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President's Message



Thanks to a very dedicated group of board members and volunteers, the Houston Genealogical Forum will present program topics from African-American research to Mennonite research strategies, biographies of two women -- African and Cherokee, topped with a special event addressing compiling reliable records, telling ancestral stories, and using newspapers.

Updates by the Website Committee can be viewed online now and *The Genealogical Record* will go online in October. *The Genealogical Record* committee is still searching for a volunteer Editor. Anyone who has experience or would like to try publishing as a learning experience is welcome. Perhaps you know a college journalism major, who might like to have the editorship on his/her resume and would volunteer for the job. New and old members alike are welcome to join any of our committees, and become HGF active. We expect a banner year with all of the work that has been done, but we always welcome more help through volunteerism.

Welcome back to HGF, find a seat, and enjoy!

Marjorie Lowe, HGF President

Welcome New Members!

The Houston Genealogical Forum would like to extend a warm welcome to these thirty-six new and returning members who have joined HGF this year.

We're glad that you've discovered (or re-discovered) our group, and hope that you'll also volunteer to help on some of our committees.

Terri Binns	Lucia Hansen	David McCullough
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Schedule for September 2015 – May 2016

Meetings are held at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston, Texas on the first Saturday of each month from September through May, unless otherwise indicated – see www.hgftx.org for exact schedule. Length of the program may vary.

Doors open at 9 a.m. Join us for refreshments. General Meetings start at 10 a.m.

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2015 (2nd Saturday of month)

Speaker: Franklin Smith, Sr. L.S.S.

Topic: *Beginning African American Research*

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2015

Speaker: John Colletta, Ph.D.

Topics: *Compiling a Reliable Record for Future Generations;*
Telling the True Stories of your Ancestors;
Using 19th Century Newspapers

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2015

Speaker: Emory Webre

Topic: *Marie-Louise Panis: A Louisiana Free Woman of Color: Her Life and Descendants*

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2015

Speaker: Teri E. Flack

Topic: *Strategies to Kick Start Your Research*

Date: Saturday, January 9, 2016 (2nd Saturday of month)

Speaker: Marjorie Lowe

Topic: *Tiana's Journey: In Wake of Removal*

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2016 (3rd Saturday of month)

Instructor: Marje Harris, Retired Manager of Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

Topic: *Where to Begin Research and Getting Organized*

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2016 (4th Saturday of month)

Instructor: Marje Harris, Retired Manager of Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

Topic: *Census and Tax Records*

Date: Saturday, January 30, 2016 (last Saturday of month)
Instructor: Marje Harris, Retired Manager of Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
Topic: *Military Records*

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2016
Speaker: Wil McCorquodale, Director of Constituent Strategies at Baylor College of Medicine
Topic: *The Impact of the Revolution of 1830 and 1848 on immigration to the United States*

Date: Saturday, February 13, 2016 (2nd Saturday of month)
Instructor: Marje Harris, Retired Manager of Clayton Library for Genealogical Research
Topic: *State and Federal Land Records*

Date: Saturday, February 20, 2016 (3rd Saturday of month)
Instructor: Marje Harris, Retired Manager of Clayton Library for Genealogical Research
Topic: *Passenger, Immigration, and Migration Records*

Date: Saturday, February 27, 2016 (last Saturday of month)
Instructor: Marje Harris, Retired Manager of Clayton Library for Genealogical Research
Topic: *County Courthouses, Deed, Probate and Misc. Records*

Date: Saturday, March 5, 2015
Speaker: Michael Lacopo, DVM
Topic: *Mennonite Research: The Forgotten Swiss Germans*

Date: Saturday, April 2, 2016
Speaker: Susan Kaufman, Manager of Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
Topic: *Criminal Records – Convict, Witness, Victim, Juror; Utilizing These Records*

Date: Saturday, May 14, 2016 (2nd Saturday of month)
Topic: *Share and Be Inspired*

Beginning Genealogical Classes

Returning January 2016

with



Marje Harris

Retired Manager of
Clayton Library for Genealogical Research

Six Saturdays

January 16th thru February 27th, 2016

10 am - Noon

Bayland Community Center • 6400 Bissonnet
(west of Hillcroft)

Jan 16, 2016	Where to Begin Research and Getting Organized
Jan 23, 2016	Census and Tax Records
Jan 30, 2016	Military Records
Feb 13, 2016	State and Federal Land Records
Feb 20, 2016	Passenger, Immigration and Migration Records
Feb 27, 2016	County Courthouse: Deed, Probate & Misc. Records

All class material provided in a CD

HGF members: \$15 per class or all six for \$75 - Save \$15

Non-members: \$20 per class or all six for \$95 - Save \$25

Don't miss out on these information-packed classes!

To sign up or for more information go to our website: www.hgftx.org

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Registration form for Marje Harris'

2016 Saturday Beginning Genealogy Classes

Bayland Community Center	6400 Bissonnet	January – February 2016
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10:00 am – 12 noon

For questions, contact Barbara Richards at email webmaster@hgftx.org or go to the HGF website: www.hgftx.org.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone # for emergency purposes: _____ -

Saturday Classes: (Please check the ones you will attend) **10 am – 12:00 noon**

___ Jan 16, 2016 Where to Begin Research and Getting Organized

___ Jan. 23, 2016 Census and Tax Records

___ Jan. 30, 2016 Military Records

___ Feb. 13, 2016 State and Federal Land Records

___ Feb. 20, 2016 Passenger, Immigration and Migration Records

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Ck # _____ CK Amount: _____ Ck Date: _____ Cash Amt \$ _____

The Official Logo of HGF



The official logo of the Houston Genealogical Forum was drawn by Mr. Herman J. Guillot, president of the Forum in 1977.

Circle: In genealogical and inheritance charts, a female. Represents the search for our maternal ancestors.

Square: In genealogical and inheritance charts a male. Represents the search for our paternal ancestors.

Hourglass: Represents both genealogic time and the time involved searching for one's ancestors.

Heraldic Shield: Represents the physical recording of our family history or genealogy.

Colors: Black represents the unknown or yet to be discovered.

White represents the known or discovered.

The HGF Purpose

The purpose of this organization is educational;

- To provide for the instruction and training of individuals in improving and developing their capabilities and by instructing the public on genealogical and historical subjects useful to these individuals and beneficial to the community.
- To conduct genealogical discussions and lectures for the furtherance of genealogy through public education.
- To create, foster and maintain interest among citizens of Harris County, Texas in the genealogy and local history of Harris County, the genealogy of the founders of this Republic, and such genealogy as may be of interest to the members.
- To collect and preserve information relating to those pioneers who settled Harris County and to the early history of Houston and Harris County, Texas.
- To preserve church, cemetery and land records, testamentary documents, diaries and manuscripts and other source materials wherein are chronicled the achievements of those who laid in the wilderness the foundation of this great Republic.
- To copy and index all such records and to catalog them so as to make this information more readily available to present and future generations.
- To collect and make available to the members of this organization and others, through the Houston Public Library, the published records of other states, whence came the early pioneers.
- To exchange ideas and collaborate in devising efficient methods of genealogical and historical research.
- To maintain a close relationship with the Houston Public Library and all kindred organizations where located.

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