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FEBRUARY, 1990 MEETING

DATE: Monday, February 26, 1990
TIME: 10:00 a.m. Computer Interest Group
11:00 Program
PLACE: East/West Room of the J. Erik Jonsson Library
SPEAKER: Kelvin L. Meyers
PROGRAM: RESEARCHING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Kelvin Meyers currently serves as Executive Vice-President of the Dallas Genealogical Society, and is employed by the Dallas Public Library in the Genealogy Section. He is the author of two books on early records and deed abstracts of Crosby County, Texas, (his home county) and received the Outstanding Committee Member Award from the Texas Historical Commission in 1979 for his cemetery survey work in Crosby County. He is a teacher of beginning genealogy through Northlake Community College and has researched extensively throughout the southern United States. Kelvin began his family research 16 years ago and is a fifth-generation Texan.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Dorothy Bruce, Vice President Membership

Total Regular Membership	217
Total Library/Societies	11
Total Life members	34
Total DGS Membership	262

TREASURER'S REPORT - Bill Jacoby, Treasurer

	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Income	7,657.68	10,207.00
Expense	8,376.43	13,275.00
Net Cash Flow	<748.75>	<3,068.00>

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Polish Genealogical Society was organized in April 1978 to promote interest in Polish genealogy, and to provide an exchange of information among researchers. The Society publishes a semiannual PGS Newsletter and a PGS Bulletin. If you are interested in becoming a member write to: Polish Genealogical Society, 984 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60622.

1920 CENSUS SPECIAL FUND

The Society has set aside a Special Fund category to aid in acquiring the 1920 Census which will be available for purchase in 1992. All donations will be held in reserve until that time. The complete set of microfilm for the entire 1920 U. S. Census would cost over 100 thousand dollars, we will buy Texas first, Lloyd says. If you wish to make a contribution, mark your donation - Special Fund, 1920 Census.

A RESEARCH TRIP TO SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

In October, Linda Rogers, Dorothy Bruce, Pat Hatcher and Sammie Lee made a trip to Salt Lake City to research at the LDS Family History Library. This is their report.

"If you have never been to the Library in Salt Lake City, maybe you will find our experiences helpful in planning your trip. Go on Tuesday and return on Sunday. This gives the maximum number of hours at the library and also usually qualifies for bargain airfares. The months of October, November, March, and April are "off season" months for hotels and airlines and offer the best opportunity for good rates, plus less crowded conditions at the library.

We stayed at the Howard Johnson's, which is right next door to the library, has free airport shuttle service and offers a 15 per cent discount for senior citizens and genealogists (ask for the genealogy discount when you book.) There are several other hotels within two blocks of the library, such as the Marriott, Travelodge and Red Lion Inn.

The library is across the street from Temple Square and near several auditoriums and the Salt Palace. These have numerous cultural and sporting events (some are free.) Shopping malls are one and two blocks away. Salt Lake City is surrounded by mountains and the scenery is lovely.

A snack room, located on the first floor of the library has vending machines with a good selection of sandwiches, salads, muffins, fruits, ice cream, juice, soft drinks, coffee and other snacks, reasonably priced. There are tables and chairs, and a stand-up bar for eating, plus a microwave for heating foods. Several restaurants are located within walking distance of the library, as well as a fast-food court in the nearby mall.

The library opens at 7:30 a.m. Monday - Saturday and closes at 10:00 p.m. Tuesday - Friday; 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; 6:00 p.m. on Monday. Closed on Sunday. The collection of 1.5 million rolls of microfilm and 180,000 books is distributed on four floors: British - basement 2; International - basement 1; LDS and Family Genealogies - main floor; U.S. and Canada - second floor. (Administration - third floor.) Each floor has tables, microfilm readers (the hand-crank kind, so get your arm muscles in shape!), fiche readers, copy centers and computers for the Family History Library Catalog and the International Genealogical Index (IGI).

Each copy center has several photocopiers (5 cents), fiche printers

(20 cents), and microfilm printers with various reduction sizes (20 cents). For convenience take about \$25 in dimes and nickels, with some type of coin holder or coin purse, although change is available from change machines and library attendants. For women, an apron with pockets, a "fanny pack" or a sweater with big pockets is useful for keeping track of change, classes, a pencil and a small notepad as you move around the library. Facilities on the second floor (United States and Canada) can be crowded, creating lines at the copiers and no vacant readers. However, you can take materials to the other, less crowded floors as long as you return them to the proper location.

Prepare before you go by visiting one of the local LDS Family History Centers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. (If you do not live in this area, you can write Salt Lake City for a list of the Family History Centers in your area.) Review the Family History Library Catalog on microfiche (the Dallas Public Library has the 1988 edition) to plan your research, noting microfilm reel numbers and book call numbers. For some counties the records are voluminous: hundreds of rolls of deed, probate, cemetery and vital records. For other counties the records are not so complete. Because of the way the catalog entries were made, it is important to check for records at the state, county and town levels. *The Library* by Johni Cerny and Windy Elliott is a useful resource.

The international holdings are also voluminous. For Canada and Great Britain, the microfilm collection of parish registers is extensive. Microfilm rolls for the least frequently accessed countries are kept in the storage vault. Check with the library in advance if you suspect you are researching such a country. Then, if necessary you can notify them of your needs at least a week before your visit.

The library has research and how-to guides on U. S., Canadian and international records available at the library. Some of the guides published by the library can be purchased by mail prior to your trip to Salt Lake City.

Throughout the week, free classes are held on a variety of subjects of interest to genealogists. Classes on how to use the library's computers, the Library Catalog and IGI are held frequently during the week. Each floor has trained personnel and volunteers to assist you in operating the computers and locating needed records.

If you would like to request a research guide or have other questions answered, you may write to the library at:

The Family History Library Correspondence Unit
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
35 North West Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

A trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City is an experience not to be missed. In one day you can "visit" an archives, three or four court-houses and a foreign country. It would be impossible for an article such as this to acquaint you with the multitude of material available to the researcher in one location. You have to go there and experience it for yourself!"

QUERIES ? ? QUERIES ? ? QUERIES ? ?

Queries do not require a Texas connection and are free to the members of the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS). Non-members should include \$3 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, Texas 75225.

**ALEXANDER
McCLURE** Seeking information about death and/or burial for: **Seth C. ALEXANDER** (1855-1910); **Orra Alexander McClure**, b. 1868; **Harvey P. ALEXANDER**, b. 1864; **George R. ALEXANDER**, b. 1866. They moved to Dallas Co after their births (probably from NC). Any information appreciated.
Rhonda GRANT; 221 Lincoln St.; Sitka, Alaska 99835.

**MEASON/
MASON
STRATTON** Seeking information on **George Hollingsworth MEASON**, b. 1852, MO; mar. **Mary Klizabeth STRATTON**, 1871 in Dallas Co., TX; daughter of **J. D. STRATTON** of Richardson, TX. Where in MO was **MEASON** born and did he have siblings, cousins, etc? Because the name is pronounced "MASON", it is often spelled incorrectly on documents. Need help locating him in Dallas Co. before 1871.
Becky Meason WILKY; 7505 Parkview Circle; Austin, TX 78731

**CARR
DALTON
DEARING/
DEERING** Seeking information on **Thomas CARR**, b. 1779, VA; d. 1841, Stokes Co., NC; mar. (1) **Mary DALTON**, (2) **Rachel DEARING/DEERING**, 1813. He was magistrate in Stokes Co., NC. She moved to Okittebeha Co., MS following his death. Children were **Elizabeth B.**, **Julia**, **Thomas W.**, **Pleasant D.**, **William D.**, and **Rufus Wiley CARR**. Where was he born in VA?
Mattie L. Carr HUGHES; 6417 Danbury Ln.; Dallas, TX 75214.

**MASON
LYNN
HUGHES** Seeking information on **Thom(p)son MASON**. He mar. **Mary Ann LYNN**, daughter of **Isaac LYNN** and **Celia HUGHES** who moved to Hunt Co., TX in 1841. Where did **Thompson MASON** come from? When did they marry and where? They were killed 18 Apr 1858 in western Jack Co., TX during a so-called "Indian Raid" led by a white man. Their two small children, **Alexander** and **Milton Cleveland MASON**, were reared by their parents.
Mattie L. Carr HUGHES; 6417 Danbury Ln.; Dallas, TX 75214.

**SHIPP
CASNER
MUNSELLE/
MUNSEL** Seeking information on **Martha Ellen Casner SHIPP**, b. 1850, Blanco Co., TX; possibly daughter of **Martin CASNER**. She mar. **William A. SHIPP** of Coffee Co., TN, 1868, Blanco, TX. They lived in Gillespie and San Saba Counties, TX. A daughter, **May SHIPP**, mar. **W. O. (Otis) MUNSELLE** of Jefferson Co., IL, in Gillespie Co. in 1903. They lived in Richland Springs. **Otis** was grandson of **Lorenzo Dow MUNSEL** of Licking Co., OH. Would like to correspond with others working on these lines in TX, TN, IL, OH, CT.
Nancy Griffin CUNNINGHAM; 5634 Richard; Dallas, TX 75206.

McKINNEY Seeking ancestry and/or descendants of **James McKinney, Sr.**, b. 1837, Ireland, came to St. John, Canada in 1856 with two brothers: **Daniel** and **Colin**, who drifted to TX area in 1860's.
Robert McKinney; 702-1920 Weston Rd.; Weston, Ontario, Canada M9N 1W5.

Queries requesting information about our families are an excellent way to let other genealogists know what we are doing and to find unknown "relatives" who may be researching the same surnames. Send in your queries to DGS today!

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**COMPTON
KIRBY
HARGROVE
WACASER** Seeking a death/burial record of Bishop and Lenora COMPTON. "Bish" was b. 22 Nov 1838, Monroe Co., KY to Samuel and Kissiah Kirby COMPTON. Bish lived most of his life in Dallas Co., TX. Some of his children are buried in Mills Cemetery in Garland, TX. Lenora was b. 22 Dec 1850, Murray Co., GA to Byron Dewitt and Mary Wascaser HARGROVE. Located Lenora in 1910 Dallas Co., TX census as widower living with her son. Any information is welcome.
Teresa HIGHLAND; 2831 N. Shiloh # 258; Garland, TX 75044.

**WARD
HUBBARD** Seeking information on William H. WARD, b. 1815 in TN or NC. Mar. Cynthia HUBBARD, 1837/38, Wilson Co., TN. She was b. 1816. Children: Tom, Emiline, Martha, Jane, Deede, Jim, William Calvin, Uriah Jefferson, Zack and John. Need parents, other family members, place of birth and where buried.
Lera SHOFNER; 5517 Pagewood; Houston, TX 77056; 713 626-0089.

WARD James "Bud" WARD, b. 26 Dec 1872, DeKalb, TN. Never married. D. 11 Dec 1858, Mission, TX. Buried in Cooke Co., TX. Need name of cemetery where he is buried.
Lera SHOFNER; 5517 Pagewood; Houston, TX 77056; 713 626-0089.

**THOMPSON
HOLBERT** John THOMPSON, b. 1809, KY and Hannah Carilla HOLBERT, b. 1811, KY, moved to TX from IN ca. 1851. Know most descendants of 14 children in and around Rockwall/Kaufman Counties, TX. Need descendants of: Benjamin T. (1829) and Mandy E.; Catherine T. (1833) and Christopher C. BLAKE; Milton Allen (1837) and Susan HARRISON; Nancy E. (1840) and J. S. TUCKER; Sarah "Sally" (1844) and Richard NORMAN; William Cotton (1851) and Mary C. BURESS; Susan (1842) and Alonzo HOWARD.
Mrs. Edith L. SMITH; 414 Lincolnshire Dr.; Irving, TX 75061.

**PRIGMORE
SEARS** Seeking information on Joseph PRIGMORE family of early Dallas Co., TX and cousins Daniel PRIGMORE by wife, Mary SEARS of Collin Co., TX.
Lynda Chalk WELCH; 5535 Willow Lane, Dallas, TX 75230.

Seeking information on the following family surnames: ASKEW, BARTON, BRYAN, CHALK, CLAYTON, CUMMINS, DOAK, EVIT, FARRIS, FINLEY, FLEMING, GATLIFF, GIBSON, GILES, HILL, HOBBS, JOHNSON, LOWRANCE, MARTIN, PATTON, PICKRELL, PULATTIE, PUTNAM, RENSHAW, STOCKTON, WILLIAMS and WOODRUFF.
Lynda Chalk WELCH; 5535 Willow Lane; Dallas, TX 75230.

PULATTIE Seeking parents of Francis PULATTIE, b. 1780 in Italy and lived in Pike and Choctaw Counties, MS. Had son, Joseph, b. 1818 who mar. Nancy ?, about 1845.
Lynda Chalk WELCH; 5535 Willow Lane; Dallas, TX 75230.

NGS CONFERENCE IN THE STATES

The National Capital Area Tenth Anniversary Conference of the National Genealogical Society is going to be a one-of-a-kind event you won't want to miss! NGS 1990: A CAPITAL CONFERENCE will be held 6-9 June 1990 in Arlington, VA. It will be the first major genealogical conference held in the Nation's Capital and will feature a truly national program focusing on the records of the federal government, research methodology, and various regional and ethnic topics. There will be made available the opportunity to use three of the nation's major genealogical research facilities - the National Archives, the Library of Congress, and the National Society DAR Library.

For those with ancestors in the Chesapeake region, the resources of the Virginia State Library, the Maryland State Archives, the Virginia Historical Society, and the Maryland Historical Society will be only an hour or two away.

Join your fellow genealogists for this first major event of the new decade - NGS 1990: A CAPITAL CONFERENCE! For more information write to: 1990 NGS Conference, 4527 17th Street, North; Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

BEGINNERS AND ADVANCED GENEALOGY CLASSES

Patrick McKenna, a Library Associate of the Genealogy Section, Dallas Public Library, will offer both Beginners and Advanced Genealogy classes to be held at Cedar Valley College in Lancaster, Texas.

All classes will be held on Saturdays, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Lancaster Public Library, 220 W. Main St., Lancaster, Texas. Beginners' Classes are March 3, 10 and 17 and the Advanced Classes are April 28, May 5 and May 12.

For further information call Cedar Valley College, 372-8210 or the Lancaster Public Library, 227-1080.

S. S. A. INFORMATION UPDATE....See January Newsletter, p. 30.

DGS member Mike Cordell reported to us regarding the application form for a deceased relative, SSA Form F SSA - L 997 is obsolete. The original Social Security Application form is Number SS-5. This is the one with the information on it. To obtain a copy of ss-5, write to:

Social Security Office of Public Inquiry
4th Floor
Annex Building
6401 Security Blvd.
Baltimore, Maryland 21235

giving the S. S. number (if known), date of birth, and reason for requesting the record.

Schedule of fees for a copy of Form SS-5 are:

Known Social Security Number \$7.00

Unknown SS Number-state a need-for-search, give date-of-birth and
enclose \$16.50

If you need further information call: 1-301-965-7700

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DGS SPRING WORKSHOP

DATE: Saturday, April 21, 1990 8.30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
 PLACE: Jesuit High School, 12345 Inwood Rd, Dallas, TX
 SPEAKER: Helen S. M. Leary
 SUBJECT: "Seeing Genealogy in a New Light"
 More information will follow soon.



GRAND PRAIRIE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - ANNUAL WORKSHOP

DATE: March 16, 17, 1990
 PLACE: Ramada Inn, 402 East Safari Blvd., Grand Prairie, TX
 SPEAKERS: Mr. William Dollarhide and the U. S. Geological Survey
 For registration particulars and more information contact:
 Deb Koplen (214/262-6128), Jane Crawford (214/262-0430), or Faye
 Chism (214/641-6604), or write to: Grand Prairie Genealogical
 Society, P. O. Box 532026, Grand Prairie, TX 75053-2026.



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UPDATE FROM THE GENEALOGY SECTION.....Lloyd D. Bockstruck

The Genealogy Section has received the following microfilm sets:

- (1) Index to New England Naturalizations 1791-1906, 117 rolls
rolls 1-38 Connecticut
rolls 39-46 Rhode Island
rolls 47-117 Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts
- (2) Mississippi Tax Lists, 28 rolls
covers the counties of Adams to Jackson. Years vary.
- (3) Massachusetts vital records, 28 rolls
The library now has the most complete collection of Massachusetts vital records in Texas. The following towns have now completed the collection: Georgetown, Lancaster, Lanesborough, Lunenburg, Swansea, Wakefield, Watertown, Woburn, & Worcester
- (4) Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Served in Organizations Not Raised by States or Territories. 36 rolls
There are various indexes to categories in this set. Two significant ones are Indian Home Guards (for present day Oklahoma) and the index for Confederate Prisoners of War Who Enlisted in the U.S. Army.
This set now provides coverage for all Union soldiers except New York and Pennsylvania.

With this year's funds made available for binding, the Genealogy Section has shipped more than 700 volumes to the bindery. These books had not previously been available. There was no money made available from the city to bind periodicals. A donation of \$6.03 is need to bind a periodical volume.

Remember that the Genealogy Section is now open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays 1-5 p.m.

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