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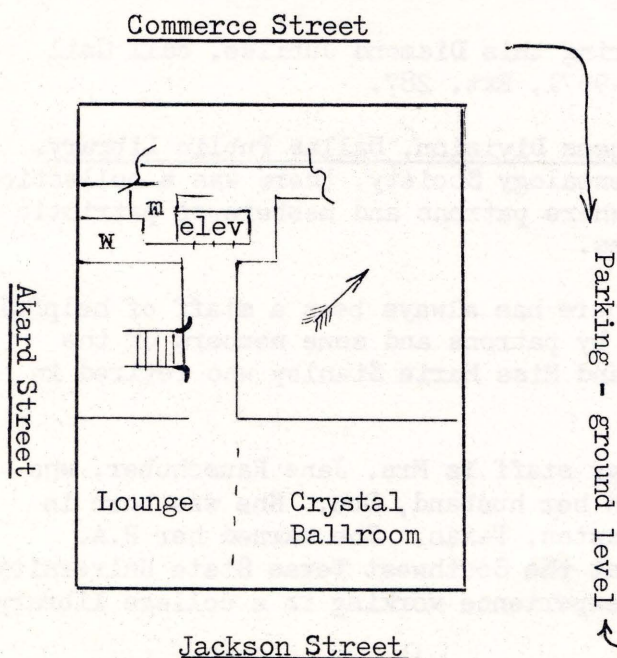
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TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR. In recognition of the Texas State Genealogical Society's 16th Annual State Meeting, Genealogical Seminar and Workshop which will be held Thursday through Saturday, November 4-6, 1976, at the Baker Hotel, in Dallas, Governor Dolph Briscoe has proclaimed November 1-6, 1976, to be "TEXAS STATE GENEALOGY IN TEXAS" week and Mayor Robert S. Folsom of Dallas has declared it to be "TEXAS STATE GENEALOGY WEEK IN DALLAS."

The Local History and Genealogical Society will host this event and hopes to show the out of state speakers and guests true Dallas hospitality. It is a rare privilege to have such a program in our midst. Everyone is urged to attend the free reception Thursday evening, November 4th, to meet and greet our guests. The program for the seminar is outlined on page 117 of the September issue of the Local History and Genealogical Society QUARTERLY as well as in two mailings which have also given details.

Speakers at the workshop during the following days will be: Lloyd Bockstruck, M.A.; John Insley Coddington, M.A., F.A.S.G.; Winston De Ville, M.A., F.A.S.G.; Paul Dumont; Chris La Plante, M.A., Assistant Director-Librarian, Texas State Library and Acting Archivist, Texas State Archives; Mrs. Lola E. Lindsey, A.A.; Dr. Ronald Marcello, National Secretary-Treasurer, Oral History Association; Milton Rubincam, C.G., F.A.S.G.; Mrs. Mary Neal Speakman, C.G.; R. T. Williams, Director of Programs of the Texas Department of Agriculture; and C. George Younkin, Archivist. All are recognized authorities in their respective fields.

A map of the Baker Hotel is shown below to assist you.



Mr. Bill Crawford states:

"I would like to recommend very highly the speakers of the Texas Genealogical Society convention. It was my privilege to assist as host to both Mr. Coddington and Mr. Rubincam on different occasions. They know their subjects and are quite free with their time during the breaks.

You all know Lloyd, Mary, and Lola and what a good job they do. I have not been privileged to hear the other speakers but know of their reputations and it is good.

Hope to see you there."

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY. The Local History and Genealogical Society of Dallas wishes to congratulate the Dallas Public Library, its Director, Mrs. Lillian Bradshaw, the Municipal Library Board, Mayor of Dallas, and the City Council on the 75th anniversary of the Dallas Public Library.

The Dallas Public Library traces its beginning to a "Young Men's Literary Society" which raised funds for a library as early as 1872. Later, local donations prompted Andrew Carnegie to donate funds which opened the first Dallas Public Library in 1901.

The anniversary will actually be celebrated from November 6 through November 20. During that time, there will be a Community Showcase at noontime featuring "mini performances" by members of the Dallas Opera, Dallas Symphony, Theater III, Museum of Fine Arts, Dallas Ballet, USA Film Festival, and the Dallas Theater Center. These will be at the Central Public Library. There will also be an exhibit of miniature books from the Stanley Marcus Collection through the end of November. This is the first time this Collection has been shown in Dallas. A symposium will be held on November 10 at 12:00 noon at the Fairmont Hotel featuring three guest speakers which will explore relationships of business, government and the arts. And, an illustrated history of the first 75 years is being written by Dallas journalist, Larry Grove, about the Dallas Public Library.

On Saturday, November 6th, a birthday celebration including a cake with 75 candles will start at 10:30 a.m. The Local History and Genealogical Society will present a donation of \$500.00 and a copy of THE MEMORIAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY OF DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS, at the Central Public Library, 1954 Commerce Street.

Various Branch Libraries will feature such things as an art show and a Chili Cookout (honoring Texas cooks everywhere), and there will be a number of receptions.

For further information regarding events during this Diamond Jubilee, call Gail Tomlinson at the Dallas Public Library, 748-9071, Ext. 287.

Genealogy Section, History/Social Sciences Division, Dallas Public Library.

Before there was a Local History and Genealogy Society, there was a collection of books in the Dallas Public Library where patrons and members of patriotic societies did research on their families.

Assisting patrons in their research, there has always been a staff of helpful and dedicated people. Long remembered by patrons and some members of the present staff are Mrs. Margaret Pratt and Miss Marie Stanley who retired in 1962 and 1970 respectively.

The newest staff member of the Genealogy staff is Mrs. Jane Rauschuber, who transferred from Houston to Dallas with her husband, Don. She was born in Spokane, Washington, but grew up in Houston, Texas. She earned her B.A. degree in History and English in 1974 at the Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos. Jane has had previous experience working in a college library.

Mrs. Aletta Scuka, Library Clerk, was born in Somerville, New Jersey, and moved from Washington, D. C., when her husband, Rob, received a scholarship to Perkins Theological Seminary at Southern Methodist University. She graduated from American University in Washington, D. C., with a B.S. degree in International Relations and Sociology in 1973. Prior to joining the Dallas Public Library, she worked with "Project Hope." She recently has embarked on a graduate degree in Library Science.

Another Library Clerk, Mrs. Mary Kay Loomis joined the staff when her husband, Steve, moved to Dallas where he is employed by Anderson-Clayton. Mary Kay was born in Harlingen, Texas, and attended college in Texas Southmost College in Brownsville. She graduated from Sam Houston State College with a B.A. degree in Elementary Education and English in 1969.

Miss Lois Hudgins has served the library since 1961 and she is now a Library Associate. Born in Fort Worth, she graduated from North Texas State with a B.A. degree in Industrial Art and English in 1960. Prior to coming to the library, she worked for an airlines company. Having worked with all phases of the work of the Genealogy/Texas History, she has become a research staff member of note.

Mr. Stewart Hendrix is a Page in the Genealogy Section. He was born in Dallas and attended Southern Methodist University where he graduated with a B. A. degree in History in 1975. An avid football fan, his interest in the Confederacy has made him a welcome member of the staff since 1975. His penchant for neatness and work with the public has kept the collection's books and microfilm well taken care of and carefully arranged for quick retrieval.

Mr. Lloyd Bockstruck is First Assistant, in the History/Social Sciences Division. He was born in Vandalia, Illinois, and joined the Genealogy staff in 1973 following graduation with a Masters in Library Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. Earlier he received a Bachelors degree in 1967 from Greenville, Illinois, college. In September 1969, he received a Masters Degree in History from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois.

Mrs. Lucille Boykin, Genealogy Librarian, joined the Dallas Public Library in 1956 and the Genealogy/Texas History Department in 1963. She was born in Kansas and graduated from Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, Kansas. She then attended the University of Denver graduate school.

DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE QUARTERLY. The December issue of THE QUARTERLY will be comprised of Revolutionary War ancestors listed in the June 1975 issue and additions to that listing. The lineage will be traced from the Revolutionary War ancestor to the present Society member. The price for this special issue will be \$3.75.

PROGRAM CHANGE FOR THE GENERAL MEETING. Mrs. Mary Margaret Roberson, Historical Markers' Chairman in Dallas, was originally scheduled to present "The Works of the Dallas County Historical Commission" at the October 28th General Meeting. She will be out of town at that time and her presentation has been changed to the April 28, 1977, General Meeting. In her place, Mr. William McCaddin Pritchett will speak. He was originally scheduled for the April 28th meeting.

Mr. Pritchett was born and reared in Brunswick County, Virginia. He received his B.A. degree at Lynchburg College in Virginia and his M.A. and Ph.D in Economics at the University of Virginia. He is with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in his professional capacity but he writes a column entitled "Our Civil War Soldiers from Brunswick County, Virginia," in the weekly newspaper "Brunswick Times-Gazette" published in Lawrenceville, Virginia. His biographical sketches and stories in the column will eventually be published in a book. He recently helped write the "Bicentennial History of Brunswick County, Virginia," and he spends a month in that county each year doing research and gathering data on his projects. His discussion at the November General Meeting will include some of his genealogical findings.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT. A letter of resignation from Mary N. Speakman, Executive Vice President, was read at the October Board Meeting of the Local History and Genealogical Society. She cited pressures at work as her reason for resigning.

Robert L. Johnston has accepted the appointment to replace Mrs. Speakman as Executive Vice President. He is remembered for his outstanding work for the May 1976 Workshop at the North Park Inn. Mr. Johnston has agreed to Chair the May 1977 Workshop.

RESIGNATION OF PUBLICATIONS-DISTRIBUTION CHAIRMAN. Mr. Lenard W. Anstead resigned effective October 13th as Chairman of the Publications-Distribution on the Editorial Staff. This is a great loss because he has been so effective in getting THE QUARTERLY distributed.

APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE. Mrs. Minnie Champ, Vice President of Publications and Editor of THE QUARTERLY, is desperately in need of editorial help. It was suggested at the October Board Meeting that an appeal for volunteer typists be made and that a list be maintained of those who will work whenever required. This is a grand opportunity for new members to get involved and for members of longer standing to meet our newcomers in a very worthwhile project.

If you can't type, there are other areas where help is also needed -- such as: proof reading, checking telephone books for current addresses, getting THE QUARTERLY ready for mailing (a monumental task); and many, many more jobs. Won't you please help us help you?

NEW NAME FOR THE LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. The By-Laws Committee is in the process of updating the By-Laws of the Society. One of the things mentioned for the Board's consideration was a new name that would be more appropriate for a growing genealogical society. Among the names suggested were: Dallas Genealogical Society, Lone Star Genealogical Society, and Dallas Society of Genealogical History. If you have any suggestions for a name for the Society, plan to attend the next General Meeting which will be held on November 18th. A vote will be taken at that time.

ANNUAL DUES. Dues are now being accepted for the 1977 period. Membership dues are only \$7.50 for the year but you might want to consider a Sustaining Membership for \$25.00 or a Patron Membership for \$50.00.

FREE QUERIES IN THE QUARTERLY. For a trial period, one free query per member per year will be used in THE QUARTERLY. The free query will be limited to 50 words and will be published as space permits. Take advantage of this opportunity.

THE MEMORIAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY OF DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS. Mr. Robert B. Swann has undertaken the sales for THE MEMORIAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY OF DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS. This is a reprint sponsored by The Local History and Genealogical Society and has been very valuable to genealogists. There are over 10,000 names listed and indexed in the book. The selling price now is \$26.00.

APPRECIATION FOR THE VOLUNTEERS. Volunteers who have so generously donated time and efforts to THE QUARTERLY who deserve our appreciation are: Lenard Anstead, Alice Coates, Betty DuPriest, Mike Farmer, Helen Fife, Georgia Frost, Lyssa Grogan, Opal Hollis, Leone Jamar, Dolly Kemp, Carol Kupfer, Meredith Lewis, Helen Lu, Betty Payne, Bonnie Siebert, Margaret Smith, Dorothy Sparrow, Edna Stephens, Fran Tears, Mary Trevenet, Dorothy Watts, and Helen Widener. Norma Cansler has undertaken the task of transcribing tapes for workshops and past programs.

PRATT COLLECTION. The genealogical papers collected through the years by Mrs. Margaret Barret Pratt, Foundling Librarian Retired, have been donated to the Carrollton Public Library and will be known as the Pratt Collection. This collection will be welcomed by our members living in that part of the county.

FARMERS BRANCH LIBRARY. The Farmers Branch Library on Webbs Chapel Road has recently acquired a microfilm reader and print-out facility. This, of course, will be of great interest to genealogists living in that area. The Library is closed Mondays.

We wish to thank each of you who favored the LH & GS with your purchase of the Memorial And Biographical History Of Dallas County, Texas. This reissue of a book printed in 1892 was sponsored by the Society as a public service to historians and genealogist, and as a means for raising funds for the benefit of the Dallas Public Library.

We apologize for the numerous delays by the publisher in making your book delivery.

Orders placed before October first should be in your hands.

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