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Coming Events

Christmas Pot-Luck Supper - Monday, Dec. 17, 6:00 p.m. – Ruth Blough will be our hostess in her home Irving. If you have not already done so, please call and let one of us know if you are coming and who and what you are bringing.

If you have already signed up to come and find you are unable to do so, please let us know so we won't be waiting for your arrival to start digging in.

As usual, please bring food items such as canned and unopened boxed food for Irving Cares to help others have a Christmas dinner that they might not have otherwise.



Monday, Jan. 21, 7:00 p.m., Irving Central Library - Cheryl Vaughn will be speaking on Researching Your Indian Ancestry. She started doing genealogy in 1997 when she set out to prove her Indian Heritage. Since then she has received her certificate degree of Indian blood and has become a tribal member of the Cherokee Nation. Currently she holds membership in the First Families of the Cherokee Nation, and has traced her Indian heritage back to Nancy Ward, who helped the American Patriots in the Revolutionary War. In addition to her own Indian Heritage, she has researched her husband's Indian Heritage, and today Curtiss is a registered member of the Choctaw Nation.

WISDOM FROM GRAMPA - -

It is hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial rates and blamed it on the cost of living. Contributed by Barbara Tsirigotis.

NEW GENEALOGY MATERIALS

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STIRPES ONLINE

The following is an excerpt from an e-mail from Dreanna Belden, a former IGS member and Coordinator for Grants and Development UNT Libraries;

I wanted to let you know that all of the STIRPES are online, and ready for searching. We have added the Texas State Genealogical Society to our list of content contributors (<http://texashistory.unt.edu/browse/?browseby=contributor>), and here's link to the STIRPES issues. We would be very glad to have TSGS and any other societies link to these issues:

<http://texashistory.unt.edu/browse/contributor/TSGS/>

Put surname, event or place you are looking for in Search box. When results come up, click on first blue line reference, and on right-hand side is another Search box, input again description of what you are looking for and enter. It is necessary to do this in order to get to the correct page or pages.

Note: Stirpes is the quarterly publication of the Texas State Genealogical Society. IGS has belonged to TSGS for many years and we have contributed the quarterlies we have received to the Irving Public Library Local History/Genealogy Department. However, there were many years of publication before IGS was started and these are available online per above.

Googling the Insides of Books

Misha Hoekstra, Aarhus, Denmark

The last issue of the RootsWeb Review featured two sources of information from out-of-copyright books: a commercial site that sells CD reproductions of rare genealogical volumes (America's Book CDs), and a RootsWeb network that does volunteer look-ups (Books We Own).

Another overlooked source for old books of genealogical interest is Google Book Search (books.google.com). Drawing on ongoing digitization projects involving millions of different books, the familiar Google search interface lets you search in books you didn't even suspect existed. You can view a large proportion of the digitized volumes in their entirety--chiefly out-of-copyright volumes, though some copyright holders have also granted Google permission to share the full content of other books. If you find a viewable book you don't want to read immediately on screen, you can save it as a PDF file or print it out.

Other volumes are viewable only in part or in what are called "snippets"--usually a couple lines of context around a search item. If the snippet doesn't give you enough information by itself--genealogical research sometimes proceeds in such piecemeal fashion--it may at least let you know whether the book is worth tracking down through other means (say interlibrary loan or BookFinder.com).

If you're searching for names, remember to search for all variations, including inversions (both "John Fury" and "Fury John"). If there are too many hits, filter them by adding a location or occupation. (Note from Editor: Be sure and put the quotes as shown above or Google will bring up hits for every John and every Fury reference which will result in an unbelievable amount of hits.)

The library partners in Google Book Search range from the New York Public Library to the state libraries of Catalonia and Bavaria to the university libraries of Oxford, Harvard, Ghent, and Lausanne. Obviously, books are being added all the time, so if something particular doesn't show up today, check back again in a few months.

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