

# DGS NEWSLETTER

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## DGS Regional Conference 1994 *Your Future in the Past*

Everything you always wanted in a workshop...and more. Mark the weekend of 18-19 November as the highlight of your fall schedule, for advance plans promise that this workshop is the biggest and best yet. We think we've taken an excellent event and nudged it into something stupendous. Just wait until you see what's about to be unveiled. Certainly, there's an outstanding array of lectures, but that doesn't even scratch the surface. Let's back up and start over. In the first place we have a new name; we're now the *DGS Regional Conference 1994/Your Future in the Past*. Fiddle-de-de, you say. Well, it does mean a lot - a regional conference lasts more than just one day and attracts participants from outside the metropolitan area, even from outside the state. Our fall symposium has grown too much to be contained. Let's acknowledge and enjoy the reach of our efforts.

### **Beginner' workshop on Saturday, 1 October**

We have now spilled over to include a separate **beginner's workshop on Saturday, 1 October**. Not only that, but these lucky beginners get a special one-time offer: they may choose to attend both the October and November sessions for the same price. Now is the time for you to stir up your friends who "have been fixin' to get started" on their family history. Never has there been a better opportunity. Our beginners get an introduction to this delicious madness called genealogy; seven weeks into their research they a second dose. By then they should be as wrapped up as the rest of us. (Perhaps one of them will be researching your lines....) Planned and directed by Sammie Townsend Lee, this one's a winner! If you know of a novice who needs to be certain that all of his bases are covered, send him one of the Beginner's Workshop flyers found at our library, or call and ask the staff to mail him one.

### **DGS Service Awards dinner on Friday, 18 November**

It's about time! This most exciting new wrinkle in our fall plans is for *everyone* and happens Friday, 18 November, the night before blast-off at the Convention Center. DGS takes a much-needed step into the community. We're scheduling a wonderful evening at Royal Oaks Country Club. At 6:00 sharp we begin with a mix-and-mingle reception, followed by dinner at 7:00 P.M. (and, oh-la-la, what the chef has promised), then something we've needed to do for years - admit that we, like our ancestors, aren't here alone. Not to spill the beans, but don't be surprised if all those volunteer hours someone or ones have endured for the good of the rest of us aren't finally recognized. There may or may not be something outside our Society's usual interests that deserves special commendation as well. But you'll have to be there to find out who gets our first "academy awards."

Beyond the expected pie or cheesecake are not one, but two, genealogical "desserts." Dr. Jerry Henderson, chief archaeologist for Freedman's Cemetery, will dazzle us with a slide show of this fascinating project. She proves that there is, indeed, a closet archaeologist lurking inside every genealogist. Judging by her own new-found interest in tracking ancestors and descendants, Jerry stands as proof that there is also a closet genealogist inside every archaeologist.

And last but hardly least as a highlight of our evening **Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley** takes to the podium ready to send us home in stitches. No one can follow Rose-Mary; she's one of a kind. The funniest woman in Dallas, she will debut a new subject and a new book on local cemeteries, *Here Lies Dallas*. If you're not relaxed, happy, and ready to do some serious genealogy at the end of all of this, then you were never meant for this pursuit.

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# 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.

### Membership:

Individuals, libraries, or societies may apply for membership. **Dues are \$15 for twelve consecutive months with membership beginning the month of payment.** 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. Copy deadline for the November-December 1994 *DGS Newsletter* is 1 October 1994. 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.

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## DGS Fall Programs

### New! Problem-Solving Sessions

By popular request, we will kick off all monthly meetings with a "problem-solving techniques" session. Bring those genealogical teasers and we'll try to solve our research problems together. The sessions begin one-half hour before each meeting and will be held in the East-West Room of the Dallas Public Library. Hope to see you there!

### Regular Meetings

#### Tax Records As a Research Source

**Date:** Monday, 26 September 1994  
**Time:** 7:00 P.M.  
**Speaker:** Pat Hatcher  
**Topic:** *The Tax Man Cometh—Year after Year after Year*

A typical male ancestor was born once, died once, married at least once, but rarely more than thrice, bought a few pieces of land and was visited by the census-taker every ten years. But then, as today, he usually paid annual taxes. Where these records survive (Kentucky, Virginia, Mississippi and Texas, for example), they sometimes can provide sought-after information about birth, marriage and death and can help solve a "same-man-same-name" problem.

#### Research in the 20th Century

**Date:** Monday, 24 October 1994  
**Time:** 11:00 A.M.  
**Speaker:** Joy Dickerson  
**Topic:** *Twentieth Century Records*

Did you know you can obtain information from drivers license records, voters' registration and Social Security records? Joy will share her knowledge of these records and how to tap these "modern-day" sources and to overcome research roadblocks when many records are protected by privacy statutes.

### The "Gold Mine" of East Texas

**Date:** Monday, 28 November 1994  
**Time:** 7:00 P.M.  
**Speaker:** John Sellers  
**Topic:** *Research in Northeast Texas*

Did your ancestors hail from Louisiana, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi or Alabama? Did they emigrate to Texas or pass through on their way west? There is a good possibility that those ancestors made their way through northeast Texas. The East Texas Archives is a gold mine for researching that area and the records our ancestors left behind. John has "mined" this part of the state for years and has some wonderful tips you will not want to miss.

### Computer Interest Group Meetings

Please see the article on page 105 for the schedule of DGS/CIG fall programs.

### Call For Volunteers!

The Dallas Public Library has begun preparing for its 1995 Annual Book Sale. Volunteers are needed to sort, price and box books at the Central Public Library on Floor L-1 on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from July until 11 November 1994. After the first of the year, volunteers will be needed every Saturday morning through March.

A great number of DGS members assisted The Friends of the Library during its 1994 sale, and we hope to continue this support. If you have questions about this volunteer project, please contact Fran Burke at 670-1789. If you have a few spare hours on a Saturday, just show up and please identify yourself as a member of DGS.

## 1994-1995 DGS Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY/DATE/ LOCATION	TIME	SPEAKER(S)	PROGRAM OR INFORMATION
DGS/CIG Meeting	Thursday, 8 Sep 1994 DPL Auditorium	6:30 P.M.	Mike Basham	<i>Publishing Your Family History Using GEN-BOOK</i>
Regular Meeting	Monday, 26 Sep 1994 DPL Auditorium	7:00 P.M.	Pat Hatcher	<i>The Tax Man Cometh -- Year after Year after Year</i>
13th Annual Beginners Workshop	Saturday, 1 Oct 1994 DPL Auditorium	9:00 A.M.- 4:15 P.M.	Barbara Baylis, Leslie Collier, Sammie Lee and Mary Reid Warner	Getting Started & Reviewing the Basics of Genealogical Research
DGS/CIG Meeting	Thursday, 13 Oct 1994 DPL Auditorium	6:30 P.M.	Joe Sissom	<i>Bulletin Boards and On-Line Services</i>
Regular Meeting	Monday, 24 Oct 1994 DPL Auditorium	11:00 A.M.	Joy Dickerson	<i>Researching 20th Century Records</i>
DGS/CIG Meeting	Thursday, 10 Nov 1994 DPL Auditorium	6:30 P.M.	Shirley Sloat	<i>Tiny Tafel Matching System</i>
DGS Service Awards Banquet	Friday, 18 Nov 1994 Royal Oaks Country Club	6:00 P.M. Reception; 7:00 P.M. Dinner	Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley Dr. Jerry Henderson	<i>Here Lies Dallas! The Freedman's Cemetery Project</i>
DGS Regional Conference 1994	Saturday, 19 Nov 1994 Convention Center	9:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.	See insert in this newsletter for the exciting details	Topics for all levels of research will be included

### **Meeting information:**

**Regular Meetings:** Unless otherwise indicated, DGS Regular Meetings are held on the fourth Monday, January-May and September-November, in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (Dallas Public Library), 1515 Young Street in downtown Dallas. Regular meetings are free; visitors and guests are welcome.

**Computer Interest Group Meetings:** Unless otherwise indicated, the DGS Computer Interest Group (DGS/CIG) meetings are held on the second Thursday, January-November, 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. DGS/CIG Meetings are free; visitors and guests are welcome.

Regular Meeting	Monday, 28 Nov 1994 DPL Auditorium	7:00 P.M.	John Sellers	<i>Research in Northeast Texas</i>
DGS/CIG Meeting	Thursday, 12 Jan 1995 DPL Auditorium	6:30 P.M.	Speaker & Program TBA	
Regular Meeting	Monday 23 Jan 1995 DPL Auditorium	7:00 P.M.	Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck	<i>What's In A Name?</i>
DGS Salt Lake City Trip	Week of 5-12 Feb 1995			See Advertisement in this newsletter for details
Regular Meeting	Monday, 27 Feb 1995 DPL Auditorium	11:00 A.M.	Madilyn Coen Crane	<i>Expanding Your Family Pedigree with Census Analysis</i>
DGS/CIG Meeting	Thursday, 9 Mar 1995 DPL Auditorium	6:30 P.M.	Speaker & Program TBA	
Regular Meeting	Monday, 27 Mar 1995 DPL Auditorium	7:00 P.M.	Leslie Smith Collier	<i>The Lay of the Land</i>
1995 Spring Seminar	Saturday, 8 Apr 1995 Convention Center	9:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.	Sandra Luebking Sharon Carmack	Topics TBA
DGS/CIG Meeting	Thursday, 13 Apr 1995 DPL Auditorium	6:30 P.M.	Speaker & Program TBA	
Regular Meeting	Monday, 24 Apr 1995 DPL Auditorium	11:00 A.M.	Sammie Townsend Lee	<i>The Court House Burned! What Do I Do?</i>
DGS/CIG Meeting	Thursday, 12 May 1995 DPL Auditorium	6:30 P.M.	Speaker & Program TBA	
Annual Meeting	Monday, 22 May 1995 DPL Auditorium	7:00 P.M.	Richard Miller	<i>Quotations from the Dead</i> Installation of Officers

Take a good look at your newsletter. If pages are missing or have been assembled incorrectly, please let us know as soon as possible. We can replace defective newsletters if notified before our supply is gone. We also need to know if your newsletter is defective, so that we can speak to our printer about any problems. Call Mary Johnson at (214) 233-8006.

#### Got Your Roster?

The DGS Roster was mailed 8 August. If you ordered one that seems to have gone astray, notify Ramona Honan at 686-4332. Also, there are extra copies available for purchase at \$4.00, plus postage. Again, contact Ramona.



## The President's Message

by Art Rubeck

September starts a new year for DGS, and with it comes a new set of officers and directors, who together form the Board of Directors. This year's Board has already met three times and is now ready to make this year's Society more open, inclusive and supportive, and with more enjoyable and educational activities.

We hope to build on the restructuring started by last year's Board, under the direction of Bruce Moseley. Thanks to Bruce's insight and creativity - along with that of those who served with him - many changes were initiated which we hope will bear fruit both this year and in years to come.

Education in the field of genealogy is such a wide open topic that a new DGS office has been created: Vice President for Education (formerly called VP for Programs). Sheila Stough, who occupies this office, now will oversee all DGS events whose purpose is educational (as opposed to those involved in fund-raising, such as the workshops). You will also be impressed with her programs at each regular monthly meeting.

Volunteers are key to the success of DGS activities and events. A new office has been created to coordinate and manage this valuable asset. MaryAnn Fournier, our new Director of Volunteers, will be calling on you for your share of service to the Society. Be ready.

In keeping with the Board's emphasis of involving more people in the decisions and operations of the Society, we are moving toward a committee-based structure. We now have two standing committees and six special committees, with many more to be set up. We are also considering several new Special Interest Groups, patterned after the successful Computer Interest Group, though perhaps more limited in scope and smaller in size. We want anyone who has the slightest desire to help to become involved - the time it takes is up to you. Let us know what you want in your Society, and please consider how you can help others. I have heard it said that once genealogists learn how to do something, they

immediately want to share that knowledge with others. Sounds good to me!

A concern expressed by the Board at the Planning Retreat held in July was the erroneous perception by some that the Dallas Public Library is not the best place to hold our regular meetings, particularly at night. If you haven't been to a program recently, you are missing a real treat. Parking underground is easy, convenient and quite safe. If you don't want to drive downtown alone at night, would you be willing to host or ride in a carpool? That's under consideration.

What do you want out of your Society? What needs to be done, what needs improving, what's wrong with it? Call me at 659-1879; if I'm not there, please leave a message. I want to hear from you.



## Treasurer's Report

By Randall K. Wilhoit

Account Balances  
As of 9 August 1994

### Assets:

Cash and Bank Accounts:	
Checking-NationsBank	11,491.48
Money Market-Bank One	<u>5,071.43</u>
Total Cash/Accounts:	16,562.91
Bulk Mail Deposit	661.71
Life Member Investments:	
Money Market - Kemper	4,474.06
U.S. Treasury Note - Kemper <sup>1</sup>	<u>5,134.37</u>
Total Investments:	<u>9,608.43</u>
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>\$26,833.05</b>

### Funds:

Operating Fund	10,247.34
Life Member Fund	9,250.00
Pre-Paid Expense Fund	661.71
Publications Fund	4,674.00
Endowment Fund	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>\$26,833.05</b>

<sup>1</sup> At current market value

## 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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### An Evening with Barbara Bush

The Friends of the Dallas Public Library, Inc. is honored to present "*An Evening with Barbara Bush*" benefiting the Dallas Public Library. Mrs. Bush will speak of her experiences and read from her soon-to-be published book, *Barbara Bush: A Memoir*. For advance reservations or further information, call 298-0146 or 670-1458.

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### Texas State Genealogical Society 1994 Annual Fall Conference

Mark your calendars to attend the TSGS Fall Conference in Austin on November 3-5. This year's featured speaker is Mary McCampbell Bell who will present two lectures on Virginia and a third on problem-solving techniques. For more information and registration form, refer to the June 1994 issue of *Stirpes*, the TSGS Quarterly.

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### East Texas Research Center

The East Texas Research Center is the new name of the former Special Collections Department in the Steen Library at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

Among its collections are out-of-print and new books, mostly Texana, with an emphasis on the East Texas region; over 11,000 cataloged photographs and slides; the Federal censuses from 1850 to 1920, and the Texas Soundex for 1880, 1900 and 1910; early Nacogdoches newspapers; over 600 cataloged maps; an oral history collection; manuscript collections such as diaries, letters, land records, memoirs and other papers.

The hours are 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday and 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. Saturday.

For more information, contact: Linda Cheves Nicklas, Special Collections Librarian, Steen Library, Box 13055, SFA Station, Nacogdoches, Texas 75962-3055, (409) 568-4100.

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### Mesquite Genealogy Society

On 24 September 1994 the Mesquite Genealogy Society is hosting a workshop with Dr. George K. Schweitzer speaking on Virginia. The class will be held at the Eastfield College Campus Center, Bldg. C, from 8:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M. Pre-registration is \$25; the price at the door will be \$27.50, and a catered meal is included. For details, call (214) 216-6229.

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### Irving Genealogical Society News

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck will conduct the Fall Seminar for the Irving Genealogical Society on 17 September from 9:00 A.M.-3:15 P.M. at the Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, 2535 E. Grauwlyer Road in Irving. Registration, including lunch, is \$25. Please contact Mark Backus at 986-1964 (evenings) for registration information.

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### Announcements from the Garland Genealogical Society

The Garland GS has slated three interesting workshops. The first is the "Mobile Search Program," a hands-on computer database search conducted by Everton Publishers. Everton's will be at the Convention & Visitors Bureau in Garland at 200 Museum Plaza Drive from 4:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, 13 September. Cost is either \$10 or \$25 with a subscription to *The Genealogical Helper*. A telephone call to Helen Wilson at 475-2895 will get you all the information you need to register.

The GGS is sponsoring "Armchair Research in the 21st Century," an introduction to computer bulletin board services, to be conducted by Gilda Cain and Ken Branch. This workshop will be held on 17 September at the Nicholson Memorial Library, 625 Austin Street in Garland from 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact Helen Wilson at 475-2895 for details.

DGS' Leslie Collier will conduct a beginners workshop on 8 October from 10:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M. The fee is \$10 and the class will be held at the Nicholson Memorial Library in Garland. Please call Jane Kelley at 276-3481 for registration details.

## Tennessee State Archives: Unpublished Inventories of Microfilmed County Records

The Tennessee State Archives has on microfilm the unpublished county inventories for all Tennessee counties. The list below shows each county and cost for the printed inventory of the available microfilmed records. The price covers the cost of reproducing the printed inventory from which the films may be ordered. If you order either a printed list or any microfilm, why not consider donating a copy to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. The address for ordering is Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37243-0312; (615) 741-2764.

Anderson	\$2.40	Hancock	\$1.50
Bedford	\$4.95	Hardeman	\$1.80
Benton	\$3.90	Hardin	\$2.10
Bledsoe	\$1.80	Hawkins	\$1.65
Blount	\$6.30	Haywood	\$2.85
Bradley	\$2.25	Henderson	\$2.40
Campbell	\$3.60	Henry	\$5.25
Cannon	\$3.00	Hickman	\$1.50
Carroll	\$4.65	Houston	\$1.65
Carter	\$6.85	Humphreys	\$1.80
Cheatham	\$2.50	Jackson	\$1.95
Chester	\$1.35	Jefferson	\$2.40
Claiborne	\$2.10	Johnson	\$1.50
Clay	\$1.20	Knox	\$4.50
Cocke	\$1.80	Lake	\$1.35
Coffee	\$4.50	Lauderdale	\$2.25
Crockett	\$2.70	Lawrence	\$2.70
Cumberland	\$2.85	Lewis	\$1.35
Davidson	\$6.30	Lincoln	\$4.20
Decatur	\$1.35	Loudon	\$3.60
Dekalb	\$2.70	McMinn	\$3.45
Dickson	\$3.90	McNairy	\$1.65
Dyer	\$4.05	Macon	\$1.35
Fayette	\$1.65	Madison	\$6.45
Fentress	\$2.10	Marion	\$3.60
Franklin	\$6.00	Marshall	\$3.45
Gibson	\$5.70	Maury	\$7.65
Giles	\$2.70	Meigs	\$1.80
Grainger	\$1.80	Monroe	\$3.60
Greene	\$4.95	Montgomery	\$5.85
Grundy	\$3.30	Moore	\$2.55
Hamblen	\$1.80	Morgan	\$3.45
Hamilton	\$0.45	Obion	\$3.00
		Overton	\$1.80
		Perry	\$1.35
		Pickett	\$0.75
		Polk	\$3.15
		Putnam	\$1.80
		Rhea	\$2.55
		Roane	\$6.00
		Robertson	\$7.50
		Rutherford	\$4.50
		Scott	\$3.00
		Sequatchie	\$1.50
		Sevier	\$1.30
		Shelby	\$2.70
		Smith	\$4.65
		Stewart	\$2.35
		Sullivan	\$3.45
		Sumner	\$5.25
		Tipton	\$2.70



Trousdale .....	\$0.75
Unicoi .....	\$1.50
Union .....	\$0.90
Van Buren .....	\$2.25
Warren .....	\$4.80
Washington .....	\$7.95
Wayne .....	\$2.40
Weakley .....	\$4.65
White .....	\$2.55
Williamson .....	\$4.35
Wilson .....	\$7.20



## Computer Interest Group

John V. Wylie

### Fall Meetings

#### Using GEN-BOOK for Publishing

**Date:** Thursday, 8 September 1994  
**Time:** 6:30 P.M.  
**Speaker:** Mike Basham  
**Topic:** *Publishing Your Family History Using GEN-BOOK*

GEN-BOOK is a software program that has generated a great deal of interest on the part of PAF (Personal Ancestry File) users. Mike Basham will explain how this program converts the raw data from your PAF files into narrative form which can be edited for publishing your family's story.

#### All Bulletin Boards Are Not Alike

**Date:** Thursday, 13 October 1994  
**Time:** 7:00 P.M.  
**Speaker:** Joe Sissom  
**Topic:** *Using On-Line Services and Bulletin Boards*

Bulletin boards used to be made of cork, but nowadays, when we speak of bulletin boards, put away your thumbtacks! Joe Sissom will lead us

through the maze of telephone wires and modem hookups so we researchers can access each other via computer on-line services and those new-fangled bulletin boards.

#### What's a Tafel and Why Is It Tiny?

**Date:** Thursday, 10 November 1994  
**Time:** 6:30 P.M.  
**Speaker:** Shirley Sloat  
**Topic:** *The Tiny Tafel Matching System*

Learn how to hook up your ancestors with other genealogists' ancestors with the Tiny Tafel Matching System, a computer program in which surnames are downloaded into a database and matched up with each other. Shirley Sloat will demonstrate this fascinating program which she is testing as a pilot program for all DGS members.

#### Friends, Genealogists: Lend Me Your — — Tapes?!

The Dallas Genealogical Society has established a lending library of lectures on cassette tapes which any member may borrow for a little drive-time learning opportunity. Many of us have bought tapes from Repeat Performances, and we thought it would be a great idea to share the wealth. If you have tapes you would be willing to donate, it is permissible to make a personal copy to keep and give the original to DGS. Please contact Sheila Stough at 341-8012 to donate your tapes.

#### An Apology

In the last issue of the DGS Newsletter, I inadvertently misspelled the name of the late Rabel Cobb, a member of both DGS and the Lancaster Genealogical Society, who was killed in the recent tornado. My sincere apologies for this error. MAJ

## 1995 DGS Writing Awards Competition

The Dallas Genealogical Society writing awards competition encourages the development of genealogical writing skills and is sponsored by Henington Publishing Company. Each category may have a winner receiving a cash award. In addition there may be a best of division awarded in the book/manuscript categories' one through three and in the articles categories' four through ten. The awards will be presented at the Spring Seminar in April 1995.

All entrants who grant permission will be listed in the DGS Spring Seminar Syllabus and their entries will be displayed during the day at the seminar. Entry forms may be picked up in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, at DGS meetings or may be requested by writing to the DGS post office box address.

### CATEGORIES:

#### Book/Manuscript

1. A minimum of fifty (50) pages on a family history or genealogy. A family history gives the documented genealogical and historical account of a family. A family genealogy is the documented history of the descent of a person or family from an ancestor or ancestors.
2. A minimum of fifty (50) pages on a family history narrative. A family history narrative gives the development of factual and undocumented accounts in proper chronological order as the story of a family.
3. A minimum of fifty (50) pages of historical or genealogical interest (includes but is not limited to abstracts, local and county history, and cemeteries, etc. on any locality).

#### Articles

4. A minimum of five (5) pages, single-spaced, on a documented family history or genealogy. The definition of a family history or genealogy is defined in category number one.

5. A minimum of five (5) pages, single-spaced, on a family history narrative. The definition of a family history narrative is defined in category number two.

6. A minimum of five (5) pages, single-spaced, of historical or genealogical interest. The definition of historical or genealogical interest is defined in category number three.

7. "My Most Elusive Ancestor," using one thousand (1000) words or less, double-spaced. Document the vital statistics of the ancestor; foot notes and end notes do not count as part of the one thousand (1000) words.

8. An article specifically written for a genealogy society newsletter. This includes but is not limited to information of general interest, how-to articles, description of a genealogical collection(s), material for a "Beginners Corner," etc. The article may have from five hundred to fifteen hundred (500 - 1500) words inclusive and should be double-spaced.

9. Source material or an article of general interest concerning any locality for a genealogy society quarterly, no word limit, double-spaced.

10. An article related to the 40th Anniversary of the Dallas Genealogy Society, 1955 - 1995 (includes but is not limited to memories, history of the society, member profiles, etc.), no word limit, double-spaced.

### COMPETITION RULES:

- There is no entry fee for DGS members. Nonmembers may participate for a fee of \$10 per entry.
- Entries must have been compiled or published within the past two years (February 1993 - February 1995).
- Entries must be received by 1 March 1995, and mailed to DGS, Attention: Writing Awards Competition, P.O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648. Or, entries may be hand delivered by 1 March to Madilyn Coen Crane, 614 Copper Ridge Drive, Richardson, Texas 75080-2310, Phone: (214) 783-9228.

- Each entry must be accompanied by the entry form on this page or a facsimile.
- A panel of three judges approved by the DGS Board will select the winners.
- All entries will be judged on such criteria as: originality in choice and treatment of subject matter, writing style (technique and approach in presenting subject), depth of research, evaluation of evidence, quality of source material used to document evidence, writing mechanics (form, grammar, punctuation, spelling, documentation) and presentation of subject matter.

Book/manuscript entries in category one (1) must include a table of contents, a numbering system and an index. In addition, if two of the three judges believe an entry should be placed in a different category, the judges' decision is final.

- There may be one winner in each category and a best of division winner in both the book/manuscript categories and the articles' categories. All entries scoring 90% or better will receive a first place certificate; all other entries will receive a certificate of participation. In the event that no entry scores 90% or better in a category, then no prize shall be given in that category. If, in the opinion of the judges, entries other than the best of division winners deserve special praise, then the judges shall give those entries a special recognition award. Certificates and judges' remarks for each entry may be picked up at the DGS exhibitor tables after the winners are announced Saturday, 19 April. All remaining certificates and critiques will be mailed to the respective entrants.
- All entries will become the property of DGS. At the completion of the competition all entries will be donated to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. The author shall retain all publication rights.
- The winner of each category, special recognition awards and first place winners in each of the categories will be announced at the DGS Annual Spring Seminar.

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#### Title of Entry

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\_\_\_ Number of Category Entered (see categories and competition rules for definition - entries without a designation will be decided by the judges).

\_\_\_ DGS Member \_\_\_ Nonmember entry  
(fee of \$10 per entry is enclosed)

May we list your name in the Spring Seminar Syllabus and/or the *DGS Newsletter*? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

May we print your entry in the article category in an issue of *The Dallas Quarterly* or the *DGS Newsletter*? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If you entered a book that is available for purchase (with the purchase price and how to order enclosed), would you like it reviewed in *The Dallas Quarterly*? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

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Signature/Date

## DGS Members Speak at FGS

The Dallas Genealogical Society will be well represented by local speakers at the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference being held in Richmond, Virginia 12-15 October 1994.

DGS has been a proving ground for outstanding speakers through its rich past. Several DGS members have given their first talks and initial teaching endeavors at a DGS function and later have moved on to become speakers at many local, state and national events.

This year we are especially proud to be represented by a large and talented contingent of speakers. We congratulate all of you for being chosen to be leaders during the FGS October conference.

**Sammie Townsend Lee**—Sammie is a past president of DGS and has served 3 terms as Vice President and editor of the DGS Newsletter. She has lectured at the past four DGS Symposiums, the 1992 Texas State Genealogical Society Conference, the 1993 Oklahoma Genealogical Society Summer Seminar, the 1993 FGS Conference in St. Louis and the 1994 National Genealogical Society Conference in Houston. Sammie is a staff member of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library and teaches basic genealogy at Richland College.

**Patricia Law Hatcher**—Pat has served DGS as Vice President for Programs, as President, as a program speaker and as a speaker at the Fall Symposium from 1988-1990. She was a speaker at the 1992 NGS Conference in Jacksonville, Florida, the 1993 FGS Conference in St. Louis and the 1994 NGS Conference in Houston. Pat has published the four-volume *Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots* and is currently compiling *Barren County, Kentucky, Deed Abstracts*.

**John V. Wylie**—John is co-author of the June 1993 NGS Quarterly article entitled *Indexing Family Histories*. He serves the genealogical community as Workshop Chairman and Executive Vice-President of GENTECH, Inc., a non-profit organization established to serve genealogical computer interest groups. He has five years of experience with ROOTS III and similar experience using genealogy-oriented on-line bulletin boards. John is Chairman of the DGS Special Interest Groups and serves on the Capital Expansion Committee.

**Mary Reid Warner**—Mary Reid has been researching for over twenty years and has studied genealogy in Oklahoma City, St. Louis and Dallas. She has completed courses IV and V at the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. She was speaker at the DGS Fall Symposium in 1993 and is a co-founder and director of the Genealogical Institute of Texas. Mary Reid received a B.S. degree from Oklahoma State University and a Masters degree from Southern Methodist University.

**Jeri J. Steele**—Jeri has been actively pursuing genealogy as a hobby for six years. She has been employed in the computer field for over 20 years and has presented lectures on using computers in genealogy. She is an experienced speaker and has received Toastmaster's highest educational rank of Distinguished Toastmaster. Jeri has served as Vice President for GENTECH, Inc. and was a speaker at the DGS Fall Symposium in 1993.

**Madilyn Coen Crane**—Marilyn served DGS as the editor of *The Dallas Quarterly* from 1987-1989 and as the Executive Vice President for Workshops for 1990-1991. She has published several books including *Memoirs of My Military Life*, by James K. Anderson; *American Descendants of James and Margot (O'Hara) Henry of County Antrim, Ireland* by the Henry Family; *Secrets Under the Bridge* by Overton Shelmire; and *The Griffin Family, Vols I & II*. Madilyn has been a DGS speaker for both programs and symposiums as well as a speaker at the Texas State Genealogical Society conference. In addition to her role as speaker, she also serves on the FGS Public Relations Committee.

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## Fall Genealogy Classes

DGS members are some of luckiest around with so many opportunities available to expand our genealogical horizons. One of the best ways for us to learn and grow as researchers is to enroll in a class taught by experts in the field. Or, perhaps you have a friend or neighbor who has expressed an interest in genealogy and doesn't know where to start. Here's a list of area classes set for the fall. You may register in person or phone one of the Offices of Continuing Education listed below.

**Brookhaven Junior College: . . . . . 620-4715**

Dates: Beginning September 13 and continuing every Tuesday through October 25  
Time: 7—9 P.M.  
Location: R. L. Turner High School  
Cost: \$45  
Instructor: Dorislee Hoffpauer

**Eastfield Junior College: . . . . . 324-7113**

Dates: Beginning September 24 and continuing every Saturday for eight weeks  
Time: 9:30—11:30 A.M.  
Cost: \$36  
Instructor: Leslie Smith Collier

**North Lake Junior College: . . . . . 659-5200**

Dates: Beginning October 4 and continuing through October 25  
Please call for more information

**Richland Community College: . . . . . 238-6144**

Dates: Beginning September 7 and every Wednesday through October 12  
Time: 6:30—9:30 P.M.  
Location: Lake Highlands High School  
Cost: \$70  
Instructor: Sammie Townsend Lee

**Southern Methodist University . . . . . 768-5376**

Title: "Genealogy Family Research for Beginners"  
Dates: September 21 and continuing every Wednesday through November 9, skipping October 12  
Time: Please call for more information  
Cost: \$66 - You may sign up by using VISA or MC and calling 768-5376 or by mailing your check to SMU  
Instructor: Barbara Roberts Baylis

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

### *The Official Records of the American Civil War*

by Linda Shaddock Rogers

#### Overview

Officially titled *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies (OR-Armies)*, the compilation of official documents from the Civil War was a massive project. No other American conflict had produced such massive amounts of paperwork. While the war was still being fought, General-in-Chief Henry Halleck realized the need to preserve both Federal and captured Confederate records and correspondence. He prompted the Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs to introduce a joint resolution to provide for the printing of the official reports of the armies of the United States. In 1864, President Lincoln signed the resolution adopted by the House and Senate to allow the printing of 10,000 copies of all significant Union military records. The disappointing result of this first attempt prompted a new resolution to appoint an editor to oversee the project. Lack of funding caused further delays until Union and Confederate veterans organizations pressured Congress for the monies. Finally, after ten years, 47 volumes were published (37 volumes of Union records and 10 volumes of Confederate records). The results were again disappointing. Published chronologically rather than topically, it was difficult to find all records on a particular event. With the appointment of Captain Robert N. Scott in 1877, the project found the organization and structure needed to assure the publication of these records in a manner which would allow historical research. The first 18 volumes published under Scott's guidance were released in 1881. He served in this position until his death. He is credited as the compiler of the next 18 volumes, which were published after his death, in recognition of his significant contribution to them. There were several other editors appointed over the years until completion of the project in 1901 with the printing of the General Index (which was revised in 1902). The project had taken almost 40 years to complete.

#### Content

The first editor, Captain Robert N. Scott, established the selection criteria for documents considered for inclusion in the *OR-Armies*. The material had to be significant (relating to other events or to a larger event), official and produced during the war. Scott recognized the need to appoint both Union and Confederate officers to oversee review of the masses of materials. These men were most familiar with the names and facts involved and best able to determine the validity of the materials examined. Scott would not allow the editing or correcting of any documents for inclusion of post-war "reminiscences." Annotations for clarity, however, were allowed. Documents that had already been published by other governmental agencies were omitted. Confederate materials included those captured during and after the war and those gathered by ex-Confederate officers who travelled extensively throughout the Southern states locating significant Confederate records. Large numbers of documents were donated and others loaned so copies could be made in Washington.

#### Location

The Genealogy Collection of the Dallas Public Library owns the entire 127 volumes plus the *General Index* and the accompanying *Atlas*. These books (except the *Atlas*) are located on aisle 31, call number R973.73 U58W. The *Atlas* is shelved with the oversized books in the periodical shelving.

## Aids

The editor, Robert N. Scott, arranged the records topically, each topic is known as a "Series." Series I contains 53 volumes concerning military operations. A "volume" may encompass several books. For example, Series I totals 111 books. Within a topic, Union reports immediately precede the Confederate accounts of the same campaign or subject. The goal was to cover the complete history of the particular event from both the Union and the Confederate viewpoints.

The eight volumes of Series II concern Union and Confederate correspondence, orders, reports and returns concerning prisons-of-war and political prisoners. Volume 8 of Series II contains documents relating to the most prominent post Civil War trials and those of the conspirators in the Abraham Lincoln assassination plot.

The five volumes of Series III include miscellaneous Union correspondence while the three volumes of Series IV contain the miscellaneous records and correspondence of the Confederacy. Beginning with Volume 26, the 36th book, the compilers added a Serial Number to the spine of each book.

The *General Index* should be used in conjunction with the index found in each book. The *General Index* gives listings for people, places and military units, not subjects. It cites the series number and the volume but not page numbers. Once directed to the volume, the researcher should consult the book index for further citation. The books will include listings for topics. Neither index is comprehensive enough to depend on entirely. Once the researcher has found the subject, a review of all accompanying pages should be made. The National Archives published a series of *Guides...* to the *OR-Armies* which should also be consulted for topics of interest. These *Guides* are shelved immediately preceding the set.

The *OR-Armies* is a valuable tool for the Civil War researcher. While the researcher most likely will not find reference to an individual ancestor unless that ancestor was at least a company commander, the documents contained in these series of books enables a look at the events affecting our ancestor. These records should be used in conjunction with other written accounts of the same events.

The researcher must also keep in mind that the information found in the *OR-Armies* was subject not only to the human errors assured merely by their creation but also the errors inherent in reproducing and editing a project of this magnitude. Content of Confederate records depends on the success of gathering efforts and gaps exist, mostly in Trans-Mississippi records.



## Beginners Corner: *Write the Story of Your Life*

Sammie Townsend Lee

Just think. Wouldn't it be nifty to possess a biographical sketch on each and every one of our ancestors? Of course, these sketches would be even better if they were autobiographical: *personally written* by each ancestor to commemorate his or her life. In a perfect genealogical world, these mythical sketches include everything we always wanted to know about our ancestors but couldn't ask. At our fingertips: vital facts and information on the ancestor, spouse, children, parents, grandparents and personal observations on lifestyle, times, community, and historical, social, political, and economic events.

Now let's put this into perspective. Won't it be great for your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren to have an autobiographical sketch all about you, your children, your parents, your grandparents, and your reflections and recollections? So what are you waiting for? Sit down at the old typewriter or the PC and begin. If writing is a chore to you, talk into a tape recorder. Or better yet, sit down in front of a video camera. Just do it! After all, if you don't do this, who will?

Writing a personal sketch is not a big deal if you approach it as you would an oral interview with Grandma Bettie or Uncle George. It doesn't all have to be done in one sitting. Write or record in small, bite-size pieces. Begin with a set of predetermined questions. Answer the questions in your own way and your own words. If you are writing, use a narrative style, so that it doesn't look like a preset format.

**Document!** When giving specific dates, cite your source for that date of birth, date of marriage, etc. Include photographs, copies of certificates and diplomas, and other memorabilia.

Personalize historical events that influenced your life. For example, where were you the day Neil Armstrong first walked on the moon or the day President Kennedy was shot?

### What will you write about?

Let's think about the questions and content. Where do you begin? Obviously, you begin with you!

### Yourself and your ancestry:

- What is your name? • When and where were you born? • Is there a story about the circumstances of your birth or the selection of your forename? • Do you have a nickname? • Who gave it to you. • Is there a special story about it? • What are your parents names? • Grandparents? • Great-grandparents? • When and where were they born? • Are they multi-generational Americans or recent immigrants? • Do you have older/younger siblings?

### Childhood home:

- Where did you grow up? • In a city? • A rural area? • Did your family move often or stay in one area? • Did you live in a house, an apartment, many dwellings, or did you live in one dwelling throughout your childhood? • Can you describe your childhood home? • How many rooms were there in the house? • How was it furnished? • Were there other buildings on the property? • Was the home in the family for several generations or did your parents purchase it? • Did you have to share a room with siblings? • If you lived on a farm or ranch, what did you raise? • Did you have chores or tend a garden? • Did you have pets or animals to tend?

### Family structure:

- What was your position in the family? • What were the advantages and disadvantages? • What kind of relationship did you have with your parents? • Grandparents? • Siblings as children and now as adults? • Who did you feel closest to in your family? • What were your special duties or chores? • Who cooked? • Mended clothes? • Ironed? • Who taught you things? • Did you visit relatives? • Did they live nearby or far away? • Did grandparents or other relatives live in your household? • Did you attend family reunions with your parents? • Who had the reunions? • Where were they held? • Who attended? • Are there mementoes of these events, such as photographs or memory books?

### Everyday life:

- What kind of work did your father do? • Your mother? • What was your first job? • What types of jobs did you have as a youth? • As a child, did you



receive an allowance? • What kinds of entertainment were you exposed to as a child? • What did you do for fun? • Did you go fishing, hunting, swimming, play ball? • Did you have a special collection? • Who were your friends? • What were your hobbies? • Were you a girl/boy scout? • To what other childhood organizations did you belong? • What music did you grow up listening to? • What were your favorite movies? Was there a neighborhood theater?

#### Special days:

• What did you do on Saturdays or Sundays? • Did you go to church? • Which denomination? • Did you sing in the choir? • What about holidays? • How did you prepare for and celebrate Christmas? • Easter? • Fourth of July? • How did your family celebrate birthdays?

#### School days:

• Where did you go to school? • What were your schools like? • How did you get there? • What were your favorite subjects? • What kind of grades did you make? • What do you remember about special teachers or teachers you loved to hate?

#### Getting around:

• How big was the town? • What was the biggest city you visited as a child? • Why did you go there? • Did you travel by horse, buggy, automobile, bus, train, airplane? • What do you remember about your family's first car? • Your first car? • Who taught you how to drive? • Did your family go on vacations? • Where? • What special vacations do you remember?

#### Aspirations:

• When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up? • Who did you admire most? Who was your hero/heroine? • Who had the most influence on you? • Did you pattern your life after someone? • What are/were your talents? Do you play the piano? • Are you an artist? • Do you sing?

#### After high school:

• Did you graduate from high school? • Did you go to college? • Why did you select the particular college? • Was it close to home or in another state? • Did you earn a degree? • When did you settle on a career? • When did you first live away from

home? • For how long? • Did you or a spouse serve in the military? • How many jobs or titles have you had as an adult?

#### Love, family, and friendships:

• Who was your first date? • What did you do? • How did you meet your first love? • How did you meet your spouse? • When and how did you become engaged? • How long was the engagement? • How did you get married? • Did you have a large or small wedding? • In a church or home? • Did you go on a honeymoon? • Where was your first home? • Did you have children? • What are their names? • When and where were they born? • What are their special accomplishments? • Have there been any major health problems or losses in the family? • How did you meet and handle family deaths and major illnesses? • Who is your closest longtime friend?

#### Observations:

• What is your philosophy of life? • What are your religious beliefs? • What is your favorite passage from the Bible? • Favorite hymn? • What books do you consider important? • What teachings? • What organizations do you believe in? • Are you politically active? • Which presidents did you support? • What kinds of changes have you seen in your lifetime? • What inventions? • What technology? • How do you feel about changes you've seen in fashions? • Transportation? • Equal rights? • Medicine? • Space? • What has given you the most satisfaction? • What has caused you the most concern? • What do you fear most for future generations? • What do you envy future generations? • What has been your most important achievements?

These questions are just to prime the pump. Now you think of some questions that will be unique to you and your family. You have to personalize, because it's your own story.

Your style may be to write or record in small chunks—for example, your college or military experiences. The idea is to record for posterity.

If you still aren't convinced this is a good idea, listen to what Ruth Kanin has to say on the subject on page 3 of her book, *Write the Story of Your Life*:

*"...reasons span a wide range: self-justification; desire for fame; influences that*

*shaped you; what was important to you; services rendered; to credit others with helping you; to tell a group of interesting anecdotes; to highlight and share the most memorable time of your life; the pure joy of storytelling; catharsis; truth seeking; describing human growth and development; the mechanics of achievement as a guide and inspiration to others; the joy of self-discovery and self-knowledge; to find hope or direction; to put the pieces of your life together; to feel better about yourself; to make peace with the past. And there is always the motive of revenge—best executed in fiction form!"*

#### For further reading:

All books listed in this annotated bibliography can be purchased from genealogical book sellers at DGS seminars and conferences. They are available for reference at the Dallas Public Library.

Fletcher, William. *Recording Your Family History: A Guide to Preserving Oral History Using Audio and Video Tape*. Berkeley, CA: Ten Speed Press, 1989. [This book is full of good questions to ask, whether conducting an oral history interview with a relative or writing one's own story.]

Gouldrup, Lawrence. *Writing the Family Narrative*. Ancestry Incorporated, 1987. [This book is primarily written for the person who is compiling a family history, but much of the information would apply to writing autobiographical sketches.]

Kanin, Ruth. *Write the Story of Your Life*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1993. [A good book for guidance on content and form for writing autobiographical sketches. Each chapter contains motivational exercises and instructions. Also, several bibliographies are presented throughout the book for further reading on the subject.]

Lackey, Richard S. *Cite Your Sources*. New Orleans: Polyanthos, 1980. [Still the best source around for instruction in how to correctly cite a genealogical source.]

Watts, Joe C. "Early Days of Recollection." *Stirpes* 34:1 (March 1994): 57-65. [An example of an autobiographical sketch. *Stirpes* is a publication of the Texas State Genealogical Society.]

## 13th Annual DGS Beginners Workshop in Genealogy

**WHEN:** . . . . . Saturday, 1 October 1994

**WHERE:** . . . . . Auditorium of the  
J. Erik Jonsson Central Library  
1515 Young Street—Dallas

**TIME:** . . . . . 9:00 A.M.—4:15 P.M.

The Beginners Workshop is taught by:  
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The all-day course is designed to get beginners started right and to review basics for those who may need a refresher course.

#### TOPICS INCLUDE—

- Family survey; interviews; organization; charts and forms; vital records.
- Census records and census indices.
- Published sources and Courthouse records.
- An introduction to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library.

#### REGISTRATION INFORMATION—

\$15 per person.

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For more information about the Beginners Workshop, call Dorothy Bruce at 239-4901 or Sammie Lee at 349-1435 (home) or 670-1433 (Library). If you would like to receive a brochure by mail or would like to have one sent to a friend, please call and let us know.

Send registrations to:  
DGS Beginners Workshop  
P. O. Box 25556  
Dallas, Texas 75225-1556

**[DGS Regional Conference 1994 - Continued from Cover Page]**

All this excitement, including dinner, is \$20.00 a person. Yes, you may bring guests (even nongenealogists), and, yes, this is a perfect beginning for a wonderful weekend. Whether you're motoring in from as close as East Dallas or as far as Springfield, Missouri, we hope to have you join us at Royal Oaks on the evening of 18 November for the first annual *DGS Service Awards Banquet*.

**New "stuff" on Saturday, 19 November: 5 classes instead of 4**

Well, there is some old stuff. We are returning to the same area of the Dallas Convention Center where we were last year, the price is the same as last spring, and registration still begins at 8:00 A.M., with the lectures starting at 9:00. Once you get past that point, we're trying some great new ideas. In the first place, you're getting 25% more genealogy for your money. In past years the classes were arranged in four sessions during the day; now they're re-arranged to offer you five sessions for the same price. We've done this in response to the wail of genealogists who had trouble choosing from amongst our offerings. And those offerings are better than ever!

**Missed a class? Buy a tape!**

If you still have trouble deciding between lectures or have learned so much that you need to hear it again, we have an answer for that, too. Repeat Performances will be taping most of our sessions and selling copies for you to take home, cost \$7.50. The tapes will also go into the company's catalog and be available for purchase later and by genealogists who weren't at our seminar. You can begin building a listening library for drive-time genealogy.

**Classes arranged in 7 tracks**

Although we've always tried to provide a variety of lecture topics at each hour, this year we are labelling the areas of emphasis for each of the classes, and calling them *tracks*. Conference attendees can tell at a glance at whom each lecture is targeted. There will be something for the greenhorn through the professional at every session. There will also be several special interest tracks into which anyone might want to dip. Of course you're welcome to mix-and-match and jump from track to track depending on your research needs; this just clarifies the category into which the classes generally fall.

Here they are: **Basic** — topics so important that every single genealogist should hear about them early in his or her research "life;" **Intermediate** — topics equally as critical as those in the previous category, but possibly better heard when you've put on a few genealogical miles; **Advanced** — in this category the talks become specific in content and do require experience in and understanding of the fundamentals of genealogy in order to be profitable for you; **Ethnic** — a special interest category for anyone, at any level, who is unfamiliar with the specific records and techniques necessary to study a particular group of ancestors; **Regional** — these lectures deal with research in designated localities; you need to be past the novice stage to be ready for this; **Methodology** — these are the problem-solving sessions for your stumbling blocks; when you need a new strategy or resource, look here; **Technical** — lectures that involve some piece of hardware, often a computer, and could be useful at any point in your research.

**Vendor changes**

We don't see them very often, so we recognize that perusing the wares our vendors offer plays an important part in your conference plans. It's easy to miss a special book or map or new software program! We've invited the vendors to put on short demonstrations or talks during lunchtime to showcase what they have brought that might be especially interesting to us. A schedule of these demos will be available. It's like getting a few extra mini-classes thrown in for good measure. We've also asked our speakers to notify us of any books or products they plan to recommend early enough for the vendors to stock these items. At the end of the day the vendors will be open an extra hour in a wide-open "shopportunity." All in all, shopping should be much easier.

**Our best advice**

Number one is for you to preregister in time to get the discounted rate. It's \$5.00 cheaper if you register for the conference before the first of November. Don't miss the fact that it actually costs less if you pay to join *DGS* and attend two seminars a year as a member than it does if you come to those same events as a nonmember.

That's true whether you remember to register early or not. Plus, only *DGS* members get our publications, which we modestly think are among the finest in the country.

Let's not forget the (shudder!) parking situation at the Convention Center. The underground parking garage has a single gate entry, creating long lines when everyone arrives at once. If you have even one friend who's coming, carpool. That alone would cut the stack-up at the entry in half. Come early and inspect the vendors between 8:00 and 9:00. Or use the outdoor lot immediately north of the Convention Center doors. It's less expensive and closer.

Now to lunch arrangements...another mixed blessing. Yes, food service is offered at the Convention Center, and it's unarguably handy. We're still stomping our foot over the quality and price of last year's menu, but we don't know how much good we've done. *DGS* as a group cannot make other food arrangements — our contract is ironclad on this. You are welcome to leave during lunch and eat elsewhere; we have scheduled a 90-minute break so that this would be possible. Unfortunately, you'd have to pay twice for parking unless you walk downtown, plus you'd miss the vendor demos and browsing time. Aw heck, just brown bag it; that seems to be the easiest option. You can always buy a drink from the concession stand to go with your sandwich.

**See you there!**

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## Past President of DGS, Reba Irene "Renee" Jackson Smith Dies on July 19, 1994



After a lengthy battle with cancer, *DGS* Past President Renee Jackson Smith, died on July 19. In her passing *DGS* and the genealogical world has lost a great lady. She gave of herself both in time and financial support to the genealogical community nationwide. She was a national speaker having lectured at the National Genealogical Society Conferences and was also a respected speaker and teacher in the Texas region. She was born in El Paso, Texas and joined the U.S. Navy in 1942. She married Charles Albert Smith in 1949 and the couple moved to Texas in 1970 when Lt. Col. Smith retired from the Air Force.

Renee was Regent of the Jane Douglas Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution from 1990-1992 and was selected Outstanding Regent in Texas by the Junior members in 1992. She also belonged to the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Daughters of 1812, Daughters of the American Colonists, Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, James Butler Bonham Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and this June received

membership in The Jamestown Society. She was a member of the Society of Genealogists in London, England and listed in *Who's Who in Genealogy*, the *Hereditary Society Blue Book* and *Who's Who of Women, 1993*.

Renee was a popular instructor of genealogy and taught from 1978 to 1992 at Richland Community College. In 1992 and 1993 she was the Genealogy Instructor for Southern Methodist University. Serving as Course Coordinator for the Beginners Course at the Genealogical Institute of Texas, she has been honored with a scholarship in her name at the Institute.

Renee's students consistently referred to the enthusiasm, laughter and solid teaching she brought to the field of genealogy. Those of us in the Dallas Genealogical Society were truly blessed by our association with her. Because of Renee we learned more, enjoyed life more and certainly laughed more. Her presence will be missed by the genealogical community.

*Barbara Roberts Baylis*

## Queries

### Terri Mulliken Allen

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**HATTER** I would like to hear from **HATTER** researchers and exchange information. The **HATTERS** were in America as early as 1693 in the eastern states and eventually branched out west into other states, including Texas. I am compiling a book and need help in identifying each branch. Send us your **HATTER** family history.

**Nova A. Lemons, 12206 Brisbane Avenue, Dallas, TX 75234-6528**

**NIX  
STRINGER**

Seeking proof of parentage for **William R. NIX**, born 1805 in Barren County, KY and his wife, **Brunetta STRINGER**, born 1808 in SC. William and Brunetta married in Perry County, TN in 1824. Both are buried in Nelson Cemetery in Azle, TX. William's father could have been **Moses NIX** or **Warren NIX**. Brunetta's father might have been **Edward STRINGER** or **Reuben STRINGER**. Son **John Warren NIX** married in Lamar County and died in 1906; he is also buried in Azle.

**Mary Jane Davis, 7451 North Shore Road, Norfolk, VA 23505-1770**

**GIBSON  
HELM  
WESLEY  
NIX**

I am seeking the residence, deed proofs and place of death for **William and Margaret GIBSON**, who were married in TN in 1833. They lived in Arkansas from 1863-1870 and Parker County, TX by 1879. Their children were **Joseph GIBSON**, who married **Kate HELM**; **Adam GIBSON**, who married **Elizabeth WESLEY**; **Wesley GIBSON**, who married **Viane NIX**; **Will GIBSON**, who married **Hannah (?)**; and **Alvin GIBSON**.

**Mary Jane Davis, 7451 North Shore Road, Norfolk, VA 23505-1770**

**HOWARD**

I am seeking proof that **Philip HOWARD** of Surry, NC is related to **Samuel, Philip and Mathew HOWARD** of Ann Arundel County, MD.

**Mary Jane Davis, 7451 North Shore Road, Norfolk, VA 23505-1770**

**KEETON**

Searching for descendants of **John and Elizabeth KEETON** who resided in Coffee/Bedford, TN before 1840.

**Mary Jane Davis, 7451 North Shore Road, Norfolk, VA 23505-1770**

**SWITZER  
GARNER**

I am searching for information about family members who settled in Dallas County in the 1840s. **Josiah SWITZER** was born in Dallas County in 1847, the son of immigrants from Switzerland to TX. Josiah married **Elizabeth Jane GARNER** from one of Dallas' pioneer families. Elizabeth Jane died a widow in Tarrant County in 1929, but I cannot find records of Josiah's death. How best might I find a death record of Josiah? What were his parents' names? How and when did they enter Dallas County?

**Richard W. Barham, Ph.D., 4010 Firstview Drive, Austin, TX 78731**

**BROWN  
HENRY**

Searching for information on **George Alexander BROWN**, also known as **Alex BROWN**, who resided in or near Dallas in the late 1800s/early 1900s. He was born in White County or Putnam County, TN circa 1850 and was the son of **John A. and Jane (HENRY) BROWN**, who were both born in TN.

**Pauline Howard, 18783 First Avenue, Tuolumne, CA 95379**

**RITCHEY  
POWELL  
CRUM  
LINDSEY  
HILL  
JARRETT**

I would like information about **Ella Rachael RITCHEY**, born in TX in 1875 and died in 1949; she is buried in Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas. She was married to **William "Bill" RITCHEY**. Ella was a member of Second Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas and a member of Hanna Circle. She was treasurer of the Dorcas Sunday School Class. Her sister was Mrs. **Lillian POWELL**, and her children were: **Rayburn RITCHEY**, **Raymond RITCHEY**, **Roy RITCHEY**, Mrs. **Walter CRUM**, **T.O. LINDSEY**, Mrs. **Dot HILL** and Mrs. **Earnest JARRETT**.

Ruby Johnson, R.R. #3, Box 64, Cleburne, TX 76031

**ARMSTRONG  
HOPKINS  
DOTSON  
EVANS  
DAVIDSON  
DICKINS/  
DICKENS  
WRIGHT**

Any information would be appreciated about the following people: \_\_\_\_\_ and **Mary (HOPKINS) ARMSTRONG**. Were they born in IN? Known children were: (a) **Manerva Ann ARMSTRONG**, born in 1857 in Denton/Grayson County, TX and died in 1923 in Fredericksburg or Blanco, TX. She married **James Wesley DOTSON**, born 1850 in TN and died in 1930 in Blanco or Fredericksburg; (b) **Margaret Ellen ARMSTRONG**, born circa 1860 in Denton/Grayson County, who married **James Monroe EVANS** about 1854 in AL; (c) **Joseph Henry ARMSTRONG**, born 1861 in Denton/Grayson County and died 1899 in Grayson County; he married (1) **Sarah Caroline DAVIDSON** in 1880 in Denton County. They had two known children: **Henry Wilburn ARMSTRONG** and **Dora ARMSTRONG**. Joseph married (2) **Nancy "Nanny" Bell/Belle DICKINS/DICKENS** and they had two known children: **Pearl B. ARMSTRONG** and **Charles Edward ARMSTRONG**. After **Mary (HOPKINS) ARMSTRONG**'s first husband died, she married (2) **William WRIGHT** and had **Joshua WRIGHT**, **Alice Mae WRIGHT** and **James WRIGHT**.  
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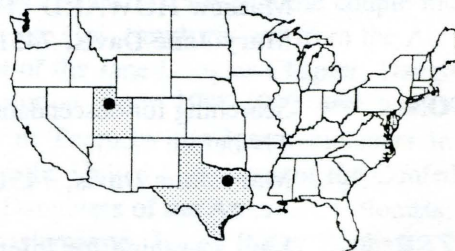
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