



Susan Ball

A genealogist for over 30 years, Susan Ball is TxSGS president, co-editor of *Stirpes*, and president of the San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society. A strong supporter of records abstraction and publication, Susan has compiled four books of genealogical records, three of which have won TSGS book awards including the coveted grand prize. She also serves her local society as editor of the SAGHS Newsletter and assistant editor of *Stalkin' Kin of Old West Texas*, the SAGHS biannual journal. Having received a master's degree in electrical engineering, Susan worked as a project engineer for a defense contractor, as a patent engineer, and as CEO of her own database development company. In addition to giving presentations and seminars to numerous societies and the TxSGS Annual Conference, Susan has been the workshop speaker for the Amarillo Genealogical Society, the Permian Basin Genealogical Society, and twice for the Kerrville Genealogical Society.



Blaine Bettinger

Short Version:

Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., is a professional genealogist specializing in DNA evidence. He is the author of the long-running blog *The Genetic Genealogist*, and frequently gives presentations and webinars to educate others about the use of DNA to explore their ancestry.

Long Version:

Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., is a professional genealogist specializing in DNA evidence. In 2007 he started *The Genetic Genealogist* (www.thegeneticgenealogist.com), one of the earliest blogs on the topic. Blaine is the author of *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, and co-author with Debbie Parker Wayne of the award-winning *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*, the world's first genetic genealogy workbook. He also co-authored "Genetics for Genealogy" with Judy Russell in 2018's *Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards* (ProGen PPS) (Elizabeth Shown Mills, Author and Editor).

Blaine is or has been an instructor for genetic genealogy courses at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), and Virtual Institute of Genealogical Research. Blaine is a graduate of ProGen Study Group 21, a trustee for the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society's Board of Trustees, and a board member for the Association of Professional Genealogists.



Kathy Huber

Kathy Huber has been the Genealogy Librarian for the Tulsa (OK) City County Library for over 25 years. She manages the Genealogy Center and supervises the staff and oversees all aspects of the center including collection development and community outreach. She coordinates monthly programs and events and plans the Family History Month series held each July.

Kathy is a native Texan and holds a B.A. in Piano Pedagogy and a Master's of Library Science, both from the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas. She is a member of the Texas Library Association, the Texas State Genealogical Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the National Society Colonial Dames XVIIth Century, The National Huguenot Society, and the Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity. She serves on the board of the Friends of the Oklahoma Historical Society Archives.

She has taught genealogy classes for the Oklahoma Library Association and the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and has presented programs to local societies and organizations. She has made presentations at the National Genealogical Society Conference and the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference. She has attended the Salt Lake Institute, the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research and was the 1998 recipient of the Richard S. Lackey Memorial Scholarship to attend the National Institute on Genealogical Research at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Kathy is the author of the NGS Research in the States Oklahoma and Research in the States American Indians of Oklahoma.



Susan Kaufman

Susan Kaufman is the Senior Manager of the Houston (TX) Public Library's Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research in Houston. An Illinois native, Susan has more than 30 years of experience as a genealogy librarian, having started her career in Peoria, IL (1987), then moving to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, (1999 – 2004) then moving to Texas in 2004.

A presenter at local, state and national genealogy conferences and meetings, she also has held numerous genealogical society board positions in Illinois, Indiana, and Texas and at the national level with the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

Her presentation topics are source topics including research sources, effective library use and much more.

In 2019, Susan was awarded the National Genealogical Society / ProQuest P. William Filby and became a Fellow of the Texas State Genealogical Society for outstanding service as a genealogy librarian and for service to family history researchers. To round out 2019, she was awarded the Lloyd D Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award by the Dallas Genealogical Society.

She is past President of the Texas State Genealogical Society, and currently serves as its Director of Education. She is a member of the Texas Library Association and the American Library Association.



Hannah Kubacak

Hannah Kubacak is a Waco native with a life-long interest in family stories. She has been the reference librarian for the Waco Genealogy Center since 2015. Previously she worked at the Chickasaw Nation's Holisso Research Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. In addition to presenting genealogy programs for the Waco Genealogy Center, Hannah has presented for various genealogical societies around Texas including the Central Texas Genealogical Society and the East Texas Genealogical Society. She previously taught genealogy continuing education classes at McLennan Community College. She has published multiple articles illustrating ways to use maps in genealogical research for *STIRPES* and *Heart of Texas Records*. Her areas of research include the Five Civilized Tribes, Texas, and the Southeastern United States, however as a reference librarian, she has assisted individuals researching their ancestors across the map.



Teresa McMillin

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, Certified Genealogist[®], author of the *Guide to Hanover Military Records, 1514-1866 on Microfilm at the Family History Library*, is the owner of Lind Street Research, a company dedicated to helping people discover their German ancestry. Teresa conducts research on behalf of the U.S. Army to aid in repatriating soldiers missing from the nation's past conflicts.

She has taught at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) Academy for Professionals. She created and recorded courses for *Ancestry Academy* and *Legacy Family Tree Webinars*. She is a popular speaker for national, regional, and local genealogical societies.

Reading German Gothic script found in German records prior to the mid-1900s is second nature to her. Researching ancestors in Chicago and other areas of the Midwest is another of Teresa's specialty areas. She is a multi-year attendee of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG).

Teresa is a member of the National Genealogical Society, the Association of Professional Genealogists, as well as many German and local genealogical societies. Teresa chairs the committee for the Board for Certification of Genealogists monthly webinar series. She is a genealogy volunteer at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library.

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Judy Russell

Short Version:

The Legal Genealogist Judy G. Russell is a genealogist with a law degree who provides expert guidance through the murky territory where law and family history intersect. An internationally-known lecturer and award-winning writer, she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist[®] and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM from the Board for Certification of Genealogists[®]. Her blog is at <https://www.legalgenealogist.com>.

Long Version:

The Legal Genealogist Judy G. Russell is a genealogist with a law degree. She writes, teaches and lectures on a wide variety of genealogical topics, providing expert guidance through the murky territory where law and family history intersect. A Colorado native with roots deep in the American south on her mother's side and entirely in Germany on her father's side, she holds a bachelor's degree in journalism with a political science minor from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and a law degree from Rutgers School of Law-Newark. Before she retired, she worked as a newspaper reporter, trade association writer, legal investigator, defense attorney, federal prosecutor, law editor and, for more than 20 years, as an adjunct member of the faculty at Rutgers Law School.

She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society and numerous state and regional genealogical societies. She has written for the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* (from which she received the 2017 *Award of Excellence*), the *National Genealogical Society Magazine*, the *FGS Forum*, *BCG's OnBoard*, and *Family Tree Magazine*, among other publications.

An internationally-known lecturer and course coordinator and faculty member at numerous genealogical institutes, she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist[®] and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM from the Board for Certification of Genealogists[®]. Her award-winning blog appears at *The Legal Genealogist* website (<http://www.legalgenealogist.com>).



Curt Witcher

Curt Witcher is the Director of Special Collections at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN, managing the widely acclaimed Genealogy Center as well as the Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection of Abraham Lincoln related research materials. He is in his forty-second year of service at the Allen County Public Library.

Curt is a former president of both the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society, and the founding president of the Indiana Genealogical Society. He has penned many hundreds of articles on topics of interest to family historians, librarians and archivists, and has presented lectures to historical and genealogical groups across the country. Curt also serves on the Indiana State Historical Records Advisory Board and the board of the Friends of the Indiana State Archives.

Curt was distinguished in 1995 as a fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association (FUGA) and received the Federation of Genealogical Societies' Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern Humanitarian Award, in 1997. Curt was recognized in 2006 by being named the first fellow of the Indiana Genealogical Society. He was honored in May of 2007 with the National Genealogical Society's P. William Filby Award for outstanding, life-time contributions to genealogical librarianship. Indiana's lieutenant governor recognized Curt's work in the summer of 2016 with a Hoosier Hospitality Award, and the Dallas Genealogical Society awarded him the Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award later that year for outstanding contributions to the genealogical community on a national level. In August of 2018, Curt received the Loretto Dennis Szucs Award from the Federation of Genealogical Societies in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the genealogical community. Most recently, he is an Indiana Historical Society 2019 Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Award winner for his extraordinary contributions to the field of history and the Indiana Historical Society.