



Genealogical Seminar



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Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association

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Saturday August 8, 2026 - Speaker – John Sellers



John A. Sellers is a fifth generation native to Hopkins County, Texas and is a former Mayor of Sulphur Springs. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University and has a teaching certificate in history from Texas A & M, Commerce. He has been doing genealogical research since 1985. He has served over fifteen years on the executive board of the Hopkins County Genealogical Society including serving as president. He has lectured at national genealogical conferences as well as over 60 state and local seminars and at the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research at Samford University and University of Georgia.

Seminar Location: See map on reverse side

LSUS Campus University Center, Shreveport, Louisiana

8:00am Doors Open – Registration / Sign-in

9:00am - Opening Remarks

9:15am Researching Your Ancestor’s Plot of Dirt: The Adventures of Courthouse Land Research

10:45am With or Without a Will, *there is a way!*

Lunch (1145am – 1:00pm)

1:00pm Women, That Gender You Can’t Do Without in Your Research

2:25pm Louisiana, After Death: Successions, Family Meeting, etc.

Early Registration Recommended * Door Prizes & more

Cost of Seminar: \$45 Includes lunch if registration received by August 3, 2026

Register online at www.altgenealogy.com PayPal accepted

For information send email to: altgenassn@gmail.com

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To register by mail: Make your check payable to Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association. Mail with this form to:

Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Assn Seminar, P.O. Box 4463, Shreveport, LA 71134-0463

Please PRINT the names of registrants separately for each person attending.

Name(s) _____ Email _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

List 4 family surnames for each person. If received prior to **Aug 3, 2026**, your surnames will be included in the seminar handout.

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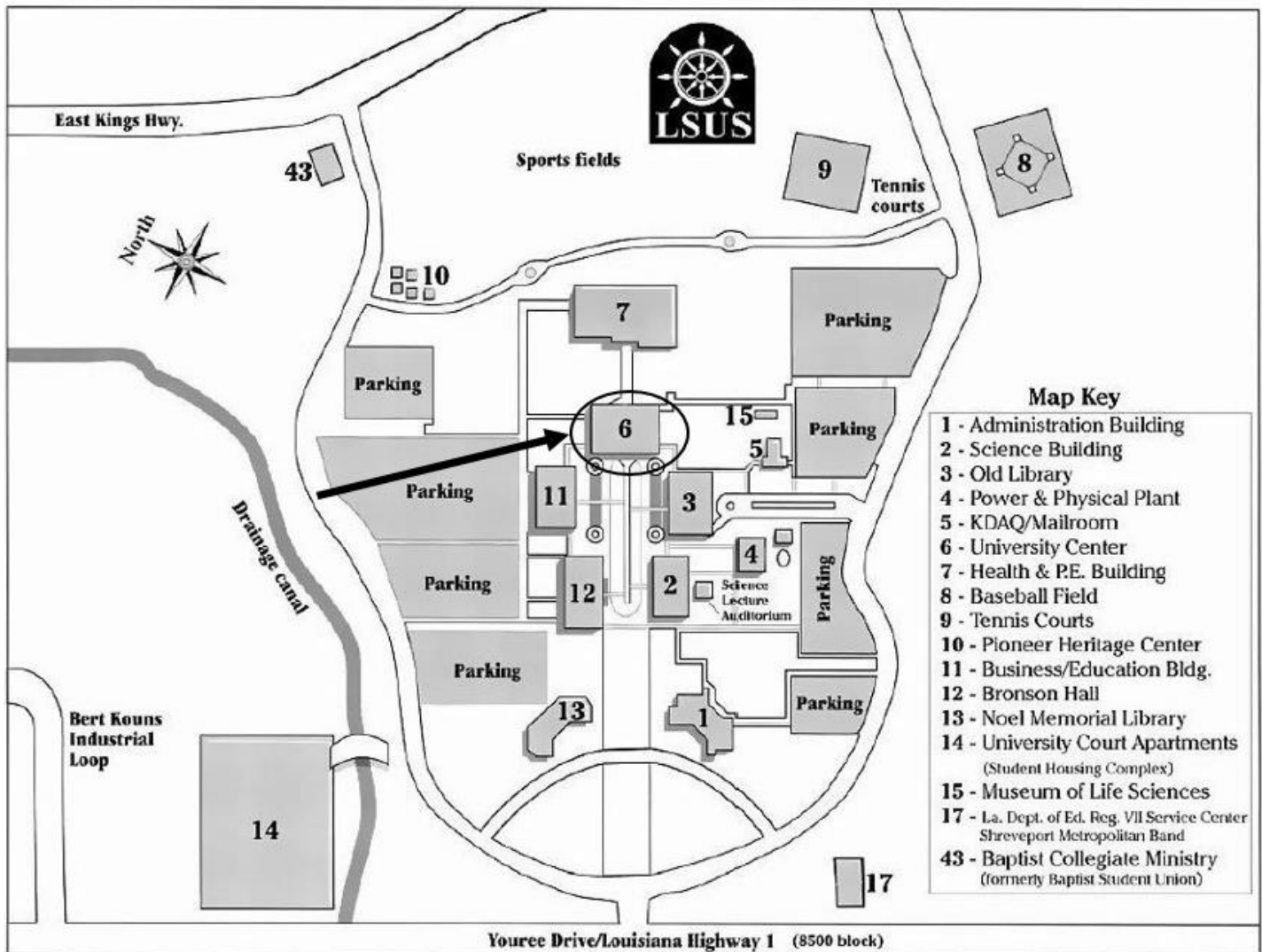
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Map of LSUS Campus

Seminar Location

University Center is # 6 on the map

(Note: this is not a building number, just a map key #)



Lectures

- **Researching Your Ancestor's Plot of Dirt: The Adventures of Courthouse Land Research.** A detailed study of courthouse research concerning land records. Using deed indexes and how to access deed records to prove relationships. Discussion of a deed contents and their meaning. Affidavits of heirship and civil court records in regard to land will also be addressed. Mention of state land states and federal land states and their differences will be detailed.
- **With or Without a Will, there is a way!** This lecture takes a hard look at probate research. Discussion includes wills, probate minutes, guardianships, inventories, and other documents associated with probate. Terms and their meaning are also detailed. Discussions of both testate and intestate proceeding are covered.
- **Women, That Gender You Can't Do Without in Your Research.** A methodology lecture addresses the ways to research your female lines. Different research strategies and methods will be discussed. Case studies are used
- **Louisiana, After Death: Successions, Family Meeting etc.** When researching in Louisiana, there are unique court proceeding concerning a person's estate. Based on Napoleonic Code, Louisiana terminology and method of handling both testate and intestate estates are explored and highlighted for the Louisiana researcher. Actual records are featured and analyzed.