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North Texas Germans from Russia Chapter Meeting

Save the Date

September 25, 2022

Our presenter will be Sandy Schilling Payne. In communicating with her today, she asked:

“What colonies or areas of Russia are the North Texas members interested in? I can customize the presentation a bit.”

So consider this your opportunity to help direct the presentation, and if you haven't provided your family surnames and villages from our prior request, this would be a good time to do that so we have a greater understanding of our chapter's history!

Title: Time Travel Using Historical Maps

Abstract: The Germans from Russia Settlement Locations project stemmed from questions we've all had: Where were my ancestral villages? Do they still exist? Do they have the same names? Were they far from other German villages? What countries are they in now? How do I find them on old maps? Where are they on today's map? The answers to these questions and more have been collected and plotted an online, searchable map using Google MyMaps. In this presentation, you will learn how to use the map to find your ancestral colonies. We will review what you will need from that map to travel back in time and find your ancestral colonies on a historical georeferenced maps. Learn where to find detailed maps, how to evaluate their accuracy, how to overcome language issues with technology, how to capture and enhance the images you find for inclusion in your project, and how to properly cite maps that you find.



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Bio: Sandy Schilling Payne was born in Kennewick, Washington to Black Sea German parents from South Dakota. She lived in Washington, Montana and North Dakota before the age of five when her family settled in New Mexico. She attended New Mexico State University, and upon graduation, she went into information technology, moved to the east coast, and has since worked as a systems and network administrator, a subject matter expert and production systems manager. Sandy has been researching her Germans from Russian family off and on since 1994. Her roots trace back to the Glückstal and Kutschurgan colonies of South Russia and early homesteaders in the Dakota Territory. Her research interests include historical geography related to genealogy and the settlement locations of Germans in the Russian Empire and their migrations to the present day. She is a founder and the author of the Germans from Russia Settlement Locations project and the webmaster for the Glückstal Colonies Research Association.

As we get into the first of September, I will send another reminder and more details on the meeting, but please save this date. We will also have a Zoom session for those that cannot attend in person.

When

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Where

Kay & Tom's Home, 1414 O Shannon Lane Garland TX 75044