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Meeting: Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Hybrid meeting: Zoom and in person at Cozby Library – 177 N. Hartz Dr. Coppell

Presentation:

Techniques and Strategies for More Effective Online Searching.

As more and more genealogical material becomes available through the Internet it has become essential to formulate efficient searches to find the relevant information about your ancestors. One must not only know where to look for the information, but how to find it. This presentation will cover how to determine what information is available, where it is located, and how to use search tools such as filters, wildcards, relationships, complementary data sources, and tailored search engines to improve the likelihood of finding it.

Bio:

Bernard is a genealogist and lecturer based in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. He began researching his family 30 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, several triple- and quadruple-great grandparents, and his Meisner 8th great grandparents.

He is a past president and social media chair of the *Mid-Cities Genealogical Society*, a co-leader of the *Dallas Genealogical Society's* German SIG, and is a member of the *Texas State* and the *National Genealogical Societies*.

Bernard retired from the National Weather Service Southern Region Headquarters where he was the Chief of the Science & Training Branch. He is certified as a consulting meteorologist by the American Meteorological Society. He has taught at the Universities of Texas, Oklahoma and St. Thomas (Houston).

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 DNA Fundamentals for Genealogy* course at the Texas Institute of Genealogical Research, and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh each of the last six years, completing courses in Irish, German, and Pennsylvania Research, Digital Research Skills, and Practical Genetic Genealogy.