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of the East Texas Genealogical Society

representing the counties of Anderson, Gregg, Henderson, Panola, Rusk, and Smith

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East Texas Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

When: 2:00 PM - Saturday - September 10, 2016
Location: Taylor Auditorium - Tyler Public Library
201 S. College Avenue, Tyler TX 75702

“This and That” - by Scott Fitzgerald



During Mr. Fitzgerald's program, he will share tips learned from the classes he has recently taken from the Dallas Genealogical Society and the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research. Scott will also discuss new and ongoing ETGS projects. He will also take questions from the audience about their research problems and, hopefully, provide some guidance for other potential areas of research.

Bio of Scott Fitzgerald:

- Scott is the current 1st Vice-President and the *Quarterly Editor of East Texas Genealogical Society* of which he served as President for five years. Last year, Scott was made a Fellow of the Texas State Genealogical Society for his contributions to TxSGS and Texas genealogy. He is the current District 7 Representative and a past President of the TxSGS. Scott was the Treasurer of Historic Tyler, Inc. and served as the 2013 Chair for Historic Tyler on Tour. He is the Coordinator of the Anderson, Hopkins, and Smith County TxGenWebsites. Scott is Treasurer of the Van Zandt County Genealogical Society and volunteers at the VZCGS Genealogy Library. He also volunteers at the Tyler FamilySearch Center. Scott is Vice-President of Smith County Historical Society and is a member of the Smith County Historical Commission. He is a member of numerous other genealogical & historical societies.
- Mr. Fitzgerald graduated from Whitehouse High School, Tyler Junior College, and University of Texas at Tyler. He is currently employed by an attorney having worked there over 35 years.
- Scott started doing genealogy in high school as part of a school assignment and never looked back. In addition to honing his genealogical research skills over the years, Scott is always ready to assist others with their family genealogical research.

ETGS meetings are Free & Open to the Public. For more info, visit our website: www.etgs.org or Contact Scott Fitzgerald, 1st Vice-President & Programs Committee Chair at scottfitzgerald@tyler.net or 903-539-5572.

President's Corner...

Like many of you, I have been watering and watering my lawn to simply try and keep the grass alive. So, what a blessing the recent rains have been.

What an interesting **August meeting** – Ray Kent and Sam & Sherry Kidd really outdid themselves in their “Spirit of Oakwood Encore” presentations! We received so many positive comments that Scott is thinking of making this an annual event by showcasing several other Spirit of Oakwood presenters at ETGS programs. **Thank you, Ray, Sam, and Sherry!**

2017 ETGS Officers – Pat and Barbara have been diligently working and have almost completed the Roster of Nominees for the vote at our Annual Meeting this October. But there's still time to nominate someone – simply contact Pat Galloway or Barbara Martin as soon as possible. Names of nominees will be published in the October issue of *The Bulletin*.

I honestly believe that I do not take as much time as I should to publicly thank Scott Fitzgerald for his unwavering support to not only me but our entire organization. He gives and Gives and GIVES, again and AGAIN – and NEVER asks for anything in return! So, please mark your calendars now for our **September 10th Program** - come hear Scott share with us what he has recently learned. You will be glad you did. . .see details to the left.

See you September 10th!

Shelia Hallmark

Remember, if you have suggestions or complaints please call or email me at 206-819-0772 or president@etgs.org.

Get Acquainted Luncheon

Every 4th Thursday

Luby's Cafeteria at 1815 Roseland - We start meeting at 11:30 a.m. - September 22, 2016 - Dutch Treat. Come and go, depending on everyone's schedule. Join us - it's a great way to get acquainted better, make new friends, meet old friends, and get many of your questions answered by long-time genealogists.

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Welcome New Members

Pat Galloway, Chairman

Carol Whitaker Curry, Troup, TX
Robert Spurgeon, Hazard, KY

Individuals, libraries and societies may apply for membership. Dues are \$25.00 and Students \$5.00. Current members receive the 4 copies of *East Texas Family Records* and the monthly *ETGS Bulletin*. New member dues and renewal should be mailed to: Membership, P.O. Box 6967, Tyler, Texas 75711.

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September Hospitality Committee

Sherry Kidd, Coordinator

Scott Fitzgerald
Frances Grochowski
Sam Kidd
Sherry Kidd

Thanks to Wanda Barber, Scott Fitzgerald, Jackie Hood, Sam Kidd, Sherry Kidd & Carla Murphy for volunteering in August.

September Bulletin Board

- 3 11:00 am Dallas Genealogical Society
- 6 7:00 pm Smith County Historical Society
- 7:00 pm Gregg County Genealogical Society
- 10 **2:00 pm ETGS Genealogical Society**
- 12 7:00 pm Cherokee Co. Genealogical Society
- 15 7:00 pm Hopkins Co. Genealogical Society
- 17 1:00 pm Rains County Genealogical Society
- 19 7:00 pm Wood County Genealogical Society
- 22 **11:30 am ETGS Get Acquainted Luncheon**
- 6:00 pm Athens Genealogy Organization
- 24 2:00 pm Van Zandt Co. Genealogical Soc.

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37th Hispanic Genealogical & Historical Conference

This year's conference will be hosted by the Spanish American Genealogical Society (SAGA). It will be held October 6 - 8, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Marina Hotel in Corpus Christi, Texas. Questions about registration, vendor setup, or speakers, contact Sara Flores at (361) 993-1922 or Ana Alvarado at (361) 336-3053

News and Announcements

New First Families of East Texas Certificates Issued

A Smith County Certificate was issued to Dorothy Long Scribner. She is a direct descendant of William Long, who was living in Smith County, Texas before December 31, 1850. William Long was born about 1811 in Georgia or Alabama and died about 1860 in Smith County, Texas. He was married to Elizabeth Wilson.

A Rusk County Certificate was issued to Michael Edward Belcher. He is a direct descendant of John Belcher and Nancy Hardin Belcher who were living in Rusk County, Texas before December 31, 1850. John Belcher was born about 1800 in South Carolina and died about 1860 in Wood County, Texas. He was married to Nancy Hardin about November 13, 1817 in Jasper County, Georgia.

Information about our First Families of East Texas Certificate program can be found at our web-site at: <http://www.etgs.org/firstfamilies/firstfam.html> or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to PO Box 6967, Tyler, TX 75711-6967. Be sure and tell us which of our six county applications you need.

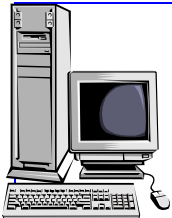
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Texas Genealogical College is Seeking Nominations for 2016 Texas Genealogical Hall of Fame

The Texas Genealogical College is seeking nominations of outstanding genealogists. The categories of genealogists include those who have been certified for a specific type of genealogy, those who have served as both a leader of lineage societies on a state and national level, librarians who work exclusively in the genealogy department, authors of family history and genealogy books and those who speak at genealogy seminars.

The college will honor up to six recipients with this award. The deadline to submit nominations is September 15. Winners will be announced at a banquet on Friday, October 21 at the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio. Visit website www.texasgenealogicalcollege.com for nomination forms.

Participants will enjoy a huge weekend of events with the banquet on Friday and on Saturday, October 22, many genealogical lineage groups will conduct their annual meetings. Many are looking for volunteers to serve as state officers. Now is the time for each of you to set your sails to become leaders in one or more of these groups. If you are not already a member, all of these groups will welcome you into their respective meetings, where you can not only learn the requirements, but possibly find somebody who will help you submit your application form. We need you as new members!



Web Pages & E-mail Addresses with Recent Additions to County Archives

Anderson County:

TXGenWeb Project: www.etgs.org/txanderson/
 Manager: Scott Fitzgerald - scottfitzgerald@tyler.net
 TXGenWeb Archives Project:
usgwarchives.net/tx/anderson/andertoc.htm
 Manager: Scott Fitzgerald - scottfitzgerald@tyler.net
 Under the "What is New" section

Gregg County:

TXGenWeb Project: <http://txgenes.com/TxGregg/>
 Managers: Elaine Martin & Etta Withers –
McStumped@suddenlink.net
 TXGenWeb Archives Project: usgwarchives.net/txgregg/gregtoc.htm
 Manager: Lisa Thomas - lthomas63@yahoo.com
 Browse the Gregg County Genealogy Forum. Under Gregg Co.
 TX GenWeb Archives, view all the many record categories to help
 you find ancestors who lived or passed through Gregg County.

Henderson County:

TXGenWeb Project: <http://www.txgenweb7.org/txhenderson>
 Manager: Bunny Freeman - Fourls1223@aol.com and Assistant,
 Laura Gregory Calvin.
 TXGenWeb Archives Project:
usgwarchives.net/tx/henderson/hendertoc.htm
 Manager: Scott Fitzgerald – scottfitzgerald@tyler.net
 Visit the TXGenWeb Project of Henderson County and take a look
 at the Table of Contents where you will find 8 main categories with
 a world of well-researched information for genealogists with
 ancestors from Henderson County. There's much history, too.

Panola County:

TXGenWeb Project: www.txgenweb4.org/txpanola/
 Manager: Marylee Knight - panolahistory@yahoo.com
 TXGenWeb Archives Project:
usgwarchives.net/tx/panola/panoltoc.htm
 Manager: Lisa Thomas - lthomas63@yahoo.com
 Under the TX GenWeb Project, review 19 categories, including
 cemeteries and census records, the Bible Records of the Davis
 family; the Welch Family Bible; and the Robinson Family Bible.
 Do you have Bible Records you can submit and share?

Rusk County:

TXGenWeb Project: www.txrusk.com/
 Manager: Gina Heffernan - ginagaleh@yahoo.com
 TXGenWeb Archives Project: usgwarchives.net/tx/rusk/ruskto.htm
 Manager: Gina Heffernan - dala@mindspring.com
 Under USGenWeb Archives, review 14 main record categories,
 plus cemeteries and census, as well as obituaries. How much
 information can you share to add to any of these record sections?

Smith County:

TXGenWeb Project: www.etgs.org/txsmith/
 Manager: Scott Fitzgerald – scottfitzgerald@tyler.net
 TXGenWeb Archives Project: usgwarchives.net.tx/smith/smiltoc.htm
 Manager: Scott Fitzgerald – scottfitzgerald@tyler.net
 Under the TXGenWeb Archives Project section, - review the FAQs
 "frequently asked questions." if this is your first visit, this is a good
 place to start.

GENEALOGY SEMINAR VAN ZANDT CO. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Saturday, September 24, 2016
 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 ST. Therese Catholic Church
 885 First Monday Lane
 Canton, Texas 75103

SEMINAR SPEAKER - DON RANEY

SEMINAR TOPICS

1. The Battle Of Kings Mountain
2. Finding Your Revolutionary War Ancestor
3. Early American Migration Routes
4. Writing Your Family History With Historical Context

Call Van Zandt County Genealogy Library 903-567-5012
 or Ellen Wheeler at 903-681-4347 for information.
 Breakfast snacks, light lunch, and afternoon snacks
 provided. Registration fee \$40.00.

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 16, 2016. EMAIL vanzandtgensoc@etcable.net. You may also mail registration form and payment to Vandt County Genealogical Society; P.O. BOX 1388; Canton, TX 75103.

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James Smith Marker Dedication

*You are cordially invited to
 attend the Marker Dedication
 of the
 United States Daughters of 1812
 James Smith Chapter, Tyler
 For James Smith
 Wednesday, October 26, 2016
 10:00 a.m.
 at the grave site
 Smith Memorial Park
 Corner Main & Jacksonville
 Henderson, Rusk Co., Texas
 Questions? Call K. Jenschke
 903-566-0009*

For your comfort, Bring a Chair

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2016 Family History Conference Texas State Genealogical Society

October 28, 29, 30
 Crowne Plaza Downtown
 Dallas, Texas
 Featuring

Judy G. Russell, CG, JD, CGL
 and
Cyndi Ingle

For more information and registration visit the website
 at <http://www.txsgs.org/conference/> or if you have
 questions e-mail conference@txsgs.org.

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<http://www.usgwarchives.net/tx/smith/smittoc.htm>

Anderson County TXGenWeb Project

<http://www.etgs.org/txanderson/>

Anderson County TXGenWeb Archives Project

<http://usgwarchives.net/tx/anderson/andertoc.htm>

Henderson County TXGenWeb Archives Project

<http://usgwarchives.net/tx/henderson/hendertoc.htm>

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