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OUR CREED: "A people which takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants." — LORD Macaulay.

FIRST PROJECT STARTED

The Committee on Special Projects of the Dallas Local History and Genealogy Society has announced that its first project will be the compilation of a bibliography of all books and pamphlets in the Dallas Public Library dealing with genealogical material.

The project in Dallas is patterned from the St. Louis, Mo., project which published its report in book form in 1953, a copy of which is in the Dallas Library, and which has been termed a most valuable help in simplifying research by historians and genealogists in the St. Louis Library.

The work in the Dallas Library was started a few days ago and at the present time work has been completed on North Carolina, Illinois, and the French Huguenots.

The appointment of the entire committee has not been completed. The committee is anxious to have volunteers from the membership of the society to give their services in compiling this bibliography. The committee is also anxious for the members to work on the states, counties, or cities in which they have a particular interest.

Volunteers should call Mrs. James P. Owen, chairman, at EM-5259 or FO-8-8966. Three or four hours a week given by several workers would be greatly appreciated.

It is the desire of the committee to finish the inventory of material in the Dallas Library as soon as possible in order that the bibliography, which will be published in book form similar to the one of the St. Louis Library, can be made available to all members of the society and to any others interested in genealogical research.

Statement of Purpose

The purposes of this organization are:

To create, foster and maintain interest among citizens of Dallas County in the Genealogy and Local History Section of the Dallas Public Library.

To collect and preserve information relating to those pioneers who settled Dallas County and to the early history of this City and County.

To preserve church, cemetery and land records, testamentary documents, diaries and manuscripts, and other source materials wherein are chronicled the achievements of those who laid in the wilderness the foundations of this great community.

To copy and index all such records, and to catalogue them so as to make this information most readily available to present and future generations.

To collect and make available through the Dallas Public Library the published records of other States, whence came the Texas pioneers.

To exchange ideas and collaborate in devising efficient methods for genealogical and historical research.

MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING

More than thirty members attended the first monthly meeting of the new year, held at the Downtown YMCA at noon on January 17 and heard a report by President John Plath Green that interest in the work of the Society is spreading to suburban Dallas communities.

Members greeted with enthusiasm Mr. Green's report that he had received inquiries from persons interested in local history and genealogy in a number of the incorporated towns in Dallas County adjoining the City of Dallas, and the President was authorized to look into the possibility of organizing branches of the Society in such communities.

The temporary Finance Committee, headed by Mr. E. B. Comstock, presented a report recommending that annual dues for membership in the Society be set at $5.00. The recommendation was unanimously approved on motion of Mr. Dee Brown Walker, with the proviso that the fiscal year start on January 1.

Mr. Charles L. Noland presented a report on a proposed monthly bulletin to be published by the Society, accompanied by a suggested layout for the publication and estimates of printing costs, which were approved.

Mrs. J. A. Wellborn regretfully announced that it would be impossible for her to continue serving as Chairman of the Membership Committee and Mrs. George Carlisle was appointed to head this committee.

The meeting adjourned after setting the date of the next meeting for noon, Monday, February 21, at the Downtown YMCA.

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Mrs. Margaret Pratt, head of the Local History and Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library, reports the addition of the following new books of interest to members of the Society:

Godfrey, Carlos E.: *The Commander-in-Chief's Guard*, Stevenson-Smith Co., Washington, D. C., 1904. Excellent book. Besides the history of the Guard, it contains information about the men — many times very detailed information — as to births, deaths, marriages, names of children with births and deaths and even the married names of daughters.

Green, Edwin L.: *A History of Richland Co.*, S. C., Vol. I, 1732-1805 (all published) R. L. Bryan Co., Columbia, S. C., 1932. Includes early settlers, land owners, Revolutionary men from that county (with places of birth), early Columbians, abstracts of wills relating to Richland Co. which are found in other counties, and officials.

Connecticut Historical Society: *Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War, 1755-1762*, 2 Vols., Hartford, 1903-05 (Vols. IX and X of Collections of the Conn. Hist. Soc.). Lists the various companies, names of men, rank, dates of enlistments and discharges, with death dates in some cases. Very valuable.

Morgan, William M.: *Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, Galveston, Texas, 1841-1953*. Galveston, 1953. Gives names of people active in its organization, officials through the years, lists of members and some genealogy.

Ransleben, Guido E.: *A Hundred Years of Comfort in Texas*. Pioneer German Families in Hill Co. Excellent genealogical material.

Blasig, Anne: *The Wends of Texas*. Pioneer German families.

DeGarmo, Mrs. Frank: *Pathfinders in Texas, 1836-1846*. Genealogy of early families in Nueces Co.

Storey, Willim M.: *The Family Storey*. George Storey and his descendants, 1725-1955. (Gift of Mr. Boude Storey.)

Clift, Glenn: *A History of Maysville and Mason County, Kentucky*.

Wright, Elizabeth Anne: *James Dyer — Descendants and Allied Families*. (Gift of the author.)

Sabine, W. H. W.: *Sabin (e) — The History of an Ancient English Surname*. (Gift of the author.)

McNitt, V. V.: *The MacNauchtan Saga*. 2 Vols. (Gift of the author.)

Carr, Nanon: *Clinton County, Missouri, Wills*.

Clift, Glenn: *Second Census of Kentucky* (1800).

It will be noted that a number of the volumes listed above were gifts to the library. Persons buying genealogical books with the intention of giving them to the library when they are through with the books, should notify Mrs. Pratt. This would preclude her ordering the same book, so that the money that would thus have been spent could be used to buy some other needed works.

TEXAS HERITAGE

The Texas Historical Foundation, with George W. Hill as executive director, was chartered early last year. The establishment of the Foundation has been called "one of the most significant recent events in the preservation movement in this country."

This new group, set up with the advice and encouragement of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is designed as a co-ordinating agency within the State, much as the Trust itself is intended to serve the whole country. In the planning stage, the duties of the Texas Foundation were intended to be:

1. Designation and preservation of historic houses, sites and landmarks.

2. Preservation of important papers, documents and relics that record Texas life.

3. Publication and distribution of materials concerning Texas life and history.

4. School utilization of historical resources and participation of school children in reliving the days of Texas pioneers.

5. Publicizing the significance of historical parks.

6. Use of the Foundation by organizations, institutions, activities and individuals as a clearing house for information concerning Texas life.

7. Use of the facilities and leadership of the Foundation in the development of historical resources in every locality of Texas.

To begin to carry out the work of the Foundation a number of sub-committees have been appointed. Among the members are leading citizens studying museums, houses, sites, landmarks, arts and crafts (including plans for an Index of Early Texas Arts and Crafts), finances and programs.

Among other provisions, the charter of the Foundation states that "the corporation is not organized for propaganda purposes and will not attempt to influence legislation or participate in political activities."

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