

## Our Vision

Following on the fun and success of the 2003 and 2004 Fairs, Genealogical Societies, Historical and Patriotic Organizations, Museums, Research Facilities, Genealogical and History Vendors, and others are offering an educational opportunity to share available information with the amateur to expert genealogist or family history researcher.

On Saturday, February 23rd, 2008 the Alexander Hodge #49 chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will host a free Genealogy Fair for the public at the Sugar Land Community Center. This will be an opportunity for anyone interested in researching your family history/family tree to learn a little bit more on how to go about it. Speakers will also be discussing research tips and entertaining you with historical stories.

Historical and genealogical organizations will be on hand to answer questions about their societies and can share insight into researching that special historical period which interest you. The Clayton Library will be represented which is well known for it's wealth of genealogy information and family collections that are available to the public.

A few of the organizations which you will see include: CAR, Cherokee Indian Soc., CofC, DAR, DCV, DRT, FB Museum, George Ranch, Houston Gen Forum, Jamestown Soc., Museum of Southern History, San Jacinto Desc., SAR, SCV, SRC, UDC.

Local authors Emily Croom and Jeffrey Murrah will be on hand with signed copies of their books.

Please plan to join us on February 23<sup>rd</sup> for a day of genealogy education and lots of fun. And thanks to our generous sponsors and volunteers. Public admission price is right for everyone...FREE.

## Fair Events

- 10:00 am Fair Opens
- 11:00 am Uncovering Your Family Tree  
for beginner-intermediate researchers  
*Harriet Rasmussen*
- 12:30 pm **Children's Program**  
How Do I Start My Family Tree?  
*Jennifer Salge & Shelby Salge*
- Understanding your family tree
  - Who to ask for help
  - Documenting family info.
- 2:00 pm From the Alamo to San Jacinto –  
What it really means to be a Texan.  
*Eron Tynes*
- 4:00 pm Fair Closes

Programs will last approximately 45 minutes.

Chick-Fil-A-Greatwood & Rosenberg has partnered with us to sell food and drinks, so come hungry.

A raffle will be held for products and services provided by our sponsors. Proceeds help support various community initiatives undertaken by the Alexander Hodge #49 chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution including but not limited to Students, Teachers, Veterans, Scouting, Police, Fire, and Emergency Teams.



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## Speakers' Biographies

**Harriet Rasmussen** previously served as the director of the Family History Center, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for over 10 years. She was born and raised in Utah, graduated from Utah State University, and is a descendant of the early pioneers to the Salt Lake Valley so she has had a life-long interest in her heritage. As a "Daughter of the Utah Pioneers", she proudly identifies each of her four grandparents as having parents who arrived in the Salt Lake valley prior to the coming of the railroad in 1869. One of those great grandparents, Franklin Dewey Richards, organized and was the first president of the Utah Genealogical Society in 1894 which today is the world famous Family History Library. Harriett has an extensive collection of her English and Danish family history and is a great advocate in encouraging others to turn their hearts to their fathers. Harriett's application has been approved by the DAR and she has joined the Fort Bend chpt.

**Jennifer & Shelby Salge** are a mother and daughter team that are active in several historical organizations. Jennifer is a UDC member and active in the PTO. Shelby, age 9, is a Girl Scout and member of the CAR, CRT, and CofC children's historical organizations and most recently has served in the role of both local and state newsletter editor. Shelby's favorite hobbies include riding horses, volleyball, tennis, and reading.

### **Eron Tynes**

**From the Alamo to San Jacinto – What it really means to be a Texan.** It is February 23, 1836 - what are the people of Texas thinking and feeling as they go about their daily lives. Most are probably aware that Santa Anna is in Texas, the siege of the Alamo has begun and men are gathering to meet at Washington-on-the-Brazos. Come hear Eron Brimberry Tynes present a stirring account of our pioneer ancestors and the sacrifices they made for Texas during the struggle for Independence. The deeds and memories of the Texas Veterans and the legacy they left to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, by them to be held in trust forever.

Eron Brimberry Tynes is a fifth generation Texan and a fourth generation Houstonian. She is currently President of the San Jacinto Chapter and Chair of the San Jacinto Battlefield Committee, Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

## Children

All of the organizations at the Fair encourage children to learn about their family history and to start documenting it now. Students are studying about genealogy in school, Scout organizations provide badges for it, historical organizations offer contests to promote it.

The Genealogy Fair is a great place to bring your children to expose them to history and for you to teach them about their heritage. They will see what resources are available to them in the community to research and better understand the past. Children that have a basic understanding of their own family heritage have a greater grasp of events that are studied in history classes because it becomes personal to them when compared to students that do not feel that personal bond to events through-out history.

Bring your children out to attend the mid-day session that teaches children how to complete their own basic family tree. Then stop and visit with children's historical organizations at the Fair. And don't overlook the opportunities within the adult organizations. Many adult organizations offer history related contests with a variety of awards. When you visit each booth, ask what opportunities they provide children via contests or other initiatives.

When you get back home you can sit with your child and explain who the people are on their newly created family tree and what their lives were like. When your child is ready, you can explore the next generation of your ancestors and maybe together you will both make some fascinating discoveries.

## Sponsors & Partners



## Genealogy & Family History Fair

*Saturday*

*February 23, 2008*

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sugar Land Community Center

226 Matlage Way

Sugar Land, Texas 77478

(Near the Imperial Sugar Mill Admin building &  
across from the Sugar Land post office.)

Hosted by the  
Alexander Hodge Chapter #49  
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