

Mini – MEMBERSHIP FORM

ANNUAL MEMBER \$12.00
MEMBER AND SPOUSE \$17.00
LIFE MEMBER \$100.00
LIFE MEMBER AND SPOUSE \$150.00
(January 1 through December 31)

FIRST NAME _____

LAST NAME _____

MAIDEN NAME _____

SPOUSE FIRST NAME _____

SPOUSE LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Do you wish your phone number published in
the membership directory?

YES or **NO** (Please circle one)

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

BIRTHDAY _____

Month

Day

SPOUSE BIRTHDAY _____

Month

Day

Make checks payable to:

**Chaparral Library, Inc.
P. O. Box606
Tomball, Texas 77377-0606**

LIBRARY COLLECTION

The library collection contains over 2100 books (some being private manuscripts), over 280 rolls of microfilm and many quarterly newsletters. The library has two computers with federal census, marriage and land records, Social Security Death Index, The Periodical Source Index, and the 1880 U.S. Census on CDs. The library is constantly adding additional materials to preserve our history.

SURNAME INDEX

The library maintains an Index of Surnames containing the surnames that its members are investigating. The list is used to identify members who are researching the same ancestral lines. The index is also useful for finding family members of ancestors who settled in the same area of the U. S. The sharing of information eliminates the duplication of efforts and speeds up one's progress.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all persons interested in family history and/or historical pursuits. Dues for annual memberships are given on the last page of this brochure.

Chaparral Library, Inc. is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)3 of the IRS Code. This qualifies for the maximum charitable contribution deduction for bequests, legacies, transfers or gifts of money or property to Chaparral.

Chaparral also accepts donations of family history/genealogical books and/or manuscripts.

CHAPARRAL LIBRARY, Inc.

**310 NORTH LIVE OAK
TOMBALL, TEXAS**



LIBRARY HOURS

**MONDAY,
TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY
AND SATURDAY
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Closed the fourth Saturday of
each month**

**Tel: (281) 516-7417
www.chaparralgensoc.org**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FREE OF CHARGE**

FAMILY HISTORY

Do you know when your family first landed in America?

Did your spouse's ancestors hail from a different country; perhaps even a different continent? Wouldn't you like to pass along some family heritage to your children?

The Chaparral Library invites you to learn how to answer the above questions by attending Chaparral meetings and using the resources in the Chaparral Library located in Historic Tomball, Texas.

What better way to spend your time than as a detective writing the history of your own family? Once you discover that first clue you'll be even more excited to continue searching and researching for more.

Chaparral's library will be just the beginning. You will probably visit other libraries in other areas of our country, or maybe libraries in other countries. You might visit cemeteries, courthouses, and churches as well. It is very possible you will correspond with or travel to meet long lost (newly found) relatives.

Just think of your excitement when you begin to piece together the puzzle: discovering your great great grandfather's occupation, the role one of your ancestors played in an important battle, or what political beliefs your forefathers were willing to die for.

As you turn from historian to detective, you will be compiling history much more fascinating than any history class you sat in at school. For it will be YOUR family's history!

THE LIBRARY'S HISTORY

The Chaparral Library began in 1972 when seven women decided that the Tomball area needed a genealogical society and library. Within a few months by-laws and a charter had been written; there were 47 charter members.

The library began in a home, was moved to the public library, and then into a small room at Tomball City Hall. By 1982 the Society had raised enough money to purchase a small plot of land on North Live Oak Street and received as a donation a small camp house which was moved to their property. Ten years after the first meeting, the dream of having a home for their library came true.

From 1974 to 1991, a quarterly records magazine, entitled "The Roadrunner", was published by the Society. All back copies of the magazine are available for review at the library.

Chaparral has published many books of records for the Tomball area. These books include: "The Klein Funeral Home Records to 1900+" and "Census and Marriage Records of Northwest Harris and Southwest Montgomery Counties".



In 2006 Chaparral Genealogical Society, Inc. legally changed their name to Chaparral Library, Inc. This change reflects more accurately the nature of our resources. We are a research facility open to everyone.

ABOUT THE LIBRARY

Members meet on the fourth Saturday of each month (except December). The meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. and are held in the upstairs meeting room of Amegy Bank. The Amegy Bank is located at 28201 State Hwy 249 & Medical Complex Drive in Tomball, Texas.

Meetings feature seminar speakers who share information such as how to get started, how to communicate with out of state libraries, and even how to begin researching your genetic family history.

GOALS OF THE CHAPARRAL LIBRARY

UNITE and provide support for family researchers.

PUBLISH reference books containing material from previously undocumented sources.

SPONSOR seminars on historical and genealogical topics.

PROVIDE a local depository for area historical records.