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USING LOCAL LDS LIBRARIES

by Art Rubeck

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, has the largest collection of genealogical information in the world: over 225,000 books, over 1.6 million microfilm rolls, about 320,000 microfiche, and continually growing. This is the library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, abbreviated LDS and commonly called the Mormons. Driven by a strong religious motivation to study their genealogy, the LDS Church has been an innovator in collecting, storing, and distributing copies of genealogical data to both their members and to the public. Those who have visited and used the Library have marvelled at the scope of material, its ease of retrieval, and the friendly, courteous librarians who provide expert assistance. No charge is made for the use of their Library, only for copies.

You do not have to travel to Salt Lake City to be able to search and use the resources of the Family History Library; there are four Family History Centers in the Dallas area. Formerly called Branch Libraries, these Centers have only a small collections of books, but do have microfilm and microfiche readers and printers. You may order-rent the film from Salt Lake City, then use it at the Center. (It take two to three weeks for it to arrive.) Although rates may vary, it is typically about \$3 to rent a roll of microfilm for three weeks; you may rent or upgrade to six-months or indefinite. More about the Centers later.

Many sources have been searched to obtain the information stored in the Library; a complete list would be too long for this article. A typical listing of the categories of resources for various localities might include these:

Archives & Libraries	Gazetteers	School Records	Taxation
Bible Records	Genealogy	Societies	Vital Records
Biography	History		
Cemeteries	Land & Property		
Census	Maps		
Church Records	Military Records		
Court Records	Native Races		
Directories	Naturalization		
Emigration/ Immigration	Newspapers		
	Periodicals		
	Probate Records		

There are several places to find information on the Family History Library. An excellent overview is presented in the book *The LIBRARY, A Guide to the Family History Library*, edited by Johni Cerny and Wendy Elliott. Most local libraries have this book, as do many of our members. More detailed lists of material on

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NOVEMBER DGS MEETINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) Meetings are held in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (Dallas Public Library), 1515 Young Street at Ervay, Dallas, Texas. The Computer Interest Group (CIG) meets one hour prior to the Regular Meeting. Visitors and guests are welcome. Meetings are free and open to the public.

DATE: Monday, 25 November 1991

TIME: 6:00 p.m. — Computer Interest Group Meeting
6:30 p.m. — Refreshments and Reception for Heather Williams
7:00 p.m. — Regular Meeting and Program

PROGRAM SPEAKER: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

TOPIC: *In and Out of His Majesty's Service: Virginia's Colonial Soldiers*

As supervisor of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library and author of *Virginia's Colonial Soldiers*, Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck is truly qualified to tell us about the colonial soldiers of Virginia, the wars and skirmishes in which they participated, and the sources that will help us discover their service. Always informative, never boring, definitely entertaining: Lloyd's programs are not to be missed!

Please join us at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments in the East/West Room and a reception to meet Mrs. Heather Williams, the newly appointed Manager of the Dallas Public Library's History and Social Science Department (the Genealogy Section is part of this department). Mrs. Williams has served DPL as the History/Social Science Assistant Manager, Manager of Interlibrary Loan, and most recently as Manager of General Reference. Come meet this delightful woman and help us give her a very cordial DGS welcome!

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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Founded in 1955, the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is the oldest organization of its kind in Texas. It is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation.

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Objectives:

- To create, foster, and maintain interest in genealogy and family history.
- To raise standards of genealogical research through educational programs, workshops, and the publication of data.
- To promote the collection and preservation of material relating to the early history of Dallas County and those pioneers who settled the area.
- To copy, index, and publish records, documents, inscriptions and other genealogical source materials.
- To support the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library.
- To stimulate the exchange of information between Society members and genealogical researchers across the nation.

Meetings: The Society meets at the Dallas Public Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, 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 Vice-President 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 the month of publication. All articles and 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



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Matter of Priorities by Margret Hancock Pearce

I am a lower-priority customer of the Dallas Public Library.

There it is. Right there in black and white on page IV-23, in the Price-Waterhouse report¹ entitled *Developing a Customer Service Plan Which is Based on an Understanding of Priority Customers and Environmental Changes*.

On my way to discovering my lower-priority status, I had to mull over "Contemporary *leading edge* management philosophy dictates that customers drive the services provided as well as the organization of the library."

Contemporary "leading edge" management philosophy? Hummmmm. Is there some Traditional "leading edge" management philosophy? How about Early American "leading edge" management philosophy? Louis XIV? Queen Anne. Queen Anne is nice.

And what about this? "We believe that this is true for the Dallas Public Library, and that by becoming priority customer-focused the library will be able to improve significantly the quality of services it provides and achieve greater cost-effectiveness."

Hey. When I read that, was I worried? Not me. I'm a priority customer focused if I ever saw one.

Price-Waterhouse continues "...[DPL is] an organization solely created to render customer service...focusing more clearly on its priority customers...opportunities to improve services..."

I'm still in there, right?

P-W tells us how thorough they were in gathering information for their report. They interviewed "Library personnel and key stakeholders." (Pardon me, *stakeholders* is no misprint.) And they found "... business people to be among the priority customers."

OOOOKay, maybe a part-time-shipping/receiving-clerk doesn't EXACTLY qualify as "business people," but I have friends! They certainly are deemed to be "among the priority customers." [Page IV-22.] Furthermore — "...as such, their needs should be prioritized." So there.

Now we are getting down to the nitty-gritty. "The Library would first fund its services for priority customers. Only after their base needs are met would it fund other services."

HERE IT COMES, FOLKS!

"This means identifying services to lower-priority customers for reduction or elimination (e.g., services in genealogy, aspects of Texas/Dallas collection, Fine Arts, certain programs for adults). Such services either serve a fairly narrow constituency or have alternatives in the Metroplex. For example, the National Archives and Records Administration has a significant genealogy service in Fort Worth."

There you have it! Lower-priority customer! Yup. For reduction or elimination. Plain as the nose on your face. Lower-priority. Big as life and twice as ugly. Reduction or elimination. Read it and weep. L-O-W-E-R P-R-I-O-R-I-T-Y.

At the outset, I noted the title of this report, *Developing a Customer Service Plan Which is Based on an Understanding of Priority Customers and Environmental Changes*. Here is what I understand. Mr. P. and Mr. W. do not understand genealogical research. Nor do they understand priorities, i.e., a \$10,000 gift to the lower-priority genealogy section of the Dallas Public Library. And they don't have a clue as to the function of the National Archives and Records Administration service in Fort Worth.

How many of us lower-priority types have launched our genealogical research from the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library? How many more have expanded our research there?

Mercy! Let's hope the U.S. Government doesn't ask P-W to evaluate the space program. They'll most likely recommend Cape Kennedy be closed. After all, they have the Houston Space Center.

To address this issue of the "lower-priority" Genealogy Section, write to the Dallas City Manager's office, Mayor's office, or your City Councilman. All letters should be addressed to 1500 Marilla Street; Dallas, TX 75201. We, at DGS, would also like to hear your comments on this report. Address these letters to the attention of the *DGS Newsletter*.

1. *The Price-Waterhouse study on the Dallas Public Library system was commissioned by the Dallas City Manager's office last spring. The report, in its entirety, may be viewed in Urban Documents on the sixth floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas.*



FROM DGS

DGS Treasurer's Report by Art Rubeck

Accounts: As of 3 October 1991

Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$5,805.66
Total Other Assets	743.00
Total Investments	<u>6,416.46</u>
Total All Accounts	\$12,964.12

Funds: As of 3 October 1991

1920 Census Fund	\$15,517.72
Operating Fund	5,821.12
Life Member Fund	6,400.00
Bulk Mail Fund	<u>743.00</u>
Total Funds	\$28,481.84

DGS Membership Report by Dorothy Odom Bruce

	1991 Totals
Regular/Family Memberships	806
Libraries/Societies	19
Life Members	44
Total Membership for 1991	869

Permanent Price Reduction

The price of the 1991 roster, listing DGS members and surnames of ancestors, has been reduced to \$3 for clearance. Since DGS will not be doing another roster for several years, this is a super bargain. However, we only have a limited supply, so buy now!

Included as an insert in this issue of the newsletter is an update to the roster. The update lists new members who joined after the printing of the roster and includes changes and corrections. Clip the update to your 1991 membership roster.



Time to Renew Membership!

It's that time of year again. Time to pay dues and renew your DGS membership. Pay before 31 January 1992 and it's only \$12, lower than most societies.

Let's reflect a minute on some of the benefits of membership in DGS. Obviously, one big benefit is the publication of Dallas County and Texas records and source materials. What's that you say? You don't have Dallas ancestors or Texas Roots? That's okay. Most DGS members don't. So, what are the other benefits?

- DGS provides first-class programs, activities, workshops, and seminars. DGS members always receive first notice of these events through the newsletter and fliers mailed directly to your home.

- DGS provides two, top-quality publications: *The Dallas Quarterly* and the *DGS Newsletter*. One bonus of the quarterly is the acquisitions list of the Dallas Public Library's Genealogy Section. A bonus of the newsletter is free and unlimited queries to members.

- DGS puts you in contact with others interested in the same thing you are: family research. Whether you do genealogy as a hobby or profession, networking with other researchers is essential.

- DGS is committed to preserving the records of our community through publication. At the same time we teach volunteers about abstracting county records and inventorying cemeteries. Membership offers you the opportunity to learn while giving something back to

genealogy when you volunteer time to help with projects.

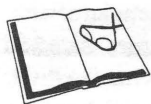
- **The Domino Effect:** Your membership, through DGS, supports the Dallas Public Library's Genealogy Section. Our members made it possible to donate \$15,000 toward the acquisitions of materials and for the binding of books this past year. At a time when city budget shortfalls seriously effect the services and materials of the library, DGS is there trying to take up some of the slack for the Genealogy Section.

For your convenience, a membership application/renewal notice is being mailed as an insert with this newsletter. Fill it out and mail it early. We need your support!

Help Wanted for Marriages Project!

Do you have an IBM compatible computer with a 5¼-inch or 3-inch disk drive? How about donating a few hours at home to help with the Dallas County Marriages Project? If you can help, DGS will provide the disk, complete with program and instructions, and 50 to 100 marriage cards. All you have to do is type in the information and return the disk to us. We will compile a master data base, an index, and print out the material. Viola! Our goal of publishing all Dallas County marriages through 1900!

To help, call Margaret Ann Hudson at 661-5126. All she needs to know is how many cards you want, what size disk drive you have, is it high-density, and where to deliver the cards and disk. Thanks!



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

The Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library has received some important new resources. Some of these have been acquired with the DGS's annual gift.

One set is the 39 roll microfilm set of all of the Virginia colonial patents, 1624-1774. This is the only other complete set west of the Mississippi River outside of Salt Lake City. These colonial patents have been printed in abstract form in the three-volume set by Nell Marion Nugent entitled *Cavaliers and Pioneers*. The abstracts omit the measurements. In one Virginia family, which I was investigating, I had a fellow selling property that he inherited by the will of his father. The father, in turn, had been the heir at law of his father who, in turn, had received the initial patent. Alas, there were numerous men of the same name in the community; and I had to separate them in order to prove the identity. By examining the original patent, I obtained the original measurements and matched them perfectly with the deed of sale of the grandson. The line of descent had been clearly established.

Another are the two rolls of tax lists for South Carolina for the period 1783-1800. These are by tax district and vary in years of coverage for the place concerned. For example, Ninety-six District has a solitary list for the year 1787. With the large migration to South Carolina, these lists before the 1790 census are quite significant.

We have received 161 rolls of state census for the counties of Minnesota for 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, and 1905.

The third edition of the United States Newspaper Program National Union Lists is now available on microfiche. It enables the researcher to identify every known paper issue and microfilm copy of the newspapers of the United States. The index is alphabetical by state and thereunder by city giving the title of each newspaper printed in the city.

We have ordered a number of out-of-print works on microfilm. One of the sets which recently arrived was the *Documentary History of the State of New York* on seven rolls of microfilm. A great many others will follow, including two sets of WPA indexes to New Jersey vital statistics. Since that state has no censuses before 1830, these records should prove to be especially useful.



DGS SPECIAL PROJECT: 1920 U.S. CENSUS PROJECT FUND

Price Increase Expected

If you have been keeping up with this project, you know DGS has established a special 1920 U.S. Census fund. Currently, DGS has more than \$15,500 in this fund to be used for the purchase of 1920 census and Soundex microfilm to place in the DPL's Genealogy Section.

Our currently quoted price from American Genealogical Lending Library (AGLL) is \$12.50 per roll of census or Soundex. DGS has been advised there will be a price increase by AGLL in January 1992. This will necessitate DGS placing an order for the designated microfilm prior to that date to take advantage of the \$12.50 price.

DGS has determined that all donations for the 1920 census at the \$12.50 price must be in no later than 10 December 1991, in order to be processed and mailed to AGLL by their deadline. If it has been on your list to make a donation, we urge you to do so now. A donation form has been mailed with this newsletter. Ideally, we would like to purchase as many rolls of the 1920 census at \$12.50 as possible. We urge you to take advantage of the lower price while it is still available. Mail the blue form included with this newsletter to DGS today with

your tax-deductible donation.

Generous donations have been received from: John Mallory Land (in honor of Mrs. Nadine A. Land, Dr. Ernest C. Land, and Mrs. Mary L. Sands); Mrs. John N. Harris; Martha DaLee Haidek (in memory of Evelyn Byrd DaLee); Mary K. Nowlin (in memory of Michael Joe Nowlin); Mrs. James T. Steeley (in memory of Thomas L. Steeley and in memory of Thomas Day); Nancy H. Baxter; Mrs. Billye Myers; Gene M. Boswell; Dolores F. Carr; Judith L. Wible. Thank you!



Looking for a special holiday present? Or, perhaps a year-end deduction. Boy, do we have a deal for you! A gift to the DGS 1920 U. S. Census Project Fund is an ideal way to honor that special person on your list. It is also a thoughtful memorial for a loved one. It is a gift that will keep on giving as you and other family researchers use it to build a family tree. So, whether as gift, a memorial, or a year-end deduction, we hope you will remember this special project this holiday season. An appropriate gift plate will be placed on each box.

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specific states and some foreign countries may be found in a series of pamphlets called *FHL Research Outlines*, which can be purchased at local Family History Centers or ordered from the FHL in Salt Lake City. Current information on activities, acquisitions, and special events can be found in the Library's quarterly electronic publication called *The News of the Family History Library*. This is available for those with computers and modems from the electronic news service CompuServe; local electronic bulletin boards also carry the files.

Two sources are available for specific detailed lists of the material contained in the Library. Obviously, the most complete and current will be the Family History Library Catalog, an index of the Library's resources. Originally two million cards, it is now available in 2,000 microfiche; the Dallas Public Library has copies as do the Family History Centers. It is grouped in five sections: Locality, Author-Title, Surname, Subject, and Foreign-Language-Locality. The other list is called the International Genealogical Index (or IGI); also on microfiche, also in the Centers and the Dallas Public Library. [See "Guide" on page 206.] The IGI is an alphabetical print-out of over 120 million names of deceased person, based on data either submitted by LDS members or extracted from public records. Often erroneously used as a source for a person's data, *the IGI series serves only as an index to original entry forms*. The IGI lists the Batch and Sheet number of the submittal, which then can be searched to obtain the actual call number for the source document. More complete descriptions on the content and use of both the Family History Catalog and IGI can be found in the book *The LIBRARY*.

A revolution in the storage and retrieval of genealogical data is now underway: the use of Compact Disk - Read-Only-Memory (CD-ROM) to save the information. The LDS Church has led the way in this new tool for genealogists, and now has several databases available for the public to use. The two Library source lists mentioned above are now also available on Compact Disks for use in the Library and their local Family History Centers. The Compact Disks have been called "electronic microfilm" since they have a large storage capacity, are inexpensive to copy and distribute, are easy to use, but require special equipment. Whereas microfilm requires a reader, Compact Disks require a computer with certain software. Both the Family History Center in Salt Lake City and the many LDS Centers throughout the world (670 at last count) now have the computer systems and Compact Disk libraries. Unlike the microfiche, however, the Compact Disks are not for sale and may be used only in the LDS Library and those Centers which have computers.

The Compact Disk version of the Family History

Library Catalog contains the same data as the microfiche, but has more searching capabilities. Surnames listed in book descriptions can be found even if not in the title. Searches which find a large amount of material (such as books on Jones) can be narrowed by key-word focusing (such as, Jones who lived in New York after 1850) to help find the source material you want. Likewise, the Compact Disk IGI contains the same material to be found on the microfiche, but searching and retrieval are easier. Searching the microfiche IGI is a state-by-state process; the CD version can be searched on a national basis, or can be narrowed to a statewide only search. A major improvement has been the inclusion of the Library Call Number for the source document on the same record - you do not need to go to a separate Batch File sheet as with the microfiche. The CD version of the IGI also has an added parent index, so that you may easily find all children of a particular set of parents, if their data was submitted or extracted.

For those with access to their own computer, another major benefit of the IGI on Compact Disk is the capability to save the results of your search onto a disk that you may then later use in your own computer, either to print or to search. The computer has now taken a giant step as a tool for doing genealogical research, not merely recording and printing the results of your search. More information of the use of the LDS computer will appear in a future article.

Two other indexes are available at the LDS Library and Centers on Compact Disk: the Ancestral File and the Social Security Death Index. The Ancestral File contains about six million names of contributed data which is linked by families - not single event as are the other indexes. It is essentially a clearing house for Family Group Sheets and Pedigree Charts, but on computer instead of paper. Anyone can submit their data, and all are encouraged to; it is an alternative to publishing your family history as it saves the data in storage available to future generations. The other file - the Social Security Death Index - was obtained by the LDS Church from public domain U. S. Government records, and lists deceased persons whose death was reported to the Social Security Administration (and of course who had a SSN assigned). This list contains about 35 million names of those who died from 1962 to 1988, plus about one and a half million from the previous twenty-five year period (1937-1962). Birth date, death date and place, and residence when the SSN was requested are included. As with the IGI, you may either print the results of your search or save it to disk, in groups of 200 names. Another excellent use of the computer as a tool for the genealogist.

To use the Compact Disk versions of the Catalog,

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IGI, Ancestral File, and SS Death Index, go to one of the local Family History Centers. (See the accompanying chart for location, telephone numbers, and opening times.) Most are located in LDS Stake Centers, and are essentially similar: one large room filled with two to four bookcases, about six of each type of readers, and some desks. Most have outside doors for access (except for Lake Highlands). The collection of books, microfiche, and indefinite-loan microfilm will vary among the centers, depending on the interest of those who use and donate to it. The four nearest to Dallas all have computers and the Compact Disk collection of data. (All computers are Epson 386SX with EGA color monitors and Epson LQ-950 wide carriage 24-pin printers. Data can be transferred to both sizes of floppy disks, either double- or high-density; you bring your own formatted disks.) Call ahead to reserve the computer; a one-hour time slot seems to have evolved as the standard use period.

Those who may not be comfortable using a computer will be pleasantly surprised with the LDS method - the data is extremely easy to find and to print. While some of the searching may be similar to a fishing expedition - you never know what you'll find - the rewards are worth the time it takes. With the new capabilities for search, retrieval, and data transfer now available at the local LDS Family History Centers, you will not be disappointed. You are encouraged to visit one of the Centers closest to you.

LDS Family History Centers Dallas Area

Dallas Stake Center 214/709-0066
1019 Big Stone Gap
Duncanville, TX

Tuesday & Wednesday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Dallas East Stake Center 214/349-0730
10701 Lake Highlands Drive
Dallas, TX

Tuesday & Wednesday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thursday 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Plano Stake Center 214/867-6479
2700 Roundrock
Plano, TX

Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Wednesday 9:15 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Hurst State Center 817/284-4472
4401 NE Loop 820
North Richland Hills, TX

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

DGS PEOPLE

Kelvin L. Meyers of the DPL's Genealogy Section staff has been promoted to the full-time library associate position left vacant when Bruce Graves was promoted to the General Reference Department in April. Previously, Kelvin has been a part-time staff member and has served as DGS president. Bruce served as DGS Library Liaison. Congratulations to both Kelvin and Bruce!

The DGS Executive Board asks the membership to join us in extending best wishes to Cecelia "Scooter" Stephens and Ross Martin upon their recent marriage. Scooter is the DGS Recording Secretary. In "real life" she is a senior analyst data modeler for AMR Travel Services in Carrollton. Ross Martin is a senior data base specialist with Bell Helicopter.

The Martin's were married on 28 September in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. We wish them all the best!

If you are interested in having your name included on the list of DGS members who will research for a fee, complete the questionnaire mailed with this newsletter and return to the address listed on the form. The updated list will be published in the *DGS Newsletter* and sent to anyone requesting a list of area researchers by mail.

HOLIDAY WISHES

The DGS Executive Board takes this opportunity to wish all DGS members and friends of DGS a happy, joyous, and safe holiday season.



Remember, there is no meeting or newsletter in the month of December. See you in January.

BULLETIN BOARD

TSGS State Conference Set

A two-day conference sponsored by the Texas State Genealogical Society (TSGS) will be held on Friday-Saturday, 15-16 November 1991 in Austin, Texas. The conference will be held at the Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel North at the intersection of I-35 and Highway 183. On Friday, registrants will hear an opening address and will then be given a choice of twelve 45-minute topics offered in three mini-sessions. On Saturday, four lectures will be presented.

Featured speakers will be Desmond Walls Allen and Arlene Eakle. Allen, a native of Arkansas, is the owner of Arkansas Research, a past president of the Arkansas Genealogical Society, and co-founder of the Professional Genealogists of Arkansas. Allen will open the conference on Friday with the keynote address, *A New View of the Research Process*. She will also deliver two lectures during Friday's mini-sessions: *Social Security and Death Certificates*, and *Locating Land Entry Case Files in Public Domain Land States*.

Arlene Eakle is the president and founder of the Genealogical Institute in Salt Lake City, Utah and co-author of *The Source: A Guidebook for American Genealogy*. Eakle will present the four sessions on Saturday: *How to Trace the Common Man Through American Congressional Records*, *The Case of the Missing Ancestor, Pre-1820 Census Records*, and *How to find Lost Genealogical Records*.

In addition to Ms. Allen, other mini-session speakers will be members of the TSGS Speaker's Bureau, including DGS's own Barbara Roberts Baylis speaking on *Solving Difficult Genealogical Problems Using Collateral Relatives*. Also mini-session speakers will be TSGS president Marynell Bryant, John Wylie, Ken Fette, Richard Hooverson, Mary Collie Cooper, Julia Cauble Smith, Patsy Hand, and Betty Kaiser.

Registration for the complete conference, including all lectures, the awards banquet, and Saturday luncheon will be \$60. Registrations for separate events are priced at \$15 for Friday's sessions, \$20 for the awards banquet, and \$25 for Saturday's sessions and luncheon. An additional \$10 fee will be charged for participants who are not individual members of TSGS or associate members through a partner society. Rates at the hotel are \$53 for a single and \$58 for a double.

Write the Texas State Genealogical Society; Route 4, Box 56; Sulphur Springs, TX 75482. Advance registration is due by 7 November.

Abilene to Host Helen F. M. Leary

The West Texas Genealogical Society will hold a workshop on 16 November 1991, at the Madison Middle School, 3145 Barrow Street in Abilene. The featured speaker will be Helen F.M. Leary, C.G., C.G.L., F.N.G.S., of North Carolina. Her topic will be *Dead Ends and Open Roads: A Workshop on Genealogical Problem Solving*.

The workshop will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. The registration fee is \$21 before November 1, \$24 thereafter. Send registration to WTGS; c/o Becky Rynders, Treasurer; 3257 Westchester; Abilene, TX 79606.

D.U.V. Meets in Arlington

Ladies, do you have an ancestor that was a Civil War Union soldier, sailor, or marine? If so, you may be qualified for membership in the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The D.U.V. was organized in 1885 in Massillon, Ohio. The first chapter (called "tents") formed in Texas was chartered in 1989 and meets the fourth Saturday of each month in Arlington, Texas.

If you would like membership information or would like to attend a meeting as a visitor, contact Mildred Harrison at 817/860-6964.

New Meeting Location for Pioneers

The Dallas County Pioneer Association will meet on 5 December 1991 at the Wyatt's Cafeteria at Marsh Lane and Forest Lane, instead of the Wyatt's at Northlake (this location is undergoing remodeling). The business meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Members, visitors, and guests are invited to come early, buy dinner, and socialize from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

For information about the association, write the Dallas County Pioneers at P. O. Box 12496; Dallas, TX 75225.

Huguenot Society of Texas

Do you have a Huguenot ancestor? To be eligible for membership in the Huguenot Society of Texas, one must be of lineal descended from a Huguenot who, (1) subsequent to 10 December 1520 and prior to 28 November 1787, emigrated from France to America or some other country; or (2) in spite of religious persecution, remained in France.

BULLETIN BOARD (continued)

The National Huguenot Society is a historical lineage organization with chapters in forty-five states. For information about one of the three chapters in Texas or for membership qualifications, write Melford S. Dickerson, M.D., State Registrar; 1205 East Applegate Drive, Austin, TX 78753.

News from the *Dallas County Pioneer Association Newsletter*, Summer 1991:

Dines & Kraft, who built homes in Dallas in Westway Park, Highland Park, and the Lakewood Addition (circa 1925), gave their old office files, original plans, and records to the Texas/Dallas Collection of the Dallas Public Library. Cindy Smolivik, former archivist for the Texas/Dallas Special Collection, and Margaret Foley have sorted and cataloged this material.

Anyone interested in the old Lakewood Addition can research the construction of their home by abstract or original construction plans.

News from the *Texas State Genealogical Society Newsletter*, 2:4, October 1991:

All services of the Genealogy Department of the Texas State Library in Austin will be temporarily discontinued from 10 November 1991 to 10 January 1992. The department will be closed for asbestos removal. The Archives Division will remain open for business as usual.

The Cass County, Texas, Genealogical Society has a new publication for sale. The book includes tax rolls, probate minutes, marriages, veterans census, registered probate births, and original grantees of 1848-1940. The 201 page book is indexed and can be purchased from the Cass County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 541, Atlanta, TX 75551-0541, for \$30 softbound or \$37 hardbound.

The Amarillo Genealogical Society has published a 704-page volume of family charts contributed by their members. The book contains 9000 names and 800 charts. The purchase price is \$40 and can be obtained from TapRoots Research and Publications, Box 50249, Amarillo, TX 79159.

A new book, *Cemeteries of Somervell County, Texas: 1836-1991*, may be purchased for \$18 from Green Dog Press, 1311 Candlelight Avenue, Duncanville, TX 75137-3318. The book includes 5,036 inscriptions from 27 burial sites.

News from the *NGS Newsletter*, 17:5, September-October, 1991, the bimonthly publication of the National Genealogical Society (NGS):

Members of NGS can now receive the *NGS/CIG Digest*, published by the NGS Computer Interest Group, in addition to the *NGS Newsletter* and the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*. It is available at no extra charge to any NGS member who requests it by marking the appropriate block on the membership application or dues notice.

Membership in NGS is \$30 for individuals and \$25 for organizations. Sustaining and life memberships are also available. Members can purchase genealogical books at a discounted price and participate in a book rental program from the NGS library.

For membership information, contact the National Genealogical Society, 4527 17th Street, North; Arlington, VA 22207-2399; 703/525-0050.

News from *Forum*, 3:2, Summer 1991, the quarterly newsletter of the Federation of Genealogical Societies:

An important new discovery by an amateur genealogist will aid researchers seeking ancestors believed to be in the Chicago area during the 1890 era. Tom Burke of Chicago, Illinois, found the voters registration records for the city of Chicago for the years 1888, 1890, and 1892 on a dusty, top shelf in a back room of the City Hall. Burke, who had been doing research for about a year when he made the discovery, was shocked to find that none of the city employees knew of the existence of the twenty or so books. Each book listed the name of each voter in alphabetical order; country of birth and date and place of naturalization; term of residence in precinct; county and state; and address. (All male citizens, twenty-one years of age before the day of election, could vote provided they had resided in the state one year, in the county ninety days, and in the precinct thirty days.) Burke's discovery will fill a void left by the nearly total destruction of the 1890 federal census.

Through Burke's perserverance to have the records preserved, the books of voters registration lists have now been microfilmed and are at the Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD)-Chicago Branch, Northeastern Illinois University. They are available for on-site or mail research. Contact IRAD c/o NEIU, Ronald Williams Library, Lower Level, 5500 N. St. Louis, Chicago, IL 60625.

GUIDE TO RESOURCES IN THE DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY GENEALOGY COLLECTION

The International Genealogical Index (IGI), 1988 Edition

Overview: The IGI is an alphabetical index to the names of over 120 million deceased persons, based on data submitted by amateur and professional genealogists and by extractors who enter information from birth, marriage records, church registers, probate records, and census enumerations worldwide. As the name implies, the IGI is international in scope and is published by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS) for the use of its members in their genealogical research and to determine whether Church ordinances have been performed for a deceased ancestor. It is available also to all family researchers seeking information and clues about an ancestor. The IGI is an index to original entry forms and source material and should not be used as a replacement for the original source material.

The IGI is divided into regions and localities and each locality is identified by a letter: A, B, C, and D for England; E, Ireland; F, Scotland; G, Wales; H, Channel Islands; I, Denmark; J, Finland; K, Iceland; L, Norway; M, Sweden; N, Central Europe; O, Southern Europe; P, United States; Q, Canada; R, Mexico; S, Central and South American; T, Miscellaneous; and U, IGI Instructions.

Content: The IGI lists the name of the person, names of parents or spouse, sex, type of event, date and place of event, LDS ordinance dates, and source or batch numbers. The batch number is coded to show the type of record used and whether it was submitted by an individual or as part of the name-extraction program.

- **Names:** Names are arranged alphabetically within each state where the event took place for the United States and Mexico; each province of Canada; the counties of Denmark, England, Finland, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, and Wales, and by country for each of the other countries of the world. Standardized spellings and variant spellings of names are grouped together and cross referenced for the variants. Names are usually entered exactly as they appear in the original source.

- **Sex:** Sex of the individual is always listed. On birth entries, M (male) or F (female); on marriages, H (husband) or W (wife).

- **Events:** Events are coded as to type; A for Adult Christening; B, Birth; C, Child Christening; D, Death (infants for whom no christening is found); F, Birth of first known child (in place of marriage date); M, Marriage; N, Census; S, Miscellaneous; W, Will or Probate Record.

- **Dates:** Obtain the original source material to determine what the IGI date entry indicates. For example, when the information is obtained from church records, the date of christening is used, even if the record contains the exact birth date.

- **Place:** In the U.S., a county must be provided; in most other countries, the name of a city or parish.

- **B,E,S:** These columns refer to dates of LDS baptism, endowment, and sealing; all religious ordinances performed by proxy in LDS temples.

- **Source:** Batch and serial sheet numbers are your source numbers to obtain the original material. A Batch Number Index is included with the IGI and contains explanations on where the material was obtained and how to obtain the documents from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Genealogy Section has the standard order forms at the staff desk.

Location: The 1988 edition of the IGI is located in the LDS microfiche cabinet. Ask a staff member to direct you to the cabinet. The Batch Number Index is filed at the beginning of the index. The Section also owns the 1984 edition of the IGI. It varies somewhat in division of regions, but has the same general format and events. Both versions should be checked as some entries are unique to each index.

Aids: For further explanation on the IGI, consult: Johni Cerny and Wendy Elliott, *The Library: A Guide to the LDS Family History Library* (Salt Lake City, UT: Ancestry Publishing, 1988), pp. 10-14.

Also, J. Carlyle Parker, *Going to Salt Lake City to Do Family History Research* (Turlock, CA: Marietta Publishing Company, 1989), pp. 15-19.

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.

CHENNAULT CHENAUT SHINAULT SHINALL

The CHENNAULT/CHENAUT/SHINAULT/SHINALL Association Reunion will hold their 43rd reunion in San Antonio, TX, on 17, 18, and 19 July 1992. Charlton Roger's *Descendants of Estienne Chenault* has long been out-of-print. The new revised edition with updated additions should be available by 1992. Would like to hear from descendants of Claire Lee Chennault, born 6 September 1893, in Commerce, TX.

Deurene Oates Morgan; 1118 Curlew Court; San Antonio, TX 78213-2009

MATTHEWS

In 1976 there was a MATTHEWS reunion advertised on Dallas Radio that was to be held in the original stone (or rock) house. The radio announcer said the MATTHEWS came from two brothers who arrived from England originally and that one of the brothers married an Indian. My husband thinks one of the brothers is his great-great grandfather, who had a son, S. J. (Sam?) "Doc" MATTHEWS. Doc married Louisa Jane Tucker ISBELL in 1873. Doc was killed on 7 Sep 1878 or 1879 in Texas. Doc and Louisa had one son, James William MATTHEWS, born 10 Jan 1875. James married in 1892 and eventually moved to Oklahoma. Any information on the MATTHEWS reunion would be appreciated.

Gloria R. Matthews; 2960 E. Jackson # 77; Anaheim, CA 92806

STAFFORD CALLAWAY

Seeking information on descendants of Alford Monroe STAFFORD, born 18 Jun 1867, Clark Co, AR; died 20 Feb 1926, Montgomery Co, AR; married Etta Lurain CALLAWAY on 17 Nov 1889. She was born 18 Aug 1870, Nevada Co, AR; died 14 Apr 1951, Norman, AR. Children: Zelba Pearl; Alice Lorita; Carroll Jannitt; Ethel Everett; Elgan Monroe; Arris Julia; Ava Etta; Elbert Doyle; Clyde Emmitt; Cleo Erma. Will share what information I have and pay postage.

Gerald A. Mercer; 5550 Harvest Hill Road # E-226; Dallas, TX 75230

FARMER MALLORY PERRY MOORE POLING COBB BAYLESS HARRIS HATCHETT CONWAY DEAN MCCLENDON WILLIAMS

Seeking information on Henry E. FARMER; born ca. 1814, NC; died after 1887, Crockett Co, TN; married Minerva A. MALLORY, ca. 1837. She was born ca. 1821, VA; died after 1887, Crockett Co, TN. He had two known brothers: (1) J.L. FARMER; listed in Dyer Co, TN, in 1860 census as 35; blacksmith; wife A.; son J.C., 6; daughters A.E., 3 and S.J., 1; and (2) Richard Bostick FARMER, who fought in Hood's raid on Nashville in Dec 1864; lived in Arkansas after 1866 with unknown children. Henry E. FARMER's children as listed in 1860 Williamson Co, TN, census: John, born 14 Apr 1838; Sara A., born ca. 1840; Mary J. born ca. 1842; James Monroe, born 4 Mar 1844, died 16 Jan 1895; Meredith Pinkney Gentry, born ca. 1846; Napoleon B., born ca. 1848; Andrew, born ca. 1850. Others in 1860 Dyer Co, TN, census: Ellen, born ca. 1854; Ann E., born ca. 1856, married W.P. PERRY, M.D.; Etheridge, born ca. 1860. James Monroe FARMER also served in Hood's raid and in 1880 Crockett Co, TN, census was listed as a "dry goods store." He married 10 Sep 1865 to Nancy Ellen MOORE, born 19 Jan 1850; died 21 May 1935. She was the daughter of William D. MOORE and Nancy POLING. Six children born in Tennessee: Mary Alice, born 21 Jul 1867, married (1) John COBB, (2) Will COBB in Ladonia, TX; Wm. Henry, born 3 Apr 1869, married (1) Lena Dove BAYLESS, ca. 1889 in Tarrant Co, TX, (2) Beulah HARRIS, 28 Jul 1912 in Ga; Ada LaUna, born 21 Apr 1872, married Will HATCHETT; Ellen Graves, born 19 Apr 1875, married Joseph Merrill CONWAY in Wichita Co, TX; James Albert, born 24 Jul 1877, married (1) unknown in MS, (2) Eva Lynn DEAN in OK; Isaac Augustus, born 7 Oct 1879. Three other children born in Texas after family left Tennessee in 1881: Maud Ester, born 1 Jun 1881; Lawrence Ivan, born 5 Jul 1885, married Mary Olivia MCCLENDON, 16 Aug 1914; Urbian Gale, born 26 Dec 1888, married Eula Mae WILLIAMS, 16 Sep 1911, Wichita Co, TX.

Franklin Farmer; 3511 Elgewood; Arlington, TX 76015; 817/465-6545; Metro 817/640-8035

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1991-1992 GENEALOGY CALENDAR

DGS Meetings and Seminars

(For program information, see page 98)

Saturday, 9 November 1991 - Symposium

8:00 a.m. 1991 Fall Genealogy Symposium
and Tenth Annual Beginners Workshop
Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church
9800 Preston Road at Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas, TX

Monday, 25 November 1991 - Meetings

6:00 p.m. Computer Interest Group
7:00 p.m. *In and Out of His Majesty's Service:
Virginia's Colonial Soldiers and Revolutionaries*
Speaker: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

Monday, 27 January 1992 - Meetings

6:00 p.m. Computer Interest Group
7:00 p.m. *Look Again!*
Speaker: Patricia Law Hatcher

Monday, 24 February 1992 - Meetings

10:00 a.m. Computer Interest Group
11:00 a.m. *Special Collections and
Interlibrary Loan at the Dallas Public Library*
Speaker: Adrienne Jamieson

Other Genealogy Meetings, Workshops and Conferences (See page 104)

Friday-Saturday, 15-16 November 1991

Texas State Genealogical Society Conference
Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel North; Austin, TX
Friday's Opening address by Desmond Walls Allen
Twelve Mini-Topics on Friday
All-day seminar on Saturday by Arlene Eakle
Contact Marynell Bryant; Rt. 4, Box 56
Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

Saturday, 16 November 1991

West Texas Genealogical Society Workshop
c/o Becky Rynders; 3257 Westchester;
Abilene, TX 79606
*Dead Ends and Open Roads: A Workshop on
Genealogical Problem Solving*
Speaker: Helen F. M. Leary

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"Super Saturdays" presented by the
Computer Council of Dallas
Genealogy Meetings begins at 9:00 a.m.
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