

Finding your Roots

Saturday,  
February 23rd

9:30 - 12:00 noon



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## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

### FINDING YOUR ROOTS

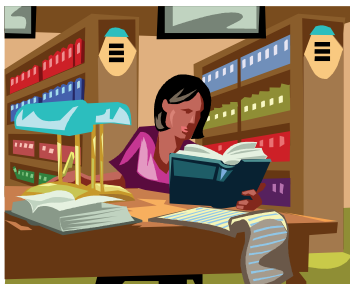
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Community Room -- Mahon Public Library

This program is a start of a series of programs to help you, as beginners and intermediate researchers find your roots. If you are a beginner or have been researching for awhile you will need to attend these sessions. All of us need to review our research or perhaps find new ideas from time to time. The first session will be on how to collect data; where to find family data; and what information to look for, to help in your research. We will also touch on what to do with this research as you go along. We all collect a "massive" amount of records to keep and look at from time to time. The sessions in March, April and May will cover information on reading census to find data; what can be found in military records; Bible records, courthouse records; cemetery records; published book; and etc.

Intermediate researchers can also help others with new and old ideas plus places in which they have found records. 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."



*THE CLASSES ARE FREE AND OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS. COME AND BRING A FRIEND WHO IS INTERESTED OR WANTS TO GET STARTED. ALL YOU NEED ARE A PEN OR PENCIL AND PAPER TO TAKE NOTES. YOU MAY EVEN TAPE RECORD IF YOU LIKE.*

## Necrology

SPGS would like to offer our sympathy to the family of Dorothy Dillard Hughes, long time member of our society. She was a volunteer in the genealogy section for more than 25 years before her eye sight failed and she moved to the Houston area. She continued to support SPGS as a member after her move.

Dorothy died on January 19, 2008 at the age of 98. She did extensive research in genealogy, collecting information for three books. She also authored and published "Updating Dillard Family Traditions" in a publication of the Texas State Genealogical Society, for which she won the 1st place in manuscripts. She also won 1st place for manuscripts in 1985 and 2nd place in 1993.

Dorothy was conferred as a fellow of the Texas State Genealogical Society in 1997. She spoke at our meetings and will be long remembered for helping many researchers.

### South Plains Genealogical Society 2008 Membership

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Annual Dues are from January 1st to December 31st.

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## MASONIC RECORD SEARCH REQUEST

If your ancestor was a Mason you may request a "record search" from the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas, Archival Membership Index File, PO Box 446, Waco, TX 76703. Send a check for the proper amount [price is on the form], add on the envelope ATTN: BRUCE. It may take a month to receive an answer but the information could be well worth the effort.

There is a form found on the web site: [www.grandlodgeoftexas.org](http://www.grandlodgeoftexas.org) which you fill out to send with your check. Good luck.

[This helpful hint came from our President Vi Zeeck.]

## Genealogy Quips

My ancestors must be in a witness protection program!

Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more!

A family tree can wither if nobody tends its roots.

I should have asked them BEFORE they died.

Share your knowledge, it is a way to achieve immortality.

Documentation ... The hardest part of genealogy

## CENOTAPH

When the word "cenotaph" is engraved on a tombstone, it indicates an empty grave. This person is being honored, while the remains have been buried elsewhere.

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

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## BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY FOR YOUR USE



The South Plains Genealogical Society is proud of the many books and records we have in the Genealogy Collection at Mahon Library. To encourage you to visit and use the books, there will be a section in each Newsletter of "just a few" of the books available for use. This will be done by state. There are more books for some states than others. We encourage researchers to recommend books which would be of help to you and others. We do need NAME, SELLER & ADDRESS, and PRICE of the book.

### TEXAS

BOUNTY & DONATION LAND GRANTS OF TEXAS 1835-1888  
FIRST FAMILIES OF TEXAS, Vol. 1 & 2  
TEXAS CONFEDERATE HOME ROOSTER 1887-1953  
FIRST SETTLERS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TEXAS MARRIAGES - 1824-1850  
EARLY BIRTH RECORDS OF TEXAS 1838-1878  
INDEX TO APPLICATIONS FOR TEXAS CONFEDERATE PENSIONS

SPGS has set as our goal to have at least one book for all 254 counties of the state. This may not be possible as a lot of Texas land is only ranch land, but we are trying. The county books give us information which we are unable to drive or fly to find.

***COME & VISIT OUR COLLECTION!  
THE INTERNET DOES NOT HAVE EVERYTHING!***

## HOW TO OBTAIN MILITARY RECORDS

The National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis has opened the military records of more than 6 million service members who were retired or died before 1946.

To view original records, visit the center in person at 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO; call ahead to check whether records are intact or to make reservations at 1-314-891-0850.

To obtain copies write to NPRC at 9700 Page Ave, St Louis, MO, 63132, or fax a request to 1-314-801-9195. Requests also may be submitted online at: [www.vetreco.archives.gov](http://www.vetreco.archives.gov).

There may be a charge for copies but that would be much cheaper than the price of gas now days.

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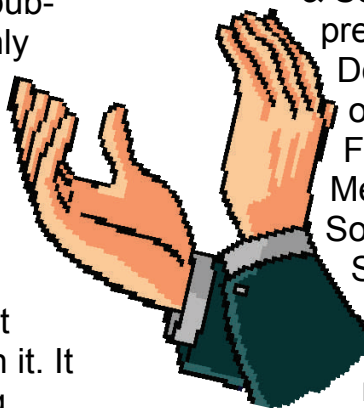
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Alternate contact: Vi Zeeck at 806-794-6849 or chasviz58@sbcglobal.net

### **GOOD NEWS FOR SPGS**

The South Plains Genealogical Society received a 3rd Place Award for the CITY OF LUBBOCK CEMETERY - 1892 - 2002 book at the TSGS State November Conference in Tyler, TX. This was a competition for books published by a Partner Society. Not only did the South Plains Genealogical Society receive a nice certificate but we were awarded a \$50.00 check for our effort. The society is pleased to have received the award and thank all the members who worked so hard on the book. It took a long time but was well worth it. It is very helpful to those researching their families in this area.



### **CONGRATULATION**

The South Plains Genealogical Society wishes to congratulate DONNA SNOW for receiving a "LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD". The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program presented the award to Donna for her 4247 hours of volunteering for AARP, Friends of the Library, Meals on Wheels, RSVP Social Services and the South Plains Genealogical Society. The nation, state and city needs more volunteers like Donna.