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Bio:

William D. "Bill" Buckner

Bill Buckner is the Manager of the Genealogy Center of the Waco-McLennan County Library for the past fifteen years. In addition to teaching a quarterly "Genealogy Beginners Class", Bill has had numerous speaking engagements with various organizations.

Bill heads up the McLennan County Cemetery Interest Group (MCCIG). Formed in 2002, this volunteer organization of the Center seeks to identify and inventory McLennan County cemeteries. In 2012, the results of 35 cemetery inventories were published by the Central Texas Genealogical Society (CTGS) as v. 9 *McLennan County, Texas Cemetery Records*.

Bill initiated and co-hosts with the Central Texas Genealogical Society the very popular annual Genealogy Lock-in. This event has helped bring together the organizations and individuals that use, support, and have an interest in the Genealogy Center collection. In 2011, Bill started a movement to connect libraries that had similar events through the use of technology to share programming and resources. Eight libraries and/or societies participated in the 13th annual Lock-in on October 18, 2013.

Bill is District 12 Representative for the Texas State Genealogical Society (TSGS), and serves as the Chair of the Book Awards along with reviewing books for STIRPES. In 2011, Bill received the President's Award from TSGS for his contributions. He also serves on various genealogy/history committees with the Texas Library Association and American Library Association.

Bill received his BS from Southwestern University, and his MS in Library Science from UNT. Bill is a fourth-generation Texan and lives in Temple, Texas with his family.

Topics:

- Core 101 : Fundamentals for Beginning Genealogy Research (1.5 to 3 hour class)
- 1890 Census Substitutes: Bridging the Gap.
- Fold3 Database – Overview and Tutorial
- Ancestor Hunting in the Federal Non-population Census Schedules 1850-1880.
- Valentine Treasurers Old and New: Sharing and Recording Those Special Family Stories
- Point and <Click>' -- Self Help, Genealogy Training Resources on the Internet