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The Oklahoma History Center is Host Site for OGS Spring Seminar & First Families Event

Do you enjoy reading a good detective story? Curious about their methods? Wonder how they do it?

Come and hear Kelvin Meyers, professional genealogist, reveal some of his secrets as a family detective, PI-private investigator, and forensic genealogist.

In that venue, Meyers knows how to locate unknown or missing heirs, find owners of unclaimed property, testify as an expert witness, evaluate kinship evidence, research direct and indirect family lines, and verify relationships for DNA testing.

Meyers will present the OGS Spring Seminar on Saturday, March 21, 2009, at the Oklahoma History Center, 2401 N. Laird, OKC, at 9 am, ending at 4:30 pm.

Recently appointed Chairman of the Archives and History Committee for First United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, Meyers' will tell you where to find Church records. Other subjects include tax lists, records of prisons, asylums and courts; 19th century secular and religious newspapers.

Go to the website to pre-register to be assured of a seat. Cost is \$45 before March 7, ten dollars more after that. A buffet lunch also available for additional cost.

The First Families of the Twin Territories (FFTT) Banquet will begin at 5:30 in the Oklahoma History Center's Devon room on Mar 21 immediately following the Seminar.

James E. "Jake" McNiece, 90-year-old author, will entertain with tales of the 101st Airborne's legendary squad of combat paratroopers known as "The Filthy 13". The men fought in the European campaign in World War II. Many believe this unit provided inspiration for the movie "The Dirty Dozen" which starred Lee Marvin.

By the end of the war 30 men had passed through this squad of Screaming Eagles. However, the heart and soul of the Filthy 13 remained a survivor named Jake McNiece, a half-breed Indian from Oklahoma, the toughest man in the squad.

Winners of the First Families Storywriting contest will be announced at the banquet. You do not have to be a member to attend but you must register and pay before March 7. If you can prove your lineage back to someone settled in Oklahoma before statehood, you are eligible for membership.

For more info, go to the website www.okgensoc.org and from the menu on the left, choose "first families."



REAL HEADSTONE:

Boot Hill, Tombstone, AZ

**Here lies Lester Moore.
One slug from a 44-
No Les,
No More.**

**Families are like fudge... mostly
sweet with a few nuts.**

~Author Unknown

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MISSING PERSONS

It is easy to place a Query in the Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly.

OGS members can post queries free by emailing V.Jimenez@worldnet.att.net with the who, where, when, and what you are seeking about your ancestors.

Non-members need to send two dollars with their queries. Don't forget to include your contact info.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://www.okgensoc.org/>
(with map to meeting place)

AND we have a mailing list!

Send an email to:

ok-gen-soc-L-request@rootsweb.com

... and put "subscribe" in the subject line.

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MARCH

*William I. "Bill" Davis
6 pm, Monday, 2 Mar 2009*

**Texas' 1836
War of
Independence**

William "Bill" Davis, family genealogist, will present a program on how he found his Revolutionary Ancestors who fought in the Texas War of Independence.

Davis will share information that can be found on web sites to fill in your family history.

"Tough economic times may restrict future travel but need not restrict research on personal computers," Davis said.

The Davis family now has a web site, a cousin progress report and a Davis DNA project. William Davis is retired from a career in commercial and military aviation.

OGS Meeting Info

Oklahoma Genealogy Society meetings begin at 6:00 P.M. at the Oklahoma History Center, 2401 N. Laird Ave, Oklahoma City. Help is available before the meeting for those with genealogical questions, those needing information on membership or First Families. The research library is open until 7:45 pm on meeting nights.



APRIL

*Early Maps of Oklahoma
JOHN PHILLIPS
6 pm, Mon, 6 April 2009*

John Phillips, Professor and Head of Documents at Edmon Low Library, OSU Stillwater, will speak in April. The Library is named for a former university librarian who retired in 1967.

Phillips' department holds some of the earliest government documents.

Starting with the 1803 Louisiana Purchase, the area including the State of Oklahoma was mapped extensively. Between 1803 and 1925 more than 1000 political, expedition, geographical, meteorological and topographical maps of the Oklahoma region were produced and included in the American State Papers. The OSU library owns the complete collection. These maps can be viewed and, in some cases, downloaded.



MAY

*Tennessee Ancestors
6 pm, Mon, 4 May 2009
Nona D. Thompson*

Nona Dugger Thompson, past president of OGS, has spent years working in Tennessee records, and hopes to help others with "Tips, Hints & Pitfalls of Researching Tennessee."

She will also share tips on places to look for information, when you think you have already looked everywhere.

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

Clip 'n' Save!



- # Mon, Mar 2, 6 p..... William I. Davis, Jr TX War of Independence
- \$ Sat, Mar 21, 9 aSpring Sem.-Kelvin MeyerForensic Genealogy
- \$ Sat, Mar 21 5:30 p ..First FamiliesJack McNiece, The Filthy 13
- # Mon, Apr 6, 6 p.....John Phillips, OSU Early Maps of Oklahoma
- # Mon, May 4, 6 p.....Nona D. Thompson Tennessee Ancestors
- May 11-16..... NGS, Raleigh NC
- # Mon, June 1, 6 pJan Davis..... Records in OK Dept Libraries
- Mon, June 1 OGS Board Election
- # Sat, Aug 1OGS Ancestor Fair
- \$ Sat, Oct 3.....OGS Skill Building Workshop

- OGS MEETING, Free for OGS members, \$3 donation suggested for guests
\$ - additional cost

Check our webpage OKGENSOC.ORG for more info.