



A Spring Brunch

April 21st

Godeke Branch Library



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 April 21, 2007
 Godeke Branch Library,
 S. Quaker & Loop 289
 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Everyone please bring a food dish to share.
 This will be a time of fun, fellowship and sharing.

One-Day Research Trips
 Here are three suggestions for one-day genealogy trips if you are like me and Spring gets you itching for a little genealogy road trip.

Floyd County Historical Museum, 105 E. Missouri St., Floydada, Texas. Telephone 806-983-2415. Regular hours are 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday but they are there usually by 9:00 & if you call them the day before they will be waiting to let you in at any time before the regular hours. They have the funeral home, obituary & cemetery records for Floyd & Briscoe counties; individual files on many of the area families; newspaper articles & many other helpful items. They have a nice historical museum & a genealogical library that contains some Texas county books we don't have as well as books from most of the other states. They will even bring out their "tragedy file" if you ask about it.

A good resource for Stephens County that includes surrounding counties & Fort Griffin is **Swenson Museum, 116 W. Walker, Breckenridge Texas.** Telephone 254-559-8471. Hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday. You might want to call the day before as they sometimes close for community events or a funeral, etc. During daylight savings time you can leave here early and be there by 10 and home again before it gets dark. They have a little museum & a small number of books & microfilm but it is a goldmine of information if you have ancestors that lived there. They have newspaper microfilm, some obituary & funeral home records, files on local people, & books with inscriptions of all the cemeteries in the county as well as some other Stephens County history books. They have records of the early one-room schools & cattle brand records &

they have some early marriage licenses that were never picked up. Also, the Stephens County courthouse has a lot of old records in the basement and will allow you unlimited access. It was there that in the cattle brand registration book that I found the middle names of my great-great grandmother listed in 1877.

There is also the **Unger Memorial Library, 825 Austin Street (corner of 9th & Austin), Plainview, Texas.** Telephone: 806-296-1148. The genealogy section is in a nice quiet area upstairs that sometimes has things we don't have. They have many Hale County records. You can check the catalog at unger.myplainview.com to see if there is information you can use. Check the webpage for operating hours.

Mabel Jarrett, SPGS member

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MAY 12th—Video tour of the White House. Presented by Pam Casto.
No programs during the summer

WEBSITES

National Gravesite Locator for Military Cemeteries

http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1

Just type in the last name and it will pull up all individuals by that name that are buried in stateside military cemeteries.

National World War II Registry

<http://www.wwiimemorial.com/default.asp?page=registry.asp&subpage=intro>

This is the WWII Memorial website. You can register people on this website. Visit the site and put in your relative's information.

ONLINE WAR OF 1812 INDEXES & RECORDS

www.militaryindexes.com/warof1812/index.html

This site includes links to the following databases:
War of 1812 Muster Rolls [Service Records] nearly 600,000 listings (requires payment)

Illinois: Database of Illinois War of 1812 Veterans
Kentucky Soldiers of the War of 1812 (requires payment)

Louisiana Soldiers of the War of 1812 (requires payment)

Ohio Historical Society War of 1812 Roster of Ohio Soldiers

Pennsylvania Volunteers Index to the War of 1812 (requires payment)

Virginia: Library of Virginia Index to the War of 1812 Pay Rolls & Muster Rolls

War of 1812 Land Bounty Warrants
COLE CO, IL GENEAL. SOC. Sep/Oct 2005

SCOTS HERITAGE -- ONLINE

For those of you whose ancestors hail from Scotland, look at: www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/

This site has much information about the early inheritance customs as well as the records -- Inheritance Property [furniture, clothing, farm implements, etc]. There is also an interesting link to the wills of famous Scots.

VALLEY LEAVES Dec. 2006

HAUNTED PLACES IN TEXAS

[Any places listed in the "Haunted Places" require permission to visit or investigate. Many are patrolled by the authorities, trespassers will be prosecuted.]

Lubbock - Broadway Ave. - There is a sort of strip shopping center that has a couple of bars and a few stores. The building was a hotel at the turn of the century, and there are several restless spirits.

Lubbock - O. L. Slaton - Original posted as J. T. Hutchison -It has been said that a substitute teacher killed himself. Every now and then you will see light go on and off and hear strange noises. Also, light is in the theater, and the ghost has also been known to make the stage lights shake violently from time to time. Supposedly, it has tried to push people down the stairs a few times. As for identity of the ghost, it was supposedly a teacher who died near the theatre when it was built.

Lubbock - Texas Tech University - Beta Theta Pi Fraternity House - Many accounts have been reported of ghost sightings in lodge since it has been built recently. Pledges report that during pledge-ship, there were many sightings of male ghosts watching them through the windows and have been reported to haunt certain date parties whispering to the girl dates that their date is gay. One certain pledge said that a 5th year senior alumni has had strange behaviors toward the pledges and has been seen at night wandering the lodge talking to shadowy male figures.

Lubbock - Texas Tech University - Geosciences Building - Supposedly during the night of the Tech Carols of Lights, you can see an image in the top center window standing there looking out just as all the lights surrounding Memorial Circle are turned off. [Lubbock Cont'd. in next issue.]

<http://theshadowlands.net/places/texas.htm>

SPGS Dues

January 1, 2007—December 31, 2007

If you haven't paid your dues for 2007, now is the time. Please see the coupon on page 3 and mail the dues in or bring them to the meeting on April 21st. These dues are used to buy books and other publications for the Genealogy Section of Mahon Library. If you have suggestions, please let one of the officers of SPGS know.

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FROM ROOTSWEB.COM:

These are copies of actual correspondence received by the Family History Department.

1. Our 2nd great-grandfather was found dead crossing the plains in the library.
2. He and his daughter are listed as not being born
3. I would like to find out if I have any living relatives or dead relatives or ancestors in my family.
4. Will you send me a list of all the Dripps in your library?
5. My Grandfather died at the age of three.
6. We are sending you 5 children in a separate envelop.
7. Documentation: Family Bible in possession of Aunt Merle until the tornado hit Topeka, Kansas. Now only the Good Lord knows where it is.
8. The wife of #22 could not be found. Somebody suggested that she might have been stillborn-what do you think?
9. I am mailing you my aunt and uncle and 3 of their children.
10. Enclosed please find my Grandmother. I have worked on her for 30 years without success. Now see what you can do.
11. I have a hard time finding myself in London. If I were there I was very small and cannot be found.
12. This family had 7 nephews that I am unable to find. If you know who they are, please add them to the list.
13. We lost our Grandmother, will you please send us a copy?
14. Will you please send me the name of my first wife? I have forgotten her name.
15. A 14-year-old boy wrote: "I do not want you to do me research for me. Will you please send me all of the material on the Welch line, in the U. S., England and Scotland countries? I will do the research."
16. I would like to know how many descendants I really have.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY IN YOUR LETTER OR E-MAIL!!!!

HINTS FROM YVONNE PERKINS

22. Whenever a person has a certain way to sign a will or deed, note the way the signature or sign is made.
23. When trying to differentiate between men of the same name in an area, trace the land. Land will prove the descent and is recognized as the purest proof of lineage.
24. If an estate is debt-ridden, the personal property was disposed of first. The widow's 1/3 was protected and usually 1/3 for the children.
25. An orphan over the age of 14 could select his/her own guardian. If younger the court appointed the guardian. If the mother remarried, the new husband was usually the guardian. If the orphan was left little in the estate, court apprenticed the child to learn a trade.
26. Look for the signing of a woman's after a deed.
27. Be careful of accepting information on a death certificate, except the date of death, Remember that relatives were grieving or a relative who was not close to the family was giving the information.

[This is all of the original "hints" but I plan to give more hints for your research.]



HOW CAN WE LIVE WITHOUT OUR LIVES?
HOW CAN WE KNOW IT'S US WITHOUT
OUR PAST?

John Steinbeck - The Grapes of Wrath

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NECROLOGY

SPGS wishes to extend sympathy to the family of Moselle Norris Tarpley, who died March 26, 2007. Mrs. Tarpley volunteered for 16 years in the genealogy department at the Mahon Library and 10 years as docent for the Ranching Heritage Center.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: Newsletter items may be submitted to Yvonne Perkins, 2107 54th, Lubbock, TX 79412-2610 Telephone: 806-747-1319 e-mail: YvonneGengirl@aol.com
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