

# TSGS SPEAKER'S BUREAU DIRECTORY

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## Pat Gordon



### Bio:

Pat Gordon's interest in genealogy began innocently enough when she decided in the late 1980s to find where her maternal great grandmother was buried in Colorado after dying from tuberculosis. She soon found the answer to that question, but by then she had other questions that needed answering. And the questions keep coming faster and faster, much faster than the answers. Since she likes to place her ancestors in social context to their time, she does more than collect names. She spends a lot of time learning about the history and places in which they lived. In addition to online research, she spends much time hanging out in courthouses and libraries and considerable time in university archives.

As a former newspaper reporter with The Dallas Morning News and recently retired journalism lecturer at the University of Texas at Arlington, she especially finds researching old newspapers a favorite pastime. She served two terms as president and one as vice president of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society. She holds a B.A. in Journalism and M.S. in Media Studies.

She was an original faculty member of Angelina College Genealogy Conference in Lufkin and continues to be a frequent speaker. She has also presented all-day seminars at various Texas genealogical societies.

Pat recently published a laminated quick tip sheet on Masonic Research and is working on other topics. These can be ordered from [www.mygenealogybooks.com](http://www.mygenealogybooks.com) or from her.

### Topics:

- Publishing a Family History
- Newspaper Research
- Researching Female Ancestors
- Underutilized Resources

- Genealogists Guide to Open Records
- Using Special Censuses
- Researching Land Records
- Courthouse Research
- Researching School Records
- Understanding Primary vs. Secondary Sources
- How to Write Obituaries
- Texas Research
- Placing Ancestors in Historical Context