



# DGS NEWSLETTER

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## DGS Spring Seminar -- Last Call!

The 1991 DGS Spring Seminar is "just around the corner" -- Saturday, 20 April -- and all systems are GO! We hope you have reserved your seat to hear Elizabeth Shown Mills speak on the topics:

- \* *Genealogical Problem Solving: Profession Techniques for Everyday Research*
- \* *Sweet Potato Simon & White Potato Willie: How to Get More out of Censuses Than You Ever Dreamed Possible*
- \* *Using Tax Rolls to Prove Births, Deaths, Marriages, Parentage, and Origins*
- \* *Finding Females: Wives, Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, and Paramours!*

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Richardson Civic Center (North Central Expressway at Arapaho). The first lecture will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Registration brochures are available in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library or you can register at the door on 20 April. (Pre-registrants are guaranteed a Syllabus.) The registration fee at the door is \$25.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Mills speak. She is tops in her field and her lectures are for researchers on all levels -- advanced, intermediate, and the newer researchers.

**DGS BOOK SALE**  
**Seminar Special!**  
**20% off all Dallas County**  
**Record Books published by DGS.**  
**ONE DAY ONLY!**  
**Saturday, 20 April 1991**  
**at the DGS Spring Seminar.**  
**Cemeteries! Marriages! *DallaSearch!***  
**Stop by the DGS tables at the seminar**  
**and stock up on these books for your**  
**library!**

## Exhibitors for the Spring Seminar

Of special interest to seminar attendees are the exhibitors who display and sell genealogical books and materials and other services of interest to genealogists. Another good reason for attending the 1991 DGS Spring Seminar on Saturday, 20 April, is the "supermarket" of exhibitors -- from Texas and out of state -- booked by DGS. More than 30 tables will line the Richardson Civic Center concourse, loaded with books, forms, charts, maps, preservation materials, photographic materials and services, free brochures, and free advice. Attendees can buy goods and services, or obtain information on a variety of subjects.

In addition to the DGS tables selling the society's books, microforms, charts, and forms, some of the exhibitors who have booked tables are listed below. (This list reflects those exhibitors who booked by 25 March, when this newsletter went to the printer.)

**American Genealogical Lending Library (AGLL)** of Bountiful, Utah, will be represented by Sylvia Murray, selling the Dollarhide census maps and a large selection of bibliographic and research guides.

**Den-Tex Heritage Publications** owned by Diana White of Denton, Texas, features books on Denton and other Texas counties.

**Henington Publishing Company** of Wolfe City, Texas, will have Thom Cashman on hand to talk about the best alternatives for putting your family history, county history, or other publications into print, from concept to completion.

**Hudson Heritage Books**, owned by Weldon Hudson of Fort Worth, Texas, features a wide assortment of genealogical source and reference books with a strong emphasis on, but not exclusive to, Texas research.

**J & W Enterprises**, owned by John and Wanda Head of Shreveport, specializes in books on northwest Louisiana. New this year from their company are marriage records for Red River and Union Parish.

**M & C Photography** of Grapevine, Texas, owned by Mal and Frances Malcolm, will feature the beautiful

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## Dallas Genealogical Society

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**Meetings:** Founded in 1955, the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is the oldest organization of its kind in Texas. It is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. The Society meets at the Dallas Public Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, Texas, on the 4th Monday, September through May, except for December. Visitors and guests are welcome.

**Membership:** Individuals, libraries, or societies may apply for membership. Annual dues are \$12 for the calendar year if paid by January 31; after January 31, they are \$14. New Member dues and renewals should be mailed to the Society at Post Office Box 25556, Dallas, TX 75225-1556, and marked to the attention of the V.P. of Membership. All current members receive *The Dallas Quarterly* and the *DGS Newsletter*.

**Newsletter:** The *DGS Newsletter* is published nine times a year in January, February, March, April, May-June, July-August, September, October, and November-December. Copy deadline is the 5th day prior to month of publication. All correspondence for the *DGS Newsletter* should be mailed to the Society at Post Office Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648 and marked to the attention of:  
Sammie Townsend Lee Newsletter Editor

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copies Mr. Malcolm achieves from old, faded, and torn photographs. Bring your old photographs to him for analysis. (He also does beautiful portraits!)

**Moon's LDS BookStore**, Dallas' largest supplier of genealogical books and supplies, will have three tables of books, charts, forms, and other material from many major genealogical publishers, including Genealogical Publishing Company, Evertons, Ancestry, etc.

**Photographic Archives Lab and Gallery** of Dallas, owned by Andy and Beckie Reisberg, specializes in historical photography and carries a large selection of archival storage supplies, photo albums, and feature conservation framing.

**Preservation Emporium** of Dallas, owned by Dewayne and Candy Lener, carries a large inventory of archival materials for safe storage and exhibition of precious heirlooms and documents.

### "Information Only" Tables

This year, for the first time, DGS invited nonprofit patriotic and lineage societies to be a part of our seminar. "Information only" tables have been rented by the following organizations as a way of presenting their society's aims, goals, and membership requirements to a large number of potential new members.

**Descendants of Mexican War Veterans** was organized in 1989. Stephen R. Butler, the society's founder, will be available to answer questions about this relatively new society.

**National Society Daughters of the American Revolution** will be represented by the Dallas Area Regent's council. Information will be available about Dallas' many DAR chapters and the requirements for membership.

**United States Daughters of 1812** will be represented by the John Cavet Chapter and Mrs. Jeanne Tabb, president of the chapter, will be available to answer questions about the society and the chapter.

This year DGS also invited area genealogical societies to rent tables as a way of meeting potential new members for their organizations and selling the books and materials generated by their societies. The **Kaufman County Genealogical Society** will be represented by Lou Hicks Miller. We are delighted our neighbor to the southeast decided to take us up on this offer. Welcome!

Ample break times have been set up throughout the day to allow attendees time to visit exhibitors. Bring a well-filled pocketbook; there are bound to be bargains you can't pass up. See you at the tables!

## DGS News, Notes and Reports

### The President's Message

by Pat Hatcher

Two primary functions of genealogical societies are education and fund raising. DGS does an excellent job of fulfilling those functions, and our workshops combine both.

If I were asked to name the top five genealogists in the country, Elizabeth Shown Mills would most certainly be on the list. Are you stuck on a line (or a dozen lines)? Then the DGS Spring Seminar is where you should be. Elizabeth Mills' specialty is the tough cases, those where there is no single record giving the answer--or there is a record, but in an unexpected place. For the price of one genealogy book, you will learn techniques that may help you get several of those lines "unstuck". As an educational opportunity, the Spring Seminar can't be beat.

As for fund-raising... Many of you know that in May, at the end of each DGS year, we give a gift to the library, frequently earmarked for acquisition of major microform collections. DPL is one of the top 15 libraries in the country, and its microform collection is top-notch. Microforms, such as military and census records and copies of manuscripts and out-of-print books, allows the library to serve genealogists of widely varying backgrounds at a reasonable cost. Many of you may not know, however, that our gift to the library is largely dependent upon the profits from our workshops. Actual amounts vary from year to year, depending on current publication expenses, but workshops is how the bulk of the money is raised. We kicked off our current project--acquisition of the 1920 census--with last year's gift, but the project relies on both the gifts of individuals and the gifts of the society.

Therefore, when you attend the DGS Spring Seminar, you are accomplishing two things: you are learning how to break loose that problem line and you are helping to assure that DPL will have a major resource available to researchers.

One of the underlying themes of this year's board has been that the DGS membership deserves quality. You've seen that in our newsletter, quarterly, programs, and fall workshop. The syllabus for the Spring Seminar will be something you will keep and refer to, not throw away. Our new location, the Richardson Civic Center, is ideally suited for accommodating large crowds. Although in Richardson, it is on Central Expressway and more accessible than some Dallas locations. It is spacious and comfortable, with ample vendor, restroom and lunch facilities, free parking, handicap accessible, and has a covered "drop off" entrance.

By the way, if you question my enthusiasm for Elizabeth Mills' lectures, ask me how I solved my "William Jones married Phebe Brown somewhere in Kentucky and moved to Illinois" problem!

### Membership Report

by Linda Rogers, VP for membership

	1990 Totals	1991 Totals
Renewals	577	532
New Members	130	147
Libraries/Societies	20	15
Life Members	35	40
Total	762	734

### Treasurer's Report

by Art Rubeck, Treasurer

DGS Account Balances Report  
as of 14 March 1991

Total Cash Assets and Bank Accounts	\$24,018.62
Total Other Assets	747.38
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Total Assets	\$24,766.00

### Go...To A Genealogical Conference by Barbara Roberts Baylis

If you like genealogy, you will LOVE a national genealogical conference. It is the opportunity to attend lectures, workshops, luncheons, and dinners with other "genealogy people." Just think, three or four whole days of learning about your favorite subject and discussing your favorite pastime with others who are interested!

There are two national genealogical conferences coming up this summer. Both are identical in format. Each offers the genealogist four or five daily sessions. Like the DGS Fall Symposium, several topics are available in each session, and the choice can be tough. Tapes of most sessions are available for purchase at the conference. Additionally, one can also choose lunch and dinner sessions featuring speakers, including a conference banquet held on Friday evening. An added bonus are the vendors and exhibitors, present from all parts of the country, selling books and materials of interest to the genealogist.

#### NGS Conference in the States

This year the National Genealogical Society (NGS) invites you to *Come to the End of the Oregon Trail* in Portland, Oregon. From Wednesday, 29 May through

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## Courthouse Research and the Genealogist: Are We Paving the Way for Future Researchers or Putting up Road Blocks? Part I

"The courthouse clerk was absolutely no help at all." "The clerk refused to let me see some of the records I needed." "The clerk didn't know where some of the older records were kept." "The clerk refused to fetch record books that I needed." "The clerk could not tell me the meaning of the record." "The clerk was rude and insensitive to my research problems."

Are the above statements legitimate complaints? Courthouse record keepers are busy with the ongoing, day-to-day business of the county; dealing with lawyers, professional abstractors, and others with legitimate county business and cannot stop their work to help the genealogist. Some personnel are not familiar with older records of the county; may refuse access to closed records; will not "fetch" record books; and are unable to interpret one-hundred year old records. We should not be surprised to realize clerks have an amazing disregard for the life and times of our ancestor. Sometimes our own families have that same amazing disregard!

Let's turn this coin over and look at the other side. Who are the people making these complaints? Often these complaints are voiced by family researchers who go to courthouses unprepared and not knowledgeable about their family or the records in which they expect to find this family. They may lack experience or have not taken the time to learn the basic research techniques needed to conduct effective genealogical research and courthouse research. They may expect the same kind of research help from personnel in the courthouse that they would from the staff in a genealogy library. They may be unaware of the history of the county or if they are in the right county. They may be inappropriately dressed, unprofessional, loud, or careless with old, fragile record books.

This does not make for a positive relationship between courthouse personnel and genealogists. It contributes to the number of states passing legislation to close courthouse records.

Is there a remedy? Yes! By understanding the problem, working toward educating the offender, and showing informed professionalism and a willingness to change, the tide can be turned. There are standards, procedures, and etiquette, dictated by common sense, that the genealogist should follow before, during, and after a trip to a courthouse.

### What to Do Before Traveling to the County

Genealogists know to begin with the basics. Do enough research on the family to know if one can reasonably expect to find records in the county to which travel is planned. By reading all the census

records available for the life of the ancestor and studying printed or microfilmed tax records, we gain knowledge about the movement of the family. See what county records have been abstracted and published. Check for published county histories that may give information about the family or the area of the county in which the ancestor resided. Order any available birth and death records. Check with the local library to see what can be ordered on interlibrary loan or with a local LDS library to see what county records have been microfilmed and can be rented from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Whenever possible, order filmed indexes to records, such as deeds and wills, and study the indexes before making the trip.

Ancestor charts and family group sheets should be reviewed and updated. Genealogists cannot afford to wear blinders when it comes to research. Some genealogists research only their direct line and ignore the lines of collateral relatives who also left records. Often an elusive ancestor can be traced by searching the records of a husband's brother, daughter's husband, or the wife's married sister. It is a fact that families leave more records than individuals. Review the names so that you will recognize them when you see them in the records. Check indexes for the names of all collateral relatives.

Learn the history of the area and the courthouse. Did the family actually live within the boundaries of that county at the particular time period you expect to find them there? Was that county even in existence at that time? Because of the continuing division of older counties to form new counties, it is vital to determine the origin and parent county or counties. Everton Publisher's, *The Handy Book for Genealogists*, tells when counties were created and from what parent counties. *The Map Guides to the United States Federal Censuses, 1790-1920*, by William Thorndale and William Dollarhide, show new counties evolving from parent counties.

Always check surrounding counties and parent counties for records on your ancestor. The division of older counties to form new counties explains how a single tract of land can be in several different counties over a period of time. The result is that a family could stay on the same land leaving records pertaining to the land in two or more counties. It explains the sudden disappearance of a family from the records of one county. While the family did not move, the division "placed" the family in a new county. Even when county boundaries have not changed during the period being searched, consider that land may have been owned in

an adjacent county or that a marriage or other event may have taken place across a county line.

Once you have established what courthouse to search, find out what records you can expect to locate in the courthouse that will be helpful in your research. *The Source, A Guidebook of American Genealogy*, by Arlene Eakle and Johnni Cerny, has chapters pertaining to American court records, marriage and divorce records, vital records, and tax records. Another often used source is John Vallentine's "Checklist of County Courthouse Records Useful for Family History Purposes," (from *Genealogical Journal*, Volume 9, September 1980, pp. 101-112).

County inventory, guide, and survey books have been written about individual counties in many states. Some were written in the 1930's by the Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.), while others are more recent. In these books you can read about the types of records kept from the beginning of the county, years for which the records exist, which court has jurisdiction over the record source, where the records were located at the time the book was written, etc. Some even have floor plans of the courthouse and brief histories of the county government from the earliest days. As titles of the respective record custodians in the courthouse varies from state to state, the county inventory, survey, or guide should tell you what the record keeper is called in each office.

There are statewide books which address all counties, such as Carol Wilsey Bell's *Ohio Genealogical Guide*, Robert Scott Davis' *Research in Georgia*, and Dr. George Schweitzer's series of books on genealogical research in Georgia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Write the courthouse and any other facility you plan to visit before you travel to find out what hours they are open and any holidays they observe. Nothing can be more frustrating than to arrive on the county courthouse steps at 11:15 on a Wednesday morning only to discover that the courthouse closes for the day at noon on Wednesdays. Or to arrive at the state archives and find it closed in honor of a state holiday of which you have no knowledge.

In summary, an effective courthouse researcher must possess an understanding of basic genealogical techniques and methodology. The researcher must also have a basic understanding of the kinds of records kept at the county level, terminology used in that state, and the records that are likely to be held in that specific courthouse.

*Part II, "What to Do When You Arrive at the Courthouse," will be continued in the May-June issue of the DGS Newsletter. Part II will address the necessary skills needed to gain access to the records, proper conduct*

*in the courthouse, and what can reasonably be expected from the courthouse record custodians.*

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Saturday, 1 June 1991, the NGS program committee has planned 157 lectures on a variety of topics. For a conference brochure and registration form, write 1991 NGS Conference; 4527 17th Street, North; Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

Special sightseeing tours are available, and Portland's famous Rose Festival Starlight Parade will occur Saturday evening. Portland is a beautiful city, and I know that any of our members would enjoy making this their vacation spot in '91.

Be sure to check into the research opportunities while in Portland. One never knows what one will find. While attending the 1989 NGS Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi, five DGS members with Mississippi ancestors were excited to plunge into the books at the Anderson Library. Guess who found the most information? That one YANKEE DGS member who had just gone along for the ride!

#### FGS Conference

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) will hold their *All American Conference* in Fort Wayne, Indiana, from Thursday through Saturday, 15-17 August 1991. FGS has planned 90 lectures on all levels of research experience and features a "melting pot" of ethnic group lectures. For a conference brochure with registration form, write 1991 FGS Conference; Attn: Curt Witcher, Conference Chairman; 900 Webster Street, P. O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270.

Another good reason for attending FGS in Fort Wayne is the opportunity to research in the recently renovated Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library, the second largest genealogical repository in North America. In addition to extended research hours, the Department will host a "Moonlight Madness Extravaganza" to allow conference attendees to use the library's resources.

Cost to either of these conferences is subject to your planning and choices. Early registration is \$80 for either conference. Meals and some workshops, such as computer labs, have additional fees. Special rates are available at the Conference hotels. You can fly or drive, depending on your time and pocket book.

I have attended both NGS and FGS conferences in past years and thought they were worth every penny, not only in the knowledge I obtained, but in the friends I made. Try one or both conferences in 1991!

**DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY****APRIL REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: Monday, 22 April 1991

TIME: 11:00 *a.m.*LOCATION: Auditorium, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library  
1515 Young Street, Dallas, Texas

SPEAKER: Art Rubeck

PROGRAM: *Using Local LDS Libraries*

The largest genealogical collection in the world is located in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Genealogists can tap into this vast resource without leaving the Dallas area by *Using Local LDS Libraries*.

Art Rubeck is a frequent patron of LDS libraries (and has visited the Family History Library three times in the past year with amazing success!). He will tell us what a LDS Library is, where to locate them, and update us on how to use their resources. He will incorporate his computer knowledge into explaining the easy-to-use computerized Family History Library Catalog, International Genealogical Index (IGI), and Social Security Death Records, long used in Salt Lake City, but new to local LDS libraries. Learn how to gain access to the records you need by using a local LDS library.

Visitors and guest are welcome and meetings are open to the public.

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**COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP**

DATE: Monday, 22 April 1991

TIME: 10:00 *a.m.*

LOCATION: Auditorium, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library

SPEAKER: Art Rubeck

Art Rubeck, former Disk Librarian for the Infomart computer genealogy group, will talk about the LDS Family History Library computer, its features, and how the genealogist with a computer can benefit from it.

## DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

### 1991 CALENDAR

Unless otherwise indicated, DGS Regular Meetings are held in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, Texas. The Computer Interest Group meets one hour prior to the Regular Meeting in the East/West Rooms across the hall from the Auditorium.

20 April	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	<b>Spring Seminar - Richardson Civic Center</b> <b>Speaker: Elizabeth Shown Mills</b>
22 April	Monday	11:00 a.m.	<i>Using Local LDS Libraries</i> Speaker: Art Rubeck
20 May	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Annual Business Meeting <i>Books for Background Reading</i> Speakers: Members of the DGS Board of Directors
June/July/August			Summer Break - no programs
23 September	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Program to be announced
28 October	Monday	11:00 a.m.	Program to be announced
25 November	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Program to be announced

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### OTHER MEETINGS, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES

13 April	Tyler, TX 75711 P. O. Box 6967	East Texas Genealogical Society Seminar Topic: <i>Military Records; Migration Patterns</i> Speaker: Lloyd D. Bockstruck
20 April 9:00 a.m.	Dallas, TX Infomart	Computer Council Topic: <i>CD-ROM Data from LDS Libraries</i>
11 May 9:30 a.m.	Garland, TX 75046 P.O. Box 461882	Garland Genealogical Society Workshop Topic: Basic Genealogy for Beginners Speaker: Renee Jackson Smith
11 May 8:00 a.m.	Lawton, OK 73502 P. O. Box 148	Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society Topic: <i>British Migration, Appalachian Triangle, Tracing Ladies on Your Pedigree</i> Speaker: Arlene Eakle
29 May - 1 June 1991	Portland, OR *	1991 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States <i>Come to the End of the Oregon Trail</i>
16-21 June 1991	Birmingham, AL *	Samford University Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research - 27th Annual Session
15-17 August 1991	Fort Wayne, IN *	1991 Federation of Genealogical Societies <i>An All American Conference</i>

\*Information fliers may be obtained in the Genealogy Section, Dallas Public Library.

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

### Periodical Exchange List of the Dallas Genealogical Society, Part I

DGS sends *The Dallas Quarterly* and the *DGS Newsletter* to more than 90 other genealogical societies in the United States and Canada in exchange for their publication(s). That society's publication is placed in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library (DPL). This list reflects the name and address of the exchange society, name and frequency of their publication, DPL call number, and holdings owned by DPL. Most volumes listed will be located on the open shelves in the Genealogy Section. The most recent volumes may be in limited access waiting to be sent to the bindery. If you cannot locate a desired issue, ask a staff member for assistance.

This guide will be published in three issues of the DGS Newsletter. Part II will be published in the May-June issue and part III in the July-August issue.

- Arkansas**
- Arkansas Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 908, Hot Springs, AR 71092  
Quarterly publication: *Arkansas Family Historian*, Call # 929.3767 A 721  
Holdings: Vol. 1-28, 1964-1990
  - Batesville Genealogical Society**, 1945 East College Avenue, Batesville, AR 72501  
Quarterly publication: *Bits of Bark from the Family Tree*, Call # 929.3767 B624  
Holdings: Vol. 1-15, 1976-1990
- Arizona**
- Arizona State Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 42075, Tucson, AZ 85733  
Quarterly publication: *Copper State Bulletin*, Call # 929.3791 C785  
Holdings: Vol. 6-25, 1970-1990
- California**
- Conejo Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 1228, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360  
Quarterly publication: *Rabbit Tracks*, Call # 929.37949 R113  
Holdings: Vol. 1-8, 1983-1990
  - Napa Valley Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 385, Napa, CA 94559  
Publication: *The Wine Press*, Call # 929.37941 N195Q  
Holdings: Quarterly: Vol. 1-3, 1983-1985; Monthly Newsletter: 1985-Current
  - Orange County California Genealogical Society**, 7111 Talbert, Huntington Beach, CA 92649  
Quarterly publication: *OCCGS Quarterly*, Call # none, must request  
Holdings: Vol. 10-27, 1973-1990
  - Sacramento Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 265, Citrus Heights, CA 95611  
Quarterly publication: *Root Cellar Preserves*, Call # none, must request  
Holdings: Vol. 1-13, 1979-1991
  - San Diego Genealogical Society**, 2925 Kalmia, San Diego, CA 92104  
Quarterly publication: *Leaves and Saplings*, Call # 929.37949 S194  
Holdings: Vol. 14-18, 1986-1990
  - San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society**, Box 4, Atascadero, CA 93423  
Quarterly publication: *SLOCG Bulletin*, Call # 929.3794 C153B  
Holdings: Vol. 21-23, 1988-1990 (formerly California Central Coast Genealogical Society)
  - Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 1303, Coleta, CA 93116  
Quarterly publication: *Ancestors West*, Call # 929.1 A538  
Holdings: Vol. 9-16, 1983-1990
  - Santa Clara County Historical/Genealogical Society**, 2635 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara, CA 95051  
Twice-yearly publication: *SCCHGS Quarterly*, Call # 929.37947 S231S  
Holdings: Vol. 1-27, 1964-1990
  - Southern California Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 4377, Burbank, CA 91503  
Quarterly publication: *Searcher*, Call # 929.10979 S439  
Holdings: Vol. 2-28, 1964-1991
  - Ventura County Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box D N, Ventura, CA 93002  
Quarterly publication: *VCGS Quarterly*, Call # 929.37949 V468  
Holdings: Vol. 6-13, 1984-1990



- Colorado**  
**Colorado Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 9218, Denver, CO 80209  
Quarterly publication: *Colorado Genealogist*, Call # 929.1 C719  
Holdings: Vol. 18-51, 1957-1990 (Also, monthly newsletter)  
**Southeastern Colorado Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 4086, Pueblo, CO 81003  
Quarterly publication: *Pinon Whispers*, Call # 929.10978 P657  
Holdings: Vol. 4-11, 1983-1990
- Georgia**  
**Augusta Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 3743, Augusta, GA 30909  
Monthly newsletter: *Southern Echoes*, Call # None, must request  
Holdings: 1984-1991  
**Whitfield-Murray Historical Society**, 715 Chattanooga Ave., Dalton, GA 30720  
Quarterly publication: *WMHS Quarterly*, Call # 975.83 W595  
Holdings: Vol. 1-10, # 1, 1977-1990
- Illinois**  
**Decatur Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 1548, Decatur, IL 62525  
Quarterly publication: *Central Illinois Genealogical Quarterly*, Call # 929.10977 D291C  
Holdings: Vol. 1-26, 1965-1990
- Indiana**  
**Kosciusko County Historical & Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 1071, Warsaw, IN 46580  
Quarterly publication: *Our Missing Links*, Call # 929.37728 O93  
Holdings: Vol. 8-15, 1984-1991
- Kansas**  
**Kansas Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 103, Dodge City, KS 67801  
Quarterly publication: *Treeseacher*, Call # 929.3781 T786  
Holdings: Vol. 3-32, 1961-1990  
**Midwest Historical/Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 1121, Wichita, KS 67201  
Quarterly publication: *Midwest Genealogical Register*, Call # 929.10977 M629  
Vol. 1-25, 1966-1991
- Louisiana**  
**Baton Rouge Historical/Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 80565 S.E. Sta, Baton Rouge, LA 70898  
Quarterly publication: *Baton Rouge Newsletter*, Call # 929.37631 B334  
Holdings: Vol. 4-10, 1984-1990  
**Claiborne Parish Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 17706, Shreveport, LA 71138  
Quarterly publication: *Claiborne Parish Trails*, Call # 929.37639 C585  
Holdings: Vol. 2, #2, 1987; Vol. 3, #1,3,4, 1988; Vol. 4, 1989; Vol. 5, 1990  
**Terrebonne Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 295, Station 2, Houma, LA 70360  
Quarterly publication: *Terrebonne Life Lines*, Call # 929.37634 T325  
Holdings: Vol. 3-9, 1984-1991
- Massachusetts**  
**Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society**, Box 80206 Forest Park Sta, Springfield, MA 01108  
Quarterly newsletter: *American Elm*, Call # None, must request  
Holdings: Vol. 17-19, 1989-1991
- Michigan**  
**Shiawassee County Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 841, Owosso, MI 48867  
Quarterly publication: *Shiawassee Steppin Stones*, Call # 929.37742 S555  
Holdings: Vol. 13-20, 1983-1991
- Mississippi**  
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## From the DGS Mailbox

### Area Workshops

#### Garland to Feature Renee Jackson Smith

The Garland Genealogical Society will sponsor a workshop in basic genealogy on 11 May 1991 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Nicholson Memorial Library, 625 Austin Street, Garland, TX. Renee Jackson Smith, a Certified American Lineage Specialist, will conduct the workshop. Smith has taught beginning genealogy at Richland Community College since 1978.

Pre-registration for the workshop is \$16 if received by 1 May; \$18 thereafter. For information, contact Nita McNatt (271-1035) or Jane Kelly (276-3481) or write GGS, P. O. Box 461882, Garland TX 75046.

#### Lawton, Oklahoma to Feature Arlene Eakle

The Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society's annual workshop will be held 11 May 1991, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Great Plains Area Vo-Tech School, Building 300, Main Auditorium, 4500 West Lee Boulevard, Lawton. Featured speaker will be Arlene Eakle on topics, *British Migration to American before 1850; Appalachian Triangle: So. VA, East TN, NW KY, NE NC; Tracing Through AR to TN, NC, and VA; and Tracing the Ladies on Your Pedigree*. Eakle, co-editor of *The source*, is founder and president of The Genealogical Institute in Salt Lake City, Ut, and has spent over 25 years as a professional genealogist.

Registration fee, which includes lunch, is \$18 preregistration and \$20 at the door. Mail to SOGS, P. O. Box 148, Lawton, OK 73502.

### Family Newsletters and Associations

#### Odom Family

The *NOA News* is the quarterly publication of the National Odom Assembly. The issue sent to DGS, compliments of DGS member Dorothy Odom Bruce, was 31 pages full of information about the association, reports from NOA state representatives, family group sheets, write-ups on ancestors, news clippings, wills, queries, etc. The membership year begins in July and is \$20 per year for full membership.

The annual reunion of the NOA will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, 19-21 July 1991. If you would like information about the reunion or the association, send a SASE to Dorothy Bruce, 13123 Roaring Springs, Dallas, TX 75240.

#### Rathbun/Rathbone/Rathburn Family

The Rathbun Family Association fifth bi-annual

national reunion will be held 21-25 July 1991 at the Holiday Inn East in Springfield, IL. The family descends from John and Margaret (Acres) Rathbun, original settlers of Block Island, RI in the 1600's. The theme of the 1991 reunion is the family's many connections with Abraham Lincoln. For information on the reunion, send a SASE to The Rathbun Family Association, 11308 Pope's Head Road # B, Fairfax, VA 22030-4614.

#### Harney Family Association

A quarterly newsletter, *Harney Update*, is available free to those interested in this family. The Association is researching for future publication all Harney descendants or information about this surname. For information, send a SASE to Linda Harney MacDonald, 6696 Hollow Dale Drive, Suite B, Salt Lake City, UT 84121-2709.

#### Irish Genealogical Society

Those interested in Irish genealogy will welcome this national organization promoting Irish-American research. The society features a quarterly publication, *The Septs*, and a library of Irish research material located at the Minnesota Genealogical Society, 1101 Fort Road, St. Paul, MN. Membership dues are \$10 per year. For information, send a SASE to IGS, P.O. Box 16069, St. Paul, MN 55116.

#### Wren Family

*Wren Kin Newsletter* is published quarterly and recent issues have documented the descendants of William R. Wren of Virginia, South Carolina, and Alabama and summarized the life of Sir Christopher Wren and his youngest son William. The newsletter accepts documented research and queries from members. The cost is \$10 per year and \$4 for back issues. For information, send a SASE to Ruth Wren, 5809 Tautoga, El Paso, TX 79924.

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### New DUV "Tent" to Organize

Linda McCain Stansell is organizing a second Texas group (or tent as they are called) of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Descent must be from a union soldier, sailor, or marine who fought for the union army or navy between 1861-1865. The new tent will meet in the northeast Dallas area.

For information and an application, send a SASE to Stansell at 1409 Battlefield, Rowlett, TX 75088.

## Queries

Queries do not require a Texas Connection and are free to members of the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS). Nonmembers should include \$3 for each query. DGS reserves the right to abbreviate and condense queries and assumes no responsibility for their accuracy. Send as many queries as you wish, and they will be printed as space permits. Mail all queries: Editor, *DGS Newsletter*, P. O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648.

**MALONE  
HARBIN**

Seeking information on John W. MALONE and his family. They were living in Dallas Co, TX in the 1880 census; in Davilla, Milam Co, TX in 1910 census. John W. MALONE was then 68 years old; his wife Millie (HARBIN) MALONE was 66. Children: John A. Johnson MALONE, born in 1867; William MALONE, born in 1872; Minnie MALONE; Naomi MALONE. William and wife Rebecca were living in Davilla, TX in 1910, with 4 daughters and 2 sons, Johnie and Ronnie.

James T. Malone, 1097 West Yarrow, Salt Lake City, UT 84123

**Catholic Church  
Robertson Co,  
TX**

Desire correspondence with anyone having Roman Catholic ancestors living in or near Robertson Co, TX, 1870-1900. Have you found church records, and if so, where? During this time, there were small Catholic mississions at Caldwell, Calvert, Franklin, Mexia, Milano, New Baden, and Rockdale. They were supervised by St. Mary's Church at Hearne, but the mission records seem to have disappeared.

Mrs. Nanette Reichert, 207 Hill Country Lane, San Antonio, TX 78232-2905, 512/494-2072

**McKNIGHT  
MORTON  
MORTON  
MIERS  
TALLEY**

Need information on Virginia AEI McKNIGHT, born in LA, daughter of William McKNIGHT of VA. William died in-or-before 1853. In September 1853, Virginia and her half-sister Victoria E.A. MORTON, born 1841, Lake Co, OH, were living in Independence, Washington Co, TX in the household of Thomas McKNIGHT and near John McKNIGHT, both brothers of William. Thomas was declared their legal guardian. In 1858 Victoria petitioned the court through her "next friend," Samuel MORTON, to make Thomas McKNIGHT account for the administration of her estate. In 1866 she married Isaac MIERS. She died in 1913 and is buried in Sutton Co, TX. I think Virginia married Sam R. HILL and lived in Milam Co. In 1873 they Sam and Virginia E. HILL land title certificate as heirs of William McKNIGHT to R. P. TALLEY. Who was the mother of Virginia and Victoria and what happened to her? Who was Sam MORTON? What happened to William McKNIGHT? Who was Mr. MORTON, father of Victoria and what happend to him?

Patricia Craig Johnson, P. O. Box 452, Sonora, TX 76950, 915/387-5921

**ROGERS  
LINDSEY  
HOOPER**

William Marshall ROGERS married Nancy Mathis LINDSEY, 11 Sept 1860. Children: William Ebeneser, born June 1861; Cerena Franke Jane and Marshall Robert Hampton, born Nov 1862; Matilda Mandalin (Matilda Ann), born April 1866; and four others born 1868, 1870, 1874, and 1883. Matilda Ann ROGERS married William Ely HOOPER, ca. 1883, in Florence, Williamson Co, TX; and died 1 June 1896; buried in LINDSEY family plot in Florence, TX. Where are William Marshall ROGERS and Nancy Mathis LINDSEY from and what relation are the Florence, TX, LINDSEY's.

Laurel W. Holloway, P. O. Box 461861, Garland, TX 75046-1861.

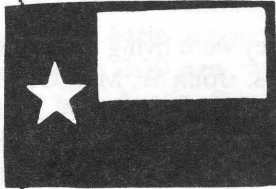
**LEDFORD  
McCALIP**

Seeking help with families of Marcus "Mac" LEDFORD, born 1853, NC; died after 1900; and wife Alice W. McCALIP, born 1859, IL. Children: Willie, born 1875, Indian Territory; Rosa, born 1877; married by 1900; James, born 1878, TX, married 1895 possibly Lula M. HEARD, born 1879, MO; Alonzo, born 1880, TX; Tillie, born 1884, TX; Martha M., born 1886, Indian Territory; Jesse M., born 1892, Indian Territory; Virgie D., born 1895, Indian Territory; Silvy I., born 1899, Indian Territory. They were living in Montague Co, TX in 1880. Alice was mother of 12 children; only 8 living in 1900.

Mary Ellen Ledford, 702 Fouts Drive, Irving, TX 75061

\$9,000

\$8,000



## Help Us Raise the Texas Flag!

The Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) 1991 Special Project is to raise the funds needed to purchase the 1920 United States Census and Soundex for the State of Texas when it becomes available in March, 1992, to place in the Genealogy Section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (Dallas Public Library). An estimated \$9,000 is needed, and we have less than one year to raise the money. We have enough funds in the special account to purchase the 1920 Texas Census; we are climbing toward the Soundex. Please help us raise the Texas flag even higher on the flagpole! The current National Archives price per roll is \$23, but DGS will accept your tax-deductible gift in any amount.

Gifts can be made to purchase the 1920 Census or Soundex for any state. However, the National Archives will be sending out complete sets for the the entire United States or complete sets of a particular state on 2 March 1992, for orders placed by 1 September 1991. Individual rolls will not be processed by the Archives until a later date.

The following DGS members and friends have made very generous donations to the project: Rubyann T. Darnell (in honor of Patti Perkins Darnell); Dorothy M. Heaner (in honor of Jocelyn and Kendra Lancaster); Mildred C. Luckhardt for Allegheny County, PA; Mr./Mrs. Joe H. Williams (in memory of John Hall); Jennifer M. Mitten (in memory of Phoebe Dawson Burney); Shirley S. Hawn; Helen Mason Lu; Mrs. J. D. Ramsey; Ann Childress Long; Mrs. John N. Harris; Mary Camp Parks; Audrey P. Peurifoy; Arthur H. Rubeck; D. Lyn Woods; Patricia Craig Johnson.

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