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NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER MEETING: Date: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1979
Place: Fellowship Hall, University Park Methodist Church
Time: 6 p.m. - Pre-Meeting Session: Mrs. Bobbie Thornton
"COURT HOUSE RECORDS"
7 p.m. - Meeting and Program
Pat Chadwell
"MIGRATION OUT OF VIRGINIA"

Ms. Pat Chadwell, Librarian, is Head of the Genealogy Department of the Fort Worth Public Library.

Bobbie Thornton is President of the Plano Genealogical Society. She is a native Texan, but while her husband was in "the service", she researched all over the States.

HOLIDAY REFRESHMENTS SERVED

(Please do not park in the space reserved for our guest speaker from Fort Worth who must drive in directly from work to arrive by 7.)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

QUARTERLY SALES: Margaret Smith, who has sold our Quarterlies for us at meetings for a very long time, has requested a trainee for next year. Duties to be explained by Margaret. Publication Sales and Membership Personnel have the fun of meeting attendees at meetings and getting to know some very nice people.

CEMETERY PROJECT: More typists with electric typewriters could help put Dallas Cemetery Inscriptions into book form. Delanda Caruso (327-1337)

QUARTERLY EDITOR: Gwen Neumann is eager to train a new Editor for the Quarterly. This is your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to enter the world of journalism. Gwen says the job is a lot of fun and she gets to work with a fine editorial staff. Our by-laws prevent Gwen from being Editor next year, so please, won't someone step forward so we can have a Quarterly?

MARRIAGE RECORDS: Do you have the first-Monday-of-the-month blahs? Don't want to copy marriages on that day? Mr. J. D. Bowman, Chief Deputy in the County Clerk's office (2nd floor), has graciously given us shelf space in his credenza for our 5" X 7" index cards (we copy marriages onto those), so that persons coming to the Records Building at odd times can have the materials at hand for copying. For instructions on how we copy these records, call Adrienne Jamieson, Gwen Neumann, Helen Lu, or Helen Stinson.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

- ATKINS, Kathryn E. (Mrs.), 3212 B. Daniels, Dallas, TX 75205 361-7561
 - COOK, Bonnie (Mrs.), 15 Jackson Oaks, N. Little Rock, AR 72116 (501)835-6335
 - ENGLISH, Jessie D., Jr., 737 N. Hampton Rd., Dallas, TX 75208 946-7335
 - GEORGE, Sallie M., 17231 Marianne Circle, Dallas, TX 75252 (office-690-2211) 233-3690
 - KENNEDY, Mattie Sue, 615 Winnetka, Dallas, TX 75208 942-9189
 - LETOF, Totsy Casteel (Mrs.), 3629 Mockingbird, Dallas, TX 75205 528-7598
 - PALMER, Nancy A., 4026 Harvest Hill #1001, Dallas, TX 75234 241-7191
- SUSTAINING MEMBER: SMITH, R. G. (Mrs.), 1204 Cheyenne Pl, Richardson, TX 75080 . 235-2585

(DGS MEMBERSHIP TOTALS 564 AT THE END OF OCTOBER, 1979)

GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP AND CLASS CALENDAR:

- November 17, Dallas: Irish Family Research Association meets this Saturday afternoon in the Dallas Public Library Auditorium. Call 231-8374 or 341-6507 for more information.
- November 17, Abilene: Fall Workshop. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Episcopal Parish Hall, 602 Meander. "How To Get Started" & Census Records. West Texas Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2307, Abilene, TX 79604. Marjorie Bland Sayles, President.
- January 15, Arlington: UTA. New approach--"Basic Through Advanced Genealogy Course" with graduating seminar 19 April 1980. Certified genealogist, Mrs. Harry Joseph Morris: (214) 327-7101, or University of TX at Arlington: (817) 273-2581.
- May 3, 1980, Dallas: DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL WORKSHOP. Register your subject preference with Workshop Chairman, Adrienne Jamieson. (You may use attached dues envelope.)
SPEAKER: MARY BONDURANT WARREN of "Family Puzzler" fame. Area of Authority: Southeastern U.S.

PLEASANT JOURNEY:

Bill Crawford is off to China.
Anne and Ed Trickett have been researching in Mississippi.
Adrienne & John Jamieson are in California.
I. H. and Virginia Savyers just returned from North Carolina and Virginia research.
Minnie, Richard, & Russell Champ are in Hawaii.

PERSONAL:

Our sympathy to Renee Smith on the passing of her Mother.

PERSONAL

George Bond, former DGS Director, is at home recovering from surgery.

BECAUSE OF OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY, YOUR DECEMBER DGS QUARTERLY WILL BE A LITTLE LATE

INDEXING: The indexing of every name in the first reel of DGS microfilm of Dallas Probate Records mentioned in the October Newsletter as having been completed by the Lee Lambeths consisted of the typing of 4,000 index cards. The task took over a year and required many hours of dedicated labor. We appreciate these stalwart workers.

LDS LIBRARY: Let's remind our friends, who may not know, that the volunteers at the LDS Libraries are not librarians - expert genealogists (repeat--NOT), and can not be expected to help us with our research. They volunteer only to keep the library open for our use. We know that DGS members are most grateful to have the library facilities in this area and will show their appreciation to those responsible by being courteous when visiting. (Ed. note)

DID YOU KNOW THAT DGS MEMBER, RUTH COOPER, IS A DIRECT DESCENDANT OF THE CITY OF DALLAS FOUNDER, JOHN NEELY BRYAN?

(REMEMBER, NO DECEMBER MEETING)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME
(Self-Addressed Envelope For Your Convenience)

MEMBERSHIP YEAR: 1 January 1980 to 1 January 1981

\$10 INDIVIDUAL OR COUPLE

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP: \$25 plus (Please Designate) \$50 plus: PATRON MEMBERSHIP

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES: Langston Goree in his speech on "But Cousin Hattie Said . . ." presented the necessity of checking out those prized family traditions, some of which are often very imaginative. Mr. Goree said that the truths he found proved to be more interesting than those fabrications from "Cousin Hattie". We should all seek to make our records truthful, documenting carefully as we go along.

Judge Grace McKnight, in the Pre-Meeting Session, demonstrated a proven numbering system for our pedigree & family group sheets. Her system enables her to keep track of scores of names in her family lines. Some of her records were exhibited as examples. (Our thanks to Pat Schrader, our Program Chairman, for her conscientious efforts to provide us with interesting programs.)

GENEALOGY BOOTH AT CRAFTS FAIR: On November 2, 3, & 4, DGS had a display at the Senior Citizens Arts & Crafts Fair at the Women's Building in Fair Park. Frances Malcolm, whose patience and teaching skills with that age group are legendary, provided the benefit of her experience in preparing the display. She and her husband "Mal" also manned the booth on November 4. Our thanks to Russell Marriott for donating one of his employees to staff the booth for 3 days (Barbara Beard, we loved working with you!) We appreciate the donation of the time and talents of Nell Dishman, Ailene McCrary, Ruth Alexander, Georgia Frost, Wilma Gardman, and Vera May Wyatt who explained how to fill out pedigree charts & just how to get started. Helen Stinson's direction and yeoman labor made it happen.

MINI-WORKSHOP: Pat Schrader, in her usual thorough manner, taught basic genealogy to 28 persons. After expenses were paid, DGS realized \$78.64 profit to donate to the Dallas Public Library, Genealogy Section, for Revolutionary War Films. Again, we thank Pat for her contribution to the benefit of so many, and you, Adrienne, for setting it up and carrying it through.

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SHE'S COMING! May 3, 1980 MARY BONDURANT WARREN May 3, 1980 SHE'S COMING!
of "Family Puzzler" Fame
Authority on Southeastern Genealogy

If you would like for her to cover a particular section or aspect of southeastern United States, register your preference in dues envelope for Workshop Chairman Adrienne Jamieson's attention.
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+ HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US! +
+ On the occasion of 25 years of Dallas Genealogy Society Meetings, our +
+ gift to ourself is the Revolutionary War Pension Application Reels we +
+ are presenting to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. +
+ Members and friends from whom gifts are received will be acknowledged by name in +
+ the next Quarterly, and the specific reels ordered by the library will be listed. +
+ Helen Lu reports: "We hope to reach the \$2,000 mark. So far \$1,470.50 has been collected +
+ and \$124 paid directly to the library--a total of \$1,594.50 generated. Present pledges +
+ bring the total close to \$2,000. SO IF YOU HAVE MADE A PLEDGE, PLEASE SEND IT IN. +
+ WE'RE COUNTING ON IT. +
+ Tax Deductible, \$12 a reel, payable to D.G.S., "Rev. War Film", P.O. Box or Helen +
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING! SEE YOU THE THURSDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING--NOVEMBER 29!

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(MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME)

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

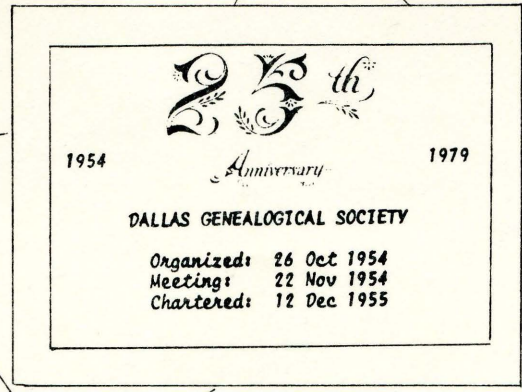
- Mrs. Margaret Pratt
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- Mrs. W. O. Alvis
- Mrs. Mabel Harrell
- Mr. Charles L. Syron
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- Mrs. Charles Looney
- Mrs. Hazel Peterson
- Charles Noland
- Don King
- Mr. Tom Tipton
- Judge Dee B. Walker
- Mrs. Dee B. Walker
- Mr. C. C. Hayley
- Mrs. J. O. Luttrell
- Mrs. Henry O. Jones
- Mrs. Roland Roggenbrod
- Mrs. Charles D. Adams
- Mrs. George Carlisle
- Mr. Hastings Harrison
- Mr. E. B. Comstock
- Mr. John Plath Green

NOVEMBER 22, 1954:

- Mrs. John D. Boon
- Mrs. C. Leslie Birt
- Miss Vernon Laughter
- Mrs. Margaret Scruggs Carruth
- Miss Eunice Haynes

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
 formerly LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
 (Cooperating With The Dallas Public Library)

Organizational Meeting:
 President: John Plath Green
 Secretary: Anna Walker
 Library Advisor: Margaret Pratt



CHARTER MEMBERS WHO ARE MEMBERS NOW

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- MARGARET BARRET PRATT
- JOHN PLATH GREEN
- HASTINGS HARRISON
- MARGARET SCRUGGS CARRUTH
- ANNA WALKER
- DEE BROWN WALKER
- LILLIAN SCHWERTZ
- MARY ETHEL WALTER
- VERNON LAUGHTER

MARGARET SCRUGGS CARRUTH

Remembers the major aim of the Organization was not only to increase the books in the Genealogy Section of DPL, but also to increase the scope of their coverage. Was an "uphill battle", but people were encouraged to give in memorial form and otherwise, & many members & non-members were generous. Remembers meeting in homes, and enjoyed "getting together at the 'Y'" (across street from Baptist Church) for lunch and monthly meetings, but the efforts of the group were entirely directed toward their goals. Mrs. Carruth keeps in touch with present activities, has held office, been very active & supported all the early endeavors. Was the first scheduled speaker, speaking on "Methods" at the third meeting.

JOHN PLATH GREEN

Our Founder President (1954-1961). The idea of organizing a society that would work in cooperation with DPL was to a large extent his idea. He is credited with being the "spark plug" & "leading spirit". A attorney, he became interested in genealogy about 1950, & saw Genealogy Section as a "step-child" department then. When he called a meeting of a handful of interested people--with Mrs. Pratt's support--one of his goals was to help improve that status. These first members have seen a complete change in that Library Department. Mr. Green was on the Library Board when Mrs. Bradshaw was appointed. Has published three family histories & a History of Deed Records of Rutherford County, N.C. Two years ago, he gave his personal library (some out-of-print books & all invaluable) to the Library.

HASTINGS HARRISON

Remembers the early group as being "tremendous" and "very closely knit". Has been on our Board and Vice President, but because he was so heavily involved with the SMU Arts Center at the time, he felt could not take the Presidency. He did, however, also contribute much as Mr. Green's "right hand man". Dr. Harrison has published two books: Martin Dial, and Daniel B. Harrison (and related families).

VERNON LAUGHTER

This alert 94 year old member says, "We had interesting meetings, and through that interest (and perseverance), I have worked until I have nine Revolutionary ancestors cleared through DAR." Her sister, Pearl, also a Charter Member, passed on in 1969. When they traveled to research, they found people very helpful. Stayed with many distant relatives who didn't know them from "Adam's house cat". Miss Laughter wrote, lectured for us, & held office. Still gives good advice.

MARGARET B. PRATT

A quarter of a century ago, when she was Head of the Texas History & Genealogy Department of DPL, the story goes that a young man, Charles Noland, had a genealogy problem she thought could be answered best through a group. About this time, John Plath Green was becoming aware of the need for a group to help the Library's Gen. Section & individual genealogists. He claims Mrs. Pratt "egged me on" and was in "every thing" to do with the organization of the Society. Early members have only high praise for her guidance, and admiration for her knowledge as a "walking encyclopedia". All agree that Mrs. Pratt was "the inspiration" and indispensable to this Organization's beginnings.

LILLIAN SCHWERTZ

Would come to the Library from her work at City Hall. Was our first Program Chairman, and has lectured, written, and served on the Board for the Society. Has traveled extensively and is still traveling in connection with her research. Has a separate room set aside for the results of her searches. Has enough material for 25 books, and has gathered notes on related lines, all of which she graciously shares.

ANNA and DEE BROWN WALKER

Mrs. Walker was our first Secretary & Judge Walker was President two terms. He remembers when Mrs. Pratt first approached him about the idea of an organization. When the "new" Library was being built & the books were temporarily on the second floor of Union Terminal, Mrs. Pratt asked him if he knew John Plath Green & explained the idea. From there, these three "kinds got the thing going". Not long before this (spring, 1954), he had spent his first dollar on genealogy. He did DGS taxes for years, and is still handling all our legal work (did the Charter, name change, etc.), and is available for consultation. As Mr. Green says, "He is a real good friend of the Society's."

MARY ETHEL WALTER

Says she was intensely interested when the group started, and is now well pleased that she has been able to clear about 20 family lines. Miss Walter was active in writing, and serving on the Board and Committees. Her sister, Gladys, was also a Charter Member.

THANK YOU, CHARTER MEMBERS

**** 1954 BEGINNINGS ****

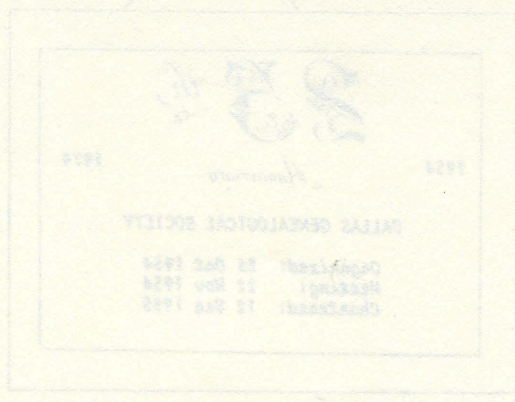
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1954, the above people met at the Downtown YMCA for the purpose of organizing an association committed to the PURPOSE OF FOSTERING THE COLLECTION AND PRESERVATION OF GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH DPL. Arbitrarily calling it "Dallas Association of Genealogy and Local History", Mr. Green stated that the association would OPERATE AS A CLEARING HOUSE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF GENERAL INFORMATION AMONG ITS MEMBERS, AND TO STUDY AND MAKE AVAILABLE IMPROVED METHODS OF RESEARCH, TO LOCATE ADDITIONAL SOURCE MATERIALS, AND TO STUDY METHODS OF COMPILING GENEALOGICAL DATA.

1. Motion unanimously carried that THE ORGANIZATION, SUCH AS THAT DESCRIBED BY MR. GREEN, BE CREATED AND ORGANIZED.
2. First project was to inventory the bookshelves of DPL with plans to print the list. The project was enlarged to include inventories of private libraries of those persons who would be willing to make such libraries available, at times, to members.
3. Members were requested not to discuss with any of the members at any meeting the personal exploits of any of his own ancestors.
4. President was authorized to appoint Membership, Special Project, Administrative & Program Committees, with Chairmen serving as Executive Com.
5. Mr. Green announced he had sent notices to persons with possible interest & urged others to contact interested friends. Mrs. Pratt "expressed herself as wholly in accord" with the need of such an organization & gave her "blessing".

- NOVEMBER 22, 1954 MEETING MINUTES:** (Is referred to as "the first meeting", but called "the second meeting" in the Minutes Record.)
- At 12 noon, November 22, 1954, the group again met at the YMCA, 605 North Ervay. Five new members came.
1. Was agreed that name should be "LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY SOCIETY, COOPERATING WITH DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY."
 2. Rather than ask for money for books, was agreed that list of needed books be given to local people with suggestion they donate to DPL.
 3. Mr. C. C. Hayley was elected to the office of Treasurer.
 4. Mr. Don King, Miss Vernon Laughter, Mrs. John D. Boon were appointed to Projects Com. (Purpose: suggest projects; such as, N.C. book inventory)
 5. Committee appointed to investigate amount of dues to charge: Comstock, Wellborn, Alvis, Noland, and Hayley.
 6. President appointed Mrs. J. A. Wellborn as Membership Chairman, and Mrs. Alvis as Telephone Committee Chairman.

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 [Dallas] LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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