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## SEPTEMBER, 1989 MEETING

DATE: Monday, September 25, 1989

PLACE: 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: Rene (Mrs. Charles) Smith

Topic: Courthouse Research and Vital Records

Rene Jackson Smith has been involved in genealogy for over twenty years. She is a past President and a life member of the Dallas Genealogical Society. Mrs. Smith is a member of numerous genealogical, historical and patriotic societies, and has been the Genealogy Instructor at Richland College since 1978. She was a speaker at the 1987 National Genealogical Society Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina and has conducted many workshops. She is a native of El Paso and a fourth generation Texan.

## COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

Speaker: Pat Law Hatcher  
Topic: Files Management and Backups

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Dorothy Bruce, Vice President Membership

August 1989

Total Regular Membership	659
Total Libraries/Societies	19
Total Life Members	34
Total DGS Membership	712

## TREASURER'S REPORT

May 31, 1989 - Year Ending Report

Total Income	\$27,900.00
Total Expense	\$31,257.00
Year To Date Balance	< 3,357.00 >

## LETTER FROM THE TREASURER

The calendar year 1989 has every indication the Dallas Genealogical Society will enter a new plateau financially. DGS was issued Number 17-129750 by the State of Texas for their charter as a non-profit corporation on 12 December, 1955; it was chartered as the LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, DALLAS, TEXAS but was renamed as the DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY on 27 December, 1976. The Internal Revenue Service approved the exemption under Section 501 (C)(3) on 24 October, 1963. The corporate and exempt status both exist under strict regulations which restricts activities open to organizations operating under them; the primary purpose is to assure no organization is used for personal or political gain.

The Internal Revenue regulations provide that organizations which regularly receive over \$25,000.00 gross revenue annually will file an information tax Form 990, ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT UNDER 501 (C)(3). We operate on a fiscal year so I expect we will exceed \$25,000.00 this calendar year.

To protect DGS from inadvertently committing a breach of regulations, I secured the services of Roy McElhaney, a partner in the firm of McElhaney and Bowman, C.P.A.'s, Suite 407 NCNB Garland Bank Tower, Garland, Texas 75040. He has performed this examination as an accommodation for us; I want to express my appreciation to him for his public service.

Bill Jacoby, Treasurer

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### A WORD OF APPRECIATION - Adreinne B. Jamieson

A Big Thank You from the Dallas Genealogical Society to the Boy Scouts who worked so hard recording the information from the stones in City Cemetery on Shady Trail. Thanks to: Project Organizer, Mark Griggs; Adult Helpers, Michael Griggs and Alan Gage; and Scout Helpers, Mark Gunst, Jeff Flusche, Carlos Bell, Jason Wood, Scott Hutchings and Jim Schachterle.

By transcribing Block 12 of the Cemetery, they helped us complete our project and the Society appreciates their contribution. Again, THANKS, SCOUTS!!!

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### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The collection of materials of the genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library has more than 53,000 volumes and more than 63,500 microforms and is the largest collection of materials in the southern and southwestern United States.

We may have access to many valuable resources we don't use, either because we don't realize that they are available, we don't know what they contain or we don't know how to use them effectively.

Beginning with this issue we will, from time to time, feature an article which will describe a resource available in the genealogy collection and tell how to use it (including aids such as independently published indexes). The information given is specific to the Dallas Public Library, giving call numbers for books and where micro-text is stored.

The first article covers a published series, the New Hampshire State Papers. Future topics will include microfilm collections, Revolutionary War Pensions; R. W. Service records; Civil War Pensions; C. W. Service records (Union/Confederate); Soundex; Passenger Lists; Collections (McCubbin, Corbin, Hale, etc.); WPA Surveys; Texas Death Records Index and other records.

The articles will be printed suitable for keeping in a notebook. We hope you find them helpful.

### MAKE THIS YEAR ONE FOR THE BOOKS

In 1985-86 the Dallas City Council implemented budget cuts which resulted in greatly reduced funds for book purchases and periodical subscriptions, almost total elimination of funds for preservation of materials, closed the Central Library five evenings each week, and reduced Library staff by more than 70 positions.

The Library just recorded its fourth successive year of record usage. Almost 1,000,000 1988 Library visitors used the Central Library, many of these visitors came to do research in genealogy.

The Genealogy Section, located on the 8th floor of Central Library, is ranked in the top 13 in the nation. Only 3 of these are located west of the Mississippi (1) Salt Lake-Family Research Center (2) Los Angeles Public Library and (3) Dallas Central Library.

The Dallas Genealogical Society, the oldest continuous Genealogical Society in the State, actively promotes and offers support to this section. Not only does the Society give a substantial gift each year, but the individual Society members support the Library with gifts of money and materials.

The City's proposed budget for 1989-90 restores the cuts made in other departments (i.e. parks, cultural arts), but it does NOT restore the drastic Library cuts. We need restoration of Central hours. The people of this City built the first rate Library system that they wanted, now, ASK YOUR CITY COUNCIL TO MAINTAIN IT, PUT BOOKS IN IT AND OPEN THE DOORS SO THAT WE MAY USE IT.

You can preserve and protect this vital service:

- Call or write your City Council representative, Mayor and at-large members AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. The Council is now considering the proposed budget and final vote will be SEPTEMBER 27.

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\*At Large

## 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, D6S, P. O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225.

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### SMITH/HANSEN/GRUNEWALD

Mrs. James W. SMITH, 8029 Redwood Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76116, is seeking information about the Mathies HANSEN family who lived in Dallas in the late 1880's. Also, seeks location of family graves in an old city cemetery. Grandmother was Gonna Margaretha Grunewald HANSEN.

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### ABEL/GRAGSON/GREGSTON/NEWMAN/HERMAN/BURLSON/BRINEGAR

Mary Gragson ABEL, 8417 Midland, Dallas, TX 75217, seeks information on GRAGSON and variations of the name in TN, NC and TX, and William J. GREGSTON (1872) who married Mary Jane NEWMAN in Sherman, TX. Also, John HERMAN from Hamburg, Germany who married Mary Jane BURLSON. Also, BRINEGAR family from Copperas Cove, TX.

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### HOLMAN/ORR/HARRIS/LAIRD/McKINLEY/MORRIS/WRIGHT

Susan HOLMAN, 3408 Parkridge Dr., Corinth, TX 76205, is seeking information on William G. ORR (d. 1857, Cass Co., TX) who married Jane M. HARRIS (a descendant of Martha LAIRD). Children: James H. ORR, mar. Susan; Justis W. ORR, mar. Hessie McKINLEY; Mary E. ORR, mar. John McKINLEY; John N. ORR; Sarah C. ORR, mar. William MORRIS; Hannah J. ORR, mar. 1844 in Green Co. GA to William WRIGHT; William G. ORR; Andrew I. (J) ORR; Charles E. ORR. Seeking ORR and McKINLEY histories.

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### GROVE/SWETT/SWEAT

Marva M. GROVE, 7162 Estepa Dr., Tujunga, CA 91042, is seeking information on Eben and Lucretia SWETT who sold land in Gage Co., NB in 1877. Believed to have been living in Dallas Co., TX as signatures were notarized there. Is this the same Eben SWETT who was born in Maine, 9 May 1807, son of Jacob and Abigail SWEAT (SWETT)? Believe Eben had a son Leroy (mar. Effie), possibly by a former wife. Will exchange information on any of the above.

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### NEWTON/NILES/PITTS

Mildred Niles NEWTON, 12660 Hillcrest Rd # 7104, Dallas, TX 75230 is seeking information on the Jesse Edwin PITTS family residence in Nashville, TN late 1800's. Also, the Sylvester NILES family residence in Georgia, circa 1847-50.

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### MOREY/PARKER/BROOKS

Patsy Lou Brooks MOREY, 9011 Guernsey Lane, Dallas, TX 75220, is seeking information on Letitia PARKER, b. Oct. 1862, TX, mar. George Edmond BROOKS, b. July 1847, Ky. Children: Willie Mae, Evan, George and N.S. Both are buried in Brewer Cemetery in Nacogdoches Co., TX. Lived in Lilbert and Cushing, TX (near Nacogdoches). Is anyone researching PARKER/BROOKS families?

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**SHEPHERD/DUTY**

T. R. **SHEPHERD**, P. O. Box 822, Tomball, TX 77375, is seeking others researching the **SHEPHERD** family that resided in Dallas Co. around 1900. Wants to correspond with others working on the line of Jesse N. **SHEPHERD**, (b. Jan. 1879, IN; d. 8 Dec. 1912, Dallas Co., TX; buried Letot Cemetery). Mar. (1) Callie (b. 8 Mar. 1882; d. 16 Mar. 1905). Children: Clarence and Andrew. Mar. (2) Hattie Clyde **DUTY**, (b. 16 Sept. 1887; d. 13 May 1978) on 5 Apr. 1905, Dallas Co., TX. Children: Bertha Lear **SHEPHERD** and Jesse Thomas **SHEPHERD**.

**BLOODWORTH/TINNEY/KING/CHRISTOPHER/SPARKMAN/MOORE/WARREN**

Ginny **BLOODWORTH**, 6935 Prestonshire, Dallas, TX 75225, is seeking the parents and ancestors of Griffin **TINNEY**, b. ca. 1784, NC; mar. Martha **KING**, ca. 1821 (where?), d. March 1855, Jackson Co., AL. First census record 1830, Jackson Co., AL.

Also, seeking the parents and ancestors of Elvira **CHRISTOPHER**, b. 10 Feb. 1849, AL; mar. (1) Ab **SPARKMAN**, (where?), ca. 1868; (2) William M. **MOORE**, ca. 1875, Montague Co., TX. She died 28 May 1924, Wood Co., TX. Name on tombstone is L. E. **MOORE**.

Also, seeking the parents and ancestors of William M. **MOORE**, b. 3 Apr. 1824, NC; d. 22 Aug. 1895, Wood Co., TX; mar. Elvira Christopher **SPARKMAN**. He may have had two previous marriages to Elvira. 1870 census shows him in Wood Co., TX married to Lucinda **WARREN** and with children ages 10 and 4 born in MS.

**DRENNAN/CHIPMAN/BRANTLEY/STONE/BELL**

Robert V. **DRENNAN**, 5310 Fleetwood Oaks #233, Dallas, TX 75235, is seeking the Bible records and burial places of Henry and Agnes Chipman **BRANTLEY** who appear on the 1850-1870 Red River Co., TX census records. Widow Agnes appears on the 1880 Johnson Co., TX census with son James B. **BRANTLEY**. Are Henry and Agnes buried in Red River Co? Where?

Seeking death of date and burial place for James B. **BRANTLEY**; mar. 9 June 1878, Johnson Co., TX to W. Altheria **STONE**. Family legend is that he died while clearing land when a burning tree fell on him. Altheria remarried 26 Jan. 1888, Polk Co., AR to Rev. George Washington **BELL**.

**LEE/CAIN/McCAULEY/BOATNER/CROWNOVER/McGUIRE/McLEOD/COOK/VANDERFORD**

Sammie Townsend **LEE**, 10655 Longmeadow, Dallas, TX 75238, is seeking information on birth and parents of Richard Allen **CAIN**, b. ca. 1810-14, MS; d. Aug. 1836, Marshall Co., MS in hunting accident. Mar. ca. 1829 to Nancy Caroline **McCAULEY**, b. 15 Jan. 1815, Amite Co., MS; d. 23 Sept. 1876, Pontotoc Co., MS. Children: William, mar. Sarah **BOATNER**; Rebecca Jane; mar. Wm. C. **CROWNOVER**; Nancy Caroline, mar. James **McGUIRE**; Samuel, mar. Sarah **McGUIRE**; and Richard Allen **CAIN**, mar. Sarah Jane **McLEOD**.

Also, seeking information on birth and parents of Norman **McLEOD**, b. ca. 1822, NC and his wife Margaret A. **COOK**, b. ca. 1831, NC. Mar. ca. 1845, lived from 1840's to 1870's in Marshall Co., MS. Moved to Ellis Co., TX about 1878. Children: Sarah Jane, mar. Richard Allen **CAIN**, Jr.; Mary D., mar. Henry A. **VANDERFORD**; Ruth F., mar. **MILLER**; James C.; Samuel D.; Robert B.; and Thomas.

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## Guide to Resources in the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Collection

### The New Hampshire State Papers

- Overview** A collection of New Hampshire's earliest documents and records has been published, including those preceding statehood. The papers are commonly referred to by several different names. In this guide, all 40 volumes are referred to as The New Hampshire State Papers (NHSP); alternate titles are given in the text.
- Content** The NHSP include:
- legislative, governmental and court papers
  - early town petitions, charters and papers
  - Revolutionary War Rolls and Oaths of Allegiance
  - early probate records
- Location** The Dallas Public Library (DPL) has 21 of the 40 volumes of NHSP, including all of those most useful to genealogists. Because the NHSP are organized somewhat topically and have different editors, they ended up being shelved in several different locations in the library. The call numbers are given below with each volume.
- Aids** Each individual volume contains a full-name index. More detailed descriptions of the contents are available in an article in Historical New Hampshire Vol. 31, pp 119-128 (1976).
- Vol. 1-7** (Provincial Papers, ed. Bouton) Not at DPL.  
Primarily legislative and governmental papers from 1623-1776.
- Vol. 8** (State Papers, ed. Bouton) R974.2 B781t.  
Papers from 1776-1783.
- Vol. 9** (Town Papers, ed. Bouton) R974.2 B781t.  
Papers from 1638-1784, mostly relating to the settlement of towns.
- Vol. 10** (Provincial and State Papers, ed. Bouton) Not at DPL.  
Papers from 1623-1776, including the 1773 and 1786 censuses.
- Vol. 11-13** (Town Papers, ed. Hammond) Not at DPL.  
Papers up to 1800, relating to towns, alphabetical by town.
- Vol. 14-17** (Revolutionary Rolls, Vol. 1-4, ed. Hammond) R974.2 N532p.  
Primarily Revolutionary War papers, such as muster rolls, pay records and pension records.
- Vol. 18-23** (Provincial and State Papers, ed. Hammond, Batchellor) Not at DPL.  
Papers from 1679-1793.
- Vol. 24-29** (Town Charters Vol. 1-6, ed. Batchellor) R974.2 N532p.  
Town charters and early town documents (alphabetically by town). The Masonian Papers Vol. 1-3 (Vol 27-29), covers towns in the Masonian patent.
- Vol. 30** (Revolutionary Rolls, ed. Batchellor) R929.3742 B328M.  
Revolutionary War papers, such as Association Test, muster and pay rolls and pension records.
- Vol. 31-39** (Probate Records Vol. 1-9, ed. Batchellor, Metcalfe, Hammond) R929.3742 P962.  
Probate records from 1635-1771.
- Vol. 40** (State Papers, ed. Hammond) Not at DPL.  
Court records from 1652-1668.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 30, 1989 8:30 - 4:00

Mid Cities Genealogical Society

Presents: Mr. Lloyd Bockstruck

Topic: Missouri, Kentucky & Arkansas

Place: Wesley Evangelical Methodist Church

1424 Cavender Dr., Hurst Texas

Fee: \$18.00 by Sept. 25 Lunch Provided

\$20.00 after Sept. 25

Make checks payable to: Mid-Cities Genealogical Society,  
P. O. Box 407, Bedford, Texas 76095-0407

Thursday, October 12, 1989 8:00 - 4:00

Van Zandt County Genealogical Society

All Day Workshop presented by Everton Publishing Co. of Logan, Utah

Classes: Notekeeping, Vital Records, Southern Research, Unusual  
Record Sources

Cost: \$20.00 which includes a one year subscription to "The  
Genealogical Helper", and discounts on other publications and research  
guides.

Mail checks to : VZ County Gen. Society, c/o Ernestine Pippin  
P. O. Box 665, Van, Texas 75790

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NEW GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

New Boston Genealogical Society, Bowie County, Texas

Dues: \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 - husband/wife.

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of every month 7:00 p.m.

New Boston Public Library

Mail checks to: Inez Yarberry, P. O. Box 404, New Boston, TX 75570

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THE WORD IS OUT

The Complete 1880 Index for the Texas Census is on its way to the  
Dallas Public Library Genealogy Dept. Should arrive any day!

**DGS** Dallas Genealogical Society

Box 12648, Dallas, Texas 75225

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