the First Families of Kendall County. Twenty eight Founders and Settlers will be honored.

Twenty four of these Founders and Settlers have been

proven and will be honored for the first time. This is the largest number ever recognized and certificates



Laverne Peterson examines the books with pictures, documents and family charts of Founders and Settlers previously honored.

awarded at an annual award ceremony since the program was started.

County Judge Gaylan Schroeder will welcome attendees. Regina Adam and Mary Taylor will present the certificates. Bryden Moon will present a Salute to Founders and Settlers. Terry Slezak accompanied by Joyce Bowman will sing German songs honoring the many early German immigrants. A light lunch and celebratory cake will be served after the program.

The Celebration will be at St John Lutheran Church, 315 Rosewood, at 10 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Oct 3
First Family Celebration
10.a.m.
St John Lutheran Church

Computer Genies
Thursday, Oct 15
1:30 p.m. BPL

Texas State Genealogical Conference & Seminar
Nov 6-7
Omni Hotel , SA

GSKC Asks City for Deadline Extension

Since members and the Executive Committee were not aware until the meeting Sept 19 that there was a deadline of Sept 21 for advising the Library of the decision of the Society about donating their books to the City, members voted to ask for an extension of the deadline until the November meeting. Four members of the Executive Committee signed a letter, given to the Library Director on the

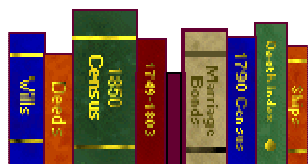
21st, requesting an extension and again suggesting a long term loan of the books and asking for the details of the contract the Society would be required to sign.

The Extension was granted but only until October 12. It will be difficult for a meeting of members to be scheduled on a Saturday before then that would not conflict with the First Family Celebration or other

lineage society meetings. Officers are attempting to negotiate a later deadline for the decision to give time for GSKC to meet prior to the scheduled November meeting. Harry Dell, Chairman of the Alternate Location Committee plans to have more details for members regarding other possible locations to aid the members in making the decision at that meeting.

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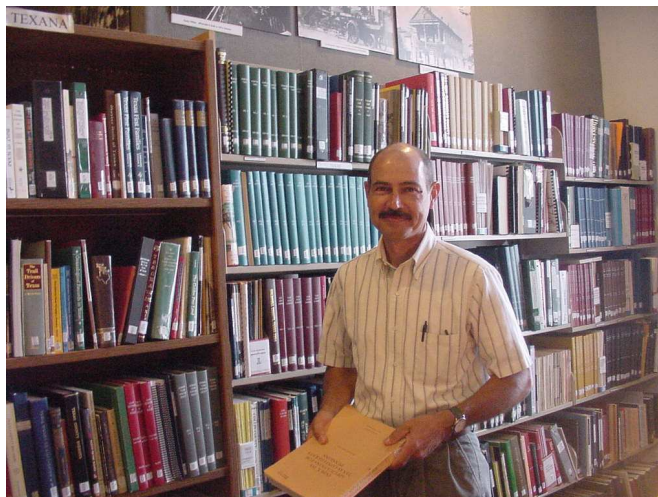


Library News by Bruce Mergele

Cathy Schwarz and Bruce Mergele completed an inventory of the GSKC Collection this summer. Books that were not owned by the GSKC were moved to other areas of the Library at the request of the Library Director. We were told this was accomplished mainly for the need to identify BPL's books for insurance purposes.

This inventory and shelf reading identified numerous titles that were either mislabeled, improperly shelved, or had errors in their bibliographic records. These deficiencies were corrected.

The abundance of empty space left in some areas was filled by re-shelving part of the Collection to reduce their packed condition. Newly acquired books were cataloged into the Collection after this was done. Additional shelves and bookends are still required by the Collection as some materials are in storage. Following are the titles of the 28 books that have been added since April:



Bruce Mergele checks a book in the GSKC Collection

- Census Substitutes & State Census Records, Vol. 1 Eastern States* by William Dollarhide
Early Settlers, Otto Rust & Wilhelmine "Nina" Bertels Rust
Mayflower Families, Vols. 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,11 (2 vols) 12,14,18
My Wild Irish Rose by Sharon D. Carmack Donated by Terri James
Arkansas Land Patents: Clark County (granted through 30 June 1908), prepared by Desmond Walls Allen
Arkansas Confederate pension applications from Clark, Garland, Hot Spring, Montgomery, and Pike Counties, compiled by Desmond Walls Allen
Louisiana 1911 census: Confederate veterans or widows, compiled by Loretta E. Burn.
Heads of families at the first census of the United States taken in the year 1790 – New York, United States, Department of Commerce and Labor, Bureau of the Census
Thomas Joy and his descendants, in the lines of Samuel of Boston, Joseph of Hingham, Ephraim of Berwick: a portfolio of family papers, compiled by James Richard Joy
Ancestors and descendants of Charles Humphries (d.1837) of Union District, South Carolina: including records from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, and other states, by Brent Howard
1830 Census – Middle Tennessee, transcribed and indexed by Byron Sistler
1830 Census – West Tennessee, transcribed and indexed by Byron Sistler
Union County Cemeteries: epitaphs of 18th and 19th Century settlers in Union County, South Carolina and their descendants, compiled and edited by Mrs. E.D. Whaley, Sr.
Cherokee County [Alabama] History, 1836-1956, volumes 1 and 2, by Mrs. Frank Ross Stewart.
Heads of families at the second census of the United States taken in the year 1800 – Vermont, U.S. Census Office.
Heads of families at the first census of the United States taken in the year 1790 – Maine, U.S. Census Office.

Minutes of the September 19 meeting of the Genealogical Society of Kendall County

Meeting was called to order by President, Don Evans. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and to the Texas Flag. President Evans welcomed everyone. Attendance consisted of 61 members and 4 guests. A non-member friend of the President was introduced by him and named as the parliamentarian. The parliamentarian led us in prayer.

Nancy James, Chairman of the 6th Annual Hill Country Family History Seminar (to be held January 30, 2010), reported that Curt Witcher, Manager for the Genealogy Center of the Allen Co. Public Library, Fort Wayne IN, will be the speaker. The topics have been chosen by the committee. She has three bids for catering. Nancy stated a volunteer was needed to chair the pre-seminar dinner on Friday night.

Mary Taylor reported that she and Regina Adam have processed more applications for First Family Certificates than in any previous year.

Gwen Adrian reported the First Family Celebration will be October 3, in the Family Life Center, St. John Lutheran Church at 10:00 am. This will be our Tenth Annual Celebration with presentation of certificates, a program by Bryden Moon, music by Terry Slezak, and a light lunch. Prior honorees and their families have been invited.

Bruce Mergele, our new Librarian, was introduced and welcomed to our Society.

Treasurer Harry Dell gave the financial report as of September 18, 2009, stating the net worth as of that day was \$11,782.70. (copy attached). He announced that \$5000.00 of the Society's checking account funds were moved to Frost Bank with a smaller amount remaining at Guaranty Bank, now owned by BBVA Compass. Our two CDs and our safe deposit box also remain with BBVA Compass.

Corresponding Secretary Alexis Markert reported membership of 182 on September 18, an increase of 45 new members since our last meeting on May 19.

As Chairman of the Alternate Location Committee, Harry Dell stated there are 5 alternate sites which have been considered for location of the Genealogical Society Collection. On one location furnishings and some equipment may be available. There are potential grants available. The Dienger Building is currently being pursued by a private group and is one of the locations. Among the five is also a commercial building that will require some electrical and plumbing updating, ceiling tile replacement and painting. A non-disclosed public building is also being considered that would be rent-free. Issues concerning cost of equipment, insurance, etc. were touched upon, with no answers available at this point. Some office equipment (copier, laser printer) has been donated for use of GSKC.

President Evans then read a letter he received from Kelly Skovbjerg, BPL Director, dated August 17, 2009, stating the need for signed commitment to donate our materials to BPL to be returned by September 21, 2009. Contract between the City of Boerne and GSKC would be drawn up after this commitment is received. (copy of letter attached) A discussion followed the reading.

A motion was made by Judy McVay and seconded by Mary Taylor to donate the collection to the City BPL. By a motion by Harry Dell, seconded by Tom Page, Judy's motion was tabled until the November meeting. Don's non-member parliamentarian announced that a motion to table required a 2/3 vote to pass. He was corrected by Stu Adamslundy, showing him Robert's Rules which states that only a majority was required. The motion to table passed by a standing vote of 39 for and 20 against.

Harry Dell moved that the following new Standing Rule Section I, (new) b. be adopted:

"Any motion, properly made and seconded at a meeting with a quorum present, may be submitted to a written ballot upon the request of five or more members present. The maker of the motion shall prepare a written copy and furnish

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Computer Genies To Hear Photo Techniques

Computer Genies will learn some new ways to handle the photographs they take at the Oct 15 meeting of the group, announced Irene Page, Chairman. Among the ideas being presented will be some that might be excellent Christmas gifts for family members.

The meeting will be held at the Boerne Public Library starting at 1:30. This is a group with no dues, no membership requirements, and no officers. Anyone is welcome to attend no matter what level of expertise they have on a computer.

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it to the Membership Chairman (who maintains the official list of members) and a ballot to be marked by each member as "For/Aye" or "Against/Nay". This ballot and the motion shall then be transmitted to all members by postal mail, with a request that a reply by postal mail be made within 21 days, to the Recording Secretary. The President shall appoint three tellers to collect the ballots, verify that no member voted more than once, and tally the votes. A majority of those voting will decide the issue. The ballots, along with the tellers' report to the President, shall be furnished to the Recording Secretary, who will file them with the official minutes of the Society. The President shall announce the resulting status of the motion no later than the following meeting." The existing Standing Rule 1 Section I b would be modified to read Section I c. Majority vote by members approved the change.

Alexis Markert moved we request an extension date for the decision on the letter of intent (the August 17 letter). Motion was seconded by Kate Skinner-Klee. Motion was passed by majority of members present.

The program planned by Judith McVay was not given and the meeting was abruptly adjourned by President Don Evans.

Registration Forms in Library

Early registration for the Texas State Genealogical Society Conference and Seminar ends October 19.

The Conference will be Friday, Nov 6-7 at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio with workshops Friday by Suzanne Bettac on German research; Charlene Hurta, on Czech; Susan Kaufman on Jewish; Larry Kirkpatrick on Spanish; Wilma Mackenzie-Heberling on Scottish; and Suzanne Moczygamba

Sheppard on Polish.

The all-day seminar given by Craig Robert Scott will be on Saturday. Early registration cost of the Seminar is \$50.00 and includes lunch.

Wear GSKC Logo Shirts To Events

Contact Harry Dell if you want to purchase a GSKC logo sport shirt to wear at the State conference and seminar... or just to meetings, the grocery store, to play golf, or just to promote family history research and the Society.

Donations to GSKC Collection

Books and other materials that have been or will be donated to the Genealogical Society of Kendall County, Inc. become the property of the Society.

These materials may not be removed from the Collection by those who donated them to the Society. Disposition of any property belonging to the Society can only be done so with the approval of the members of the Society.