



# TERREBONNE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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**NEXT MEETING      DECEMBER 14, 2024      12:00 PM**  
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**FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

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## **OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Susan Caro Dupre was voted as outstanding member of the year. She is currently our recording secretary. She has contributed so much to better TGS. She organized and put together the cookbook. She contributed many articles to our Life Lines. She is currently working on establishing a marker for Ashland Plantation. Many thanks Susan for all that you have done and are continuing to do. This award shows just how outstanding you are. Congratulations, Susan!

## **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

This month we will have our Christmas party. It starts at noon. It is Potluck, so bring your favorite dish or dessert to share with everyone and bring a door prize or two. My mouth is watering already just thinking about all the delicious treats we will have. Come join us for a jolly time.



## **RENEWAL TIME**

**IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. DUES ARE DUE  
BY MARCH 1, 2025. IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO RENEW. DO IT  
TODAY. A MEMBERSHIP FORM IS ATTACHED TO THIS  
NEWSLETTER.**

## **WE NEED HELP**

Jess said after 40 plus years with TGS he is ready to retire. He has been President, Vice-President and for the last many years has been our Correspondence Secretary. Therefore, we are looking for someone to train to take over as Correspondence Secretary. If you are interested, please talk to Wanda, Jess, or Jason at our meeting.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

## RESEARCH TIPS

**Novice/Beginner** - Avoiding these tricky words—assume, probably, maybe, guess, possibly, likely, and perhaps—can make a world of difference in your genealogy research and beyond. By being precise, thorough, and organized, you’ll build a more accurate and reliable family tree. And who knows? These tips might just help you avoid a few everyday bloopers, too.

**Intermediate & Advanced** - Now that we’ve tackled these troublesome words, let’s look at some practical tips to improve your genealogy research and communication in general:

1. **Double-Check Sources:** Always verify your sources and cross-reference them. The more evidence you have, the stronger your conclusions. Indicate if it is a “Primary” or “Secondary” source.
2. **Be Specific:** Use precise language. Instead of “probably born in 1880,” say “birth year unverified, possibly 1880.”
3. **Document Your Findings:** Keep detailed notes on where you found information and the evidence supporting it. This makes it easier to revisit and verify later. Attach your detailed notes to your tree/person.
4. **Ask Questions:** Don’t be afraid to reach out to other researchers or family members for clarification. Collaboration can lead to new discoveries.
5. **Stay Organized:** Keep your records well-organized, whether digitally or in physical files. This helps you avoid duplicating efforts and keeps your research streamlined.
6. **Embrace Uncertainty:** It’s okay not to have all the answers immediately. Mark uncertain information clearly and revisit it when you have more data.

This an abbreviated version of the online article [Bad Words in Genealogy | Ancestral Findings](#)

## TERREBONNE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	ROOM/FLOOR	BOARD	GENERAL
1-25-2025	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
2-22-2025	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
3-29-2025	Main Branch	D.E. Rm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
4-26-2025	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
5-31-2025	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
6-28-2025	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
7-26-2025	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
8-30-2025	Main Branch	D. E. Rm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
9-27-2025	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
10-25-2025	North Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
<i>No Meeting in November</i>				
12-13-2025	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl		Noon

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**Facebook Group: Terrebonne Genealogical Society**

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**2025 Membership Form**

\* Information required

Dues: \$30.00 Individual/Family; \$22.00 Library/Societies (not available to individuals).  
Please make checks payable to: Terrebonne Genealogical Society and mail to the address above.

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Surnames of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

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