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Bio:

Bernard is a genealogist and lecturer based in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. He began researching his family over 30 years ago and enjoys sharing lessons learned from that experience, including his mistakes. Although he knew only one grandparent (his maternal grandfather) he has successfully identified all of his great-great grandparents, several triple- and quadruple-great grandparents, and his Meisner 8th great grandparents. He is a past president of the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society, a co-leader of the Dallas Genealogical Society's German SIG, and is a member of the Texas State and the National Genealogical Societies. He has been invited to write several articles for the Texas State Genealogical Society's quarterly magazine, *Stirpes*.

Bernard retired from the National Weather Service Southern Region Headquarters where he was the Chief of the Science & Training Branch. He is certified as a consulting meteorologist by the American Meteorological Society. He has taught at the Universities of Texas, Oklahoma and St. Thomas (Houston).

Bernard earned a B.S. in physics/German from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in meteorology from the University of Hawaii. He has completed coursework of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies, the Texas Institute of Genealogical Research, and attended the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh each of the last seven years, completing courses in Irish, German, and Pennsylvania Research, Digital Research Skills, and Practical Genetic Genealogy.

Meetings, Seminars and Workshops:

Available for in-person or virtual society meetings, half-day or full-day beginner or intermediate-level seminars

Program Topics:

- An Introduction to DNA for Genealogists
- Beyond the Big Four – (Mostly) Free Resources for Genealogical Research
- Create an Interactive Book to Share Your Research with Your Family
- Early German Settlements in Texas, 1831-1860
- Genealogical Timelines: Valuable Research Tools
- Getting Started in DNA – First Steps
- How a Non-German Speaking Person from Texas Can Trace Their German Ancestors
- Mining the Gems in a Civil War Pension File
- Pushes, Pulls, and Records: The Waves of German Immigrants to the United States
- State and Territorial Censuses – Underused Genealogical Tools
- Surname Distribution Maps: A Valuable Tool for Genealogical Research
- Techniques and Strategies for More Effective Online Searching
- The Luck of the Irish: How to Overcome the Record Losses and Find Your Ancestors
- Those Non-Population Census Schedules Aren't About My Ancestors ... Or Are They?
- Tracking Urban Ancestors
- Using the Power of Spreadsheets to Answer Genealogical Questions
- The Value of Collateral Line Research
- Wishing For A Boy Named Sue? Don't Let Family Naming Customs Confuse You!
- Working with the 1950 Census Images