

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
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**SHIRLEY BOYD
VICE PRESIDENT**

Shirley Boyd was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and attended Sul Ross and Texas Tech University. After teaching for 33 years, she retired from the Lubbock Independent School District.

She married Cecil Boyd in 1956 and has two sons, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Shirley is an active member of Alpha Kappa; Delta Kappa Gamma; Lubbock Retired Teachers Association; Nancy Jane Anderson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Friends of the Library; and the South Plains Genealogical Society. She served on the SPGS Board of Directors for four years before becoming Vice-President.

She was encouraged by relatives to do family research. After retirement in 1997, she began researching her Goodson Family.

As Vice-President, Shirley will be planning our programs. If you have ideas for programs, let her know, as this is a job that needs lots of help.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM:

February 14, 2009
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Mahon Public Library
Community Room

HERITAGE SOCIETIES

Have you thought you might like to become a member of a Heritage Society like the Daughters or Sons of the Revolution; United Daughters or Sons of the Confederacy; Colonial Dames or others? There will be people at the meeting who can tell you how to join and the requirements needed to join.

Tell your friends who might be interested as the meeting is free and open to anyone. Come and enjoy a hot cup of coffee with treats, and meet new friends.

**SOFTWARE INSPECTOR
TECHNOLOGY**

Check out this website for a free program to scan your PC to detect insecure versions of common/popular programs installed on your PC to verify that all Microsoft patches are applied; to assist in updating, patching and protecting your PC. It runs through your browser and no installation or download is required. The Secunia Online Software Inspector, or short OSI, is a fast way to scan your PC for **the most common programs and vulnerabilities**, thus checking if your PC has a **minimum security baseline** against known patched vulnerabilities. http://secunia.com/software_inspector/

Visit the SPGS website: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txspgs

The following is a copy of Texas H.B. 545 relating to military discharge. At the meeting in January it was requested that this be made available to the members.

Texas
H.B. No. 545
AN ACT

relating to military[0] discharge[0] records that are recorded with or otherwise in the possession of a governmental body.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 552, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 552.140 to read as follows:

Sec. 552.140.. MILITARY[0] DISCHARGE[0] RECORDS.

(a) This section applies only to a military veteran's Department of Defense Form DD-214 or other military[0] discharge[0] record that is first recorded with or that otherwise first comes into the possession of a governmental body on or after September 1, 2003.

(b) The record is confidential for the 75 years following the date it is recorded with or otherwise first comes into the possession of a governmental body. During that period the governmental body may permit inspection or copying of the record or disclose information contained in the record only in accordance with this section or in accordance with a court order.

(c) On request and the presentation of proper identification, the following persons may inspect the military[0] discharge[0] record or obtain from the governmental body free of charge a copy or certified copy of the record:

- (1) the veteran who is the subject of the record;
- (2) the legal guardian of the veteran;
- (3) the spouse or a child or parent of the veteran or, if there is no living spouse, child, or parent, the nearest living relative of the veteran;
- (4) the personal representative of the estate of the veteran;
- (5) the person named by the veteran, or by a person described by Subdivision (2), (3), or (4), in an appropriate power of attorney executed in accordance with Section 490, Chapter XII, Texas Probate Code; or
- (6) another governmental body.

(d) A court that orders the release of information under this section shall limit the further disclosure of the in-

formation and the purposes for which the information may be used.

(e) A governmental body that obtains information from the record shall limit the governmental body's use and disclosure of the information to the purpose for which the information was obtained.

SECTION 2. Section 192.002, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c)(1) This subsection applies only in relation to a military discharge record that is recorded with a county clerk under this section before September 1, 2003.

(c)(2) The veteran who is the subject of the record or the legal guardian of the veteran may direct, in writing, that the county clerk destroy all copies of the record that the county clerk makes readily available to the public for purposes of Section 191.006, such as paper copies of the record in the county courthouse or a courthouse annex, microfilm or microfiche copies of the record in the county courthouse or a courthouse annex, and electronic copies of the record that are available to the public. The county clerk shall comply with the direction within 15 business days after the date the direction is received. The county clerk's compliance does not violate any law of this state relating to the preservation, destruction, or alienation of public records. The direction to destroy the copies of the record, the county clerk's compliance, and any delay between the time the direction is made and the time the county clerk destroys the copies may not be used to limit or restrict the public's access to the real property records of the county.

(c)(3) A county clerk who receives a request under Chapter 552, Government Code, for inspection or duplication of a military discharge record recorded before September 1, 2003, is only required to search for the record in places where or media in which the county clerk makes records readily available to the public for purposes of Section 191.006, such as paper records stored in the county courthouse or a courthouse annex, microfilmed or microfiched records stored in the county courthouse or a courthouse annex, and electronically stored records made available to the public. This subdivision does not apply to a request made by the veteran who is the subject of the military [0] discharge[0] record or the legal guardian of the veteran.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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Prior Statutes

Tex. Local Gov't Code § 192.002 (2002)

§ 192.002. Military Discharge Records

(a) The county clerk shall record the official discharge of persons who after 1915 have served as members of the United States armed forces, the United States armed forces reserve, or an armed forces auxiliary.

(b) The county clerk may not charge a fee for the recording and keeping of a military discharge record.

website: nacvso.org/files/discharge/texas.pdf

Here are various websites that were explored at the January SPGS meeting

CIVIL WAR WEBSITES

- ★ <http://www.civilwar.net/>
- ★ <http://www.genealogybranches.com/civilwar/index.html>

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR WEBSITES

- ★ <http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1998/spring/spanish-american-war-1.html>
- ★ <http://www.paspanishamericanwar.com/help.html>
- ★ <http://www.paspanishamericanwar.com/allstates.html>
- ★ <http://www.paspanishamericanwar.com/sampleletter.html>
- ★ <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/military/spanish/>
- ★ http://genealogy.about.com/od/spanish_american_war/Spanish_American_War.htm

WORLD WAR I WEBSITES

- ★ <http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/military/ww1/draft-registration/>
- ★ <http://genforum.genealogy.com/wwi/messages/6541.html>

WORLD WAR II WEBSITES

- ★ http://genealogy.about.com/od/records/p/wwii_draft.htm

MISC.

- ★ <http://www.discoveringfamilyhistory.com/>
- ★ <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/>

THE PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY

(Continued from the January Newsletter)

MARSHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Marshall Public Library partners with us to provide access to local history photographs documenting their library and notable African-American citizens instrumental in Marshall's development. Many of the individuals pictured in the images were featured in the oral history project "The Black Citizen and American Democracy: Black Culture in Harrison Co., Past, Present, and Future."

MOORE MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Moore Memorial Public Library materials include local history materials selected for the grant Rescuing Texas History through the Digitization of At-Risk Photographs and Maps. Images include photographs of the 1st Aero Squadron in Texas City from 1913-15, and of the Texas City Disaster of 1947.

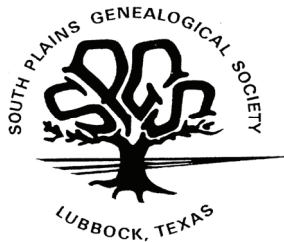
MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, HOUSTON

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston contributes photographs from Robert Joy Collection. Joy, Houston's premier portraitists, painted more than 350 portraits over a career that spanned more than forty years. Lawyers, politicians and the socially elite of Houston were among those who sat for Joy. Photos in the collection assembled over the course of his work, include those of Lillie Abercrombie, Robert E. Blaffer, Sarah Campbell Blaffer, Alfred C. Glassell Jr., William Clayton, Libbie Rice Farish, William, Stamps Farish, Lamar Fleming, and Lyndon B. Johnson.

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN RAILROAD

The Museum of the American Railroad presents photographs from Burt C. Blanton Collection, a stunning compilation of images of trains from the age of steam to the 1960's. View photographs of the "Louisiana Eagle", "Sam Houston Zephyr", "Southern Belle," "Bluebonnet," "Texas Eagle," "Texas Zephyr," "Texas Chief", and many others.

[THE PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY to be continued in the March Newsletter]



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**South Plains Genealogical Society
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Charles Zeeck, SPGS Treasurer

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- Individual \$15.00
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 Sustaining \$30.00 or any larger amount

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

Dues are delinquent after March 1st.

Name _____

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**TO FRAME FAMILY
FAVORITES**

We all have cherished recipes that garner rave reviews. You know the ones - they're handwritten on cards or scratch paper, dotted with personal notes and maybe a few stains from earlier preparations. Be sure not to lose these culinary gems, rich with flavors and memories. Frame and hang them in your kitchen or breakfast room. That way they'll bring style to your walls even as you keep them close at hand.

[Very good idea for recipes used by early ancestors. YSP]

Southern Living Magazine,
August 2007