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### **Bio:**

A popular speaker to many genealogical societies and family associations throughout Texas, Kelvin brings a great knowledge of social sciences, history, genealogy and some "P I" techniques to his work. His experience includes eighteen years as a professional genealogist and twenty-eight years as an avid researcher-historian.

A graduate of Texas Tech University, Kelvin was a staff member of the Dallas Public Library Genealogy section for ten years. He attended the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research of Samford University, studying Advanced Methodology and Library Research. Currently, he contracts with attorneys, the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Services, and heir-searching companies as a forensic genealogist, locating missing or unknown heirs to estates or oil and gas royalties. In January 2007 he was appointed Chairman of the History and Archives Committee for First United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas.

He has published three books on his native Crosby County, including "Early Records of Crosby County Land District, West Texas 1880-1915," a compilation of early census, marriage and church records. He was the co-compiler of Crosby County Cemetery Records published through the Crosby County Historical Commission.

### **Topics:**

- Plowing Through the Land Records to Find Your Ancestor
- Tax Records or Why did Scarlett Make A Dress of Her Mother's Drapes?
- Probate: More Than A Will
- How Great Thou Art! How Great They Are! Church Records
- The Hand That Rocked the Cradle Could Rule the World
- All the News That's Fit to Print (and a lot that wasn't): 19th Century Secular and Religious Newspapers
- Life Down on the Farm: The Semi-Weekly Farm News
- Scallywags, Rogues, and Ruffs: All Those Ancestors We Don't Talk About
- Who Cares Who Their Neighbors Were? You Do! That's Who!
- Whose Estate Is It Any Way!
- A Happy Home without Husbands: The Women's Commonwealth of Texas
- Where Do I Go After the 1930 Census?
- A Dillar A Dollar A Ten O'clock Scholar, How To Use School Records To Find Ancestors and Lost Friends
- The Texas State Library/Archives and General Land Office at Home and On Site
- My Ancestor the Texas Ranger, Proving his Service
- Abstract versus Original, Do I need both?