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A Holiday Reunion Story by Margret Hancock Pearce

[A recent article on genealogy began with the statement, "Genealogy is the most democratic of pursuits, since everyone, without exception, has ancestors." It is also true that everyone has relatives and locating a long-lost living relative can hold more importance in our lives and be more important to our family trees than ancestors long dead.]

Margret Pearce shared her family reunion story with a small group of friends at a holiday gathering in December. We were all touched by the story and requested that Margret share her story with the DGS membership. Here is her story. DGS Editor]

In June of 1943, in Ranger, Texas, Wesley Carroll Hancock married Murl Dean Merle. World War II was in full swing, and Wesley was serving in the Army Air Force. He trained in California and eventually served as a P-38 fighter pilot in Italy.

The war ended, and Wesley came home. He and Murl Dean moved to Oklahoma and, in 1946, a son was born. They named him Douglas, after his grandfather, Kenneth Douglas Hancock, and called him Doug. He was a charmer, and everyone loved him for his sunny disposition and happy smile.

Sadly, after the war was over and real life became a reality, the marriage broke up. As a result of the divorce settlement, Wesley was allowed to have custody of Doug during the summer months. In the summer of 1948 when he was two years old, Doug spent his summer at the home of his grandparents, Olga and K. D. Hancock, where his dad was living.

While there, Doug became ill with scarlet fever. During those times, scarlet fever was a grave illness and considered life threatening. Murl Dean was summoned and a vigil was kept for days. The house was quarantined and the younger children of Olga and K. D. were sent off to stay with K. D.'s sister, Aunt Dot.

Doug recovered. Murl went home and life resumed with the family enjoying the little fellow as he grew and

learned to talk. His peddle car was his "burtle burtle," (his word for convertible), and even though the color was bright red, he insisted on calling it the "geen 'un."

In January of 1949, Wesley remarried. Doug did not come to stay with him that summer. In 1950, Doug came again. This time he stayed with Wesley and his new wife, Betty. At the end of that summer, Murl gained full custody of Doug. That was the last time Doug would visit his father's family.

Murl Dean and Doug moved to Monahans, Texas. They still resided there in 1954 when Olga and her children were on a return trip from California and stopped to see how Doug was. That was the last contact any of the family had with Doug Hancock.

Wesley and Betty moved to the Texas valley and had three daughters and one son. These children were never told of a boy named Doug.

In the 1970's, Aunt Dot decided to locate Doug, if possible. She wrote to the Postmaster General in Monahans to see if anyone in that town might know of a Doug Hancock. There was no trace of him or Murl.

In the week of Thanksgiving of 1990, a man named Enock Lemon was traveling through Arizona. He was on a search for an old friend named Wesley Hancock. For some time, he had made it a practice, whenever possible, to search in various telephone books for his old pal. They had been best buddies during World War II, going through basic training together and later serving together in Italy. He wanted to tell his friend that their picture had been included in a book called *War Paint*, published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

On this particular day he happened to be in Tucson, Arizona, and phoned a number he found in the local directory. "I'm looking for Wesley Hancock," he told the man who answered the phone.

"I'm not Wesley. I'm his son Doug. If you find my father, will you please tell him that I would like to talk to him, if it's okay."

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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, 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, Texas 75225 and marked to the attention of: Sammie Townsend Lee Newsletter Editor

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On Monday, November 19, Mr. Lemon called Dallas information, looking for Wesley Hancock. Information gave him the number of W. C. Hancock in Rowlette, Texas. "I'm not Wesley," the man on the phone said. "Wesley is my cousin. The last I knew of him he lived in the Texas valley, near McAllen, I think. I don't know where he is now, but his sister lives here in Dallas. I will call her and give her your message. She will know how to find him."

So it was, that on Monday afternoon before Thanksgiving, I received a call from Cousin W. C. "Billy" Hancock telling me about the man looking for Wesley and that this man had given him Doug's address. By Tuesday night, when I called Mr. Lemon, he had already contacted Wesley.

I wrote a letter to Doug. I began, "My name is Margret Hancock Pearce. Your father, Wesley Carroll Hancock is my half-brother." I sent him a brief family outline and wrote all that I could remember about the little boy Doug that we loved and lost. I mailed the letter wondering if I would ever hear from him.

On Monday, November 26, while I was attending the Dallas Genealogical Society meeting, Doug phoned. He said he would call back the next morning between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. I waited until 10:00 a.m., but when no call came, I reluctantly left the house to attend a meeting. Five minutes later, Doug called. He had overslept as a result of some late night work, but said he would call back that evening.

Just before 10:00 p.m. the phone rang. Doug was on the line. There was terrible static; but as we talked, the lines cleared up.

"What shall I call you?"

"Call me Margret."

"You are the only one who has ever been interested in me...The only one who has ever told me anything about my father's family...I have read your letter over and over...Noone tried to find me."

"Doug, we tried. Back in the 70's, Aunt Dot tried. She died in 1981...I will send you some family history. We have a big house. Come for a visit.

We'll not lose you again."

[Editor's Note: When this newsletter went to the printer, Doug and his father, Wesley, had not yet connected. They have forty years of misunderstanding to overcome. Margret, her family, and friends are keeping fingers crossed that this story will have a happy ending with these two men finding their way back to each other after all these years.]

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DGS News and Notes

DGS 1991 Book Awards Competition

Again this year the Dallas Genealogical Society will sponsor a Book Awards Competition. The intent of the book awards is to encourage DGS members to put into print source or background material and their own research in order to make it available to other genealogists.

All entrants who submit and give their permission will be recognized on a special page in the Spring Seminar Syllabus. Entries for which the author has given permission will be displayed at the seminar, where others can get ideas for their own projects. This year, for the first time, brief comments from the judges will be mailed to the entrants.

Categories

All members are invited to submit materials for judging in the following categories.

- * A book with a minimum of fifty (50) pages on family history or genealogy.
- * A book with a minimum of fifty (50) pages on local history or genealogical interest.
- * A manuscript with a minimum of five (5) pages, single spaced, on family history or genealogy.
- * A manuscript with a minimum of five (5) pages, single spaced, on local history or genealogical interest.

Competition Rules

- * The applicant must be a regular member of the Dallas Genealogical Society with 1991 dues paid or a lifetime member.
- * Entries must be postmarked no later than 15 March 1991, and mailed to Bruce Graves, Library Liaison, DGS, P. O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225 and marked Book Awards Competition. Entries may be hand delivered to Bruce Graves in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library.
- * Each entry must be accompanied by an entry form. Forms are contained in this newsletter and are available in the Genealogy Section of the library.
- * A panel of judges, not affiliated with the Dallas Genealogical Society, will be appointed by Bruce Graves to select the winners.
- * All entries will become the property of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library at the completion of the competition.
- * Winners will be announced at the DGS Annual Spring Seminar on Saturday, 20 April 1991.
- * Each winner will be awarded a certificate of merit.

Tips for Genealogical Writing

by Patricia Law Hatcher*

1. The purpose of any piece of nonfiction writing is to inform the reader. Anything that helps the reader to understand, is good. Anything that detracts from understanding, is bad. Use this as a rule of thumb to help you make decisions. This includes everything from typeface and format to spelling and grammar.

2. Good writing (and the publishing thereof) should be clear, concise, correct, consistent, and understandable. To review your work, read a paragraph and ask yourself, "Is it clear?" Read it again and ask, "Is it concise?", and so on.

3. It is especially important that genealogical writing be consistent. The reader should know where to find information. For example, the write-up on each family unit should contain exactly the same parts, in exactly the same order, although the length may vary considerably.

4. The title should be specific, telling as much about who, where, and when as possible and should appear on every page (or every pair of pages in a book).

5. Spelling counts. Our ancestors may not have cared, but today our eyes are drawn to a misspelled word, which detracts from understanding (see tip number 1).

6. Grammar is not a set of arbitrary rules (well, most of it isn't). It is a way of allowing us to tell the reader exactly what we mean. Consider these sentences: She was born in Waco, probably in 1893. She was born in 1893, probably in Waco. She was born probably in Waco in 1893. The correct use of grammar tells the reader about the accuracy of the information.

7. If you have trouble proofreading your work, begin at the end. Read one sentence at a time from end to beginning.

8. Document your sources. Even if it is only for your family, a generation from now, they will thank you.

9. Document your sources. A good rule of thumb is that a source is well-documented when another genealogist can go to the information without looking up anything (other than the call number within a library).

10. Document your sources. If you are unsure of proper format, look at Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers*, published by The University of Chicago Press. It is a guide to preparing typewritten (as opposed to typeset) material.

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Genealogy Course Schedules

The following genealogy courses will be offered this spring throughout Dallas County by area college Continuing Education Departments. A class for beginners is an excellent way to learn the basic research methods needed for genealogy. For the intermediate researcher, it is a way to improve skills or brush up when returning to the search for your roots.

The courses usually cover documenting and recording information, using primary and secondary materials, and researching in libraries, archives, courthouses, and other record depositories. Most courses also include a hands-on introduction to the materials in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. Courses will be taught by:

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck (2 courses)

Tuesdays, 5 February - 3 March 1991

7:00-9:00p.m.

Research Techniques in Genealogy, Part I (\$50)

(Basic research methods and techniques)

and

Tuesdays, 2 April - 7 May 1991

7:00-9:00p.m.

Research Techniques in Genealogy, Part II (\$50)

(Research in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, the Carolinas, and Georgia)

at Southern Methodist University

Continuing Education Department, 692-4276

Dorisee Hoffpauer (2 courses)

Wednesdays, 27 February - 17 April 1991

7:00-9:00p.m.

Beginning Course (\$35)

at Thomas Jefferson High School

and

Fridays, 8 March - April 19, 1991

1:00-3:00p.m.

Emeritus Class (\$10)

(for age 55 or older, sponsored by the Greater Dallas Community of Churches)

at the Farmers Branch Senior Center

through Brookhaven College

Continuing Education Division, 620-4715

Lola Lindsey

Saturday, 2 March - 20 April 1991

9:30-11:30a.m.

Beginning Course (\$36)

at the Mesquite Public Library

through Eastfield College, Mesquite, TX

Continuing Education Division, 324-7113

Kelvin Meyers, (2 courses)

Tuesday, 5 February - 12 March 1991

7:00-9:00p.m.

Beginning Course (\$30)

at MacArthur High School, Irving, TX

and

Tuesday, 4 April - 7 May 1991

7:00-9:00p.m.,

Intermediate Course \$30)

at MacArthur High School, Irving, TX

through North Lake College, Irving, TX

Continuing Education Division, 659-5200

Renee Jackson Smith

Beginner/Intermediate Course (\$50)

at Richardson High School, Richardson, TX

Mondays, 11 February - 1 April 1991

6:30-8:30p.m.

through Richland College

Continuing Education Division, 238-6144

DGS Profile

Meet Buster Fulton of Arlington, Texas. Buster is a native of Johnson County, Texas, but has lived in Tarrant County all his life. His Texas roots are important to him and after reading about the DGS Special Project to raise funds to purchase the 1920 U. S. Census for the State of Texas, Buster decided to help. In early December he called President Kelvin Meyers to ask if DGS would like a \$1,000 donation. Needless to say, Christmas came early to DGS. It was a donation that gave the DGS project a much needed boost!

Taking early retirement in 1989 as a fire captain from the Dallas Naval Air Station, Buster worked for

the Federal government for thirty years, and he now works as a Deputy Sheriff in Tarrant County.

Genealogy has been Buster's hobby for sixteen years. For the past ten years he has been a member of DGS, although he admits to not being active. He has researched his Fulton and Sharp lines from Ireland and is currently working on the Chandler and Sutton families. He hopes to travel to Ireland for more research and perhaps publish a book on his family.

DGS thanks Buster Fulton and all the other thoughtful members who have contributed to this worthwhile project. Because of their generous donations, the DGS Special Project fund now contains over \$6,000 and our goal is becoming a reality.

Some Mississippi Libraries and Their Collections

by Sue Harris

I want to report on a couple of small-town libraries I recently visited on a trip to Mississippi. I was surprised to find what good information they contained, and the people I met there were very friendly and helpful.

I had previously corresponded with Libby Browning, Local History Librarian at the Canton Public Library in Madison County, Mississippi. She had sent me an obituary and two estate notices published in the Canton newspapers of the 1800's. She told me of the library's resources, so this was a "must" on my trip. They have microfilm of all the county newspapers and have indexed them to 1917. In the same card file are indexes to their vertical family files. They also have a handwritten index to older deed records, along with deed abstracts given to them by a local attorney. The abstracts give only the date, grantor, grantee, and land description, but it is always possible to walk down the street to the courthouse and read the complete deeds if more information is desired. Also, they have a card file of surnames and researchers.

We felt a visit to Kemper County, Mississippi, would probably be a waste of time, since two courthouse fires had destroyed their early records. However, since we were in the area, we visited the library in Dekalb, the county seat. We were treated most cordially, and found they are accumulating records that could be of help to researchers of this "burned out" county. They have typed lists of tombstones in all the cemeteries that they know of in this county, and have indexed them. They also have a county map on which is shown the location of each cemetery. In addition, they have typed copies of the early tax lists and censuses for this county. They are beginning a card file of researchers who are interested

in Kemper County, indexed by the ancestral surname. They will also attempt to help researchers who write to them.

While trying to find the location of the old records in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, we first tried the annex across the street from the courthouse. The directory said the Lauderdale County Historical Society was on the second floor. We decided to go there first, before looking for the old records. To my surprise, I learned they have custody of all the old record books, which are filed in a back room and available to researchers upon request. This Society has been hard at work. They have indexed all the old probate records, not only for the deceased person and administrator or executor, but for all the names of those buying at the sale or owed money by the estate. In addition, the Society, which is staffed by volunteers, except for one person, is publishing records at a steady pace. Their publications were all available for research or sale at their library. *[The Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library owns many of their publications.]* In addition to Lauderdale County records, they have quite a lot on neighboring counties, both in Mississippi and Alabama.

Editor's Note: Sue Harris is a dedicated and thorough researcher. When we received her letter on some Mississippi libraries and their collections that she had recently visited, we felt the information might be of interest to our members engaged in Mississippi research and should be shared. We thank Sue for taking the time to write us. She also had some very nice things to say about our newsletter and we appreciated that!

If other members have similar information about a library visited or a collection used, tell us about it and we will pass it on.

Sue Harris, 4524 Alta Vista Lane, Dallas, Texas 75229, is a DGS member and has served as Treasurer for the Society, as well as serving on the Audit Committee.

Computer Interest Groups

by Art Rubeck

The Genealogy Special Interest Group (Genealogy SIG), which meets at 9:00 a.m. on each "Super Saturday" at the Infomart on Stemmons Freeway, near the Oak Lawn exit, is now led by Al Sanford. Former leader Minnie Champ is relocating to Hawaii.

Al is retired and quite willing to help those interested in the hobby of computer/genealogy. He has set up programs for the next few months and is looking for ideas and support for future events. He asked that anyone with questions or offers for assistance call him

at home at 278-7888.

The schedule of events for the 9:00 a.m. Genealogy SIG at the Infomart is:

16 February 1991, Demonstration of Hand Scanners

16 March 1991, How to Read Colonial Handwriting

20 April 1991, CD-ROM Data from LDS Libraries

Dates are tentative (presumed to be on the third Saturday) based upon occupancy of the Infomart.

All meetings are free and open to the public. For more information on the Computer Council of Dallas, including meeting dates, call the Voice Information System of the Computer Council of Dallas at 234-2667 (234-COMP).

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**JANUARY REGULAR MEETING****DATE:** Monday, 28 January 1991**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.**LOCATION:** Auditorium, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young Street
Dallas, Texas**SPEAKER:** Lloyd D. Bockstruck**PROGRAM:** *Planning a Successful Trip to Your Ancestral Homeland*

The ultimate goal of many American genealogists is to trace their ancestry to the immigrant ancestor and then across the ocean to "The old country". Lloyd D. Bockstruck, familiar to most DGS members as head of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, will offer tips on *Planning a Successful Trip to Your Ancestral Homeland*. Last October he visited Germany to research, where he found both the expected and the unexpected, and he will share some of the lessons he learned with us.

The meeting is open to the public and visitors are welcome.

COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP**DATE:** Monday, 28 January 1991**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.**LOCATION:** East/West Rooms, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young Street
Dallas, Texas

This program will focus on the upcoming DGS Book Awards Competition, which is a good opportunity for genealogists to get their research into print and share it with others. All attendees are urged to bring a current "work in progress," even if it is only a few pages. In order to facilitate the exchange of information concerning the use of computers to produce the final manuscript, a form will be provided to list the following: type of desktop publisher or word processor used, type of family genealogy program used (if the output was used to create part of the manuscript), additional programs used (spell-checker, grammar-checker, graphics program), type of computer, and type of printer.

The group is open to the public and visitors are welcome.

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.

28 January	Monday	7:00 p.m.	<i>Planning a Successful Trip to Your Ancestral Homeland</i> Speaker: Lloyd D. Bockstruck
25 February	Monday	11:00 a.m.	<i>Ten Things You May Not Know about the Genealogy Collection of the Dallas Public Library</i> Speaker: Sammie Townsend Lee
15 March			Deadline for submitting material for the 1991 DGS Book Awards Competition
25 March	Monday	7:00 p.m.	<i>How to Find Your Mexican War Ancestor</i> Speaker: Stephen R. Butler
20 April	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Spring Seminar - Richardson Civic Center Speaker: Elizabeth Shown Mills
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

MEETINGS, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES

16 February 1991	Dallas, TX	Computer Council
9:00 a.m.	Infomart	Topic: Demonstration of Hand Scanners
16 February 1991	Harlingen, TX	Tip-O'-Texas Genealogical Society Workshop
	502 E. Tyler	Topic: <i>Forth from New England</i>
		Speaker: Lloyd D. Bockstruck
2 March 1991	Plano, TX	Collin County Genealogical Society Workshop
		Topic: <i>Louisiana Purchase</i>
		Speaker: Lloyd D. Bockstruck
6 April 1991	Fort Worth, TX 76147	Fort Worth Genealogical Society Workshop
	P. O. Box 9767	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

Register of Signatures of Depositions in Branches of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1865-1874 by Bruce W. Graves +

Overview: The Freeman's Savings and Trust Company was incorporated by an act of Congress and approved 3 March 1865, as a banking institution. From 1865 through 1870, a total of 33 branches were established. Monies were deposited by the company in separate account numbers to assist blacks financially following the Civil War.

In 1874 the company failed and, by the terms of an act of Congress approved 20 June 1874, the trustees were authorized to select three commissioners to take charge of the effects of the company and to report on its financial state to the Secretary of the Treasury. The Comptroller was made Commissioner ex-officio, and he submitted annual reports to Congress. The final report on the trust company was submitted in 1920.

A register exists of deposits made in the company for ex-slaves, children of ex-slaves, and other blacks residing in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Washington D.C., Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Content: The registers are arranged alphabetically by the name of the city where the bank was located, chronologically by date when the account was established, and numerically by account number. Many numbers are missing, a few are out of numerical order, and, in some cases, blocks of numbers were not used. Many of the registers are missing.

The information contained in many of the registers is as follows: account number, name of depositor, date of entry, place born, place brought up, residence, age, complexion, name of employer or occupation, spouse, children, father, mother, brothers and sisters, remarks, and signatures. The early books sometimes contain the name of the former master and the name of the plantation. In many cases, not all the requested data is given. Copies of death certificates were pinned to some entries. In each case, the certificate was filmed after the page that shows the registration of the person's signature.

Location: 27 rolls of microfilm, Series M-816, located in the United States Miscellaneous drawer at the end of the census. Located with the registers is the index, *Indexes to Deposit Ledgers in Branches of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company*, Series M-817, 5 rolls of microfilm.

Aids: There are some incomplete indexes on rolls of microfilm, arranged alphabetically by the name of the state, then by the name of the city where the branch was located, then by the first letter of the last name. In several volumes, parts of the alphabet are missing. In some cases entire volumes of the index are missing. The index includes the depositor's name and account number or, in some cases, what appears to be the page numbers of the deposit ledgers. In a few volumes the amount of the deposit is also given.

Editor's Note: Additional information on these records is contained in an article by Robert Scott Davis, Jr. entitled, "The Records of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company," in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Volume 76, Number 2, June 1988, pp. 139-146.

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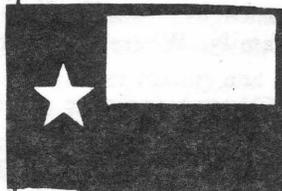
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