



Texas State Genealogical Society

Impacting genealogy in the Lone Star State since 1960.

Genealogical Society Program Planning

Saturday, April 24, 2021

My Background

- Director of Membership, Texas State Genealogical Society
- Active in the Dallas Genealogical Society
 - Webmaster
 - Past President
 - Past Director of Education
- Genealogical Speaker
- Most TxSGS Board Members have similar resumes

Why Are We Here?

- Many participants in our March 27 Forum requested this follow up.
- We have addressed some other issues and want to share them with you.
- Video's (Links available on the event webpage):
 - *How to Create a Meeting Feedback Survey Using Google Forms*
 - *Hosting Virtual Meetings: Things You Should Know*

Agenda

- Topics That are Trending Now
- Surveying Your Members
- What Topics Are You Considering for Your Upcoming Meetings?
- How Much Are You Willing to Pay?
- TxSGS Speakers Bureau Overview
- Good Speakers You Can Recommend
- Evaluating Your Speakers
- Synergies Amongst Societies



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Topics that are
Trending Now



Where Do I Go to look at ideas?

- ConferenceKeepers
 - <https://conferencekeeper.org/calendar/>
- Ohio, North Carolina or South California annual conferences
 - <https://www.ogsconference.org/>
 - <https://www.ncgenealogy.org/event/ncgs-2021-virtual-conference/>
 - <https://genealogyjamboree.com/>
- Legacy Tree Webinars
- SLIG, GRIP, IGHR and TIGR conference topics and speakers
- FamilySearch monthly webinars
 - https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Programming Ideas and Trends

- DNA
 - Beginning (YDNA, MtdNA, AutoDNA)
 - Comparing Results
 - Advanced Results
- Ethnic Trends
 - German
 - Irish
 - Scottish
 - English
 - Hispanic
- Technology
 - Evernote
 - Mobile
 - Google (documents and photos)
 - Backing up my Research
- Organizing Your Genealogy
 - Digital Filing Systems
- Desktop Software
 - FamilyTreeMaker
 - Roots Magic
 - Legacy

Records and Resources

- Cemetery
 - Church
 - Military
 - City Directories
 - Immigration/Naturalization Records
 - Yearbooks
 - Ship Manifests
 - County Histories
- Newspapers
 - Funeral Home Records
 - Census
 - Pre-1850
 - 1950 census
 - Non-population schedules
 - Deeds
 - Probates/Wills
 - Taxes

Finding Records and Context

- Where do we find things?

- Ancestry
- FamilySearch
- MyHeritage
- FindMyPast
- NARA
- HathiTrust
- ArchiveGrid
- JSTOR
- PERSI
- WPA Records
- Maps
- Fold3
- Manuscripts

- Importance of Social History

- County Histories
- Economic
- Political
- Social
- Weather
- Health (Pandemic)
- Local, Regional and National History

Methodology and Skill-Building

- Methodology

- Research Questions
- GPS
- Brick Walls
- F.A.N. Club
- Finding a Woman's Maiden Name
- Writing a Proof Statement, Proof Argument or Proof Summary

- Skill-Building

- Mapping Land
- Timelines
- Research Log
- Writing as you Go
- Writing a Research Report
- Effective Online Searching
- Citations

African-American and Others

- African-American Research
 - Freedman Bureau
 - Slave Owners
 - Researching
 - 1870 Wall
 - WPA records
 - Using Social Media to Connect
 - Planning a Family Reunion
- Storytelling
 - Native Americans
 - Dawes
 - Photographs
 - Preservation
 - Jewish Genealogy
 - Canadian Research
 - Lineage Societies


Considerations when surveying

- When
 - Prior to Planning
 - Probably should be done for already – but still do it now
 - How often should it be done?
 - What should I ask?
 - What Recommendations do you have for topics?
 - What Recommendations do you have for speakers?
 - Of the following items, rank their importance to your research as a genealogist?
 - Would you prefer?
 - 45 minute presentation with 15 minutes for questions
 - 60 minute presentation with 10 minutes for questions

Your Turn: What
are you Planning

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How Much are you
Willing to Pay?

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Speaker Fee Conversation

What are you be paying a speaker?

When should a speaker be free?

How can you convince the board for more money?

Money-saving Ideas

TxSGS Speakers Bureau

Recent Changes

- Reformatted the information.
 - Improved Legibility.
 - Highlight speakers who are TxSGS Members.
 - Speakers who reside in Texas are grouped together.
 - Followed by speakers who live in other states.
- Improved our ability to maintain & update the information.
 - And are now in the process of contacting all registered speakers and asking them to verify/update their information.
- Added links to additional speaker resources.

<https://www.txsgs.org/>



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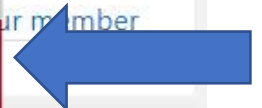
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If you are a TxSGS

Speakers Bureau

our member



Latest TxSGS News



DNA Fundamentals for Genealogy Course at 2021 TIGR

Posted: April 17, 2021

The 2021 Texas Institute of Genealogical Research (TIGR) has added a course this

Speakers Bureau

TxSGS maintains a Speakers Bureau as a dual benefit for our [Partner Societies](#) and for [our members](#) who are genealogical speakers.

About the Speakers Bureau

Many societies struggle with locating good speakers for meetings and workshops. Texas State Genealogical Society is committed to assisting societies with this effort. The Speakers Bureau includes both in-state and out-of-state speakers who are willing to be presenters in Texas. Speakers who are TxSGS members have additional information about themselves and their topics available for viewing by clicking the "View PDF" link.

Joining the Speakers Bureau

The Speakers Bureau is open to any genealogical speaker willing to speak in Texas. If you would like to be added, please complete our [Speaker Information form](#) or contact our Membership Director by email at membership@txsgs.org.



TxSGS Speaker Information

Use this form to provide information to be used on our Speakers Bureau webpage (<https://www.txsgs.org/speakers-bureau>).

TxSGS will list information for any Genealogy speaker who is willing to personally or virtually present to societies in the State of Texas. There is no charge for this listing. However, we will highlight the name of speakers who are current TxSGS members and we will provide members with a link to a PDF file with additional information.

Not a TxSGS member? Join Now at <https://www.txsgs.org/membership/>

* Required

First Name *

Your answer

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Topics

Beginners classes; African American genealogy; slave research; Southern records; general research methodology; using the library effectively.

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Topics

Family Naming Practices; Urban Ancestors; Crafting Effective Online Searches; German Ancestors; Civil War Pension Files; Online Family Trees

Additional Information: [View PDF](#)



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Bio: Bernard is a genealogist and lecturer based in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. He began researching his family over 25 years ago and enjoys sharing lessons learned from those experiences, including his mistakes. Although he knew only one grandparent (his maternal grandfather) he has successfully identified all of his great-great grandparents and several triple- and quadruple great grandparents. He is president, parliamentarian and social media chair of the *Mid-Cities Genealogical Society*, and is a member of the *National Genealogical Society* and the *Texas State Genealogical Society*. He recently completed the Genealogical Society of Pittsburgh's *German Research Resources* course.

Download Your Own Copy of the Information

TxSGS Speakers Bureau Directory

The information below is provided to us by the speakers and is subject to change. The general location of Texas speakers is indicated by district number; the [district map](#) shows where each district is located. To find speakers in a district, use your browser's search function to search for "District" and the desired district number; i.e., "District L" for the Austin area.

You can view (and download an Excel or CSV version) of this information by [Clicking Here.](#)

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Altman-Newell	Dannell		Overland Park	Johnson	KS	66215	Talking Box Genealogy	talkingboxgenealogy@gmail.com	913 - 353-87
Appleton	David		Duncanville	Dallas	TX	75116	Appleton Studios	davidbappleton@att.net	214 - 354-75
Azios	Henry			Harris	TX			Quetzal3@msn.com	713 - 412-47
Barker	Melissa		Tennessee Ridge	Houston	TN	37178		melissabarker20@hotmail.com	931 - 721-36
Bettag	Claire	CG	Washington	District of Columbia	DC	20007			202 - 625-25
Bowles	David		San Antonio	Bexar	TX	78270		david@westwardsagas.com	210 - 827-41

Other Speakers & Topics

These organizations may help you locate a speaker:

- **Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society** – [Speakers Bureau](#)
- **Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board** – [Speakers Bureau Directory](#)
- **Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies** – [Genealogical Speakers Bureau Directory](#)
- **Conference Keepers** – [Genealogy Speakers](#)
- **Cyndi's List** – [Professional, Volunteers & Other Research Services – Speakers & Authors](#)
- **Florida State Genealogical Society** – [Speakers Bureau](#)
- **Genealogical Speakers Guild** – [Directory of Members](#)
- **Georgia Genealogical Society** – [Speakers Directory](#)
- **International Society of Genetic Genealogy** – [ISOGG Speakers](#)
- **Nebraska State Genealogical Society** – [Nebraska Speakers](#)
- **North Carolina Chapter, Association of Professional Genealogists** – [Find A Professional](#)
- **Southern California Genealogical Society** – [Speakers Bureau](#)
- [Ulster Historical Foundation](#) – See their current *Lecture Tour*

You can also reach out to speakers on the [Genealogy Speaker + Society Connection](#) Facebook group.

Questions, Comments or Suggestions?

membership@txsgs.org

Evaluating Your Speakers

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Always, Always evaluate your speaker!

- Yes – after the event, an evaluation should be given to your participants
 - Preferably through email afterwards
 - Can be done – handing it out prior to event, and having them put it in a box as they walk out of the event
- Why is this important?
 - Helps you to know how the selection you have made is “sitting” with the audience
- Sample

Date: _____ Speaker: _____

Strongly Disagree	Dis-agree	Un-decided	Agree	Strongly Agree

1. Speaker was well prepared—had equipment set up, notes, etc. ready.....

Comment: _____

2. Held my attention

Comment _____

3. Provided at least two ideas to help me search and/or preserve my family history.....

What were the two you got? _____

4. I recommend having speaker back again to expand on this or another topic.....

Comment _____

6. Challenge I am currently working on & help I might benefit from: _____

Synergies Amongst Societies



We Have handouts
for you!

Closing Remarks

<https://www.txsgs.org/txsgs-genealogical-society-forum/>

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Program Planning

Saturday April 24, 9:00 am – 11:00 am CT

A TxSGS Virtual Event

Recordings from the meeting should be available in a few days

Let's Do This Again!

Saturday July 17

9:00 am – 11:00 am CT

Virtual Meeting

Survey

- Please respond to our survey
- Suggest topics for upcoming meeting

Thank you for being here!