

NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Note change of speaker and topic from that announced at the March meeting.

Date: April 24, 1980  
 Place: Downtown Dallas Public Library Auditorium  
 Time: 10-11 a.m. Pre-Meeting Session: Margaret Ann Thetford  
 "HOW TO CORRESPOND WITH NEWSPAPER GENEALOGY COLUMNISTS". There will be a handout with a list of newspapers that have genealogy columns.  
 11-12 noon SACK LUNCH  
 12-1 p.m. Meeting and Program  
 Barbara Knox, Fort Worth, Texas  
 "KENTUCKY RESEARCH"  
 Ms. Knox has had 25 years of experience in Kentucky research. She looks forward to a question and answer session after the program. Bring those questions for which you have not been able to find answers.

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REMEMBER - REMEMBER - REMEMBER - DGS WORKSHOP - May 3, 1980  
 Workshop is filling up rapidly. Make check payable to Brookhaven College and send it to the college. TAPE RECORDERS - Mrs. Warren does allow tape recording of her program so bring yours if you would like a permanent record for review.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

AGEE, Mrs. J. O.	Box 444	Duncanville, TX 75116	298-0357
BRIGGS, Mrs. Ben	4711 Watauga Rd.	Dallas, TX 75209	357-1116
GLENN, Ronald J.	8031 San Cristobal	Dallas, TX 75218	327-3866
HELGESON, Mrs. Betty J.	1509 Clear Point Dr.	Garland, TX 75041	271-7979
LOW, Mrs. Hilda M.	4715 Elsby	Dallas, TX 75209	352-6682
NANNEY, Mrs. Zelta	1721 Dewberry	Lancaster, TX 75146	227-1274
PECKHAM, Willie May	4031 Glendale Ave. NE,	Salem, OR 97303	-----
RUFF, Nancy B.	13 Iris Circle	Longview, TX 75601	753-7879 (214)
STARKEY, Mrs. Barbara	1134 Easton Rd.	Dallas, TX 75218	328-3852
STRONG, Mrs. Jack B.	605 Noel	Longview, TX 75602	753-1462 (214)
TUDOR, Mrs. Pat			
(Edwin L.)	4723 Heatherbrook	Dallas, TX 75234	239-3347
OLIVER, Charles M.	7159 Mason Dell	Dallas, TX 75230	368-4937

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REPORT - Helen Lu's workforce putting together the first volume of cemetery inscriptions of Dallas County (during the week of March 24-28) had a good turnout. There were from six to eighteen people working each day. They made good progress and got a lot of work finished but there is still much work to do. All work was much appreciated and the next work week will be announced at a future date.

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RESULTS - The item in the March Newsletter, concerning the Hill County Mortgage Record Book, brought many responses. Mrs. Herring reports that the book, which was for sale in a local antique shop, was bought by an individual. It is our understanding that it will be donated to the Dallas Public Library when the purchaser has completed her research into its contents.

OTHER WORKSHOPS: The Lancaster Genealogical Society and Navarro County Genealogical Society are sponsoring jointly a workshop on ALABAMA.  
May 24, 1980 - Cedar Valley College, Lancaster.  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Registration \$12 before May 21 and \$14 thereafter. Buffet lunch is included. Send checks to Box 821, Corsicana, Texas 75110.  
SPEAKER: Milo B. Howard, Jr. - Director of Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, AL.  
For the surname compilation list in connection with this work shop, send with check a list of 5 surnames with county (Alabama) in which they were located. Lancaster Library has forms and all information.

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WEST VIRGINIA NEWS - For those of you who were interested in the continuation of the West Virginia Department of Archives and History, which was threatened with dissolution, the West Virginia Legislature in its March session voted to continue the Archives for another five years. At that time it will again be evaluated as to public usage.

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Michal Farmer's program at the March meeting, on "How to Publish Your Family Tree," was received with a great deal of enthusiasm. She was able to tell us how to go about publishing a book at the least possible cost, how to take your own photographs for the book and many helpful hints. It was very practical information and advice.

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FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY NOT HAVE HEARD: I am aware that many genealogical societies are sending out letters to their members regarding the National Archives situation and there have been newspaper articles. However, for those who have not received such communications, the situation is, briefly: As you know, the National Archives in Washington maintains a collection of census, military and land records that is vital to research work. Yet recent changes in the administration of these records threaten this valuable resource. New Proposals from GSA call for record groups to be dispersed to various Federal Records Centers around the country. The results could be (1) once dispersed, these record groups may never be reassembled; (2) because most research work does not conform to one record group, researchers might be forced to travel so extensively that the cost would be prohibitive; and (3) as the best finding aid for archives is the archivist, to separate the record groups from the reference persons who know them best would be a great disservice to researchers. (I have condensed the above from a lengthy letter sent out by New England Historic Genealogical Society). If any members of DGS feel inclined to let your disapproval be known, besides writing to your U. S. Senator and representative in Congress, there are 8 public officials connected with this change who can also be written to. If you would like these names, I will be pleased to furnish them.  
Wilma Gardman

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