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Land and Probate*

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Land records, taxes, wills, and probate are staples in genealogical research. Join Kelvin Meyers and the Dallas Genealogical Society for a day of learning how vital these records are for researching our ancestors. Kelvin will use examples and case studies highlighting Texas records.

Welcome! • 9:55 - 10:00 am (Central Daylight Time)

Session 1 • 10:00 - 11:00 am ~ Plowing Through the Land Records to Find Your Ancestors Because Americans were so “land-minded,” over 3/4 of all males who lived to maturity, well into the 19th century, owned land. Because this is true, land records exist from the beginning of the first permanent settlements in America—frequently one of the few identifying records from this early period. A quality unique to land records is the the older they are, the more genealogical data to obtain from that record. This lecture will focus on using these records, combined with other records, to identify ancestors.

Q&A • 11:00 - 11:15 am ★ Break • 11:15 - 11:30 am

Session 2 • 11:30 - 12:30 pm ~ Tracking the Land Tax Records For most genealogists, a tax list is merely a substitute for a missing census, but there are many other uses for a tax list. When faced with a burned county or other missing records, learn how to use the Texas tax records to track his land holdings, estimate when he came to the county, and when he left or died. Texas tax records are easily accessed and readily available for research.

Q&A • 12:30 - 12:45 pm ★ Lunch • 12:45 - 1:45 pm

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Session 3 • 1:45- 2:45 pm ~ Probate: More Than a Will Most persons in America, who lived to adulthood, left some type of an estate to be administered. Some left wills, some did not; either way, if there was land or large amounts of personal property, this estate had to be disposed of. The probate records can be some of the most fruitful for the genealogist. Wills, distributions, administrations, and inventories are all vital parts of the probate process and are full of genealogical information; these are things that we will discuss in this lecture.

Q&A • 2:45 - 3:00 pm ★ Break • 3:00 - 3:15 pm

Session 4 • 3:15 - 4:15 pm ~ Texas Records & Repositories The number of online resources of records grows every day. *Ancestry.com* and *FamilySearch.org* are two of the largest collections of digitized records. However, city and county archives throughout Texas are digitizing records and compiling indexes as well. Our state archives continue to make records available to us online. Learn about those here.

Q&A • 4:15 - 4:30 pm ★ Closing • 4:30pm

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- ★ Register by mail or go to the Summer Seminar link at dallasgenealogy.org. When registering, you will choose whether your attendance will be In-Person (at the Dallas Central Library) or Live-Streamed (via Zoom).
- ★ Prior to the event you will be contacted to verify how you want to participate (in-person or online). At that time, In-Person participants will also be able to designate their complimentary lunch meal choice.
- ★ A few days before the seminar you will receive an email with a link to the syllabus, and a link for joining the seminar (online) on the day of the event.
- ★ Recordings will be made of each seminar session and will be available to registrants for two weeks after the seminar.



Kelvin Meyers, a professional forensic genealogist and a fifth-generation Texan, is a frequent speaker to genealogical societies and family associations throughout the United States. He specializes in southern brick wall problems for clients.

Kelvin is a 1989 and 1990 alumnus of the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research at Samford University and has returned to IGHR as lecturer in the Southern Course and the Professional Courses.

He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogist forensic special interest groups and a past board member of APG, a past President of the Lone Star Chapter of APG, and a former member for the Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy (CAFG). He currently serves as the chairman of the history and archives committee of First United Methodist Church in Dallas.

The Dallas Genealogical Society awarded Kelvin the *Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award* in December of 2018.

In 2016 Kelvin published *Research in Texas* for NGS (National Genealogical Society) *Research in the States* series. Kelvin is also the director of the Texas Institute of Genealogical Research (TIGR) sponsored by the Texas State Genealogical Society.

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