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DUES!

Have you paid your dues yet? Our yearly dues which are \$20.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for families, can be mailed to: IGS, P. O. Box 170881, Irving, TX 75017-0881. A copy of the Membership Application is included with paper copies of this newsletter and can be used to accompany your payment. Dues are our primary source of income and needed to pay for the operating expenses of the society, which the board has kept to the bare minimum.

This Month

- Sep 12th** Board of Directors meeting – 7pm. Genealogy Section at the Library, 3rd Floor. All members are welcome.
Sep 19th General Meeting – 7pm 1st Floor, Central Irving Library – Speaker: *part 2 of the Brick Wall*

Next Month

- Oct 10th** Board of Directors meeting – 7pm. Genealogy Section at the Library, 3rd Floor. All members are welcome.
Oct 24th General Meeting – 7pm 1st Floor, Central Irving Library – **Note Possible Date Change** Speaker: Barb Tsirigotis – Cemetery Research:

Future

- Nov 4-5** From Allen's Landing to the Moon Landing: Destination Houston – A TSGS event

Honor Your Ancestors

...with a donation for much needed genealogical research materials. The Irving Genealogical Society and the Irving Public Library will purchase research materials for the Genealogy and Local History Section of the library.

Each item purchased will be identified with a beautiful bookplate acknowledging your ancestor and your gift.

Send your donation to:

Irving Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 170881
Irving, TX 75017-0881

Be sure to include your name, your ancestor's name and dates of birth and death if known.

Raymond "Pete" Story



RAYMOND "PETE" STORY, age 89, of Irving, died Saturday, September 3, 2011 at a local care center. The youngest of nine children of one of Irving's oldest pioneer families, he lived in Irving on Story family land his entire life. He graduated from Irving High School in 1941 and later served in the United States Navy. He married Patricia Ann Reynolds August 12, 1949. He was a retired electrical and mechanical technician for Collins Radio / Rockwell Industries, a member of the Dallas County Pioneer Society, the Irving Heritage Society, Ham Radio Club, Irving Genealogy Society, and the Old Kit Cemetery Association. Preceded in death by a son William Michael Story, in 2001 and by his wife Patricia Ann in 2008, he is survived by his daughter Sharon Kline and husband John; sons, Phillip Ray Story and wife Kelly and Mark Allen Story; seven grandchildren, Todd Story, Brandon Story, Lisa Parker, William Christopher Story, Mark Owen, Michael Story, and Christopher William Story; and six great grandchildren. Viewing will be from 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Tuesday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home, 606 W. Airport Freeway in Irving. A graveside funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at Sowers Cemetery.



A Virtual Bouquet of Roses to MaryK Webber

I want to wish many thanks to MaryK for taking care of the IGS newsletter this summer. It is greatly appreciated.

Potential Change for the October Meeting

The Irving Library has requested that we provide a presentation on Cemetery Research for the October meeting to complement their Big Read highlighting Huckleberry Finn. Barb Tsirigotis volunteered to present a fabulous program on that topic. However, she needs to be out of town on our regular meeting day on October 17. If the library auditorium is available on October 24th, yet to be confirmed, then the meeting will be changed.

1940 U.S. Census Records to be Free

From [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#):

The 1940 U.S. census records will be released by the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration on April 2, 2012. Best of all, the more than 3.8 million original document images containing 130 million-plus records will be available to everyone free of charge.

To be sure, not everything will be available on April 2. Not only are the records unavailable to genealogists prior to April 2, those records are also unavailable to indexers and unavailable to the companies that host the records online. **EVERYONE** gains access on April 2. The companies involved in making the records available online will require several months to digitize and index the records and then to make them available online.

Initially the records will be available online, but without indexes. The indexes will probably be added around June or July. If you are looking for ancestors in any town or city of significant size, you will want the indexes.

Ancestry.com has already pledged to make the 1940 census records available online free of charge through the end of 2013. One will be able to search more than 45 fields, including name, gender, race, street address, county and state, and parents' places of birth.

Other online sites also will offer the same records online, although with different indexes and with different search criteria. FamilySearch will have the records available free of charge forever.

Having different indexes is a great benefit as errors are common in all indexes. Having two or more versions of the records available makes it easy to compare one version against the other version(s), greatly increasing the probability of finding the information you seek.

You can find more information about the release of the 1940 census on the National Archives and Records Administration's website at www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/index.html

You can also find 1940 census Enumeration Districts, a census street finder, and more at Steve Morse's **One-Step Genealogy** site at <http://stevemorse.org/>

Ancestry.com Releases the 1930 Mexico National Census to Open Gateway for Hispanic Family History Research

The following announcement was written by Ancestry.com:

Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, today announced a significant addition to its growing collection of online Mexican and Hispanic historical records. With nearly 13 million records, the newly available 1930 Mexico National Census (El Quinto Censo General de Población y Vivienda 1930, México) is the most comprehensive historical Mexican census available online[1]. It is estimated that this census counted approximately 90 percent of the population, therefore for nearly 30 million Americans who can trace their families to Mexico, it provides a valuable gateway to begin researching Mexican family history, especially if family, vital or religious records are lost.

Mexico's first formally recognized federal or national census was taken in 1895. Starting in 1900, censuses were taken every 10 years, making the 1930 Mexico Census the fifth official government census, or formally the Fifth General Census of Housing and Population. This particular census is significant in Mexican history as federal officials sought to make it a vehicle for national unity. A successful campaign urging citizens to take part as a civic duty resulted in an extremely high participation rate - the primary reason why the 1930 Mexican Census is considered the best Mexican census conducted in the 20th century.

Edward James Olmos, Academy Award nominated actor and noted philanthropist, is working with Ancestry.com to trace his family's Mexican history using information found in the 1930 Mexico National Census.

"Like so many Latinos, I'm proud of my heritage and want to preserve that legacy for future generations," said Olmos. "With resources like the 1930 Mexico National Census, families can now trace their ancestors to Mexico and gain a greater understanding of where they came from."

The 1930 Mexico National Census provides a wide spectrum of details about individuals and families and can offer valuable insight into their lives. In addition to demographic data such as name, age, gender, birthplace, address and marital status, the census form also recorded nationality, religion, occupation, real estate holdings, literacy and any physical or mental defects. The millions of records in the collection reveal some interesting statistics about life in Mexico in 1930:

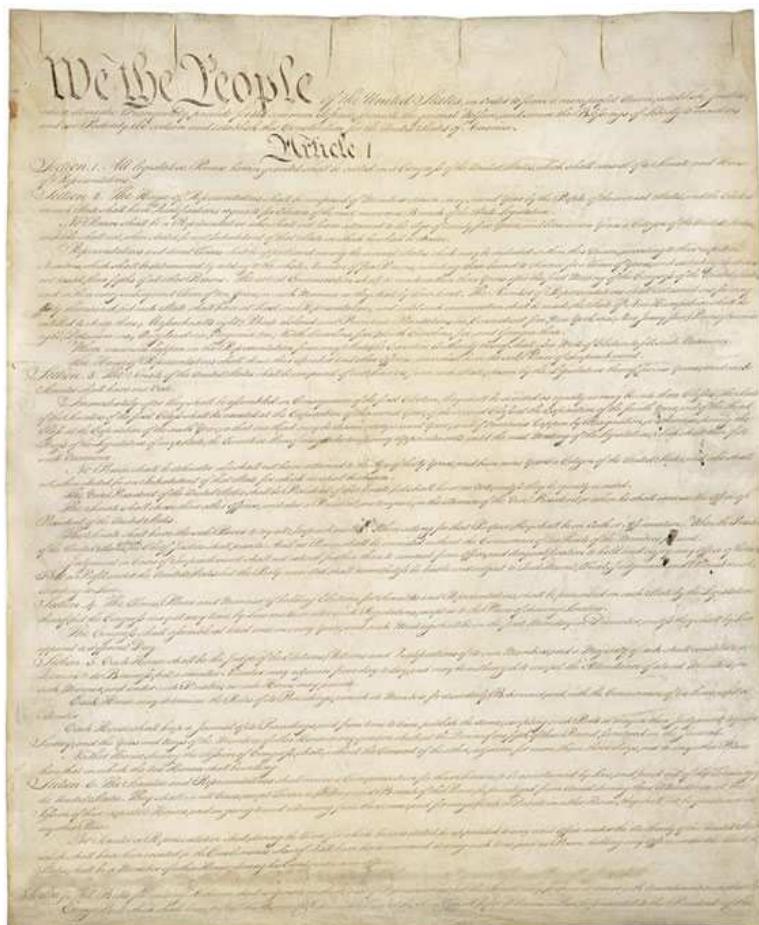
- The most common given female name was Maria and the most common given male name Juan.
- The three most common surnames were Hernandez, Garcia and Martinez.
- Nearly 18% of the population were recorded as Soltero [single], 11% were Casado por lo Civil y la Iglesia [civil and church marriage], 10% were Casado por la Iglesia [church marriage] and 8% were Union Libre [free union—living together without marriage].
- The four most populous Mexican states were Puebla, Veracruz, Jalisco and Oaxaca.
- Famous Mexicans found in the collection include Maria Félix (1914–2002), who was among the best-known Mexican actresses and Carmello Torres Fregoso (Bernardo del Carmen Fregoso Cázares; 1927-2003), a renowned bullfighter who later became a successful businessman.

"As the United States is home to the second largest Mexican community in the world, Mexican-Americans comprise 10 percent of the total U.S. population therefore it is fitting that the world's largest online family history resource now has an expansive collection to serve this important demographic," said Josh Hanna, Ancestry.com Executive Vice President.

While the 1930 Mexico Census is the newest and largest collection of Mexican records on Ancestry.com, there are a number of other collections that may be helpful when conducting Mexican family history research, including Border Crossings: From Mexico to U.S., 1895-1957; Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, Mexico, Selected Parish Records, 1751-1880; and the Spanish-American Family History Guide.

To start researching the 1930 Mexico Census for free, please visit www.ancestry.com/Mexico.

September 17 – Constitution Day



Constitution Day (or Citizenship Day) is an American federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution and those who have become U.S. citizens. It is observed on September 17, the day the U.S. Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution in 1787. The law establishing the holiday was created in 2004 with the passage of an amendment by Senator Robert Byrd to the Omnibus spending bill of 2004. Before this law was enacted, the holiday was

known as "Citizenship Day". In addition to renaming the holiday "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day," the act mandates that all publicly funded educational institutions provide educational programming on the history of the American Constitution on that day. In May 2005, the United States Department of Education announced the enactment of this law and that it would apply to any school receiving federal funds of any kind. This holiday is not observed by granting time off work for federal employees.

When Constitution Day falls on a weekend or on another holiday, schools and other institutions observe the holiday on an adjacent weekday. This was the case in 2005, when Constitution Day was generally observed on Friday, September 16 and 2006 when the holiday was observed on Monday, September 18.

11th Annual Genealogy Lock-In – Discover History for Yourself

In celebration of 'Family History' month in October, the Genealogy Division of the **Waco-McLennan County Library System**, in cooperation with the **Central Texas Genealogical Society (CTGS)**, will be sponsoring the 11th Annual Genealogy Lock-in on Friday, October 21, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the West Waco Library & Genealogy Center, 5301 Bosque Blvd., Suite 275 in Waco. This event is free and open to any members of the public who have an interest in genealogy.

If you are new to genealogy join us for the Genealogy Beginners Class or for a lecture on the Texas Confederate Pension Applications or Indian Research Resources at the Southwest Regional Archives in Fort Worth. Or relax and visit the Demo Showcase for website tutorials and discussions, product news and re-enactors discussing how your ancestor might of lived.

The purpose of the event is to showcase the Library's genealogy collection and provide an awareness of the hereditary and historical societies represented in this area. It's a great opportunity for both the novice and the experienced researcher to learn more about genealogy, pursue their individual family's history, and to learn about local hereditary and historical societies. The Lock-in will include genealogical advice, instruction, food, and door prizes.

The Lone Star Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) will be sponsoring an 'Ancestors Road Show' during the Lock-in. Professional genealogists will provide free consultations to family history researchers. This is a great opportunity to have a professional review those "brick wall" problems. Contact the number below for additional information.

The Genealogy Center and CTGS are pleased to announce that this year's Lock-in will be held in conjunction with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's Genealogy After Dark event in Austin. Arrangements have been made to take and fill reference requests from selected resources from both collections at the event. Resources from the TSLAC include Texas Confederate Pension Applications, Texas City directory information, and Vital Statistics Indexes. Resources from the Genealogy Center include Footnote database Civil War Service Records and McLennan County area obituaries, cemetery records and more.

For those with an interest in attending the TSLAC Genealogy After Dark event in Austin please contact the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, 1201 Brazos Street, Austin TX 78701 geninfo@tsl.state.tx.us 512-463-5455. Advance registration is required and will be limited to 30 participants.

Participants with the Waco Genealogy Lock-in need to arrive between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Doors will be opened at 6:30 p.m. There will be no admittance after 7:30 p.m. Participants may leave at any time. Security will be provided.

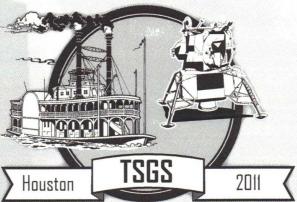
Library facilities other than Genealogy will not be available for use during the Lock-in. Children under the age of 16 attending the event must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information contact Bill Buckner, Genealogy Center Manager of the West Waco Library & Genealogy Center at (254) 750-5945 or e-mail bbuckner@ci.waco.tx.us or on the web <http://www.wacolibrary.org/www.ctgs.org>

The Texas State Genealogical Society with 2011 Annual Conference Hosts The Clayton Library Friends
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FEATURING PAULA STUART-WARREN

Paula Stuart-Warren has been a board certified genealogist (CG) since 1988. Her research specialties include methodology, research planning, one-on-one consultations, the U.S. National Archives and its regional facilities, the Family History Library, Midwestern and Plains states, Minnesota Historical Society, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Wisconsin Historical Society, American Indians and unusual records. Paula has worked for clients and her own family history on-site in courthouses, state archives, public and university libraries, and historical societies all across the U.S. and brings that knowledge to her audiences.



CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

- Thursday, November 3, 2011 – A special writing workshop with Paula before the conference begins on Friday – sponsored by Clayton Library Friends
- Friday, November 4, 2011 – Conference begins -- A full day of multiple lectures each hour with a variety of experts
- Saturday, November 5, 2011 – a full day with Paula – 4 topics
- Don't miss the FREE vendor /exhibit hall
- An opportunity to research at one of the 5 best genealogy libraries in the United States, the Clayton Library before and after the conference
- Networking with other genealogists, getting hints, winning door prizes, maybe finding a new cousin, discovering a new research method... and so much more!

The Texas State Genealogical Society and the Clayton Library Friends invite you for a weekend shared by your fellow genealogists!
You never know who you will find!!

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