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Scots-Irish Seminar to Begin 1992 Summer Lecture Series

Dr. Arlene H. Eakle leads off the 1992 Summer Lectures Series with her day-long seminar, *Researching Our Scots-Irish Ancestors*, on Saturday, 30 May. The second seminar, to be held on Saturday, 27 June, features Dr. John Phillip Colletta on *Researching in Washington, D.C.* Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck presents the third seminar on Saturday, 25 July, on *Virginia Research and Migrations*. The 1992 Summer Lecture Series is sponsored by the Dallas Genealogical Society and the Dallas Public Library. The Series is a fund-raising activity benefiting the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. (For additional information on the Series, see page 55-56.)

Dr. Eakle's lecture on the Scots-Irish describes their origins and history, migration, customs, and religion; and she outlines source materials needed to locate the records on these ancestors. The Scots-Irish or Ulster-Scots, as they are sometimes called, immigrated to the American colonies in great numbers before and after the American Revolution. They migrated into the Midwest, West, Deep South, and Texas. Primarily farmers, often clannish, and usually living in their isolated groups, researchers sometimes find these ancestors elusive and hard-to-trace. Their reputation for obstinacy is illustrated by the Scots-Irish prayer, "Lord, grant that I may always be right, for Thou knowest I am hard to turn." Arlene Eakle shares her expertise, gained from successfully researching this group, to help us find new direction when *Researching Our Scots-Irish Ancestors*.

Arlene holds a M.A. and Ph.D. in English History from the University of Utah. She is president and founder of The Genealogical Institute, which provides research services. She is a professional genealogist with more than twenty-five years experience. Her areas of expertise are: tracing southern ancestry, middle Atlantic states ancestry, immigrant origins of Americans, and a special interest in tracing American Indian family trees. She cites a 96 per cent success rate in her research.

As a founder and an original trustee of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Arlene served as the organization's president (1980-1982), and as editor of the *APG Newsletter* (1982-1985). In 1984 she received the Grahame Thomas Smallwood, Jr., Award of Merit for personal commitment and outstanding service to APG.

She received the Award of Merit from the Federation of Genealogical Societies in 1984, and was made a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association in recognition of meritorious service rendered to the advancement of genealogy and family

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DGS Reception and Regular Meetings

Date: Monday, 18 May 1992

Place: J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (Downtown Library)
1515 Young Street; Dallas, Texas

Reception: 6:00-7:00 P.M., East/West Rooms
Honoring the DGS Membership

Meetings: 6:00-6:30 P.M., Auditorium, Computer Interest Group Meeting
7:00-8:30 P.M., Auditorium, Annual Business Meeting and Program

The DGS Board of Directors cordially invites you to attend a reception in your honor. Join us and other family researchers for food, fun and fellowship.

The reception will be followed by the DGS Annual Business Meeting. The Board of Directors will deliver annual reports to the membership on the progress and state of the Society for the past fiscal year. The annual gift to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library will be announced. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers, followed by the election for the 1992-93 Board of Directors.

The Annual Meeting will be followed by a program.

Visitors and guests are welcome. Meetings are free and open to the public.

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.

Executive Board

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The objective and goals of this Society are to:

- Create, foster, and maintain interest in genealogy and family history;
- Raise standards of genealogical research through educational programs, workshops, and the publication of data;
- Promote the collection and preservation of material relating to the early history of Dallas County and those pioneers who settled the area;
- Copy, index, and publish records, documents, inscriptions and other genealogical source materials;
- Support the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library; and
- 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. Contact the editor for permission to reprint any material contained in the *DGS Newsletter*. 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 by Margret Hancock Pearce

A day or two ago I realized this will be my last "President's Message" before I leave office.

On 18 May, a new DGS board will be elected to take office on 1 June. The new board will come with renewed energy and enthusiasm. It's a cycle, and I think a fitting one that it occurs in the springtime of the year.

I already know of plans being formed and contacts being made for the spring seminar next year. The enthusiasm continues, even as we reflect on our excellent seminar just passed.

What a wonderful day it was. The flattering thank you notes we received from our distinguished speaker, Marsha Hoffman Rising, were testimony to the hard work and dedication of our board and volunteer helpers. Let me add my thank you and deep appreciation to Spring Seminar Chairman Bruce Moseley, to all of the DGS board members, and the many volunteers who worked to make the day such a success.

I've been a part of so many workshops and seminars, and occasionally, my mind flashes to some detail I remember about this one or that one. There's the word. *Detail*. Organize the detail. The pride I feel in being able to participate in these events, going all the way back to when I made tea and coffee and served donuts, is hard to express. However, that is what I feel: pride.

This year's seminar, over 700 attending. Last year's seminar, the first ever held at the Richardson Civic Center, over 700 attending. The most successful seminar ever held by DGS up to that time. The fall symposium, each year gaining in attendance. All as a result of the "plan your work and work your plan" attitude of the DGS board and volunteers.

Of course, I know, and the board does too, that not all

aspects of each event are exactly as we would like them to be. Some of our classrooms at the fall symposium are too small for the number of people who would like to attend, and we are aware that the Richardson Civic Center concourse is too crowded during seminar breaks. These and other issues are being looked at and debated by the board and the involved committees. It is a constant give and take, but rest assured that solutions are being (and have been) sought. Like so many things, I'm not sure that there is a perfect solution. However, the board is continually striving for one. We respect your critiques and observations. We also appreciate your kinds words of praise. That is what gives us the momentum to make it better next year.

Now we are looking forward to the Summer Lecture Series. Sammie Lee is chairing the committee for the series and has done a bang-up job of securing interesting speakers. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for all the good information, and get those dates on your calendar! It will be great fun to get together during the dog-days of summer and hear a good genealogy talk. Hurry and make your reservation. Space is limited!

REMINDER: The May DGS Regular Meeting will be 18 May 1992. It has been moved up one week, due to the Memorial Day designated holiday the fourth Monday of May. Remember too, this is our annual Thank You to the Membership Reception. Each year for several years now, the board has hosted a reception prior to the May business meeting to show our appreciation to the general membership for their support of our workshops, seminars, and other board activities and endeavors.

Please plan to join us for good eats and a time to mix and mingle. The reception will start in the East/West Room at 6:00 P.M. (The Computer Interest Group will meet at 6:00 P.M. in the Auditorium for an abbreviated program, then join us in the reception at 6:30 P.M.)

Hope to see you there!



Editor's Note by Sammie Townsend Lee

My how time flies when you're having fun! Editing the *DGS Newsletter* for the past two years has been just that: FUN!

Oh sure, I have to confess that it has been a lot of hard work and many long hours, too; but what a great learning experience. My thanks to the DGS membership for the opportunity.

Before leaving office in May and passing the "quill" to the next editor, I wanted to take some space to acknowledge and thank all the contributors to the newsletter during my stint as editor. There have been so many interesting and informative articles written by our own DGS members who are ready, willing, and able to share their expertise. What makes me proud is their willingness

to drop other things in their busy lives to write articles at my all too often last minute request. Why? My ego would like me to think it was to help me with the newsletter, but my brain tells me it is their dedication to DGS and to family research. Each and every one of them are special DGS people, and they know who they are. I thank them and DGS thanks them for their contributions.

My personal thanks to one I call friend for all her contributions to the newsletter during the past two years. Pat Hatcher has not only written numerous articles and guides for the newsletter, she has been willing to proof copy and be this editor's editor. When typos and errors did get into the finished product, you can bet it was because Pat didn't have a chance to proof the copy. Thanks Pat!

A final note to the next editor. Relax, enjoy, and have fun with the newsletter, and it will almost write itself!



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Membership Report and Spring Seminar Registration Report by Dorothy Odom Bruce

As of 2 April 1992	1991 Totals	1992 Totals
Regular/Family Membership	806	802
Libraries/Societies	19	16
Life members	44	54
Total DGS membership	869	872

As you will notice by the totals this month, our 1992 membership has surpassed the totals for 1991. Another record year for DGS membership! This is the largest membership in Society history.

By the time this newsletter arrives, you should have received the update to the 1991 DGS membership roster. The update, containing new DGS members for 1992 with up to eight surnames each is researching, plus all membership address corrections and changes received prior to 17 March, should be clipped to your roster. Special thanks to Jo Delmar for an excellent job of proofreading the roster update.

As the 1992 Spring Seminar Registration Chairman, I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped at the registration desk for the seminar. Reports were that registration went very smoothly and things were well organized. All this was made possible by those people who came very early and smiled greetings to all attendees. Without you, the DGS board could not execute our plans. Harry Stevenson was the first who greeted you. John Sellers directed you into the proper room. Art Rubeck and Markaleeta Stevenson deserve credit for "taking your money" at the walk-in desk. "Early birds" at the preregistration desks were: David and Sheila Huckaby, Pamela Meier, Hallie Garner, Emily Seay, Mark Gillispie, Helen Lu, Rose Alyce Beasley, Leslie Collier, Jemmy Phipps. Others who helped or greeted you in various areas were Edwina Dyes and Nancy Mobley.

Additionally, I want to thank those who helped with that day's registration for the Summer Lecture Series: Art Rubeck, Patti Darnell, Harry Stevenson, and my "right hand" Markaleeta Stevenson. I don't know what I would do without this extra help! (Please excuse me if I have overlooked anyone.)

Total 1992 Spring Seminar Registration 726

Treasurer's Report by Art Rubeck

Accounts: As of 27 April 1992	
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$32,634.56
Total Other Assets	629.85
Total Investments	<u>7,002.73</u>
Total All Accounts	\$40,267.14

Funds: As of 2 April 1992	
Operating Fund	\$31,544.71
Life Member Fund	7,900.00
Bulk Mail fund	629.85
Adopt-A-Book fund	0
1920 Census Fund	<u>192.58</u>
Total All Funds	\$40,267.14

[Note: The operating fund shows a significant increase this month. This increase reflects monies raised by our annual fund raiser, the 1992 Spring Seminar. The Society's gift to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library will come from the profits of the Spring Seminar. The amount of the gift will be announced at the annual meeting on Monday, 18 May 1992, and presented at that time.]

DGS Dues Increase in 1983

Monies raised from the DGS dues, paid each calendar year, are intended to cover all operating expenses of the Society. It was recently determined that this was not the case.

Last November, President Margret Pearce appointed a committee consisting of Robert H. "Bob" Maybrier as Chairman, and Helen Mason Lu and Art Rubeck to study the situation to determine if an increase in dues was necessary. Chairman Bob Maybrier, reporting the committee's findings to the Executive Board in January, advised that the current dues were not meeting the Society's expenses and recommended that the Executive Board consider a dues increase for the 1993 calendar year.

As stipulated by the Bylaws of the Dallas Genealogical Society, *Article III, Section 3 ... Membership*, "Annual dues shall be established by the Board, and approved by the membership at any regular Business Meeting provided it has first been published in the Newsletter..."

Therefore, be it stated that the DGS Executive Board has approved a dues increase to \$15 per calendar year for regular and family membership and a vote will be taken at the annual meeting to be held on Monday, 18 May 1992, to approve this increase. The increase, subject to approval by the membership, will become effective for payment of dues for the 1993 calendar year, payable 1 January 1993.



Election of 1992-93 Officers

As required by the Bylaws of the Dallas Genealogical Society, *Article IV, Section 2 — Officers*, a Nominating Committee was elected by the Board of Directors in February to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the annual meeting in May. Those elected to the Nominating Committee were Madilyn L. Crane as Chairman and Edwina Moseley Dyes, Robert E. "Bob" Gorham, Robert W. "Bob" Johnsey, and Sammie Townsend Lee.

At the annual meeting, to be held on Monday, 18 May 1992, the Nominating Committee will present the following slate of candidates for the 1992-93 DGS Executive Board of Directors.

President Barbara Roberts Baylis
 Executive Vice-President J. Bruce Moseley
 Vice-President, Programs . . . William E. "Bill" Benson
 Vice-President, Membership . . . Dorothy Odom Bruce
 Vice-President, Quarterly . . . Adrienne Bird Jamieson
 Vice-President, Newsletter . . . Linda Shaddock Rogers
 Recording Secretary Dorislee Hoffpauer
 Treasurer Laurie Wharton

Director, Books and Forms Patti Perkins Darnell
 Director, Computer Interest Group John Wylie
 Director, Mailings Robert H. "Bob" Maybrier
 Director, Publications Helen Mason Lu
 Director, Publicity Joanne Norwood
 Director, Research Markaleeta Stevenson
 Director, Special Projects Millard D. Noell
 Library Liaison Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained. Election shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting. The new DGS Board of Directors will take office on 1 June 1992 and serve for one year.

DGS People

DGS member Sharon Burns is a native of Oklahoma and resides in Edmond, a suburb of Oklahoma City. She and husband Truman are familiar faces at the Dallas library where they come, usually one weekend a month, to pursue their family roots and to attend DGS activities. Also, Sharon was a speaker at the 1991 DGS Fall Symposium, lecturing on research in Oklahoma.

We happily report that Sharon was recently selected to write the genealogy column, "We the People," for the Oklahoma City newspaper, *The Oklahoman and Times*. The column appears each Saturday and features topics of concern to people researching their heritage, queries, family reunion notices, current events, information on special regional projects, and computer applications.

In her first column of 29 February, Sharon related her grandmother's story of participating in the "Oklahoma Land Run" of 1889 as a small child. As a child herself, Sharon was influenced by her grandmother's stories and often participated in the '89er events each year. It was years later that the truth was discovered. Grandmother had not actually participated in the run. Her "run" had involved crossing the Red River from Cooke County, Texas, to Courtney Flats, Indian Territory, where her family stayed several years before returning to Texas.

Sharon says, "The desire to leave a record of the historical struggles of our ancestors as they migrated west has inspired my interest in genealogy. The preservation of the records that are important to genealogists is also of the utmost concern." With her background in genealogy and her degree in library science, we believe Sharon has much to contribute to Oklahoma City area genealogists. We wish her success!

If you have questions about Oklahoma records or information you would like to share or an Oklahoma query, write Sharon at "We the People;" P. O. Box 25125; Oklahoma City, OK 73125.

DGS Book Award Competition Winners Announced

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck announced the winners of the 1992 Annual Book Awards Competition at the DGS Spring Seminar on 28 March. Eighteen entries were received with the following books and manuscripts receiving certificates in three of the five categories.

In the category of a book on family history or genealogy, Dawn Powell Cartwright's book, *Thomas Powell In Chester County, Pennsylvania, 1682 and Some of His Descendants*, was judged best entry. The Powell family genealogy, published in 1991, is primarily a genealogy of Thomas's descendants through John Powell, his eldest son by his first wife.

In the category of a book on local history or genealogy, Nova A. Lemons was awarded the certificate for her book, *Pioneers of Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory*, published in 1991. The book highlights the important history of the Chickasaw Nation and provides a researcher's guide with a list of available records. It also has a section on pioneer stories contributed by individuals.

In the category of a manuscript on local history or genealogy, the book, *James R. Rylie, His Descendants and Rylie Prairie Dallas County, Texas*, by Rhonda L. Morris was awarded the certificate. In addition to the genealogy of J. R. Rylie and wife Mary Snow, the book gives insight to the Rylie Prairie community.

The Annual Book Awards Competition is open to all DGS members.

1920 Census Project Update

Donations to the special fund set up by DGS to purchase the 1920 census for the Genealogy Section have slowed to a crawl. Even though we placed an order for over 1500 rolls, we are a long way from purchasing all the 1920 census. The fund still needs your donations. A \$15 tax-deductible donation will buy a roll of census or Soundex. Just call the section at 670-1433, and we will tell you if the roll you need has been ordered or how you can order it.

The section expects to begin receiving the rolls of census and Soundex already ordered from AGLL by June. This newsletter will let you know as soon as it begins to arrive. If you just can't wait, the Regional Branch of the National Archives in Fort Worth has their copies. We

hear it's crowded but not impossible to get a microfilm machine each day.

We thank the following genealogists for their generous donations to the 1920 Census Project Fund: James R. Wright; Cleo Dickey Greiner (in memory of Thomas Ward Dickey); Fulton E. Dye, Jr.; Myra Best Glass (in memory of Frances and Doyle Best; Diana Benat (in honor of Juanita Presson Dodd); Dorothea Basnett; Ila M. Kraft; Fandella W. Meadows; Fran Smith (in memory of R. G. Smith); Frances Starr (in memory of Richard P. Starr); Dolores F. Carr; Patricia Mutazbaugh; Hallie P. Garner; Duncan T. MacKenzie, III (in memory of Duncan and Agnes MacKenzie and John and Julia Baldwin); Cathy Dempsey (in memory of Charles and Hazel Englehait Holst); Sharon Luckes (in memory of Clinton Luckes).

What Now? (Part II)

In the March 1992 (16:3) issue of the *DGS Newsletter*, we promised to tell you about genealogical conferences and continuing education courses available to the genealogist. As we stated then, one of the best favors we can do for ourselves is to continue to study and improve our skills in genealogical research. This month we have two established institutes to discuss.

Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama

For twenty-eight years, the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research has been held by the Samford University Library in Birmingham, Alabama. This year the annual institute will be held 14-19 June 1992.

IGHR offers family researchers week-long, in-depth study courses for all levels of genealogical ability. The following courses are offered:

- Course I: Fundamentals of Genealogy and Historical Research; Sandra Hargreaves Leubking, Coordinator.
- Course II: Intermediate Genealogical and Historical Studies; Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, Coordinator
- Course III: The Southern Colonies and Early Southern States: Pennsylvania through Florida; Dr. James R. Johnson, Coordinator
- Course IV: Advanced Genealogical Methods (Prerequisite: Course II or NGS Study Course or Certification); Elizabeth Shown Mills, Coordinator
- Course V: Genealogy as a Profession; Helen F. M. Leary, Coordinator
- Course VI: 1992 Specialty — Irish and British Genealogical Research; Marilyn Miller Morton, Coordinator.

Enrollment in all the above courses is limited and early registration is a must. Tuition is \$300. Campus housing is available for \$190, single; \$150 double (this includes the price of a meal ticket).

For further information call the Dr. Marilyn Miller Morton, Executive Director, at the Samford University library, 205/870-2780; or write to Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research; Samford University Library; Birmingham, AL 35229.

National Institute on Genealogical Research Washington, D.C.

The National Institute on Genealogical Research was founded in 1950 and for more than 40 years has been a leader in the field of advanced genealogical education. The Institute's program takes a week-long, in-depth look at federal records of genealogical value located primarily in National Archives and the Washington, D.C. area. The classes are taught by experienced, professional, and well-known genealogical and historical educators.

The program is geared to experienced researchers (genealogists, historians, librarians, archivists). Classes are limited to 40 to provide more personal instruction.

This year the Institute will be held 13-17 July 1992. Most classes are held in the National Archives Building. A get-acquainted party is held on Sunday, 12 July, a buffet luncheon on Monday, and a banquet on Thursday evening.

Tuition is \$195, if postmarked before 30 April, and \$225 afterwards. The Hotel Washington has accommodations for \$83.64, single; \$94.74, double; \$105.84, triple.

For more information write the National Institute on Genealogical Research; P. O. Box 14274; Washington, D.C. 20044-4274.

Fliers on both Institutes may be viewed in the Genealogy Section.

For information on the Brigham Young University's Annual Genealogy Family History Seminar to be held 5-7 August 1992, write Brigham Young University; Conferences and Workshops; 136 Harman Building; Provo, UT 84602; or call 800/378-4853.

1992 Summer Lecture Series:

Researching in Washington, D.C.

Dr. John Phillip Colletta's seminar on 27 June 1992 will focus on the "Genealogical Treasures in Washington, D.C." Washington, home of the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and the DAR Library, is a genealogical gold mine full of treasure for the family researcher. Without a proper guide, many records might be overlooked. John has the experience and knowledge to skillfully guide us through this maze of records and select the ones that will help us most with our research.

In two morning sessions, he will cover the Library of Congress. Specific sample research problems will be resolved by using the collections of several of the 21 reading rooms of the Library, not just the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room. Participants will learn not only what the Library of Congress has, but how to get at it — which building, which floor, what procedures, etc. — and how to use it. The morning sessions will conclude with a few words about the DAR Library.

The two afternoon sessions will focus on the National Archives, covering censuses, military records, ship passenger lists, and a variety of lesser-used records, such as passport applications and homestead files. Once again, specific research examples will illustrate not only what the National Archives holds, but also how to find and use what you need — physical arrangement of Archives buildings, transportation in D.C., parking, etc.

Dr. Colletta resides in Washington, D.C., where he is employed part-time at the Library of Congress as Copyright Specialist. His interest in family history goes back to his boyhood in Buffalo. His father's family was Sicilian, his mother's, Bavarian, Alsatian, and Swiss. John was curious to learn how and why all these ancestors

converged on Buffalo. His research began in U.S. records. Then as a graduate student in Paris, he often ventured out to perform research in the primary sources of Italy, Germany, and France.

After serving in the U. S. Army where he translated Soviet materials into English, John completed his Doctorate in Medieval French Literature at the Catholic University of America. Since 1985 he has been giving workshops at the National Archives, courses at the Smithsonian Institution, and lectures before genealogical societies, including the conferences of the National Genealogical Society. His areas of expertise are: tracing families of continental European origin, especially nineteenth century; federal records; and writing a genealogical work that is both a reliable source and a readable story. He also provides research services to individuals.

John has published works on his own family, as well as annotated bibliographies for his workshops. In 1984 *Attenzione* magazine printed two articles of his explaining how to prepare a successful research trip to ancestral towns in Europe. He contributed the chart, "How to find Your Immigrant Ancestor's Ship," to a permanent exhibit on Ellis Island, and the accompanying book, *They Came in Ships*, was published in 1989. His latest work, a manual for Italian genealogy, will be published by Ancestry, Inc., this fall.

Genealogists who have heard John's lectures often mention his wonderful sense of humor. His delightful wit steals into his well-prepared lectures and his enthusiasm for his subject hold's audiences spellbound. He entertains as he informs.

Any researcher planning a future trip to Washington, D.C. must hear this lecture. In fact, those who think they know the city and her resources well, will learn a new thing or two from this excellent researcher and lecturer!

Virginia Research and Migration

Virginia was the site of the first permanent English settlement in 1607, thus becoming the cornerstone of American liberties. She was the first home in America for the ancestors of countless living Americans. From the Tidewater to the Appalachians, Virginia's history and culture is rich in diversity. From the earliest days, our ancestors established records that were sometimes unique to Virginia.

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck has researched Virginia's resources, history, and the genealogy of her people for many years. It has given him insight into the Old Dominion that few Virginia natives can claim. His book, *Virginia's Colonial Soldiers*, has been heralded as the definitive work on the subject. In his lecture he will outline Virginia's history and settlement patterns. He will describe the "cavaliers and pioneers" who colonized her shores and the migratory paths that took them westward and southward out of Virginia to open up and settle on the

frontiers. Also covered will be information about Virginia's major repositories, as well as resources available in our own Genealogy Section.

Family researchers in our area look upon Lloyd as our own local treasure. As a popular speaker with local audiences, he is usually introduced as "needing no introduction." Yet, how many of the researchers accustomed to seeing Lloyd in the Genealogy Section every day realize what a nationally-known, sought-after lecturer he is? Did you know that he is also a popular speaker with audiences at the national conferences of the National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies; and that he has been invited to speak before Genealogical Societies in twenty-six states and as far away as Alaska?

Lloyd holds an A.B. in Biology and History from Greenville College, M.A. in History from Southern Illinois University and M.S. in Library Science from the University of Illinois. He has been with the Dallas Public

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Library since 1973 and has been head of the Genealogy Section since 1979. His knowledge of Library Science, genealogical source materials, and the family researcher's needs has aided him in building the collection into one that is highly respected, as well as one of the larger collections in the United States.

Lloyd is recognized nationally as a top genealogical educator. He developed Course II, Intermediate Genealogical and Historical Studies, at Samford University's Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and has been on faculty since 1974. [See page 54 for more about the Institute.] From 1974 to 1991 he taught basic and intermediate genealogy at the Southern Methodist University School of Continuing Education. His course was considered a must by local genealogists who found it a place to learn those interesting and valuable facets of genealogy that one cannot learn from a book. Since "retiring" from teaching at SMU, he has been keeping us informed by writing the "Family Tree"

column appearing weekly in *The Dallas Morning News*.

Lloyd is a life member of the Dallas Genealogical Society. He has served on the DGS Board of Directors since 1979 and often donates his time to the society to further its objectives and goals. He is a member of the National Genealogical Society and received the Award of Merit from that Society in 1983. He is a member of more than thirty heritage societies.

Lloyd lectures on many genealogical topics. His ability to hold forth knowledgeably on any subject pertinent to genealogy is amazing. His is an easy lecturing style, and he often sees the humorous side of genealogy and shares it with his audiences. He gives all-inclusive bibliographies as handouts, geared to the Genealogy Section researcher. To quote DGS V-P, Bruce Moseley: "I would go to hear Lloyd Bockstruck read the yellow pages."

We guarantee his lecture, *Virginia Research and Migration*, to be held 25 July, will be much more interesting and informative than the yellow pages. We will all know more about our Virginia ancestors at day's end.

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history in 1987. In 1988 she became the first American genealogist to receive the Julian Bickersteth Memorial Medal, the highest award given by the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies of Canterbury, England.

Arlene is a prolific writer with more than thirty titles on her publications list. She is co-editor with Johni Cerny of the award-winning text, *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*. In 1984 *The Source* was recognized by the American Library Association as one of the years ten best reference works. Arlene currently edits two serials: *Research News* and *Immigration Digest*. She is a contributing editor to the *Genealogical Journal* and is on the Advisory Board of Editors for the *Utah Historical Quarterly*.

Arlene, who resides in Garland, Utah, has spoken at more than 300 genealogy seminars, workshops, and conferences throughout the United States and Canada, including the World Conference on Records and the annual conferences of the National Genealogical Society. This past November she was the keynote speaker at the 1991 Texas State Genealogical Conference in Austin, where several DGS board members attended her lectures, and came away with high marks for her. She has a smooth delivery when lecturing, combined with bold statements. It soon becomes apparent to the listening audience that she has a thorough knowledge of her topic and presents it in an interesting and informative way, enhanced by the use of visual aids and detailed handouts.

If there is Scots-Irish heritage in your background, this is a seminar not to be missed. It is only by understanding the history and customs that affected our ancestors that we can begin to effectively research them.

Summer Lecture Series: Registration

Registration is \$45 for the series or \$17 for individual seminars. Please complete a registration form. A form can be picked-up in the Genealogy Section or will be mailed to you by calling the Section at the phone numbers listed below. Also, a form is printed on page 47 in the April 1992 issue of the *DGS Newsletter*.

Preregistration is required. Seating is limited. At press time for this newsletter, each seminar was more than half filled. Be sure to include a SASE with your reservation in order that DGS can mail your seminar ticket(s) to you or advise you if a seminar is sold-out. Also, include your phone number. To check if a seminar is filled, call the following: Dorothy Bruce, Registrations Chairman, 239-4901; or Kelvin Meyers or Sammie Lee in the Genealogy Section, 670-1433 or 670-1450.

Schedule and Location

Each seminar will follow this schedule:

9:00 A.M.	—	9:30 A.M.	Registration
9:30 A.M.	—	10:30 A.M.	Lecture
10:30 A.M.	—	11:00 A.M.	Break
11:00 A.M.	—	12:00 Noon	Lecture
12:00 Noon	—	1:30 P.M.	Lunch Break
1:30 P.M.	—	2:30 P.M.	Lecture
2:30 P.M.	—	3:00 P.M.	Break
3:00 P.M.	—	4:00 P.M.	Lecture

Each seminar will be held in the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library Auditorium; 1515 Young Street in downtown Dallas (corner of Young, Ervay and Wood Streets; enter parking garage from Wood).

Registrants may bring a brown bag lunch and tables will be provided or a list of nearby restaurants will be available. Coffee and tea will be provided.

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

1992 Fall Symposium

Call for Lecture Proposals

The Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is extending an invitation to all speakers who are interested in submitting lecture proposals for the 1992 Fall Symposium. The symposium is held in October or November in the Dallas area. You do not need to be a member of DGS to submit a lecture proposal.

The symposium will have four one hour sessions. You may submit up to four one-hour segments for any given topic. The Society is interested in receiving proposals for methodology, problem solving, how-to techniques, regional research, special topics, publishing, the use of computers and related technologies.

Selected speakers will be notified by the end of July with details concerning the symposium. Each speaker will be asked to submit material for the symposium syllabus and will receive an honorarium for each one hour lecture. DGS will provide each speaker with a syllabus and needed audio visual equipment. The Society does not pay for accommodations or travel expense. Speakers are not required to pay the symposium registration fee and are welcome to attend classes when not lecturing.

If you are interested in speaking at the 1992 DGS Fall Symposium, please complete this form or provide the requested information. Proposals should be post marked by 30 June 1992 and mailed to:

**Dallas Genealogical Society
Workshop Chairman - Lecture Proposals
P.O. Box 12648 - Dallas, Texas 75225-0648**

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Lecture Proposal for DGS 1992 Fall Symposium

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Title of Lecture: _____

Please indicate level(s) of topic: _____

B - Beginner, I - Intermediate, A - Advanced

Number of one hour sessions needed to complete your topic ____ .

Number of times you are willing to repeat your lecture ____ .

Will you do back to back lectures on the same subject? (yes / no)

Brief abstract or synopsis of each topic:

Please provide a brief genealogical resume and biography:

Bulletin Board

Shreveport to Host Seminar

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association will host a seminar on 14-15 August 1992, at the Ramada Inn Bosier. The featured speaker will be Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, head of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. His topics will be "Pitfalls," "How to Find the Woman's Maiden Name," "Special Collections in the Dallas Public Library," and "Virginia/Carolina Migrations."

A banquet, followed by a lecture, will be held on Friday evening and a day-long seminar, with luncheon, will be held on Saturday. Registration is \$30, if received by 1 August. Special room rates are available at the Ramada Inn.

Registrations should be mailed to ALTGA; Registrar, Ethel Krause; P. O. Box 4462; Shreveport, LA 71134, or call Patricia Minton Bettis at 318/861-7570.

Genealogy Retail Store to Open Soon

Dewayne and Candie Lener, owners of The Preservation Emporium of Dallas and Leland Meitzler, owner of Heritage Quest of Orting, Washington, have announced that plans are being finalized for a genealogy super store in the Metroplex area. Scheduled to open about 1 June 1992, the proposed site for the Heritage Quest Genealogical Research Center will be on the Stemmons Freeway East service road in the Market Center area of Dallas. The location is considered by the owners to be convenient for genealogists in both Dallas and Tarrant counties.

Dewayne Lener advised DGS that the store will carry over 1500 book titles on genealogy source and how-to subjects, a large collection of maps and genealogy forms, compact disks from Automated Archives, and genealogy computer software. Also featured will be instructional classes and mail order services.

The Lener's Preservation Emporium, well-known for carrying the world's largest collection of preservation and conservation materials, will sell these materials and offer a variety of preservation and conservation services.

Drop a postcard to Leland, Dewayne, and Candy at P.O. Box 226309; Dallas, Texas 75222-6309; or call Dewayne at 214/331-8902; and they will place your name on their mailing list to receive a grand-opening flier when details are finalized.

Dialing Automated Archives?

Steve and Pat Young, Regional Distributors for Automated Archives, Inc., has asked us to pass along to our members their correct toll-free telephone number: 1/800/782/7653, extension 432. Automated Archives produces and sells genealogical source materials on

compact disk for computers equipped to read them. Steve and Pat are located at 916 Willow Creek Circle; San Marcos, TX 78666.

TSGS Goes Online

News Release from Marynell Bryant, President of the Texas State Genealogical Society:

"TSGS goes online with its Electronic Library and Bulletin Board System April 1...In this expansion the Society joins 700 other genealogical organizations worldwide linked through the National Genealogical Society's FidoNet Genealogical Conference...

"Any researcher may access the TSGS Electronic Library through a modem installed on his computer with no expense other than a telephone call. Twenty Texas towns already have local genealogical bulletin boards that will tie-in with the TSGS system. [In Dallas, Oak Lawn OnLine, 214/358-5192.]...

"The network bulletin boards will carry a daily average of 10,000 genealogical messages and queries scanned by an estimated 50,000 researchers. Search capability of the communications software will allow a researcher to download to his computer all files relating to his surnames, as well as addresses of researchers with common ancestors. Downloading can be accomplished in a matter of minutes, usually for less than the cost of postage and paper.

"TSGS will offer to its Electronic Library users 24 sections of Texas history and genealogy. These files will include 30 years of *Stirpes*, the society's quarterly and its index. A popular section of the Library is 'Pioneers of Texas' composed of narratives written by TSGS members about the lives of their ancestors who pioneered in Texas.

"Local genealogical societies in Texas are invited to list their upcoming events in the 'Calendar of Genealogical Events'...

"Three of the library sections are 'closed stacks,' accessible to TSGS members only. These include the *Stirpes* files (1961-91), 'Pioneers of Texas' and the members ancestor charts and Tiny Tafels. The other 21 sections are 'open stacks.'

"Researchers who would like to affiliate with Texas State Genealogical Society for membership and full library privileges may mail their membership application (\$18 annually/\$20 includes spouse) to Edward Graham; Treasurer; 118 Yosemite; San Antonio, Texas 78232; 512/494-2722. Membership applications may be obtained from their local genealogical library or downloaded from the Electronic Library. Genealogists may log on by dialing 806/791-4822, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year."

For additional details, contact Marynell Bryant; TSGS President; Route 4, Box 56; Sulphur Springs, TX 75482; 903/885-3523; or Arlee Gowen; Library Chairman; 5708 Gary Avenue; Lubbock, TX 79413; 806/795-8758; or Gene Mathis; Systems Operator; 3601 35th Street; Lubbock, TX 79410; 806/796-0456.

Bulletin Board [continued]

Alison Beck to Speak in Collin County

The subject of the Collin County Genealogical Society's regular meeting on Wednesday, 13 May 1992, will be "The Natchez Trace." Alison Beck, head archivist of the Archives and Manuscript Division of the University of Texas at Austin will be the speaker. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. at the Gladys Harrington Library, 1501 18th Street in East Plano. The Society welcomes visitors.

From the later part of the 18th Century and into the 19th Century, the Natchez Trace was the major road, running between Nashville, Tennessee, and Natchez, Mississippi. In his book, *Natchez on the Mississippi*, Harnette T. Kane states, "To venture along the Trace was to journey with darkness and death. For five hundred miles the passageway twisted like a slack thread around matted forest, broken valley, and swamp that could not be skirted. From Natchez the line went generally northeast, between the Big Black and Pearl rivers, across the Tombigbee to the Tennessee not far from Muscle Shoals. To the North, at Nashville, the Trace joined the heavily traveled passageways to the rest of the country."

In 1985 the Barker Library of the University of Texas acquired the Natchez Trace Collection. It includes manuscripts, family letters, diaries, newspapers, legal records, ledgers, and much more dated from 1790 to 1900. These papers cover information about the commerce of the Great River Basin centering around Natchez, Mississippi, about southern plantations, slavery, and the pioneer movement into the American South. Ms. Beck's program should be of interest to all researchers with ancestors in the area.

Hearthstone Book Store Mailing List

For a limited time only, the Hearthstone Book Store will send their latest catalog, which lists the large collection of genealogical books and materials they have for sell, free of charge. To request the catalog send your name and address to Tammy Nixon; Hearthstone Book Store; Potomac Square; 8405-H Richmond Highway; Alexandria, VA 22309.

Cleveland Family Information

Vikki Lyn Cleveland; 328 Vincent; Salem, IL 62881, has sent us a note stating, "I am in the middle stages of my dream project: a multi-volume Cleveland genealogical encyclopedia focused on the southern line advanced by Alexander and Milly Presley Cleveland." Ms. Cleveland claims to have established a large mail network of Cleveland researchers and invites anyone who is a descendant of this union to submit group sheet information (past and present) and family stories that have been passed down through generations for inclusion in her project.

Castor Family Reunion

The 5th National Castor Reunion will be held 19-21 June 1992 at the Harvey Hotel-D/FW Airport; 454 West John Carpenter Freeway; Irving, TX 75063. The registrar for the reunion is June Herron; 1454 West Placita Apache; Green Valley, AZ 85614-1024. The Castor Family Association is dedicated to those researching the Castor surname and variations. The reunion will feature classes in genealogical research and techniques.

McCraw Family Reunion

The United States McCraw Reunion will be held 17-20 July 1992, in Mt. Airy, North Carolina. The chairman of the reunion is Charles McCraw; 1802 Gwyn Street; Mt. Airy, NC 27030, and the registrar is Miss Joy Rushing; 102 McRaven Street; Clinton, MS 39056. The U.S. McCraw Family Association is looking for all McCraws and their descendants to be included in the third edition of *It is McCraw not McGraw* to be published prior to the reunion. If interested, contact Mrs. Gene McCraw; 546 McKinley Avenue; Woodland, CA 95695.

Sutton Surname Newsletter

Jim Sutton; 681 Triunfo Canyon Road; Westlake Village, CA 91361-2056, is editor of *Sutton Searchers*, a year-old quarterly newsletter for all researchers of the Sutton surname. The copy we received from Mr. Sutton, which has been placed in the vertical files in the Genealogy Section, was very well done. It contained information on the first Sutton Family in America and Sutton families in New Jersey, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Canada, plus letters and queries. A subscription is \$12 and should be mailed to the Mr. Sutton at the above address.

Family "Tree" Charts

Rose d'Armand Carpenter of P. O. Box 22546, Knoxville, TN 37933, sells beautiful ornamental charts that are suitable for framing. Her "Heirlooms of the Future" are printed on parchment and each features a drawing of a family tree. A 14 x 15-inch five-generation chart features a broad tree trunk designed to hold children, spouses and two columns of grandchildren. Ms. Carpenter also sells a 16-1/2 x 19-inch five-generation chart on cream-colored parchment, an 11 x 16-inch baby's family tree on pink or blue parchment, an elaborate 17-1/2 x 19-inch ornamental four-generation wedding certificate tree, and 5-1/2 x 7-inch three-generation bookplate family trees.

Prices are reasonable. For a brochure, write Ms. Carpenter at the above address.

Perspective is what comes later.

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

Digested Summary and Alphabetical List of Private Claims Presented to the House of Representatives

by Kelvin L. Meyers *

Overview: On January 27, 1848, the House of Representatives passed a resolution stating:
"Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to cause to be prepared an Alphabetical List of Private Claims which have been before the House of Representatives from the commencement of the First Congress to the close of the Twenty-ninth Congress, with the proceedings of the House of Representatives and Senate thereon...the whole to be compiled from the Journals of the House of Representatives, and by reference, when necessary, to the Journals of the Senate, the reports of committees, the bills of the two Houses, and the laws of the United States."

The above resolution resulted in a series of indexes to the private claims petitions that had been presented to Congress by individuals. Congress authorized the House Clerk to compile the "alphabetical list;" and while the resolution stipulated the 1st—29th Congress, when completed in 1851 by the clerk, James Young, the first series covered the 1st—31st Congress. Supplements followed.

Content: In the resolution Congress determined that the following headings would be used in the list: "the names of the claimants; the nature or object of each claim; at what session, and in what manner, it was brought before the House; to what committee it was referred; the nature of the report, and the number of the report if printed, and, if not, the date of the report; the number of the bills, distinguishing between the Senate and House bills; the manner in which the claim was disposed of in the House, and, in cases where it passed both Houses, the date of the act of Congress."

These claims by individuals included petitions for pension and bounty land claims for military service to the United States, compensation and reimbursement of monies owed to individuals by the federal government for losses and injuries due to federal service, patents for Ohio land based on Virginia military service, patents and renewals of patents, monies to privateers, etc. For example:

John Coleman petitioned Congress for prize money due as a "captor of the British fleet on Lake Champlain" in 1814. In 23rd Congress, 1st Session, a petition was brought before the House and the Committee on Naval Affairs made the report, number 188, on page 190 of the House Journal.

The widow of George Clark of Tennessee petitioned Congress in 1820 for a pension based upon her husband having died in the War of 1812. She subsequently petitioned for compensation for a wagon and five horses lost in U.S. service. In the 31st Congress, 1st Session, Congress "discharged the claim and laid it on the table," House Journal, page 695.

Duncomb Bradford petitioned Congress for compensation for service as acting consul at Paris. In the 25th Congress, 2nd Session, the Committee on Foreign Affairs "made favorable report to Congress" on page 112 of the House Journal.

Location: The List of Private Claims for the 1st—31st Congress (1798-1851) is in a 3-volume set, which was published in 1853, A-Z, call number R336 U58COd. The call number for a supplement, published in 1873, covers the 32nd—41st Congress, call number R929.373 D572. Both are located in the Genealogy Section.

Aids: The House Journals and Reports, which contain the final resolution for the claim, are located in Government Documents on the sixth floor. Part is in book form and part on microfiche. These do not include the petitions.

* Kelvin L. Meyers is the periodical assistant in the Genealogy Section. He is a past president of DGS and has served the Society in other offices. He teaches basic genealogy at North Lake Community College. He has published two books on Crosby County, Texas, and is currently compiling a third.

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 to Editor, *DGS Newsletter*, P. O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648.

**PRYOR
HARDEGREE** Seeking parents of Lemuel PRYOR, born 1826, TN; died 1878, Smith Co., TX; married 1854 to Elizabeth HARDEGREE, in Smith Co., TX. Children: Philip Jackson, born 1854; Mary E. HARDEGREE, born 1856; John Buchanon, born 1857; George, born 1859; Hiram, born 1869; Gulliver, born 1871; and Beulah, born 1873. Lived in Rusk and Smith counties, TX.
Nova A. Lemons; 12206 Brisbane Avenue; Dallas, TX 75234-6528

**LEWIS
FLIPPIN** Seeking parents of Nancy M. LEWIS, born 1830, TN; lived and married in Monroe Co., KY; died about 1907, Bosque Co., TX; married Samuel Wesley FLIPPIN, about 1848. The family came to Texas; then lived in Washington Co., AR, during late 1860's-early 1870's before returning to Texas. Cannot locate on 1870 or 1880 census. They lived in Hill, Johnson, Comanche, and a few other Texas counties. Children: James Asberry; William Clay; John Isaac, M. Frances; Nancy Elizabeth; Elisha Watt; Mary Jane; Tiv G.; Elijah Charles; Arrie Mont; and George Washington.
Nova A. Lemons; 12206 Brisbane Avenue; Dallas, TX 75234-6528

**FLIPPEN/
FLIPPIN
GOODMAN** Researching your Flippen/Flippin ancestors? Let's exchange information! Seeking information on Elizabeth FLIPPIN, her husband George GOODMAN, and her sister Rhoda FLIPPIN and her husband Jesse GOODMAN. They came to Titus Co., TX from Marion Co., AR, before 1850. Rhoda died prior to 1830 in Monroe Co., KY; and Jesse was listed with a wife Isabella on 1850 Titus Co., TX, census. Who were Rhoda's children by Jesse? Would like to know more about the children of both couples; when and where did they die?
Nova A. Lemons; 12206 Brisbane Avenue; Dallas, TX 75234-6528

**EASTEP
OSBORN
PRYOR
WALLACE/
WALLIS
GUNN** Need to know what happened to these children of Abraham EASTEP of Smith Co., TX: Harriett, born 1861; Sarah, born 1865; and James, born 1867. Other children have been accounted for: Martha Carolina OSBORN, born 1849, died 1896; William R., born 1851, died 1861; George M., born about 1854, died 1884-89; Mary E., born 1856, died 1857; Elizabeth Ann PRYOR, born 1859, died 1887; and Isaac S., born and died 1860. Abraham's wives were Ann WALLACE/WALLIS and Sarah GUNN. They lived in Smith, Van Zandt, and Henderson counties, TX.
Nova A. Lemons; 12206 Brisbane Avenue; Dallas, TX 75234-6528

**MEEK
DORMAN** Seeking information on James C. MEEK who came to Ellis and/or Dallas counties, TX, about 1888. Born in Tennessee, he went to Mississippi as a young man, raised a large family, and after the death of his second wife, Emeline, came to Texas with 3 younger children: Cora Lee, age 19; Henry/Harry, age 16; and Effie, age 12. James had older children and two brothers (John MEEK in Hood Co., and Moses Harvey MEEK in Ellis Co.) already in Texas when he arrived. Only Texas information on him is a deed recorded in 1888 in Dallas Co., TX; and the marriage of Cora Lee to William DORMAN on 4 Dec 1890, Ellis Co, TX. She died 11 Sep 1891 and is buried in Shiloh Cemetery in Ovilla. Obituary in *Waxahachie Enterprise* listed only survivor as husband, so her father was probably dead before 1891. Any information appreciated.
Betty Meek Rummage; 18923 Mink Lake Drive; Magnolia, TX 77355; 713/356-3155

**STRONG
BAKER** Seeking any information regarding the children of James STRONG and Nancy Caroline (BAKER) STRONG: James Edward STRONG; Nancy J. STRONG; William F. STRONG; and Howard T. STRONG. Their father, James STRONG, was a miller in Dallas County until his death in 1863, at which time James Edward STRONG and Nancy J. STRONG were taken to the Josias BAKER plantation in Ellis Co., TX, to be raised by these BAKER grandparents.
Norma R. Young; 1148 North Naples Drive; Chandler, AZ 85226

**MECKLEY
DUPS/DUBS**

Seeking parent's names, dates, siblings, and other information on Elizabeth MECKLEY, born 14 Apr 1802, York Co., PA; died 19 May 1873, probably Elkhart Co., IN. Married Daniel DUPS/DUBS in Pennsylvania. They had 6 children, the second of which was born 1824.
Amy Senter; 1301 Trinity View Street; Irving, TX 75060-6247; 214/554-6976

**TRUESDELL/
TRUESDALE/
TROUSDALE**

Seeking to reach other researchers who are descendants of TRUESDELL, TRUESDALE, TROUSDALE families. Have over 13,000 records on file and will be happy to share and exchange information with others.

Diane Truesdell Loy; 6551 South Oakmont; Chandler, AZ 85249

**STINSON
BIGGS
TOMBERLIN
MAGUIRE
STARNES
DICKEY
MCCREARY**

Seeking information on the parents and siblings of James Frances STINSON, born 17 Oct 1846, OH; died 27 Aug 1926, Lucas, Collin, TX; married 6 Nov 1866, Collin Co., TX to Margaret Catherine BIGGS, born 28 Jan 1859, Rusk Co., TX; died 25 May 1947, Parker, Collin, TX. Children: Lucy Jane (STINSON) TOMBERLIN; Sarah Frances (STINSON) MAGUIRE; Cora Catherine (STINSON) STARNES; Becky STINSON; Mary Emma Valentine (STINSON) DICKEY; Lura Maude (STINSON) McCREARY; William Benjamin STINSON; Henry Robert STINSON; Myrtle Lee (STINSON) STRAIN; and Clara Edith (STINSON) McCREARY. Brothers of James Francis STINSON are believed to be Allen, Ambrose, Hower, and Silas. Allen and Hower STINSON are listed in 1910 Newton Co., MO, census. Ambrose is listed in the 1900 Hunt Co., TX, census. Have photographs and much information to share.

Rebecca Robinson Morris; 1718 14th Place; Plano, TX 75074

A Letter from Australia

From: W. D. (Doug) Morrison; 54 River Road West, Lane Cove NSW; Australia 2066

Date: 20th Feb 1992

To: Dallas Genealogical Society, U.S.A.

I am a member of the Society of Australian Genealogists...and I thought the following may be of interest to someone (or anyone!) in your Society.

I possess an old 19th Century family photo album and in the collection is a photo of an unidentified person (with respects to my family) labelled "E. Mirstras," taken in Cologne, Germany, in the 1880's as a guess. It has been a photo that has set in the album without any significance to me until quite recently when I located the "birthday book" of my great-grandmother and there within is a mention, "4th Dec — Eugene Mirstras murdered in Texas," and I guessed that there is a story here! Anyway, I would just like to enclose the attached Xerox (poor quality copy — original is better) and hope that there may be some person interested enough to find a mention on this "stray." I wonder who he was?

It is quite strange to me that such foreign connections may exist. The album is for an English family (that of William Webster, publisher of the Royal Red Book of London in the 19th Century) with all descendants going to either South Africa or Australia. How did a person with origins in Cologne and murdered in Texas come to be in my collection?

Just thought you would be interested but if any member of your Society knows something about him, I would like to hear.
Many regards, Doug Morrison

[Editor's Note: Can anyone help our fellow researcher from down under with his mystery? Doug enclosed a copy of the picture of E. Mirstras, but it was too light for good copy. I have it if anyone is interested in seeing it. Also, if anyone can help with the solution to this mystery, please share it with us, too.]

Who Knows When A Mystery Might be Solved!

A story from Library Hotline, dated 25 Nov 1991, tells of two sisters from out-of-town who went to the Pensacola [Florida] Public Library looking for clues to the whereabouts of a half-sister they had never known. The two sisters had been raised in Savannah, Georgia, by their grandmother after the death of their mother in 1922. Their father moved to Florida and remarried. Before the grandmother died, she told them of their father's second family living in Gull Point, Florida, an area now part of Pensacola. After many years, they decided go to Pensacola to look for family. Their search took them to the library on the same day that Doris Rice decided to work on her own genealogical research. Librarian Dolly Pollard noticed that all three women were researching families in the Gull Point area and suggested they talk to each other. Moments later, they discovered that Rice was the sought-after half-sister. Needless to say hugs, tears, and exclamations of joy and amazement followed!

1992 Genealogy Calendar

DGS Meetings and Seminars

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Researching Our Scots-Irish Ancestors
Guest Speaker: Dr. Arlene H. Eakle

Saturday, 27 June 1992 Seminar [page 55]

9:00 A.M. -4:00 P.M. 1992 Summer Lecture Series
Researching in Washington, D.C.
Guest Speaker: Dr. John Phillip Colletta

Saturday, 25 July 1992 Seminar [page 55]

9:00 A.M. -4:00 P.M. 1992 Summer Lecture Series
Virginia Research and Migrations
Guest Speaker: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

Saturday, 27 March 1993 Spring Seminar

Looking ahead to the 1993 Seminar!

To be held in the Richardson Civic Center

Other Genealogy Meetings, Workshops, and Conferences

29 April -2 May 1992 Conference

National Genealogical Conference in the States
Jacksonville, Florida

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Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research
Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama

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National Institute on Genealogical Research
Washington, D.C.

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Genealogy and Family History Seminar
Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

14-15 August 1992 Seminar [page 59]

Ark-LA-Tex Genealogical Association, Shreveport, LA
Speaker: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

19-22 August 1992 Conference

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference
Phoenix, Arizona

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Super Saturdays are presented by the Computer Council of Dallas. Genealogy Meetings begin at 9:00 A.M.

23 May 1992	11 July 1992
20 June 1992	8 August 1992

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