

# TGS E-NEWSLETTER

Tulsa Genealogical Society News, Twig-bits

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February 20th, 2012, Genealogy Class & General Meeting

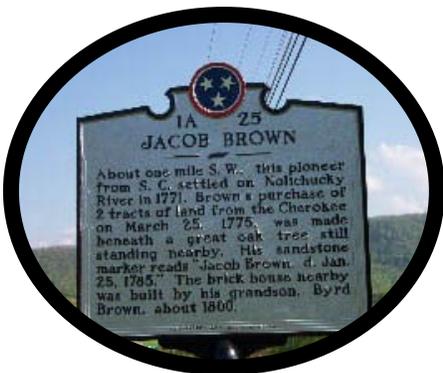
6 P.M. - **“Do You Have Indian Blood”**

Instructor, Janet Cottrell, Education Chair

7 P.M. - **“Jacob Brown, Wataugua Settler”**

Speaker, Jim Hartsell

The French and Indian War ended in 1763, and in the Treaty of Paris the French withdrew any claims to lands east of the Mississippi. This result emboldened European settlers and land speculators, who were drawn to the land of the Overhill country. The fact that the land still belonged to the Indians did not stop the movement west. With the issue of French possession resolved, settlers began to filter into the Overhill country. Early settlers included William Bean on the Holston River; Evan Shelby at Sapling Grove (later Bristol); John Carter in the Carter Valley; and Jacob Brown on the Nolichucky River. By



1771 the settlers at Wataugua and Nolichucky won a lease from the Cherokee, and the next year, they formed the Wataugua Association, a quasi-government and the first such in Tennessee territory.

The settlers' success in obtaining land concessions from the Indians was eclipsed in 1775, when the Transylvania Company, led by Richard Henderson of North Carolina, traded £10,000 of goods for 20 million acres of land in Kentucky and Tennessee. The agreement, negotiated at a treaty conference at Sycamore Shoals, was opposed by the Cherokee Indian chief Dragging Canoe, who warned that the Cherokee were paving the way for their own extinction. Despite his warning, the treaty was signed. Join us for the rest of the story by Jim at our February meeting. ☞

## Elected Officers:

President: Ron Hardy  
1st VP: Betty Trinka  
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### Special Assignments:

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Mary Craig  
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Janise Brantley

## You Can Transcribe it! NARA Transcription Project

Pay it forward! Check out this link: <http://networkedblogs.com/tezZx>

Submitted by Terri Walker

We're on the Web!  
Check us out at  
[www.tulsagenealogy.org](http://www.tulsagenealogy.org)

## Editor's Corner

When NBC's genealogy series *Who Do You Think You Are?* returns with its third season Feb. 3, a new crop of celebrities will explore their family history.

**Martin Sheen, Marisa Tomei, Blair Underwood, Reba McEntire, Rob Lowe, Helen Hunt, Rita Wilson, Edie Falco, Rashida Jones,** former NFL running back **Jerome Bettis, Jason Sudeikis** and **Paula Deen** will be featured on the series executive produced by **Lisa Kudrow** and **Dan Bucatinsky**.

"We're very excited about the stories we have this season," Kudrow and Bucatinsky said in a statement announcing the news. "This fantastic group of people we have will take us to countries we haven't visited before which is thrilling and gives us glimpses into crucial details of history that not only shaped their families, but our world. This is what we love about this series; it's so enriching for us the viewer, as well as the participants and their families."

*Who Do You Think You Are* features a different celebrity tracing their family history each week with assistance from Ancestry.com in researching participants' family roots. Previous contestants have included **Sarah Jessica Parker, Kudrow, Rosie O'Donnell** and **Steve Buscemi**.

Season 3 of *Who Do You Think You Are* premieres Friday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. on NBC. ☞

Heredity: everyone believes in it until our kids start acting like fools.



"Above all, challenge yourself. You may well surprise yourself at what strengths you have, what you can accomplish."

— Cecile M. Springer



March 19, 2012

Genealogy Class

### "Fun with Scottish, Irish and German Names"

Leader: Janet Cottrell

6:00 P.M.

### "Oklahoma Outlaws"

7:00 P.M.,

Speaker:

Larry Yadon, Author

If you are interested...

**Carolyn Steele** (Renown author and TGS member) has begun a new monthly blog concerning all things even remotely touching on genealogy, whether stories, research, or just interesting tidbits of life.

You are invited to visit at:

<http://preservinglegends.blogspot.com/>

If you have moved, changed your contact phone number or your email address, please inform **Linda Brown**, Membership Chair, (llbrown2000@cox.net) You will receive email reminders (or phone calls) of our meetings and other events in your mailbox...that is if we have your correct address. ☞



*Come early to enjoy the fellowship and our hospitality  
Door prize will be awarded at meetings!*

## Murphy's Law for Genealogists

1. When at last after much hard work you have solved a puzzle you have worked on for two years your aunt says, "I could have told you that."
2. Your great-grandmother's maiden name that you have searched for 4 years was on a letter in a box in the attic.
3. You never asked your father about his family when he was alive because you weren't interested in genealogy then.
4. The will you need is in a trunk on the Titanic.
5. Copies of old newspapers have holes on the surnames of the ones you need.
6. John, son of Thomas, the immigrant whom your relatives claim as the family progenitor, died on board ship at age 10.
7. Your great-grandfather's newspaper obituary said he died leaving no issue of record.
8. The keeper of vital records you need has just been insulted by another genealogist.
9. The relative who was keeper of all the family photographs gave them to her daughter who has no interest in genealogy and no inclination to share.
10. The only record you can find of your great-grandfather is that his property was sold at a sheriff's sale of insolvency.

11. The one document that would solve the missing link in your dead-end line was destroyed in a flood, fire or war.
12. The town clerk to whom you wrote for the information sends you a long handwritten letter that is totally illegible.
13. The spelling for your European ancestor's name bears no relationship to its current spelling or pronunciation.
14. None of the pictures in your recently deceased grandmother's photo album have names written on them.
15. You learn that your great aunt's executor just sold her life's collection of family genealogical materials to a flea market dealer "somewhere in New York City".
16. No one in your family tree ever did anything noteworthy, owned property, was sued or was named in wills.
17. Ink fades and paper deteriorates at a rate inversely proportional to the value of the data recorded.
18. The 37 volume, sixteen thousand page history of your country of origin isn't indexed.
19. You finally find your great-grandmother's wedding records and discover that the bride's father was named John Smith. ☹️



### Looking about for useful Web sites:

Olive Tree Genealogy is one of the places I picked up a few years ago that has a collection of free genealogy databases; you can reach it at <http://olivetreegenealogy.com/index.shtml>.

There are a lot of obvious links as well as many that will probably be new to you. Olive Tree Genealogy has Passenger Lists, Ships Search, Canada, Military, Loyalists, New Netherland, Native American, Palatine Genealogy, Almshouse, Orphan Records, Huguenots, Mennonites, Quakers, and UK Ireland.

In addition, there are a variety of "Genealogy Secrets!", a Genealogy Guide, Immigration Tips, and Photo Albums. All in all, a good place to check out. ☹️



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9136 Briar Village Shopping Center  
(31st & Mingo, behind the stores)



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**Meetings:**  
September - May  
3rd Monday  
Genealogy Class 6 pm  
General Meeting: 7 pm  
Open to public at no charge

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Newsletter Editor: [Dorothy Becknell](#)

## A Warm Welcome to our newest members

*Sandra Ford*  
*Michael & Gretchen Haugh*  
*Charlotte Lucas*  
*Cathy Mattix*  
*Milissa Stowers*  
*Betty Stowers-Clark*



*Happy*  
*Valentines*  
*Day*  
*Feb 14th*

## "Promoting Family History Research...Worth Looking for - Worth Finding!"



Dorothy Becknell, TGS Webmaster

### January Meeting Review

#### "It's On the Website"

We had a delightful time at the TGS January meeting. In attendance was a marvelous crowd to begin the new year as we explored the website via a Power Point presentation. We discussed the content located on each page of the site. The web site is continuing to grow offering more and more research tools for our members as well as other genealogists. I hope you will continue to find helpful ways to use the website as we continue to expand.

### Other February Holidays

2nd - Groundhog's Day



20th - President's Day



**Apr 16 - "Everything You'd Want to Know About the Tulsa World Archives" - Jason Collington, TW Webmaster**