



Texas State Genealogical Society

May 13, 2023

Agenda

- Programming Topic Trends
- Special Events/Programs
- Feedback on Programming



TIGR 2023

“A Walk through a Texas Courthouse”

“Moving Up to Glory Land – The Southern States After Reconstruction towards the New Century”

“Legally Texas: Advanced Legal Research in the Lone Star State”

“Fundamentals of Forensic Genealogy”

“Researching Families of Mexican Descent on Both Sides of the Border”

“Researching African Americans Before and After the Civil War in the U.S.”

“Intermediate and Advanced DNA for Genealogists”



— TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY —
TEXAS INSTITUTE
of GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

To Enrich, Expand and Inspire.

Join us Virtually – June 12-16, 2023

Registration Opens 2 March 2023

The Texas Institute of Genealogical Research Expands to Seven Courses in 2023

Save the Date

VIRTUAL

Roots and Branches: **Climbing Your Family Tree**

10-11 November 2023

Texas State Genealogical Society
FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE



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2023 Partner Society Webinar Series

“Using Timelines to focus your Research”

- Susan Ball

“Extend Your Direct Maternal Line Using Mitochondrial DNA”

By Mic Barnette

“Immigration, Passenger and Naturalization Records”

By Paula Perkins

“Relatively Cheap Research and Education for the Frugal Genealogist”

By Kim Richardson

“Take a Deep Dive in the US Census”

By Jim Thornhill

“Delving into Divorce: Finding Family Details in the Civil Court Docket”

By Susan Ball



- The webinars are free for use with your Society during 2023.



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Impacting genealogy in the Lone Star State since 1960.

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2023 Partner Society Webinars

TxSGS is providing five new webinars for use by Partner Societies in the 2023 Partner Society Webinar Program. These programs are available for use by Partner Societies at their general meetings February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024.

2023 Partner Society Webinar Program Topics *

<https://www.txsgs.org/partner-society-resources/2023-partner-society-webinars/>



Family Trails



Texas State Genealogical Society
P O D C A S T

Houston Public Library, African American History Center, At the Gregory School

Host: **Sue Kaufman**

Guest: **Miguell Ceasar - Manager**

The African American History Research Center is dedicated to preserving and promoting the history and culture of African Americans. It sits in the former elementary school, the Gregory School, in the 4th Ward of Houston. The school includes a restored classroom, as well as several gallery exhibits that show the history of the African American community.

Programming Topic Trends



“Relevant Society Leadership in the Twenty-First Century” David E Rencher, NGS, Vol 49

- Key Points relevant to today
 - Online offerings are challenging/disrupting the way we do business as a society
 - Education and training became increasingly available and fast
 - Social media provided us a way to gain information and get questions answered
 - Our society's social experiences cannot be replicated via online
 - Volunteers have a meaningful purpose
 - Focus on your strengths and your area's unique content
 - More later on this idea



Where Do I Go to look at ideas?

- NGS Conferences (this year in Virginia)
- Conference Keepers
 - <https://conferencekeeper.org/calendar/>
- Ohio, North Carolina or South California annual conferences
 - <https://www.ogsconference.org/>
 - <https://www.ncgenealogy.org/>
 - <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

Categories from NGS

- DNA
- Land and Maps
- Methodology
- Records and Repositories
- Women
- Virginia and her Neighbors
- Western Europe
- Immigration
- Southern States
- Immigration
- Eastern States
- Native American
- Jewish
- Technology
- Writing
- Families
- Military
- BCG
- African American
- Asian and Pacific Islander

Categories: OGS

- Methodology
- Ethnic
- Regional
- Technology
- DNA
- Migration
- Hope Chest
- Workshop
- Military
- Society Management & Development
- Analysis and Problem Solving
- Unique 1950's topics

California - Jamboree

Southern California Genealogical Society

Genetic Genealogy 2023

In-Person and Virtual Conference

Friday – Sunday
March 31 – April 2, 2023

Legacy Family Tree Webinars



- Spies, Slackers & Aliens
- Mexican Ancestors
- City Directories
- Organizing Your Research
- Name Changes & the Law
- Chinese Railroad Worker Files
- Canadian Land Records
- Urban Dwellers – finding them
- Newspapers
- Collateral Research
- Brick Wall Busters
- Quaker Families
- DNA (of all sorts)
- Researching in an Archive

Institutes - SLIG

- January
 - FamilySearch
 - Immigration
 - Social History
 - Advanced: Land Records
 - Family History Law Library
 - Guide to Treasures in Federal Records
 - Genealogy Research in France
 - Researching Northern Plains
 - Southern US Research
 - DNA
 - Strategies for Pre-1850 Research
 - Advanced Genealogical Methods
 - Guided Research & Consultation
- Spring Virtual
 - Writing our Ancestors Stories
 - Public Speaking
 - Art of Writing a Research Report
 - BCG Certification
 - DNA Dreamers: Proof
 - Editing Genealogical Manuscripts



Institutes - GRIP



Join Us Online via Zoom or In-person in Pittsburgh, PA, for a Week-long Course in Your Choice of V

18–23 June 2023 Virtual only

Advanced DNA Evidence

Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D.

Digging Deeper: Records, Tools, and Skills

Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA

Essential Tools & Strategies for African-American Research

Deborah A. Abbott, Ph.D.

Genealogical Organization: Increase Your Productivity

Kelli Jo Bergheimer

Mastering the Art of Genealogical Documentation

Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, FASG

Spirit of Inland Seas: Research in the Great Lakes Region

Cari Taplin, CG

World War I: Its Military and Social Aftermath, 1917-1930

Gena Philibert-Ortega and KB Barcomb

Tools & Strategies for Tackling Tough Research Problems

Kimberly Powell

Walking in Penn's Woods: Pennsylvania Research

Amy E. K. Arner

Beyond the Golden Door: Immigrants to the USA after 1890

Rich Venezia

**Researching Your Ancestry in the
Austrian Crownland of Galicia**

Michelle Chubenko

9–14 July 2023 In-person only

Practical Genetic Genealogy

Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D.

Beyond Fundamentals: Hands-on Forensic Genealogy

Catherine Desmarais, CG

Who's Your Daddy:

Using DNA to Resolve Recent Unknown Identity

Angie Bush

Beyond a Name & Date: Advanced Practices in Social History

Gena Philibert-Ortega

Intermediate German Research

Warren Bittner, CG

Putting Those Records to Work

Judy G. Russell, J.D., CG, CGL

**Pennsylvania Germans and Research
in the Keystone State**

Michael Lacopo, D.V.M.

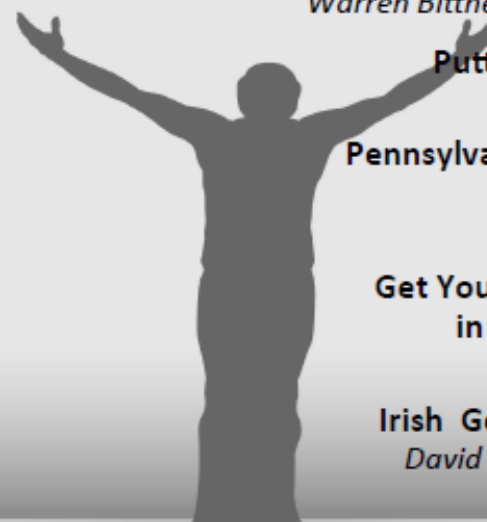
**Get Your Hands Dirty! A Workshop
in Land and Property Records**

Kimberly Powell

Irish Genealogical Research, part I

David Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA, FIGRS

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Institutes - IGHR



- Methods and Sources
- Intermediate Genealogy and Historical Studies
- Advance Methodology and Evidence Analysis
- Writing and Publishing for Genealogists
- Genetics for Genealogists: Beginning DNA
- Military Records III
- Scottish Research
- For Land's Sake
- Research in the South
- Virginia's Land & Military Conflicts
- Building and African American Research Toolbox
- DNA as Genealogical Evidence
- Researching New York

Other Courses from Online

- Burned Courthouses
- Passenger Lists
- Southern Families
- Newspapers
- Court Records
- Pensions
- Freedmen's Bureau
- Maps
- Land Records
- Migration
- Brick Walls
- DNA
 - DNA Thru Lines
 - Ethnicity
- Photographs



What am I Not Seeing?

- Use of Technology/Software
 - Ancestry
 - Fold3
 - Internet Archive (Wayback)
 - MyHeritage
 - FamilyTreeMaker
 - PERSI
 - Find A Grave
 - WikiTree
 - Family Search
 - Find My Past
 - Steve Morse tools
 - Seeing Archion and Matricula
- How to use Local Repositories
 - Archives
 - Libraries (Public and Private)
 - Manuscript collections
- Writing “my” family story
- What should I do about my photographs and scrapbooks?

My Takeaways

- Need to run a fine line between “How-to” do the work of research and the push to think about what we do more critically
- How do we establish programming with a goal in mind to get folks moving their research forward?
- Why are we not talking about the tough questions when we consider our family “dysfunctional”
- Must figure out who your audience is (beginner, intermediate, professional)
 - Most of our members don’t “look” for programs

One Suggestion – Thanks to WAHGS

The Challenge Assignment – designed by Instructor

1. Create a timeline that represents the key dates for the ancestor just prior to your brick wall. As discussed in class you the following column headings in your timeline.

Date	Location	Document	Transcription	Questions

2. Create a complete source listing (citations) for each of your documents that you have already found. These citations don't have to be in "perfect" source listing; but you (and others) should be able to find the sources based on your listing.

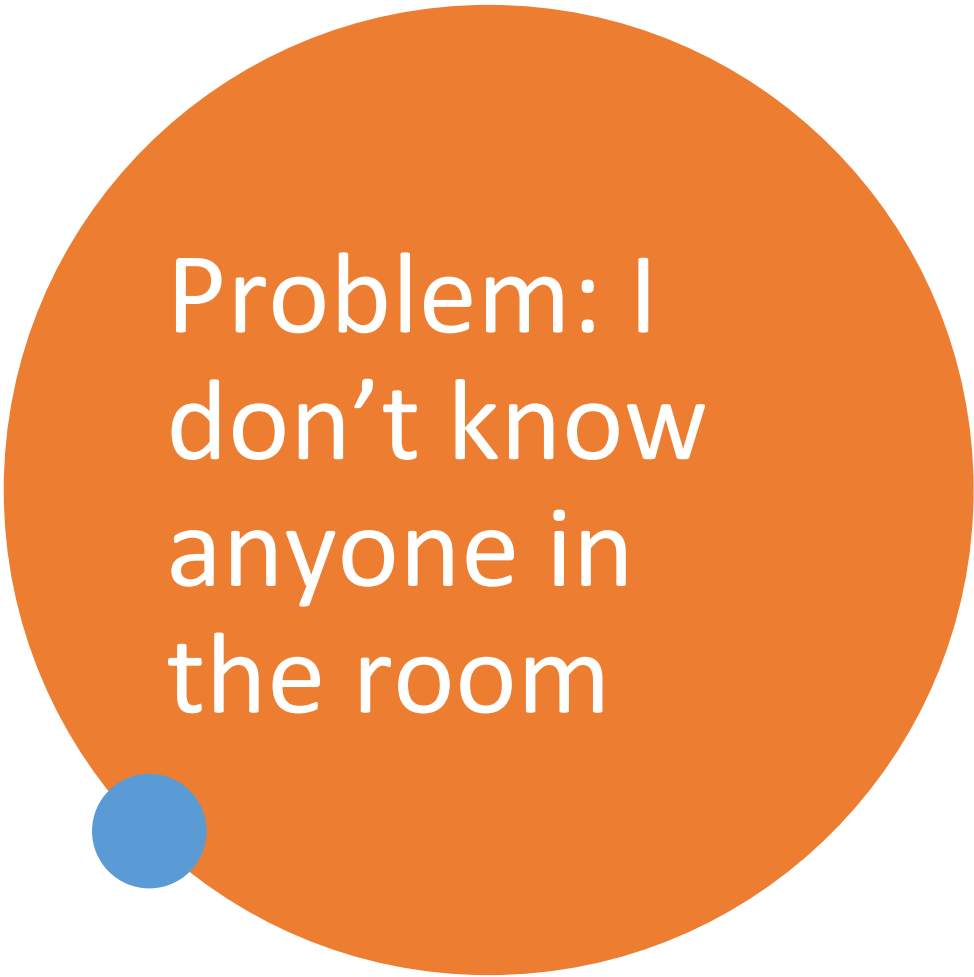


Thoughts so far?

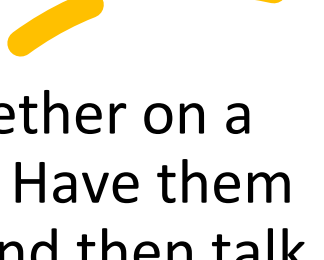
Conversation

Special Programs and Events

How do we capitalize on our strengths?



Problem: I
don't know
anyone in
the room

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- Solutions:
 - Ask people to work together on a pre-arranged problem. Have them introduce themselves and then talk
 - Ask people to answer three questions in a group format, that is then reported back to group as a whole
 - What is your largest genealogy challenge?
 - Where do you choose to keep your tree?
 - What problems do you have with organizing your genealogical research?

Social events = Meeting

- Progressive Genealogy
 - Set room up with three or four stations
 - Each station has a leader and a key question for discussion
 - Allow 20 minutes for discussion; then individuals move to new station
 - Break groups up (1, 2, 3, 4; 1, 3, 2, 4; 1, 4, 3, 2)
 - Idea is that they are with some of the same; some different people talking in a semi-social setting.
 - This can also be done using homes (like a progressive meal); plan on more time





Meeting – using Members to talk

- DCGS does this well
- Have individuals volunteer to talk about their ancestor +
 - Military background
 - Migration
 - Immigration
- Have a group of members work on a project and then have them talk about the results – their learning



Take them on the road

- Visit the local Courthouse, Library, Archive
- Get someone there to talk about the use of the facilities and what they need to know
- Give them a chance to learn from others about the resources in that location
- Even if they don't need research in "Denton" being in a courthouse with a guide can be helpful



Join in small groups to:

- Talk through Brick Walls and possible solutions
- Talk about using Ancestry
- Watch and talk about a Webinar
- Share organizational tips
- Study a “how-to” book together
- Read and discuss an article (Emily Fowler Library)

Sharing your Ideas



Conversation

Metrics

Helps you to define where you are

Helps you to define where you want to go

Becomes part of marketing

Helps those that are new know about your organization

Potential Measurement Methodologies



Participant Feedback



Critical/Focused
Evaluation



Attendance

Create a brief survey using Google Forms.

<https://forms.gle/oiF4AYAtxztjiqtT6>

Presentation Date & Title *

Your answer

This presentation kept me engaged.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Disagree ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Strongly Agree

This presentation offered me something I did not know before.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Disagree ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Strongly Agree

If so, what? *

Your answer

One thing I learned that will help me become a more effective genealogist is:

Your answer

I would like to see additional presentations on this topic.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Disagree ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Strongly Agree

Other Comments?

Your answer

Submit

Clear form

Create a paper version that asks the same questions.

<https://www.txsgs.org/TSGS/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Presentation-Evaluation-Form.docx>

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Other Comments?

Presenter Evaluation

The Presenter:

		Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent
1	The presenter delivered the material in a clear and structured manner.	1	2	3	4	5
2	The presenter was knowledgeable about the topic and any related issues.	1	2	3	4	5
3	The presenter maintained my interest during the entire presentation.	1	2	3	4	5
4	The presenter answered questions effectively.	1	2	3	4	5
5	The presenter was enthusiastic about the topic.	1	2	3	4	5
6	The presenter was well organized and prepared.	1	2	3	4	5

Source: Texas A & M University Commerce – Presentation Evaluation Form
<https://inside.tamuc.edu/facultystaffservices/trainingDevelopment/documents/survey.pdf>

Presentation Evaluation

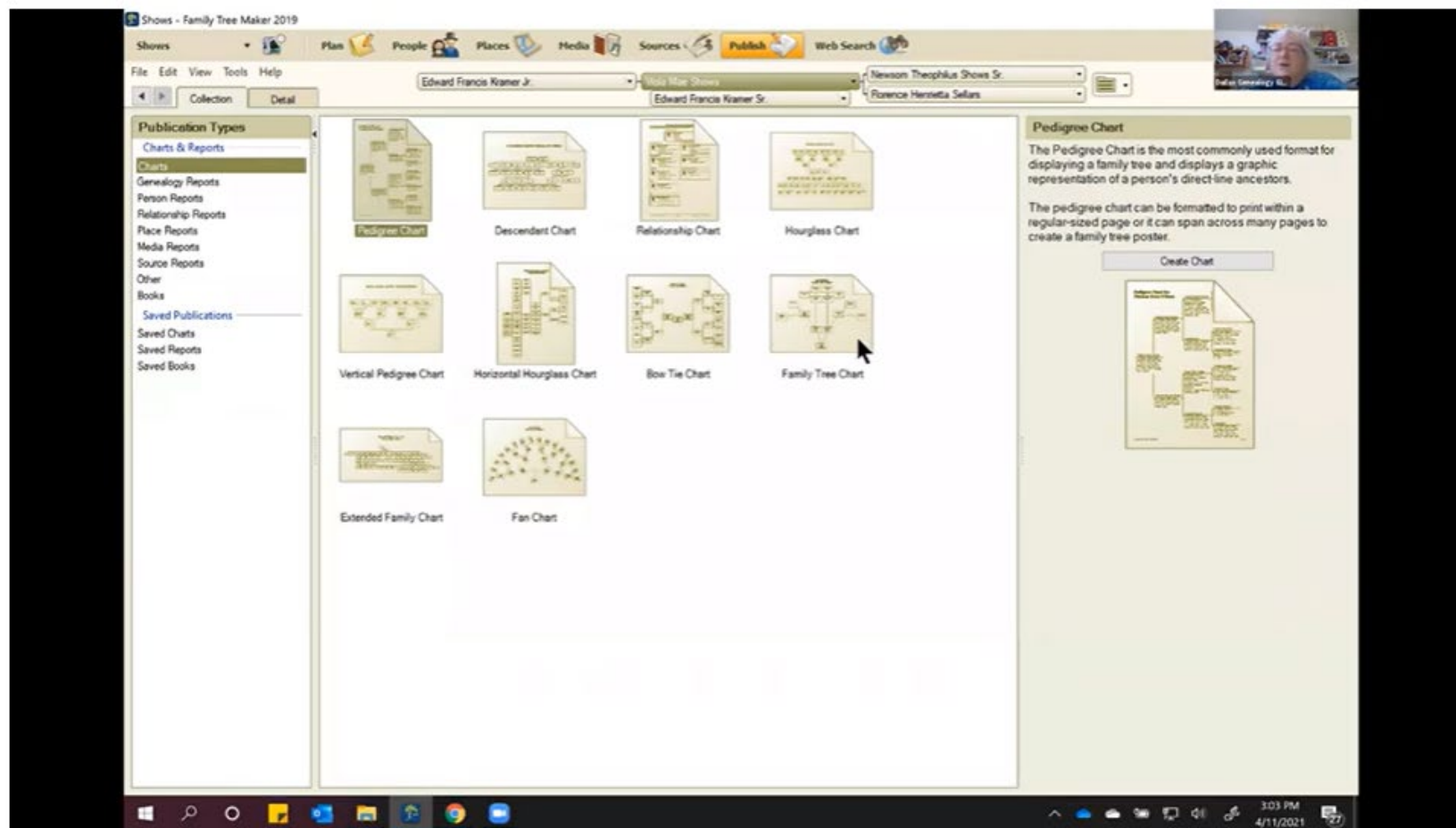
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		Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent
7	The presentation was concise and informative.	1	2	3	4	5
8	The presentation contained practical examples and useful techniques that applied to current work.	1	2	3	4	5
9	The visual aids were effective.	1	2	3	4	5
10	Overall, I would rate this presentation/instruction as:	1	2	3	4	5
11	Would you recommend this presentation to others?	NO				YES

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3/4/2023	Getting the most from the Portal to Texas History	Jake Mangum	14	38	52
2/4/2023	Black and White Southern Families in Southern Plantation Records	Ari Wilkins	22	50	72
1/7/2023	Forgotten Treasures in the Texas Courthouse: The Miscellaneous Records	Patti Gillespie	22	51	73
1/5/2023					
12/3/2022	Atlantic Migration	Tony Hanson	13	55	68
11/6/2022	Military Records on Fold3	Stephanine Bennett	15	37	52
10/1/2022	Using Timelines and Tables for your Research	Cari Taplin	15	45	60
9/4/2022	What's New at FamilySearch and the Family History Library?	David E. Rencher	50	55	105
5/7/2022	Awards		N/A	24	24
4/2/2022	The Value of Collateral Line Research	Bernard Meisner	N/A	27	27
3/1/2022	Miles Away from Butler: How a DNA Test Rewrote My Family's History	Dr. Steven Butler	N/A	35	35
2/5/2022	Where are our African American Ancestors?	Dr. Terry M. Turner	N/A	29	29
1/1/2022	Using History to Solve Mysteries	Michelle Dwyer Cohen	N/A	23	23
12/1/2021	Orphan Train Riders	Paula Perkins	N/A	25	25
11/6/2021	Dreams and curiosity becomes a mission	Geyden & Barry Sage	N/A	37	37
10/4/2021	Local History & Genealogy Research at the Library of Congress	Candice Buchanan	N/A	38	38
9/4/2021	Researching Civil War Ancestors and a Virtual Tour of the Texas Heritage Museum	John Versluis	N/A	46	46
5/1/2021	Awards		N/A	40	40
4/3/2021	Preserving Family Memories	Felicia Williamson	N/A	42	42
3/6/2021	Researching HER life	Gena Philibert-Ortega	N/A	78	78
2/7/2021	Finding a Great-Grandfather with DNA	Paul Beaty	N/A	72	72
1/2/2021	Military Records on Fold3	Stephanie Bennett	N/A	54	54
12/5/2020	Researching Masons	Richard Schlaudroff	N/A	61	61
11/7/2020	The Archives Collection at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library	Brandon Murray	N/A	57	57
10/3/2020	The First Official History of Texas (1630-1690)	Gus Hinojosa	N/A	44	44
9/12/2020	Reconstructing Communities Using Sanborn Maps, Census Records, and City Directories	Ari Wilkins	N/A	35	35
5/2/2020	Celebrating the Vote: 100 Years of Women's Suffrage	Gena Philibert-Ortega	N/A	33	33
4/4/2020	Using Digital Libraries: Search Strategies for Family Historians.	Elizabeth O'Neal	N/A	28	28
3/7/2020	Enhance Your Genealogy Research with Resources from the Dallas Public Library	Stephanie Bennett	47	5	52
2/1/2020	Discover New Ancestral Information by Connecting Through Social Media	Patti Huff Smith	35	4	39
1/4/2020	Technology Enabled Collaboration for Genealogists	Tony Hanson	27	4	31
12/1/2019	Awards Luncheon		56		56
11/2/2019	Through These Doors: The Story of Virginia K. Johnson	Kelvin Meyers	31		31
10/5/2019	Spooky Symbols in the Cemetery	Tui Snider	29		29

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3/4/2023	Getting the most from the Portal to Texas History	Jake Mangum	14	38	52	12	45	57
2/4/2023	Black and White Southern Families in Southern Plantation Records	Ari Wilkins	22	50	72	29	0	29
1/7/2023	Forgotten Treasures in the Texas Courthouse: The Miscellaneous Records	Patti Gillespie	22	51	73	19	62	81
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9/4/2021	Researching Civil War Ancestors and a Virtual Tour of the Texas Heritage Museum	John Versluis	N/A	46	46	74	85	159
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4/4/2020	Using Digital Libraries: Search Strategies for Family Historians.	Elizabeth O'Neal	N/A	28	28	38		38	66
3/7/2020	Enhance Your Genealogy Research with Resources from the Dallas Public Library	Stephanie Bennett	47	5	52	22	99	121	173
2/1/2020	Discover New Ancestral Information by Connecting Through Social Media	Patti Huff Smith	35	4	39	20	48	68	107
1/4/2020	Technology Enabled Collaboration for Genealogists	Tony Hanson	27	4	31			0	31
12/1/2019	Awards Luncheon		56		56	33		33	89
11/2/2019	Through These Doors: The Story of Virginia K. Johnson	Kelvin Meyers	31		31	19		19	50
10/5/2019	Spooky Symbols in the Cemetery	Tui Snider	29		29	14	152	166	195



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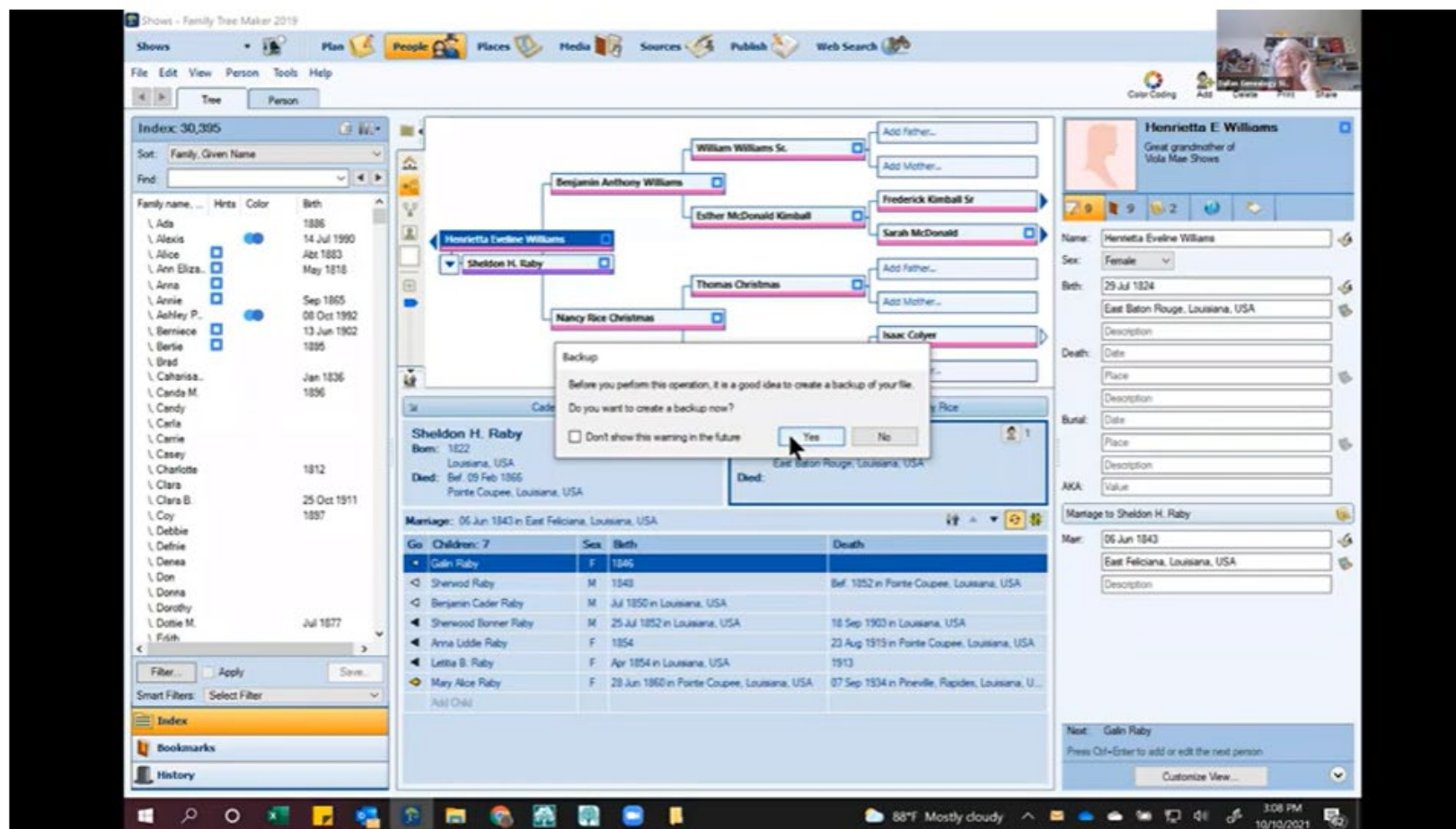
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What do you think?

Thank You for participating!



Future Meetings

Saturday, 9:00 am – 11:00 am Central Time

- July 29
- September 30



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