

## Census & Other Records

Saturday, March 8

9:30 - 12:00 noon



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### Family Tree books at the Mahon Library by Angela Kernell, Librarian

Take a look at the books in the 929 non-fiction section of Mahon to enhance your genealogy research. Some of the titles include: The Family Tree Resource book for genealogists by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack (929.1 FAMI), The Family Tree Guide to finding your Ellis Island ancestors by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack (929.1072074 CARM), and Scrapbooking Your Family History by Maureen Taylor (929.1072 TAYL) Tracing Your Family History: the Complete Guide to Locating Your Ancestors and Finding Out Where You Came From by Lise Hull (929.1072 HULL).

Also, I order the 900s books so if any SPGS member has a suggestion for a book similar to the ones listed, I would be happy to order it. In other news, the yearbooks located in the genealogy section are now in the online catalog, (but do not check them out). Now that the library subscribes to Ancestry.com, please use it on a regular basis if you can so that the library administration will see that the subscription is cost-effective. Ancestry.com is available on the Lubbock Public Library's website:

[www.lubbocklibrary.com](http://www.lubbocklibrary.com) and on the library catalog under Databases and Resources. This is a library only subscription, meaning you can use it here at Mahon and the branches but not at home (because of the licensing agreement.)

### Beginning Session- **CENSUS and OTHER RECORDS**

March 8, 2008                      9:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Community Room -- Mahon Public Library

Hopefully, you have now gathered records on your family to give you a name, time period and place to start looking for ancestors. You need this information to narrow the places to look and most people start looking in the census records. I promise you it will give you a great thrill to see your grandparents or great-grandparents on the census list.

In this session helpers will guide you through places to look, problems to solve, and what information you can gain from a census record. The information can be confusing as well as helpful. The Federal Census records have only been released through 1930 so your family information will have go back to that time.

Hope you are having fun and don't forget to bring a friend!

*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. You may even tape record if you like.*

## NECROLOGY

South Plains Genealogy Society would like to offer our sympathy to all the family of Geneva Underwood, sister of Betty Carr, who died on 12 February 2008 in San Antonio. A book will be placed in the Genealogy Collection in her memory.

### A SUGGESTION FOR NEW RESEARCHER!

There are many reasons why a family was missed by the census taker. If you are having trouble finding a family around 1890 to 1900 and later, try looking for a school census. The children may be found to help you prove that the family was indeed in the county or the adjoining county and the census taker "just" missed them.

### LOST INFORMATION!!

BE SURE to collect your family information, on the computer, written by hand or taped during 2008. Even if you do not plan to do any genealogical research, the information will be available should you or your children decide you are interested in going forward with family research. Sometimes we wait too late to become interested!

WITH THE DEATH OF AN OLD FAMILY MEMBER  
- A LIBRARY OF INFORMATION DIES.

## PRESERVATION TYPE OF THE MONTH

by Becky Schipper

Far more photo albums are being lost through neglect and indifference than are being saved and preserved successfully. Family albums will bring to life past events and personalities. Every seemingly inconsequential activity that was photographed will bring to light family growth, changes and sometimes loss. Old family photo albums are worth their value as a family record that you can share. Photos can be scanned and placed in DVD or other media formats that would make great gifts.

GENEALOGY GEMS, Newsletter from  
Ft. Wayne (IN) Library, 31 Dec. 2007

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & SURNAME INFORMATION

Please fill in the Membership Application and Surname Directory information form that is on the website or in the Mahon Library Genealogy Section. Return it with your 2008 membership dues to SPGS. Membership dues expire December 31st of each year.

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### HAVE YOU USED "PERSI"?

The 2007 edition of the "Periodical Source Index" (PERSI) has been loaded on [HeritageQuestOnline.com](http://HeritageQuestOnline.com) web site. PERSI is the largest and most comprehensive subject to genealogy and local history periodicals published in North America and the British Isles. It really should be a must-check source for every family line and geographic location one is researching. If you have never used PERSI, do so. You never know what you might find and we are all looking for new sites to locate genealogy data.

GENEALOGY GEMS, Ft. Wayne [IN]  
Library No. 43, 30 Sep 2007.

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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 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.

### **ALABAMA BOOKS** (Just a few of them.)

ALABAMA LAND OFFICES - 7 Volumes

[These might help tell you when your ancestor arrived in Alabama.]

ALABAMA CONFEDERATE STATE ROSTER

ALABAMA RECORDS by Jones & Gandruad

[Various "early" records abstracted by these two ladies.

A lot of the records have now been lost.]

VALLEY LEAVES - Covers the northern part of Alabama

TAP ROOTS - Covers the central/eastern part of Alabama

MANY ALABAMA Heritage Books - Family data with good clues.

EARLY SETTLERS OF ALABAMA by Saunders.

SPGS has also set a goal to have at least one book for all 254 counties of the state of Texas.

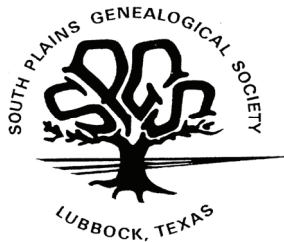
***COME & VISIT OUR COLLECTION!  
THE INTERNET DOES NOT HAVE EVERYTHING!***

## **WAYS TO FIND A MAIDEN NAME**

Do you have some women in your pedigree without a maiden name? Here are some things to help you get pass your "brick wall."

1. Focus on her to obtain all the records she created or that were created about her.
2. All of her children's death certificates if they lived in the 20th century.
3. Copy of her obituary, looking for father or any brothers that survived her.
4. Marriage Certificate- if husband's name is known or the county.
5. Printed church records or printed marriage records found in books or journals.
6. If great-grandparents seem to disappear, perhaps they divorced.
7. Unpublished church or marriage records microfilmed and those located in other counties or countries.
8. Mortgage or Deeds - usually 2 or 4 witnesses at the bottom and about 70% of the time the wife's father was one of them. Figure out who the witnesses are.
9. Census information, also include state and territorial enumerations.
10. County histories, biographies of her husband and children.
11. Newspaper indexes, especially useful for counties where courthouses have burned.
12. Look at her neighbors, friends and relatives. A female friend or relatives may have left a letter or diary mentioning her.
13. Look at her husband's business partners. Some could be the wife's relatives.
14. Genealogical references relating to women, especially in her home state.
15. IGI & Ancestral File Index found in the LDS Family History Center.
16. Widows Military Pension, from several ward where a pension was received.

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### **GIGGLING IN THE GRAVEYARD**

On the grave of Ezakial Alkle in East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia: Here lies Ezakial Alkle, Age 102 - Only the good Die Young.

A lawyer's epitaph in England:  
Sir John Strange,  
Here lies an honest lawyer,  
And that is Strange.

In a Hartscombe, England cemetery:  
On the 22nd of June, Jonathan Fiddle went out of tune.

### **RECORDING LONGITUDES & LATITUDES**

Genealogists have always been taught to record our sources of information. We not only record the name of the book or other sources of genealogy information, but we also record the location of the building (repository) where we found it. Typically we record the building's name, street address, city and state.

With today's technology, shouldn't we also be recording the geographic coordinates? With GPS receivers and the plethora of high-quality on-line maps, it is now easy to find the exact latitude and longitude of any address. Unlike street names, the longitude and latitude will never change.

You can find cemeteries and other locations of genealogical interest by using GPS receivers. Shouldn't we be recording the exact latitude and longitudes of those cemeteries into our databases? Perhaps the cemetery's location alone isn't enough. Should we record the exact location of the ancestor's tombstone?

How about the location of great-great-grandfather's farm? It could be completely covered in weeds or a high-rise apartment building today.

If you own a GPS receiver, the next time you visit an ancestral site of any sort, you should record its geographic coordinates into your database. You can find similar information by consulting topographic maps.

EASTMAN'S ONLINE GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER 30 December 2007