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*Why Name our Journal Stirpes?* Pronounced "STÛR'PEZ," it perfectly describes the core understanding of our passion in researching ancestry and family history: The phrase "... to my heirs, per stirpes" means that the legal heirs share their inheritance based on their relationship to the deceased." (See full story in *Stirpes*, 2016, Volume 55, Number 3-4)

From the

# Editors' Pen



As we piece together the lives of our ancestors, a critical component in crafting their narrative is understanding where they lived. This issue focuses on maps, a favorite tool for genealogists in locating their ancestors. Expanding on this, we discuss the rich resources associated with them and the lessons we can learn from them as we locate our ancestors in place and broaden our picture of their community

Our authors in this issue addressed many facets of using maps in genealogy research. Russell Rahn builds a family tree using farm leases in "The Family Farm;" "Mapping the Straub Family Farm" by Susan Ball shows how to find that family farm in Kansas using plat maps and census enumerations. "GLO Map Collection Yields Unexpected Connection" by Brandice Nelson illustrates the surprising extras that may be found in files at the Texas General Land Office.

Pat Gordon describes how she expanded a short notice found about a retailer in 1880s' Dallas into an extensive, on the ground look at what his life must have been like in "Explore Your Ancestor's World Through

Sanborn Maps and Directories." In "Using Online Maps for Genealogy," Sandra Crowley discusses ways maps can expand ancestral research and understanding and also provides a list of resources for locating online map repositories and more. "Look for Another Source" by Russell Rahn uses a quitclaim deed to illustrate the need to find all available sources to verify the accuracy of "facts" stated in documents.

An excellent tutorial in "Earth Survey and Google Earth" by Jessica Horne Collins demonstrates, step by step, how to use an online mapping tool, Earth Survey, to find and notate land in state land states. Jessica and her son, Jonathan, are featured in "A TxSGS Awards Program First" as they both won awards at the TxSGS Awards program. *Stirpes* applauds the many 2019 award winners in "TxSGS Recognizes Quality Research, Writing, and Websites with 2019 Awards" and proclaims "Good Job!" to all those who submitted books, manuscripts, websites, and publications for award consideration. Bill Buckner reviewed the 2019 Grand Prize Winner, *Gholson Brothers in the Thick of It: True Stories of Early Texas, as Told by Two Who Lived*

*It*, by Donna Gholson Cook.

Read about our newest Fellows, Susan Kaufman and John V. Wylie, in "TxSGS Honors Two Genealogy Leaders." "Thelma Dangerfield Honored as TxSGS 2019 Volunteer of the Year" recognizes decades of research and service to the genealogical community by a worthy recipient. We say thank you and congratulations to these honorees.

This issue also includes a handful of TxSGS articles to keep our members and readers abreast of events: "TxSGS Annual Business Meeting," "TxSGS Family History Conference Wrap-Up," and "Partner Society Roundup," which includes a list of present Partner Societies and an introduction to our new Pilot Webinar Program for Partner Societies. We especially want to draw your attention to the incoming TxSGS board of directors in "Introducing New Officers for the 2020-2021 Term."

Finally, in this 2019 holiday season, we wish to all our readers a "Happy Holidays" and share with you the hopeful, heartfelt, holiday desires of our readers in "Holiday Wishes."

~ *Stirpes* Editors ★

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# Volunteer Spotlight: TxSGS 2019 Family History Conference Volunteers

Reviews for the 2019 conference have been very positive, with many recognizing the work required to produce an event of this magnitude. One comment summed up the feelings of many: *“I thought this conference was well organized. Everyone representing TxSGS was very helpful and very professional.”*

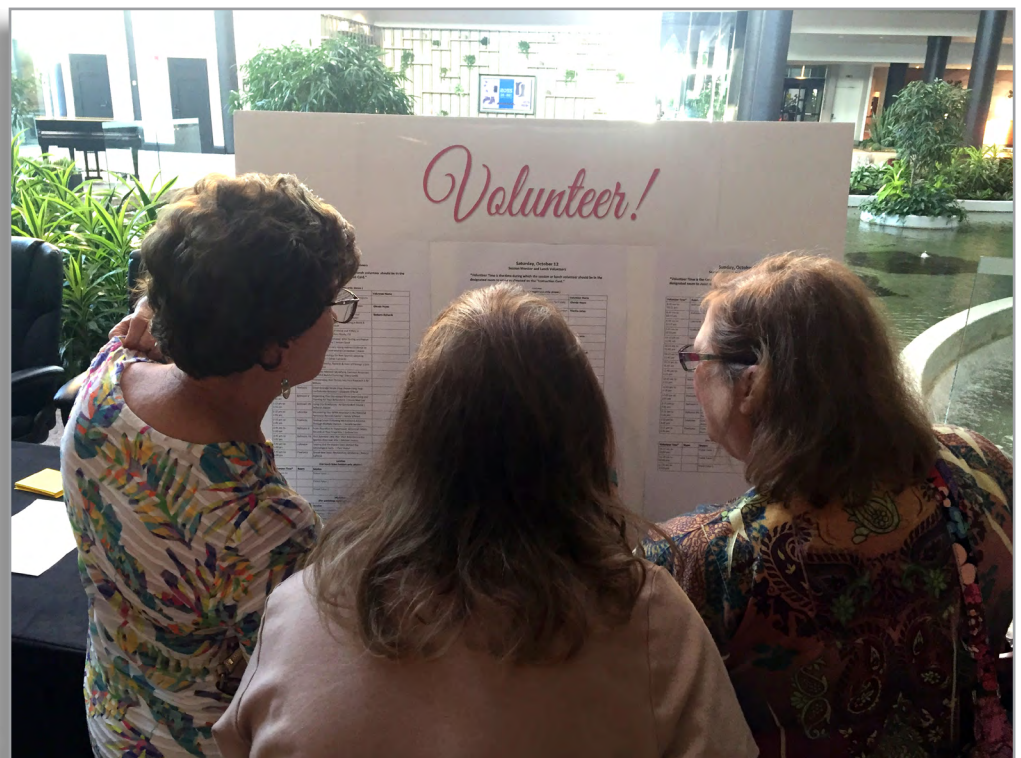
A well-run conference doesn't happen without many volunteers logging hundreds of hours. The Conference Committee, consisting of co-chairs Sue Kaufman, Susan Ball, and Sandra Crowley along with Tony Hanson, Betsy Mills, Ari Wilkins, and Randy Whited provided the organizational leadership and countless hours required to successfully manage the conference. Liz Hicks collected and managed dozens of door prizes to the delight of the attendees and especially the door prize winners! Patti Huff Smith crafted the elaborate baskets that were given away as prizes at the Exhibit Hall open house.

At the conference, dozens of attendees volunteered at registration and as room monitors. Vicki Neisler, Volunteer Coordinator, managed our room volunteers while Betsy Mills, Conference Registrar, managed the registration table. Vicki also supported Betsy at the registration table and assisted the conference committee, happily helping with any task, large or small.

Among our conference volunteers were Lynda Collins, Barbara Fulton, Martha Jones, Kathie Kochanowsky, Angelina Kretzschmar, Kim Marble, Katrina Mattingly, Sheran McCants, Tina McGuffin, Natalie McLain, David Passman, Elly Pollock, Ann Roberts, Elsa Schmieder, Susan Thompson, Debra Usry, Kathleen

Williams, and Sue Yerby. A drawing was held for the conference volunteers, with one entry for each hour worked at the conference. Elsa Schmieder won the grand prize, which was free access to both Virtual Pass Packages recorded at the conference for the TxSGS Webinar Series. Sue Yerby, Kathie Kochanowsky, and Angelina Kretzschmar each won free access to their choice of one of the Virtual Pass Packages.

To all of our volunteers, we offer a heartfelt thank you. We gratefully acknowledge the key part that our volunteers played in the success of the 2019 Family History Conference. ★



# Explore Your Ancestor's World Through Sanborn Maps and Directories

by Pat Gordon

Have you ever wished you could walk down major streets in the town where your ancestors lived? While many of those streets still exist, chances are they no longer resemble the way they looked in 1880 or 1900 or even 1930.

Downtown Dallas today is certainly not the same downtown as Robert Swor experienced in 1884 when he sent an invitation to a Mr. Taber inviting him to stop by for samples of “our Famous Mead” and “Pure Fruit Syrup Soda Water.”<sup>1</sup> His Dallas had drafty, dimly lit buildings, runaway horses, and smelly animal manure. Today, downtown Dallas is a maze of concrete and glass canyons clogged with hundreds of cars spewing exhaust fumes.

Unless there is a good way to time travel, finding the world of Swor may take time, patience, persistence, and lots of luck. That’s where fire insurance maps can be a big help.

Fire insurance maps might seem like an unlikely genealogy tool, even though they are maps. They were created, not to help the public, but for the benefit of insurance companies, which desired an economical way to assess fire danger. Insurance companies needed to know fire hazards associated with insuring a particular building or even a block of buildings and what firefighting equipment was available to fight fires—not if they happened, but when they happened.

Fire insurance actually started in England in the 1700s, then spread to the United States as English

companies offered fire insurance coverage to a growing nation until interrupted by the War of 1812. Following the war, many large US cities along the East Coast became industrialized, leading to more fire risks. Local fire insurance coverage took over because the companies could easily inspect buildings in the cities where they did business.<sup>2</sup>

As fire insurance companies grew and coverage spread, companies found it financially impractical to send employees to assess fire risks in faraway cities.

Yet, without such information, these companies risked either setting coverage rates too low or having too many policies in high-risk fire areas. The problem was partially solved in the 1850s when major insurance companies began hiring mapmakers to create fire maps for major cities.

While early maps often lacked a key that explained how to read symbols on the map, most later maps had them. Keep in mind that these maps were

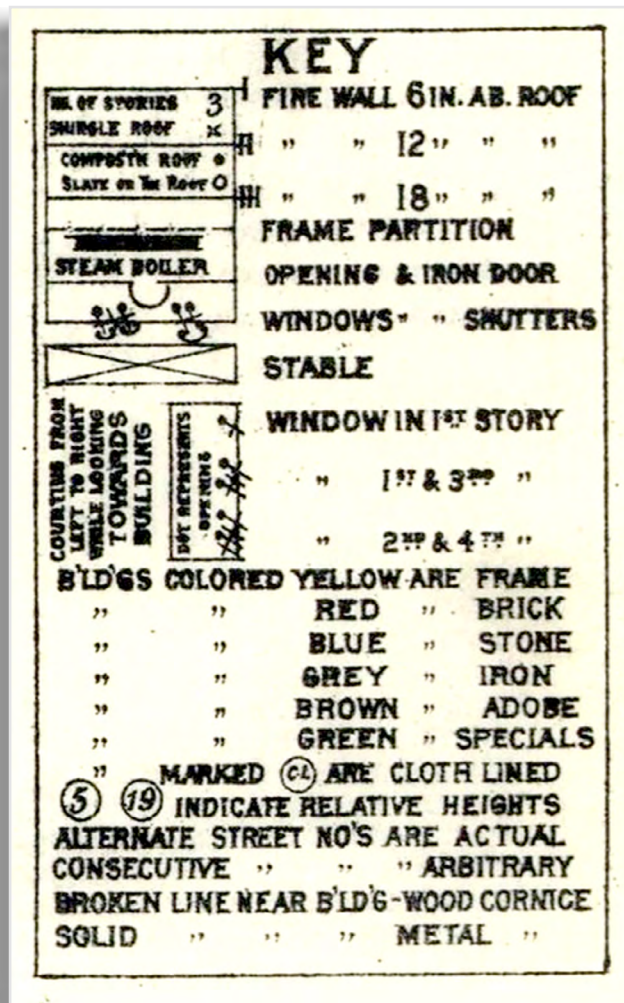


Figure 1: Map key from the 1885 Sanborn map for Austin, Texas (courtesy Portal to Texas History)

used by fire insurance companies, so the key used codes that enabled insurance employees to easily see types of construction material for each building, the number of stories, the number of windows and doors, combustibles stored inside, street widths, water sources, firefighting equipment available, etc. Early maps had simple keys, which became more elaborate on later maps. To simplify the maps, each structure was color coded for construction material and use: red for

# GLO Map Collection Yields an Unexpected Connection

by Brandice Nelson, Map Curator, Texas General Land Office

The Texas General Land Office is the repository of all original land grants from Spanish imperial control through early statehood and a collection of over 45,000 maps. While historians most often use the map collection, it is also an incredibly rich resource for genealogists.



Montgomery County, Texas, 1880, Map #582, Map Collection, Archives and Records Program, Texas General Land Office, Austin, TX

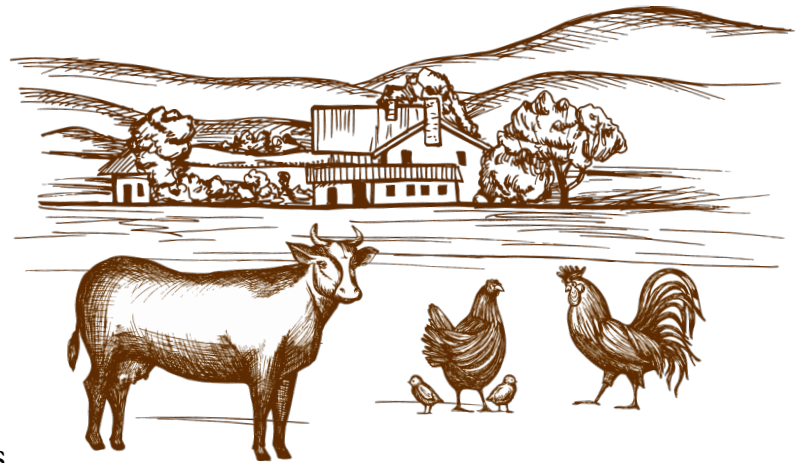


# The Family Farm

by Russell A. Rahn

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**B**irth, death, and marriage documents are usually considered to be the “vital” records in compiling a lineage and family tree. There are, however, many other types of documents that describe events and conditions in family history, shed some light on what has occurred in that family’s history, and add a great deal of interest to the study of genealogy.



It can then truly become a study of family history, which in many ways is far more interesting than simply assembling the data for a family tree display. Genealogy then changes from “How far back can you go?” to the question, “What can you tell me about the actual lives of your ancestors?”

I recently came upon a small collection of farm property deeds and other documents for a Kansas family. As I read through the packet, I was struck by how the original owner made it possible for his son to become the next generation owner of the land, thereby assuring the family’s continued sustenance. It reminded me of one of the prevailing practices in Europe throughout and after the Middle Ages, that of primogeniture. For better or for worse, this practice amounted to passing on the entire family property (usually a farming enterprise) to the eldest son in the family. The other sons and any daughters might receive a small allotment, but were otherwise pretty much on their own.

The purpose behind primogeniture was to prevent

successively splitting a piece of land into smaller and smaller pieces as time and generations went on, eventually creating many small plots of land on which no one could raise enough food to sustain a family. Allowing one person to “get it all” ensured a sufficient source of food to sustain the family line through at least one more generation.

The family in question was that of Joseph Straub, together with his wife, Salome Hildebrandt Straub, and their children. The Straub family was not small. Federal census records for the year 1900 indicate that Joseph and Salome had nine children, with six of them still living in 1900. I thought it certainly could be interesting to learn more of the family structure and see how the others in this family group had made out with their lives. Perhaps the practice of primogeniture was still alive and well—and living in Kansas!

Most of the children of Joseph’s family can be seen in the family tree that accompanies this article. There seems to be one missing person, however, and I suspect this individual

died in infancy (probably in Germany) and did not make it into the digital records used to prepare the tree.

Joseph’s life began in Baden, Germany, where he met and married his wife, Salome Hildebrandt, in 1881. Their first five children were born in Baden. Then, around 1886 or 1887, they decided to immigrate to America. The family initially located in Missouri where several more children were born. At some point along the way, this household was living in Nebraska, where at least one more child was born.

Atchison County, Kansas, was the final destination in the Straubs’ journey. There, in Mount Pleasant Township, the family settled for good. Census records indicate this last move was made between 1905, when the Straubs are found in the Kansas state census living in Center Township, and 1910, when the family appears in Mount Pleasant Township, both in Atchison County.

In 1918, Joseph Straub, at age 61, apparently decided that he needed to begin conveying the family farm to his

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# Mapping the Straub Family Farm

by Susan E. Ball

Locating an ancestral home or farm on a map provides a host of benefits and avenues for research. Seeing the farm in context enhances the family narrative, showing the terrain along with the proximity to towns, roads, and neighbors. Individuals identified during the process can be added to the FAN (Friends, Associates, and Neighbors) Club, the group of people that can, among other things, help isolate your ancestor from all those with the same or similar names.

The Straub Family Farm, discussed by Russell Rahn in “The Family Farm” (page 17), is an ideal case study for locating a family farm. We’ll look at two different methods for mapping this farm. The first uses the survey description found in the mortgage document in figure 2 on page 18. For most researchers, locating a survey description requires research through courthouse records, many of which are not available on the internet. Recognizing this limitation, the second approach starts with census enumerations, which give the geographic location where a family was enumerated and whether or not the family owned or rented their farm.

Before going further, it’s important to know that Kansas has two different types of townships: survey townships and civil townships. A survey township is a geographic unit based on the Public Land Survey System. It’s used to identify parcels of land for deeds and other legal documents. Counties are subdivided into civil townships that are responsible for rural road maintenance and fire protection. When researching in Kansas census enumerations, state or federal, note that the location referenced in rural areas is typically the civil township.

## Mapping From a Survey Description

Kansas is a federal land state, with land surveyed in a grid determined by the Public Land Survey System. Blocks within the grid are identified by survey townships and ranges, which are defined around meridians and baselines. Meridians are imaginary lines running north and south; baselines are imaginary lines running east and west. Within the squares formed by the meridians and baselines are tracts. Each tract is 36 miles square, subdivided into sixteen survey townships. Each survey township is six miles

square, subdivided into square mile sections.

Much like the grid in an Excel spreadsheet, the survey townships (similar to cells) are identified by row and column, as illustrated in figure 1. Ranges (columns) are numbered laterally (along the east-west line) from the intersection of the meridian and the baseline; survey townships (rows) are numbered longitudinally (along the north-south line) from the same intersection. This location identification positions a specific survey township within the grid of survey townships in a federal land state.

When Kansas was first surveyed for settlement, surveyors divided the territory into 25 ranges east and 43

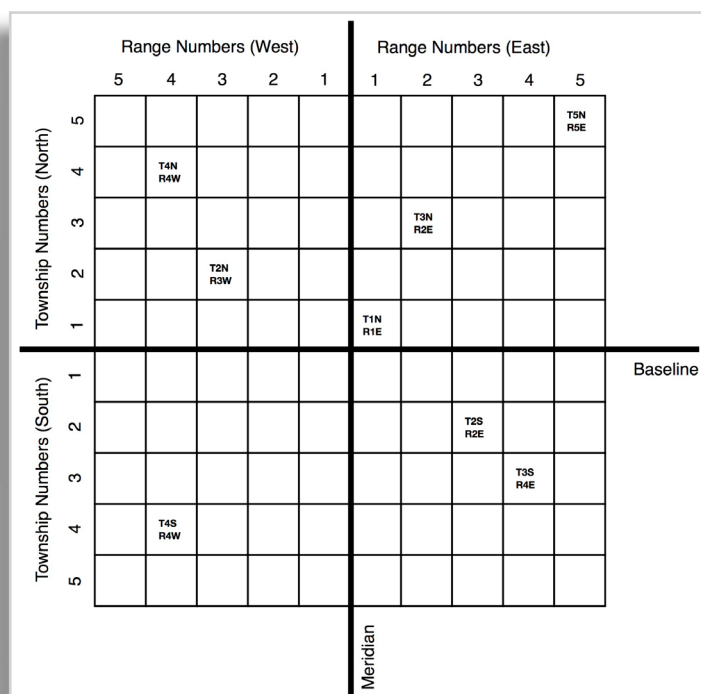


Figure 1: Survey townships are numbered with an east-west designation (the range) and a north-south designation (the township).

# TxSGS 2019 Writing, Student, and Website Awards

by William D. "Bill" Buckner



In all, 30 prizes in 14 categories highlighted the TxSGS Annual Awards Banquet on October 12 at the 2019 TxSGS Family History Conference in Houston. These awards celebrate the effort expended by authors, genealogists, society volunteers, and more across the state of Texas and beyond in writing books and manuscripts, crafting student projects, and creating websites.

Philosophically, the TxSGS Awards Program is more than just a writing competition. To some it is the "carrot before the horse," giving first-time authors an incentive to complete their project. Ruby Casteel in her 2019 cover letter summed up the sentiment of many novice writers: "The book is a treasure for me and my family. It is with gratitude and sense of great accomplishment that I respectfully submit to you for consideration my first book *Cisneros-Trevino Family History*." That sense of accomplishment in itself is the greatest award to many.

To others the "spirit of competition" runs deep and they seek to improve upon their labor to win next year. Some say luck has something to do with winning. I can attest that the judges do an excellent job. There is no roll of the dice; rather, each entry is judged with quality constructive evaluation. For those who accept the challenge to do better and learn what makes a better

book, manuscript, journal, or website they will succeed. The Freestone County Historical Museum's submission of *Freestone Past and Present*, winner of Category VII Books Published by Partner Societies resulted from learning how to do things better. Congratulations!

Without resources (books, journals, articles) our ancestors' voices are silent. It is all about their stories. It is our job to "get their stories straight, protect and keep them that way, and tell future generations." I am extremely proud to be part of an organization that fulfills the roll of mentor, guardian, and resource for all of us to tell our stories.

The TxSGS Awards Program presents awards in the categories of books, manuscripts, periodicals, websites, and student projects. Take a look at the requirements at <http://www.txsgs.org/programs/awards-grants/writing-awards/> and consider entering in 2020.



*Shown are just a few of the 2019 Award winners. From left to right, Larry Luckett, Bill Buckner, TxSGS Awards Chair, and Nancy Brennan display the six awards won by the San Antonio Genealogical Society and their members. Other award winners shown are Susan Burneson with her husband, Rob; Tony Hanson for the Dallas Genealogical Society; and Linda S. Mullen for the Freestone County Historical Museum.*

**BOOK REVIEW OF THE 2019 GRAND PRIZE WINNER  
2019 TxSGS Book Awards; Category I – Books by a Non-Professional/Family Histories**

by William D. “Bill” Buckner, TxSGS Awards Chair

*Gholson Brothers in the Thick of It; True Stories of Early Texas as Told by Two Who Lived It* by Donna Gholson Cook.

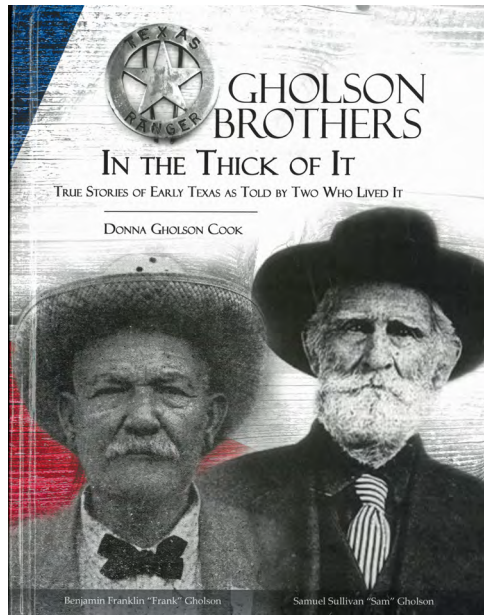
(Alamo, CA: Advanced Publishing LLC, 2019). 256 pages, indexed. Available from local bookstores and Amazon.com: \$28.95 hardcover, \$21.95 paperback.

Author Donna Gholson Cook knows what makes a good story. She understands that it’s all about the details, getting the facts right, developing the characters, and letting the narrative find its way. Her job was made easier in that her primary characters, brothers Sam and Frank Gholson, lived quite an exciting life as Texas Rangers, in Confederate service, as cattlemen, and more. She also had a wealth of primary source material from Sam’s autobiography to numerous interviews of Frank about his Ranger days. The stories about her ancestors were allowed to dominate in their unedited form as related by Sam and Frank. At times, Cook acts much like an editor, clarifying for the reader some point or date referenced by the two brothers.

This book is a great read. Historically significant, it includes Frank’s recollection of when he witnessed the identification of Cynthia Ann Parker. It has intrigue—Sam’s letter to his father-in-law, Asa Langford Sr., includes the line, “Just as soon as you and Frank will get moved away from there I will have blood.” It is also a family history.

I appreciated the chapter organization of the book by timeline and occupation. Family history is mixed in, including a family-group-sheet-styled presentation of marriages and children.

Chapters 1-4 provide understanding for Sam and Frank’s



background. The Gholson brother’s grandfather, Samuel, and father, Albert, came to Texas prior to the Texas Revolution. These early chapters follow their lives through early Texas statehood.

By presenting a chart of “Law Enforcement and Military Service 1813-1980,” the author sets the tone early that military service was important to the Gholson family. I referred frequently to the family pedigree chart in the front of the book until I got a feel for the family structure.

Cook presented the Ranger service (Chapter 5) and then Civil War service (Chapter 6) for both Sam and Frank. She then gave biographical information on each brother in Chapters 7-8, “Family, Home and Cattle Business.”

Personal recollections of Sam

followed in Chapter 9 and of Sam in Chapter 10. The author states that both Sam and Frank had an incredible memory for details, which are highlighted in these chapters.

I love well-chosen appendices. In this respect, Cook made some good decisions. Appendices included the family group information, a letter about the Gholson Indian ancestry, a letter of both Sam and Frank, and then letters of correspondence with J. Frank Dobie.

A letter from Frank to Sam (1922) includes family information and mentions Sam was working on a book: “Hoping this will help you out some in your book.” If this was my family, I would wonder about how far Sam got on his book and where his manuscript might be.

Cook includes chapter notes (pgs. 231- 238) to provide the reader with resources cited and author clarifications. Following the notes is a two-page listing of primary sources.

The index is an every name index; some of the entries include descriptions, for example: Baker, Nathan (killed at Battle Creek). Also indexed are place names, which are highlighted or shaded to distinguish them from personal names.

Let history speak for itself! It is our goal as family historians to protect our family stories, to “get them right and keep them that way.” Donna Gholson Cook has done a model job of telling her family history and providing a great narrative in the making. ★

# Earth Survey and Google Earth Pro: Using Free Land Surveying Research Tools for Genealogy

by Jessica Horne Collins

When incorporating maps into family history research, genealogists should not limit themselves to software designed specifically for our discipline. Land surveying tools can help us translate descriptions of our ancestors' property into meaningful maps.

One such set of tools—Earth Survey by Metzger + Willard, Inc.—can be combined with Google Earth Pro for a powerful, yet completely free, mapping solution for states utilizing the Public Land Survey System (PLSS).

My earliest experiences with land mapping for genealogical research were with land patents. I used the Bureau of Land Management's General Land Office website (<https://gloreCORDS.blm.gov/search>) and the First Landowners Project at HistoryGeo (<http://historygeo.com>) to view maps of my ancestors' patented land. Although extremely helpful, these tools had limitations. They focused on the initial transaction between the federal government and first landowner, but I also wanted to map later purchases, sales, and leases as documented in county deed and mortgage books. Because most of my research was in states that utilized the Public Land Survey System, I thought an ideal solution would be viewing township, range, and section lines on a Google Earth map. I also wanted the ability to annotate these maps and save them for further analysis. With my "wish list" in mind, I searched for a solution and found Earth Survey by Metzger + Willard, Inc. (<http://www.metzgerwillard.us>).

Earth Survey is a set of land surveying tools that run within Google Earth applications. Their most useful tool for genealogists is PLSS in Google Earth, abbreviated as PLSGE, which displays cadastral maps for public-land states. Public-land states are all states

other than the 13 original colonies, the five states formed from these colonies, Hawaii, and Texas. Figure 1 shows public-land states that are available within the PLSGE tool.

## Prerequisites, Installation, and Setup

Google Earth Pro, the free desktop version of Google's 3D interactive maps, is required for the PLSGE tool. Download and install Google Earth Pro at <https://www.google.com/earth/versions>, ensuring you select the "Google Earth Pro on Desktop" option. Follow on-screen instructions to complete the setup.

Next, download the PLSGE tool. The tool is in the format of a Keyhole Language Markup (KLM) file that overlays maps within Google Earth Pro. Download the file from <http://www.metzgerwillard.us/plss/plss.kml>.

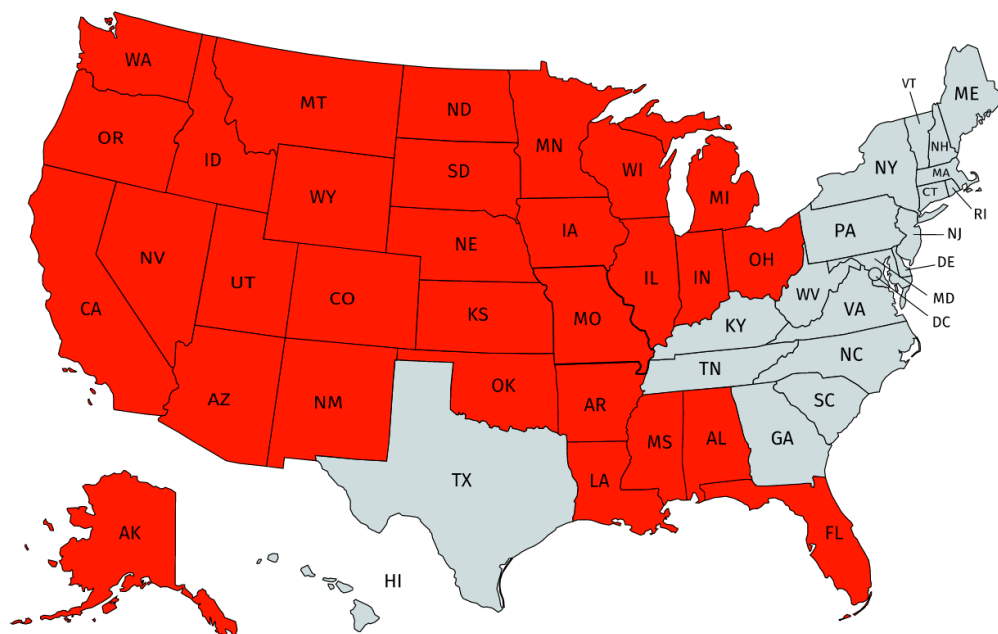


Figure 1: Public-Land States – Cadastral maps for the states shaded in red are available with the PLSGE tool.



# Using Online Maps for Genealogy

by Sandra J. Crowley

Maps play a pivotal role in researching our family history. When we begin to gather information about our ancestors, some of the first questions we ask are “where were they born,” “where did they live,” and “where are they buried?” Finding the answers may be a simple matter of looking in the family Bible or discovering census information or vital records.



However, these records only tell part of the story. Maps can help fill in some gaps and paint a picture of where these events happened during the time in which they occurred. Maps can also point us to where we need to be researching.

Maps can tell you more than where your ancestors lived, including changing jurisdictions; friends, associates, and neighbors (their FAN club); and how they got from point A to point B and where they may have stopped on the way.

## Boundaries Change – State, County, District

Genealogy records are tied to the county in which our ancestors lived; finding the county name is one of the first pieces of information that guides our research. The county is the jurisdiction where the records were created. If these records are online, they will generally be catalogued or indexed by county. This helps narrow your search and may provide a way to differentiate between individuals with the same name.

Boundary lines changed. The further back in time you research, the more likely it is you’ll encounter boundary changes on the county, state, or even national level. Those

changes may have affected the jurisdiction where the records were created, which also affects where they are stored today.

For example, my ancestors migrated from Johnston County, North Carolina, to Marshall County, Tennessee, between 1830 and 1832. The 1840 US Census confirms they were living in Marshall County at that time. There was limited information available in records, although I uncovered some information in court minutes. Looking at the Atlas of Historical Boundaries map in the David Rumsey Collection, I discovered that Marshall County was created in 1836 from several other counties (see figure 1). Depending on the exact location of my ancestor’s home in Marshall County in 1840, there were

three other potential locations for the records. With this new information, my research has expanded to incorporate more territory.

This atlas has several options for looking at a county. Users can look at an interactive map showing state and county boundaries and how they have changed over time. Figure 2 shows a Texas county boundary map for March 1835 and for 1975. The area designated as Nacogdoches County in 1836 now encompasses more than ten other counties.

Layers of data than can be added showing the chronology of changes. Users can view the entire state or individual counties. This online atlas is one of the most valuable tools I’ve found for family research.

MARSHALL	
07 Apr 1836	MARSHALL created from BEDFORD, LINCOLN, and MAURY. (Tenn. Acts 1835, 21st assy., 1st sess., loc., ch. 35, secs. 1, 13-17/pp. 149, 153-154)
17 Jan 1838	Boundary between MARSHALL and BEDFORD clarified [no change]. (Tenn. Acts 1837, 22d assy., ch. 272/p. 402)
27 Jan 1838	Legislature authorized MARSHALL to gain from MAURY; gain did not take effect [no change]. (Tenn. Acts 1837, 22d assy., ch. 199/p. 290)
04 Feb 1842	Legislature authorized MARSHALL to gain from GILES near Cornersville, dependent on local referendum [local action unknown, no change]. (Tenn. Acts 1841, 24th assy., 1st sess., ch. 179/p. 208)

Figure 1: Marshall County TN Boundary Changes



# TxSGS Launches Pilot Webinar Program

Good News! TxSGS is extending the 2019 Family History Conference experience through a pilot webinar program.

During the conference, TxSGS recorded ten “live” sessions by the nationally recognized speakers pictured below. Topics and speakers were selected from the 56 conference sessions to give viewers a taste of the 2019 Family History Conference.

The TxSGS Webinar Series Individual Packages offers those who missed this year’s 2019 TxSGS Family

History Conference an opportunity to share the conference experience from the comfort of their home. The program also allows conference attendees to view sessions they may have missed or review a session they attended for deeper learning.

These recordings are available online for a limited time through a Virtual Pass. Viewers may access these videos for six months from the date they are rented. Choose either Virtual Pass Package 1 or Package 2 and enjoy access to five presentations for six (6) months from the date of purchase. Each package of five videos is available for \$49.95.



## Webinar SERIES

### Individual Packages

[www.txsgs.org/webinars](http://www.txsgs.org/webinars)

#### Virtual Pass Package 1

- *Research Treasures in the W.P.A. (Works Progress Administration)*, by Sharon Gillins
- *Read 'Em or Weep: Promise and Pitfalls in Newspaper OCR*, by Mary Roddy
- *Advanced Y-DNA Tools and Analysis*, by Gale French
- *Using Digital Libraries: Search Strategies for Family Historians*, by Elizabeth O’Neal
- *Way Up Yonder in the Indian Nations: Oklahoma Native American Basic Research in the Five Tribes*, by Nancy Calhoun

#### Virtual Pass Package 2

- *Roman Catholics, Records, and Rites of Passage*, by Lisa Toth Salinas
- *Organizing Your Genealogy While Downsizing and Planning for Your Retirement*, by Devon Noel Lee
- *From Microfilm to Hyperspace: Billions of Family Records at Your Fingertips*, by Andrew Lee
- *Birds of a Feather – Y-DNA Research and Group Projects*, by Janine Cloud
- *Orphans, Infants, and Minors: Genealogy Nuggets, and Pitfalls in Guardianship Records*, by Melissa Finlay

For more information about the packages including speakers and topics, see [www.txsgs.org/webinars](http://www.txsgs.org/webinars).



Calhoun    Cloud    Finlay    French    Gillins    Lee, A.    Lee, D.    O’Neal    Roddy    Toth Salinas

# Partner Society Roundup

## Texas State Genealogical Society

### Partner Societies

The Texas State Genealogical Society is composed of several types of members, including genealogical societies and family associations that are TxSGS Partner Societies. Scattered throughout the state of Texas in 19 districts, these Partner Societies are vital to our mission of preservation and education. On behalf of our Partner Societies and the genealogical community, TxSGS advocates on a state level for policies that support genealogy and preserve local records.

One of TxSGS's founding principles is to assist in the development of local societies throughout the state to provide education, fellowship, and

opportunities to serve the genealogical community. Through these groups, individuals researching their family history work together to learn and improve skills, collaborate on projects to conserve records and resources in their community for future generations, support TxSGS and national organizations in efforts to preserve access to records through RPAC, and, in the process, form lifelong friendships.

Our network of TxSGS Partner Societies is listed below. Check out the ones in your area! You can learn more about each of these on our website at <https://www.txsgs.org/partner-societies/>.

*Is your society's name missing? Check with Tony Hanson, Director of Membership, at [memberinfo@txsgs.org](mailto:memberinfo@txsgs.org) to determine the status of your society's membership.*

Amarillo Genealogical Society  
 Arlington Genealogical Society  
 Association of Professional Genealogists  
 - Lone Star Chapter  
 Atascocita-Kingwood Genealogical Society  
 Austin Genealogical Society  
 Bay Area Genealogical Society  
 Bell County Genealogical Society  
 Bosque County Genealogical Society  
 California Genealogical Society & Library  
 Castro Colonies Heritage Association  
 Cedar Hill Genealogical Society  
 Central Texas Genealogical Society  
 Chaparral Genealogical Society  
 Cherokee County Genealogical Society  
 Coastal Bend Genealogical Society  
 Collin County Genealogical Society  
 Comal County Genealogy Society  
 Coryell County Genealogical Society  
 Dallas Genealogical Society  
 Denton County Genealogical Society

East Texas Genealogical Society  
 Erath County Genealogical Association  
 Fort Worth Genealogical Society  
 Franklin County Genealogical Society  
 Freestone County Historical Museum  
 Galveston County Genealogical Society  
 Genealogical & Historical Society of Caldwell County  
 Genealogical Society of Kendall County  
 German-Texan Heritage Society  
 Grand Prairie Genealogical Society  
 Greater Houston Jewish Genealogical Society  
 Hi-Plains Genealogical Society  
 Highland Lakes Genealogical Society  
 Hill County Genealogical Society  
 Hispanic Genealogical Society of Houston  
 Hopkins County Genealogical Society  
 Houston Genealogical Forum  
 Johnson County Genealogical Society  
 Kerrville Genealogical Society  
 Lago Vista Genealogical Society

Lamar County Genealogical Society  
 Los Bexarenos Genealogical Society  
 Mid-Cities Genealogical Society  
 Midland Genealogical Society  
 Montgomery County Genealogical & Historical Society  
 Navarro County Genealogical Society  
 New Mexico Genealogical Society  
 North San Diego County Genealogical Society  
 North Texas Genealogical Association  
 Pecan Valley Genealogy Society  
 Rio Grande Valley Hispanic Genealogical Society  
 Robson Ranch Genealogy Club  
 Rockwall County Genealogical Society  
 San Angelo Genealogical & Historical Society  
 San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society  
 Smith County Historical Society  
 Society of Sons & Daughters of WWII Veterans  
 South Plains Genealogical Society  
 Tejano Genealogy Society of Austin  
 Texarkana USA Genealogical Society  
 Texas Czech Genealogical Society

Through *Stirpes*, our blog, Facebook, and more, TxSGS delivers Texas genealogy news to thousands of researchers, hobbyists, and professionals across the nation. Wouldn't you like to get your society news and events publicized among this large group of avid genealogists?

Texoma Genealogy Group  
 The Humble Area Genealogical Society  
 Timpson Area Genealogical & Heritage Society  
 Tip-O-Texas Genealogical Society  
 Van Zandt County Genealogical Society  
 Victoria County Genealogical Society  
 Walker County Genealogical Society  
 Washington County Genealogical Society  
 Williamson County Genealogical Society  
 Wisconsin Historical Society  
 World Chamberlain Genealogical Society

*\* Membership is current as of 6 November 2019.*

## TxSGS Webinar Series Partner Society Program

Does your society struggle with finding good speakers for programs? Do you have backups for situations when a speaker has to cancel at the last minute?

Through the new TxSGS Webinar Series Partner Society Program, TxSGS is pleased to offer its Partner Societies access to well-known speakers in the genealogical community. This program provides a solution to the ongoing problem of obtaining quality programs for monthly society meetings, especially for small societies in remote locations. A webinar from the Partner Society Program also can be used as a substitute program for those situations when a speaker can't make the meeting at the last minute.

The Partner Society program provides FREE access to one of the video recordings made at the 2019 TxSGS



Family History Conference for use at a Partner Society regular meeting. Additional subscriptions to three videos may be purchased as well. For more information about the speakers and topics available, see page 58 and <https://www.txsgs.org/webinar-series/>. More details about the TxSGS Webinar Series Partner Society Program will be available at the program launch in January 2020.

# Texas Heritage Certificates

*Continued from the previous issue of Stirpes*

MAP OF  
TEXAS.  
compiled from  
Surveys recorded in the Land Office of Texas,  
and other official sources.  
JOHN ARLOW SMITH.  
Sales Agent, London.

## Texas First Families Certificates

<b>Cert. #</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Ancestor</b>
6214	28 July 2019	Pattye Cole Greer	Thomas Starr and Mary Katherine Morgan
6215	6 Aug 2019	Edgar W. Biddle	Bartholomew Pugh
6216	6 Aug 2019	Emery W. Heuermann, Jr.	Thomas Smith
6217	14 Aug 2019	Aaron Todd Burrow	Philip J. Burrow
6218	14 Aug 2019	Tony G. Burrow	Philip J. Burrow
6219	12 Sep 2019	Piper Jenice Burrow	Philip J. Burrow
6220	23 Sep 2019	Max Randall Rutledge	James T. Rutledge
6221	23 Sep 2019	Kimberly Anne Rutledge	James T. Rutledge
6222	23 Sep 2019	Rusty Michael Rutledge	James T. Rutledge
6223	23 Sep 2019	Paige Alexandra Rutledge	James T. Rutledge
6224	27 Sep 2019	Sharon Bogard Bradberry	Donald McDonald & Maria Maximillian
6225	27 Sep 2019	Jennifer Jo Williams Snoek-Brown	Philip J. Burrow
6226	27 Sep 2019	Jennifer Jo Williams Snoek-Brown	Josiah Rhodes
6227	27 Sep 2019	Jennifer Jo Williams Snoek-Brown	Henry Williams & Mary Mitchell
6228	27 Sep 2019	Jennifer Jo Williams Snoek-Brown	Lorenz Schmidt
6229	27 Sep 2019	Randall Harris Smith	Louis Capt
6230	7 Oct 2019	Arlie Clark Elrod	Gordon C. Jennings
6231	21 Oct 2019	Cornelia Ann Ellis Hale	Josiah Curtis Hale & Rhoda Gregory
6232	21 Oct 2019	John W. Knox	Nancy Ritter Berry
6233	22 Oct 2019	Sharon Bogard Bradberry	Thomas P. Payne & Nancy E. Crain
6234	5 Nov 2019	Joel Craig Conroy	Jesse and Mary Sullins
6235	8 Nov 2019	Lynda Ferguson George White	Levi Noble and Jane Steen
6236	8 Nov 2019	Dr. Donal J. Stanton	Felix Grundy Lemmon
6237	8 Nov 2019	Lela Rae Fitzgerald	David Burkett & Mary Ann Zumwalt
6238	8 Nov 2019	Mary Alice Rae McQueen	David Burkett & Mary Ann Zumwalt
6239	8 Nov 2019	Valta Rae Korzekwa	David Burkett & Mary Ann Zumwalt
6240	12 Nov 2019	James Blair Moncur	William Augustas Blair
6241	12 Nov 2019	James Blair Moncur	Edward Jordan Blair
6242	12 Nov 2019	James Blair Moncur	Alonzo Sheridan Blair
6243	18 Nov 2019	Allen Dean	James Alfred Dean
6244	18 Nov 2019	Dorothy Marie Payne Smith	Isaac Reed
6245	18 Nov 2019	Rene Smith Osuna	Isaac Reed
6246	18 Nov 2019	Shon Ray Liles	Isaac Reed
6247	18 Nov 2019	Tanner Shane Liles	Isaac Reed
6248	18 Nov 2019	Logan Elizabeth Liles	Isaac Reed

### Gone to Texas Pioneer Certificates

Cert. #	Issued	Applicant	Ancestor
1008	14 Aug 2019	Larry W. Pettit	Joseph Johnson and Elizabeth Cannaday
1009	12 Sep 2019	Birdie Sue Moore Fielden	Stephen G. C. Moore & Sarah Garrett
1010	23 Sep 2019	Virginia Marshall Button Roby	James Albert Chance & Lou Ella Crump
1011	3 Oct 2019	Pamela Faye Flynt Knight	William Fountain Flynt & Melsena Cook
1012	21 Oct 2019	Cynthia R. Cooper	John Jackson and Louisa Hendricks
1013	21 Oct 2019	Thomas Wright Miller	Joseph Wright & Rhoda Holly
1014	7 Nov 2019	Penelope Clark Evans	Joseph Wright & Rhoda Holly

### Descendants of Texas Rangers Certificates

Cert. #	Date Issued	Applicant	Ancestor
141	6 Aug 2019	Susan Brandt Graham	William Benjamin McKaughan
142	6 Aug 2019	Brandt Gordon Graham Pvt. in Capt. Snively's Mtd. Rangers, 1838; Pvt. in Capt. Smith's Mtd. Volunteers, 1839 Served in both Kickapoo War and Cherokee War	William Benjamin McKaughan
143	14 Aug 2019	Aaron Todd Burrow	Zachariah Burrow Sr.
144	14 Aug 2019	Tony G. Burrow	Zachariah Burrow Sr.
145	14 Aug 2019	Piper Jenice Burrow Co. C Parker Co., 1 <sup>st</sup> Frontier District, Texas State Troops, 1864	Zachariah Burrow Sr.
146	23 Sep 2019	Max Randall Rutledge	James T. Rutledge
147	23 Sep 2019	Kimberly Anne Rutledge	James T. Rutledge
148	23 Sep 2019	Rusty Michael Rutledge	James T. Rutledge
149	23 Sep 2019	Paige Alexandra Rutledge Cypress Blues, Titus Co., 8 <sup>th</sup> Brigade, Texas State Troops, 1861	James T. Rutledge
150	8 Nov 2019	Dr. Donal J. Stanton Capt. Horton's Mtd. Vol., 1838; Capt. Todd's Mtd. Vol., 1839; Battle of Neches	Felix Grundy Lemmon

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