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OCTOBER, 1989 MEETING

DATE:

Monday, October 23, 1989

PLACE:

J. Eric Jonsson Central Library

1515 Young Street at ERvay

Dallas, Texas

TIME:

Day Meeting - East/West Room

10:00 a.m. Computer Interest Group

10:30 a.m. Social

11:00 a.m. Meeting and Program Speaker: Lloyd D. Bockstruck

Tithables and Tax Records Topic:

East/West Room reserved until 1.30 for brown bag lunch

Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck has been with the Dallas Public Library since 1973 and is presently Supervisor of the Genealogy Section. He has been an instructor in genealogy at the School of continuing Education of Southern Methodist University since 1974, and serves on the faculty of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University. He has been a yearly speaker at the National Genealogical Societiy's conferences since 1978 and received their Award of Merit in 1983. A member of twenty-five genealogical, historical and patriotic societies, he is listed in Who's Who in Library and Information Services, Who's Who in Genealogy and Heraldry, Personalities of the South and The Hereditary Register, and the author of Virginia's Colonial Soldiers. He is a native of Vandalia, Illinois and has been a resident of Dallas since 1973.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Dorothy Bruce, Vice President Membership

September 1989	
Total Regular Membership	668
Total Libraries/Societies	19
Total Life Members	34
Total DGS Membership	721

WELCOME....

To our new Director of Publications - Jan McFarland, 4136 Prescott Dr, Dallas, Texas 75219. Phone 526-5299

TREASURER'S REPORT - Bill Jacoby, Treasurer

	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Income	\$1,738.57	\$1,544.00
Expense	4,589.61	5,625.00
Balance	(2,851.04)	<4,071.00>

FROM THE EDITOR.

In an attempt to provide the membership with up-to-date information, the newsletter will include two new features beginning next month. "In Memoriam" will inform the society of the death of a member and "Donations" will give recognition to all those who make a donation to the Genealogy Section of microfilm, microfische or monetary

RESEARCH SCHEDULE - Edwina Dyes - Director of Research

As the Dallas Genealogical Society has copied enough of the marriage records to keep us ahead of publication schedules, we plan to continue our Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. copying on ONLY the Wednesday following our Monday, DGS meetings unless that Wednesday is a holiday. On the succeeding Wednesdays of each month, we will document area cemeteries. Dates at the 2nd Floor, Records Building are September 27; October 25; November 29; & January 24, 1990. Please call me to join us, either at the Records Building or researching the cemeteries. Edwina Dyes - 373-0103

UT ARLINGTON LIBRARIES

The Special Collections Division of the University of Texas at Arlington Libraries has received a large number of labor collections for its Texas Labor Archives. Some records date back to the late 19th century. As of August 1988 there were 212 processed labor collections totaling some 800 linear feet and 18 political ones amounting to about 335 linear feet. The Collections Division is the only depository in the Southwest that actively seeks union records. For information about the collection, contact Jane Boley, Head of the Archives, UTA Libraries, Box 19797, Arlington, TX 76019.

ANCESTOR HUNTING

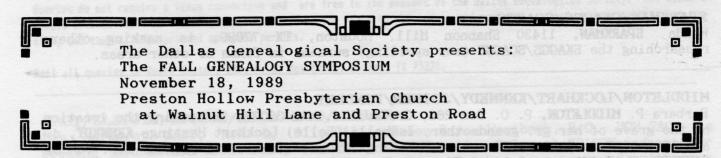
The genealogical column, ANCESTOR HUNTING, is now being published in The Shreveport Journal, by Wanda Volentine Head. Send all genealogical materials and queries to Wanda V. Head, Ancestor Hunting, c/o The Shreveport Journal, P. O. Box 31110, Shreveport, LA 71130.

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COMING SOON..... SAVE THIS DATE



THANK YOU FROM THE SOCIETY

To Chan Edmondson, Mary Helen Brengel and Norma Cansler who served so willingly on the Audit Committee for 1988-89.

DESCENDANTS OF MEXICAN WAR VETERANS

If you have an ancestor who served in any branch of the regular or volunteer forces of the United States during 1846 - 1848 and who saw service in Mexico or in any territory then claimed by that country, and you are interested in becoming a member of an hereditary society made up of the American descendants of U.S. - Mexican War veterans, contact: Steven R. Butler, 1114 Pacific Dr., Richardson, TX 75081. Phone (214) 699-8823.

NEW SOCIETY PROJECT: County Records Prior to 1850

Lately we are hearing a lot of talk about the 'closing' of records. Some states records are already closed. We have set as our goal the purchase of as many county records as possible, beginning with those records prior to 1850.

ONLY the following states have their records for sale at this time. Prices vary for each state. (Price shown is per roll).

Arkansas - 10.00 Kentucky - 12.00 Georgia - 12.50 S. Carolina - 20.00 Tennessee - 12.00 Missouri - 5.00 N. Carolina - 10.00

If the Mormons have copied the records of a state you are interested in, the film will cost 12.50 per roll. Check with the Genealogy Section to determine if your states records are among those copied.

The project film to be purchased will be prior to 1850, but donations can be accepted for any time period for those states listed above.

RISING COST OF OBTAINING RECORDS.....

The current cost of obtaining a certified death record from the State of Texas is now \$8.00.

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

SPARKMAN/SKAGGS/SCAGGS

Wanda SPARKMAN, 11430 Shannon Hill, Houston, TX 77099, is seeking others researching the SKAGGS/SCAGGS (any spelling) surname in Texas or other areas.

MIDDLETON/LOCKHART/KENNEDY/JOINER/FINDLEY

Barbara P. MIDDLETON, P. O. Box 261, Greenville, AL 36037, is seeking the location of the grave of her gr. grandmother, Isabella (Belle) Lockhart Hastings KKNNKDY, d. ab. 1882-1883 in Dallas, TX. Also, seeking information on Cora JOINER, mar. Yancey FINDLEY. They moved to Golden, TX, with her mother Mary Eliza Daniel JOINER.

BLOODWORTH/HARRIS/SIBLEY/MICHRAUX/JOHNSON/BELLOMY

Ginny BLOODWORTH, 6935 Prestonshire, Dallas, TX 75225, is seeking parents/ancestors of Susan L. HARRIS, b. ca. 1826, LA; d. 1 Nov. 1894, Graham, Young Co., TX (buried in St Louis, MO); mar. John Thornton SIBLEY, 31 Dec. 1846, Carroll Parish, LA. Lived in New Orleans 1850's-1860's. Moved to St. Louis, MO ca. 1865. Family tradition says Susan's last name was MICHEAUX; however, marriage record and birth certificate of children show HARRIS.

Also, seeking parents/ancstors of Milton Green **JOHNSON**, (female), b. 5 Dec. 1863, Jackson Co., AL; d. 11 Mar. 1917, Wood Co., TX; mar. Jeremiah G. **BKLLOMY**, Jackson Co., AL, ca 1880.

WARDEN/DELASHAW/PEARSON/ROBERTS/McKAY/ROW/SLATON/DAUGHERTY

Sandra Delashaw WARDEN, 6234 S Fulton, Tulsa, OK 74136, is seeking any descendants of Mary Catherine DELASHAW, mar. Hosea H. PEARSON, 1856, Jefferson Co., AL. After his death in 1867, mar. Rev. J. C. ROBERTS. Her sister Martha Lorenna DELASHAW mar. J. H. McKAY, moved to TN. Brother George Washington DELASHAW mar. Elizabeth ROW, lived in Cooke Co., TX. Brother James T. DELASHAW mar. Mary Jane SLATON, also lived in Cooke Co. Sister Sarah Ann "Sally" DELASHAW mar. W. H. DAUCHERTY, settled in Grayson Co., TX.

SMITH/FLOWERS/BAIRD

Mary SMITH, Rt. 1, Box 1175, Gurdon, AR 71743, is seeking information on Charlie and Minnie FLOWERS. Daughter was Mary Ellen FLOWERS, b. 1 Sept. 1895, TX; mar. William "Willie" BAIRD. Family lived in Wolf City, TX in 1920's.

GARDNER

Jeanette GARDNKR, 706 Wehlview Dr., Collierville, TN 38017, is seeking information on John and Lucy GARDNKR, who were on the 1860 Hopkins Co., TX census. John GARDNKR was listed as a shoemaker. Four daughters listed: Elvy E., Lucy Caroline, Welthy Jane and Rebecca Clary.

ROSS/DAVIS

Mrs. Gary ROSS, 306 Weatherly Rd S.E., Huntsville, AL 35803, is seeking information on Robert DAVIS, b. ca. 1810, AL. Lived in Red River Co., TX in 1860 and Montague Co., TX in 1870. Sons: William, b. 1841, AL and Jesse, b. 1842, AL.

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.

Mail all queries to Query Editor, DGS, P. O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225.

NAGY/ELLIOTT/EDISON/HOLLOWOOD/MILLER

Mrs. Margaret NAGY, R.R. 1, S11, C111, Green Bay, Westbank, B.C. VOH 2AO, is seeking information about Nancy (KILIOTT) KDISON, wife of Samuel KDISON and mother or grandmother of Thomas Alva KDISON. She would like to correspond with any descendants of Mrs. Addie (HOLLOWOOD) MILLER who resided in Dallas in 1927 and was also researching this KILIOTT/KDISON family.

CROUCH/HUTT/EARLY/McDOUGAL/JOHNSON/

David L. CROUCH, P. O. Box 125, Troy, MO 63379, is seeking information on the descendants of John Robert CROUCH, b. 1844, mar. Annie Y. HUTT, b. 1845. Both were from Lincoln Co., MO and moved to Grandview, TX in the late 1890's or early 1900's. Children: Joseph, mar. Ella KARLY; Thomas; Anna Belle, mar. ? McDOUGAL; Lila V., mar. L. A. JOHNSON; and John Robert CROUCH, Jr.

McGRAW/WILLIAMS/MOORE

Donald W. McGRAW, P. O. Box 265, Glendale, SC 29346, is seeking others researching the WILLIAMS and/or MOORE families from Farmington, MO. Also, seeking to contact a cousin, James C. "Jim" WILLIAMS (or his descendants) who was an insurance executive in Dallas, circa 1930 to 1960.

CRAMER/CAMPBELL

Eva CRAMKR, Rt. 4 #4 Flag Acres, Woodward, OK 73801, is seeking information and burial place of William Newton CAMPBELL, Civil War vet (fought in McKinzie's Calvary in TN), lived in Dallas Co., TX in late 1870's, d. in Dallas in 1884. Wife Francis Jane CAMPBELL and children moved to Wise Co., TX after his death. Any information needed.

HKRNDON/TAYLOR/COBB

Joe H. HERNDON, 1408 Hemlock Ave., Nashville, TN 37216, is seeking others researching the TAYLOR family who came to Texas from Benton, Carroll and Hardin Counties in TN. The head of the household was William Hudson TAYLOR, b. 1799, NC, mar. Judy COBB, b. 1796, NC. Children: Elizabeth, Caswell, Isaiah, Jarrett T., Joseph, Jason, Amanda, Kinchen and Berry.

HOLMAN/BRIGGS/WILLIAMSON/NIBLETT

Susan HOLMAN, 3408 Parkridge Dr., Corinth, TX 76205, is seeking information on Michael BRIGGS, d. 1870, Hughes Springs, Cass Co., TX; mar. Sarah WILLIAMSON, d. 1886, Hughes Springs. Some of their children: Susan, mar. Andrew Jackson NIBLETT; Martha, mar. Telghman Newton NIBLETT; Julia, mar. Zachariah T. NIBLETT All came to east TX together after the Civil War from near Columbus Co., AL.

FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Family association newsletters and one-name family publications received by DGS are donated to the library to be placed in the verticle files in the Genealogy Section. We will review these publications and report on family organizations as space permits.

"The Ballew Family Journal", is published once a year by the BALLEW Family Association of American, Inc., 2711 Leslie Drive, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30345. Initial membership fee is \$25.00. This journal appears to focus primarily on southern BALLEW families of all the variant spellings.

"Strong Newsletter", Vol. XIV, Issue iii, October 1988, is the publication of the Strong Family Association of America. The membership year is January to December and dues are \$10 per year. Address inquiries to Mrs. Dianne Strong Runser, Corresponding Secretary, 156 Maple Drive, Trafford, PA 15085-1435.

"The Kriegbaum Heritage", is a quarterly publication pertaining to the surname of KRIEGBAUM and all the variant spellings. Membership dues are \$8 per calendar year and should be mailed to Mrs. Carol L. Krigbaum, Treasurer, 1112 Monroe Street, Quincy, IL 62301.

"Black Family Newsletter", pertains to the descendants of Josiah BLACK and Elizabeth Ann Rainer BLACK. For more information contact Joe N. Black, Sr., 2618 Jim Loftin Road, Dallas, TX 75224-2514.

"Gest-Guest Quarterly", is a publication for those persons interested in the surname GUEST and any of the variant spellings including Gest, Gist and Guess. Subscription price is \$9 for two years which includes six issues. Mail to Gest-Guest Quarterly, 2503 Blue Willow, Houston, TX 77042.

"The Van Zandt Record", is published three times a year, winter, summer and fall. Subscription is included with payment of annual membership dues of \$5. The editor will publish family news, stories, pictures, queries and newspaper clippings. Send dues to Mrs. Francis L. Harrigan, Treasurer, The Van Zandt Society, 1343 West Baltimore Pike, Apt. D-415, Wawa, PA 19063-5531.

"Hooks Family Chronicles", is the newsletter of the Hooks Family Association. No information was given in the edition reviewed about membership. Address inquiries to Mary Ruth Stultz, 5800 Swarthmore Drive, College Park, MD 20740.

DID YOU KNOW.....

...during the Colonial period, taxable age for white men was age 16. The age varied from county to county during the Revolutionary War; after 1784 the age was 21.

from: Newsletter Red River GS; West Fargo, ND

...free four-page list of publications about Kentucky can be procured from the Historical Confederation of Kentucky; P.O. Box H; Frankfort, KY 40602; send SASE.

from: News 'N' Notes; St. Louis, MO; January 1987

HANGE OF

...if you need to look for a Catholic nun in the Soundex Code, the word "Sister" appears as if it is her surname - S236 - then look for her religious name. from: Newsletter Decatur GS; Decatur, IL

...The Bolzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, Genealogy Dept.; 6500 S. Pulaski Road; Chicago, IL 60629, is searching for names of Lithuanians who arrived in this country before World War I. from: News 'N' Notes; St. Louis, MO; August 1987

Guide to Resources in the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Collection

Torrey's New England Marriages

Overview

From 1927 to shortly before his death in 1962, Clarence Almon Torrey sat in the reading room of the New England Historic and Genealogical Society (NEHGS) library, and looked at virtually every book on early colonial New England that the library had: over 2000 town histories, genealogies, vital records, periodicals, and some manuscript collections. When he found a reference that stated or implied a marriage of a couple who resided in New England prior to 1700, he noted it in ledger books, recording over 37,000 marriages.

In 1979 NEHGS microfilmed the ledger books; the Dallas Public Library (DPL) has that microfilm. In 1985 a book containing part of the information in the ledgers was published, which DPL also has. Used together, the microfilm and book provide an unparalleled finding aid for colonial New England research.

Content

The title, New England Marriages Prior to 1700, is misleading. It more accurately might be titled "Couples Residing in New England Prior to 1700", because many of the listings are inferred, from the birth of children, for example, and couples who immigrated after the marriage are included.

The information in the published volume includes:

- name of husband in alphabetical order, his birth and death years
- name of wife, her birth and death years, and whether 1st or 2nd wife
- other marriages of wife
- towns of residence in New England

The information in the handwritten ledgers includes, in addition to the above:

sources in which Torrey found information about the husband or wife, including page number. DPL has many, but not all, of these sources.

Location

New England Marriages Prior to 1700 by Clarence Almon Torrey is a single volume, call number R929.374 T694N.

Torrey's manuscript is on seven rolls of microfilm in the first cabinet of Massachusetts microfilm.

Aids

The manuscript and book provide leads that genealogists looking for ancestors later than 1700 can use.

- The towns of residence of persons of a surname provide a good starting point for searching town histories and vital records.
- The index to the book contains alternate spellings of surnames and a full-name index of all additional names in the listings, including wives' maiden names and names of other husbands, providing access to collateral lines.
- The third column of the microfilm lists the source, including page number, where Torrey found the information. This, in effect, provides a surname index to every major pre-1960 New England genealogical publication, which may contain information on later generations.

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Torrey's New England Marriages (Continued)

Aids

In both the book and microfilm, the hardest part may be the notation system, further complicated on the microfilm by the difficulty of reading the handwritten ledger. Some clues:

- Read the introduction to the book. It is very thorough.
- "1/wf" means the first wife of the man listed. "m/2" means the name of the wife's second husband is listed, also.
- "b 1642" means married "by" 1642, probably the birth of a child.
- "ca" means circa (about). "?" indicates that Torrey or the source had some doubts about the information.
- Parentheses () sometimes appear around the wife's maiden name. Square brackets [] indicate an implied earlier marriage.
- Torrey listed NEHGS's Register as "Reg" (not NEHGR), The American Genealogist as "Am Gen" (not TAG) and Savage's Dictionary as "Sv".
- Family genealogies are listed by surname and year of publication. If you cannot identify the source, check the introduction, the source pages of the American Genealogical Biographical Index, the microfiche catalogue to the LDS Family History Library, and catalogues to other collections. Genealogies of common surnames have a number instead. A listing of all source codes is at NEHGS.

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