

Changes in Computer Lab

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FEBRUARY MEETING

If you missed the February meeting, you missed a "treat." It was very interesting to learn the organization of the church's and the part that women played in bringing religion to the South Plains. The people met in homes, jail houses, court-houses, and in open spaces. Religion played a big part in their lives.

This brought to mind that Bibles are a big part in researchers gathering family information. The Bible was, perhaps, the only book a family owned because paper was very expensive.

Even the information taken from a Bible should be checked. Look at the date it was published. Was the Bible given to a couple when they were married? Was data entered as the children were born, married and/or died? This should make the information more correct. If the Bible was given to a family years later - the data MAY not be as correct because memories MAY not be as correct

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NEW LIBRARY COMPUTERS

MARCH 10, 2007 9:30 AM - 12:00PM
MAHON PUBLIC LIBRARY
COMPUTER LAB

SPEAKER, ED VEAL

New computers have been added to the Computer Labs of the Library System. There are many changes which will be helpful for users. Ed Veal will show the filters, usage times and the printing of data. He will also show how researchers may find information on the various sites.

Ed Veal, a Texas Tech University history major, serves as Lubbock Public Library System administrator for the library automation system and was the library webmaster from 1996–2004. Veal grew up visiting cemeteries and libraries with his parents. His parents' interest in genealogy in the mid 1970's, when he was a child, spurred his interest in the field.

There will be a short business meeting before the program. Everyone come and bring a "computer" friend.

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 March 10th. 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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

APRIL 21— Brunch at Goedeke Library at South Loop 289 and Quaker.

MAY 12th—Video tour of the White House. Presented by Pam Casto.

No programs during the summer

CHECK THIS SITE

WISCONSIN - Pre-1907 Vital Records. Search for birth, death and marriage records by surname, first name, county, and or year. <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords/>

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NEW ITEMS AT THE LUBBOCK FAMILY HISTORY CENTER, MARCH 2007

Baltimore City Directories (on 200 microfiche) 1770-1860

Archive CD Books donated by Rodney Burdick of Lubbock include:

Gazetteer of the United States (1854)

Compendium of New England Pioneers
(14 different out-of-print books)

Annals of Pennsylvania from the Discovery of the Delaware- 1850

New Jersey/New England Historical and Genealogical by Stillwell, 5 Volumes, 1903

Bio Sketches of Loyalists of American Revolution by Sabine, 1864

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when the information was entered into the Bible. Verify the information from other sources.

Be sure to check other books which your family may have owned because if a Bible was not owned, family information "might" be entered on the blank pages of other books. If you are looking for a family Bible, locate a sister, aunt or other females in the family. They were the ones who usually kept the family Bible.

Editor, YSP

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.]

Littlefield - Lennox/Church School - In a small church house or what people would also call a school house. There is to be seen lights turning on and off and black shadows have been seen in there. It has been said if you drive there around midnight you can see both shadows and lights on.

Midland - Museum of the Southwest - The ghost of its murdered owner when it was a mansion haunts the upstairs.

Odessa - Ector Jr. High - In the 60's it used to be a high school. The students always teased the janitor that worked there. So he climbed the balcony in the auditorium and hung himself. Many have seen him walking around the balcony and stage.

Odessa - Insane Asylum - An old building located on the west side of town in an old Spanish looking hospital. Many of its patients have killed themselves in this place and it has been said that late at night their spirits still wander the hallways looking for their doctor. (Other places in future newsletters.) <http://theshadowlands.net/places/texas.htm>

RESEARCHING HISPANIC HERITAGE

A new web site being offered is: http://www.gale.com/free_resources/chh for those looking for Hispanic research. This fledgling web site is more of a list of resources than actual records, but provides a good way to get started.

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This Day in Weather History

This web site can be valuable for genealogists. You probably won't need it very often, but when you do have a call for it, it could be valuable. Recording this one because you'll never know when you might need it.

If you find a reference in family papers or any historical document that refers to the weather on a certain date, you can now find the details. For instance, a family Bible might say, "George was born at home on January 11, 1912. The doctor was unable to get there because of a blizzard." You may wonder just how significant this blizzard was. Today in Weather History can supply significant weather for any date in American history. It won't have the weather for every location for every day, but it lists most of the major storms, heat waves, tornadoes, hurricanes and the like. If the weather was bad enough to be recorded in some ancestral documentation, it may well be detailed on Today in Weather History at <http://www.weatherforyou.com/history/>.

The main page always shows weather on today's date in past years. However, you can search for most any date of any year by using the search boxes near the top of the screen. Not all dates in all years have weather information - only the dates on which something unusual happened and was recorded. Check the weather listed for your birthdate.

One caveat: the site seems to carry only U.S. information. If your interest lies outside of North America, you probably should skip this site. In fact, if anyone knows of any similar sites for other countries, please post a comment at the end of this article so that others may learn of it.

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 15, 2007 | Comments

Still in North America, but not the US, the Meteorological Service of Canada has a FREE archive of historical weather reports, hourly or daily depending on the location and time period, at:

www.climate.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca/climateData/canada_e.html

Often the archives of the local newspaper are a good source for weather of the day.

HINTS FROM YVONNE PERKINS

16. Quaker wills will NOT begin with "In the Name of God, Amen" -- as most wills do. Quakers were allowed to "affirm" rather than swear.
17. In early censuses, age groupings could include persons who were not members of the family (i. e. servants, employers).
18. Jr. was not necessarily "son of", but was a designation of a younger man living in the same area. The same is true of a Sr. living in the same area.
19. Infant did not mean a "babe in arms", but someone under legal age.
20. An orphan was someone under 21 who had lost his father and/or mother. Guardians were often appointed even though the mother was still living.
21. An illegitimate child usually took the name of his mother.

DID YOU KNOW?

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

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171 Online File Storage Services

Dick Eastman has written several times about the need for making backup files. Probably the safest method of making backing files is to use one of the online file storage services. Not only do these services provide backup copies, they also store them off-site. Off-site storage can be a critical factor when it comes to storing your most important information. Just ask anyone who lost a home in Hurricane Katrina, in one of the western forest fires, or in a tornado. Everyone should have their genealogy data as well as their old family photographs, checkbook data, income tax information, email messages, and many other items stored in a distant digital repository for safe-keeping.

Eastman's current favorite backup service for Windows XP users is Mozy at www.Mozy.com. For Macintosh systems, He suggests BackJack at www.backjack.com. In times past, he has also written about Xdrive, IBackup, and others. Now Listable.com has a list of 171 (count 'em!) online file storage services, and that number is growing. It may be more than 171 by the time you read these words. You should be able to find a suitable backup service somewhere in that list! To be sure, the list of online file storage services at Listable.com does not contain full reviews of each service. It is simply a list with a one- or two-sentence description of each. It lists free and for-pay services alike, as well as those for Macintosh and Windows and those that serve all operating systems.

You can find the extensive list of online file storage services at <http://www.listible.com/list/online-file-storage>. Now, go back-up your most important files, OK?

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