

Register for the  
*“Discover YOUR Story”*  
Research Night  
March 9, 2018  
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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**Mail the above to:**  
Grand Prairie Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 532026  
Grand Prairie, TX 75053-2026

**OR EMAIL SAME INFO TO:**  
info@gpgstx.org



www.gpgstx.org

## The Grand Prairie Genealogical Society

MONTHLY MEETINGS are held at the Grand Prairie Memorial Library on the first Thursday of each month. “Meet & Greet” starts at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7:00 p.m. Programs are aimed at exploring the world of genealogy and teaching new research skills.

MEMBERSHIP available to anyone that is interested. Annual membership dues are \$15. for individuals, or \$20. per household. Donations or memorial gifts are welcomed and used to add research materials and resources to the Genealogical and Local History collection of the Grand Prairie Memorial Library.

To join the GPGS, you can get a membership form on our website or contact us at membership@gpgstx.org. Please complete the form and mail it with your check to:

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*“Discover YOUR Story”*

**Friday**  
**March 9, 2018**  
**6 pm - 10 pm**

A ‘Private’ Research Night  
...and it’s FREE!

- ◆ **Beginners Welcome!**
- ◆ **Computer Research**
- ◆ **Roots Room Research Help**
- ◆ **Bucket Auction**
- ◆ **Food**

Presented by the  
**Grand Prairie Genealogical Society**  
Grand Prairie Main Library  
901 Conover Drive  
Grand Prairie, TX 75051

## ***Discover Your Story!***

The Grand Prairie Genealogical Society is proud to invite you and a friend to our 2018 Lock-In: Discover Your Story!

### **What is a lock in?**

A time when we have the Grand Prairie Main Library all to ourselves for after hour's research. Computer access to library data bases and the internet. Roots Room access to the library's print collection and lateral file photo archives.

We will have complimentary salad, sandwiches and cold drinks as well as a multi-item raffle.

You may register by mail or through email.

***Best of all its FREE!***

**Richard G Waller  
President 2017-2018**

## **FEATURING:**

Hours of research and networking with friendly folks who share your interest in family history.



Research assistance available from society members.



Free access to many fee-based on-line resources.



Learn what genealogical resources the Grand Prairie Library offers.



Bring your laptop computer or use a library computer from which you may download to a USB drive.



Free Copies



Work by yourself or with others; there's plenty of room.



Registrants may leave at any time but the public is locked out.



*If you've never tried a  
Lock-In... you need to!  
If you have... we look  
forward to seeing you again!*

## **Tips for Starting Research**

- Always begin with yourself -- Gather a copy of your own birth certificate, marriage license, photos, etc.
- Continue back in time one generation at a time.
- Gather together everything you have -- papers, photos, documents and family heirlooms. Check with your relatives to see if they have any family documents you can photograph or scan.
- Clues to your family history might be found on the backs of old photographs, in the family Bible, or even on a postcard.
- Interview your relatives. Try to collect stories, not just names and dates, and be sure to ask open-ended questions. Interviews may make you nervous, but this may be the most important step in researching your family history.
- Write down everything you have learned from your family and begin to enter the information in a pedigree or family tree chart. This can be done on paper or on a computer.
- Explore the Internet for information and leads on your ancestors. Internet research is only a start. You will still want to go to libraries, archives, cemeteries, etc.. to document and further your research. Only use verified information.
- Remember to cite all your sources as you go along.