

# WCGS NEWSLETTER

Washington County Genealogical Society of Texas

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## What You Missed

The WCGS met January 9, 2017 at 7: p.m. at the Blinn College Student Center. Twenty members were present.

Vice President, Geraldine Johnson, introduced the program given by the 2017 WCGS officers.



Vice President, Johnson shared the story of her great-great grandfather, Ludwig Fuelberg, who was born in Hanover, Germany, emigrated to Texas and lived in Kuykendahl, Texas. After a number of years, Ludwig mysteriously

returned to Germany and began a new life and new family there. Ms. Johnson on a trip to Germany was able to establish contact with some of Ludwig's German relatives and see some of his handiwork, including a trunk and a handmade barn, which is still in use today.

Secretary, Vanessa Smith, related the history of her great grandfather, Christoph Friedrich Lorenz Thaler, aka, Fritz, who emigrated from Lippe-Detmold in 1846 and resided in New York City until 1860, when he took his family back to Germany. He later returned to Texas after the Civil War's end and lived in Shelby, Texas until his apparent murder in March of 1898.

Treasurer, Lu Hollander spoke of the story of her ancestor, great-great grandfather, Heinrich or Henry Rinn. Henry seemed to have the wanderlust, as he moved his family and livestock a number of times to various locations in Texas. She told of the family's having to live in a tent for a time, as there was no house available. She displayed an artifact from the family's store—an antique children's rocking chair

## Looking Forward

The next meeting, February 6, at 7 PM. Eddie Harrison will offer a presentation on the McAdoo and Kasee families.

## Queries

We are delighted to post any research questions you may have. Contact us here.

## New Members

If you know of someone with a genealogy interest, tell them about us. They can join at any time.

## Memberships

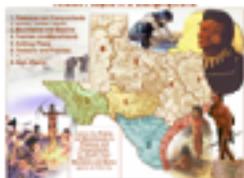
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## Maps of Interest

Clicking on the link below will take you to a list of historical maps of Texas. A great resource for Texas genealogists.

### historical maps of Texas



that had originally sold for \$1.35.

President, Jan Kelm revealed the harrowing journey of her great-great grandfather, Nicholas Treybig and his family from Germany to Texas. They and the others who traveled with them suffered tremendously, as their ships were wrecked more than once. Their journey was very lengthy as a result; beginning in November of 1845 and ending in August of 1846 with their final arrival in Texas.

Vice President, Geraldine Johnson, invited the members to share their stories too.

The minutes from December were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given.

Cemetery Tour. Geraldine Johnson, says that things seem to be stalled and from a third party that it looks like the board is not in favor of our doing the tour due to liability concerns and possible complications if a funeral were to be scheduled during tour times. Shall we do another cemetery? Looks like we will not be able to do a tour this fall, due to the research and time to prepare that will be required.

Old Business. World War I project with the museum was discussed. President Jan Kelm said we are waiting for more information from the museum. John Muegge offered some news about a worldwide WWI organization and mentioned a book that has been written about Brenham soldiers in that conflict by a women's group associated with Prairie Lea Cemetery. There was a discussion about two unknown soldiers who are said to be buried near Burton; they may have served on the German side of the war, and have German crosses on their markers.

Tidbit: Gertrude Schroeder spoke of the many courthouses of Washington County, that totaled six in number- beginning with Washington-on-the-Brazos in 1837 and ending with the 1938 current one in downtown Brenham.

## Dues Reminder

Please give Lu Hollander your 2017 dues or mail them to 2211 South Day St. Suite 105 Brenham, TX 77833. The cost is \$12 for a single person or \$18 for a couple living at the same address. [Click here for the 2017 form.](#)

## Query

Ben Huseman, Secretary of the Texas Map Society, is looking for someone to speak about maps and roads at their April 2017 meeting at Washington On The Brazos. Contact Ben at [huseman@uta.edu](mailto:huseman@uta.edu) for more details.

## Programs of Interest

### **Texas Czech Genealogical Society (TCGS): “Nuggets to Treasures”**

The Texas Czech Genealogical Society (TCGS) exists to help preserve family history and learn and preserve Czech culture, traditions, and history. TCGS's January 28, 2017 program, “Nuggets to Treasures” at the Caldwell Civic and Visitor Center, 103 Presidential Corridor (Hwy 21), Caldwell, TX 77836 <https://goo.gl/maps/SXikBLkG6mo> is open to anyone. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the program will be held from 9:00 AM.-4:00 PM (8 AM Registration and refreshments).

The program will feature three speakers:

- “Nothing Better than Goodness Freethinkers in Texas Czechs” Doug Kubicek, a Texas History instructor for the Hallettsville ISD and Carroll Brincefield, Director of the Oral History program in Lavaca County, will discuss the history of freethinkers, their role in the settling of Texas and the impact of their past, present and future will be discussed. How to trace family members through the Congregation of Bohemian Freethinkers will be addressed and introduction to sets of records you might not be aware exists. Questions and comments will be invited after presentation.
- “Czech Songs in Texas, from Old World to New” Frances Barton has a degree in American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin where she also studied music. Her father is Rev. Josef A. Barton whose ancestors emigrated from Vsetin in northeastern Moravia. She will discuss the history of several songs with Czech lyrics that are popular in the state. She will be joined by musicians Jubilee Barton and Steve Curtis.
- “Preserving Family Treasures” Linda Reynolds, Director of the East Texas Research Center (ETRC) at Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) in Nacogdoches, Texas since 2007 and a Certified Archivist since 2008. She has been searching for her ancestors since she was 12 years old and followed her grandmother around with a tape recorder asking lots of questions about the family. Her passion is sharing her knowledge of the preservation of family treasures so that future generations will have access to them. The ETRC collects, preserves, and provides physical and virtual access to East Texas' unique cultural history.

Czech gift items, along with TCGS-published research books (including the three newest books covering the Frydek-Mistek, Vsetin, and Zlin areas; see attached publication list), will be available for sale. A silent auction will also be held.

Registration post-marked on/before 1/14/2017 is \$35 for TCGS Members and \$40 for Non-members; postmarked 1/15-19/2017 is \$40 for TCGS Members and \$45 for Non-members; \$50 at the door for everyone (registration includes catered lunch). Register by credit card <https://squareup.com/store/TXCZGS/item/registration> or mail registration form (see [www.txczgs.org](http://www.txczgs.org)) and check payable to TCGS to Gladys Valchar 934 Joslin St, Irving, Texas 75060 or for more

information contact Gladys Valchar at gladeagle6972@verizon.net or 972-790-2848. Membership in TCGS is not required to attend this program. The Texas Czech Genealogical Society (TCGS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

## **GENEALOGY SATURDAY with D. Joshua Taylor, M.A., M.L.S.**

Saturday, March 18, 2017

First United Methodist Church, 1004 North Mays, Round Rock, TX 78665 Registration: 8:00 a.m. Opening Remarks 8:30 a.m. - Session Ends 3:00 p.m.

Includes morning snacks, lunch, & door prizes

D. Joshua Taylor is a host of the PBS series "Genealogy Roadshow" and a Featured Genealogist on "Who Do You Think You Are?," as well as President of NY Genealogical & Biographical Society and former President of the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

Topics for the day include:

- On and Off the Net
- Evaluating and Documenting
- Vanity Sketches
- New Tools and Ideas

Early-bird registration for WCGS Members is \$50. Non-WCGS members is \$55.

After Feb. 25, 2017 ALL Registrations are \$60.00.

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