

Grand Prairie Genealogical Society

Monthly meeting - Thursday, March 3, 2016
The Ruthe Jackson Center
3113 S. Carrier Parkway
Grand Prairie, TX

Meet and Greet begins at 6:30 pm with program at 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm.

Program:

Finding German Ancestors: Their Information Is Not All on the Internet.

Prior to attempting to locate records about your family in Germany it is essential to conduct an exhaustive search of U.S. records since there is no central repository for German records. Rather, most records are recorded at the local level (town or parish). Also, due to wars and boundary changes "German" records may now be located in another state or country.

Meyers Gazetteer of the German Empire (a.k.a. Meyers Orts) is an important tool to help associate a given place with the jurisdictions to which it belongs and to look for genealogical records. During the presentation I will explain how to decipher the abbreviations and the Gothic script in which Meyers Orts was printed. I will also provide links to assist in deciphering German printing and handwriting, and how to compose letters requesting genealogical information.

Speaker: Bernard N. Meisner

Bernard Meisner is a genealogist and lecturer based in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. He began researching his family over 25 years ago and enjoys sharing lessons learned from those experiences, including his mistakes. He is past president and current parliamentarian and social media chair of the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society, and is a member of the National Genealogical Society and the Texas State Genealogical Society.

Bernard earned a B.S. in physics/German from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in meteorology from the University of Hawaii.

Guests are always welcome. Please note: Our January, February, and March meetings, will be at 6:30-9:00 pm, in the in the Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier Parkway, Grand Prairie, TX 75051.

See <http://pggstx.org/> for more information on the society.

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