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Google Earth! Don't Miss the OGS Spring Seminar

Two speakers for the price of one at our Spring Seminar -- and what a pair.

Pam Sayre and Rick Sayre will join forces to present "Google Earth, GPS, & Mapping for Genealogists" at the all day seminar on Saturday, the third of April.

The Easter weekend event starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Oklahoma History Center and concludes at 4:00 p.m., in time to catch your breath for the evening banquet featuring talented and funny David A. Farris and the Family story writing awards at 5:30.

Both Pam and Rick (yes, they are married) have many years of research experience and both teach at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IHGR) held each summer at Samford University in Birmingham. Pam is director of education and publications for the National Genealogical Society and author of several books. Rick, a retired US Army Colonel, coordinates the course on Using Maps at IGHR and is a civilian consultant for the Defense Department at the Pentagon.

They bring this valuable experience to us in a unique focus on genealogy through the use of modern technologies of the Global Positioning System and Google Earth while bringing in the added dimension of historical maps.

Researching My Family Tree

Some thirty-five aspiring genealogists attended two separate genealogy classes based upon the Guidebook for Researching My Family Tree held in March at the OGS office on Classen. Billie Fogarty taught the class, with June Stone and Denise Slattery as hosts. There is discussion about additional classes as several expressed a desire to continue.

Don't miss this opportunity. Register now for this exciting event online at www.okgensoc.org or call 405-637-1907 to reserve a place.

OGS Family Story-Writing Contest

Ten of the contestants listed alphabetically below are finalists in the 2010 Story Writing Contest at the First Families Banquet Saturday April 3; four of those will get real money! Some titles had to be shortened on this page due to space constraints.

All contestants will receive a certificate for entering and are considered winners because they completed the project. The four judges said decisions were difficult and the choice very close on most of the entries.

For more info go to www.okgensoc.org and click on "click here for more details" to download the invitation. Deadline to register March 27.

Blazy, Martin: "Finding Richard"
Blunt, Mary Ann: "Why They Started Over"
Brookey, Karen: "A Gift from Dr. Thomas"
Campos, Melanie: "A Summer Visit ..."
Eades, Donna: "They Became Refugees"
Fields, Nancy: "Remembering the Removal"
Hanna, Jerry: "Ebenezer Abe Hanna"
Harvey, Mallory R: "Dr. Patshi & His ... Princess"
Hawes, Suzanne Law: "Little Did I Know"
Hendrick, Margaret: "Lives Well Lived ..."
Hinton, Tammy: "In Search of My ... Princess"
Holmes, Winnibel Fry: "A Childhood Memory"
Kresge, Theda Goodfox: "An Informed Citizenry"
Leonard, Kinzi S: "Family Reunions"
Merry, Donna S: "Saga of the Wassoms..."
Morrison, Nan K.: "Indian Territory Pioneers"
O'Neill, Joan: "Would I Like to go to Heaven"
Ramsey, Shirley: "Apple Dust"
Rogers, Florence: "Plain Ole' Lee"
Smith, Rachel: "Every Strike Brings You Closer ..."
Steele, M. Carolyn: "...Captain's Troublesome Catch"
Steincamp, Keith: "It's Getting Better! ..."
Stover, Jean: "Quick on the Trigger"
Terbush, Victor: "Paper Clips to Bulldozers"
Tracy, Dale: "Big Bertha"



REAL EPITAPHS

Dr. Fred Roberts
Brookland, AR

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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.

The OGS Newsletter is published and distributed in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

First Families of the Twin Territories Lineage Books are now available and can be picked up at any OGS meeting, or call 405.637.1907. Cost of the book is \$73 including shipping, handling and tax. This big 789 page hardback includes info on the first 3,000 FFFT members, and includes names of more than 23,000 people.

***Getting the most from early
Census Records
6 pm Monday April 5
Lois Copley***

In April, Lois Copley will show how to get more out of the early census records of 1790 to 1850, including how to access mortality schedules, territorial and state censuses.

Copley will give hints on how to judge a census list and how to look for the quirks that offer special insight into a family's life.

"You should search every census for each stage of life and location of an ancestor from birth to death," Copley said. "You may be astonished at what turns up."

Lois Copley has been researching since 1970 and served on the OGS board for many years. A Certified Genealogist for New England, she has been to all the major libraries from Salt Lake City to Washington, DC and traveled to Europe to research her family in Germany and Switzerland. A life member of Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS) as well as the Mayflower society, and member of Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) for more than thirty years, Ms Copley continues as an active volunteer at the OHS since 1977.

***"Vital Records"
6 pm, Monday, May 3
Debra O. Spindle***

At the May meeting, Debra Spindle, OK Historical Society (OHS) Librarian and a former assistant dean at the OU Library School, will present more information on where to find public records of births and deaths and how to obtain copies of those all-important vital records.

She will also give info on what can be used to substitute for birth and death records when you cannot locate the required documentation.

"Traditional means of locating these documents has changed," Spindle said.

Records are only as good as the person who provided the information, so another part of Spindle's presentation is analyzing the records.

She is currently collecting data on African-American veterans listed in the 1890 OK Territorial census.

Her qualifications include:

MLIS and PhD from University of Oklahoma (OU).

Undergraduate degree from Southern Nazarene University (SNU).

Teaching at SNU sixteen years.

Asst. Dean of OU Library School three years.

Librarian & Library Manager at Metro Library Downtown.

Attended Samford University five years.

Librarian at OHS Research Library three years (current job).

It's all about the Right Software!

Our June program will be presented by Jim Ike and LaNell Shores on finding the right genealogy software; "Comparing Legacy and The Master Genealogist."

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

Clip 'n' Save!

- OGS MEETING, Free for OGS members, \$3 donation suggested for guests
Check our webpage OKGENSOC.ORG for more info
Meetings begin promptly at 6:00 pm and building closes at 8:00 pm

Mon, Mar 1Kelvin Myers....."Women's Commonwealth of TX"
\$ Sat, Apr 3 OGS Spring Seminar Google Earth, GPS & Mapping
\$ Sat Apr 3 FFFT Banquet Speaker: David Farris
and Family Story Writing Awards
Sun, Apr 4Easter
Mon, Apr 5Lois CopleyEarly Census Records 1790-1850
Mon, May 3Debra Spindle Vital Records & Substitutes
Mon, June 7Shores & Ike.....Legacy & Master Genealogist
Mon, July 5 To be announced
Sat, Aug ? ANCESTOR FAIR