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Change of Address for October Meeting

Cooper Elementary School
South Indiana Avenue & 105th Street

Saturday, October 11th
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon



SOUTH PLAINS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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**BOARD OF DIRECTOR
STEVE MEINECKE**

Steve Meinecke was born in Idalou, January 1926 but moved to Lubbock when his father moved the *Meinecke Bros. Hardware* to Lubbock in 1930. He graduated from Lubbock High in 1943 and Texas Tech in 1949. He and Jeanette Hamilton were married in 1948 and have 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren, one great-grandchild and 7 step great-grandchildren.

Steve worked at *Meinecke Bros. Hardware* from 1948 until 1988, when he retired. He was assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 402 for 18 years and held other positions in the Arrowhead District Boy Scouts of America until early 1980's. He started researching his family tree after closing the hardware store. He is also a volunteer at Mahon Library on Monday mornings and has held several offices with the South Plains Genealogical Society plus working with the Friends of the Library for several years.

Steve and Jeanette have been members of the Homebuilders Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church for over 50 years. They have also helped with the children's division at the church for more than 10 years.

**USE OF MILITARY RECORDS IN
GENEALOGY RESEARCH
FOR ALL WARS**

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Military, pension and bounty records can be very valuable in finding information on our ancestors. They will often give the wife's name or maiden names plus marriage dates and places; parents names; places they lived or in some cases place of death for the veteran. They also may give stories of battles to add "color" to your ancestors' lives.

The Officer and Director slate for 2009-2010 will be voted on.

Come and bring a friend to learn how to find and use these records.

CANCELLATION OF MEETINGS

We hope you received word of the cancellation of the September meeting and did not get out in the rain and flooding. In the event of flooded streets, ice, snow or any inclement weather, please check the SPGS website, www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txspgs, local television stations or call Vi Zeeck at 806-789-9982 or 794-6849 for cancellation verification of our monthly meeting.

NECROLOGY

South Plains Genealogical Society expresses our sympathy to Roger Ward in the death of his sister. She was buried in Utah on 20 September 2008. A book will be placed in the genealogy collection in her memory.

THE MILITARY HERITAGE CENTER

by Curt B. Witcher

In this season of giving, the Fort Wayne, Allen County Library is pleased to announce a new feature on the GenealogyCenter info website. Starting December 1st there will be a special section of the Genealogy Center site called "Our Military Heritage" to honor those who have given so much to our country.

In this section we will be posting full-text searchable images of public-domain publications, soldiers' letters and diaries, photos, pension and service records, posters, military burial records, commemorative works, military institutions yearbooks, articles, postcards and links to significant military websites. The section is linked on the main page of GenealogyCenter.info and can also be accessed directly by the following URL:

www.GenealogyCenter.Info/military.

Genealogy Gems. Fort Wayne Library, No. 45, 30 Nov 2007

LEARN TO MISSPELL YOUR ANCESTORS NAMES

by George G. Morgan

One of the first things that a genealogist or family historian learns is that the spelling of names is never an exact thing. I always tell researchers to learn how to "misspell" your ancestors names because, heaven knows, they and their contemporaries did it all the time!!!

Consider the many times that you've had to spell your name—forename, middle name(s), and surname—for someone. Your ancestors and their family members had to do the same, assuming they were literate and knew how to spell it. Otherwise, the spelling was left to the chance that whoever was writing it down actually knew how to spell it. There was always the chance that the person was not tremendously literate. He or she may have been hard of hearing or inattentive, or the person simply spelled what they heard. Census documents, ship passenger lists, and land records are only a few of the places of evidence that contain misspellings. even tombstones and grave markers contain misspellings.

Eastman's Online Genea. Newsletter, 8 Apr 2008

THE END OF LLOYD BROCKSTRUCK'S NEWSPAPER COLUMN?

For years, Lloyd Bockstruck has written a genealogy column in the Dallas (TX) Morning News. Thousands of people read his column every time it is published. Now the newspaper has decided to discontinue Lloyd's column. A number of people have organized a "write to the editor" campaign to force the newspaper to re-evaluate the decision. If you have an opinion about this column, please contact: Deputy Managing Editor/Lifestyles, Lisa Kresi e-mail: sundylife@dallasnews.com Mail: PO Box 655237, Dallas, TX 75285 Phone: 214-977-8408. If you live in Dallas, please mention it.

Eastman's Online Genea. Newsletter. 15 Sep 2008

WE NEED A COLUMN LIKE THIS IN THE AJ. PERHAPS ALL GENEALOGIST SHOULD WRITE THE EDITOR TO EXPRESS THIS. YSP

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This is a monthly publication of the South Plains Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 6607, Lubbock, TX 79493-6607, which was founded and chartered as a nonprofit organization devoted to assembling and preserving genealogical and historical materials. Membership is open to all persons interested in genealogical and historical research.

UP COMING EVENTS

Friends of the Library Sale

October 18 - 19, Saturday and Sunday
If you are a member, Friday is a special day for you. If not already a member, you can join when you come. The FOL need your help by purchasing books as the library funds have been CUT, once again.

Texas State Genealogy Society 2008 Conference

October 24 - 25, Abilene,
Friday and Saturday
"Following The Evidence Trail"
Speaker: Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG,
CGL
Registration sheet on TSGS website:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txspgs/>
or call Scott Fitzgerald at 903-539-5572.
More information may be found in *STIR-
PES*, June 2008 issue at the Mahon Library.

If you have never attended a state conference, this is your chance to learn and have a good time.

SPGS November Meeting,

November 8, Saturday, 10 a.m.— 12 noon
Mahon Library, Community Room
"Using Heritage Societies"

[As always, if you have topics you would like discussed at a SPGS meeting, contact Vice-President, Pam Casto at pnccasto@aol.com or Vi Zeeck at chasviz58sbcbglobal.net.]

TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TEXAS FIRST FAMILIES INDEX

If your library does not have a copy of the "First Families of Texas" books, the index is now on the TSGS website. Go to:

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsgs. The index is listed on the left, along with other item that may be found on their website. Hopefully you will find your ancestors name.

Visit the SPGS website:

**[http://
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/)**

THE PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY

(This is a series that your editor found on the Internet (*Portal to Texas History e-newsletter*) which may provide other sources for family research. Continued from the September Newsletter)

CHILDRESS COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Childress County Heritage Museum partnered with us to provided access to historic photos from the 1880's to the 1950's. Images feature the local city streets and businesses, area members, area ranches, the TW&D Railway Co, and the Childress Army Air field during WWII.

CLARK HOTEL MUSEUM

The Clark Hotel Museum materials include images from Van Horn and Culbertson County selected for the grant Rescuing Texas History through the Digitization of At-Risk Photographs and Map's.

CLAY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Clay County Historical Society presents a rich collection of photographs that includes early images of Henrietta and surrounding Clay County. Also featured are images of Native Americans taken by photographers Alice Snearly, Lon Kelley, and William E. Irwin.

COLLIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Collin County Genealogical Society provides access to the Collin Chronicles, its quarterly newsletter. The issues ran from 1981 to 2004, and provide transcripts of historical materials, local cemetery information and general research resources.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY AT AUSTIN

The Founders Library at Concordia University presents images of the university campus, as well as early faculty and students. See photographs of Kilian Hall, Texas Hall, the Birkman Chapel, Behnker Hall, and Kramer Hall.

CORPUS CHRISTI MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND HISTORY

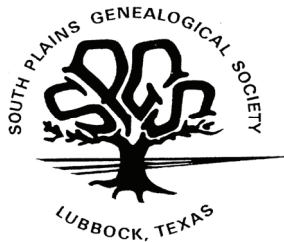
The Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History contributed photos of the 1919 Hurricane, a category 4 storm that was one of the deadliest of the twentieth century with winds up to 110 mph, and waves as high as 16 feet.

COURTHOUSE-ON-THE-SQUARE MUSEUM

Denton's Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum contributes local history photographs from the Harpoll Farm collections, and through the ongoing project From Plowshares to Diplomas: Digitizing Early Denton History, they provide historic photographs of Denton County.

DALLAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Dallas Historical Society provides stunning images from two photographic collections: The J. L. Patton Collection and the US Army Corps of Engineers Collection. The Patton Collection features family photographs and images of Dallas County schools collected by J. L. Patton, a legendary African-American educator, and includes an anthology of poetry compiled by J. Mason Brewer, *Heralding Dawn*. The US Army Corps of Engineers collection includes photographs of early lock and dam projects throughout Texas, dating from 1913 to the 1920's.



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

PART OF TENNESSEE BELONGS TO GEORGIA?

Chattanooga is in the wrong state, according to Georgia lawmakers. So is Lookout Mountain. Lawmakers now say that a survey that was done in the early 1800's incorrectly marked the state's border with Tennessee. Now Georgia wants the land back.

The border is supposed to be the 35th parallel, but an 1818 survey put it just about a mile south of the correct location. Water seems to be the problem as the Tennessee River flows south of the 35th parallel.

Lawmakers in Tennessee said they have no intention of allowing parts of Tennessee to become a part of Georgia. Georgia is serious about the proposal, and all 56 State Senators have signed on as sponsors for legislation to move the boundary to the 35th parallel.

However, any such change would have to be approved by both states.

Eastman's Online Genea. Newsletter, 12 February 2008.

BOOK REVIEW

THE BEATY AND ZINN FAMILIES IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS, by Maxine Beaty Fortenberry. Pub. at 43 Ranch Ridge Rd., Little Rock, AR 72223. E-mail: john.fortenberry@sbcglobal.net Soft bound, on white paper, 307 pages, with index.

The first section of this book is about members of the Beaty family as they traveled across the United States from Ireland, Pennsylvania and North Carolina to Arkansas. It is written by generations, and includes reference sources, and related families' stories and pictures.

The second section concerns the Zinn family from Germany to Northwest Arkansas, also written by generations, containing stories and pictures.

Section three is about the union of the Beaty and Zinn families with the section containing personal stories by the Beaty children.

Many black and white and colored pictures are placed in the book, plus an ahnentafel chart to show the ancestry on this family. It is a well-written book with footnotes and proofs of the information. It would be very helpful to someone researching these two families.

If you have written a book and would like to donate it to the genealogical collection of Mahon Library, please send it to the SPGS address and tell us you would like to have it reviewed. Thanks.