

- **Aaron Holt:** I am a Native Born Texan born in Fort Worth and raised in a small town outside of Fort Worth. I have lived in the Dallas/Fort Worth area almost my entire life. I have worked for the National Archives for about 20 years; the last 10 of which have been in the Archives section. One of my favorite pastimes is reading. I enjoy reading the Bible, history books and science fiction. I really enjoy the subgenera of 'Alternate History.' Remember what you learned in history class? Now, what if.....? I especially like some of the alternate history written by Harry Turtledove.



- **Barbara Wyle:** Barbara Brixey Wylie's speaking experience includes about 200 genealogical and historical organizations as varied as national, state and regional conferences, local societies and libraries. Her articles have been published on the Family Tree Maker website and in the Association of Professional Genealogists' Quarterly, Stirpes, Journal of the Missouri State Genealogical Society, Heritage Quest, Genealogical Helper and Firefly's Teacher's Companion. Barb served on the Association of Professional Genealogists Board of Directors (2008 – 2010), as Secretary of the Lone Star Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (2009 – 2010), and as the Texas State Genealogical Society's District 11 Representative (2010-2011). She has also served the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society as Program Chair, President and Lock-In Chair. She especially enjoys learning and sharing the stories that paint the picture of each ancestor's life. Barbara has presented genealogical programs and workshops in 26 states since 1993. She has served the Association of Professional Genealogists as a Board member, as an officer in its Lone Star Chapter and the Texas State Genealogical Society as a District Representative.



- **Becky Savoie:** was born in the swamps of southeast Texas: right on the Gulf Coast and the Texas/Louisiana border. She is the sixth daughter of nine children. Growing up, the family didn't eat at the dining room table much: it was usually covered with genealogy papers. When her parent's evacuated for Hurricane Rita, they took both their vehicles. One contained their personal belongings. The other, a small truck, was filled to capacity with boxes of genealogy. That little truck sat in the Savoie's garage for about two weeks until it could be driven home. Becky worked full-time at the Family History Center in Arlington for four years, and now substitutes there occasionally. She has worked many years on her own and her husband's genealogy; concentrating on New York and Nova Scotia.



- **Carl Oehmann:** Professional Genealogist – Sole proprietor Apex Genealogical Services in Prosper, TX  
Treasurer Lone Star Chapter Association of Professional Genealogists  
Membership Chairman – Wake County (NC) Genealogy Society  
Treasurer – McKinney Chapter SAR  
BS Electrical Engineering from NC State Univ.  
Retired Engineer with Raytheon - 29 years



Air Force Veteran

20 years experience doing genealogy and 4 years experience doing DNA analysis

Class Title: Understanding DNA

Class Description: An introduction to DNA and how it supports genealogical research

- **Davideen Dempske:** a long-time genealogist, Davideen has given presentations on German Research at local genealogy seminars including the Great Family Search Conference in Plano, Texas, and the Arlington Family History Fair, in Arlington, Texas. She is on the staff of both the Lewisville and Carrollton Family History Centers. She is a seasoned teacher. She holds a M.A. in Industrial Relations and a J.D. in law.



- **Ila Fichtner Johnson:** was born in Seattle, Washington, and raised in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. She was married for 25 years, had three sons, and moved 32 times, living in most of the states within the United States. She has been in Texas for the last 20 years. As she grew up, she used to play on the floor and listen to the stories her grandparents told. She went with her mother to different court houses and the National Archives looking for information. When she retired she started working on her father's ancestors. They were Germans from Russia. Little did she know what she was going to find. She now has a very large database for them. She started teaching Beginning Genealogy in the senior program at TCC four years ago. Today she teaches Beginning Genealogy using Legacy, Advance Genealogy using Legacy, On Line Genealogy, and a Special Interest Group for Genealogy and is the leader of the local chapter of the Tarrant County Legacy User Group. In her spare time she likes to do quilting and scrapbooking.

- **John Wylie:** a professional genealogist since 1990, serves the Texas State Genealogical Society as VP and the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society as library liaison and past-president. A founder of GenTech, he served on the team that developed the GenTech Genealogical Data Model. In the last 20 years John has authored more than 25 articles in publications like Stripes, Digital Genealogist, National Genealogical Society Quarterly and Genealogical Computing. He has lectured at over a dozen national conferences and at more than a hundred seminars in 29 states. He co-authored the NGS special publication Indexing Family Histories and was the 2004 recipient of the DGS Lloyd Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award.

- **Kirk Hathaway:** was born in Idaho and has served in many positions in the LDS Church; he has served as a Stake President, Bishop, and Gospel Doctrine Instructor. He worked as a pilot for American Airlines for 23 years. He is a graduate of Utah State University.



- **Liberty Miner:**

- **Lynell Moss:** is a sixth generation Dallasite who has been involved with family history research for more than 40 years. She has been teaching family history for more than 20 years. Lynell was director of the Plano Family History Center for 12 years, has been training the consultant who serve there for 15 years, and has been serving there herself for 21 years. She has beta tested many products for FamilySearch during the past 15 years. She is also director of the Great Family Search Genealogy Conference, which has been held in October in Plano, Texas, for the past nine years.



- **Meg Hacker:** was born in Florida and raised in West Texas. She has been with the National Archives in Fort Worth since 1985. Meg received her B.A. in American History from Austin College and her M.A. in American History from Texas Christian University. Texas Western Press published her thesis, *Cynthia Ann Parker: The Life and The Legend*. She has presented to numerous historical and genealogical societies, archives and library associations, teacher in-services, and classrooms on a wide assortment of topics including: Chinese exclusion, repatriation oaths, genealogy, immigration records, Native American records, 19<sup>th</sup> century Fort Smith criminal cases, maritime records, and basic strategies for researching at the National Archives.



- **Patti Gillespie:** As first a busy stay-at-home wife and mother of six children for twenty years and then an English and French teacher for 20 years, Patti Gillespie now enjoys building a 3rd career of genealogical instruction and research. Patti served as the Denton Stake's first Indexing Director for 7 years; at that time she began speaking on genealogical topics to local societies and genealogy seminars, and liked it so much that she kept right on. She is currently finishing up her second year as President of the Wise County Genealogical Society, of which she is a founding member and organizer, a committee chairman for the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), a family history consultant for the Decatur Ward, a temple worker, plus she is active in her local Wise County Historical Association activities. Patti also has started Family Lines, her own research and life story business, and can be found on Linked In.

- **Sharlene Barton:** Has a B.A. degree from the University of Utah, and a M.A. degree in counseling from Texas A & M – Commerce. She works as a school counselor and also has a private counseling practice in Plano. She currently serves as the Director of the Plano Family History Center and loves doing genealogy. Her main emphasis is English research. She is the mother of three children and grandmother of nine.

- **Tom Black:**

