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## NEWSLETTER

JUNE 23rd MEETING. Because of the amount of business to be conducted at this meeting we ask that you come early. The business meeting will start promptly at 6:45 p.m. Wyatt's Cafeteria, Mockingbird Lane at Abrams Road. See you there!

PROGRAM: TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES, Mr. Christopher La Plante, Assistant Director of State Archives, Austin. Come hear Mr. La Plante and find out about all those 'goodies' that the State Archives have to offer in helping you locate and learn more about your Texas ancestor.

BY-LAWS REVISIONS: The revised By-Laws will be voted on at this meeting. A copy of these By-Laws are in this newsletter. Read carefully and be prepared to vote at this meeting.

NEW OFFICERS: The nominating committee will have the new slate of officers to be presented for your consideration and approval.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS.

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MINI II WORKSHOP - YOU ASKED FOR IT, YOU GOT IT!!!! The Mini I Workshop was such a success that you wanted more of the same. Here's your chance. Mark your calendar and plan now to attend.

DATE: Saturday, June 11, 1977.

TIME: Register 9:15 a.m.

Program 9:30 to 4:15.

PLACE: Dallas Public Library Auditorium, Commerce & Harwood Sts., Dallas, TX.

COST: \$2.00 at the door. Seating capacity for 210. Admittance will be on a first come basis. To avoid the long line in registration please have \$2.00 correct change or have your check already made out to the Dallas Genealogical Society. Thank you.

LUNCH: Facilities are available to have our 'sack' lunch or there are several places nearby to have lunch if you so desire. Coffee will be available.

TOPICS: Morning session - NORTH CAROLINA Research by Mrs. C. A. Smith (Renee).

Afternoon session - SOUTH CAROLINA Research by Ms. Delphine Miller.

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SPEAKER INDEX FILE. For several months Grace McKnight has been compiling a list of speakers for the Society. This file include members who speak on a particular subject as well as non-member speakers. Grace has done a splendid job in compiling this information, so we give her a big "THANK YOU, GRACE," for a job well done.

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SPECIAL THANKS. To all that participated in the planning of both the Mini I and the Annual Workshops in the way of: Book sales, registration, posters, signs, nametags, door prizes, hand outs, table decorations and telephoning, etc. Thanks to the Counselors for giving their time and preparing the lists of reference materials. The Counselors were: Terrell Guinn, Mable Roberts, Dave Arant, Elizabeth Ann Higgins, Mike Farmer, Pat Schrader, Rose Marie Snell, Lucile Boykin, Leonard Huffhines, Gwen Neumann, Ralph Harvey, Lloyd Bockstruck, Tom Legett, Pauline Welch, Helen Lu, Renee Smith, William Conger, Hershell Anderson, Delphine Miller, Bill Crawford, Mary Sue Caruth, Dr. Wm. M. Pritchett, Nelle Dishman, Ama Lou McGill and Margaret Kittrell. We also thank Mary Neal Speakman for conducting the Annual Workshop on May 7th. Both workshops were well attended.

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MICROFILMING COUNTY RECORDS UNDER WAY. The original probate records are deteriorating with time. As a Society we cannot let this happen. A committee is now being formed to go in and microfilm these records up to about 1900. It will take 6 to 8 individuals at a time to do the job and ask that they be willing to go for several consecutive days to the Records Building. A briefing session will take place prior to going to the records room. This is a worthwhile project and we desperately need help in opening the packets, unfolding and laying out the papers for the camera, refolding and returning to the packets. No special talent is needed except willingness to help preserve these records for future generations. This project has been 'enthusiastically' approved by the Executive Board and the County Clerks Office. A microfilm camera is at our disposal and all we need now are willing individuals and approximately 20-30 rolls of microfilm which have been offered to us at a reduced cost. We have already received two pledges, totaling \$100.00 toward the purchase of film. If you have any 'new dollars' to help preserve 'old records,' remember they are tax deductible. Those interested in serving on this committee contact: Mrs. Stephen Smith (Margaret Ann) - 327-5096 or any board member.

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The following changes to the By-Laws has been submitted by the By-Laws committee consistings of: Dr. Ben L. Smith, Mr. Levi A. Busby, Mrs. Michal M. Farmer, Mrs. Lucile A. Boykin, Mrs. Jeanne Tabb.

The Committees recommendation with minor modifications has been approved by the Board and is here-  
in submitted to the membership for their consideration and approval to be voted on at the June meeting.

#### By-Laws Revision

#### Dallas Genealogical Society

##### Article I - Name

The name of this society shall be the Dallas Genealogical Society, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

##### Article II - Objectives

The objectivies of this Society shall be to create, foster and maintain interest in the Genealogy Department 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 of Dallas County, copying and indexing these records; and to make available through the Dallas Public Library published records from other states.

##### Article III - Membership

- Section 1. Membership is open to any interested person who submits a written application for membership to the Vice-President in Charge of Membership, accompanied by payment of annual dues for the first year.
- Section 2. Annual dues shall be established by the Board, payable in advance by January 1. Members whose dues are not paid by January 31 shall be dropped automatically from membership in the Society. Dues for families may be set by the Board. Dues for new members may be prorated in amounts determined by the Board.
- Section 3. Special categories for membership may be conferred by the Board with the approval of a majority vote of the membership. Dues and qualifications for those categories shall be established by the Board.

##### Article IV - Officers

- Section 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Executive Vice-President; Vice-President in Charge of Programs; Vice-President in Charge of Membership; Vice-President in Charge of Publications; Vice-President in Charge of Communications; Treasurer; Secretary; and Six Directors, one of whom shall be the representative of the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library.
- Section 2. At the Board meeting held in April, a Nominating Committee of 5 members, 2 from the Executive Board and 3 from the membership shall be elected by the Board. It shall be the duty of this Committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the annual meeting in June. Additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.
- Section 3. Officers shall be elected to serve for one year, or until their successors are elected. Election shall be by ballot. In the event there is but one nominee for an office election may be by voice vote. The term of office shall begin July 1.
- Section 4. No member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. No officer shall be eligible to more than three consecutive terms in elected office, with the exception of the President and Executive Vice-President. No member may serve as President unless he has served as a member of the Board for at least one year. The representative of the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library shall be eligible for re-election to the Board without restriction.
- Section 5. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Executive Vice-President shall become President. A vacancy in any other office shall be filled by the Executive Board.

##### Article V - Duties of Officers

- Section 1. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and the Executive Board. He shall appoint all committees except the Nominating Committee, and as otherwise specified in these By-Laws. He shall make an annual report to the membership for publication in the Fall Quarterly. He shall keep the proceedings and permanent records of the Society.
- Section 2. Executive Vice-President. In the absence or inability of the President, this officer shall perform the duties of that office.
- Section 3. The Vice-President in Charge of Programs shall be responsible for programs at the regular meetings of the Society.
- Section 4. The Vice-President in Charge of Membership shall accept new membership applications, forwarding the dues to the Treasurer.
- Section 5. The Vice-President in Charge of Publications shall be responsible for the publication and distribution of the Quarterly in March, June, September and December. He shall send Quarterlies to the members and to the current Exchange List. He shall be responsible for such other publications as may be directed by the Executive Board.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS. Mrs. Mildred Bailey, John B. Baird, Nina Baird, W.D. Baird, M.D., Mattie V. Baskin, Wyman Bass, Robert H. Bennett, Virginia Bradbury, Wm. Branch, Mary Helen Brengel, Don M. Caphton, John Cranfill, Johnnie D. Daniels, G.J. Darnell, Jeanne Darnell, Donna D. Daughty, Mrs. R.E. Dishman, Mrs. Winona Eckert, Mrs. W.S. Elliott, Mrs. & Mrs. Harry Gimble, Mr. & Mrs. Perry G. Fisher, Mrs. Judy B. Filingeri, Terrell Guinn, H.L. Gunn, Mrs. James N. Hayes, Albert B. Kimbell, Margaret T. Kittrell, Mrs. Sandy T. Kniffin, Edwin D. Kuykendall, Mrs. W.E. McCommons, John M. McCoy, Mr. & Mrs. E.J. McNatt, Mr. & Mrs. Lyndon Malcolm, Mrs. Farris D. Malone, Maria Meier, Mrs. C.W. Miller, Alice D. Mitchell, Mrs. Cecil Chesser, Mrs. W.A. Neumann, Mrs. R.L. O'Bryant, Mr. & Mrs. H.E. Patterson, Mrs. Glenn Payne, Mr. & Mrs. Julian L. Perkins, Mr. Wm S. Peterson, Veta P. Petty, Mr. & Mrs. G.L. Pierce, Mr. & Mrs. Billy E. Pittman, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon E. Potts, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Reuchert, Mrs. Richard Russell, Mrs. James Sherrill, Mr. Wm. T. Stroman, Mrs. Robert S. Thomas, Mrs. Lisa T. Watts, Mrs. John P. Weaver, Mr. & Mrs. Edward B. Winn, Mrs. John D. Woodward, Mr. & Mrs. D.A. Prescott, Mr. George Bowen, Mr. Tom Jarvis, Stephen A. Durbin, Jan Almand, Mrs. Linda Holt, Wm. D. Kelsay, Mrs. D. K. McCraw, Mrs. Robert E. Ketrenos, Mrs. Doris Halpern, Nelle Fromme, Mr. & Mrs. Finis R. Phy

We look forward to seeing you at the June 23rd meeting.

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A LITTLE REMINDER. When writing to the Society, please put the name of the person you wish to receive the correspondence on the outside of the envelope. This helps the person in charge of picking the mail up from the post office and your correspondence will get in the proper hands a lot quicker. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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