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January Program

A panel consisting of Joe Al Picone, Charlotte (Woods) Smith and Barbara (Lehmann) Eldridge shared their memories of growing up in Washington County in the 40's and 50's. Imagine going to school in a one room schoolhouse with one teacher for six grades. Or a police station that had no phone requiring you to call the café next door if you needed assistance. This was later improved upon by installing a light on a pole at the café that could be turned on so police could see when a call came in. My, how times have changed.

February Program

Patti Gillespie of Decatur is a nationally recognized genealogist and speaker on genealogy research. Patti formed Family Lines & Stories, her own research company that provides assistance to clients in and outside of Texas. Her presentation at our February meeting entitled "Brickwall Busting Strategies: Hammering at the Wall" will focus on ways to overcome obstacles and succeed in your research.

New Yearbook Now Available

If you haven't gotten your new yearbook yet, check your name tag folder.

New Members

Charlotte Avera
Paul Kinghorn
Stephanie Kinghorn

If you know of someone with an interest in genealogy, tell them about us! They can join anytime.

The WCGS is a proud member of the Texas State Genealogical Society and the Washington County Chamber of Commerce

Important!

Returning WCGS Records

We are currently in the process of locating WCGS materials that have been loaned out over the years. If you have any research materials, books, or other documents belonging to the WCGS, please make plans to return them as soon as possible. You may do this by contacting Vanessa Smith at jadetheblade105@yahoo.com or Geraldine Johnson at 979-203-3131. Thanks!

Upcoming Events

Feb 3, 2020 WCGS Meeting, 1:00pm, Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library in Brenham, TX

Feb. 7, 2020 Brazos Valley Regional History Fair at Washington State Park

If you are interested in volunteering to be a judge, contact Geraldine Johnson (gerri12542@gmail.com) or the Star of Texas Museum for forms

May 24-31, 2020 The Humble Area Genealogical Society (THAGS) Research Trip to Salt Lake City For more information, please visit <http://www.humblegen.org>

THAGS RESEARCH TRIP: SALT LAKE CITY MAY 24-31, 2020

\$25 registration fee per person

Group activities:

Monday May 25

5:30-6:30: Research class

7 pm: Dinner at The Garden Restaurant

Sunday May 31

8:30-10 a.m. *Music and the Spoken Word* by the Tabernacle Choir

Make your own reservations for hotel (The Plaza/THAGS discount)

For further instructions and more information, contact: Patsy McLaughlin @ 832-439-8045; email: patsy.mclaughlin@gmail.com