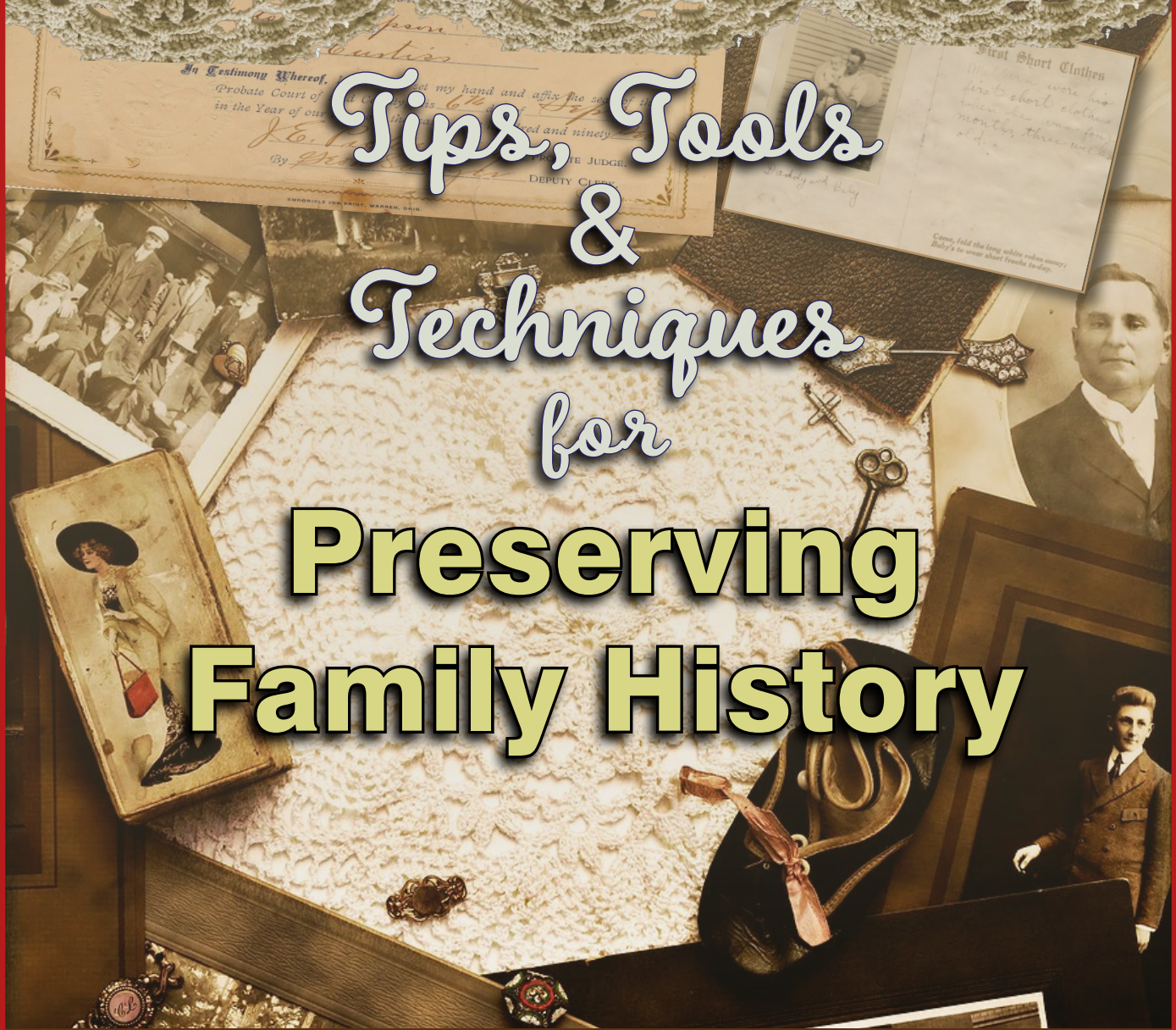


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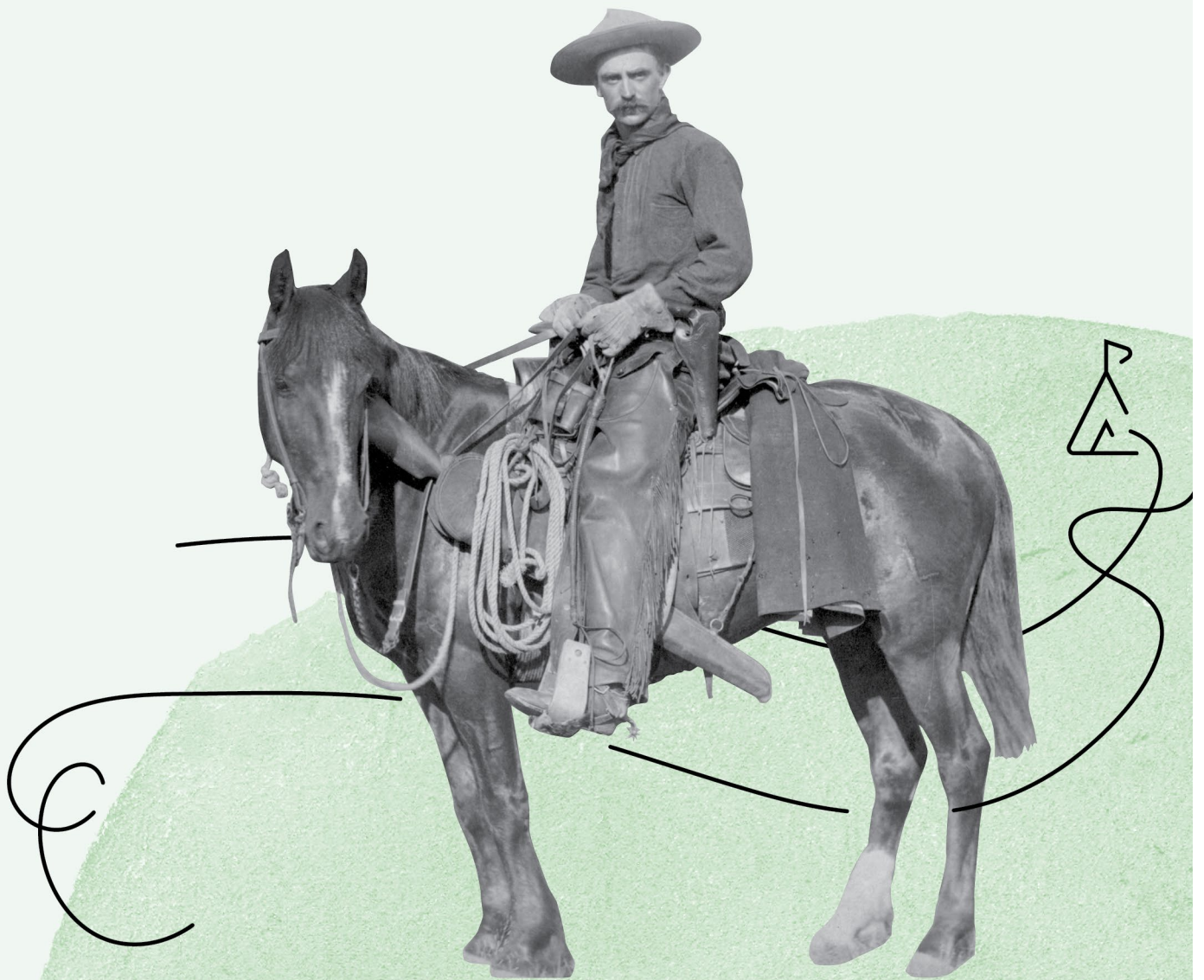


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# New Members & More

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From the

*Editors' Pen*

If not already, by the time you read this missive, 2020 is almost over. Most of us would say, "Good riddance!" Yet even in a year as trying as this, there are moments worth recording, photos worth saving, and research worth preserving. This issue focuses on a few of the many aspects of preservation, with hopes that the articles presented here give you the boost you need to get started or continue your efforts on a critical but often overlooked aspect of genealogical research.

"How do I manage my photos?" is a question that bedevils most genealogists. Two articles address aspects of organizing and preserving photos: "Organize Old Photos with the Parking Lot Method," by Denise Levenick and "What do I do With All These Old Photos," by Tami Osmer Mize. Another pair of articles tackles photos, documents, and more: "Family History Preservation: Why, How, and Where," by Jim Thornhill, and "Preserving Your Family History Forever®," by Emily C. Richardson.

Preservation conundrums and challenges for a wide variety of materials are addressed in "Ask an Archivist," by Linda Reynolds, TxSGS Archivist and Director of the East Texas Research Center (ETRC) at Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Intentional efforts in preservation are critical for more than just physical objects. In "Preserving DNA: Raw Biological Material, DNA Data,

Lineages, Conclusions," Debbie Parker Wayne, CG, addresses how to preserve access to DNA data after the DNA tester passes away. Jessica Horne Collins discusses the intersection of preservation and family secrets in "Protect Family Secrets While Preserving Them for Future Generations."

The results of failing to secure your genealogical collection are highlighted when Russell Rahn builds a family tree from a few documents purchased on Ebay in "Keeping it All Together." An 1860 will is the genesis for "Bridging the Uncertainty Gap," also by Russell.

Volunteer preservation projects are highlighted in "From Conception to Completion: Project Indexes Names of Spanish Participants in American Revolution," by Mary Anthony Startz and "Book Review: *Bexar: the History and Records of a South Texas Ghost Town*," by William D. "Bill" Buckner. Both projects resulted in published books, making the outcome of these projects available to the public.

We can continue to preserve our family history by interviewing our relatives. Pat Gordon gives a host of interview tips in "Oral History: A Key to Preserving Your Family's Unique Heritage." Now is the time for all of us to prioritize the preservation of our collections, and we can start by writing down our stories. Follow the example of Barbara Thomas as she recorded her memories in "Childhood Memory: Barbara and Patsy in Red Bluff."

At the TxSGS Annual Business

Meeting, President Susan E. Ball honored Marynell Anderson, Heritage Certificates Committee Chair, and Debbie Parker Wayne, DNA Committee Chair, with Certificates of Appreciation. Presidential Citations were bestowed on Betsy Mills, Treasurer, along with Tony Hanson, Emily C. Richardson, and Randy Whited, members of the Partner Society Virtual Meeting Team. The honor of Fellow was conferred on Sandra Crowley, Director of Development. Read more about these honors along with articles about new officers for 2021-2022, the TxSGS Annual Business Meeting, 2021 TIGR, the call for presentations for the 2021 TxSGS Family History Conference, and more.

Even in this difficult year, we end on a positive note with the holidays and a sense of optimism. Reflecting on this positive outlook, genealogists share their inner desires in "Genealogy Wishes for the Holidays," join them in dreaming a little of what Santa might put in your "Genealogy Stocking!"

The March 2021 issue features early Texans. Do you have an early Texan in your family? We'd love to include their story in the next issue. We are especially searching for stories about women, African Americans, and Hispanics, those whose stories are often overlooked. Please share the tale of your early Texan with *Stirpes* at [stirpes@txsgs.org](mailto:stirpes@txsgs.org). ★

~ *Stirpes* Editors

# Volunteer Spotlight: 2020 TxSGS Family History Conference *Tech Team*

Fun and engaging conferences, while appearing spontaneous, actually require a great deal of advance planning and significant investment in time and effort by volunteers.

The nature of a virtual conference forces many of these efforts onto the shoulders of a few, as opposed to the dozens who volunteer for a physical conference. In Volunteer Spotlight, TxSGS highlights the efforts of these critical volunteers.

Susan Kaufman served as host of the *TxSGS Live!* days on November 13-14. Susan is an experienced moderator, and slipped right into her role as host. Not only did she inject her fun-loving personality into the day, she also managed with flair a couple of last minute technical hitches.

The remaining Virtual Conference Tech Team, Sandra Crowley, Tony Hanson, and Susan Ball, managed the TxSGS side of the conference technical support. Following the lead of the virtual conferences held this summer by the National Genealogical Society and Federation of Genealogical Societies, TxSGS identified sixteen bonus presentations to provide free with all conference packages. Many of these presentations were recorded and edited by the Virtual Conference Tech Team. In addition, the Tech Team monitored the *TxSGS Live!* days, assisting as needed to keep the conference running smoothly.

The decision to host the 2020 TxSGS Family History Conference virtually instead of in person threw the TxSGS Conference Committee and committee volunteers into completely new territory. TxSGS is fortunate to have such competent and committed volunteers willing to tackle new challenges. ★





# Protect Family Secrets While Preserving Them for Future Generations

by Jessica Horne Collins

Preparing a lineage society application can give you permission to “dig” in areas your family would rather not explore. The result can be the confirmation of a family secret and a way to preserve that knowledge for the future.

Over several years of research, I had gathered the necessary evidence connecting me to a Revolutionary War ancestor. Eager to honor my patriot’s service and have my research confirmed, I prepared my application for membership in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). I had the hard stuff like tutorship files and photographs of grave markers, but one document eluded me at the end of the process: my grandmother’s birth certificate.

My grandmother, in extremely poor health at that time, was in no position to provide the document. Even in good health, asking her for a copy would have required a very good reason and no small amount of courage. My grandmother’s birth and childhood were topics my family did not discuss. No one explicitly said so, but it was always implied—one of those rules you intuitively detect as a child.

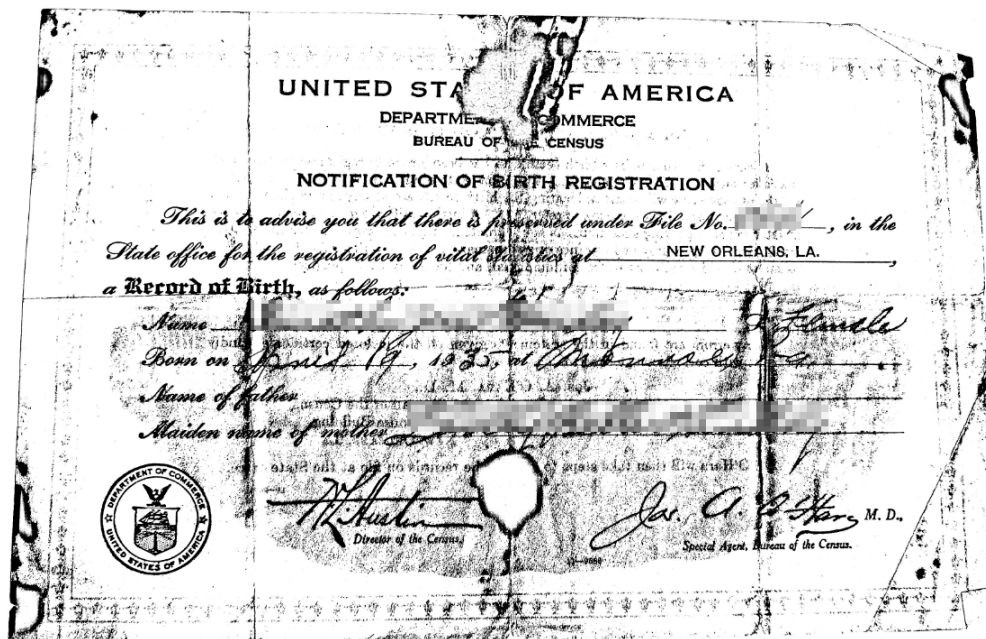
I had managed to piece together some information from overheard conversations through the years. Born in 1935, my grandmother was the oldest of my great-grandmother’s children, but her father was not the man my great-grandmother married. My grandmother’s childhood was unpleasant, and she sometimes lived with her grandmother instead of her mother and stepfather. The

most intriguing detail I heard over the years was that my great-grandmother offered to reveal the identity of my grandmother’s father on her deathbed in 1996, but my grandmother refused the knowledge. At this time, my great-grandmother said the man was alive and living nearby.

In 2017, I used the then-popular “mirror tree” method with my AncestryDNA test results to identify my grandmother’s father. I narrowed the matches to a family with five sons, recorded within ten households of my great-grandmother’s family on the 1930

census. If the man were still alive in 1996, the candidates were narrowed even more—only two sons remained as possibilities. Not wanting to upset my grandmother who had previously refused any knowledge of her father, I abandoned my investigation at this point. It was enough for me to pursue more distant ancestors on that line.

Needing my grandmother’s birth certificate two years later revived these issues. I asked an aunt—who was handling all my grandmother’s financial and legal matters by this time—if she had seen a birth certificate in the family’s papers. My aunt sent me the document my grandmother purported was her birth certificate, but it did not look like any birth certificate I had ever encountered.



*The author’s grandmother used a Notification of Birth Registration (some identifying data obscured) issued by the US Census Bureau in lieu of a birth certificate throughout her life. Citation: United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, “Notification of Birth Registration” for [name redacted], 9 Apr 1935; privately held by [name redacted] [address for private use]; copied by Jessica Horne Collins on 28 Dec 2018.*

# Family History Preservation: Why, How, and Where

by Jim Thornhill

The most important thing we can do to preserve our family's history is to make sure it does not get discarded. Obviously, our immediate family knows of our interest in family history, but does your extended family know?

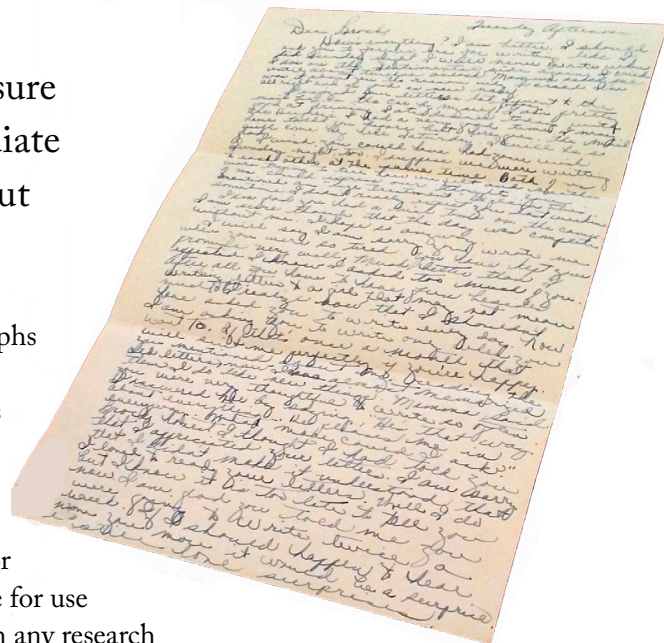
Uncles, aunts, and cousins from both sides of your family need to know that you are the repository for your family's history. Sure, you will probably get some junk, but you will also get some artifacts that help tell your family's story. Several years ago my younger sister was cleaning out the closet in my older sister's home, and she came across a box of old letters that she knew nothing about. Because she knew of my interest in family history, I was her first call. What she found was a collection of letters between my father and uncle and the rest of their family during WWII. They are now scanned and posted for public viewing on Internet Archive (<https://archive.org/>).

If you have letters, documents, or photographs you want to digitally preserve, technology has made this easy for us. A recent TxSGS survey showed that most libraries have a flatbed or book scanner that is free for use by their patrons. As with any research trip, call ahead to make sure the equipment is there and if there are any requirements. Be sure to take with you a flash memory drive big enough for everything you want to scan!

If you have artifacts to preserve, such as statues, dolls, quilts, or other memorabilia, preservation is a different

matter. Often, we want to continue using these artifacts. Unfortunately, anything being used will eventually wear out. One solution would be to take detailed photographs of these items. Not just one good picture, but different views or sections of your artifact. This would enable you to have the item reproduced should it degrade or be destroyed. For example, if your artifact is your grandmother's quilt, most skilled quilters could make an exact copy of the original using good photographs.

Perhaps the most important detail to include with your digital collection or your artifacts is a note or letter telling what these things meant to you or to the person to whom they belonged. If your grandson finds your grandmother's doll in a box in your attic with no explanation, it will be an important find for him. But if he finds your grandmother's doll with a note from you telling him about your





# Oral History: A Key to Preserving Your Family's Unique Heritage

by Pat Gordon

You've labeled family photographs, scanned and saved them on multiple devices. You've even tagged family heirlooms as to who was the original owner. Have you done the same with family stories? Have you bothered to interview relatives about their lives and family histories?

Preserving family histories is every bit as important as the photos and heirlooms. Without permanent records of oral histories, your family may only be remembered by their vital statistics—birth, marriage, death—by future generations.

Oral histories are actually an old tradition. Long before our ancestors learned to write, they passed on tribal information orally. Usually a special person with a keen memory was the keeper of the tribes' history, which was passed down from one generation to the next. Fortunately, we have tools more trustworthy than our memories to collect and save our family's memories.

There are no hard and fast rules about oral histories, although plenty of guides exist online and in books. Some recommend interviewing a person one on one; others are okay with group sessions. Either way has advantages and disadvantages, although the group sessions are more difficult to control. The problem with multiple people is they tend to interrupt one another or talk at the same time or even change topics. Even worse is

when a person isn't a family member, but keeps interrupting to tell his or her own family stories. On the other hand, when everyone is a family member, you often get some interesting interchanges, some of which you might just as soon not know.



So, let's get started.

Most professional guides advise the interviewer to set up an appointment in advance. While making an appointment can have the advantage of having your relative think about topics in advance, this isn't always practical. Often the best interviews are spontaneous. However, just because the interview happens without formal notice doesn't mean that you, the interviewer, lack

preparation. You should be prepared by knowing as much as possible about the family, including names, relationships, time periods, locations, and important historical events. Why historical events? It is always interesting to see how state or national events affected

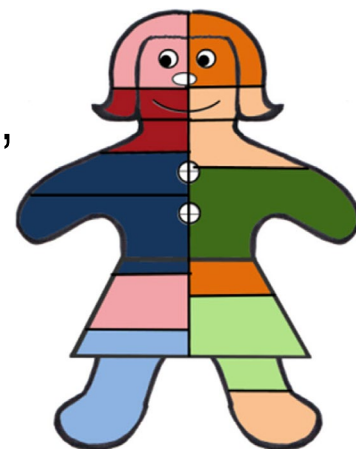
our relatives' lives. Sometimes, the event had such little impact they don't even recall it happening.

Often relatives are willing to talk, but don't want to be recorded. Put on your best sales hat and convince them otherwise. Even the best note taker always misses writing down some information. That means you are at the mercy of your memory to fill in

the blanks with accurate information. A recording is really essential, not only because it adds extra layers to the interview, including body language, but it also allows you to produce a superior transcript. Oh yes, check to make sure your video and/or audio recorder works, and don't forget extra batteries or chargers. If you brought a waiver, explain it and have your relative sign it. Most professional guides recommend always including in the

# Preserving DNA: Raw Biological Material, DNA Data, Lineages, Conclusions

by Debbie Parker Wayne, CG®, CGL<sup>SM</sup>



Preserving DNA evidence can be even more complicated than preserving documentary resources. We need to consider getting people tested before they die; preserving unused biological material and indicating who has permission to run new tests on that material; and providing for ongoing access to DNA match lists, shared matches, clusters, and shared DNA segment information.

Just as critical as the DNA information, researchers need access to the family tree and pedigree information that is a vital component of analysis.

Many of us are not only concerned about our own DNA

sample and data, but we also manage accounts of the family members who tested at our request. For some that may be only a few accounts; for others there are dozens, maybe even hundreds, of relatives depending on

us to manage their DNA and data the right way.

The following topics are some of the things you should consider to ensure your family's DNA is preserved for the future.

## Elderly Relatives and Oldest Generations

While anyone's life can end at any time with no warning, our elderly relatives are more likely to die before younger relatives. Asking our older relatives to test as soon as possible increases our chances of preserving their DNA data to use as genealogical evidence.

For autosomal DNA (atDNA) tests, we should also prioritize testing of the older *generations*, no matter the person's chronological age. As seen in figure 1, a twenty-year old son (Zach Smith) born to an older father who was born to an older father is only three generations removed from the ancestral great-grandfather, John Smith. A forty-year old son (Ned Janes) born to a young mother who was born to a young mother who was born to a young father who was born to a young mother is five generations away from the same John Smith. In this case, testing the twenty-year old cousin could contribute more pertinent atDNA matches related to John Smith than testing the forty-year old.

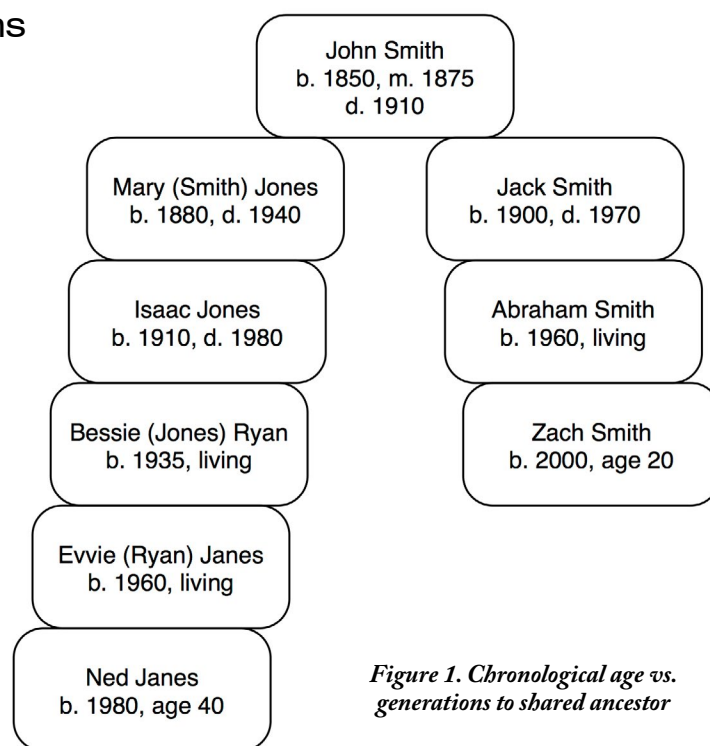


Figure 1. Chronological age vs. generations to shared ancestor

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# Introducing New Officers for the 2021-2022 Term

**T**xSGS is committed to insuring leadership sustainability and continuity from year to year. To this end, half of the TxSGS board members are elected each year; each board member serves a two-year term. Officers elected at the 2020 Annual

Business Meeting for the 2021-2022 term are presented below. Many returning officers continue to support TxSGS in their previous positions while some new faces will add their efforts to supporting TxSGS and its mission.

## Executive Committee

**President:  
Susan Ball** (*term expires 2022*)



President Ball is the current president of TxSGS, agreeing to return as president as several important tasks

she would like to see completed remain outstanding. She has served as TxSGS District Representative for District E and as TxSGS Director of Membership. Susan also serves TxSGS as co-editor of *Stirpes*. Outside of TxSGS, Susan is a local and regional speaker and serves as president of her local society, the San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society (SAGHS), as well as newsletter editor and co-editor of the SAGHS journal, *Stalkin' Kin in Old West Texas*. She also edited four compilations of local records, one of which won the TxSGS Grand Prize. Her primary genealogical passion is researching, writing, and editing genealogical articles and publications. Susan has an MS in electrical engineering, has been CEO of her own database development company, and worked as a patent engineer for a Silicon Valley patent law firm.

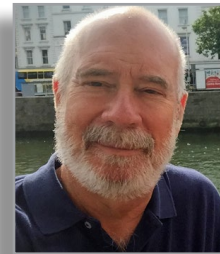
**Director of Education:  
Susan Kaufman** (*term expires 2022*)



A TxSGS Fellow and Senior Manager, Houston Public Library / Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, Susan has

over 30 years of experience as a Genealogy Librarian. Starting her career in Peoria, Illinois, she then moved to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Throughout her career, Susan has held numerous genealogical society board positions at the national level and in Illinois, Indiana, and Texas. She is a past president of the Texas State Genealogical Society and currently serves as its Director of Education and District R Representative. In 2019, the National Genealogical Society recognized Susan's contributions to the field of genealogy with the Filby Award for Genealogical Librarianship. Susan is a well-known speaker specializing in general and specific research sources including using archives and libraries for family history research.

**Director of Membership:  
Tony Hanson** (*term expires 2022*)



The present Director of Membership, Tony Hanson recently retired following a 32-year career with AT&T. He holds

a degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in telecommunications. He has been involved in genealogy for 20 years, focusing mainly on his mother's German branch and his father's Norwegian ancestors. He is also an avid amateur photographer. Tony has been active in the Dallas Genealogical Society as the leader of their Technology Special Interest Group, Vice-President of Education, Webmaster, President, and Past President. The web site he managed won several First Place awards in the Texas State Genealogical Society's "Partner Society Website Design" annual competition. Recognized as the "Volunteer of the Year" by the Dallas Genealogical Society in 2010 and by the Texas State Genealogical Society in 2015, Tony also received the Dallas Genealogical Society's "Heritage Preservation" award in 2017.

## District Representatives

**District B:** Open\*

**District D:** Open\*

**District F:**

**Peter G. Jacobs**

(term expires 2022)



Pete is retired, an Arlington Texas resident since 1994, and currently the Finance Committee Chair at the

Arlington Genealogical Society. Other AGS positions Pete has held include society president, programs chair, and publicity chair. During 2012, Pete was the TxSGS conference syllabus editor. Pete, along with six siblings, was born and raised on a farm and ranch in southwestern North Dakota. Following high school and two years of college, Pete enlisted in the US Marine Corps and served 27 years as a commissioned officer and jet aviator. During his military career, Pete earned a BA, an MS, and an MA degree. Following his military service, Pete's passion for aviation led to ten years of employment as an airline captain.

Pete is married with two children and five grandchildren. His spouse, Laureen, is a retired Children's Librarian, with 20 years of service at the Arlington Public Library. Pete's interest in family history and genealogy began at an early age listening to stories shared during family gatherings. Both of Pete's parents are immigrants from the Netherlands, and his parents encouraged maintaining strong family ties both in the US and Netherlands. A Jacobs-Buijs family reunion in 2011 brought together nearly 400 cousins from four countries and four generations.

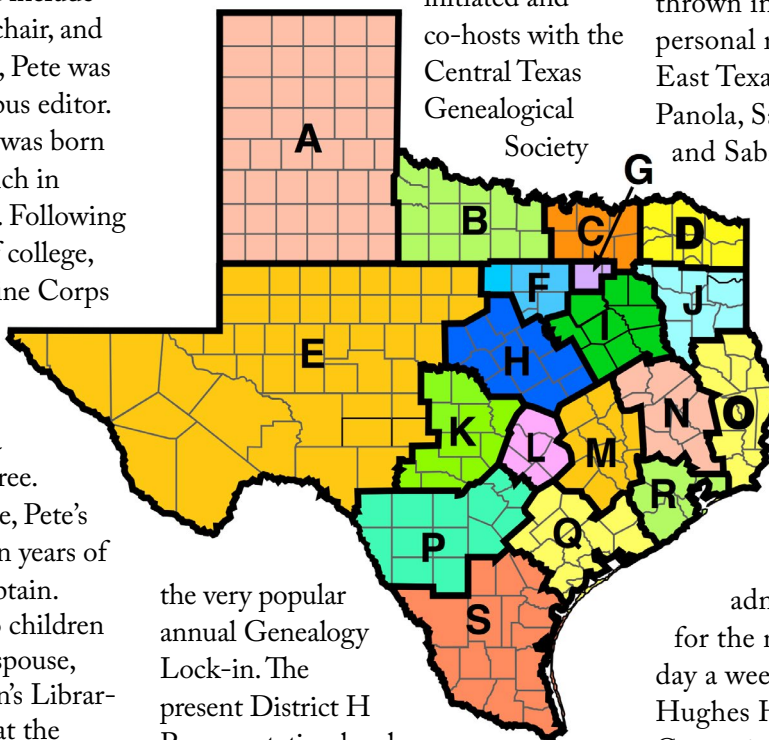
**District H:** **Bill Buckner**

(term expires 2022)



A popular speaker, Bill is the Genealogy Supervisor of the Genealogy Center of the Waco-McLennan County Library. Under

his leadership, the McLennan County Cemetery Interest Group (MCCIG) published in 2012 the results of 35 cemetery inventories as v. 9 *McLennan County, Texas, Cemetery Records*. Bill initiated and co-hosts with the Central Texas Genealogical Society



the very popular annual Genealogy Lock-in. The present District H Representative, he also serves as the TxSGS Awards Chairman. In 2011, Bill received the President's Award from TxSGS for his contributions.

In addition, he has served on various genealogy/history committees with the Texas Library Association and American Library Association. Bill received his BS from Southwestern University and his MS in Library Science from UNT.

**District J:** **Tina McGuffin**

(term expires 2022)



Tina's obsession with genealogy was born with a 10th grade Texas history assignment to research and write about

an ancestor. She chose her great-grandfather, Robert Littleton Hooper, and discovered a fascinating story. A 6th generation Texan with a good dose of German heritage thrown into the mix, much of Tina's personal research has focused in East Texas, specifically, Shelby, Panola, San Augustine, Harrison, and Sabine counties. Retiring

after 26 years in public education gave Tina the opportunity to more fully immerse herself in genealogical research. As well as serving as the present District J Representative, she is employed part-time by the Harrison County Historical Museum as

administrative assistant for the museum, working one day a week at the Inez Hatley Hughes Historical Research Center in Marshall. She is serving as a Director for the East Texas Genealogy Society. Tina also abstracts and transcribes records. She loves helping newbies get started down the road to finding their own generational history.





**District L: Randy Whited**

*(term expires 2022)*



An ardent researcher for over thirty-five years, Randy Whited is active in the genealogical community.

After serving as web administrator and Director of Development, Randy is the past President of the Texas State Genealogical Society and present District L Representative. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors for the Federation of Genealogical Societies, he supported the 2018 and 2019 FGS Conferences as Exhibits Chair. Randy is a frequent speaker at local, regional, and national conferences, including those of RootsTech, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and the Southern California Genealogical Society. His areas of focus are DNA and genetic genealogy, society management, technology, and adding historical context to our research. Randy earned his BA in Natural Science from the University of Texas at Austin with a major in Astronomy and has over 20 years of experience in information technology and business intelligence.

**District N:  
Frances M. Ellsworth**

*(term expires 2022)*



Fran brings to TxSGS a wealth of experience in records preservation and genealogical research. A 2012 graduate

of ProGen Studies, she is the President of Montgomery County Genealogical and Historical Society. The present District N Representative, Fran has

over 25 years of experience working as a Family History Consultant in Conroe, Texas. She currently serves as the Social Media Officer for the Reynolds Family Association and the Historian for the Langley Family Association. Fran also works with the Family Search CGO Research Team under Ed Donakey, Deputy Chief Officer at FamilySearch, and on the Preserve the War of 1812 Pensions Project.

**District P:  
Barbara J. Froebel**

*(term expires 2022)*



The current District P Representative, Barbara's passion for society management and her leadership ability are shown in her service to

the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society in her third term as 1st VP and Program Chair, President for two and a half terms, 2nd VP and Membership Chair for one term, and historian for four and a half terms. She also volunteers as Duty Librarian for the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society's library, a position she has held since 2004. Barbara is a licensed private pilot involved in the San Antonio chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association. Her leadership skills were utilized in that organization as well; she served as president for three years and chaired the San Antonio chapter of the Women Pilots' Association. Born in Boise, Idaho, Barbara married a San Antonio native. She is the mother of two daughters, a grandmother of three, and a San Antonio "native" since 1979. Her personal genealogy passion is putting flesh on the bones of her ancestors and writing their stories for future generations.

**District R:  
Susan Kaufman**

*(term expires 2022)*

See Susan's bio on page 35.

**District Z:  
John Wylie**

*(term expires 2022)*

A Fellow of TxSGS, John has served TxSGS as President, Vice-President,



and District Representative. He currently serves as the District Z

Representative (outside Texas) and chairs the TxSGS Preservation Capture System Committee. He got started researching in 1986 when his stepson asked for information about his biological grandfather. Now retired from professional genealogy, John and his wife, Barbara, turned the obsession of family history into a home-based business for two decades. He was a founder of GenTech, Inc., in 1991, which became a national non-profit, hosting conferences that paved the way for today's RootsTech.

*\*The TxSGS President will fill the open terms by appointment.*



# Texas State Genealogical Society Issues Call for Presentations for the 2021 TxSGS Family History Conference

**Deadline for Submissions is February 28, 2021**

**2021 TxSGS Family History Conference**

**PAST Present FUTURE**

**CONNECTING  
Generations**

[www.TxSGS.org](http://www.TxSGS.org) **October 1-2, 2021** #TxSGS2021

The Texas State Genealogical Society announces a Call for Presentations for their 2021 TxSGS Family History Conference “Connecting Generations.” This event, slated for October 1-2, will be held virtually. Selected presentations will be included in a *TxSGS Live!* two-day event with live Q&A; other presentations will be recorded for an On-Demand program available for replay for 90 days after *TxSGS Live!* The deadline for proposals is February 28, 2021.

## About the Proposals

We are looking for dynamic, enthusiastic presenters! If you feel passionate about your area of expertise and would like to teach and inspire other genealogists, this is the venue for you. The TxSGS conference draws over 300 attendees from beginner to expert. As well as topics geared toward beginners,

submissions offering intermediate and advanced level lectures that delve deep into record sources and include unique and experienced use of record sources are encouraged for consideration. Seasoned speakers and speakers new to the genealogical lecturing arena are encouraged to submit.





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**TIGR** Goes Virtual in 2021  
**June 13-18, 2021**

The bi-annual Texas Institute of Genealogical Research, TIGR, is a unique five-day learning experience offered to address a critical need for genealogists encountering complex challenges when researching Texas and Southwest ancestors. TIGR promotes learning in an instructional classroom atmosphere, taking each attendee's skills to another level. Course coordinators and instructors lead students through a progression of topics on the same subject. TIGR combines a hands-on learning experience throughout the week along with great discussions with your instructors and

classmates to enhance attendees' understanding.

Launched in 2017, TIGR began with a single course, Texas Research Essentials. The 2021 curriculum offers changes to previous courses and adds new topics. The Texas course expands to include early Texas Republic research; Advanced Southern Research adds western expansion and more to its previous offering; and two new courses are added: African Americans in the South and DNA Fundamentals.

In 2021, participants may select one of these four courses.

**From Spanish Rule to Republic: Research in the Lone Star State**

This course will provide a foundation for researching ancestors in pre-statehood Texas. Students will learn how to find and analyze key record collections from the Spanish, Mexican, and Republic eras, and gain an understanding of what life was like for their ancestors in those time periods.

*Course Coordinators: Kelvin L. Meyers, Colleen Robledo Greene*



**Kelvin L. Meyers**, a fifth generation Texan and professional forensic genealogist since 1996, is a frequent speaker to genealogical societies and family associations throughout the United States. He is a founding member of the Council for the

Advancement of Forensic Genealogy (CAFG), a past board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and a past President of the Lone Star Chapter of APG. After being employed for ten years in the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library, Kelvin now has a solo practice as a forensic genealogist serving clients that include probate attorneys, trust depart-

ments of banks, the US Immigration Service, and energy companies. He also specializes in southern brick wall problems for clients. Kelvin is a 1989 and 1990 alumnus of IGHR (Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research) and has returned to IGHR as a lecturer. In 2016, he co-coordinated with J. Mark Lowe "A Swing Through the South" at SLIG (Salt Lake Institute of Genealogical Research) and in 2020, he was a lecturer for the GRIP (Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh) course, "Beyond Fundamentals: Hands-on Forensic Genealogy." Kelvin has

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recently published *Research in Texas* for the NGS (National Genealogical Society) Research in the States series. He is also the director of TxSGS's Texas Institute of Genealogical Research (TIGR).



**Colleen Robledo Greene**, MLIS, is a librarian, genealogist, historian, college educator, and web developer. She is a

nationally recognized genealogy speaker and educator specializing in methodology, Mexican and Hispanic research, libraries and archives, technology, and society communications. Colleen holds a Bachelor of Arts in History, a Masters of Library and Information Science, and a certificate in genealogical research from Boston University. She is the Digital Literacy Librarian and Marketing Librarian at California State University, Fullerton.

Colleen is also a lecturer for the San Jose State University School of Information, where she teaches an online graduate-level US genealogy course for future librarians, which focuses on the Genealogical Proof Standard. Colleen has been researching her family history since her grandfather died in 1997. Most of her personal research focuses on Mexico, California, and Texas. She is an active member and volunteer in the genealogy community.

## Advanced Southern Research: Western Expansion and Families of the South

We will focus on the growing continent after the establishment of the United States and how families were affected throughout the South and beyond. Records will include transportation, industry and business, family Bibles, deeds, land surveys, land plats, manuscripts, church records, government documents, and more.

*Course Coordinator: J. Mark Lowe, CG®, FUGA*



**J. Mark Lowe** describes himself as a lifelong genealogist. He is a full-time professional genealogist, author, and lecturer who specializes in

original records and manuscripts throughout the South. Mark lives in Robertson County, Tennessee, just north of Nashville near the Kentucky border.

Mark enjoys opportunities to share what he has learned over the years. He serves as the Course Coordinator for "Research in the South" at IGHR, records webinars for Legacy Family Tree Webinars, and also directs Southern courses for SLIG. He has worked on several genealogical television series including *Finding Your Past*, *African American Lives 2*, *Who Do You Think You Are?* and *UnXplained Events*, and provided content for podcasts on Gimlet

Media, including *Twice Removed*.

Mark has published in the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly (APGQ)*, *National Genealogical Society Quarterly (NGSQ)*, the Genealogical Speakers' Guild *SPEAK!*, *The Longhunter* (So. Ky. Genealogical Society), the *Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and other society publications. He formerly was President of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), President for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), and President of the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society. Mark is a Certified Genealogist® and a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Society, and was awarded the Graham T. Smallwood award by the Association of Professional Genealogists.

## African Americans in the South

This course will cover antebellum through 21st century records and tools for African American research in the South. The class will examine genealogical sources, common hurdles, and strategies for solving African American research problems. The course will focus on critical thinking and creating developed research plans when approaching African American genealogy.

*Course Coordinator: Ari Wilkins*



**Ari Wilkins**, a graduate of Louisiana State University, has been actively researching family history since 1998. Ari worked for

many years with the esteemed genealogist, Dr. James Rose, on his final project, *Generations: The WPA Ex-Slave Narrative Database*. She is the owner of the genealogical consulting company, Black Genesis. Ari also works as a contributor for Proquest's African American

Heritage database. Ari has instructed at IGHR. She has been a conference speaker at the National Genealogical Society, Federation of Genealogical Societies, Texas State Genealogical Society, Ohio Genealogical Society, American Library Association, and has lectured at a multitude of local societies. Ari has been a Library Associate at Dallas Public Library since 2007. She specializes in African American research and has lectured on African American migration.



## DNA Fundamentals for Genealogy

This course will focus on understanding, interpreting, and applying DNA test results in genealogy. Instructional sessions will build from basic principles of DNA inheritance of all types of DNA (Y and X chromosomes and mitochondrial and autosomal DNA) and how each can be used to advance genealogical research. The pros and cons of ethnicity percentages will be discussed, as will the limitations of DNA test results. Combining DNA with documentary research will be emphasized. Hands-on sessions will integrate problem solving with the use of tools, those provided by the testing companies as well as third parties such as DNA Painter, GEDmatch, and clustering. The Early Texans DNA Project will be highlighted as an example of a far-ranging DNA project that benefits many.

*Course Coordinator: Patti Lee Hobbs, CG®*



**Patti Lee Hobbs** works as a part-time professional genealogist as well as occasionally in the Local History and Genealogy department at the Springfield-Greene County Library in Springfield,

Missouri. Patti, who has a BA in biology, instructs on the use and analysis of DNA testing and how it complements traditional research in original records. She volunteers as a trustee of the Board for Certification of Genealogists and is also a BCG Education Fund trustee. Patti has taught in several institute courses for

IGHR and GRIP. Her article “DNA Identifies a Father for Rachel Lee of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania” was published in the March 2017 issue of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*. Patti is passionate about genealogical education and helping others learn more about their ancestors.

## What can you expect at TIGR?

Your week of learning will be shared with students that have the same passion for genealogical research as you. All instructors are experienced genealogical researchers and lecturers. Along with case studies, discussions, and problem solving exercises, their expertise

will enhance your learning experience. While bringing a variety of viewpoints and backgrounds to the shared institute experience, TIGR students all share a passion for genealogical research and discovering how to conquer “brick wall” challenges.



## Be part of this year’s exciting event!

Registration opens in January 2021.

Visit our website

<https://www.txsgs.org/tigr-2021/>

for more information.

	<b>Early-Bird Rate</b>	<b>Standard Rate</b>
	Available through April 30, 2021	Available May 1-31, 2021
Member of TxSGS	\$375.00	\$425.00
Non-Member	\$425.00	\$475.00

# From Conception to Completion: Project Indexes Names of Spanish Participants in American Revolution

by Mary Anthony Startz

*The Militiamen of St. Louis & Ste. Geneviève 1779 to 1783: A Compilation of original militia lists from the General Archive of the Indies of Seville, Spain*, Kristine L. Sjostrom, Mary Ann Long Fernandez de Mesa, and Mary Anthony Long Startz. (2020). 286 pages, indexed. Available from Amazon.com (<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08CWCG1RB/>), \$40.00 paperback.

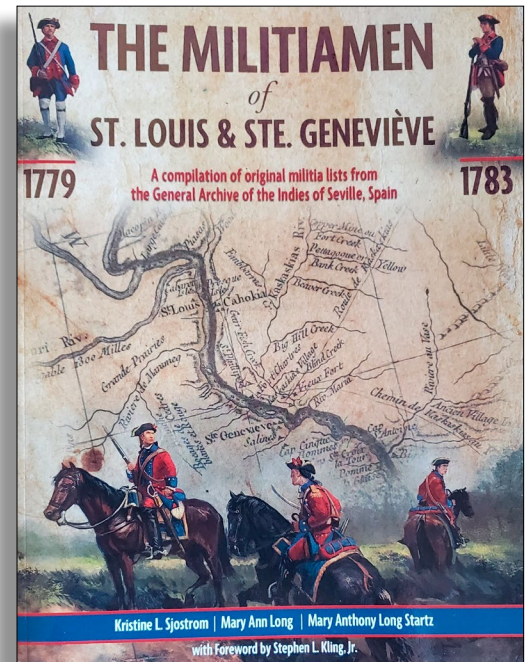
Kristine Sjostrom, Mary Ann “Molly” Long Fernandez de Mesa, and I began a discussion in 2014 regarding the lack of a comprehensive list of those men who aided in protecting the Spanish Illinois region during the American Revolution. During our conversation, we realized that we should be the ones to make that list a reality, and launched ourselves on a project to transcribe all the known militia lists for St. Louis and Ste. Geneviève from 1779 to 1783. Members of the Espana Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Kristine lives in Seville, Spain, and Molly lives in Madrid, Spain. I live in Houston and am a member of the Lady Washington Chapter. As members of the DAR, we felt this was a critical resource for others who wished to prove their descent from these men who fought in aid of the American Revolution. While access to the original records remains a key resource for researchers, preservation of the data through transcription and indexes enables them to locate their ancestors quickly and easily.

In the American colonies, local militiamen formed the core of every town’s defense. The same was true for the Spanish province of Louisiana where the Crown did not have the financial means to provide

enough regular army soldiers to defend such a vast territory. Local militias of Louisiana were therefore the mainstay of the colony’s military force. Militia lists were supposed to be made at the end of every year so that the Spanish government in New Orleans could know the exact size of the force that existed at each settlement or post. For the Spanish Illinois region, very few of these yearly militia rosters are extant.

However, after the successful defense of the upper Illinois settlements of St. Louis and Cahokia against the Anglo-inspired attack of 26 May 1780, measures were taken to ensure the continued defense of the region. The French inhabitants of St. Louis and Ste. Geneviève, on whom the Spanish commandant called for this extraordinary service, were accounted for on monthly militia review lists. These records have survived and, together with the existing militia rosters, are held in the collection of Cuban Papers in Spain’s General Archive of the Indies (AGI) in Seville.

We started by creating a Dropbox folder for the three of us to share. We then created internal folders into which Kristine deposited digital images of the 75 lists of names she found by scouring the Cuban Papers



collection. We divided the lists between us so that we could each work on transcribing them into Word documents, and we triple-checked each other’s work. Finally, a brief summary to narrate/describe the actions of these patriots throughout the Revolution was put together to introduce the lists. Our progress was slow, even glacial at times.

In mid-March of this year, the three of us committed to weekly Zoom calls to collaborate and monitor our status, and our momentum accelerated. Twenty-four weeks later the book was up on Amazon!

During our weekly Zoom calls, we discussed the content of the opening



# Organize Old Photos With the “Parking Lot Method”

by Denise May Levenick

When I first started working with my family photo collection, I couldn’t decide on the “best” method for organizing the original prints. Should I sort by person? by event (good for groups)? by place? by type of photo? or by some assigned catalog number?

I tried different methods and finally came up with a hybrid system that works fairly well. How I sort and organize depends on the project and the end goal.

After inheriting an old boot box full of photos, my objective was to sort, identify if possible, prioritize next steps, and move the contents to suitable storage. I was confident the photos were all from my maternal grandparents’ side of the family and planned to integrate these loose photos with other photo sets to help recognize people or events.

My method for unpacking the box is something I came up with several years ago, and it works well for preliminary sorting and organizing. I call it “The Parking Lot Method.”



## Step-by-Step Guide to Organizing Old Photos

Professional archivists know the importance of respecting original order within a collection. Collectors often have good reasons for assembling certain photos together on an album page or placing several snapshots in an envelope. Groupings can indicate families, events, or places. Physical similarities such as the border style on snapshots can indicate photos that were printed from the same roll of film. It’s a good idea to maintain original order whenever possible and look for clues to any items that appear to be grouped together.

Work with one box at a time. I spent about two hours sorting through photos in The Boot Box, making preliminary identifications, inventorying the contents, and placing items in new storage. The “Jane and John Does” I call UFOs.

## The Family Curator’s Parking Lot Method:

1. Wash hands.
2. Unroll a large sheet of white butcher paper on the dining room table. I like paper better than a cotton sheet because the photos don’t get caught on the fabric, and I like to jot notes on the paper. The table is the “parking lot.”
3. Unpack the box in layers, keeping any groups together. The contents of The Boot Box had been shuffled so many times that there wasn’t much order except the little stacks made by Auntie the day we looked at the photos together.

Remove any staples, paper clips, rubber bands, or other foreign objects that often rust or decay and damage photos. Keep the items together with a plastic paper clip or plain sheet of acid-free paper folded in half as a containing folder.

4. Survey the contents. It takes a little time to really look at what you have, to really notice the families and events that are pictured. When you feel like the faces begin to look familiar, start sorting.

# Preserving Your Family History Forever®

by Emily C. Richardson

As a professional genealogist, I'm often asked about how an individual should preserve their family history for future generations. They typically have several questions focused on what they should be doing to ensure others have access to their research and memorabilia.

Hopefully these questions and our answers as included in this article will be useful in making your own decisions about preserving family history.

In the majority of cases, I end up introducing them to Forever (<https://www.forever.com>), an online subscription service that helps an individual store photos, slides, and memorabilia. Forever provides the user the ability to share this information with others (at no additional cost) while also promising that the materials will be available for 100+ years, for generations to come. The files are migrated to new formats, while being triple backed up, and are secure. The Forever services will help you digitize photos (including slides and albums), videos (or old films), and documents, perfect for the genealogist. In addition, an individual can easily create lasting memories through books, pictures, or

art that can be used as gifts.

So, let's answer some of those questions you might have regarding your "stuff."

## What should I do? I've just inherited a box (or several boxes) of photos, slides, and memorabilia.

Any individual who has inherited boxes of stuff from a parent or ancestor is caught with decisions regarding exactly what to do with the materials. You really have only three choices; the choice you make will depend on the availability of your personal time and money for the project.

**Option 1: DIY** – do it yourself! This approach does take time, as the following story demonstrates, but the cost will be the lowest of the three options.



*Picture of memorabilia marked by type, in possession of Dorothy Tucker, address private.*

*My sister and I recently sorted through eight boxes of miscellaneous memorabilia we inherited from our parents. Inside the boxes were photos, negatives, home movies, newspaper clippings, letters, family history books, and documents, as well as historical and professional documents.*

*These are the steps we took in an effort to preserve my parents' memories and life history.*

**Sort** – *this is probably the hardest step. We had to decide what would be important for future generations and yes, we had to throw some things away.*

**Digitize** – *Some of the documents and photos we scanned ourselves, but the negatives, slides, and home movies will be sent to Forever's state-of-the-art Digital Conversion Center.*

<https://www.forever.com>; front page accessed 19 November 2020.



# What Do I Do With **All These Old Photos?**

by Tami Osmer Mize

**W**e've all got piles and boxes of photos we haven't yet tackled. It looks at times like a mountain impossible to climb. What's holding you back? Maybe you've got tons of photos or perhaps you're concerned you won't know the details of the photo – who's in the photos, is the person in the photo a family member, when was the photo taken, or even whether you should keep the photo.



Sometimes all that's needed is a little encouragement to get started; at other times a battle plan is required. Here are a few ideas for how to begin, including organization tips, tech tools for restoring old photos, and

ways to turn your photos into an interactive sharing tool. Let's get started! Like many projects, the satisfaction gained in small, bite-size successes may be enough to sustain you through the entire project.

## 1. Organizing Your Photos

Where do I even begin?

If you're not ready to tackle the decades of photos you've amassed just yet but know you need to start somewhere, the Rhythms and Grace blog suggests that you start with your current photos, perhaps just this month's photos, and move back as you have time. They recommend setting aside a certain amount of time every month to work on it so that at least you're not adding to your backlog.

"The Best 9 Step Tutorial: How to Organize Photos Even If You're Really Far Behind" <https://rhythmsandgraceblog.com/how-to-organize-photos-tutorial/>

Ready to tackle those print photos?

Denise May Levenick, aka The Family Curator, offers a great way to turn your boxes of photos into an organized collection, in "Organize Old Photos With the Parking Lot System" on pages 61-63. For more information, see Denise's website, <https://thefamilycurator.com>, which includes a lot of great information on preserving and sharing all kinds of family keepsakes, including photographs.

### Photo Organization Basics

Almost all information you'll find on photo organizing starts with the same basic steps:

1. Collect all your printed photos into one place. Sort them in a way that makes sense to you (i.e., by year, by event, etc.).
2. Digitize with a minimum of 300 dpi – higher is always better.
3. Collect all your digital photos into one storage device.
4. Plan out your folder structure. Again, it needs to make sense to you. (Where would I find that picture of Aunt Grace from Christmas 1973?)
5. Organize your digital photos into your folders.
6. Backup ALL your digital photographs to at least one other source (cloud, external hard drive, etc.).

[PhotographyLife](https://photographylife.com/how-to-organize-pictures) has a good article that goes into each step in more detail at <https://photographylife.com/how-to-organize-pictures>.

# Ask an Archivist

An interview with Linda Reynolds, TxSGS Archivist

by Susan E. Ball

Genealogists are, for want of a better term, hoarders of every photo and scrap of paper that has anything to do with our family. We wind up with a vast amount of material, some of which may be in poor condition or in need of some form of conservation.

A recent survey by *Stirpes* of Texas genealogists generated a host of inquiries regarding the proper way to preserve a variety of materials as well as how to fix or undo the work of previous generations. Most questions could be separated into inquiries about rolled or flattened documents; conservation of albums, photos, old family Bibles, and fabrics; scanning recommendations; recommended archival materials; and donating materials to a repository.

The TxSGS Archivist, Linda Reynolds, graciously shared her expertise with *Stirpes* in answering these questions. Linda is a Certified Archivist and the Director of the East Texas Research Center (ETRC) at Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Linda is committed to conservation and is especially passionate about genealogists' home collections. As a genealogist herself, she understands the challenges that genealogists face in conserving their personal collections. According to Linda, "Documents and photos are living things that age. Preservation helps to slow down that aging process. Putting a photo into contact with acidic paper speeds up the aging process." She added a caution: "Preservation is something you can

undo. Never do something to a document or photo that you can't undo such as laminating. NEVER laminate a photo or document."<sup>1</sup> Continue reading for Linda's advice on the key conservation topics important to most genealogists, and check the endnotes for additional comments.

## Rolled or Folded Documents

*How do I flatten a document or photo that has been rolled?*

**Linda:** Use a humidity chamber. You can make one yourself with a couple of thick sponges and two plastic bins that can nest with at least a couple of inches space between the inner bin and the outer bin. The outer bin should have a lid. The inner bin should be at least four inches shorter than the outer bin. Put the sponges on the bottom of the outer bin and pour in about ½ inch of lukewarm or room temperature water. This should be water only, with no added chemicals. Put the inner bin on top of the sponges. Put document in the inner bin. Make sure the document doesn't touch any water. Put the lid on the outer bin. Check the document every hour. If any condensation collects on the lid, wipe



it off to keep it from dripping on the document. The humidity in the bin will cause the paper to relax, turning crispy paper pliable for a short amount of time.

Once the paper is pliable enough to unroll, place something heavy like beanbags on the corners of the document to help it flatten out. This technique works on folded documents as well.

*Caveats* – make sure there's no mold on the document. This process will make the mold explode. Also, check for dirt and other debris on the document. The humidity will turn any dirt to mud, further damaging the document. See the sidebar for additional resources for creating your own humidity chamber.

## Album Conservation

*How do I deal with photos and newspaper articles that were originally placed in those old-fashioned "sticky" photo albums?*

**Linda:** Sticky albums are destroying your photos and newspaper articles. You'll need to remove all materials from the album as soon as possible to slow





# Texas State Genealogical Society

## Partner Societies

Several types of members make up the Texas State Genealogical Society, including genealogical societies and family associations that are TxSGS Partner Societies. Scattered throughout the state of Texas and across the US in 20 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. Current as of December 7, 2020, this membership listing includes societies whose membership has lapsed within the past month.*

### Texas Societies

Amarillo Genealogical Society  
 Arlington Genealogical Society  
 Atascocita-Kingwood Genealogical Society  
 Austin Genealogical Society

#### 📶 AGS's DNA SIG meets virtually

#### 📶 Bay Area Genealogical Society

Bell County Genealogical Society

#### 📶 Bosque County Genealogical Society

Castro Colonies Heritage Association  
 Cedar Hill Genealogical Society  
 Central Texas Genealogical Society  
 Chaparral Genealogical Society

#### 📶 Cherokee County Genealogical Society

#### 📶 Clayton Library Friends

Coastal Bend Genealogical Society  
 Collin County Genealogical Society  
 Coryell County Genealogical Society

#### 📶 Dallas Genealogical Society

Denison Genealogical Society  
 Denton County Genealogical Society  
 East Texas Genealogical Society  
 Electra Genealogy Group  
 Erath County Genealogical Association

#### 📶 Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Franklin County Genealogical Society  
 Freestone County Historical Museum  
 Genealogical & Historical Society of Caldwell County  
 Genealogy Society of Kendall County  
 German Texan Heritage Society

#### 📶 Grand Prairie Genealogical Society

Greater Houston Jewish Genealogical Society  
 Harrison County Genealogical Society

#### 📶 Heritage Ranch Genealogical Society

Hi-Plains Genealogical Society  
 Highland Lakes Genealogical Society  
 Hill County Genealogical Society

#### 📶 Hopkins County Genealogical Society

Houston Genealogical Forum

#### 📶 Houston West Family Genealogy Society (aka Bear Creek GS)

Humble Area Genealogical Society  
 Kerrville Genealogical Society

#### 📶 Lamar County Genealogical Society

#### 📶 Lamar County Historical Commission

#### 📶 Mesquite Historical & Genealogical Society

#### 📶 Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

Midland Genealogical Society  
 Montgomery County Genealogical & Historical Society

- Navarro County Genealogical Society
- Pecan Valley Genealogy Society
- 📶 **Red River County TX Genealogical Society**
- Rio Grande Valley Hispanic Genealogical Society
- 📶 **Robson Ranch Genealogy Club**
- 📶 **San Angelo Genealogical & Historical Society**
- 📶 **San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society**
- San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society
- Smith County Historical Society
- Society of Sons & Daughters of WWII Veterans
- South Plains Genealogical Society
- 📶 **Tejano Genealogy Society of Austin**
- Texas Czech Genealogical Society
- Texas Research Ramblers Genealogy Society
- The TXGenWeb Project
- Timpson Area Genealogical & Heritage Society
- Tip-O-Texas Genealogical Society

- Van Zandt Gen Society
- Washington County Genealogical Society
- 📶 **West Texas Genealogical Society**
- Williamson County Genealogical Society
- Societies with names in bold and designated with 📶 are participants in the TxSGS virtual meeting program.*

**US Societies**

- California Genealogical Society & Library
- Dade County Genealogical Society, Missouri
- New Mexico Genealogical Society
- North San Diego County Genealogical Society, California
- Wisconsin Historical Society

**Family Associations**

- World Chamberlain Genealogical Society

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Even while we're all anxiously awaiting our turn for a vaccine, we recognize that it's going to take some time for social distancing restrictions to fade and our members to feel safe meeting in person again. TxSGS encourages all society leaders to consider ways your society can remain viable and in touch with members during 2021 and beyond. One approach is to offer virtual meetings, and we're here to help you with programs, technology, and support.

**1) TxSGS Webinar Series for Partner Societies**

Need program ideas that are adaptable to virtual presentations? Consider the TxSGS Webinar Series for Partner Societies. TxSGS is continuing the program for 2021 with ten new presentations. Watch for details on our website.

**2) Virtual Meeting Support**

Interested in virtual meetings for your society? TxSGS offers to facilitate virtual meetings using our meeting and

webinar platforms for FREE. We provide the technical know-how; the society provides the program.

Need to hold a meeting and vote? Want to provide announcements? We can make that happen. Read more about our offer at <https://www.txsgs.org/txsgs-helps-partner-society-members-by-offering-virtual-meeting-resource/>.

**3) To request virtual meeting support or presentation**

**videos**, complete the online Partner Society Virtual Meeting Request Form at <https://tinyurl.com/PSvirtualmeeting2021>.

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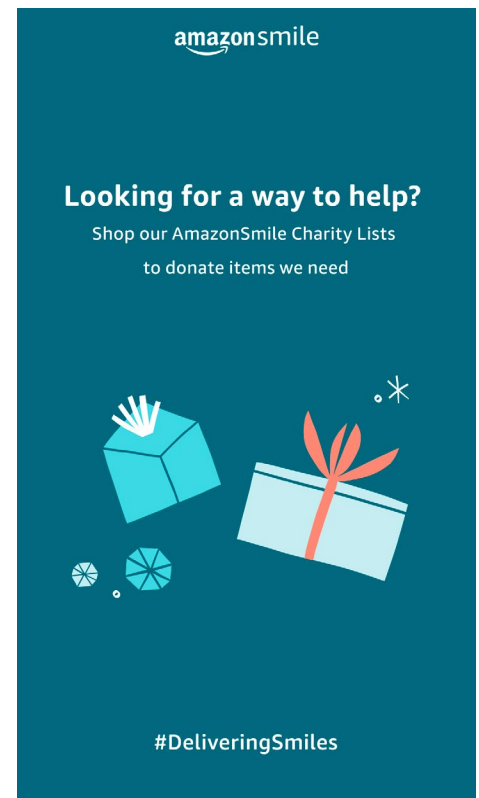
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