

Genealogy Fall Festival

Friday, October 18th, 2024,
Genealogy Library
611 N. Davis St., Sulphur Springs, TX



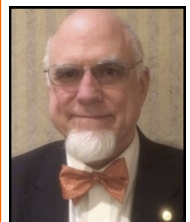
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM Genealogy Resources at the Texas General Land Office,

Difficulty: Intermediate

Kevin Klaus, Texas General Land Office Research Room Team Leader and Information Specialist

The Texas General Land Office contains a wealth of genealogical resources for anyone researching ancestors that received an original Texas land grant. The collection includes more than 35.5 million documents and over 45,000 maps and sketches, dating back to 1561. Explore the Spanish collection, and grants given under the Republic of Texas with an emphasis on Bounty and Donation grants, the Court of Claims files, and Confederate Scrip Voucher files. Learn how to search the free online data-

base.



10:00AM – 10:50 AM So You Discovered You Have a Colonial Ancestor. Now What?,

Difficulty: Intermediate

Craig R. Scott, MA, CG, FUGA, President and CEO of Heritage Books, Inc.

Create a research plan for your colonial ancestor using available records in free and subscription databases. Examine existing law in the time-period, the land process and the probate process. Look for muster and payrolls. Learn how to use the state archives to enhance your search. Of course, it all varies by place and time, so you need to know when and where you are at all times.

11:00AM – 1:00 PM—Lunch Break



1:00 PM – 1:50 PM Introducing the Retro Tech Lab: Digitally Preserving Family History,

Difficulty: Intermediate

Mark Dellenbaugh, MA, MLIS, Genealogy and Local History Librarian, Arlington Public Library

Learn about APL's experience of pitching, creating, and operating our new Retro Technology Lab and about personal digital archiving in general. Includes a demonstration of some of the equipment and software used (for converting audio and video tapes, 8mm & Super8 film, photos, negatives, slides, etc. to digital files) interspersed with lessons we've learned so far. The presentation concludes with stories of our most memorable patron encounters & heart-warming moments of family memories preserved.



2:00 PM – 2:50 PM Writing Your Family Story: Learning to Assess and Compile Your Research,

Difficulty: Intermediate

Emily Coffman Richardson, Genealogist with KinSearchers, Director-at-Large, TxSGS

Writing our story and that of our ancestors is truly a key result of a genealogist in the 21st century. The stories need to be written with either our voice or our hands. As genealogists we must get out of the habit of "hunters n' gatherers" and learn to assess and then compile to write the stories that we are finding. This program will teach you the keys behind these components so that you can move to becoming a researcher and a storyteller.

To view virtually (the day of the event only) send email to hcgstx@suddenlinkmail.com and we will email you a link.