

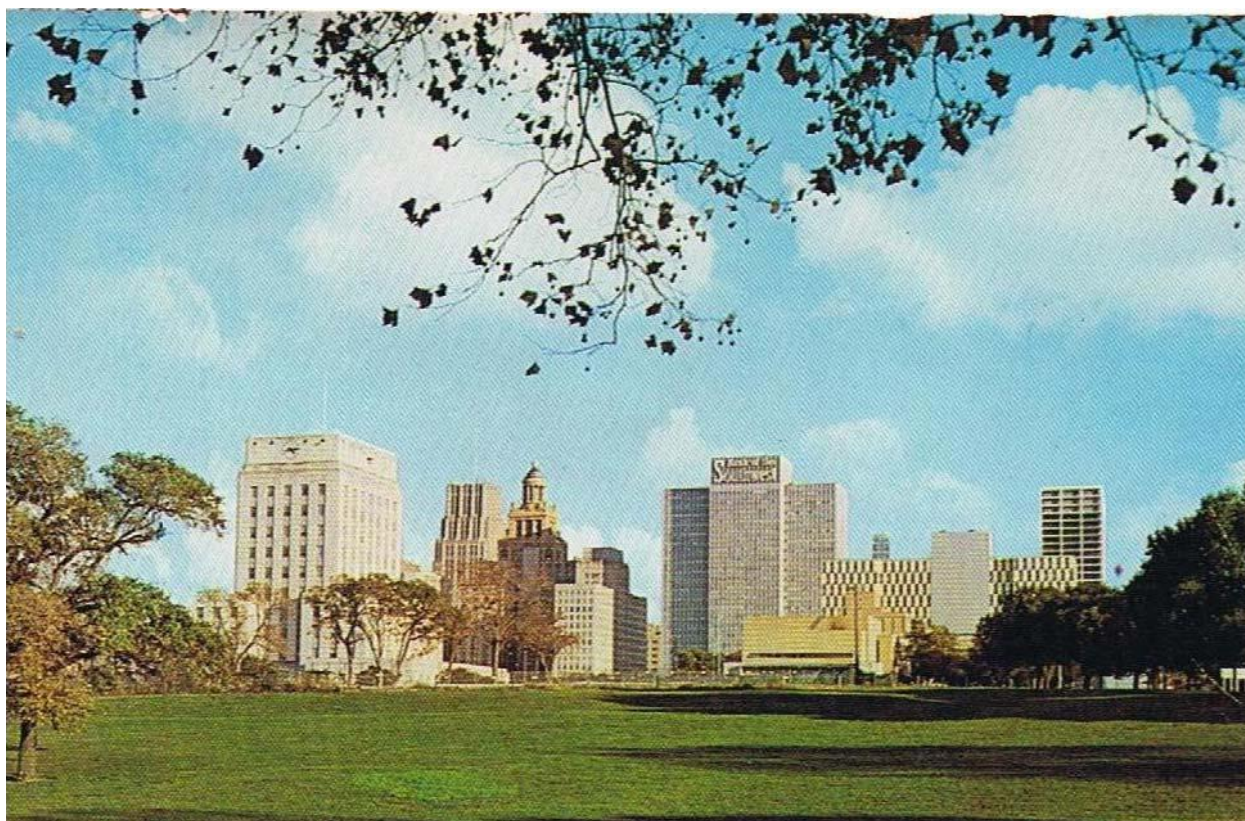


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## The President's Message

By Robert de Berardinis

**Y**our Houston Genealogical Forum starts the fall with big changes to its guest speakers and meetings, but also new officers and directors. If that were not enough, HGF begins in a revolutionary new preservation project for Texas history. None of these events could be possible without the help and support of you—the members. Traditionally, HGF brings in a nationally recognized expert to lecture once or twice annually. By charging a fee or donation, these seminars raised money for the organization as well as educated and entertained the members. This year, HGF Vice-President Leslie Conrads secured the top nationally recognized experts on Colonial Virginia, Technology, Germans, the Revolutionary War, Migration, French/Louisiana, and Scotch-Irish to come. Each of these will be free, no donation or fee required.

With this new program also come new officers and directors: Leslie Conrads, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President for programs; Ginny Douglas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President for membership; Diane Lee, Recording Secretary; Kathryn Coughlin, Corresponding Secretary; Linda Hobbs, Treasurer; Gloria LaVonne Wright Russell, Web Master Director; Margaret Roberson, Director (Publicity); Jill Evans, Director; and Marj Lowe, Past President

Also, HGF would not be so wonderful without the continued help and tireless work of: Gay Dowdy, Boss of Snacks; Pat Phillips, Assistant Boss of Snacks; Marje Harris; Sandy Farrow; Mary McGuire, Bus Trips; Marilyn Henley; Bettie Marshall; Verna Montgomery; Karen Wilk; and Sandy Scott.

The meetings are successful because of the efforts of those who bring snacks, make donations, buy books/journals, and participate. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Ginny Douglas. If you wish to bring snacks, please contact either Gay or Pat.

In the preservation arena, HGF partners with the Robert E. Lee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the oldest chapter in Houston, for the microfilming and digitization of its more than 110 years of member applications. Unlike most genealogical digitizations, full 16 million color and 64-bit processing will be employed. HGF members Judith Trammell and Carolyn Shimek honored the Forum by allowing us to partner. This project follows on the heels of HGF's highly successful multi-year partnership with Houston Baptist University on digitization and indexing of their family Bible records.

For those of you who love receiving reward points on your credit cards, Margaret Roberson devised the HGF rewards program: Get a Free Hour of Personal Research Help by recruiting three new (and paid) members! Marje Harris, retired Clayton Manager, Marj Lowe, certified Cherokee historian, or I will give you an hour of our time at Clayton, etc. helping you with your research.

All in all, this will be a very successful year ahead for HGF. All of this thanks to you the members.



## Upcoming Events

The 2012-2013 year promises to be one filled with nationally recognized speakers presenting informative and interesting lectures to aid you in your research.

Please note: due to the amount of information being presented by our speakers, most of our meetings will be going over the normal length. Expect those marked "*extended meeting time*" to end around 1 pm.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston, Texas beginning at 10:00 am. Doors open at 9:00 am. Come early and enjoy the refreshments. Visitors are always welcome.

### **Saturday, September 8, 2012 General Meeting** *extended meeting time*

An award winning authority on Virginia Colonial records, **Barbara Vines Little, CG** will get our season started off. Barbara's topics include "**Researching in Virginia's Records and Repositories**", "**Digging Deeper: What We Can Learn from Land Patents**" and "**Virginia Tax Records: A Gold Mine of Information**"

### **Saturday, October 6, 2012 General Meeting** *extended meeting time*

Author of Eastman's Online Daily Genealogy Blog, **Dick Eastman** will be here to bring us up-to-date on various technologies that can assist us in our search. Topics include "**Mocavo: The best? search engine that many have never heard of**", "**Blogging for Genealogists: Using blogs for coordinating your efforts**" and "**Cloudy, with a Chance of Genealogy: A simple, down-to-earth explanation of what the cloud is and how genealogist can use it to simplify their computer usage**"

### **Saturday, October 27, 2012** at Clayton Library 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Back by popular demand, we will be having a "**Members Helping Members Day**" at Clayton Library. This is an opportunity to receive hands on assistance of navigating the records at Clayton Library from our knowledgeable members.

### **Saturday, November 3, 2012 General Meeting** *Free Seminar* 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

All Things German! Former German Collection manager of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and nationally recognized lecturer and researcher, **Warren Bittner, CG** will be joining us for this special free seminar. Warren will be here to guide you in making that jump across the Atlantic to assist you in your German research. His topics include: "**German Maps and Territories: You Can't Do Research Without Them**" – learn about the historical boundary changes in Germany and how to find the records for various regions. "**Marriage Laws and Customs**" – learn how German marriage laws changed in the 1500-1900 with tight marriage restrictions and marriage customs. "**Beat the Children with a Fresh Birch Stick So the Animals Don't Get Worms: Reading for Historical Content**" – read to understand your ancestors in their own world on their own terms, how to find books about the cultural, political, social and occupational lives of your ancestor. "**On-site Research in German Archives**" – an amazing number of untapped records survive in Germany and how to find the records for various regions.

Bring your own lunch or pre-order for \$10. Orders must be received by October 27<sup>th</sup>! Order form at our website [www.hgftx.org](http://www.hgftx.org) and flyer enclosed with this book.

## Saturday, December 1, 2012 General Meeting

*extended meeting time*

The ultimate authority on Revolutionary War ancestry, **Lloyd Bockstruck** will present "**Successfully Searching Revolutionary War Records**". This nationally recognized author and lecturer will give you all the tools to research both your male and female lines.

## Saturday, January 5, 2013 General Meeting

Our own, **Marje Harris**, retired manager of The Clayton Library will present "**Gone to Texas: How to Get From There to Here**" on early migration routes from the southeast Atlantic coast to Texas.

## Saturday, February 2, 2013 General Meeting

Taking off his HGF President's hat for this meeting only, **Robert de Berardinis** will be our guest lecturer on the topic "**A Complete Guide to Records of the French in North America: Acadia, Canada, Louisiana and the Caribbean 1509-1811**". Robert is a national expert of all things "French" and you are sure to learn a lot from his presentation.

## Saturday, March 2, 2013 General Meeting

*Free Seminar 10:00 am – 3:00 pm*

Once again, **Craig Scott, CG** will be here to for a free seminar on Irish and Scottish research.

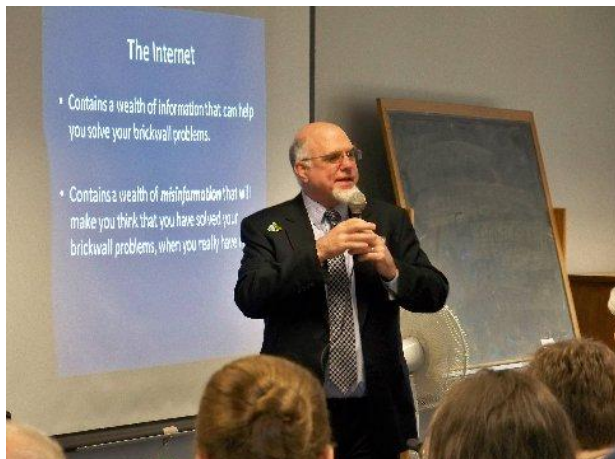
## Saturday, April 6, 2013 General Meeting

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## Saturday, May 4, 2013 General Meeting

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for more information  
and updates on future meetings and bus trips**



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*Photo from Craig Scott's Quaker seminar March 2011 and dinner with some members later that evening*

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