

WHAGS March Program

(see location change noted below, for this month only)

Plowing Through Land Records to Find Your Ancestor

Presenter: Kelvin Meyers



Did you know Americans were so “land-minded” well into the 19th century that over three-quarters of all males who lived to maturity owned land? Because of that fact, land records exist from the beginning of the first permanent settlements in America – frequently one of the few identifying records from this early period. Ironically, more genealogical data may be obtained from land records

the older they are.

Join us for a lecture focused on using land records combined with other sources to identify your ancestors!

Kelvin Meyers, a fifth-generation Texan and professional forensic genealogist since 1996, is a frequent speaker to genealogical associations throughout the United States. He has worked extensively with attorneys in the oil and gas industry for over 20 years helping identify the rightful owners to mineral rights.

As a graduate of Texas Tech University with a history major, Kelvin is an avid research-historian. Previously employed in the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library, he now has a solo practice as a forensic genealogist serving clients that include probate attorneys, financial trust departments, the US Immigration Service, and energy companies.

Kelvin has served as an officer for several genealogy organizations, earning multiple certifications and awards. He was most recently recognized as a 2023 Fellow of the Texas State Genealogical Society and currently serves as the chairman of the history and archives committee for First United Methodist Church in Dallas.

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Meet & greet 10:00 am

Program begins at 10:30 am

If you'd like to join in virtually, visit our website at www.whags.org for the meeting registration link. Those attending in person will meet **this month at the Katherine Tyra Branch Library, 16719 Clay Road, Houston, TX 77084**. Visitors are always welcome!