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## Capital Expansion Project is Out of the Gate! by Jan Bishop McFarland

The DGS Capital Expansion Project (CEP) was officially launched with a presentation by the Capital Expansion Committee (CEC) at the 27 September regular meeting. If you weren't there, you missed a *very* exciting evening. Response from those attending was immediate and enthusiastic. After the presentation, an overwhelming number of people rushed forward to offer their ideas, their donations, and their time as Expansion Project Volunteers. Following is an outline of the Project, including goals, a proposed floor plan, a fund-raising report, and more.

### Project Goals

The Dallas Genealogical Society's Capital Expansion Project benefiting the Genealogy Section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library will effectively *double* the capacity for both materials and patrons in the Section's public area. Expansion plans (targeted for completion in the fall of 1994) were formulated in consultation with Central Library administrators and staff, and were based on results of a patron survey conducted by DGS in the spring of 1993. The expansion, as currently contemplated, is detailed on page 123, Table I.

DGS member Bill Benson has very generously donated his professional services to the Project, resulting in a *significant* savings to the Capital Expansion Fund. His preliminary design for the Genealogy Section is reproduced on page 124, Table II.

In order to implement this proposal, DGS has set a Capital Expansion fund goal of \$150,000.00.

(This figure does not include minimal remodeling costs yet to be determined.) The Society will raise this amount from a variety of sources, including fund-raising projects, donations from DGS Members, and donations from nonmember Genealogy Section patrons. In addition, we will seek funding from foundations, corporations, and philanthropic individuals in the Dallas area.

[CEP Project, page 122]



Capital Expansion Committee—Left to right, Bill Benson, John Wylie, Art Rubeck, Chairperson Jan McFarland, and Leslie Collier.



## 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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#### The object 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 DGS regular meetings are held on the 4th Monday, September through May, except for December. The DGS Computer Interest Group meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday, September through May, except for December.

#### Membership:

Individuals, libraries, or societies may apply for membership. 1993 annual dues are \$18 for the calendar year. New member dues and renewals should be mailed to the Society at Post Office Box 25556, Dallas, Texas 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 bi-monthly. Contact the editor for permission to reprint any material contained in the *DGS Newsletter*. Copy deadline for the November-December *DGS Newsletter* is 25 September 1993. All articles and correspondence for the *DGS Newsletter* should be mailed to the Society at Post Office Box 12648, Dallas, Texas 75225-0648 and marked to the attention of the Newsletter Editor.



## DGS Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY AND DATE	TIME	SPEAKER	PROGRAM OR INFORMATION
DGS/CIG Meeting	Thursday, 11 November	6:30 P.M.	John V. Wylie [see page 121]	<i>ROOTS IV: The Next Generation</i>
Special: Symposium & Beginners Workshop	Saturday, 13 November	8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	20 Speakers 40 Sessions [See pages 125-127 for more information.]	6th Annual DGS Genealogy Symposium & 12th Annual Beginners Workshop. To be held in the Dallas Convention Center West.
Regular Meeting	Monday, 22 November	7:00 P.M.	Patricia Law Hatcher [see page 120]	<i>"My Ancestor Isn't in the Census:" Are You Sure?</i>
DGS/CIG Meeting	Thursday, 13 January	6:30 P.M.	To be announced	
Regular Meeting	Monday, 24 January	7:00 P.M.	To be announced	
DGS/CIG Meeting	Thursday, 10 February	6:30 P.M.	To be announced	
Regular Meeting	Monday, 28 February	11:00 A.M.	To be announced	
DGS/CIG Meeting	Thursday, 10 March	6:30 P.M.	To be announced	
Regular Meeting	Monday 28 March	7:00 P.M.	To be announced	
Special: Spring Seminar	Saturday, 16 April	8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck	38th Annual Spring Seminar to be held at the Dallas Convention Center.

**Regular Meetings:** Unless otherwise indicated, DGS Regular Meetings are held on the fourth Monday, September-May (except December), in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (Dallas Public Library), 1515 Young Street in downtown Dallas.

**Computer Interest Group Meetings:** Unless otherwise indicated, the DGS Computer Interest Group (DGS/CIG) meetings are held on the second Thursday, September-May (except December), in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. Additionally, the DGS/CIG holds a question and answer meeting in the library's East/West Rooms (across the hall from the Auditorium) on the fourth Monday, one hour prior to the Regular Meeting.

Regular Meetings and DGS/CIG Meetings are free; visitors and guests are welcome.





## The President's Message

by J. Bruce Moseley

Not long ago your Board of Directors approved an operating budget for the current Society year of \$68,800. In addition, those of you who attended our September meeting learned that the Capital Expansion Project expects to raise \$150,000 for physical improvements in the Genealogy Section at the J. Erik Jonsson Library. It is entirely possible that by the end of next June, DGS will manage a quarter of a million dollars related to a wide variety of activities.

I offer these numbers to make the point that our Society has, in baseball parlance, become a major league player. This is because you, the membership, have strongly supported our programs and endeavors. As a result, DGS has reached a point where it can bring about major improvement in the research facilities and educational opportunities available not only to us, but to every family historian in our area. In a nutshell, your backing has made things better for all local genealogists.

Here's hoping your support continues! As you read this, a Society sponsored research trip to Salt Lake City is enroute. And in just a few days, our Fall Symposium and Beginner's Workshop will be presented. A big turnout for these events will mean that DGS can continue to have a big impact on improvement in our world of genealogy. See you at the Dallas Convention Center on November 13!

## Pat Hatcher to Present November Program

On Monday evening, 22 November 1993, at 7:00 p.m., DGS features Patricia Law Hatcher, a past president of DGS and a well-known and popular local lecturer, presenting "*My Ancestor Isn't in the Census: Are You Sure?*"

Census records are an essential part of our research. We should make a diligent effort to find our ancestors in each and every census. This presentation reviews why you *think* your ancestor isn't listed and gives a variety of techniques to help your search. Who knows! He may have been there all the time.

## Treasurer's Report

by Laurie Goggan Wharton

### Assets as of 27 September 1993

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking-NationsBank	\$10,833.24
Money Market-Bank One	4,960.42
Bulk Mail Deposit	500.00
Life Member Investments	
MMF-Cash Equivalent Fund	2,238.13
Note-U.S.Treasury	<u>5,398.45</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,930.24</b>

### Funds as of 27 September 1993

Operating Fund	\$6,806.24
Life Member Fund	9,250.00
Bulk Mail Fund	500.00
Publications Fund	5,374.00
Endowment Fund	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,930.24</b>

## Membership

by Leslie Smith Collier

### DGS Membership As of 31 September 1993 . . . . . 945

Urge your fellow genealogists to join the fun, reminding them that no better bargain is to be found than the continuing education provided by our meetings, projects, and publications. Remember that the health of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library is dependent on your continued support and participation.

### Renew Your Membership

Renew *now* for 1994. The fee, if paid by 31 January 1994, is \$15.00 for regular membership. Sustaining, patron, and life memberships also available. See the *DGS Membership Form* in this newsletter.

### New Roster in the Works

We are delighted to announce that a new roster of all DGS members will be printed next spring. In order to be included in the new roster, you must pay your membership fee by 15 March 1994. Once again, you have the opportunity to let other DGS members know what surnames and localities you are researching.



## Computer Interest Group by John V. Wylie

### November CIG Meeting

The November DGS/CIG meeting will be held on the 11th at 6:30 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Central Library. The program is a presentation of ROOTS IV. This "next generation" genealogy software has literally hundreds of new features. Many of these features are so new, they've not been seen in software before. These include individual and family specific timelines, roles, aliases, bloodline and social linkages, sourcing of individual words, and medical history screens. Most data fields are unlimited as are events per person, user-definable events, and flags. Over 5000 historical events are provided. More than 100 respected genealogists participated in establishing ROOTS IV criteria, and more have thoroughly tested it.

### Roundtable Discussions Started

With the October CIG meeting, we started inviting group members to participate in a Roundtable, explaining what they have learned about use of computers (or other technology) in genealogy. The lessons learned need not be positive; we also need to share what doesn't work. Each presenter is limited to five minutes, and visuals or other props are optional. We're not looking for smooth professional presentations here, just open sharing. If you have an idea you'd like to share, call me at 495-4410.

### SuperSaturday Canceled

The Computer Council of Dallas, host of SuperSaturday at INFOMART each month, has indefinitely canceled this event. This is a major loss to the home computing community in Dallas/Fort Worth, and I hope that something will get things going again. I'll post here any new developments as I learn of them.

### Family Computer Show

A family computer show is held quarterly in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The next one is Saturday, 18 December, at the Fort Worth Convention Center. I've participated in this show. It has many interesting hardware and software demonstrations and displays. For more information call 800-538-2974.

### Backing Up Your Files

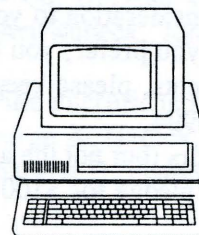
Many of you know I don't believe in using backup software that alters (or compresses) your files. Use of these programs, such as Norton Backup, PCBackup, Fastback, and the Backup feature that comes with DOS, gambles that one will have them available to restore the files at a later date. As a genealogist, I believe our research notes and findings should be accessible by our descendants. We should avoid making retrieval of our work more difficult. The best backup is making several copies of printouts on acid free paper and storing them in different geographic locations. Another way to say this is, publish! Until you have done this, at least backup your working files in DOS format. A very inexpensive program to back up your data in DOS format is called "My Backup," and it can be found in many retail stores.

### Computers and the Environment

Those considering a new computer, or other hardware, should be aware that some manufacturers are producing equipment that is more environmentally responsible than previously available. I won't go into any specific products, but if you're thinking of buying, look for good articles in the major computer magazines. Ask dealers about reduced power consumption and sleep mode for hard drives. The more we consumers ask for these features, the faster the industry will provide them.

### The National Phone Book

If you've always wanted to correspond with everyone with a particular surname, it is now easier than ever. A national phone directory with over 90 million listings, including names, full addresses, and phone numbers can be accessed on CompuServe (Go Phonfile) or through a number of commercial services. These directories are in computer readable form and can be searched by state and by name, though not by soundex. I've used this for networking with some success. Look for a CIG lecture on this in the future.





## Capital Expansion Project is Off the Ground

[continued from front page]

### CEP Fund-Raising Report

The 1992-1993 DGS Executive Board voted to support the Capital Expansion Project with a pledge of \$25,000.00 from the Society's general revenues, and the 1993-1994 Executive Board has affirmed this pledge. Art Rubeck, Financial Coordinator for the Project, reports additional income to the Capital Expansion Fund as follows:

Proceeds from sale of microfiche readers donated by Coda Energy . . . . .	\$1,161.97
Individual donations . . . . .	1,834.05
1993 Summer Lecture Series profits . . . . .	7,449.54
Profits from sales of DPL Genealogy Section Card Catalog . . . . .	<u>75.00</u>
<b>TOTAL through 8 October 1993 . . . . .</b>	<b>\$10,520.56</b>

### CEP Fund-Raising Projects

In its consideration of possible CEP fund-raising projects, the Capital Expansion Committee has set the following guidelines: (1) Fund-raisers must support the goals of the society as stated in the DGS by-laws; (2) Each fund-raiser must provide a tangible benefit to those who participate; and (3) Each fund-raiser must provide a profit to the Capital Expansion Project. Following is list of *new* fund-raising projects whose profits will benefit the CEP. Additional projects are currently being considered and will be announced as they are approved.

- **Salt Lake City Research Tour:** DGS's Fall Salt Lake City Research Tour is sold out. However, plans are already in the works for a spring tour to be led by Lloyd Bockstruck. Details will be announced as soon as plans are finalized.
- **Dukane Microfilm Readers for Sale:** What genealogists hasn't dreamed of owning his or her own microfilm reader? Finally, that dream can come true. On 13 November, through a special arrangement with the Dukane Corporation, DGS will begin offering for sale three models of Dukane microfilm readers at savings of up to *30% off retail*. Information and order forms may be picked up at the DGS table at this year's Fall Symposium. Following the Symposium, information will be available at the DGS Volunteer Desk in the DPL Genealogy Section, or, if you prefer, you may write for model descriptions and prices. (Be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.)
- **Microfilming Services:** DGS is exploring ways to provide low-cost microfilming services to help genealogists preserve their records. Not only will this allow you to safeguard your research from fire and other disasters, you'll also be able to film family Bibles, letters, photos, and other materials. If you've written a book, or if you have one in the works, you may wish to film your original manuscript. What an innovative, and inexpensive way to share your work with libraries and other researchers. (Details on this project will be announced in January.)

### How can you help?

The CEC will vigorously pursue all possible sources of revenue, but the one most vital to the success of the Project is the direct support of DGS members and nonmember patrons of the Genealogy Section. This may be the *single most important* financial investment you can make in your own genealogical research, and it will pay dividends for years to come. (On completion of the Capital Expansion Project, fund-raising projects initiated for the CEP will continue, resulting in a significant increase in DGS's annual gift for materials acquisitions.) Please give thoughtful consideration to your DGS Capital Expansion Project Fund gift. Your donation may be made in a lump sum or, if you prefer, you may make a pledge to the fund and pay it in monthly installments. In planning your pledge payments, please keep in mind that placement of orders for furniture and equipment will begin no later than April, 1994.

Names of donors (but not the amount of their donations) will be published in the *DGS Newsletter*. Those who donate or fulfill a pledge for \$100 or more will have their names inscribed on a permanent display to be placed



in the Genealogy Section. Please fill out the enclosed Donor/Pledge Card in its entirety, including the amount of your tax-deductible donations or pledge. If your gift is made as an honorarium or memorial, check the appropriate box on the Donor/Pledge Card, and be sure to include the name of the person you wish to honor. (In the case of an honorarium, be sure to print the person's address on the reverse side of the card so an appropriate notice may be sent to him or her.) Also, if you prefer that your name not be published in the *DGS Newsletter*, write the word "anonymous" in the upper right-hand corner of the card. Make all checks payable to DGS Capital Expansion Fund and mail to *DGS Capital Expansion Fund, P. O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648*.

Finally, we encourage you to support the Expansion Project with your ideas and your time. To that end, a CEP Volunteer Application form is enclosed. Please look over the volunteer opportunities and see if there's one that fits your talents and schedule. If you don't see one that suits you, check the "Do-it-yourself" box and create your own. We're having a lot of fun with this project, and we want you to be a part of it. So don't be shy. Let us hear from you!

**TABLE I: Expansion Detail**

ITEM	EXISTING	TO BE ADDED	NEW TOTAL
Floor space (in square feet)	7,648	2,788	10,436
Microfilm readers	20	20	40
Study stations (tables/carrels)	48	56	104
Microfilm storage cabinets	35	15	50
Microfiche storage cabinets	2	2	4
Computer stations (CD-Rom)	1	3	4
Photocopier	1	1	2
Card catalog units (double-face)	2	1	3
Lateral file cabinets (in drawer units)	85	128	213
Shelving	1 mile	1 mile	2 miles

## Donations to the Capital Expansion Project

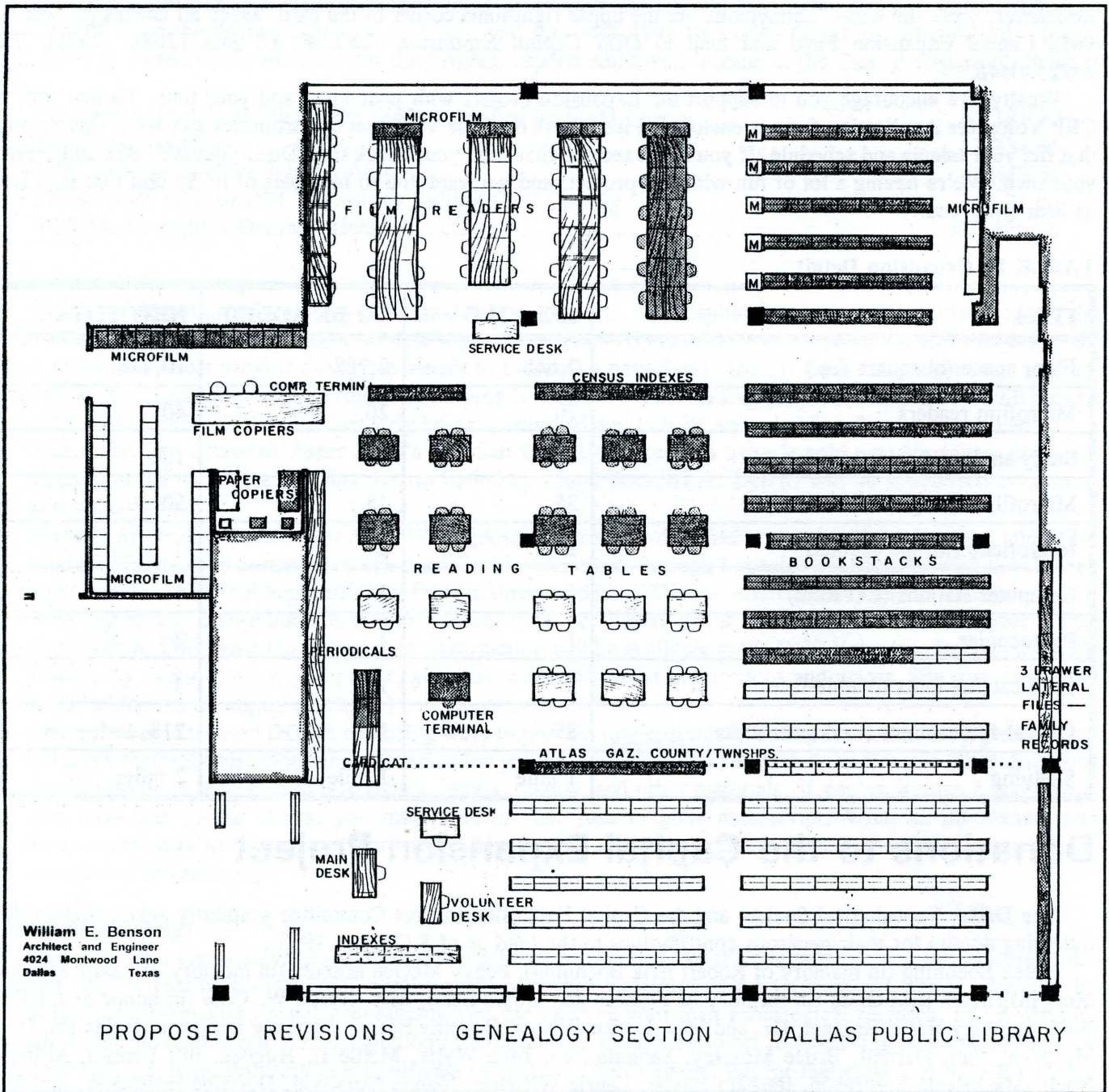
The Dallas Genealogical Society and the Capital Expansion Project Committee gratefully acknowledges the following donors for their generous contributions to the fund as of 8 October 1993:

Helen Boehning (in memory of Robert Erik Boehning), Peggy McGee Maness (in memory of Leslie Maness Morgan), Myra Best Glass (in memory of Frances and Doyle Best), Mrs. Byron W. Cole (in honor of Lucille Boykin), Mary Helen Brengel, Dr. and Mrs. Lucius Waites, Dorothy Bruce, Adrienne Jamieson, Helen Lu, Bob Maybrier, Patti Darnell, Bruce Moseley, Sammie Lee, John Wylie, Mattie L. Hughes, Bill Benson, Millard Noell, Markaleeta Stevenson, Barbara Baylis, Laurie Wharton, Joanne Norwood, Dorislee Hoffpauer, and the donation of speaker's fees from the CEC—Jan McFarland, Leslie Collier, Art Rubeck, John Wylie, and Bill Benson.

Also, we acknowledge the donors who contributed by purchasing one of the microfiche readers donated by Coda-Energy, Inc.: Richard E. Brown, Zella Jo Delmar, Clara R. Harris, George A. Hedick, John Herd, Mary Johnson, Mrs. Guy V. Jones, John D. Kernodle, Helen Lu, Jan McFarland, Margret H. Pearce, Ruth F. Slatton, Mary Emily Witt, and Mrs. W. R. Benson.



**TABLE II: Preliminary design for the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section expansion. The dotted line indicates the existing glass wall. Black Squares indicate structural columns. Furniture and equipment to be added as a result of the expansion is shaded gray.**



*In books lies the soul of the whole past time.  
 —Thomas Carlyle*



## Final Call for the 1993 DGS Fall Genealogy Symposium

Have you made your reservation yet? Time is running out! The 6th Annual DGS Fall Genealogy Symposium & 12th Annual Beginners Workshop is only a few short weeks away and reservations are coming in fast and furious. We hope you've made plans to join us on Saturday, 13 November, for this classic yearly event. Registration begins at 8:00 A.M.; classes from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Registration by 30 October is \$20; after 30 October is \$25.

The Symposium has proven to be one of the biggest and best genealogical events for the money in our area. This year is bigger and better than ever. For starters, we've rented the Dallas Convention Center West to accommodate the growing attendance and alleviate overcrowding. (If you've not been to the Convention Center before, we've given you detailed directions on the next two pages.)

We've added more speakers and more programs than ever before for your listening enjoyment and learning experience. We've brought back the speakers YOU tell us you want to hear and the lectures that you've requested us to repeat. And, we've done it for the same registration fee as last year.

### Exhibitors: A Bonus of the Day!

A bonus of every year's Symposium & Beginners Workshop is the large exhibitor turnout. If browsing and buying from the exhibitors is something you look forward to, boy are you in for a surprise this year! DGS has added more exhibitors than every before and put them in one of the Convention Center's large exhibition areas. You will find more services, more books, more materials, more novelty items, more of everything than in previous years. In addition to our own DGS Tables, listed below are the vendors who have signed-up as of 8 October 1993. We expect there will be more to sign-up in the next month. This alone is worth the registration fee.

Automated Archives/Young Associates  
Barnette's Family Tree Books  
Creative Memories  
Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Ellis County Genealogical Society  
Erickson Books  
Frontier Press  
Genealogical Institute of Texas  
Global Rodeo  
Henington Publishing Company  
Heritage Handiworks  
Hopkins County Genealogical Society  
Hudson Heritage Books  
Iberian Publishing Company  
J & W Enterprises  
John Wylie Consulting  
Joyce Martin Murray Books  
Pat McFall Genealogy Tours  
Pioneer Heritage Press  
The Preservation Emporium  
Rondo Films  
Venture Electronics



## What's on Griffin Street?

### by Art Rubeck, Executive VP for Workshops

Get your coat and get your hat; leave your worries on the door step. Just direct your feet, to GRIFFIN STREET.

**How do you find Griffin Street?** Easy. No matter where you are coming from, you will find a sign leading you there as you enter the downtown Dallas area. [On page 127, see a complete list of directions to the Dallas Convention Center from all areas of Dallas and surrounding counties.]

**Where do I go?** Three blocks west and one block south of the Dallas Public Library. West of City Hall. The building is catercorner from Pioneer Park, where the ground is being bull-dozed for the metal cow statues.

**What's there?** Dallas Convention Center WEST. Not the round auditorium that's close to City Hall. Not the huge exhibit hall that's opposite the Pioneer Cemetery. No, the meeting rooms in the West area are at ground level, located between Griffin and Lamar Streets. Drive by and take a peek the next time you're going to the library.

There are stop lights at the corners. Parking is available in a secured lot just east of the entrance for \$4 a day, or go underground across the street for \$5. No need to get wet if it's raining. Enter the underground parking from Griffin and Canton Streets. There are also many public parking lots in the area.

**What can you expect to find?** BIG! Everything associated with this year's DGS Annual Fall Genealogy Symposium and Beginner's Workshop is BIG.

- BIG rooms.
- A BIG program with more sessions than we've ever had before.
- A BIG exhibition area with lots of vendors and exhibitors.
- A BIG syllabus containing the speaker's handouts.

Also, a big group of

genealogists enjoying the day and lots of volunteers every-where to help.

The list of topics and speakers was provided in the last issue of the *DGS Newsletter*, printed on bright turquoise paper. Easy to find if you saved it. Flyers with the list and all the details are available in the Genealogy Section of the library and in most other areas where we might gather to research.

**When?** Saturday morning, 13 November. Registration starts at 8:00 A.M., classes are 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. During the day, there will be two 45-minute breaks—morning and afternoon—to browse, bargain with, and buy from the exhibitors. There will also be time to shop during the 1½-hour lunch break.

For lunch, there are several options: bring your own brown bag lunch or purchase sandwiches and drinks on site or walk two blocks north up Griffin to the "Golden Arches" or drive to the West End and visit a favorite restaurant.

If you forgot to send in your registration before the end of October, the cost is now \$25. Well worth it for an exciting day of listening and learning from some of Texas' best genealogical lecturers.

We'll be looking for you at the Convention Center WEST on 13 November.



DGS president Bruce Moseley and Art Rubeck stand at the entrance of the Dallas Convention Center West during a recent Symposium planning session.



## Directions to the Dallas Convention Center West

### From North Dallas (Central Expressway-75 Business/Downtown/Live Oak St. Exit):

- Take I-45/75/Central Expressway south; as you approach downtown, get in left lane.
- Follow sign for 75/Business/Downtown/Live Oak Street, and exit from left lane.
- Continue through downtown on 75/Business, staying in right lane.
- Turn right at Young Street. Go 7 blocks west (proceed past City Hall and the library) to Griffin Street.
- Turn left at Griffin Street, 2 blocks to the Dallas Convention Center West. To park underground, go past the building and turn left at the light into the underground parking garage.

### From North Dallas (Stemmons Freeway):

- Take I-35/77/Stemmons Freeway south and exit at #428B (Woodall Rodgers Freeway).
- From Woodall Rodgers Freeway exit at Griffin Street. Go about 14 blocks south to the Dallas Convention Center West. To park underground, go past the building and turn left at the light into the underground parking garage.

### From North Dallas (Dallas North Tollway):

- Take the Dallas North Tollway south to its end.
- Continue on Harry Hines Boulevard, veering right to downtown.
- Move to the right lane taking Field Street and proceed, veering right to Griffin Street.
- Proceed south on Griffin Street, about 12 blocks, to the Dallas Convention Center West. To park underground, go past the building and turn left at the light into the underground parking garage.

### From East Dallas (Thornton Freeway):

- Take I-30/80/67 (East Thornton Freeway) west.
- As you approach downtown, move into the extreme left lane and exit from the left lane at #45 Ervay Street/Downtown.
- Continue across St. Paul Street, moving into one of the two right lanes.
- Turn right onto Ervay Street (a one-way street), staying to the left. Go two blocks.
- Turn left at Canton Street and proceed past City Hall two blocks to Griffin Street.
- Turn right at Griffin Street. To park in the Center's underground parking garage, turn right at the light where signs indicate Convention Center parking.

### From Fort Worth and the mid-cities (I-30/Old Dallas-Fort Worth Turnpike):

- Take I-30 east toward Dallas.
- Merge right into Lamar-Griffin cut-off (exit 45).
- Proceed to Cadiz-Griffin exit and, after the loop, follow Griffin Street approximately 4 blocks to the Dallas Convention Center. To park in the Center's underground parking garage, turn right at the light where signs indicate Convention Center parking.

### From Oak Cliff (Jefferson Street Bridge):

- Take I-35E/77/Thornton Freeway north and exit at #425C, Marsalis Avenue.
- Turn left at signal and proceed (1.2 miles) to Jefferson Street Bridge.
- Proceed across bridge and turn right at Young Street, first signal at end of bridge.
- Turn right at Griffin Street, two blocks to the Dallas Convention Center West. To park underground, go past the building and turn left at the light into the Center's underground parking garage.

### From Oak Cliff (Thornton Freeway):

- Take I-35E/77/Thornton Freeway north and exit at 428B, East I-30/75 Texarkana/Sherman.
- Follow signs to Lamar and Griffin Streets, taking Griffin/Cadiz exit.
- Follow Griffin Street approximately 3 blocks to the Dallas Convention Center. To park in the Center's underground parking garage, turn right at the light where signs indicate Convention Center parking.

### From South Dallas (Central Expressway/I-45):

- Take I-45/75 north past Pennsylvania Avenue/MLK Jr. Boulevard and stay in far right lane.
- Exit from right lane at 284A (West/South 30/80/67).
- Take I-30/80/67 west and exit from the right lane at #45/Ervay Street/Downtown.
- Continue across St. Paul, moving into one of the two right lanes.
- Turn right into Ervay Street (a one-way street), staying to left. Go two blocks.
- Turn left at Canton Street and proceed past City Hall two blocks to Griffin Street.
- Turn right at Griffin Street. To park in the Center's underground parking garage, turn right at the light where signs indicate Convention Center parking.



## Volunteer Wish List!

Instead of Margret Pearce's regular column, Year of the Volunteer, this issue contains our "wish list" items; each one in need of a member to come forward and say, "I'll do that!" If you see a job on this list that fits your particular time and talents, call the person indicated and VOLUNTEER. In the spirit of the holiday season, this is your chance to GIVE by becoming involved with your Society. (All phone numbers listed below are Dallas phone numbers, with an Area Code 214.)

- **Dorothy Bruce**, as DGS Workshops Registration Chairman, needs friendly, smiling volunteers who can help at the DGS Fall Symposium registration table by checking-in registrants. Requirements: show up by 8 A.M. on Saturday, 13 November and work approximately one hour. She also needs volunteers to perform the same duty at the DGS Spring Seminar next April. If you can help, call Dorothy at 239-4901.
  - **Leslie Collier**, as VP for membership, is seeking volunteers with people-skills to contact or write notes—to new members and first-time visitors at our regular meetings—just to say, "We're glad you joined us and is there anything we can tell you about the Society." Requirements: a few hours each month. If this is right up your alley, call Leslie at 341-5166.
  - **Sammie Lee**, as VP for the *DGS Newsletter*, needs three volunteers: one each to index a volume of the past three years newsletters (1991, 1992, 1993). These volumes must be indexed before they can be bound and put out for use at the Library. Requirements: a computer and an indexing program. Timeline: probably two to three days, depending on how fast you work. Call Sammie at 349-1435.
  - **Helen Lu**, as the Volunteer Desk Coordinator, needs friendly, smiling members to donate a few hours once a week or once a month to staff the DGS volunteer desk in the Genealogy Section. (For details, see page 101 in the September–October *DGS Newsletter*.) Volunteers receive free parking for the day they work. Join the growing number of members who are enjoying their time at
- the desk by calling Helen at 350-6586.
- **Shirley Sloat**, as Publicity Director, has a variety of jobs for volunteers, requiring a small amount of time all the way to major time donations: (1) Volunteers to help create a PC database of 600 library addresses; (2) Volunteers to help with occasional envelope stuffings; (3) Volunteers to help distribute publicity material to Dallas branch libraries, non-Dallas libraries, and LDS Family History Centers; (4) Volunteers with skills to create publicity posters and signs; (5) Volunteer with creativity and strong video experience to assist in working on possible preparation of a video explaining DPL genealogy resources; and (6) Volunteers to participate in occasional "blue sky" sessions to identify, evaluate, and perhaps implement publicity-related suggestions. Put your special skills to work by calling Shirley at 341-6629 or 349-4718.
- In her capacity as a volunteer coordinator for the Computer Interest Group, Shirley also needs a volunteer to create and maintain an inventory of genealogy-related computer bulletin board BBS's, along with information about how to log on, costs (if any), peculiarities, etc.
- **Joan Thompson**, as Books and Forms Director, needs volunteers to work at the DGS Table in the morning and between classes at the Fall Symposium on 13 November. Responsibilities are selling DGS books, forms, and other merchandise. She needs volunteers for the same jobs at the Spring Seminar in April. These are one-day, specific volunteer duties, and if you can help Joan, call her at 363-1718.
  - **John Wylie**, as Computer Interest Group Director, needs volunteers interested in helping with the Names Indexing Project of the Civil War Soldiers System Database (details in the September–October 1993 *DGS Newsletter*, page 101). This is a nationwide project to which DGS has said, "Yes, we'll help," but we need you to accomplish this monumental task. If you have a computer, we'll provide the software. John is also seeking people with computer "know-how" willing present programs for the Computer Interest Group. If this is your strong-suit, let John hear from you at 495-4410.

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Shirley Sloat wishes to thank the following volunteers who helped publicize the Fall Symposium by distributing Fall Symposium fliers to various area libraries: Marguerite Anderson, Rose Alyce Beasley, Nat Carr, Sandra Carr, Bernie Coffey, Leslie Collier, Lynn Fussell, Mary Givan, David Hankinson, Sharon Luckes, Peggy Maness, Marlene McCalla, Shirley Patterson, Don Raney, and Wanda Vent.



## News from the Dallas Public Library

### New Library Director

Ramiro S. Salazar has been named the Director of the Dallas Public Library system. Mr. Salazar officially began his new duties on 1 September 1993.

To introduce Mr. Salazar to Library staff and various nonprofit groups who support the Library, the Dallas Public Library Board held a reception in his honor on 21 September in the first-floor foyer of the Central Library. Present to meet and welcome him were various members of the Dallas Genealogical Society Board of Directors and the DGS Capital Expansion Project Committee. On behalf of DGS, president Bruce Moseley welcomed him to Dallas and invited him to attend the DGS September regular meeting.

Mr. Salazar has over twenty years experience in library management, supervision, and planning. Prior to coming to Dallas, he was Director of the El Paso Public Library. He has also served the San Antonio Public Library in supervisory positions. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A & I University in Kingsville and a Masters in Library Science from Texas Women's University in Denton.

DGS is very positive about Mr. Salazar's



DGS President Bruce Moseley welcomes  
DPL Director Ramiro S. Salazar to Dallas.

appointment as Director of Dallas Public Libraries and looks forward to working with him as we move forward with our 1994 expansion plans for the Genealogy Section.

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### New Texas Indexes

The Genealogy Section has acquired the following statewide indexes on microfiche:

- Texas marriages, 1966-1991
- Texas divorces, 1968-1991
- Texas deaths, 1964-1991

In many instances, the index to deaths lists the Social Security number of the deceased and the maiden names of married females.

There are no earlier statewide mandated lists of marriages or divorces for Texas. For marriages prior to 1966 and divorces prior to 1968, one must go to the county in which the event took place to locate the data. Marriage records are held in the County Clerk's office and divorce records in the District Clerk's office.

The Genealogy Section also owns on microfilm the index to Texas deaths from 1903 to 1973 and the index to Texas births from 1903 to 1976, as well as the probated birth indexes.

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### For Members Only

Free extra copies of the *DGS Newsletter* are no longer available in the DPL Genealogy Section for nonmembers. The newsletter is only available through membership in DGS. This is part of DGS's emphasis on increasing the benefits of membership in the Society.

Newsletter highlights are being published in the *DGS News Extra*, a monthly one-page flier to be produced under the editorship of Linda Shaddock Rogers. Free copies of *DGS News Extra* are available to members and nonmembers at the DGS Volunteer Desk in the Genealogy Section.

Genealogy Section patrons, who are not members of DGS, will have access to the Library's copy of the *DGS Newsletter*.

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## Professional Researchers Questionnaire

The Dallas Genealogical Society's 1994 list of DGS members who perform genealogical research for a fee will be available 1 January 1994. This list is sent by DGS to persons requesting information about professional researchers in our area.

To have your name and services included on the professional researchers list, please complete the following questionnaire and return to DGS on or before 1 December 1993 for inclusion in the January-February 1994 newsletter.

DGS does not endorse or recommend any researcher. DGS is not responsible for their claims, work, or services. The professional researchers list is provided as a service to DGS members and to those requesting the names of members who will conduct research for a fee. All arrangements and contracts must be made between the researcher and the client.

### Questionnaire

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please state number of years you have been working as a genealogical researcher:

- \_\_\_\_ Your own research  
 \_\_\_\_ As a professional researcher

2. Professional Memberships

- \_\_\_\_ Certified by the Board for Certification of Genealogists  
 Certification: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Member of the Association for Professional Genealogists  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please list localities in which you specialize:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Please check types of research you will perform:

\_\_\_\_ A. All types of research

or Specify:

- \_\_\_\_ B. Record searches  
 \_\_\_\_ C. Courthouse research  
 \_\_\_\_ D. 20th-Century research  
 \_\_\_\_ E. Newspapers/Obituaries  
 \_\_\_\_ F. Multi-generation lineages  
 \_\_\_\_ G. Lineage papers  
 \_\_\_\_ H. Compile family histories/genealogies for publication  
 \_\_\_\_ I. Adoption research  
 \_\_\_\_ J. Ethnic research  
 \_\_\_\_ K. Heraldry  
 \_\_\_\_ L. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please check repositories/areas where you will research:

- \_\_\_\_ M. Dallas Public Library  
 \_\_\_\_ N. Fort Worth Regional Branch of the National Archives  
 \_\_\_\_ O. Texas State Library and Archives in Austin  
 \_\_\_\_ P. Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah  
 \_\_\_\_ Q. Local LDS Family History Centers  
 \_\_\_\_ R. Dallas County Courthouse  
 \_\_\_\_ S. University Libraries:  
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 \_\_\_\_ T. Cemeteries  
 \_\_\_\_ U. Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Please indicate whether you prepare written reports for clients:

- \_\_\_\_ V. Yes  
 \_\_\_\_ W. No

7. Please indicate how you generally charge for research:

- \_\_\_\_ X. Hourly fee  
 \_\_\_\_ Y. Set fee  
 \_\_\_\_ Z. Negotiable



## Family Surname Periodical Publications

*At one time or another, most of us have subscribed to genealogical periodicals known as surname or one-name family publications. They are popular with family researchers, because (1) they put "researching cousins" in touch with each other; and (2) they present a forum for family stories, traditions, and genealogical information. The focus can be for anyone interested in a particular surname or all descendants of a particular progenitor.*

*When DGS member Barbara Brixey Wylie began publication of the award-winning Brixey Bulletin, her mailing list, other than herself, consisted of two known Brixey researchers. Now in her third year, the mailing list has grown through word of mouth and by using the free listing services of publications such as Everton's Genealogical Helper.<sup>1</sup> We asked Barbara to share some thoughts on beginning and producing a surname periodical with our DGS members who may be contemplating their own such publication.*

*If you currently produce a family surname publication, you may want to share some of your ideas. We will print any new hints and information in an upcoming newsletter.*

### The *Brixey Bulletin* by Barbara Brixey Wylie \*

#### ASSESSMENT:

1. As far as we three knew (and we've still found no hint to the contrary), all Brixey's in this country descend from one indentured servant who arrived in September 1773 and is said to have died in the mid-1780s. He had two sons and one daughter.
  - A. The daughter's descendants have a different surname, as do children born to females descending from the two sons. This is a small pool from which to garner subscribers. My intent is to interest and involve everyone possible.
  - B. If all Brixey's in the United States descend from one couple, then we are identifiable as a *family*.
2. More people are interested in family than in genealogy.
  - A. Since one brother's descendants cluster in Tennessee and the other brother's descendants cluster in southern Missouri and spill over the border into Arkansas, most know four or five generations of relatives—that's genealogy and they don't realize it.
  - B. These people are interested in reunions and significant events happening today. That is tomorrow's family history!
  - C. Knowing which family members care about the old Bibles, obituaries stored in a shoe box, and photographs will increase the likelihood of these items finding their way to those who will safeguard them. That's preserving family history!

#### PLAN:

1. Everyone likes a turn in the spotlight.
  - A. Encourage participation by inviting readers to submit material and make sure their names are listed as the contributor/author.
  - B. Find ways to include biographical information about family members—hobbies, careers, adventures, etc.
2. Provide a service to family members.
  - A. Update addresses.
  - B. Announce events, such as births, weddings, deaths, family reunions, and honors.
3. Respect all material contributed.
  - A. Acknowledge as editorial policy that opinions may differ, but they must be courteous. Nearly every family story has some truth to it; and, as it is retold over time, details vary. We see a person in relationship to ourselves. The example I use is: "Aunt Fannie sees Harrison Brixey as the young nephew she was big enough to diaper and burp. My mother sees him as the handsome young man she married. I see him as my father who let me tag along after him, held me on his lap, and once spanked me. Each of us shares a different part of his life."
  - B. Don't overedit. Clean up the spelling; add (or delete) punctuation or a word or two here and there, but make sure it retains the voice of the writer. People will respond, "That sounded so much like him. I remember him sitting in that big rocking chair on the front



porch telling those stories." That sort of identification is worth more than a literary masterpiece. Sometimes I resort to "...", which leaves the impression that the material was shortened for lack of space when actually I just couldn't bring myself to include that part.

- C Educate gently. Include methodology in filler articles or in describing how this bit of information was found. Since I include bibliographies and cite sources in the articles I write, people began to include these with their material. In this, as in editing, a heavy hand will intimidate and stifle participation, but a light touch can guide.
4. Encourage the concept of preserving the history being made today.

**IMPLEMENTATION: (Italics indicates a regular column in the *Brixey Bulletin* that covers this.)**

1. Send a pedigree chart and family group sheet to each new subscriber. Ask for a paragraph or two about that subscriber to print with the chart. *Ancestor Charts*.
2. Honor birthdays and wedding anniversaries. Keep it manageable by setting limits. I use 70 or older for birthdays and 40 or more for anniversaries. Including hit tunes, news events of that year, etc., encourages people to "remember when." *Bulletin Board*.
3. Spread the word about family reunions. *Bulletin Board*.
4. Print changes of address and requests for Cousin So-and-So's address. *The Cousin Connector*.
5. Follow up previous articles by printing comments received about them. *Responses from Readers*.
6. Strive to include something about several major lines in each issue. Vary the time period also. People who died ca. 1920-1945 were known to some of the readers and even the "non-genealogists" will describe someone they knew.
7. Include something of interest to the non-genealogist in each issue.
  - A. Anecdotes
  - B. Weddings, deaths, and births
  - C. Family recipes
  - D. Random thoughts, favorite poems, quotations. *Memories, Musings, and Meditations*.
8. Photos and copies of documents attract attention.
9. At the end of each year, add a cover, cumulative table of contents, and cumulative index and offer the volume for sale. New subscribers often buy all back issues. (Originally, I numbered the pages of each issue's index. This year I'm not numbering the individual index pages. When I do the annual volume, I will omit the individual index pages as there is a cumulative index.)

**STYLE:**

1. I use WordPerfect for Windows except for charts, which I do in Roots III or RPlot if the copy sent by the subscriber won't copy well. There are good desktop publishing programs on the market, but I use WPWin for manuscripts and correspondence because it is comfortable.
  2. The best price on photocopying in our part of town (Garland) is Office Depot. They have a special rate for 100 copies or more. Shop your neighborhood for the best bargain in quick-prints. A publishing company is out of the question unless you have a very large circulation.
  3. Theoretically, these can be folded and labels placed on the back page. In practice, the post office always mangles several copies if I don't use an envelope.
  4. Not everyone approves, but I use upper case letters for surnames. I do this because many send me handwritten correspondence. Since I use upper case, they print surnames in capital letters—much easier for me to distinguish between surnames and middle names that were borrowed from surnames.
- Good luck with your venture into publishing. Most of all, have fun with it.

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**NOTES:**

<sup>1</sup> *Genealogical Helper* (Logan, UT: Everton Publishing Company). Each year the March-April issue includes, as a free service, an annual list of family associations and their leaders and an annual list of family periodical publications. Another source to consult for listings of family associations and surname publications is Elizabeth Petty Bentley, *Directory of Family Associations* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1991-92), biannual.



## Guide to Resources in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library

### The Historical Records Survey Program of the W.P.A.

By Linda Shaddock Rogers

**Overview** The Historical Records Survey Program of the Works Projects Administration was undertaken during the Great Depression of the 1930s for the purpose of providing useful employment for unemployed historians, lawyers, teachers, researchers, and clerical workers. The project compiled inventories of historical materials from each of the 48 states. From 1936-1943, hundreds of volumes were published. Much of the material inventoried may have now been lost or destroyed; however, the guides are invaluable in locating records not readily accessed.

**Content** The Historical Records Survey established a standard for cataloging and publishing inventories of records. The types of records cataloged and published by the project were:

1. Directories of churches and religious organizations; church records/archives.
2. Federal, state, county, municipal, and town records/archives.
3. Manuscript records, microfilmed records, and miscellaneous data.

Inventories of county records were published in series but not all counties in the state were published before discontinuance of the program. A county inventory will include:

1. Historical sketch of the county.
2. Housing, care and accessibility of the records.
3. County offices and their records (citations to the act or law establishing the record).
4. List of county officers (from earliest times to time of publication).
5. Bibliography and index.

As an example, the county inventory of Hot Spring County, Arkansas, begins (after preface, and table of contents) with hand-drawn pictures of the county courthouses, other county buildings, and the town of Rockport in the year 1860. Each county office is inventoried with a brief statement of when the office was organized. Footnoted citations are given to the law or act authorizing the organization. Item 62. of Miscellaneous Records, notes RECORD OF NOTICES OF ADOPTION 1844, 1850, 1871, 1881, 1883. Further description lists that these are records of notices that a child was legally adopted by a family and made a legal heir. The record also gives the place of birth, name, age, sex of child, name of parents or institution. The notation states that these are recorded in the Deed Records and cites the appropriate volumes.

**Location** The Genealogy Collection owns published county inventories of many states. These books are kept in the limited access stacks.

**Aids** The inventories can be accessed by consulting the card catalog or computer for the state and county of interest under subject ARCHIVES—STATE—COUNTY. The final listing of Historical Records Survey publications is found in *Bibliography of Research Projects Reports; Check List of Historical Records Survey Publications* prepared in 1943 by Sargent B. Child and Dorothy P. Holmes. The call number is R016.973 U58WB.



## Bulletin Board

*Do you have information you would like to share with other genealogical researchers in DGS? Have you found a "good deal" in genealogy, a rare library, a new source? If so, send the information to us. This column is your forum for exchange. Please send original information only and include the source.*

*Send to: Bulletin Board Editor; DGS; P.O. Box 12648; Dallas, TX 75225-0648*

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### Norwegian Family Histories

The newly opened Norwegian Emigration Center in Stavanger, Norway, has compiled church records, emigrant registers, censuses, and bygdebokers from all over Norway to aid in genealogical research. The Emigration Center would appreciate the donation of Norwegian and Norwegian-American family histories to add to their collection and to aid others in their genealogical work. If you or someone in your family has compiled a family history, the Emigration Center would greatly appreciate receiving a copy. They are also be happy to help you in your genealogical research.

Address: The Emigration Center; Hotel Atlantic; Vernbavenl; 4000 Stavanger, Norway.

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### Holiday Gift Ideas

Are you stumped when your family begs for a few hints for holiday shopping for you? Consider passing along your list of "must-have" genealogical books and supplies and pointing out that nothing would make you happier. Keep in mind that Preservation Emporium is happy to special-order books and materials for you if your heart's desire is not in their inventory. Gift certificates are also available in any amount.

Address: Preservation Emporium; 2600 N. Stemmons Freeway (in the northeast quadrant of Stemmons and Motor Street). Phone: 331-8902.

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### Early Medical Terms

Death records, letters, and obituaries may leave you wondering exactly what did affect your ancestors. This list appears in the Summer, 1993,

newsletter of the Carolina Genealogical Society:

Aphonia – Laryngitis  
 Camp Fever – Typhus  
 Coryza – Common cold  
 Costiveness – Constipation  
 Cramp Colic – Appendicitis  
 French Pox – Venereal disease  
 Hip Gout – Osteomyelitis  
 Jail Fever – Typhus  
 King's Evil – Scrofula (below)  
 Green Sickness – Anemia  
 Flux of Humor – Circulation  
 Lues Venera – Venereal disease  
 Putrid Fever – Diphtheria  
 Quinsy – Tonsillitis  
 Remitting Fever – Malaria  
 Screws – Rheumatism  
 Scrofula – Tubercular infection of lymph glands of the throat  
 Ship's Fever – Typhus  
 Strangery – Rupture  
 Venesection – Bleeding

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### NGS Writing Contest

The National Genealogical Society has announced its eighth annual family history writing contest. You need not be a member of the NGS to enter your family's history. All submissions are to be placed in the NGS Library; judging is by a panel of experts. The prize is an all expense-paid trip to the 1994 NGS Conference in the States in Houston next June.

Your manuscript must be typed or printed in 10- or 12-pitch type on one side of the paper, with one-inch margins on all sides. It should be double-spaced and contain between 4,000 and 10,000 words. Specific requirements are found in the July-August 1993 *NGS Newsletter*, pp. 103-105. The 1992 winner was printed in the December 1992 issue of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, available in the Genealogy Section of the DPL.

There is a recommended book on preparing your family history for publication available from the NGS. It is *Write Your Family History, Second Edition, Revised*, by Carmen J. Finley. The cost is \$5.00 postpaid.

Address: NGS Family History Writing Contest; 4527 17th Street, North; Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

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## State-wide Research Guides

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has prepared a series of research outlines for each of the fifty states, plus many foreign countries. These are amazingly detailed and are specific to the state covered. For example, the New Jersey Research Outline is twenty-four pages in length and includes names and addresses of libraries and archives (did you know that the New Jersey Reference Division of the Newark Public Library will search and copy obituaries for this area in response to queries by letter?); information on Bible records collections; cemeteries; state and federal censuses (including information on substitutes for missing NJ censuses); a history of religion in the state, with addresses of the NJ church archives for major denominations; an explanation of the court structure and records in each; an outline of immigration patterns into the state; explanation of land records (very complicated here when compared to other states) and their current location; recommended maps with addresses for obtaining them; military history and bibliography; survey of New Jersey genealogical periodicals, etc.

All of this information and more can be had for 25¢ per state research outline requested. These may be ordered directly from the library distribution center, by fax or over the telephone (with a major credit card).

Address: Salt Lake Distribution Center; 1990 West 1700 South; Salt Lake City, UT 84104-4233.

Fax number: 801/240-3685.

Phone orders: 800/537-5950. There is a \$2 service charge for phone orders only.

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## New York Vital Records

New York can be difficult for distant researchers, and requests for their vital records seem to take forever...at least to an information-starved genealogist. The state archives has announced a new vital records index search at a manageable \$5 cost. Note that this does not purchase the vital record certificate itself, but does allow researchers to more economically determine if the desired record exists.

The index covers the entire state (except New York City, plus Albany, Buffalo and Yonkers prior to 1914). Years covered are 1880/81-1943 for marriages and deaths, and 1881-1918 for births. You will be given the date, place and Department of

Health certificate number for each event found. Searches are conducted for up to a three-year time period for each event. The search request form is available by mail. Genealogists may also search the index themselves during weekday business hours in the State Archives research room of the Cultural Education Center in Albany, NY.

Address: New York State Archives; Cultural Education Center 11D40; Albany, NY 12230.

Phone: 518/474-8955.

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## Organizing for a Research Trip

Have you ever planned a research trip and found that it takes as long to get your research files ready to go as it does to be there? Barbara Renick makes an excellent suggestion for computer genealogists in an article explaining her approach to making full use of PAF in the July-August 1993 *NGS Newsletter*, pp.11-13. She does organize her notes in a standard format, which she calls a *template*, making data retrieval simpler. However, her easiest idea would work in any genealogical software program that has a focus or search feature. She creates a note category (!RESIDED in PAF parlance) in which she jots down the localities where an ancestral family lived. Another category (called !2DO in her files) lists the status of the research for that family and mentions what paths and records to follow next.

When she is ready to make a research trip, or even to go to the library, she asks her computer to focus on and print one or both categories. This way she's always ready to make best use of her research time on any venture and never loses her train of thought in following her ancestors.

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## Invaluable Help

Arkansas produced not only our current President, but also Desmond Walls Allen, a crackerjack genealogist and teacher. She has written, with Carolyn Earle Billingsley, an inexpensive booklet called *Beginner's Guide to Family History Research*, that will smooth the path of any novice. This is available locally at Preservation Emporium and by mail from AGLL for under \$7.

Address: American Genealogical Lending Library; P.O. Box 244; Bountiful, UT 84010.

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## 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 2648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648.

- MITCHELL  
MAYNARD  
HARRIS  
HARDISON  
LONG  
WILKINS  
SMITH** We recently rescued some genealogy notebooks and files from a Dallas estate sale and would like to get information back to their families. Some of the people mentioned in them were:  
A) Anna M. MITCHELL, born 1882, MO; and died 1974, TX. She married (1) Frank MAYNARD, born 1882, MO; and (2) John HARRIS, born 1883, MO; and died 1951, TX.  
B) Henry R. MITCHELL, born 1853, died 1910 in Beaver Co., TX; and wife Julia HARDISON, born 1859 and died 1926, OK.  
Flea market find: 1911 photo of Harry S. and Julia (WILKINS) SMITH, married 07 Aug 1910 in West Dallas, TX.  
Frances and Milita C. Lindell; 7324 Clemson; Dallas, TX 75214
- SMITH  
BREWSTER  
FLANNAGAN  
JOHNSON** Will share information on the following people: Samuel P. SMITH and Hannah Caroline BREWSTER, who were married 19 Dec 1848 in Tallapoosa Co., AL. After the death of Samuel, Hannah married Michael FLANNAGAN in Lafayette Co., MS (1865). Then she married Robert M. JOHNSON in the same place in 1876.  
Frances and Milita C. Lindell; 7324 Clemson; Dallas, TX 75214
- PATRICK  
FOSTER** Seeking information on parents of G. W. PATRICK, born 25 Aug 1838 in Crittendon, KY; died 07 May 1891, Lancaster, Dallas, TX; and his wife, Louisa A. (FOSTER - ?). Patrick was born 10 Sep 1833 in KY; and died 16 Aug 1891 in Lancaster, TX. They moved from KY to TX around 1882. Both are buried in the Edgewood Cemetery, Lancaster, TX.  
Ms. Linda Burgess; 620 Antioch Rd.; Powder Springs, GA 30073
- HUDSON  
HEFNER** Seeking information/descendants of the HUDSON and HEFNER families of Hunt Co., TX, especially descendants of John Newton HUDSON and Rosa Elizabeth HEFNER who were married 05 Apr 1884 in Hunt Co., TX.  
William E. Bowers, III; 510 Thistleton Terrace; Frankfort, KY 40601
- BOWERS** Seeking information about John Wesley BOWERS and wife Elizabeth. They lived in Hunt Co., TX 1897-1904 and Hill Co., TX 1910-1912. They later moved to OK.  
William E. Bowers, III, 510 Thistleton Terrace, Frankfort, KY 40601
- KEIST/  
KIEST** Would appreciate any information regarding KEIST/KIEST family of Dallas, TX: William F. Kiest, secretary-treasurer of *The Dallas Times Herald*, died 20 Apr 1927 in Dallas; Ruby Kiest, funeral service 02 Oct 1970 in Dallas; Edwin J. Kiest, founder of *The Dallas Times Herald*. Any information on a park in Dallas named and donated by KEIST/KIEST?  
Barbara Keist McClenny; 162 Ocean Blvd.; Naples, FL 33942
- HUGHES  
CONNELL** Seeking information on Francis E. HUGHES, born in 1885 in Chunky, MS, and died in Brownwood, TX, in 1905. She was the daughter of Dr. L. HUGHES. Francis married George Tinsley CONNELL of Brownwood, TX in 1875. They were listed on the 1870 census in Chunky.  
George T. Connell; 7320 Turtle Creek; Dallas, TX 75225
- GANNAWAY  
BEAVER** Seeking marriage information on John Wesley GANNAWAY family who lived in Dallas Co. and died in Runnels Co., TX. J. W. married (1) Janus S. BEAVER circa 1870-71 and (2) Margaret E. BEAVER circa 1874. I need information on these marriages.  
Tresa Ritch; 1912 Coleman #2; Snyder, TX 79549



## Terri's Hints for Writing Queries

by Terri Mulliken Allen, Queries Editor

Query. That's a funny name isn't it? No, it's not a place to look for big rocks. It's where you turn to for help with your genealogical questions when you hit the proverbial "dead end." There are probably others out there looking for the same families you are. Queries are a way to get together and exchange information since you are both working toward the same goal: finding those ancestors? How do you get your query read by the right person—the one who might have the answers you need?

Hint # 1: Place a query where it will be seen by the right researchers. For starters, place one with the genealogical society in the area where your ancestors lived. Also, state societies usually published newsletter query columns. Don't forget the national publications, such as the National Genealogical Society's *NGS Newsletter* and Everton's *Genealogical Helper*.<sup>1</sup>

Hint # 2: Some societies require you to be a member to place a query. Others charge a fee for nonmembers. If you don't know their policy, enclose a check for \$3.00 to \$5.00; it helps to defray costs and is always greatly appreciated.

Hint # 3: Write the query so that it will be read. Unless your penmanship is that of an elementary school teacher, then please TYPE your

query. PLEASE don't type in all capital letters; it is difficult to read. It's like "shouting." Do, however, type all last names in capital letters.

Hint # 4: The columnist doesn't need to guess at your intent. Is the writer saying Jan or Jun? Unless requested to do so by the publication, do not use abbreviations in your query. Leave this to the query editor.

Hint # 5: Keep your words to a minimum. You don't need to write your family's history, since space is usually limited in the query section. Get to the point! Keep to the newspaperman's credo: Who, What, When, Where and Why.

Hint # 6: It's very important to name a location and an approximate year when your family was in that location. List maiden names if you know them.

Happy hunting!

### NOTE:

<sup>1</sup> To locate state and local genealogical societies, consult Mary K. Meyers, *Directory of Genealogical Societies in the United States and Canada* (Mt. Airy, MD: the editor, 1990) 8th Edition.

**GRISSOM  
McCORMICK  
TUGGLE**

Searching for information on George Washington and Martha Clementine (McCormick) GRISSOM. Trying to locate burial site for them. George W. died between 1893-1900. Martha died after 1910. Cannot obtain death certificates. Also attempting to locate burial sites for their children: Albert Lee GRISSOM, died 31 Mar 1939; and Sarah Jane (GRISSOM) TUGGLE, died 25 Sep 1942.

Regina Roper; 405 NE 10th Ave.; Gainesville, FL 32601

**HYDE  
GRAY  
GRISSOM  
CAMPBELL  
BALLOU**

Searching for descendants of Lucinda M. (GRAY) HYDE through her children: John Thomas HYDE married Tereasdia A. GRISSOM; Mary Jane HYDE married William H. CAMPBELL; Robert Louis HYDE married Norah BALLOU. HYDEs originally came from Princeton, Caldwell Co., KY, and probably before that from Davidson Co., TN.

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**GROSS  
FORD  
KELLEY  
RUYLE**

Seeking information on Samuel H. GROSS and his wife Sarah FORD. They were in Dallas Co., TX, in 1880, where daughters Nancy Ellen GROSS married 22 Aug 1880 to James KELLEY and Mary GROSS married 3 Oct 1880 to Wm. P. RUYLE. Also, need information on Wm. P. RUYLE. Ellen Byrne; Rt. 1, Box 69-1A; Juliaetta, ID 83535



**YOUNG  
COUNTS  
FREY  
GLISSON  
BARRON/  
BARROW  
TAYLOR  
AGNEW**

Seeking information on Henry and Lydia (YOUNG) COUNTS in Erath Co., TX 1860. Children: Joel, Permelia, Rutha Jane [FREY], Martha, Olivia [GLISSON], John, Sarah, Ama. Joel was in Taylor Co., TX in 1900. Children: Maud, Lidia, Henry, Ernest. Olivia [GLISSON] children: Haywood, Fred in Erath Co., TX, in 1900. Also, looking for Mary Jane YOUNG who married Andrew BARRON/BARROW in Missouri. Left (for Texas ?) circa 1855. Also, what is the TAYLOR connection in Oaklawn (?) Cemetery in Cisco, TX, to the Zylphia Ann AGNEW, who is buried on their lot? She died 1891, the wife of Joseph N. YOUNG from Missouri.  
Linda Young Nehring; 1154 Prigge Ave.; St. Louis, MO 63138

**JONES  
FELD  
NEHRING**

Where is Timothy Oran JONES, born June 1951 in Kimble Co., TX; son of Hilda or Olive FELD and Ernest JONES? Last address for Ernest JONES in 1961 was Victoria, TX. Timothy's mother was the daughter of Harry and Hilda (NEHRING) FELD, who went to Kimble Co., TX, in 1943. Hilda died and was buried there in 1943. Where in that county is the Catholic cemetery? St. Louis relatives of Hilda (NEHRING) FELD want to make contact with their Texas cousins.  
Linda Young Nehring; 1154 Prigge Ave.; St. Louis, MO 63138

**EVANS  
McDONALD  
DYER  
WAY  
PEIRCE/  
PRICE**

Seeking descendants of Bryant L. EVANS; married Mary J. McDONALD in 1877 in Collin Co., TX. They lived in Trenton, Blue Ridge, and Mineral Wells, TX. Bryant died in Burkburnett, TX., in 1928; Mary died in 1939 in Mineral Wells. Children: Louisa, Rue, David, Lillie DYER, Endee E. Two daughters were alive in 1939, one married to Charlie WAY, the other Lou PIERCE/PRICE of Mineral Wells.  
Craig McDonald; 77 Washington St.; Marblehead, MA 01945-3529

**WEBB  
HUGHES**

Isaac B. WEBB and his wife Mary HUGHES, arrived in Farmers Branch, Dallas Co., TX, in 1844; Isaac's subsequent life as an early Dallas County pioneer was well documented, notably in his diary. Isaac's father was Solomon WEBB, born circa 1775, who was documented in Maury County during 1813-37, including the 1830 census and several land records. Isaac claimed to have been born in Sullivan Co., TN, in 1802. Little is documented about his siblings or mother, but his diary provides tantalizing clues about them. Isaac had nine children who survived to adulthood, eight of whom married children of other early settlers in Farmers Branch, most of whom are buried in the Webb Chapel cemetery. Wish to exchange information with Isaac's descendants and anyone having knowledge of Solomon's origins.  
Clifford C. Neilson; 3703 Moss Brooke Court; Fairfax, VA 22031-3229

**SCOTT  
HENDERSON  
RHEA**

Seeking to find information and parentage of Martha Jane SCOTT, born 1849 in Kentucky; died 1886 in Kentucky. She married Joel HENDERSON (1845-1916) in 1869. Are Martha's parents John Perry SCOTT (1820-1892) and Evaline RHEA (1825-1880)? Martha's mother is supposedly Indian; what tribe?  
Donna Verner; 6416 Gardenia; Rowlett, TX 75088

**CLEMENT  
TREEVER/  
TEAVER/  
TEIBERT/  
TEIBER**

Seeking information on CLEMENT and TREEVER/TEAVER/TEIBERT/TEIBER families:  
Thomas J. CLEMENT, born 1827, AL; married Mary Jane TEAVER, born 1839, TN.  
William A. TEAVER, born 1842, TN; married L. J. (nmn) TEAVER, born 1852, TX.  
Frank CLEMENT, born 1831, TN; married Martha (nmn) CLEMENT, born 1831, TN.  
All three men served in the Titus County Rangers in the Civil War. Living with Thomas J. CLEMENT: (1) C. A. (female) CLEMENT, born 1849, AL; (2) Josephine TEAVER, born 1848, AR. On the 1880 census, William A. TEAVER and L. J. TEAVER had the following children: M. J. (female), born 1868, TX; F. M. (female), born 1870, TX; J. M. (female), born 1872, TX; M. (female), born 1878, TX.  
Alvin H. Clement; 6551 Shadybrook, #3258; Dallas, TX 75206; 214/368-3644.



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