



Early Churches

On the Plains

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## "Early Churches on the Plains"

Saturday, February 21, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Community Room of Mahon Library

Speaker—Christy Lemons

Christy Lemons, manager of Education Programs at the National Ranching Heritage Center, has made an in-depth study of the churches that were formed on the South Plains. Although cowboys and ranchers settled the South Plains after Native Americans were moved to reservation land in the 1870's, it was the women who brought with them the importance of the Bible teaching and the organized church to our area. You will have a look at the cultural history of Lubbock—the way people lived their lives, made a living and cared for their families in order to form a thriving community in West Texas.

Christy Lemons is the daughter of a fourth generation west Texas rancher and grew up on a working cattle ranch south of Buffalo Gap, Texas. She received her undergraduate degree from Texas Tech in 2000 and her Master's degree in Elementary Education in 2004. Christy volunteered as a Ranch Host at the National Ranching Heritage Center for six years before being hired as the Manager of Education Programs in 2006. She is dedicated to educating the public on the importance of ranching history and the influence ranching has had on the values and traditions of this area. Christy and her husband, Jim, live in Levelland where Jim is a high school teacher and coach.

Invite your friends on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> and come along to enjoy this very informative program.

### 2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES

2007 Membership Dues are valid from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. Please do your part to keep our Society an active organization. To continue your membership, please send your check today. Don't forget to include surnames you are researching.

### Y'ALL SHOULD ALREADY KNOW THESE THINGS

Only a Southerner knows the difference between a **HISSIE FIT** and a **CONNIPTION FIT**, and you don't "HAVE" them, you "PITCH" them.

Only a Southerner knows how many fish, collard greens, turnip greens, peas, beans, etc., make up "A MESS." (Came from the Internet)

### WORDS FROM THE PAST: PRESERVING YOUR LETTERS

(The following information was sent to your editor by Sue Alvarez. Not all of it is printed here but hopefully you will get some ideas to help.)

Where do you keep the documents and letters from your family history? Are they in your basement, garage or attic? Did you know that simply moving them to a dry, central location in your home will extend the number of years that your family will be able to read these treasures?

Letters provide a priceless connection to the past. They are the individual story of your family for future generations. Save them and store them in the proper environment.

**ARCHIVAL CONTAINERS:** This suggests a container that is safe for long-term storage and does not contain harmful chemicals. Look for boxes with lids that are marked "light-free" and "acid-free". The boxes should be at least 1/4" longer on all sides than the documents. Avoid storing your documents in shoe boxes and corrugated cardboard boxes.

#### ORGANIZE YOUR COLLECTION:

Obtain containers to fit your storage space. Use archival folders to subdivide your collection. Arrange the documents in an order that will be most useful for you and will make sense to family members.

Record, in detail, the contents of each container and put a copy in a central location. NEVER put "sticky notes" on items you want to preserve because the adhesive will leave residue.

Label the exterior of the container. Clean hands are essential when handling documents.

Do not use hand lotion.

Keep pens, food and drinks away from your collection.

Do not try to force the paper into a slot if it resists; this could cause irreparable damage.

Consult the preservation resources to find references on how to flatten a folder later.

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### BOOKS UP FROM BASEMENT DEC. 2006

1. Post Historical Markers
2. A History of African American in NC
3. A Personal Name Index to Oregon Records
4. California Men in the War Rebellion 1861-1867
5. Personal Name Index to 1851 City Directory of California
6. The Private Records of George Jacob Martz (PA)
7. An Abstract of 1850 York, PA Assessors Military Rolls with Index
8. The Casket and Coffin Book of Ellwood Shelton 1810-1800 & Isder Scott 1894-1888
9. A Special Publication: The GAR its Organization and Men of Post #37 (PA)
10. York Co. PA Directors of the Poor 1860-1911
11. Galloway Co. KY Tax List 1840-1841
12. U.S. Census Population Schedule of Jackson Co., TX
13. Refugio Co. TX 1870 Census Population Schedule
14. The Norman Family Reunion
15. Parish of Trowl in the County of Stafford England
16. Our Genealogy & Family History Project, Black Genealogy
17. Illinois State Tax 1857
18. Cherokee Emigration Rolls 1817-1835
19. Great Register of California
20. Legends of Nelson County KY
21. York Area Photographers 1840-1897
22. Records of Christian Co MO
23. Tomlinson Inspection of Christian Co MO
24. Butler Co., KY 1870 Federal Census
25. 1881-21 Sept. 1957 Mangar Records Hartley Co. TX
26. 1917-1936 Register of Deaths Book I Hartley Co. TX
27. 1930 Hartley Co Census (TX)
28. 1881-1919 Probate Minutes Book I Hartley Co. TX

### MARRIAGE RECORDS

Marriage records come in several forms. Early marriage records may include the following:

**Marriage Bonds** - financial guarantees that a marriage was going to take place.

**Marriage Banns** - proclamations of the intent to marry someone in front of a church congregation.

**Marriage Licenses** - documents granting permission to marry.

**The Actual Marriage Record or Certificate** - document certifying the union of two people.

This is a monthly publication of the South Plains Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 6627, Dalhart, TX 79433-6627, which was founded and chartered as a nonprofit organization devoted to researching and preserving genealogical and historical records. Membership is open to all persons interested in genealogical and historical research.

### HINTS FROM YVONNE PERKINS

(continued from January)

10. If your ancestor has a "virtue name" (e.g.) Patience, Silence, Charity, consider a New England heritage.
11. Children were often named for male or female grandparents. And brothers or sisters.
12. Frequently a middle name or even a first name of a child was the mother's or grandmother's maiden name. Especially if that name was repeated through several related families.
13. A man who receives in a will cannot be a witness to a will.
14. A man did not have to be 21 to buy and own land but could not sell land until he was 21. He did have to own land to vote but did not have to be free.
15. A woman was never taxable. If her name appears on the tax list, she has a male in her household that is of taxable age.

### DO YOU REMEMBER THE CCC? CIVIL CONSERVATION CORPS

By 1933, there was 25% unemployment and the program was created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, as a way to provide work for unmarried men from the ages 18-25. Several camps were also set up for women but records are minimal.

The CCC workers were given food, shelter, medical care and eventually, educational services in Army type camps with Army officers in Charge. The men were paid \$30 each month with \$10 going to the men and the rest going home to the families. This was not considered welfare as the people were employed and earning money. The records generated from this program can be most helpful to genealogists. To request discharge papers, write to National Archives and Records Administration Center, Civilian Personal Records, 111 W. Nebraska St., St. Louis, MO 63118.

Wilson-Cobb History & Genealogy  
Research Library, Roswell, NM Newsletter

### Downloadable Genealogy Charts and Forms

Looking for some blank forms that you can fill in during your genealogy research? You can download free, high-quality blank forms online from several web sites and print them on your own printer.

Family Tree Magazine has a huge collection of downloadable forms on the company's web site. The forms include pedigree charts, research calendars, note-taking forms, deed indexes, research journal, correspondence logs, family group sheets and census extraction forms. You can see this impressive collection of forms at <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/forms/download.html>

Ancestry.com has downloadable forms that are as nice looking as the commercially available forms. You can obtain a pedigree chart (called an Ancestral Chart), Research Calendar, Research Extract, Correspondence Chart, Source Summary and Family Group Sheet. You can do all of this at: <http://www.ancestry.com/search/charterform.pdf>

FamilySearch.org has a collection of online forms, including U.S., British, Irish and Canadian census extraction forms, family group sheets, blank timelines and more. The forms are available at <http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Search/RC/frame.cfm?help.asp?Page=1&searchTypeForm=explActionTab=Type>

Almid.com offers a number of downloadable genealogy forms, including family tree fan charts, pedigree charts, family group sheets and relationship charts. Take a look at [http://genealogy.about.com/topics/charter\\_charts/Miscellaneous\\_Foreprints\\_houses\\_one\\_of\\_the\\_largest\\_collections\\_of\\_downloadable\\_genealogy\\_charts\\_in\\_Adobe\\_PDF\\_format](http://genealogy.about.com/topics/charter_charts/Miscellaneous_Foreprints_houses_one_of_the_largest_collections_of_downloadable_genealogy_charts_in_Adobe_PDF_format). You can print directly from the web site or save the forms on your local hard drive and then print them later as often as you wish. All the charts are formatted to fit on 8.5" x 11" paper. Go to <http://mid.com/midhelp.html>

All of the above are available free of charge.

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 04, 2007 |

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### South Plains Genealogical Society 2007 Membership

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**Everton's Genealogical Helper To Be Available Online**

Provo, UT, January 25, 2007 – For the first time ever, all of Everton's Genealogical Helper issues, more than 11,000 pages, will be online January 31 at [WorldVitalRecords.com](http://WorldVitalRecords.com).

"Since 1947, long before the Web, Web 2.0, and community websites, Everton's Genealogical Helper magazine has been connecting family history researchers and printing their research results, affording an invaluable aid to millions of other researchers," said Walter Fuller, President and Publisher, Everton Publishers.

The Genealogical Helper emphasizes content, continuing education, and research resources, for both professional genealogists and amateur family history researchers. LeRoy McIsler, one of the founders of the genealogy industry, was recently named the managing editor of this magazine.

"This information, along with a wealth of highly informative articles, lists, book reviews, etc., has made the Helper the 'bible' of the industry for 60 years. We at Everton are extremely pleased that this data, in its entirety, will now be available through [WorldVitalRecords.com](http://WorldVitalRecords.com)," Fuller said.

[WorldVitalRecords.com](http://WorldVitalRecords.com) is currently using optical character recognition (OCR) to index the Genealogical Helper issues from the past 60 years (1947-2007).

"The Genealogical Helper represents the modern era of genealogy research. We are pleased to include this valuable reference tool at [WorldVitalRecords.com](http://WorldVitalRecords.com). So much of what we know today as genealogy research techniques have been introduced and defined in the Genealogical Helper, and there is a lot of great information on each page," said David L. Zeeck, President, [WorldVitalRecords.com](http://WorldVitalRecords.com).

In the past, Everton has only indexed the last ten years of the Genealogical Helper. Subscribers will soon have the opportunity to access more than 205 issues. Each issue contains up to 250 pages.

"This is a huge data set. The images are clear and readable and the OCR will be very accurate and usable in our databases. Instead of searching through thousands of pages to find a question your relative posed, you can perform a simple search and find the information you need in a matter of seconds," said Brian Irie, Senior Programmer, [WorldVitalRecords.com](http://WorldVitalRecords.com).

The Everton Genealogical Helper collection will be housed in the Reference section at [WorldVitalRecords.com](http://WorldVitalRecords.com).

"Over a half a century of data, inquiries, book reviews, articles on family history and genealogy, as well as personal insight to research in the field, make this data set an invaluable collection for our subscribers," said Yvonne Aris, Director, Customer Acquisition, [WorldVitalRecords.com](http://WorldVitalRecords.com).

Posted by Dick Estimat on January 25, 2007 in print

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