

**Finding your Roots**

**Saturday,  
April 12th**

**9:30 - 12:00 noon**



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**Microfilm Reader and Interlibrary Loan  
Requests at the Mahon Library**  
by Angela Kernell, Mahon Librarian

Two microfilm reader/printer vendors (Canon and Minolta) recently demonstrated their machines for the Mahon reference department. The library will purchase one very soon because the current microfilm reader/printer is outdated. The new ones have helpful features such as a microfiche tray and the ability to email images to your email account almost instantly.

On another topic, when making Interlibrary Loan requests, keep in mind that libraries may not be willing to send an entire genealogy or archival book to our library. When you ask one of the library staff to do an Interlibrary Loan for you, please request that the title pages, table of contents and index of that book be photocopied for you. Once that part is sent to you, you can determine which ancestor you are looking for and that will narrow down your search. Next, request the pages of the section which includes your ancestor and those can be photocopied and sent.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING?**

Are there county or state books which you would like to have in the genealogy collection at Mahon? SPGS is considering a program of buying books on the "halves." If you will pay half of the price & mailing cost, SPGS will pay the other half.

We will not consider any family books and will reserve the right to check to see that we do not already have or have ordered the book. Write or e-mail us if you would like to do this.

**Beginning Genealogy—  
Researching Public Records  
& Courthouses**

April 12, 2008                      9:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Community Room -- Mahon Public Library

Continuing our classes on genealogy research, we look at public records and researching courthouses for records to help in our genealogy research.

This program is a series of programs to help you, as beginners and intermediate researchers find your roots. All of us need to review our research or perhaps find new ideas from time to time. Genealogists can and should help other researchers locate data to find our ancestors. Be prepared to ask questions and learn. I promise you that you will "get hooked."

Pre-registration would be appreciated so the presenters will have an estimate for handouts. If you might attend and you didn't sign up during the March meeting, please call Vi at 794-6849 or e-mail her at [chasviz58@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chasviz58@sbcglobal.net)

*The classes are free and open to members and non-members. Come and bring a friend who is interested or wants to get started researching their family history. All you need is a pen or pencil and paper to take notes.*

## Family History Center Resources

The Lubbock Family History Center (3211 58th Street, 806-792-5040) now has available to the public on three computers the following internet resources:

► *NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND OTHER FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS* at [www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com). This is a subscription-based website featuring original scanned documents/microfilm etc. This includes "lots of stuff" such as Military Service Records, Naturalization applications, etc. You can check out their website at your home computer and actually register at home as "basic member" at no cost which gives access to all indexes and brief abstracts of the documents. The Premium View option can be used at the Lubbock FHC at no cost. The Texas death certificates 1903 to 1976 are currently being loaded; they are 4% completed (up through about 1919 for all counties), and you view the original death certificate.

► *GODFREY MEMORIAL LIBRARY* at [www.godfrey.org](http://www.godfrey.org). A New England major depository of History and Genealogy.

► *SWEDISH CHURCH RECORDS ONLINE* for 16th to 20th Century at [www.genline.com](http://www.genline.com). An extensive archives across all of Sweden. You view the original Parish Books, etc.

## LUBBOCK COUNTY MARRIAGES & OBITUARIES, 1896-1920

by Judy Womack & Yvonne Spence Perkins

Published for Lubbock's Centennial Celebration as a limited edition of 15 copies. Price \$40.00 each. Soft bound, 71 pages.

The information for this book was abstracted from the early Lubbock newspapers on microfilm at the Mahon Public Library. Because of the content, the book is a "census" of early settlers for the city and county of Lubbock.

The first marriage is for Irvin L. Hunt and Etta Mae Green on May 3 1896 who were married at the Lubbock Co. Courthouse by Judge J. P. Brown. The article gives the parents of the bride and groom, who were early settlers of Estacado. It ALSO gives names of the people attending and that they attended a supper at the old Nicholett Hotel.

Other marriages give a list of presents to the couples and who gave the gifts.

The obituaries give information about the deceased person, and parents and relatives. For the genealogists, this is all interesting history and records on early Lubbock.

## RootsWeb Moved to Ancestry.com

The following was written by Tim Sullivan, CEO of The Generations Network, Inc.

The Generations Network has hosted and funded the RootsWeb online community since June 2000, thereby maintaining RootsWeb as the world's oldest and largest free genealogy website. TGN remains committed to this mission and believes that RootsWeb is an absolutely invaluable and complementary resource to Ancestry.com, our flagship commercial family history site. We believe in both services and want to see both communities prosper and grow. As part of this goal, we have decided to "transplant" RootsWeb onto the Ancestry.com domain. This move will not change the RootsWeb experience or alter the ease of navigation to or within RootsWeb. RootsWeb will **remain a free online experience**. What will be different is that the Web address for all RootsWeb pages will change from [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com) to [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com). Again, the RootsWeb experience is not changing.

### South Plains Genealogical Society 2008 Membership

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## INTERNET WEBSITES

It was requested at the February seminar that the websites discussed be published in the newsletter. There are many websites that can help you find your ancestors. Some of them are free, while others require a subscription. Some of the free sites are:

[www.rootsweb.com/~txspgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txspgs/)  
[www.usgenweb.com](http://www.usgenweb.com)  
[www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)  
[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)  
<http://genforum.genealogy.com>  
[www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)  
[www.glorerecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov)  
[www.itd.nps.gov/cwss](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss)  
[www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/genfirst.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/genfirst.html)  
<http://raogk.org>  
[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)  
[www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/ref40.00.00](http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/ref40.00.00)  
[www.deathindexes.com](http://www.deathindexes.com)  
[www.vitalchek.com](http://www.vitalchek.com)  
<http://dar.org>  
[www.researchguides.net/free.htm](http://www.researchguides.net/free.htm)  
<http://library.ci.lubbock.tx.us>  
[www.anywho.com](http://www.anywho.com)  
[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

Some sites that require a subscription are:

[www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com)  
[www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com)  
[www.genalogybank.com](http://www.genalogybank.com)  
[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)  
[www.heritagequestonline.com](http://www.heritagequestonline.com)

Ancestry.com and heritagequest are available free at the Mahon Library, if you have a library card.

## Tables of Contents Missouri State Genealogical Association Journal, 1981-2007 With A Subject Index

<http://www.rollanet.org/~bdoerr/contents.htm#I>

This is a full index to the volumes. Once you click on the link, you can use your word search (Control+F) and look for specific mentions of the county or subject you are looking for. If looking for Holt Co., use the word search to see all the articles mentioning Holt specifically. Then copy and paste those page numbers and article name into a Word document. Print it out, and bring it to the SPGS section of Mahon Library to view the articles you listed.

You can also request an issue, or just the article (instructions are on the above website after the Table of Contents and Subject Index listings). Toward the end of the webpage are listed many links to help with Missouri genealogy.

From SPGS member Linda McNiel  
*[The Mahon Library Genealogy Section has all of the volumes of the Journal discussed in the above article, plus more information on Missouri.]*

## NECROLOGY

South Plains Genealogy Society would like to offer our sympathy to all the family of Darrell Dean Nix who died March 17, 2008. He was the husband of Linda Nix, SPGS librarian. A book will be placed in the Genealogy Collection in his memory.

## Over two million family history records just added to GenealogyBank

Over two million historical newspaper articles, obituaries and documents have been digitized to help discover new and exciting details about your ancestors. This latest addition provides access to new family history information from 20 states and more than 40 historical newspapers. View new content title list at <http://www.genealogybank.com/static/newcontent.html?cid=193>

More than two million digitized records are added to GenealogyBank each month. It's the largest newspaper archive online, with access to over 216 million family history records and an estimated 1.5 billion names found in:

**Historical Newspapers** (1690-1977): More than 2,400 titles; 108 Million articles - updated monthly.

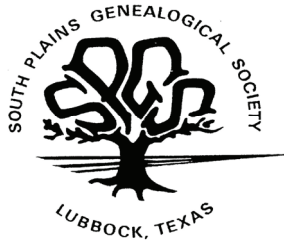
**America's Obituaries** (1977-Current): 26+ Million Obits; more than 1,000 newspapers.

**Historical Books** (1801-1900): More than 11,700 items

**Historical Documents** (1759-1980): More than 133,000 reports; Now digitizing July 1930

**SSDI** (1937-Current): More than 81 Million death records. Only site updated weekly.

GenealogyBank is a subscription service.



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Alternate contact: Vi Zeeck at 806-794-6849 or chasviz58@sbcglobal.net

## Nettie Lyda Featherston Memorial Marker



The South Plains Genealogical Society, Inc. of Lubbock, Texas in cooperation with the Featherston family is raising funds for a memorial marker to be placed at the unmarked grave site of Mrs. Featherston in the City of Lubbock Cemetery. The goal is to raise \$1800 by May 15 for the placement of the memorial marker on the grave site June 20th to celebrate Nettie's one hundred tenth birthday.

Nettie was a West Texas icon whose photograph was taken in June of 1938 by Dorothea Lange, working with the Farm Security Administration to depict the Depression/Dust Bowl era. Nettie was never identified in those 1938 photographs and was captioned as "The Woman of the High Plains". Not until 1979 when the University of Nebraska along with the Historical Society of Nebraska under the leadership of Bill Ganzel, would Nettie be identified living in Lubbock, Texas. Almost twenty five years after her death, Nettie now lies in an unmarked grave going unidentified again.

The South Plains Genealogical Society was made aware of this injustice in early March and decided to take on the project of raising funds for a marker to memorialize the struggle of this Dust Bowl icon that made her home in Lubbock. To make a contribution to the Nettie Featherston-Memorial please send your contribution to the S.P.G.S. at P.O. Box 6607, Lubbock, Texas 79493-6607 for further information contact the Project Chairman, Mark Tidwell at 806 781-6817.

Visit the SPGS website: [www.rootsweb.com/~txspgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txspgs)