

FACT SHEET

Waco-McLennan County Library Genealogy Division in cooperation with the Central Texas Genealogical Society

Presents the 10th annual Genealogy Lock-In
October 30, 2009 (6:30 pm-MIDNIGHT)

The Genealogy Lock-in is FREE to all participants. Advance registration is appreciated. Please contact Bill Buckner, Manager of the Periodicals/Genealogy Division at the Waco-McLennan County Library at (254) 750-5945 or e-mail bbuckner@ci.waco.tx.us

Professional Genealogists - Need professional advice? The Lone Star Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) will be hosting an "Ancestors Road Show" before and during the Lock-in from 3:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. in the Genealogy Department. The Road Show is an opportunity for you to enjoy a free 15-minute consultation with a professional genealogist from the Lone Star Chapter to ask questions about a specific genealogical problem. This is an excellent chance to get expert advice on that "brick wall" dilemma or "elusive ancestor" in your family history research.

Time slots will be limited. Road show appointments are limited to one-per-customer on a first-come, first-served basis. Walk-up registration will begin at 3 p.m. on October 30. The registration process includes submitting a filled-out questionnaire and an initial screening interview, where your genealogical problem will be analyzed and assigned to a consultant. Questionnaires will be available at registration or can be downloaded beforehand from the Lone Star Chapter website http://www.lonestarapg.com/roadshow_form.pdf.

Reference Desk – Our genealogy volunteers and staff will be available throughout the evening. Our volunteers have experience in courthouse research, Civil War research, DAR application processes, African-American research, Indian research, and census research, just to name some of their expertise. Look for those with a helping hand name tag.

National Archives Southwest Region (Fort Worth) - visit with Aaron Holt, archives technician, about this great national resource. Learn about Indian records, naturalization records, business and other records of genealogical value.

Waco Family History Center representatives from Waco's Family History Center will represent the LDS Family History Library resources.

Texas General Land Office – visit with James Harkins about the vast map collection of Texas. Holdings include Pre-Republic, Republic and State maps. The GLO offers searchable finding aids including a Surname Index, a Land Grant Database and a Searchable Map Catalog.

Re-enactors - Living history presentations in period costume.

Confederate Soldier (6:45-7:45 pm) Charles Oliver, past Commander of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans Camp 129, will be here in his soldier's uniform to discuss camp life and the heat of battle from the Confederate soldier's perspective.

Revolutionary Soldier (8:00-9:00 pm) Bill Covington discusses the common soldier's equipment and uniform during the American Revolution.

Training (Central Library, Meeting Room)

Beginner's Genealogy Class (6:45-8:00 pm) If you are a beginner, this is the class for you! This basic how-to presentation covers print and online resources, forms, search strategies and more. CTGS Instructor, Carol Scarborough, will have an updated 'Beginners Guide' to get you started on the right track.

Ancestry Library Edition (ALE) and HeritageQuest Q & A (8:15-9:30 pm) Edward Loera, ProQuest Training Representative with over 13 years experience, will share with us his tips and tricks for searching these two premier databases. Mr. Loera will be demonstrating two new database products from ProQuest in the **Product Showcase Corner** before and after his presentation.

Texas General Land Office (9:30-10:30 pm) "Genealogical Resources at the General Land Office" James Harkins will discuss the Texas GLO's collection of more than 35 million documents and 10,000 maps, the various collections that exist in the archives, how they relate to genealogical research, and how they can be accessed from home.

Hereditary Societies

McLennan County hereditary societies will be represented. Look for the local chapters of the NSDAR, SCV, DRT, Colonial Dames, UDC, Czech Heritage Society, Texas German Society, SRT, Mayflower Society, Central Texas Genealogical Society and more. (Upstairs 6:30-10:00 pm)

Genealogy Interest Groups – McLennan County Cemetery Interest Group and the Computer Interest Group will have representatives on hand.

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