

Looking to the Future - Learning from the Past

Presented by the Texas Czech Genealogical Society
September 26, 2026 8:00 AM Registration 9:00 AM Program
Caldwell Civic Center, 103 Hwy. Texas 21 W., Caldwell, TX 77836



Sherri Taggart Ahmadzadeh



Stanislav Vitha



Emily Coffman Richardson

Sherri Ahmadzadeh a professional genealogist who specializes in DNA research and artificial intelligence (AI) applications through The Family Tree Tracer (<https://thefamilytreetracer.com/>) is **BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST!!** She will be delivering two presentations on Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Session 1: From Village to Roadmap: Using AI to Build a Czech Locality Guide

Establishing location of records, where they exist, and what historical context affects a search she will show how to discover information faster by asking the right questions, evaluating what comes back and turning results into roadmaps, with AI as an assistant, not your authority.

Session 2: Bringing Ancestors to Life: Using AI to Write Your Family's Stories

After compiling all the names, dates, records, photos and memories, turning them into a story your relatives will want to read can seem overwhelming. Sherri will show how to use AI to turn these documented details into warm stories you will enjoy sharing with family. You will see how AI can help summarize organized records and facts, add historical facts and shape readable stories while you remain in control of accuracy, tone, and interpretations.

Dr. Stan Vitha: A Brief History of the Czech Lands

The presentation covers the history of the area of the current Czech republic, starting from the Celtic period (500 BC), through the Great Moravian empire (~800 AD), the first rulers of Bohemia in 9th century, Reformation and the Husite war, rise to prominence in middle ages, the rule of Habsburgs, creation of Czechoslovakia, Velvet Revolution of 1989 and finally the Velvet divorce in 1992 (separation of Czechia and Slovakia). Dr Vitha received his PhD in Cellular and Molecular Biology in 1995 from the University of Southern Bohemia. He was a post-doctoral researcher at Ohio State University, the University of Nevada, and Michigan State University in plant physiology and organelle biology. Since 2004 he is a Research Staff Scientist in the Microscopy and Imaging Center at Texas A&M University.

Emily Coffman Richardson: Organizing and Sharing Your Family Research for Genealogical Success

Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or professional researcher, we have all felt the pain of not being able to find the document or picture we had previously found during our research. Come learn more about organizational skills for genealogists so that you can be efficient and successful in your quest to find your ancestors and to share your findings with your relatives.

Emily Richardson lives in Denton and began genealogical research working with her mother in courthouses and cemeteries, finding records for her ancestors in Ohio and Pennsylvania. In 2019, she retired from higher education as a faculty member and administrator, moved to Texas, and opened *Kinsearchers*, the original name of her mother's business. Emily is currently the President of Texas State Genealogical Society (TxSGS). She previously served as its secretary for four years and as the Director-at-Large for the executive committee. She oversees the production of the new podcast, *Lone Star Family Trails* and speaks to local and regional genealogy societies on a variety of topics.

NEW 2026 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE GIFT SHOP

Registration Fee includes catered lunch (hamburger steaks with grilled onions and gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, salad, rolls & tea) and morning refreshments

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