

# TGS E-NEWSLETTER

Tulsa Genealogical Society News, Twig-bits

Oct, 2011



## “Get Prepared for the 1940 US Census”



The 1940 census is quite similar to the 1920 and 1930 censuses as most of the same information is provided. Unique features include recording where each person lived in 1935, recording the highest level of education completed and also detailed occupational information that included a person's 1939 income. As an interesting addition, anyone recorded on lines 14 and 29 of the census form were pulled out as a random sample. Those individuals were subject to around 20 additional questions that should prove to be quite interesting. Researchers are going to hope their ancestor fell on lines 14 or 29. It could be like winning the lottery when that happens! Also, the person in the family who provided the

## October 17th, 7 P.M.

**Janice Meredith**, Tulsa Genealogical Society Librarian and professional researcher, will share information about the 1940 US Census which will become available April 2, 2012. This is an exciting time for many genealogists as we will be able to find information about our grandparents. Who will you find first? All society meetings are free and open to the public. ☞

**Genealogy Class. 6 pm**  
**Janet Cottrell**  
“State Vital Records,  
Pre-statehood Vital  
Records and Social  
Security”

information is supposed to have a circled X beside their name. That might not seem important but it will lend a lot toward weighing the accuracy of the information provided. In past censuses, we do not know who provided the information. It could have been an older child, a grandmother, the neighbor or a boarder. At least this time we can see if the husband or wife provided the actual information. And just think. Come April 2, 2012, we get to see it for ourselves. ☞

## Elected Officers:

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

## From the President Ron Hardy

Hopefully everyone had a very wonderful summer with friends and family. Now it is time to start our general membership meetings.

We look forward to seeing everyone this year.

First I would like to thank Betty Trinka for setting up this year's programs and guest speakers for our general membership meetings.

I also would like to thank all of the library volunteers that give their time working in the library.

And "congratulations" to the publications committee for working on and producing two more divorce books from the Court Journal books.

Also "thank you" to Dorothy Becknell for all of her work on the web. ☞



**"To live in the hearts  
we leave behind, is not  
to die."**

- Thomas Campbell



### November TGS Meetings

Genealogy Class  
"Telephone Rejection"  
With  
**Janet Cottrell**  
6:00 p.m.

"Cherokee Genealogical  
Research"  
with  
**Gene Norris,**  
Cherokee Nation Genealogist  
Nov. 21st  
7:00 p.m.



A donated Dell Laptop Computer is being raffled off at the **October 17th** meeting. This is a great chance to have a nice research tool for your Genealogical searches and records. Tickets are \$1 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets, \$10 for 12 tickets. Be sure to get your tickets whenever you are in the Library.

**Deadline** for articles for the 2011 Winter issue of Tulsa Annals is **November 1st**. If you have an article you would like to submit, please let **Ron Hardy** know as soon as possible. Also if you have a query you would like included, be sure to include contact information. ☞

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



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

## Getting Started in Genealogy Research Tips

The first thing you need in getting started searching your family tree is talk to your family. Ask your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, anyone who is willing to share with you.

The genealogy questions you will want to ask are:

1. when and where they were born
2. where did they grow up
3. when and where they were married
4. what were their parents' names
5. when and where did their parents marry
6. where are their parents buried and when did they pass away (name of cemetery, city, state)
7. are there any other family members buried there or close by
8. who were their Aunts and Uncles
9. do they know when/where they were born, married, lived, buried
10. ask them who their oldest living relative is
11. make plans to visit this person as soon as possible!

When you go to ask genealogy questions - take a notebook, pencil, tape recorder (with fresh batteries), lots of blank tapes, and a camera. Having too many tapes is better than hearing a great story and having the tape run out half way through. Or what if you find out there is a great Aunt living close by and have run out of tapes? You can never have enough. When you go to visit, tell the person you are going to record it and place it close. Your tape may have some great stories on it but if the sound quality is poor and you can barely make out the words, it will be very disappointing.

It is important to ask about all the dates and places but don't forget to ask for the stories. What was Aunt Cindy like? Why did Uncle Joe never marry? Why did the family leave Texas and travel to Oklahoma? These stories are fun to hear and are a great wealth of information for genealogists. A camera is must have tool. Many people will be more than happy to let you see their old pictures but reluctant to let you take them to make copies. If you have a camera, you can take photos of them and no one has to worry that the photo may be misplaced.

Write everything down - Even if it seems trivial. That trivial piece of information may be just the clue you need 6 months down the line. Date when and where you got your information and from who.

The last first step you will need to do is to transfer all of this information onto family history or pedigree charts or Family Tree software. You can begin by grouping them by family. It is important to do this as later when you have tons of info you will not have to spend hours looking for where you put a certain record. Organization is a good thing.

What next? Take the info you know and now the detective work begins. Start looking for records. One of the first places you should start is with census records. You will start to learn where your family lived and in what counties. Then use this information to search for other genealogy documents, i.e. obituary notices, tax records, land records, wills etc... Each piece of information will add another piece to the puzzle. ☞

*jellyjar.com*



## Genealogy Research on the Internet Search Tip:

Now you don't have to spend hours pouring over long family history documents and ancestor pedigrees, let your PC's search feature do it for you!!

When searching documents on the internet -- on your keyboard **hit control and f** and fill in the name and it will search the page and highlight the names for you! Keep clicking on the find button and it will scroll over each highlighted name. ☞

## 1940 U.S. Census to be Free on Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, has announced that both the images and indexes to the 1940 U.S. Federal Census will be made free to search, browse, and explore in the United States when this important collection commences streaming onto the website in mid-April 2012.

When complete, more than 3.8 million original document images containing 130 million plus records will be available to search by more than 45 fields, including name, gender, race, street address, county and state, and parents' places of birth. It will

be Ancestry's most comprehensively indexed set of historical records to date.

**Ancestry.com is committing to make the 1940 Census free from release through to the end of 2013**, and by doing so hopes to help more people get started exploring their family history. As this census will be the most recent to be made publicly available, it represents the best chance for those new to family history to make that all-important first discovery. ☞

*Part of a news release from Ancestry.com*



**Come & Get It!!!  
(And bring a friend!)**

TGS Chili Tasting & Contest  
October 28, 2011  
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Tasting/voting: 5:30-6:00  
Serving: 6:15-7:30

\$5.00 per tasting kit  
Kit contains: Tasting Cups, Bowl,  
Spoon & Napkin

**Vote for the chili**  
...with the Best Name!  
...with the Best Taste!  
Cheese, Crackers  
tea, coffee furnished!

Tickets available from  
**Johanna Graham**

### We Care...

Beverly Weldon continues to make great improvements following her summer surgery.

Mary Craig's son has lost his home in Balstrop due to the wild fires in Texas, but he and his family are all safe. ☞

### Last Chance, Last Newsletter, Folks!

Send in your dues now  
or your mail box will be empty!

We will miss you, unless you mail your renewal dues of \$25 (individual) or \$35 (family) to TGS, PO Box 588, Tulsa, OK 74101. Your dues help us pay for our program speakers and the books we buy for the library shelves. So our progress **depends** on your support and we value your membership. Thank you! ☞



### Change is in the Air!

#### And in our schedule!

At the Sept. TGS Board meeting, the importance of starting our meetings on time was discussed. To help facilitate this, the following changes will be made:

1) Refreshments will be moved to a side room instead of being

in the main meeting area.

2) Our guest speaker for the general meeting will begin the presentation at 7 pm sharp!

3) Following the guest's presentation, the society will then have their business meeting.

Our Library is open at 5:30 pm to enable membership and visitors to enjoy TGS hospitality and to be ready for the class which begins at 6 pm sharp! ☞

## Tulsa Genealogical Society

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Tulsa, OK 74101-0585  
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Library Location  
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

## Welcome New Members

Thank you to all those who have renewed their TGS membership. Our newest members are:

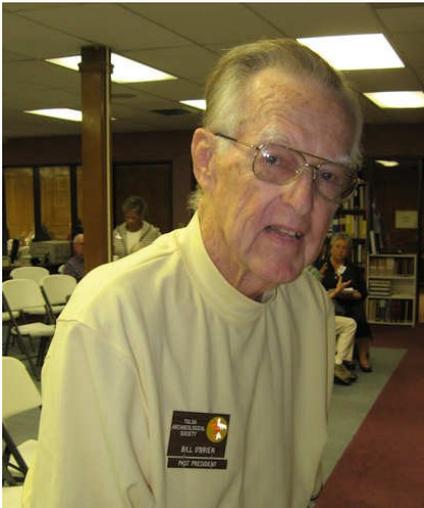
Bill Anderson	Carl & Carolyn Steele
Fred Fulkerson	Dan McKinnon
Virginia Harris	Elizabeth Wright
Judith "Jae" Jaeger	Linda Quinn
Sue Long	Annie Sweeney
Sally Olah	Rosemary Jones
Linda Teague	Randy & Beverly Saffell
Bette Campbell	Donna Marshall

*(Membership stands at 78 as of September 19th)*

## Resignation...

We regret to announce the resignation of Bill and Johanna Graham as researchers for TGS, due to personal time restraints. Their expertise and dedication will be missed. Thanks, Bill and Johanna, for a job well-done. ☹

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



**Our Speaker**  
**Mr. Bill O'Brien**

*Photo courtesy of Dale Brown*

## September's Meeting

It was great seeing everybody back after summer. The beginner's class got off to a awesome start. Our general meeting was called to order by Ron Hardy, TGS President and after a brief announcement from Johanna Graham regarding the Oct. 17th Chili-Tasting event, Betty Trinka introduced our evening speaker. Bill O'Brien's presentation on the petroglyphs on Tulsa's Turkey Mountain was captivating. Could it be that the Celts or

the Vikings were ever in the Tulsa area? We were treated to a DVD presentation of a field trip to the runes in 1976. He pointed out several of the runestones along the edge of the river which have been translated as early Egyptian symbols. They are said to have been made perhaps around 500 B.C. Following the main presentation, Ron Hardy, TGS president read his "State of Tulsa Genealogy Society" letter. It will be published on the website for you. See you in October!

**Dec. 19 - Holiday Party - Pot Luck - Family Traditions**