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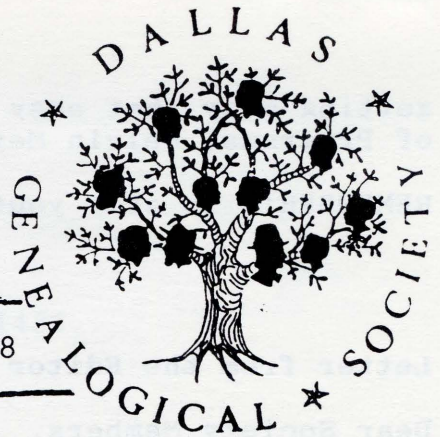
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The President's Message:

We are told in the well-known lyrics, "Summertime and the living is easy." I certainly hope this is true at your home this summer. Have your vacation plans included at least one genealogical research trip? As dedicated family tree searchers, we know of no more pleasurable way to spend our vacation time than searching through dusty courthouses, library stacks and crowded archives for the one bit of information that will set us off in new directions. GOOD LUCK! !

While the "living may be easy", those of us on the DGS board are hard at work planning for fall and spring activities of our Society. Also, at the present time, there are several DGS sponsored projects in various stages of development. In future issues of the DGS Newsletter, we will be telling you about these projects and how you can help! We need your INVOLVEMENT with DGS! You can make a difference. Why wait to be asked? Jump in with your ideas. We want to hear them. Indeed, we need to hear from you. Our Society is growing by leaps and bounds and going in many new directions. Become involved now. I promise you will never regret it. There are many rewards in volunteer work.

A new Board of Directors taking office necessitates saying goodbye and thanks to outgoing board members. A special thank you note should come from each of us to our past president, Renee Jackson Smith. Her dedication and loyalty to DGS is greatly appreciated. It has been her guiding influence that has put DGS back on the all-important path to publishing the Dallas County Cemetery and Marriage books. Thanks also to Renee and the 1987-88 Board for the inspiration behind the Adopt-A-Book Program. You will read more about this on another page. Of course, we are not giving Renee a chance to "rest on her laurels". She has already volunteered to conduct our Basic Workshop for beginners on November 12.

Thanks to all the other "retiring" 1987-88 board members: Barbara Rimmer and Bob Johnsey for three years of dedicated involvement; Duane Rimmer, Janice Wallace and Sam Holmes for two years; Vicki White and Margaret Ann Thetford for the past year. Also, thanks to Lloyd Bockstruck for many many years as Library Liaison. Lloyd is taking a much needed break this year to pursue other projects while his assistant Lea Markoff steps in for him on the DGS Board. Lloyd is not

getting away that easy either. He has already been tapped by our V. P. of Programs, Kelvin Meyers, to bring us our November program.

REMEMBER: To stay youthful, stay useful and VOLUNTEER!

Until next month,
Sam

Letter from the Editor

Dear Society Members,
Beginning with this issue you will notice a new look for the DGS Newsletter.

The new newsletter will be 4 pages, 8 1/2 x 11 inches in size and featuring a new nameplate incorporating the society logo.

Notice the pages will be numbered consecutively. This will be an aid in referencing articles or items found in the newsletter.

New features will be included. Queries, research tips, news from other area societies and reviews of new periodicals will be published along with our own society news.

We are excited about the new format and hope you find the new newsletter informative and enjoyable.

Budget Cuts and the Dallas Public Library

Quoting from a letter dated June 8, 1988, to the Dallas Genealogical Society from Mr. Patrick M. O'Brien, Director of Libraries for the City of Dallas, thanking us for our annual donation presented at the May, 1988 annual business meeting:

"As I mentioned in my acceptance of the gift at the annual meeting, your membership's support of the library through letters to the City Council and participation in public hearings is most appreciated. Let us hope that your efforts will help us back to the path toward excellence we were on before this economic downturn occurred."

We would like to give Mr. O'Brien our assurance that the heat will not be turned off! Budget meetings will begin in August. As you have probably read in the newspapers, things will not be getting better any time soon. There is still time for you to write the Mayor, City Manager and your City Councilman urging them to restore the library budget to the 1985-86 level. Your opinion is important to these elected representatives. Do it today while there is still time to make a difference!

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By the Way: The DGS Annual Gift to the Library Genealogy Section presented at the May meeting was \$5,000. An additional \$250.00 was presented in memory of our deceased members.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: DGS FALL and SPRING WORKSHOPS.....

November 12, 1988 - Saturday at Casa Linda Presbyterian Church, Garland Road...FALL WORKSHOP - All Day BASIC WORKSHOP in addition to LECTURES FOR INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED GENEALOGISTS.....

March 4, 1989 - Saturday at Jesuit School, 12345 Inwood Road.....
 SPRING WORKSHOP

*****ADOPT - A - BOOK*****

Many, many thanks to all of you who have responded so generously to our Adopt-A-Book Program. Some of the more recent contributors have been Mary E. Witt, W. M. Hemmes, P. W. Gifford, Mrs. J. C. Boswell, F. W. Meadows, Michael Griggs, Nancy Miller, Mildred Newton, Louise Hargrave and many others.

A word of explanation about the Adopt-A-Book Program: over a thousand soft back genealogy books must be bound before they can be shelved and made available for research at the Dallas Public Library. The one valuable book that will solve your genealogical problem may be hiding in this group. For a \$5.00 donation you can become the proud parent of a much needed source material. If you would like to help with this worthwhile project, please complete the form below, detach and mail with your check made payable to DGS to the following address:

ADOPT-A-BOOK
 Dallas Genealogical Society
 P. O. Box 12648
 Dallas, Texas 75228

 NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

BOOK TITLE(S) _____

_____ UNSPECIFIED TITLE(S) _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED

IN HONOR OF _____ IN MEMORY OF _____

YOUR DONATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

HERITAGE FARMSTEAD, 1900 W. 15th, Plano is looking for men and women for their Docent program, to dress in a period costume of the late 1800's and guide tours through the farm's home, root cellar, fields, blacksmith's shop, etc. The training program will begin in September and will last for 4 Mondays - 2 hours either morning or evening. If you are interested, call 424-7874.

Upcoming Workshops and Seminars

On Saturday, August 6, Frances Malcolm will conduct a Beginning Workshop in Genealogy for the Lancaster Genealogical Society. Registration is \$10.00. Write to F. M. Rawlins, 149 Aspen, Lancaster, TX 75234 for more information.

"Trails West" is the theme of the 4th Annual South Central Conference on Genealogical Studies. Presented by the Arts and Sciences Extension of Oklahoma State University, the seminar will be held on their campus in Stillwater, Oklahoma, August 11, 12 and 13. Our own Lloyd D. Bockstruck will be one of three principal speakers. Conference registration is \$75.00. As this one is coming up soon, write to 206 Life Sciences East, Stillwater, OK 74078-0276 or call 405-624-5647 for information.

JUNE '88 QUARTERLY UPDATE

So sorry your Quarterly is late! Please forgive the delay, but we feel sure you will like the "new and improved" look when it arrives. SOON!

SEPTEMBER MEETING

We are privileged to have as our speaker for September, Antoinette (Nettie) Seagraves, the executive director and program chairman of The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. Our September newsletter will have more information.

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