

# Grapevine Historical Society

## Monthly Program Meeting

### January 28, 2019

Grapevine Public Library at 7:00 pm  
1201 Municipal Way, Grapevine, TX 76051

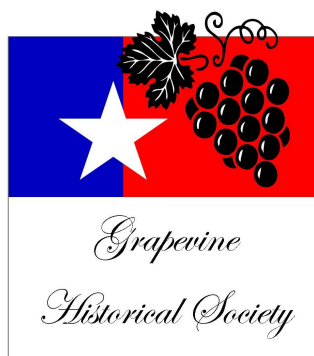
## The Great Hanging at Gainesville, Texas

### Richard McCaslin, PhD

*The state of Texas is recognized for its prominent football culture, love of country music and southern hospitality, but some of its dark history has been long forgotten. During the early Civil War, North Texas underwent a grisly event known as the Great Hanging of Gainesville. Take a dive into this tragic yet riveting topic with our January speaker, Richard McCaslin, PhD, author of *The Tainted Breeze: The Great Hanging at Gainesville, Texas, 1862*. In his book, McCaslin highlights the tension between the Texas Confederate State and suspected Union supporters along with other factors that contributed to one of the largest acts of mob violence and vigilantism in American history. Until relatively recently, a code of silence about the Great Hanging restricted research and writing on this subject.*

*McCaslin is a Professor in the Department of History at the University of North Texas with an area of expertise in Texas and nineteenth-century U.S. Military. McCaslin has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and is a fellow of the Texas State Historical Association. Please join us on Monday, Jan 28 at 7:00 PM at the Grapevine Public Library to hear his account of this important Texas tragedy.*

Our meetings are free and open to the public  
Refreshments begin at 6:30 pm  
Parking lot is behind (east of) the library  
Grapevine TEXRail Station on Main Street is four blocks from the Library



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