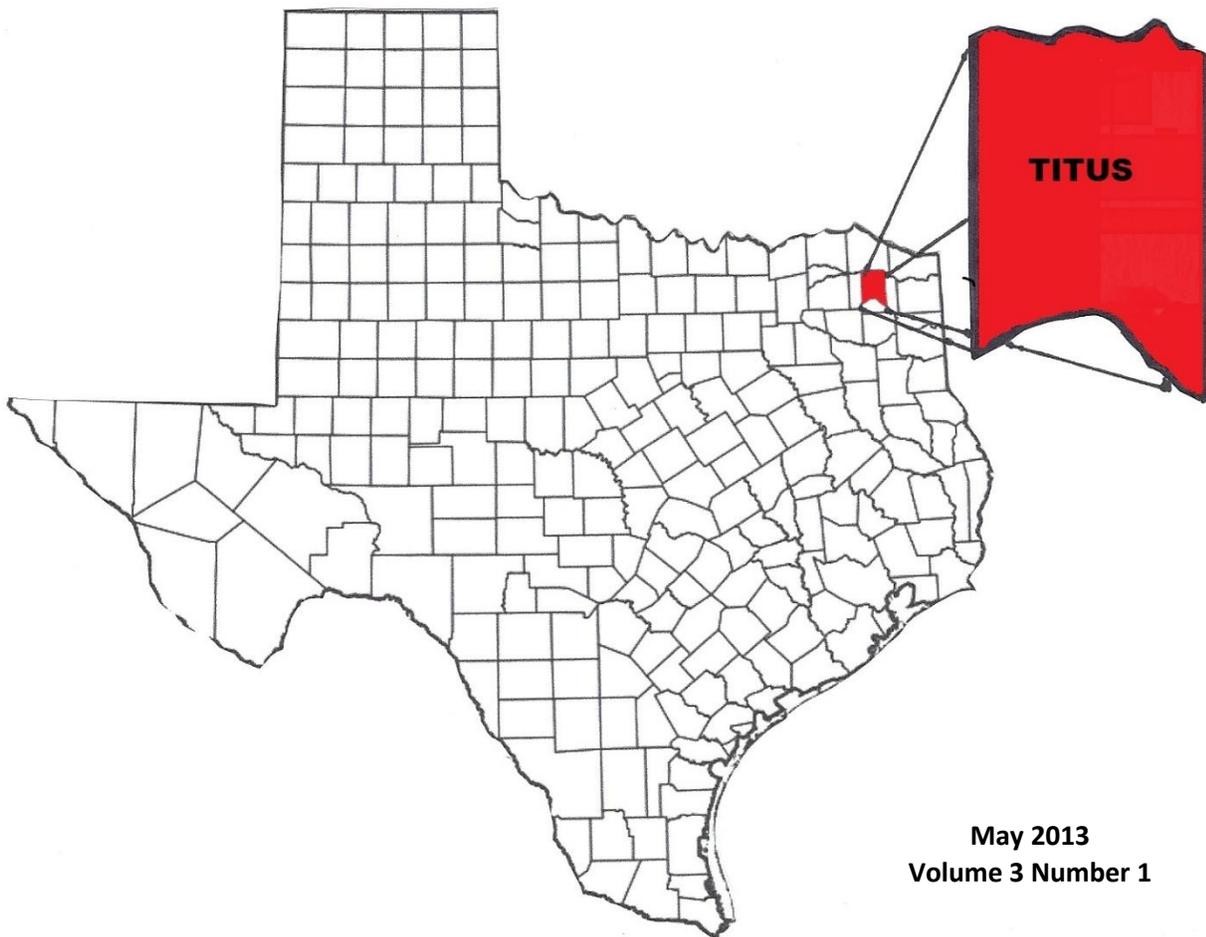


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A Word from Our President

It has been with great difficulty that this edition of the newsletter has made it to publication. Technical difficulties abounded, but mostly the delay was caused by the president not the editor of the newsletter.

We had a good end of the year, primarily working on the obituary books and the 1940 Census Maps projects. Jean Martin has done a tremendous job getting the obituary records, prepared by the Hills, ready to be bound. We worked on the map project, focusing on enumeration district 225-15. The obstacles to be overcome were obvious and there is much work still to be done.

The Society will not be meeting during the summer months of June, July and August. However, as we commence our meetings in September we will be looking forward to kicking off a new year with the sincere hope for an increase in our active membership. One meeting, probably in October is planned for the Old Union School, where we have many archives stored. Make your plans now to join us for our September meeting which will be at the community room at the Mount Pleasant Public Library. We meet every 2nd Thursday at 2PM.

Many people have asked me the question, “Why did you start researching your family history?” My search started when one of my daughters asked me where my mother’s maiden name, Flewharty, came from. I didn’t know, but I did know that the only people I knew named Flewharty were related to me. I mentioned this to my sister and she told me that a cousin of ours had sent her research he had done on our Flewharty family. After reading the information on Flewharty family history, I was bitten by the “**BUG**”—the genealogy bug.

The next thing I knew I had joined ancestry.com and was researching my maiden name, Turner. Then John, my husband, wanted to know about his ancestors. One of his cousins, Burton Harris, had done extensive research on the Martin family so I had a good start there. We also joined the Titus County Genealogical Society, whose members gave me valuable information on researching family history. Many of them had done their research the “hard way.” They traveled to areas where ancestors had lived and searched records in local courthouses and libraries. I was lucky in that many of these records have now been placed on data bases and can be seen in the comfort of my own home using my computer.

People have asked me where to find information on their ancestors. Of course, you can still visit courthouses and libraries to get copies of records if the officials of a particular county are willing to work with you. The easy way, of course, is using one of the many sites available over the internet.

I found a site, genealogy-websites.no1reviews.com, called “A-Z of Genealogy Sites.” It lists 53 sites that can be used for ancestral research. I have copied this list with comments on some of the ones with which I am familiar. You can find more information by visiting each title’s web site. I hope some of this information will be valuable to you. It has been to me.

A-Z of Genealogy Sites

1901 Census Online (from the United Kingdom)

Access Genealogy (free; specialist site for Native-American records)

Achievements.co.uk (United Kingdom)

Ancestor Hunt (free)

Ancestral Research (from the United Kingdom)
Ancestral Findings (They research 1 person per day, You fill out online form and they email you the answer the next day.)
Ancestry.co.uk (from United Kingdom)
Ancestry.com.au (from Australia)
Ancestry (expensive, but considered the best online research site. This is the one that I use. I have gotten great results, so it has been well worth the money.)
Archives.com (free 7-day trial membership then not too expensive)
BMD Index (from United Kingdom)
British Origins (from United Kingdom)
Distant Cousin (free)
DNA Ancestry Project (trace ancestral origins using DNA technology)
Dynastree
Family Ancestry (United Kingdom)
Family History (free)
Family Search (free)
Family Tree DNA (another way to trace ancestral origins using DNA)
Family Tree Searcher (free)
Find a Grave (free; sounds morbid, but can be very informative; I have used it extensively)
Find My Past (from United Kingdom)
Footnote (not too expensive)
Free Surname Search
Genealogy (expensive; sister site of ancestry.com)
Genealogy.org (free)
Genealogy Buff (free; focuses on United States and Canada)
Genealogy Today (free; covers the United Kingdom, Canada, and the USA)
Genebase (traces ancestral origins using DNA technology)
Genes Reunited (from United Kingdom)
Geni (free; combines a family tree site with a social-networking site)
Genuki (from United Kingdom and Ireland)
Heritage Quest Online (must be used in a public library—Mt. Pleasant Library is a member)
Irish Origins
Jewish Gen
Kin Cafe (free; another social networking site)
Living Memory (free; another social networking site)
My Family (free; social networking site part of ancestry.com)
My Great Big Family
My Heritage
My Trees
One Great Family
Origins (British, Irish, Scot)
Origins Network (British, Irish, Scot)
Pro Genealogists (full service genealogical research company)

Roots UK (United Kingdom)

Roots Web (free; goes through WorldConnect program)

Scots Origins

Search Your Genealogy (not too expensive; records begin in 1802)

The Genealogist (United Kingdom and Ireland)

Tribal Pages (not expensive)

US Gen Web (free; breaks down into states then counties; some are good, some aren't; contributors are all volunteers)

World Vital Records

Another site that I have used, but it was not listed is "Fold 3." It does cost, but I have gotten some good information from it. I have let my subscription lapse because I had trouble navigating it.

Jean Martin