

# EDMOND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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## Monday, September 16, 2024 Meeting



15700 N. Pennsylvania



### WHAT'S NEW AT THE EDMOND HISTORY MUSEUM?

**Derek Lee, the Curator of Collections at the Edmond History Museum**, will inform us about current and upcoming exhibits at the Museum, as well as Route 66 in Edmond.

Derek has been at the Edmond History Museum since 2013, both as the Exhibits Coordinator and Curator of Collections. He has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in public history from Oklahoma State University. Derek worked with collections for over 15 years and was the archivist and historian at the Tulsa Foundation for Architecture before coming to the Edmond History Museum. Derek lives in Edmond with his wife and three children.

### EGS meeting location

**Entrance is at both the east and the south door for all attendees. *The SOUTH door is much easier for those of us unable to climb steps!***

EGS monthly meetings are held at the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 15700 N. Pennsylvania, Edmond, OK.**

**MASKS ARE  
OPTIONAL**

*If you're experiencing signs of illness, please stay home!*

The Edmond Genealogical Society meets on the third Monday evening of each month, except December. **Meetings begin at 6:30 pm** and last approximately one hour.

### BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK!

**Annual Membership Dues are payable each year in September, and can be paid at our monthly meeting, or by mailing to**

**EGS, c/o Edmond History Museum,  
421 S. Boulevard, Edmond 73034**

**Membership fees are \$20 for individual, or \$30 per couple**

**Remember, all members (and guests) are invited to get together for a dinner social hour after each meeting, at a nearby restaurant.**

This month we will meet at  
**Louie's Grill & Bar, 1201 NW 178<sup>th</sup> St.  
(on the northwest corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Western)**

This will be a great opportunity to chat and get to know our fellow members. Please join us!

## GENEALOGY TIP

### SHIPS OF OUR ANCESTORS

At our October 2023 meeting, EGS member Paulette Schroeder gave a fascinating program entitled “*Ships of My Ancestors*.” In her presentation she even showed photos of historic ships on which her ancestors came to America.

Inspired by her presentation, I was recently looking for the ship of an Irish immigrant named William Humphries and I stumbled across a great website at:

**[immigrationships.net/index.html](http://immigrationships.net/index.html)**

This site has 26 “Volumes” listing thousands of ships traveling from various ports all over the world to America, as well as to other countries, from the 1600’s through the early 1900’s. *Not just the name of the ships, but lists of the passengers and crew!*

You can sort by: Port of Departure, Dates: 1600’s, 1700’s, 1800’s & 1900’s, Ship Name, and Port of Arrival.

***DON’T MAKE MY MISTAKE:*** I spent *hours* going through each of the 26 Volumes, choosing the 1800’s, then looking at each individual ship in the specific years I was interested in (1865 & 1866), using **Ctrl F** with the last name of Humphries I was trying to find. No luck! When I was finished, I happened to scroll down on the first page of the site and found a **Surname Index at the bottom of the page!** **This would have saved me so much time! Try this site if you are looking for Ships of Your Ancestors!**

### DO YOU NEED HELP WITH A BRICK WALL, OR JUST HAVE GENEALOGY QUESTIONS?

Volunteers at the Edmond Genealogical Library  
(located inside the Edmond History Museum) will be happy  
to assist you with your genealogy, and  
**ASSISTANCE is FREE!**

At the library we have computers with  
**FREE ACCESS to Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com,  
FamilySearch.org, etc.**

If you are not computer savvy, we can help!  
Call Michelle at 405-340-0078 to find out when a  
genealogy volunteer will be on duty, and come on in!



### WHERE ARE YOU? Have some fun in your spare time and volunteer at the Edmond Genealogical Library!

It is so easy! Just volunteer for three hours,  
one day a week. Usually it is very quiet  
and **the perfect time to work on  
your own genealogy!** Remember that  
the library has free access to Ancestry.com  
and Newspapers.com!

Contact Sara Memmott at  
[simmemott@gmail.com](mailto:simmemott@gmail.com) for information.

### WHY CAN'T WE MOVE OUR EGS MEETINGS BACK TO EDMOND?

We have heard this complaint from many of  
you, and we are listening. In fact, we sent a  
Survey out to all our current and past mem-  
bers, asking for feedback and suggestions.

Surprisingly, we received only a few  
responses, and all of those said they had no  
problem with our current meeting location.

Nevertheless, our President, Jan Beattie,  
contacted the LDS church at 33<sup>rd</sup> & Boule-  
vard in Edmond, to see if we might be able  
to resume having our meetings there.

Unfortunately, on Monday evenings all  
their meeting rooms are currently occupied.

However, hope is on the horizon. The  
Edmond History Museum is planning a  
remodel within the next 2-3 years, and have  
promised us that a large classroom will then  
be available for our meetings. That central  
location will be much more convenient for  
many of us who live in Edmond... if we can  
just be patient!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

<p>Sept. 18 10:15 am</p>	<p><b>OHCE Genealogy Group: “Creating Online Memorials for Your Loved Ones...Plus the Irish Wake,” presented by Jan Beattie.</b> Held at Okla. County Extension, 2500 NE 63rd St., OKC. For info: <a href="http://www.ohcegenealogy.com">www.ohcegenealogy.com</a></p>
<p>Oct. 2-4 10:00 – 4:45 Oct 5 10 - 1</p>	<p><b>Oklahoma Historical Society “2024 Research Center Book Sale”</b> Held at The Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., OKC. For more info go to <a href="http://okhistory.org">okhistory.org</a></p>
<p>Oct 7 6 pm - 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Oklahoma Genealogical Society “Monthly Meeting”</b> Held in-person and via Zoom at Musser Learning Center inside the Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., OKC For more info go to <a href="http://okgensoc.org">okgensoc.org</a></p>

### RECURRING MEETINGS

**OHCE Genealogy Group** is currently holding meetings in-person at the OSU Extension Center Conference Center, 2500 NE 63rd St, in Oklahoma City. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00am. Visit [www.ohcegenealogy.com](http://www.ohcegenealogy.com) for info.

**The Central Oklahoma Chapter of AHSGR – American Historical Society of Germans from Russia** has meetings on the 3rd Sat. of each month. Visit [www.ahsgr.org/?CentralOklahoma](http://www.ahsgr.org/?CentralOklahoma) for more information.

**Logan County Genealogical Society** meets the 3rd Saturday at 1:00pm at the Oklahoma Territorial Museum in Guthrie. For more information visit: [www.sites.rootsweb.com/~oklcgs/](http://www.sites.rootsweb.com/~oklcgs/) or [logancountyokgenealogicalsociety.org/](http://logancountyokgenealogicalsociety.org/)

### WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Heather Schafstall  
Kevin & Tracy Ellis

Everyone please remember to invite your neighbors, church friends,  
work friends, etc., to come and enjoy our monthly meetings.

### NO NEW NAMES ON THE SURNAME PROJECT

***Karen & Rodney Indermill are still the only EGS members to have recently added new names of ancestors to the Surname Project, including Hawkins, Hebb Indermill and Griffith. Many (but not all) EGS members have submitted their family surnames to be added to the SURNAME PROJECT spreadsheet, bringing us up to 330 surnames so far!*** This project will help you and fellow members who may be researching the same family lines or have a research dilemma. This is your opportunity to pay it forward to everyone in our great genealogical society!

If you haven't already done so, please fill out a sheet listing the family surnames you are researching and their locations, dates and other pertinent information. Such as: “Jenkins in North Carolina in the 1800’s.” ***VOLUNTEERS ARE INDEXING THIS INFORMATION AND IT WILL SOON BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE!!***

***A BLANK FORM IS INCLUDED AS THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.*** Use as many sheets as you need. Please return them to any board member at our meetings, or mail to

***EGS c/o Edmond History Museum, 421 S. Boulevard, Edmond, OK 73034***



**Genealogical Library at Edmond History Museum**



**EGS BOARD MEMBERS 2024-2025**

*Standing left to right:*

Joyce Gendill, Karen Blagg, Jay Cress, Sara Memmott, Jan Beattie

*Seated left to right:* Iris May, Edie May Parmeter & Libby Holshouser

**EDMOND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Officers 2024-2025**

**Jan Beattie:** President  
**Iris May:** 1st Vice President/  
Programs and Publicity Chairman

**Karen Blagg:** Treasurer

**Sara Memmott:** Past President,  
Museum Liaison/ Genealogical  
Library and Research Center  
Chairman and Recording/  
Corresponding Secretary

**Libby Holshouser:** Hospitality  
Chairman

**Edie May Parmeter:** Surnames  
Project Chairman and Member-  
ship Committee

**Jay Cress:** Webmaster

**Joyce Gendill:** Newsletter  
Chairman

**HOW TO ACCESS THE EDMOND GENEALOGY LIBRARY CATALOG**

*(You can access this catalog from your home computer or in the Genealogy Library at Edmond History Museum)*

1. On Google or whatever search engine you like, type in “[www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com)”
2. Click on “**Sign In**”
3. User name is: **EdmondHistory** (case sensitive)
4. Password is: **Museum01**
5. Follow instructions to “*prove you are a human,*” by clicking on appropriate button(s) – you may need to click on more than one button
6. At next screen about halfway down there is a bar that says “**Your Books**”
7. In the search bar you can type in whatever you are looking for: subject, author, etc., such as “Civil War,” hit Return, and a list will pop up showing you everything that is available in our Edmond Genealogy Library
8. Click on the first book you are interested in, and when it fills the page, on the *far left* margin click on “**Work Details.**” Then look on the page that pops up to find the LC Classification, such as 505.95.E39.
9. With that number you can look on the appropriate shelf in the Genealogy Library to find that book.
10. Use this process to find any other books you are interested in.
11. BE SURE to **Sign Out** when you are finished!

***Cut out this article and keep it for future use!***



**THE FOLLOWING PAGE IS THE SURNAME PROJECT FORM** (see info on Page 3 of this newsletter). Please fill out the form and return it to any board member at our meetings, or mail to:  
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