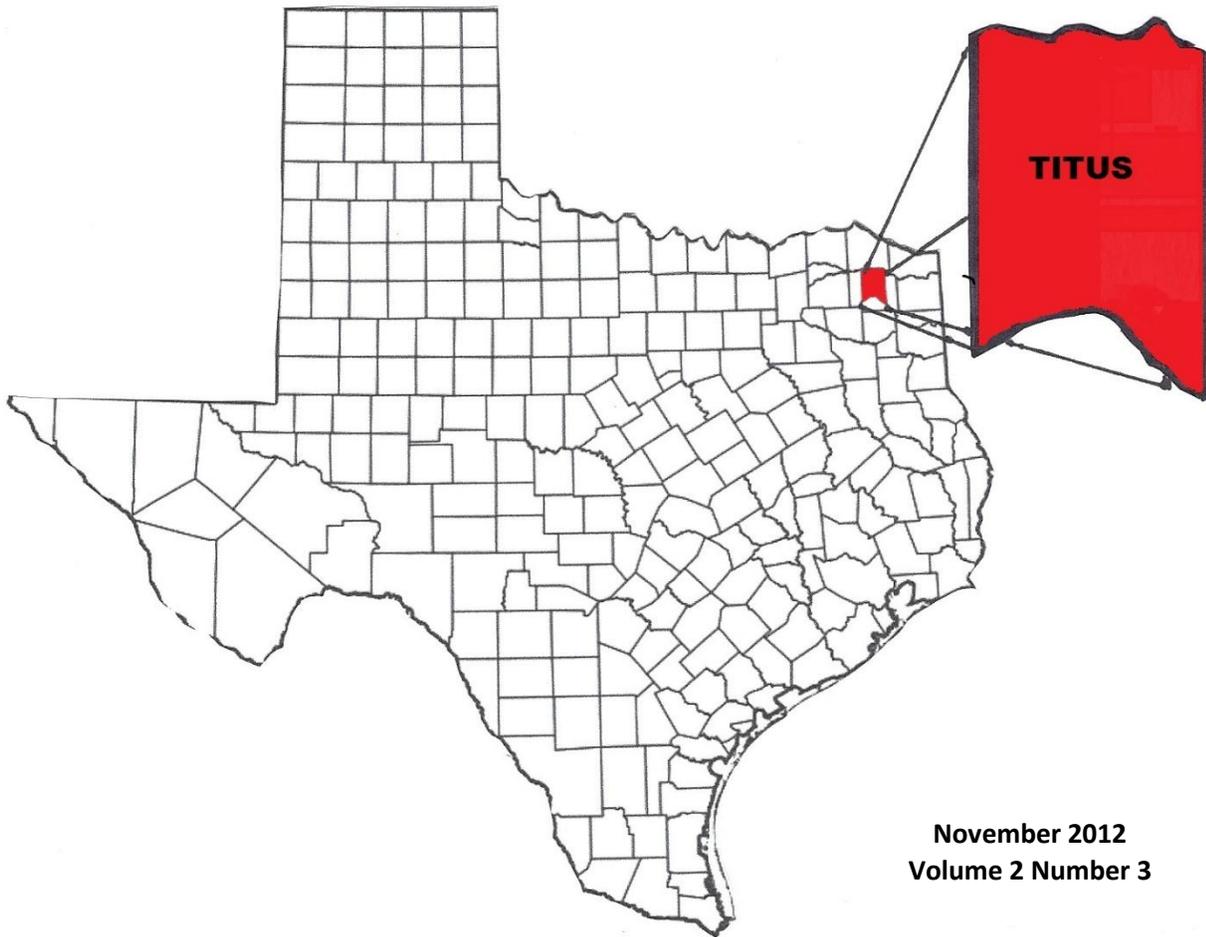


Titus County Generations

*Where the past connects with the present and
influences the future*



November 2012
Volume 2 Number 3

Titus County Genealogical Society

P. O. Box 403
Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455
www.titusgen.org

Titus County-Genealogical Society Officers:

President-Michael Thompson

Vice-President -Eva Lang

Secretary- Earnestine Hess

Treasurer- Kathryn Evers

Researcher- O. C. Hill

Editor- Jean Martin

A Word from Our President

Jean Martin, our newsletter editor, has done a good job of summarizing our recent and future activities, beginning on the bottom of this page. I will not try to expound upon it.

We had election of officers in our November meeting, and retained all our past officers except for the Vice-President. We hated to lose the services of John Martin, but he has taken employment that makes it impossible for him to attend our meetings. Eva Lang has been a member of our Society for a long time and has a keen interest in all things genealogical.

We are excited that the library has hired a new Director and we look forward to continuing the great relationship that we enjoy with Mt. Pleasant Public Library.

We are enjoying the new space they are providing for our monthly meetings.

New members and guests are always welcome at our meetings. We hope you will come and be an active part.

Michael

Current News

The new year for the Titus County Genealogical Society has started off with a bang. We shared a booth with the Titus County Historical Commission and the Titus County Historical Preservation Society during the annual Titus County Fair, the last week of September. We are also continuing with our volunteer project for the Mt. Pleasant Public Library. At our October meeting we also discussed the possibility of holding another class about how to research family histories and continuing with mapping the population of Titus County according to the 1940 census.

The booth we co-hosted with the two historical societies was extremely successful. We had exhibits showing the history of Titus County and conducted computer searches for interested parties finding information about relatives who were listed on the 1940 census. Using *familysearch.org*, we entered the name of a relative who was alive during 1940, lived somewhere in the United States, and located them on a census page. We then printed a copy of that page, which listed where the relative lived, whether he/she owned or rented a home—including the value of the home or the amount of rent paid, other people living in the same household and their ages, education, and occupation.

Last year we completed the organization of a book titled The Schools of Titus County written by Lynch Harper. Mrs. Janette McCoy, Children's Librarian and Genealogy Librarian, then had the book bound as a hard cover book. We also reorganized a 3 volume set of An Index to the Cemeteries of Titus County which Mrs. McCoy had bound in hard cover. This year we are in the process of organizing the Obituaries of Titus County. Over the years, members of the genealogical society have collected Titus County obituaries, as they appeared in the newspaper, and placed them in notebooks. These obituaries are very fragile as they are printed on the original newsprint. We are in the process of copying them so that Mrs. McCoy can have them hard bound and placed in the library.

On another note, David Whittington of our society presented a 6 volume set of "Confederate Veterans Magazine, 1893-1898" to the library. This was a gift from Leland and Nancy Carter of Fruitvale, Texas. This is a valuable resource for those of us who are researching ancestors who were Confederate veterans.

The class we co-sponsored with the Mt. Pleasant Public Library concerning the research of family histories was so successful that we are in the planning stages of sponsoring another one next spring. Not only will we show participants how to research, we also want to include a session

entitled, "I Have My Information, Now What Do I Do With It?" Another ongoing project we are engaging in is the mapping of households in Titus County in 1940. We will be asking for help from some of the "old timers" who lived in Titus County in 1940.

I want to share some information about mine and John's families I found when I looked them up on the 1940 census. John's dad still lived at home and his brother and his wife also lived with John's grandparents. His mother's family, the Bentons of Franklin County, owned their own home, lived on the Scroggins Road, and all three of their children still lived in the home. I was surprised to find that my parents had yet to buy the home that I grew up in. But, as I read this information, I remembered my mother telling me about what she was doing when she heard about Pearl Harbor later in 1941, and she mentioned where they were living at the time. My Granddaddy Turner had moved back to his farm in the Emblem community of Hopkins County after living in Sulphur Springs for a while after my grandmother Turner died. I also discovered that one of my daddy's sisters and her family lived with my granddaddy. My mother's parents, the Flewhartys of Sulphur Springs, lived in the same house they had built and raised their 7 children in. I looked up many of my aunts and uncles to find information about them. Although I found some of my relatives, I didn't find them all, because for some reason they were missed by the census takers. This is a common problem found in the 1940 census and any other census over the years.

We will be publishing information about the genealogy class at a later date. You are invited to attend our meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Mt. Pleasant Public Library.

--Jean Martin