BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES
OF OUR PRESENTERS - 2026

Christina Argersinger:

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Christina Argersinger was born and raised on Long Island, NY Christina started her genealogy journey at an early age of 16. Years later after moving to the great state of Texas, 14 years ago she pursued it as a career path. With a longtime interest in discovering roots, Christina Argersinger has actively pursued education and experiences that will broaden her knowledge of genealogy. She is an active member, and board member, of the Arlington (Texas) Genealogical Society, fulfilling diverse roles such as publicity chair and media specialist. Further, she maintains memberships in the Texas State Genealogical Society and American Ancestors.
As a professional genealogist, Christina has spoken to various genealogical societies throughout the DFW Metroplex, as well as given workshops in various areas of genealogical research. With a specialty in document preservation, Italian records, New York State records and Danish records. Christina takes pride in helping genealogy enthusiast begin their search for their family history, fostering a love of the process as well as the family stories that are discovered.
Christina completed studies through the Boston University Genealogy Studies Program, earning certificates in Genealogical Principles and Genealogical Practicum.

Maggie Braun:

Maggie Braun, a Texas native, grew up in Orlando Florida. She literally “fell” in love with genealogy research at the age of eight when she stumbled over a four-foot obelisk grave marker that had tumbled down and was buried at the bottom of a knoll. With that fateful fall, she discovered a family cemetery that had disappeared from living memory. Eventually, twenty individuals were found, and Little Maggie made the local paper!

Maggie graduated from Valdosta State University (Valdosta, Ga) with a BA in General Studies with an emphasis in History and Humanities. She went on to earn her Master of Art in Secondary

Social Studies. She taught Texas History, American History, World History, and Art for many years and now works for the State of Texas.

Christopher D. Bryant:

Christopher D. Bryan has dedicated the past 20+ years to his work as a professional genealogist, writer, editor, family heirloom preservationist, historian, lecturer, oral historian, reunion planner, cemetery researcher, and transcriber, and he continues to remain active in each of these roles.
He is the founder and lead genealogist of C.D. Bryant Genealogy as well as a member and secretary for the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS).
He specializes in African American, Native American, and Hispanic history and culture while also analyzing DNA to assist in uncovering family mysteries. Along with these specialties, Christopher is an active volunteer for Find A Grave and a transcriber of new records that are recently digitized.
Christopher frequently presents at genealogy events where he shares his techniques for addressing complex genealogical challenges and stresses the importance of accurate and complete historical documentation.

Mark Dellenbaugh:

Mark Dellenbaugh joined the Arlington Public Library 17 years ago in 2009, after ten years in high-tech (Dell, Lucent, IBM). Since 2016 Mark has been the Genealogy & Local History Librarian preserving, curating, and communicating Arlington's heritage through digitization and oral history projects, one of which he discussed as a panelist at the Texas Library Association conference in 2022. Mark also served as an officer with the Arlington Genealogical Society for many years and was named their 2021 Volunteer of the Year. He launched APL’s Retro Tech Lab

in 2022—funded largely by AGS—which helps people rescue precious family memories locked away on inaccessible media.

Mark holds a Master of Library & Information Science and an M.A. in History, both from the University of Texas at Austin.

Bob Fleitz:

Bob Fleitz was born and raised in NW Ohio but got to Texas just as soon as he could. He retired from the US Army in 1994, then worked as a defense contractor in the Pentagon for the next 19 years, first helping to define the Army's early requirements for Patriot, National Missile Defense, directed energy (laser) weapons and satellite ground stations, then assisting in officer professional development until retiring again in 2013. His worst job was as a 3-star general's speechwriter for 18 months. He and Janie moved from Woodbridge, Virginia to Arlington to be close to family but not too close. He has been a member of AGS since 2013.

Suzanne Fritz:

Suzanne Fritz is a Librarian with the Fort Worth History Center. She relocated to Fort Worth, Texas from Naples, Florida where she worked as a Public Service Librarian and Genealogy Specialist. Suzanne received her B.A. from Mount Holyoke College and her M.S., L.I.S., from Simmons College, Boston. Suzanne is interested in a variety of topics including: Italian-American immigration, German-American genealogy, and Native-American records. She’s

realized that one of the benefits of moving to Texas has been discovering how much there is to enjoy in regard to Texas genealogy and history.

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Bernard Meisner is a genealogist and lecturer based in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. He began researching his family over 35 years ago and enjoys sharing lessons learned from that experience, including his mistakes. Although he knew only one grandparent (his maternal grandfather) he has successfully identified all of his great-great grandparents, almost half of his triple- and quadruple-great grandparents, and his Meisner 8th great grandparents.

He is a past president of the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society, a co-leader of the Dallas Genealogical Society's German SIG, and is a member of the Germanic, Texas State and the National Genealogical Societies. He has written several articles for the Texas State Genealogical Society's quarterly magazine, Stirpes.

Bernard earned a B.S. in physics/German from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in meteorology from the University of Hawaii. He has completed coursework of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies, the Texas Institute of Genealogical Research, the Family History AI Show Academy, and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh.

Lynell Moss

Lynell Bennett Moss was Family History Center (now FamilySearch Center) Coordinator for 12 years and has been training the Center staff for 30 years. She continues to study research techniques and topics. She is a member of the National Genealogical Society, Texas State Genealogical Society and Dallas Genealogical

Society.is a 6th generation Texan who has been exploring her family history for over 50 years. She has served in the Plano FamilySearch Center for 33 years, 12 as Director, FSC Consultant Trainer for 25 years, and Director of the Great Family Search Conference for 19 years. She is a member of National Genealogical Society, Texas State Genealogical Society and Dallas Genealogical Society.

Becky Savoie:

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 Savoies' 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.

Brenda Watlington:

Brenda Posey Watlington was born in Fort Worth, TX and grew up in Arlington. She graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1983 with a BS in Math/Computer Science. She went on to receive an MS in Computer Science from the University of Texas at Dallas. While working more than 30 years as a Computer Software Engineer, she has pursued genealogy as her hobby and passion. Her computer background has been a great advantage as the technology of genealogy has advanced in the last decade. She now resides in Plano, TX and is the Asst. Director of the Plano FamilySearch Center; also working there as a Consultant. She has been a speaker at the Great Family Search Conference sponsored by Richardson and Plano FamilySearch Centers from 2013 to 2022.

Lisa Van Gemert:

Lisa Van Gemert shares best practices in education with audiences around the world. She is an expert consult to television shows including Lifetime's "Child Genius," a writer of award-winning lesson plans, numerous articles on social psychology and pedagogy, and three books, including the award-winning *Perfectionism: A Practical Guide to Managing Never Good Enough*. A former teacher, school administrator, and Youth & Education Ambassador for Mensa, she shares resources for educators and parents on her website giftedguru.com. An avid family historian, she serves as a volunteer genealogist for the Daughters of the American Revolution and as her ward's Lead Family History Consultant.