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is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and publication of historical and genealogical information concerning eastern Dallas County, Texas. It is an organization which holds two genealogical seminars each year, publishes a monthly newsletter (*The Twig*) and an annual publication (*The Mesquite Tree*). If you have an interest in genealogy and would like to do your research from this area, please check our website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txmhgs/page1.htm> for further information.

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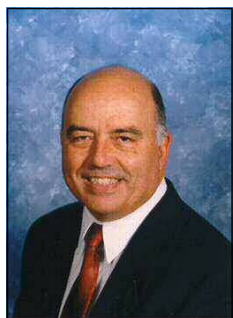
**Fred & Lynell
Moss**

**Mesquite Arts Center
1527 N Galloway Ave
Mesquite, TX 75149**

**9:00 am registration—
4:30 pm**

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Fred & Lynell Moss



Fred Moss, currently serves as advisor to the Board of Directors of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and was presented with the 2000 George E. Williams Award for significant contributions to FGS. He is a member of the Records Preservation and Access Committee, a joint effort of FGS, The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society. From 1990 until 1998 Mr. Moss served as Associate Dean of Students and Associate Professor of Law with Texas Wesleyan University School of Law. Prior to joining the law school faculty, he served for twenty-six years as a legal officer in the armed forces. He was editor-in-chief of the Mississippi Law Journal. He is the founding editor of the Proceedings of the Council of the Public Contract Law Section of the American Bar Association, the Section's first online publication. RpAC Blog: www.fgs.org/rpac.

Lynell Moss, 6th generation Texan and has been researching hers and others' family histories since 1968. She has been in a leadership position with the Plano Texas Family History Center for 25 years, FHC Director for 12 years and has been the Family History Consultant Trainer for 18 years. She is the Director of the Great Family Search Conference held in October in Plano. She is a member of the Dallas Genealogical Society, Texas State Genealogical Society and National Genealogical Society.

Closing Death Records is Just Dead Wrong!

The threat of identity theft has prompted over a thousand legislative proposals at the Federal, state or local level impacting access to vital records, the vast majority of which had the effect of limiting that access for genealogical and other purposes. We will review an on-going case study of the most dramatic modern example at the Federal Level. Preliminary results suggest more harm than good.

Finding Family in U.S. Land Records:

A variety of land records exist from the very beginning of the country, and the vast majority of males owned land. Where and when they lived, who their friends and family were can be discovered through the study of a family's land records.

Probing in U.S. Probate Records:

Probate provides records with the most latitude of form and information. Many clues are provided and many can be missed with a lack of understanding of the law and change of word meaning over time. Types of records and who can leave them will be discussed.

Searching on FamilySearch:

Discussion will include methods of searching indexed records, "browse" records, digitized books and digitized filmed records listed in the FamilySearch catalog.

Saturday, June 10
9:00 am (registration begins) **to**
4:30 pm

- box lunch \$10 (send w/registration fee)
- for ordering purposes, please indicate your preference - first come, first serve
 - Ham
 - Turkey

PRE-REGISTRATION:

member \$45.00 -
non-member \$55.00

WALK-IN \$60.00

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