

Genealogical society annual picnic



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Above, members of the Walker County Genealogical Society hold annual picnic. President Johnnie Jo Dickenson outlines plans for the coming year. The Walker County Genealogical Society held its annual picnic on May 19 at the Dickenson ranch on Lake Falls Road just off FM 980. The society installed new officers for the 2001–2003 term, discussed projects undertaken in the prior year and laid out goals for the coming year. The society's successful Pioneer Registry Project is a program to recognize families whose ancestors were in Walker County prior to October 1850, or prior to June 1900. Over 625 certificates have been issued and this is an on-going project. A First Family of Walker County Certificate is awarded to those persons proving their ancestor to have resided in Walker County prior to October 1850. A Century Family of Walker County Certificate is awarded to those persons proving their ancestor to have resided in Walker County prior to June 1900. The society is sponsoring the Texas Genealogy and Family History Fair, to be held June 23rd at the Walker County Fairgrounds. The main purpose of the Fair is for the sharing of genealogical and family history data among people interested in learning more about their family's history and their ancestry. The society recently published the first of three volumes of Walker County Cemeteries. The society has previously published books of early marriage and census records. The members work to further knowledge about genealogical research, assist others with their family lines, and exchange knowledge gleaned from experience in a variety of research areas. It was begun in 1965 and currently has 140 members. Membership is open to anyone interested in genealogy. Meetings are held the third Saturday of each month at the Forrest Masonic Lodge, except during the summer and in December. Further information about the society can be found on the Web at <http://www.dickensonresearch.com/wcgen.htm>.