

CHAPARRAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SUMMER 2005



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Greetings,

I hope this letter finds everyone well and enjoying their summer, while avoiding this awful heat wave that has settled in on us. Makes one grateful for air-conditioning, doesn't it?

LIBRARY NEWS...

- At a time when many Genealogical Societies are losing members, our membership continues to grow. We welcome all new members to our Chaparral family.
- Work on our website continues, many thanks to Brad and Mary Williams for their dedication and hard work. www.chaparralgensoc.org
- Thanks to the hard work of Library Volunteers JoAnne Cook, Juanda Spell and Mary Wallace, we continue to receive ExxonMobil Grants each quarter. On behalf of the entire Society, I thank these wonderful ladies for their continued efforts to make our Library the best it can be.
- ExxonMobil is commended on their belief in financially supporting community based organizations.

- Word from Charles Hall, President of Spring Creek County Historical Association is that Washington Mutual has finally agreed to sign off on the survey. This means that we can finally begin taking steps to get City of Tomball Planning Commission approval to begin working on the new Library.
- We continue to bring in new and interesting speakers. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, plan to attend. Even long time genealogists can walk away with a new perspective on things after listening to one of our speakers.

PARDON OUR DUST.....

The next time you visit the Library; don't be surprised if it looks like it was hit by a tornado! What looks like an unorganized mess to some is actually our way of dealing with reorganizing thousands of books in a very small space! I continue to work on inputting our books into the computerized inventory program. As a result, each piece of research material is being hand-checked against the inventory and is receiving new spine labels. (The printing on the labels is larger and easier to read for those of us with not so great eyesight.)

If you are interested in helping us label or move books, please join us at one of our workdays. (You can call any member of the Board for dates and times.)

MEMORIAL DONATIONS...

As we have so many new members, the Board felt it was timely to remind/inform our Members as to our policy on Memorial Donations.

- We have a matching fund policy, meaning that if a \$25.00 memorial donation is received, the Society will match it, bringing the total to \$50.00.¹ Research materials will be purchased in the areas that the Member was interested in, unless otherwise specified by the family.
- If no memorials are received and the deceased was an Officer, Charter or Lifetime Member, the Society will purchase \$50.00 in research materials.
- If no memorials are received and the deceased was a member in good standing, the Society will purchase \$25.00 in research materials.

¹ The limit on matching funds is \$1,500.00, finances permitting.

NEW TO THE LIBRARY...

Due to the death of Chaparral Member, Bill Hall (my Dad), my Mom, Sylvia O'Dell Hall, also a Chaparral Member has donated his books to our Library. Dad was an avid Civil War researcher and as such, had a fantastic collection of books on the subject, as well as a variety of other genealogical based books. In addition, with memorial donations, we have been able to order multiple books on Arkansas, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

I have tracked down and purchased three books on the Melungeons, an area of research that many of you have expressed an interest in.

I am always on the lookout for interesting and informative books to add to our collection. If you have a particular interest or want, please let me know, after all, the Library belongs to all of us, and the Board is committed to ensuring continued growth to that end.

WISH LIST...

Heritage Creations is now offering a 40 volume set of books called the *Map Guide to German Parish Registers*. This set of books includes Province/Duchy Resources for all of the regions of Germany/Prussia, maps of parish boundaries for the main Lutheran Churches, maps of parish boundaries for the Catholic Churches, records availability for minority religions, a complete index to all of the towns shown on the individual maps. Each volume contains a master index to the parishes, the family history library microfilm numbers, a listing of towns in that district and a parish key. As we have a tremendous amount of interest in German research, this set of books would be a wonderful addition to our Library.

The pricing for the set in softbound covers is \$1,069.30, plus shipping. The pricing for the set in hardbound is \$1,990.00, plus shipping. While the softbound set is cheaper, the hardbound books would be better suited to a library environment.

If anyone is interested in donating towards this wonderful set of books, please let me know.

MEMBER NEWS...

It is with great sadness that we must announce the death of Past President, Charter and Life Member, Billie Brautigam Hardee. Please remember Billie and her family in your prayers. Sympathy cards may be sent to her son, Chris Hardee, 19927 Indigo Lake Drive, Magnolia, Texas, 77355.

Ruth McNair has broken her leg and is recuperating at The Heritage in Tomball. Flossie Bueckner continues to fight ill health. I am sure that cards and visits would be welcomed and appreciated.

Please have a safe and fun summer, filled with the love of family and friends. Happy hunting!

Teri Hall Little

PROGRAMS:

Our meetings are held in Tomball Texas at the Amegy Bank meeting room, 28201 Tomball Parkway (SH 249) at Medical Complex Dr. on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:30 A. M. The meeting is open to the public.

July 23: Mrs. Teri Little – Cemeteries

August 27: Mrs. Nanda Kirkpatrick – Genetic Genealogy-DNA

September 24: Mr. Charlie Gardes – Beginning German Genealogy

CHAPARRAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP FORM

ANNUAL DUES: January-December
Single: \$12, Couple: \$17

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