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NEWSLETTER

MAY WORKSHOP Replaces Regular May Meeting.

There will be no regular meeting this month. Instead there will be our long awaited Annual Workshop. Don't miss the opportunity to hear one of the best speakers in the country on genealogy, Mr. Clifford Neal Smith. His talk on Research via Religious Migration is one he is especially noted for. It should have special significance for each member of the Society. Federal Land Records Research is an area that most of us only skim the top of. He will show you how to dig down and get the most out of them. Even if you don't have Quakers or think you don't Mr. Smith's talk will be of interest anyway. Had you ever considered the fact that your "lost" ancestor, the one you never find in court records could have been a Quaker - remember they would not swear to an oath. Some of you say - "Oh, I don't have any German ancestry!" Well, who knows when you will find some. Also, remember it could be of help in other European research. The German nation, at one time was a huge empire. You with English ancestors -- George I was a Hanoverian or what we in America term German and many people came with him to England. Was one of them your ancestor? And which one of us can afford to miss a chance to have our own question answered by him. This day and a half workshop is a real bargain. If you can't come for all, come for what you can. Registration begins at 12:30 P.M. - May 19, 1978 at the Dallas Hilton on Commerce Street in downtown Dallas. Saturday May 20, 1978, Registration at 8:00 A.M. Program begins at 9:00 A.M. and lasts 'til 4:00 P.M. For more information contact Minnie Champ - 341-6507, Helen Lu - 350-6586, Gwen Neumann - 423-2164. We need workers for registration, book sales, etc. at the workshop. You will not miss any of the workshop. These jobs will be before the workshop or at break time. PLEASE HELP.

BOOKS-BOOKS-BOOKS-BOOKS-BOOKS.

Book sales are soaring. If you haven't already done so get a copy for yourself, a friend, or a small library or society that can't afford to buy them. We, in Dallas sometimes don't realize how hard it is for small libraries to purchase genealogy books. The books that were ordered in the pre-publication sale have either been picked up or mailed. Our pre-publication sale netted over \$1800. We have even sold one complete set of our microfilm of Dallas County Probate Cases. If you do not have an order form for the books, but wish to order, please contact Gwen Neumann, 423-2164. Even if you don't have Dallas ancestors, and most of us don't, you will surely want one or more of the books. The Ancestor book has families listed from all over the U. S. Your 'missing link' may be there. The books turned out beautifully and are well worth the effort that went into having them published.

APRIL MEETING.

The April meeting was a huge success. We had well over 125 people there. We had coverage by the news media and several officials of Dallas County came to be on hand for our program and the dedication of our books. Among the many attending were Mr. Ralph M. Edwards, Chief of Central Research Library, Judge John Whittington of the Commissioners Court, F. W. Bartlett, Jr. - Judge of the Probate Court, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. 'Larry' Murdoch (Larry is County Clerk of Dallas County), Dee

McCarroll of the Probate Records Department and Barbara Faulks and a number of other guests. Bill Crawford gave a most informative speech on using Probate Records. We all learned new aspects of them. The book dedication brought some surprises. Nell Dishman was really startled to learn that the "Marriages - Dallas County, Texas", Vol. I was dedicated to her since she had been the editor when the earliest of these marriages were published in the Quarterly. Gwen Neumann read the dedication and presented her with a copy of the book. Dave Arant made the dedication of "Ancestors of Dallas Genealogical Society Members, Vol. I." to all the members of the Society. Hope you were all pleased. Probably the most surprised of all was Larry E. Murdoch, County Clerk of Dallas County, when Margaret Smith read the dedication of "Index to Probate Cases - Dallas County Texas (1846-1900)" He said later that he had no idea that the book was going to be dedicated to him. Then he pulled a surprise of his own when he announced to Helen Lu and the Society that The Business Records Corporation had donated a microfilm reader to the Society. That was truly exciting. We have needed one a long time. Lucile Boykin and Lloyd D. Bockstruck were presented with the 35 rolls of microfilm on Dallas County probates. The microfilm was presented to them by the members of the Society who had worked on the microfilm project. Mr. Edwards was presented with two copies each of the 3 books that the Society published this year. Both the microfilm and the books will be placed in the genealogy section of the Dallas Public Library and is our gift to them this year. Due to the generosity of an anonymous benefactor our Society was able to donate the Texas State Library a set of the microfilm.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Ed Trickett, Chairman - 661-3690, Bill Crawford - 361-0731, Mary Dean Morris - 823-3807, Mary Sue Caruth - 821-2692, Margaret Ann Thetford - 522-3806. These people have one of the most important jobs of the year, so they need your kind thoughts and help. It is imperative that we have a hardworking, interested board for next year. If you know someone who would like to serve or if you would like to serve, call and tell them. They will appreciate it. If you are called and asked to take an office - please accept, if at all possible. You will be glad you did. This is a great way to get to know people in our Society.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.

M/M John H. Mann, Mrs. John H. Moore, Mrs. Fayrienne Lester, Venetia Jobe, Mrs. Robert W. Pepkin, M/M Chester Peters, M/M Marvin Bowers.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH.

This appeared in the "Virginia Tidewater Genealogy" edited by Col. Charles A. Nicholson.

"Many a man with no family tree
Has succeeded
Because he branched out for himself."

---Howard Tamplin

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