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## Officers:

President: Joe Sissom

Vice President: Jeanne Mantooth

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## Coming Events

**EVERYONE PLEASE NOTE:** *Monday, September 17, 7 pm – Lloyd Bockstruck, Dallas Public Library Genealogy Librarian, author and noted genealogical speaker will present his program “The Courthouse, the Library, the Historical Society, or the State Archives: Where Should the Researcher Go?”*

The society is fortunate to have Mr. Bockstruck as our speaker and we encourage all of our members to be at this meeting. Remember, it is not necessary to be a member to attend our meetings so consider bringing a friend who would enjoy this presentation.

**Monday, October 15, 7 pm** – Jane Power will be speaking on finding adopted persons.

## The Road to the Future

Texas State Genealogical Society  
2007 Annual Conference  
Tyler, Texas

November 9 & 10, 2007

Speakers: George G. Morgan and Drew Smith, The Genealogy Guys  
Visit their website at [www.genealogyguys.com](http://www.genealogyguys.com).

And

John Sellers - "The Women in My Past"

Hosted by the East Texas Genealogical Society  
Vendors and Door Prizes

For an application and further information go to the  
TSGS website [www.rootsweb.com/~txsgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txsgs)

## **2007 Community History Workshop Series**

**Sponsored by the Center for Texas Studies at TCU and the Fort Worth Public Library**

**Saturday, October 6, 10:30 am-12:00 pm** at the Tandy Lecture Hall, Fort Worth Central Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Ft. Worth, TX - "The Art and Science of Photographic Preservation"  
Mark Angel, Photographic Preservation Society

### **BEWARE**

It looks as if Mountain Pacific News in Aurora, Colorado is the latest to publish "family" books in the same manner as Halbert's. Barb Tsirigotis' husband Nick received a brochure in the mail touting "The International Tsirigotis Family Yearbook" – Updated and rewritten for 2007. According to Barb, part of the information in the ad that was intended to entice Nick into buying the book was erroneous. Unless you want an updated (maybe) list of your surname's addresses and telephone numbers, this book is not for you!

From the brochure: " Pictures do not denote Tsirigotis family members unless otherwise noted. FAMILY HISTORIANS NOTE: This data is for you to do your own genealogical research. This book is not about your Tsirigotis family but about the entire Tsirigotis family nationwide."

It is not recommended that you buy a family book from unsolicited mail order offerings. If you want to consider ordering from a brochure, make sure there is a street address, not just a post office box, as a part of the address, and check the company out with the Better Business Bureau. There should be a refund guarantee if you are not satisfied with the book. To ensure a refund, pay with a credit card and withhold payment if not satisfied. In the case of the Mountain Pacific News order form, the only payment accepted is a check!

Mary K

### **OFFICERS FOR 2008**

At our October meeting, a slate of officers – President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer – will be presented to the society by Vice-President Jeanne Mantoath. During our November meeting, an election of the officers for 2008 will be held. Please contact Jeanne if you are interested in serving in any of the positions. Her e-mail address is [jeannealogy@verizon.net](mailto:jeannealogy@verizon.net).

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

A Host/Hostess is needed for our annual Christmas party! Please let Joe know if you would like to have the party in your home.

### **LINKPENDIUM**

It had been quite some time since I had been to the web site Linkpendium when one of the message boards that I subscribe to had a message from Dr. Brian Leverich with updates for the site. In the last 13 months, he said an average of more than 80,000 sources of genealogical information have been added every month. It now has links to 6,017,770 sources of genealogical information and is one of the largest human-edited directories of any kind on the Web. The links are categorized either by Surnames World-Wide or American localities, generally county-level. The URL is: <http://www.linkpedium.com/> Linkpendium is actively searching the Internet for genealogy sites which should be added to the directory. I decided to check it out and found some good records that I needed. What fun! And, that is only for one of the surnames I am researching. You can bet there will be many more searches as soon as this newsletter is wrapped up and on its way.

Mary K

## **ANCESTRY.COM ENTERS DNA GENEALOGY FIELD THROUGH EXCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH SORENSON GENOMICS**

### **Combines Three Major Pillars of Family History Research – Historical Records, DNA and Family Trees**

**PROVO, UTAH – June 18, 2007** – A new partnership seeks to reunite families through science. The Generations Network, parent company of Ancestry.com, has announced it will combine its unrivaled collection of online family trees and historical documents with Sorenson Genomics' precision ancestral DNA testing. This unique partnership promises to revolutionize family history by allowing people to trace their roots and connect to distant cousins through DNA at the click of a mouse.

Ancestry.com boasts more than 14 million users and the world's largest collection of online family trees. In the last 12 months alone, more than two million people have built family trees on Ancestry.com. Sorenson Genomics is one of the world's foremost laboratories for genetic genealogy testing services, and has been helping genealogists extend branches of their family trees through DNA analysis since 2001.

"Entering the DNA category is a natural and powerful extension of our company's mission to connect families across distance and time," said Tim Sullivan, CEO of The Generations Network. "Our partnership with Sorenson Genomics creates an incredible combination of resources designed to demonstrate how closely we are all related."

By taking a simple cheek-swab test and comparing results against DNA profiles in a test-results database, virtually anyone can uncover genealogical associations unimaginable just a few years ago. Users can easily connect with and discover lost or unknown relatives within a few generations, as well as gain insight into where their families originated thousands of years ago.

In the coming months, Ancestry.com will release technology that captures DNA test results in an ever-expanding, searchable database. Using this database, users can easily identify distant cousins and tap into thousands of hours of already-completed genetic genealogical research, breaking through family tree dead-ends or barriers such as missing or inaccurate records and name changes. Ancestry.com is also developing technology that will allow users to integrate DNA results with the historical documents already in their online family trees.

"DNA research becomes more meaningful to people searching for relatives as more peoples' DNA results become part of the database," said Doug Fogg, COO of Sorenson Genomics. "By combining the powerful networking effect of Ancestry.com's extensive user base with Sorenson Genomics' industry-leading DNA testing capabilities, this partnership will dramatically alter and expand the DNA testing services marketplace."

Prior to the current partnership, Sorenson Genomics provided DNA testing and database matching services through its direct-to-consumer genetic genealogy division Relative Genetics. This new partnership agreement brings former customers of Relative Genetics and its DNA database under The Generations Network's umbrella. Sorenson Genomics will now provide DNA testing services for The Generations Network, and Ancestry.com will market DNA testing and database-matching services for genealogy purposes. Results of the Relative Genetics' DNA database will be included in Ancestry.com's growing database.

**About Ancestry.com**

With 24,000 searchable databases and titles, Ancestry.com is the No. 1 online source for family history information. Since its launch in 1997, Ancestry.com has been the premier resource for family history, simplifying genealogical research for millions of people by providing them with many easy-to-use tools and resources to build their own unique family trees. The site is home to the only complete online U.S. Federal Census collection, 1790-1930, as well as the world's largest online collection of U.S. ship passenger list records featuring more than 100 million names, 1820-1960. Ancestry.com is part of The Generations Network, Inc., a leading network of family-focused interactive properties, including MyFamily.com, Rootsweb.com, Genealogy.com and Family Tree Maker. In total, The Generations Network properties receive 10.4 million unique visitors worldwide and over 450 million page views a month (© comScore Media Metrix, March 2007).

**About Sorenson Genomics**

Sorenson Genomics ([www.sorensongenomics.com](http://www.sorensongenomics.com)) is a best-in-class genetic testing laboratory certified to ISO 17025 and accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks. It was the world's first laboratory accredited for genetic genealogy testing services. A pioneer in the relatively new science of genetic genealogy, Sorenson Genomics has provided genetic testing solutions to help genealogists extend branches of family trees since 2001. The company administered the DNA testing for PBS's widely acclaimed series "African American Lives," which traced the roots of icons Oprah Winfrey, Spike Lee, Whoopi Goldberg, Quincy Jones and others. Through its independent business units GeneTree and Sorenson Forensics, Sorenson Genomics provides a wide spectrum of contract services to clients throughout the world, including DNA extraction and purification; DNA sequencing and genotyping; forensic DNA casework; disaster victim identification; ancestral and population assessment, and custom test development.

**NARA TO RAISE FEES**

Effective Monday, October 1, 2007, the fee charged by the National Archives for military pension files more than 75 years old (Civil War and after) will increase to \$75. for up to 100 pages. Any additional pages will be 65 cents per page. The fee for full pre-Civil War files will increase to \$50. If you have an ancestor who served in the Civil War (or an earlier war) and you are planning to order a pension file, you might want to keep this in mind. <http://www.archives.gov/research/index.html>  
<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/> All of the fees are raised substantially, understandably. There is also a list of professional researchers in the area <http://www.archives.gov/research/hire-help>

Type of Record	Order Form	Fee
Passenger Arrival Lists	NATF Form 81	\$25.00
Federal Census Requests	NATF Form 82	\$25.00

Eastern Cherokee Applications to the Court of Claims	NATF Form 83	\$25.00
Land Entry Records	NATF Form 84	\$40.00
Full Pension File more than 75 years old (Civil War and after), up to 100 pages	NATF Form 85	\$75.00
Full pension file (pre-Civil War)	NATF Form 85	\$50.00
Pension Documents Packet (selected records)	NATF Form 85	\$25.00
Bounty Land Warrant Application Files	NATF Form 85	\$25.00
Military service files more than 75 years old	NATF Form 86	\$25.00

Self-service copies will be \$0.25 per page in the Washington, DC, area, and \$0.20 per page at regional archives and Presidential libraries. NARA-made copies will be \$0.75 per page.

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