

## Join us as we continue our Journey of Transformation in 2015!

TSGS promotes, develops and conserves the genealogical and historical resources of Texas and beyond. Just recently, TSGS funded records preservation at the national level through a matching grant to the War of 1812 records preservation project; at the state level through a grant to preserve, scan and place records at the Texas General Land Office; and at the local level through grants to partner societies for indexing, abstracting and preserving local records.

TSGS focuses on the needs of societies and family organizations with a suite of benefits:

- ▶ **TSGS Blog** – timely and consistent blog posts concerning the genealogical community (especially Texas) such as research how-to's; records availability; news; technology; DNA; Partner Society special events; Partner Society spotlight; and more.
- ▶ **TSGS Weekly eNews** – a weekly electronic newsletter with valuable genealogical information & news, a round up of all the TSGS blog posts for the month, reminders of upcoming Partner Society events, and more.
- ▶ **Redesigned TSGS Website** – TSGS is making our website better each time you visit and use our resources.
- ▶ **Partner Society and member Resource Pages** – curated for your society and research needs.
- ▶ **Publicity and Promotion** – Partner Society special events promoted on the TSGS online calendar; the TSGS Blog; the new TSGS Email Newsletter; and all the TSGS social media networks, reaching members and potential members all across the world.
- ▶ **Archival Support for Partner Societies** – Our Archivist offers access to a collection of Archiving Best Practices for Managing Society Archives as well as consultations with her on archiving issues.
- ▶ **TSGS Partner Society Newsletter** – All Partner Societies receive a bi-monthly society newsletter which addresses issues we all face in managing partner societies, highlighting successes and solutions and addressing challenges.
- ▶ **Subscription to our journal, *Stirpes*** - *Stirpes* focuses on historical and genealogical articles of interest to any genealogist.

Watch our website at TxSGS.org for exciting new developments throughout the year.

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Facebook/Google+ Page: _____	<b>Membership Level</b>
Make check out to TSGS. Mail this form and payment to: TSGS Treasurer, P. O. Box 7308, Tyler, TX 75722-7308	<input type="checkbox"/> Library Subscription (\$25) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 yr. Library Subscription (\$50)
Memberships may also be paid online at <a href="http://www.TxSGS.org">www.TxSGS.org</a>	For more information, contact <a href="mailto:membership@TxSGS.org">membership@TxSGS.org</a>



### TSGS Programs

The **Heritage Certificate Program** honors your ancestors who made Texas great:

- Texas First Families
- Gone to Texas Pioneer
- West Texas Pioneer
- Greer County, Texas, Pioneer
- Texas Rangers

The **TSGS Award Program** recognizes quality effort in documenting families in articles, books, websites and newsletters.

TSGS demonstrates a continual commitment to keeping Texas records open for research via the **Records Preservation and Archives Committee**.

TSGS assists members through a DNA test discount via our **Family Tree DNA TSGS Group DNA Project**.

For more information about these programs and more, visit our website at [www.TxSGS.org](http://www.TxSGS.org).

### Your membership in TSGS supports:

- **Writing Awards** – for genealogy articles and columns
- **Society Publication Awards** – encouraging Partner Societies to produce quality publications.
- **Book Awards** – for books published by individuals and societies.
- **Website Award** – promoting genealogy and history on the Internet.
- **Student Project Awards** – for elementary, middle school and high school students.
- **Scholarships** – for high school graduates majoring in history, government, library science or education.
- **Archival Grants** – assisting Partner Societies in preserving quarterlies, journals, or other records.
- **Matching Grants** – assisting Partner Societies in publishing local or cemetery records.
- **Volunteer of the Year Award** – honoring outstanding volunteers in Partner Societies.
- **Records Preservation and Access** – promotes preservation and open access to public records.

*Learn about these programs and more at [www.TxSGS.org](http://www.TxSGS.org).*

# Texas State Genealogical Society



**Partners in Preservation with Archives, Libraries and Repositories**