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MAY, 1989 MEETING

DATE:

Monday, May 22, 1989

PLACE:

J. Eric Jonsson Central Library

(Dallas Public Library) 1515 Young Street at Ervay

Dallas, Texas

TIME:

6:00 P.M. Party

7:00 P.M. Meeting and Program

The 1988-89 Board of Directors cordially invites all DGS members and guests to a reception and party on Monday, May 22, 1989, at 6:00 P.M. The party will be held in the East/West Rooms of the J. Erick Jonsson Central Library and will present our members with the opportunity to meet the Officers and Directors of the 1989-90 Board. The business meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium, after which a short program will be presented by two famous historical legends of the west, Norse & Bill Winniford, coming straight to us from the California Gold Fields of 1853.

HELP!

Helen Lu, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee, needs our assistance in planning the food and refreshments for the party. If you can bring sandwiches, cookies, cheeses or other like food, please let Helen know. If cooking is not your "thing", Helen will gratefully accept contributions toward the purchase of meats, paper goods, utensils, etc. Any help will be appreciated. To volunteer your services, call. Helen at 350-6586 or see her at the April regular meeting.

Make your plans now to come out for a DGS evening full of fun, food, and fellowship and to attend the Annual Business Meeting (this is the last meeting of the 1988-89 year).

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

WHO:

Tulsa Genealogical Society, Tulsa, Oklahoma

WHAT:

Kentucky Research, North Carolina Research and Burned

Out Counties, by Dr. George K. Schweitzer July 8, 1989; 8:15 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

WHEN:

WHERE:

Garnett Church of Christ; 12000 East 31st Street; Tulsa, OK \$15.00 by June 20; \$18.00 thereafter (lunch not included)

COST:

TGS; P. O. Box 585; Tulsa, OK 74101-0585

#### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the DGS Board of Directors, I want to urge each and every one of our local members to attend the annual business meeting, reception and party on May 22. This meeting truly belongs to the DGS member. It is your opportunity to see and hear how DGS is doing and what has been accomplished this year. It will also enable you to see old friends and meet new ones. 1988-89 has been a very successful year for our Society. Your Board of Directors will tell you all about it at our business meeting. We will also have a few surprises. BE THERE!

As May is my last month to serve as DGS President, I would like to take this opportunity to say some very sincere "thank you's". First of all, thanks to the 1988-89 Board of Directors for their constant support and direction during the past twelve months. No president could ask for a harder working group of dedicated people. Each one gave their time and talent over and over to make this a meaningful year for DGS. I am especially impressed with the flexibility of the board members this year. To a person they were open-minded about change and new ways to do things. Thank you Barbara, Kelvin, Dorothy, Madilyn, Margret, Carol, Bill J., Joan, Bob, Margaret Ann, Bill B., Adrienne, Bruce, Lea and Jeanne.

Also, thanks to the many DGS members who responded to our pleas for volunteers for our numerous projects. Thanks to all those members who came to the courthouse and cemetery to work, who typed or proofread on DGS publications and who helped at our symposium, seminar and meetings. Thanks to Helen Lu for serving as our Arrangements Chairman. Thanks to Pat Hatcher and Bob Johnsey for their computer expertise. These are DGS members involved in their local Society and committed to the job that needs to be done. I know next year's board will be able to continue to count on them.

Of course, I also want to thank the membership for your support and belief in me by electing me to the DGS board for the past four years. It has been my pleasure to have had this experience. I look forward to continuing to serve DGS in whatever capacity comes my way.

See you at the May meeting! Sammie Townsend Lee

#### NEW ENGLAND ANCESTORS????

If you are researching New England ancestors, you may want to consider attending the New England Historic Genealogical Society's "Come Home To New England" research seminar being offered in two sessions this summer, June 25-July 2 or August 20-27, in Boston, Massachusetts. Now in it's fifth year, the seven-day seminar offers lectures combined with research days in the NEHGS library with special attention, guidance and individual consultants from the Society's expert staff and Extra curricular highlights are a welcome reception and volunteers. dinner in the Hampshire House, a twilight cruise on Boston Harbor and a goodbye banquet on Friday evening. Each session is limited to 35 participants, so early registration is a must. Seminar tuition with hotel accommodations at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel is \$845.00 per person, double occupancy (seminar tuition for commuters, \$550.00). A \$200.00 deposit for the June session is required by May 31. For further information, call (617) 536-5740 or write NEHGS, 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116.

#### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

One of the major points of business at the May Annual Business Meeting will be the election of the 1989-90 Board of Directors. As stated in the DGS Bylaws, it is the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the annual meeting in May. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained. Only members in good standing may be nominated for office.

The Nominating Committee, Barbara Baylis, Mary Helen Brengel, Robert W. Johnsey, Banks McLaurin and Kelvin Meyers respectfully submit the following slate of candidates for your consideration:

#### OFFICERS

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#### DIRECTORS

Director of Books and Forms Robert W. "Bob" JOHNSEY Director of Mailings Robert E. "Bob" GORHAM Director of Publications

#### NOTICE....NOTICE....NOTICE....

Several members have called to say they did not receive the March 1989 issue of the DGS NEWSLETTER? This issue included the 1988-89 twentypage update to the Membership Roster. If you did not receive the March newsletter and the update, please check with your local post office. If they are unable to help you and you want a copy of the update mailed to you, please notify our Vice President for Membership, Dorothy Bruce, 239-4901.

The March 1989 issue of THE QUARTERLY will be mailed to you in a few weeks.

#### WITTICISMS

Definition of Genealogy..... "the ultimate in gossip" Author unknown

Don't be wise.... Don't be witty.... Or you will head......THE COMMITTEE.....Author unknown

### 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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NILES PITTS	Mildred Niles NEWTON, 5908 Preston Valley Dr., Dallas, TX 75240Seeking info on the Jesse Edwin PITTS family, res. Nashville, Tenn, late 1800's, also the Sylvester NILES family, res. Georgia, ca. 1847-50.
McCUNE	Marva M. GROVE, 7162 Estepa Dr. Tujunga, CA 91042 Would like to locate and purchase the book "William McCUNE, The Pennsylvanian and Kindred Families," compiled by Kathryn Hutcherson CAMPBELL. Are any copies still available? Any information would be appreciated.
BURCHFIELD LANIER SIMPSON MCFADDEN DENTON ARNOLD PATTERSON LINDSEY CARTER TOLAND CLEGHORN	Eugenia B. TOLAND, Rt 9 Box 212, Lubbock TX 79423 Seeking info on Adam BURCHFIELD m. Phoebe (), res. Nacogdoches Co. TX ca. 1850; had ch: Judith m. 1852 Arch B. LANIER; Eunice m. L. W. SIMPSON; William m. Nancy McFADDEN; Amanda m. John L. DENTON; Thurza m. Hiram ARNOLD; Phoebe m. Major PATTERSON; Adam b. 1846 Miss; John A. b. 1849 TX. Judith BURCHFIELD LANIER g-dau. Hattie CARTER m. Robert M. TOLAND, son of David TOLAND & Louisiana CLEGHORN. Would like to exchange info on any of these lines.
LAMAR WHITE PADEN	Curtis D. MITCHELL, 9312 Tipperary Dr., Tyler, TX 75703is a blind "armchair" researcher and seeks info on: Mattie Jane LAMAR b. 14 Dec 1879; Fairland, Delaware Dist., Cherokee Nation Indian Territory; parents: William John LAMAR m. Margaret WHITE; g-parents: James Russell LAMAR m. Elizabeth Mariah PADEN, they had son Dr. Rev. Jessie S. LAMAR; obit. dated 11 Aug 1927 mentions his son J. Simms LAMAR of Dallas, TX. Is any one researching the J. Simms LAMAR family?
TOWNSEND JOLLY	Mrs. Sammie Townsend LEE, 10655 Longmeadow, Dallas TX, 75238seeking to correspond with anyone researching Jesse & Martha JOLLY TOWNSEND, s. William TOWNSEND, in Leake/Neshoba/Newton Co. Miss., res. Neshoba Co. Ala. ca. 1845.

#### THE LAWS OF GENEALOGY

The keeper of the vital records you need will just have been insulted by another genealogist.

McCAULEY BIRCH CAIN JERNIGAN BARKER COOPER CROWNOVER BENTON BALYEW Mrs. Sammie Townsend LEE, 10655 Longmeadow, Dallas TX 75238.....seeking info on birth and parents of: Samuel McCAULEY, b. ca. 1786 N. C., d. Aug 1849 Marshall Co., Miss, m. Rebecca BIRCH Amite Co, Miss. Ch: Nancy Caroline CAIN/JERNIGAN, Martha BAKER, Jane COOPER, John, Samuel James, Sarah CROWNOVER, Micajah, and Rebecca Ann BENTON/BELYEW.

#### MIDDLE NAMES

From article in "Harper's Magazine", early 1900s: via Smoke Signals, publication of Ottawa County Genealogical Society, Miami, Oklahoma.

Middle names, hard as it is to credit in this generation, were once illegal. The old English law was very definite as to the naming of children and, according to Coke, "a man cannot have two names of baptism". It is requisite, the law goes on, "that the purchaser be named by the name of his baptism and his surname, and that special heed be taken to the name of baptism".

Royal personages have always been allowed to have more than one given name, but as late as 1600, it is said, there were only four persons in all England who had two given names. In 1620 the Mayflower sailed for America, and there was not a man or woman upon it who had a middle name.

Even a century and a half ago, double names were very uncommon. The English used to dodge the law at times by ingeniously compounding names. Thus an old parish register in England may occasionally show combinations such as Fannasabilia, which is Fanny and Sibyl joined together, and Annamaria, made up of Anna and Maria. Maris is one of the earliest middle names of record for boys. It was given in honor of the Virgin Mary. As much as they dared, beginning along in the eighteenth century, parents evaded the "one name law".

But, even as late as 100 years ago, custom was against the middle name. If the names of the signers of the Declaration of Independence be looked over, it will be found that only three of them had middle names. The first five presidents of the United States had only one name each - George Washington - John Adams - Thomas Jefferson - James Madison - and James Monroe. Before Grant, eighteenth of the line, there were only three double named executives: John Quincy Adams - William Henry Harrison - and James Knox Polk.

When middle names got going and became the fashion, the law having dropped into disuse, parents went to work combining names for their offspring enthusiastically. One custom was done away with in England in consequence of this, the plan of naming the eldest son for the estate, particularly where he succeeds to that estate through his mother. This old practice is still followed to some extent in this country by the mother's maiden name being given to the eldest son, and this identifies the boy when he reaches manhood, and so has some purpose.

THE LAWS OF GENEALOGY

No one in your family tree ever did anything noteworthy, always rented property, was never sued, and was never named in wills.



# DO YOU HAVE ANCESTORS IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, IF YOU DO, THEN THIS PUBLICATION IS FOR YOU.



I would like to introduce you to a new publication, MISSISSIPPI QUERIES. My husband's great grandfather, William Franklin Bell, owned a plantation in Mississippi, and that is all I know about him, so that makes Mississippi a place I need to know more about. What better way to learn then helping others along the way. This publication is devoted to helping those researching their families that have passed through or stayed in the state of MISSISSIPPI.

MISSISSIPPI related queries may be submitted <u>free</u>!!! Queries are such an important part of research that you may submit as many queries as you wish and also as often as you wish. MISSISSIPPI QUERIES will be published on a irregular basis. When enough queries are received, another issue will then be published. Each issue will contain at least twenty-five [25] pages plus the all-important every name index.

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Please follow these quidelines when submitting queries:

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- QUERIES SHOULD BE NOT MORE THAN FIFTY [50] WORDS. Name and address may be in addition to your query.
- 3. PLEASE DO NOT ABBREVIATE YOUR QUERY. Editor reserves the right to edit queries when space is at a minimum and hold any or all queries over to a future issue.

If you have a MISSISSIPPI related book/publication, etc., that you no longer need, do send me information on them including their condition. It may be possible that we can make some type of exchange arrangement. Any donated material will of course, be very welcome and appreciated.

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Gleaned from the Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Newsletter, Volume 13, No. 3, March 1988. Continued from the April 1989, Issue 113 newsletter: Leech - physician Manciple - steward Mantua Maker - dressmaker Mintmaster - one who issued local currency Patten Maker - maker of a clog shod with an iron ring Peregrinator - itnerant wanderer Peruker/Peruke Maker - wigmaker Pettifogger - shyster lawyer Plumber - one who applied sheet lead for roofing and set lead frames for plain or stained glass windows Plumbum Worker - plumber Rattlewatch - town watchman Saddler - one who makes, repairs or sells saddles or other furnishings for horses Sawbones - physicians Sawyer - one who saws Scribler - a minor or worthless author Scrivener - professional or public copyist or writer; notary public Scrutiner - election judge Shrieve - sheriff

Stuff Gownsman - junior barrister Supercargo - officer on a merchant ship who is in charge of

Snobscat - one who repaired shoes

Supercargo - officer on a merchant ship who is in charge of cargo and the commercial concerns of the shop

Slopseller - seller of ready-made clothes in a slop shop

Tanner - one who tans hides

Tapley - one who puts the tap in an ale cask

Teamster - one who drives a team for hauling

Tide Waiter - customs inspector

Tipstaff - policeman

Sorter - tailor

Turner - one who forms articles with a lathe



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