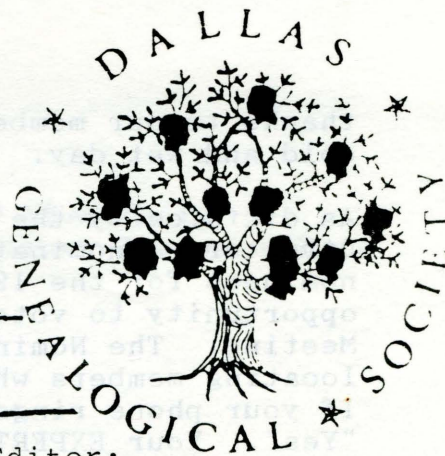


# DGS NEWSLETTER

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## MARCH, 1989 MEETING

DATE: Monday, March 27, 1989  
PLACE: Auditorium  
J. Eric Jonsson Central Library  
1515 Young Street at Ervay  
Dallas, Texas  
TIME: 6:00 P. M. Computer Interest Group  
7:00 P. M. Meeting and Program  
SPEAKER: Mrs. Gwen Neumann  
TOPIC: HOW TO READ COLONIAL HANDWRITING

Gwen Neumann is a past editor of "The Dallas Quarterly" and Workshop Chairman of D. G. S. A founding member of the Collin County Genealogical Society, she has twice served as their President. A member of D. A. R., and D. R. T., Mrs. Neumann has co-authored and co-edited several genealogical books. She is a native of Austin, Texas and is a fifth generation Texan.

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just when we thought our beautiful Texas Spring was just around the corner, up jumped old man Winter bringing us sleet, a layer of ice and several inches of snow. That is not so bad except all this bad weather arrived on the day of our Annual Spring Seminar at Jesuit, March 4. However, it takes more than snow and ice to dampen a genealogist's enthusiasm for a good seminar. Nearly three hundred people arrived to hear Dr. George Schweitzer and were so taken with him and his lectures that they stayed until after four o'clock asking him questions. Dr. Schweitzer's knowledge of history and genealogy is vast and many who came last Saturday went away with new directions to take. Requests for his return in the near future have already begun to be heard.

Many thanks to Barbara Baylis for the long hours she spent planning our Spring Seminar. She choose an excellent speaker and brought him to us in a large, comfortable and accessible new location at Jesuit. Her committee can be proud of this Seminar. The proceeds will enable DGS to give generously to the Genealogy Section of the library. My personal thanks to all the committee and board members and DGS volunteers who worked to make Saturday a big day for all of us. Also,

thanks to our members and other participants for coming out on such a cold and wet day.

As dictated by the DGS bylaws, at the February meeting of the Board of Directors a nominating committee was appointed to select a slate of nominees for the 1989-90 board. The membership will have the opportunity to vote on this slate at the May 22 Annual Business Meeting. The Nominating Committee has the very important job of locating members who will volunteer to serve on the Executive Board. If your phone rings with a request for you to serve in a position, say "Yes". Your EXPERTISE may be just what is needed on the 1989-90 board.

Speaking of EXPERTISE -- one reason for DGS's growth is that the Society does tap into and benefit from the experience and knowledge of our membership. DGS members are among the best genealogists - amateur and professional - in the business. That includes YOU! If you have an idea or suggestion, criticism or pat on the back, the DGS Board wants to hear it. Let us hear what you are thinking.

Happy Researching!  
Sammie Lee

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**NOTICE!!! NOTICE!!! NOTICE!!!**

The South Carolina Department of Archives and History may be closed 4-8 months due to asbestos abatement. Researchers should contact the Department prior to planning a visit. Limited mail reference will be available. Please write or call for details after July 1, 1989 to the South Carolina Department of Archives & History, P. O. Box 11669 Columbia, S. C. 29211, Phone 1-803-734-8577.

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**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Dorothy Odom Bruce, VP-Membership reports:

Regular Members	= 536
Life Members	= 33
Libraries/Societies	= 14
TOTAL	583

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**WHERE ARE THEY?**

C. B. Nelson, 938 W. University #625, Denton, TX 76201

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard A. Huffhines, 5550 Harvest Hill Rd., W125, Dallas, Tx 75230

We can not find these people. If you know a current address for them, please call Dorothy Bruce at 239-4901.

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**MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UPDATE**

The Membership Roster Update is finally complete! It is being mailed with this issue of the DGS Newsletter. Please insert these pages in your Membership Roster. This Update contains all New Members and any corrections received by the Society, from October 1, 1987 to March 7, 1989. We hope that no mistakes have been made, and if there are any, that you will forgive, and report them to the Society.

Thanks go to Jeanne Tabb and Marian Hines for their time and efforts in proof-reading.

MANY, MANY THANKS.... From BARBARA BAYLIS, VP Workshop

TO ALL THE 300 PARTICIPANTS who braved the "unexpected March weather to attend the Spring Workshop! Coming on such a morning, exhibited the determination that all good genealogists must have -- and by most of you staying until 4 p.m., you exhibited that spirit that makes the rest of the world wonder about our sanity!!!!

TO OUR LECTURER, DR. GEORGE K. SCHWEITZER, who has the rare gift of making history come alive and apply it so well to research problems. Now those of you who have not had the opportunity to hear him, know why genealogists drive hundreds of miles to attend his lectures.

TO OUR "HARD WORKING" BOARD MEMBERS & OTHERS who always come through and help in so many ways. A special "thank you" to:

SAMMIE LEE for being in charge of Vendors;

DOROTHY BRUCE for taking care of registration, nametags, and signs with lots of help from her husband and her daughter, Cathy Purdy, who drove up from Austin;

BILL JACOBY, MADILYN CRANE, & MARKELETTA & HARRY STEVENS for taking registrations at the door;

ADRIENNE JAMIESON for serving us coffee and donuts;

BILL BENSON for his design of posters and brochure;

LEE MARKOFF for transportation of Dr. Schweitzer;

JOAN THOMPSON for selling DGS Books and Forms;

KELVIN MEYERS for helping set up and taking down;

HALLIE GARNER, KELVIN MEYERS, & LEE MARKOFF for helping with handouts during registration;...and last but not least.....

MARGARET ANN HUDSON and her whole family - JIM, JIMMY, MATHEW, MICHAEL, AND BETH, for suggesting our meeting place, setting up, taking down, helping folks to their cars, working the sound system, selling Dr. Schweitzer's books for the Society, printing the signs for the Vendor's Tables, and being on call when needed---the Seminar could not have come off without the HUDSON FAMILY;

TO JESUIT COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL for permitting us to use their nice facilities and to the Community Service Program of the school for the students who helped us set up and take down;

TO OUR VENDORS, some coming from as far away as Colorado and Massachusetts;

TO HENNINGTON PUBLISHING COMPANY for furnishing donuts and coffee;

TO SOUND SMITH AND RANDI SMITH for arranging for the portable microphone

TO CHARLES & RENEE SMITH for hosting the Board in a reception honoring Dr. Schweitzer on Friday, March 3.

Dr. Schweitzer's handouts will be mailed to those who registered but were not able to attend the Workshop. These notes are very complete as Dr. Schweitzer does not encourage the taking of notes during his lectures. We will also enclose an order blank for any of his books you might wish to order. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that the profits from the seminar will be used for the purchase of books in the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library.

A financial report on the Workshop will be published in the next DGS Newsletter.....Once Again.....

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL  
WHO MADE THIS 1989 SPRING WORKSHOP SO SUCCESSFUL!!

QUERIES? ? ? QUERIES? ? ? QUERIES? ? ? QUERIES? ? ? QUERIES? ? ?

Queries do not require a Texas connection and are free to the members of the Dallas Genealogical Society. Non-members should include \$3.00 for each query. We reserve the right to abbreviate and condense. Send as many queries as you wish, and they will be printed as space permits.

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- WEAVER Jeanne J. TABB, 6458 Lavendale, Dallas TX 75230;  
MILLS Seeking information on Margaret WEAVER (1842-1911)  
JORDAN Jefferson Co., PA md. 1864 Joseph JORDAN (1845-1886).  
Her parents were George WEAVER (1800-1888) b.  
Westmoreland Co., PA and Susanna (Margaret?) MILLS(?).  
Family lived in Jefferson Co., PA. Need proof of  
WEAVER, MILLS.
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- GARDENHIRE Edith L. SMITH, 414 Lincolnshire Dr, Irving, TX 75061  
MCBRIDE Needs date and place of death of Carrie Penry  
GARDENHIRE, widow of John L. GARDENHIRE, d. Milam Co.,  
age 77, 1932. Need date and place of death of Sarah E.  
MCBRIDE, wife of Dr. J. B. MCBRIDE, md. 3 Nov 1880,  
Hunt Co.
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- SWEARINGEN Gladys L. BRANDON, 701 Scott St, Apt 505, Little Rock  
AR 72201; ph 374-6402; Seeking information on William  
Lewis SWEARINGEN II, b. 22 Dec 1864, possibly Cealey, TX  
Father & mother separated, she moved with children to  
AR, he never heard from again. Did he remarry, have  
other children?
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- THOMAS Jo Anne WOLF, 3737 S W Coronado, Portland, OR 97219  
Seeking info Mannely THOMAS, res Dallas, 1907,  
carpenter by trade.
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- CRAB Mary Ellen Crabb LEDFORD, 702 Fouts Dr Irving TX 75061  
Seeking info James CRAB, b 1850 TN, md Louise  
(CRAWFORD?) b 1820 ILL, children: John W H b. 1840 TN;  
Mary A D b. 1842 TN; Thomas J b. 1844 TN; Martha E b.  
1845 TN; Emily P b. 1848 TN; James H b. 1850 MO;  
Elizabeth b. 1852 MO; Samuel b. 1854 MO; Fortendor S V  
G b. 1857 AR; Narcissa C b. 1859 AR. Family res  
Randolph Co AR 1860. Was John CRABB b. 1763 Va d. 1844  
ILL the father of James?  
Also need info on Joseph CRABB b. 1772 Berkeley Co VA  
d. after 1850, served as a private (NC) Indian War of  
1789. Who was his wife?
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- TUCKER Robert C PREWITT, 1149 Yorkshire Dr Carrollton TX 75007  
DUKE Seeking info Lemuel Tarlton TUCKER (1824-1889) m.  
PREWITT Mary Francis DUKE ca 1848 TX; res Refugio Co TX.  
CRISWELL Children: Kate Jane, Legrand, James S, Laura,  
John, Stephen, Alice.  
Also seeking info Ira Clement PREWITT b. 1825 AL d.  
1887 Palo Pinto Co TX; md. Harriet CRISWELL b. 1839 AR  
d. 1915 OK; res Palo Pinto Co TX. Children: Laura

Emma, Mirabeau J, Rollie Lee, Jesse, Mary Eliza. Allied names: RENDER, VAUGHAN, DUKE, BERRY.

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ISLEY Roberta G. ISLEY 4020 Rosser Sq, Dallas TX 75244  
Seeking info George ISLEY res. Johnson Co MO 1860, had sons James Madison ISLEY res. Oregon md. ca. 1864, and Philip ISLEY res. Corpus Christi TX.  
Also seeking info Benson ISLEY son of James Madison and Philip R. ISLEY d. 1976 Dallas TX.

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CARLILE H Arnette CARLISLE Box 112 Lowndesville SC 29659  
LACKEY Seeking info Margaret CARLILE b. 1800 Abbeville Co SC, md. Howard B SHACKLEFORD b. ca 1797 GA?; res.  
SHACKLEFORD Meriwether Co GA 1840-1850. When did they die, where buried?  
Also seeking info William A LACKEY b. Abbeville Co SC ca 1829 md. 1850 Frances Elizabeth CARLISLE b. 13 Nov 1831 SC; res Pototoc Co MS 1857, Union Co ILL 1867, Jonesboro ILL 1880. When did they die, where buried?

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LEDFOED Mary E LEDFOED 702 Fouts Dr Irving TX 75061  
GREY seeking info Zedadiah/Zebadee "Zeb" LEDFOED b. ca 1847  
MCGRADY Yancey Co NC, d. ca 1900 OK? md. 4 Dec 1873 Barry Co MO  
HARVARD Catherine MCGRADY b. 1854/55 KY d. ca 1881/82.  
STRADER Children: Clara b. 1875 TX, Harriet b. 1877 TX, Lura b. 1880 TX; res. Dallas Co TX 1880. Zeb remarried ca 1883  
LAVOIS Mollie (?), res. Indian Territory Chickasaw Nation 1900; Children: Maud M b. 1884, Sofa b. 1887, Luther b. 1890. Who were parents of Zeb?  
Also seeking info Mary M LEDFOED b. ca 1852 md. G M GREY 27 Nov 1872. Sallie LEDFOED b. ca 1848 md. M C HARVARD 2 Dec 1868; Millie LEDFOED b. ca 1848 md. A D STRADER 31 Dec 1868; Talitha LEDFOED b. ca 1854 md. Bruno LAVOIS 17 Dec 1874. Were Mary, Millie, Sallie & Talitha sisters? Who were their parents?

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PAYNE Jo S. PAYNE, 2411 2nd Ave. Pueblo CO 81003  
CHANDLER seeking info on Walter Bramwell PAYNE, b. ?Amarillo, TX Mar. ? 1921. He was taken to a Salvation Army Home, first in Amarillo, later to El Paso, TX. He was adopted by John Walter PAYNE and Mary Laura STOCKWELL. Any help on actual birth date, name of his natural mother (possibly CHANDLER), birth certificate or adoption papers will be appreciated.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
TOTAL INCOME	19,512.43	17,399.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	10,700.28	11,645.00
NET INCOME (LOSS)	8,812.15	5,754.00

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTED

DGS By-laws: Article IV, Section 2 "At the Board meeting held in February, 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 May..."

Your 1989-1990 Nominating Committee is: representing the Executive Board, Barbara Baylis and Kelvin Meyers; representing the membership Mary Helen Brengel, Robert W. Johnsey and Banks McLaurin. Bob Johnsey will serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in a Board position or know of someone who is, please call Bob at 358-4320.

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## MAJOR GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

By Sammie Lee

If you are planning a trip to Southern California in April you will not want to miss the JAMBOREE, the annual genealogical exhibition sponsored by the Southern California Genealogical Society. In addition to guest speakers such as Wendy Elliott, Arlene Eakle, Dewayne Lener and others, there will be many exhibits relating to every aspect of genealogical research. With an annual attendance of approximately 1,500, the Jamboree has been called the largest annual genealogical event west of the Mississippi River. The 20th Annual Jamboree will be held April 23, 1989, 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. This all day event will be held at the Exhibition Building, The Pasadena Center, 300 E. Green Street, Pasadena, CA. All this for a \$5.00 donation. Tables are available for rent. Write SCGS, P. O. Box 4377, Burbank, CA 91503.

The California Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 77105, San Francisco, CA 77105, will hold its 4th Annual GENEALOGICAL FAIR at the St. Mary's Cathedral Conference Center at Geary and Gough Streets in San Francisco on Friday, June 16, 1989, from 1 to 9 P.M. and Saturday, June 17, from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Lectures and many exhibits make this a widely attended event. This years featured speaker is James Dent Walker of Washington, D. C.. Mr. Walker is an archivist, author, teacher and consultant. Our information did not include registration fees. We suggest you write the society at the above address for additional information. Tables are for rent and advertising space may be purchased.

In conjunction with the state of Oklahoma's celebration to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the famous Land Run of 1889, the Oklahoma Genealogical Society is sponsoring a Genealogical Conference. The CENTENNIAL OF THE RUN OF 1889 CONFERENCE will be held June 8-10, 1989. All conference lectures, meals and exhibits will be held at the Airport Hilton Inn West, Interstate 40 at Meridian Avenue in Oklahoma City, OK. (A special group rate of \$44.00 per room per night may be obtained at the Airport Hilton Inn.) Conference registration fee is \$50.00 by May 10 and \$60.00 thereafter. Additional fees are charged for tours, lunches and the banquet. Forty-four lecture sessions on national topics by noted experts Sharron Standifer Ashton, Mary McCampbell Bell, Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, Kip Sperry, Elizabeth Shown Mills and others may be chosen. For more information and a registration form, write OGS Conference, P. O. Box 19286, Oklahoma City, OK 73157.

## UPCOMING AREA WORKSHOPS

WHO: East Texas Genealogical Society  
WHAT: RAZORBACKS AND RACKENSACKS: FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH IN ARKANSAS, by Russell Pierce Baker, Deputy Director of the Arkansas History Commission/State Archives  
WHEN: April 8, 1989; 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.  
WHERE: Sheraton Inn; Loop 323 at Hwy 69 North; Tyler, TX  
COST: \$15.00 by March 27; \$18.00 thereafter (lunch included)  
WRITE: ETGS; P. O. Box 6967; Tyler, TX 75711

WHO: Ft. Worth Genealogical Society  
WHAT: RESEARCH IN VIRGINIA and NATIONAL UNION CATALOGUE OF MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS (NUCMC), by Mary McCampbell Bell of Virginia  
WHEN: April 15, 1989  
WHERE: Holiday Inn North; Ft. Worth, TX  
COST: \$21.00 preregistration (lunch included)  
WRITE: FWGS; P. O. Box 9767; Ft. Worth, TX 76147

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## DO YOU HAVE CZECH ANCESTORS?

Did you know there is a magazine of Czech genealogy and culture printed right here in Texas? Entitled, "Nase Dejiny", it is published bi-monthly for \$12.50 per year in Texas (out-of-state add \$2.50) by The Old Homestead Publishing Company; Rt. 3, Box 7688; Hallettsville, TX 77964. Readers are urged to share their Czech genealogical data and problems in print. The publisher also welcomes Czech family genealogies, lineage lines, summaries, ancestral charts, bible records, old letters, gravestone records, etc., on Czechs in the U.S.

According to the Sept./Oct. 1988 issue of the newsletter of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, a newly formed group of national scope is the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society. This new society is open to anyone whose ancestry goes back to Czechoslovakia, be they German, Slovak, Jewish or any other related group. This society will be present at the National Genealogical Society Conference in the States in St. Paul, MN on May 17-20, 1989. Membership options are from \$10.00 a year (individual), \$15.00 a year (family) or \$25.00 a year (sponsor). For more information write Czechoslovak Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 16225, St. Paul, MN 55116. One of their aims is to help individual members locate missing relatives or groups of families who may have moved to various places throughout the U.S. after immigration to this country.

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## COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

The recently formed Computer Interest Group will meet one hour before the regular monthly meeting. The subject for this session will be "Entering Your Data Into The Computer". Since this topic is software oriented, we will divide into the various software interest groups for discussion. Come and be a part of this discussion even if you have not decided on the software you intend to use.

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## HELP WANTED!!! HELP WANTED!!!

Needed.....Proof Readers and Typists for the Marriage and Cemetery Books....Can You Help?....Call - Margaret Ann Hudson: 661-5126

ANNUAL BOOK AWARDS PRESENTED AT SPRING SEMINAR

As part of the Spring Seminar on March 4, the Dallas Genealogical Society Annual Book Awards were presented by Lea Markoff, DGS Library Liaison. Five first place awards were given in four categories and one special category representing excellence in publication.

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck's book, VIRGINIA'S COLONIAL SOLDIERS, was chosen by the panel of judges and DGS to receive an award in a special category for excellence in publication. Lloyd's book is considered to be a major genealogical source for material and an invaluable contribution to research. Congratulations to Lloyd for his award. It is well deserved.

In category 1: A book with a minimum of 50 pages of family history or genealogy, the winner is Barbara J. Cox for her book, GREGORYS OF INDIAN TERRITORY.

In category 2: A book with a minimum of 50 pages on local history or genealogical interest, the winner is Jeanette Bland for her book, AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE EARLY RECORDS OF COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS.

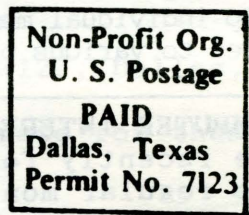
In category 3: A manuscript, minimum of 5 pages, single spaced, on local history or genealogical interest, the winner is John Alan Hord for his work entitled, "Life in Texas, 1845-1914".

In category 4: A manuscript, minimum of 5 pages, single spaced, on family history or genealogy, the winner is Sue Harris for her work entitled, "Matthias and Maria Margretha Theiss of Grunbach, Germany and Some of Their Descendants and Related Families in America".

Congratulations to all of our winners. The panel of judges, Bruce Graves, Cindy Smolovik and Jean Hudon had many entries in each category and found it hard to choose from so many talented writers. DGS would like to thank each of our judges and all our members who contributed books to be judged.

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