

## Texas Czech Genealogical Society presents

### Exploring Traditional and AI Tech Pathways for Czech Ancestry

April 18, 2026

Caldwell Civic Center, 103 Hwy. Texas 21 W., Caldwell, TX 77836

8:00 AM - Registration & Morning Refreshments

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Program, TCGS 25th Anniversary Celebration,  
Catered Lunch, Czech Gift Shop, Silent Auction



**Sherri Taggart Ahmadzadeh - *Understanding and Using AI in Genealogy.*** Sherri will provide two clear, engaging sessions that show how AI can make your genealogy research easier, faster, and more revealing.  
Session One: Genealogy Meets AI - Uncovering the Past with the Future

See how AI can break through brick walls, reveal hidden connections, and help you discover information you might never find on your own.

Session Two: Closer Than You Think - AI Features Already Built Into FamilySearch and Ancestry

Learn the powerful AI tools already built into the platforms you use - no new accounts, no third party apps, just smarter ways to work with what you have.



**Teri Flack - *Disease, Disasters & Hard Times Changed Our Ancestors' Lives.*** We have all had ancestors who suddenly appeared in a location or seemingly vanished from another. Traumatic events changed our ancestors' lives. When we find suddenly appearing or vanishing ancestors, we should ask: Did some event, like an epidemic, a natural disaster, or financial difficulties play a role? Did disease, disasters, and hard times disrupt lives and displace people? It altered the course of peoples' lives. By identifying these external influences, you can put your ancestors into their historical context, helping you break through a troublesome brick wall.



**Jana Marcela Vaculik - *Hospodar Czech Newspaper - Its History.*** Jana Marcela Vaculik, a first generation Czech, will give us an inside look at the *Hospodar* Czech newspaper, which was published from 1890 to 2012. Her father, Jan Vaculik, was the editor of this unique publication for twenty years. What was involved in publishing a monthly newspaper? How many subscribers did it have? What was the readership? You may be surprised at the reason the newspaper was first published and you will be amazed at how the articles changed over the years. Jana will explain its history and bring stories from several of the articles submitted, giving attendees another look at the conditions faced by early Czechs.

Life in the early days of the Czech immigrants who came to the United States continues to interest people of Czech backgrounds. We wonder how they managed to survive with so few resources that were available in the 1800s and 1900s. Where did they live? What did they eat? Where did they shop? Much could be learned from reading the early Czech newspapers - if only one could read Czech!

Everyone welcome. Membership in Texas Czech Genealogical Society (TCGS) is not required to attend. TCGS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

**Registration fee includes catered lunch and morning refreshments**

**PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE:** Postmarked on/before **04/07/26** TCGS Members-\$40; Non-Members-\$45; Postmarked After **04/07/26** TCGS Members - \$45; Non-Members - \$50; At the door (All) - \$60.

To register by credit card please go to: <https://txczgs.square.site/product/registration/122> or mail check made payable to TCGS along with the registration form below to: Kimary Marble, 14106 Pawnee Trails Dr., Cypress, TX 77429. For additional information visit the TCGS website <https://txczgs.org/> or contact Kimary at 832-906-0986 or [kimary12@gmail.com](mailto:kimary12@gmail.com). *Cancellations are accepted up to one week prior to event.* Information and registration forms are on TCGS website at <https://txczgs.org/> under Events <https://txczgs.org/eventListings.php?nm=38>.



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