

FROM ALLEN'S LANDING TO THE MOON LANDING: DESTINATION HOUSTON



November 4-5, 2011
Houston, Texas

Pre-conference November 3, 2011

The 2011 Texas State Genealogical Society Conference
Presented by TSGS and Clayton Library Friends



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Texas State Genealogical Society 51st Annual Conference
Friday and Saturday, November 4 & 5, 2011
Presented by The Texas State Genealogical Society & The Clayton Library Friends
Pre-conference Thursday, November 3, 2011

Thursday's Workshop - A Baker's Dozen: Easy Ways to Begin Writing Your Family - Any one can write! Learn ways to get your family history in print without a lot of strain. It's not as daunting a task as you might think. A "baker's dozen" of ways to work on this over time and ideas to get your greater family involved will be shared. You may find that you are already doing some of these but hadn't realized you were actually getting family history into print! Some of the ideas even lend themselves to scrapbooking techniques. Including family health history information is an important part of the process; what you share in print may aid a family member some day. Sharing and preserving the family stories, both the joyous times and the tough times, can enhance your understanding of yourself and the greater family. Visuals will demonstrate the "Baker's Dozen" and a handout will point you to further ideas and help in both print and online formats. Come prepared to do some easy writing during the workshop.

FamilySearch.org at the Clayton Library - Members of FamilySearch.org will present information on the FamilySearch website and much more, including information on the FamilySearch indexing projects. TSGS is a partner on the Texas County Tax Rolls 1837-1910

Birds of a Feather Hall - Visit with representatives from local lineage and ethnic societies to discuss one on one research techniques, tips, and road blocks.

Ice Cream Social and Exhibit Hall Opening - Enjoy the evening before the conference with fellow attendees sharing ice cream getting to know one another. In addition, the Vendor hall will be open from 7pm - 9pm for your perusal of genealogical books, exhibitors, and other genealogical, historical or archival vendors to visit. The Vendor Hall is free and open to the public.

Friday, November 4, 2011

Lone Star Chapter Association of Professional Genealogists Roadshow Consultations - enjoy a free 15 minute consultation for your brick wall research problem with a professional genealogists - www.lonestarapg.com

Saturday, November 5, 2011 - Featured Speaker: Paula Stuart-Warren

Finding and Using Manuscript and Special Collections Repositories - So you have checked census, probate church, naturalization, and other records. The obituaries, marriage, birth and death records have also been located. Yet, you still have too many blank spaces on your family group sheets. You still don't have enough of the story about some ancestors to really know who there were. Your next step might be using manuscripts and checking out special collections in various repositories. The treasures which might be found are too often neglected. Should you check in the ancestral localities? Of course, but manuscripts may end up anywhere. Fortunately more and more finding aids are available to help us find a manuscript which might pertain to an ancestral locality of person many states away from where they lived.

The WPA Era: What It Created for Genealogists - During tough economic times in the 1930s and 1940s, government programs put many people to work. The Works Progress/Projects Administration created a goldmine of records that are useful for today's genealogists. WPA record transcriptions, courthouse and manuscript inventories, indexes, city/county histories, and histories of businesses and families may exist for your ancestral locale. We will discuss many of those WPA creations, some of which you already use regularly, and where others may be found today. We will also discuss some modern surveys and the online explosion of WPA materials.

Southern Deeds: More than Land Deeds - Mention that word to a family historian and probably the first thing that comes to mind is a land transaction. Names, relationships, parentage, ages, death, marriage, and family disputes are found as slaves, land, equipment, mules and more are conveyed.

Railroad Records and Railroad History: Methods for Tracking - How many genealogists have heard that great-grandpa traversed this nation as he worked for the railroad? For which railroad did he work? Where did it run? Are there railroad records that still exist? This lecture addresses these questions.

PRE-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Morning Session held at the Clayton Library, afternoon and evening events are held at the conference hotel, the Marriott.

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Location: Clayton Library - Using the new FamilySearch website and more!
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Paula Stuart-Warren - A Baker's Dozen: Easy Ways to Begin Writing your Family History
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social Exhibit Hall opens Birds of a Feather Hall

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, November 4, 2011			
8:00 a.m.	Exhibit area opens		
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration		
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	LSCAPG Genealogy Roadshow Consultations		
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome & Introductory Remarks: Nancy Wright Brennan, TSGS President		
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Karen Matheson - An A+ Source: School Records	Charlie Gardes - What did GreatGrandpa do in the Civil War? - Tracing your Civilian Ancestors	Hispanic Genealogical Research
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break Visit the exhibit area		
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Debbie Parker Wayne - DNA and Genetic Genealogy in 2011	African American Research Panel Discussion	Texas General Land Office James Harkins - Genealogical Resources at the Texas General Land Office
12 Noon – 12:30 p.m.	TSGS Business Meeting		
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Buffet Lunch Visit the exhibit area		
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Cindy Foreman Genealogical Chaining of Artifacts	Randy Whited - It's All Greek to Me, Working with Foreign Records when You Don't Know the Language	Lynna Kay Shuffield - Civil War Research Digitally: Find the "War" from Home
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Break - Exhibit area open		
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Clayton Library: Gem of the Gulf Coast	Texas Room, HMRC and GRE: Houston's Treasures	Karen Matheson - Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor: U.S. Immigration & Ships' Passenger Lists
6:30 p.m.	Exhibit area closes		
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	TSGS Awards Banquet Speaker: Betty Chapman - A 175 years of Houston History - the City has Come A Long Way		

Saturday, November 5, 2011	
8:00 a.m.	Exhibit area opens
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.– 10 a.m.	Paula Stuart-Warren Finding and Using Manuscripts
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break Visit the exhibit area
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Paula Stuart-Warren Railroad History & Records: Methods for Tracking
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Visit the exhibit area
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Paula Stuart-Warren Southern Deeds: More than Land
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Break Visit the exhibit area
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Paula Stuart-Warren The WPA Era: What It Created for Genealogists

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Mail this form and your check to TSGS c/o Conference Registrar, PO Box 7308, Tyler, TX 75711-7308. The early registration rate applies to those postmarked by October 15, 2011. Cancellations postmarked by October 10 will be refunded minus a \$20.00 service fee. Cancellations after October 10 will not be refunded.

For registration questions contact: scottfitzgerald@tyler.net or call Scott Fitzgerald at 903-539-5572.

Thursday November 3, 2011 – Pre-conference

	Early Registration (By October 15, 2011)	Late Registration (After October 15, 2011)
A Morning with FamilySearch	\$0	\$0
Writing Workshop	\$10	\$15
Evening Ice Cream Social	\$2	\$5

Full Conference Friday & Saturday Prices (lunches included)

	Early Registration (By October 15, 2011)	Late Registration (After October 15, 2011)
TSGS Member*	\$95	\$110
Non-TSGS Member	\$105	\$120

Individual Days (lunches included)

	Early Registration (By October 15, 2011)	Late Registration (After October 15, 2011)
Friday ONLY - TSGS Member*	\$55	\$60
Friday ONLY - Non-TSGS Member	\$60	\$65
Saturday ONLY - TSGS Member*	\$55	\$60
Saturday ONLY - Non-TSGS Member	\$60	\$65

*TSGS members include individual members OR individuals who are members of TSGS Partner Societies

Friday Evening Banquet

	Early Registration (By October 15, 2011)	Late Registration (After October 15, 2011)
Banquet Price	\$35	\$40

Registration Information

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person

Register online at www.claytonlibraryfriends.org or www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsgs

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