



# DGS NEWSLETTER

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## Dallas Chosen as Site of the 1997 FGS Conference

The Dallas Genealogical Society is thrilled and delighted to announce we will be hosting the 1997 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference to be held 3-6 September 1997 in Dallas. Even though this event is still two years down the road, DGS and FGS have already set the planning wheels into motion. The Hyatt Regency Hotel at Reunion Arena in the heart of downtown Dallas has been named as the Conference site and host hotel. Current estimations are that about 1,500 genealogists from all corners of the United States are expected to attend.

Have you ever been to a national genealogical conference? If your answer is *yes*, think back to that experience. Remember the excitement? Remember the fun? Remember filling four days with talks from national speakers sharing their expertise and experiences with you? Remember meeting people from all over the country who want to do nothing more than talk genealogy? Remember visiting row after row of exhibitors selling thousands of book titles, genealogical software, services and other merchandise? Remember bringing home that big thick syllabus and all the genealogical tapes you purchased for the talks you couldn't get to in person?

Did I get you all excited again? If so, the next time you run into a fellow genealogist who has never experienced the thrill of attending a national conference, tell them what they've been missing. Tell them it's just like the DGS Regional Conference, only four times the fun and excitement. Then tell them about the wonderful opportunity coming their way in September 1997.

National Conference Chair Karen Mauer Green and Local Conference Arrangements Chair Sammie Townsend Lee are busy making arrangements and appointing volunteers to do special duties. Ms. Green has appointed national genealogical educator Desmond Walls Allen as the Conference Programs Chair. To her will fall the duty of selection of speakers and topics. Other national and local chairs will be appointed over the next year.

Dozens of volunteers will be needed to staff the conference for the four-day period and to work on preconference arrangements. DGS plans to ask area societies to become involved in a spirit of regional cooperation. The Society will need help in registration, transportation, with the vendors and many other duties both behind-the-scenes and "on the job."

In the meantime, why not consider attending one of the upcoming national conferences. The 1995 FGS Conference will be held in Seattle from 20-23 September, and there is still plenty of time to make your plans to attend. Other national conferences are slated for 8-11 May 1996 in Nashville, Tennessee (NGS) and 14-17 August 1996 in Rochester, New York (FGS).



# 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. DGS is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

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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 for Membership. All current members receive *The Dallas Quarterly* and the *DGS Newsletter*.

## Newsletter:

The *DGS Newsletter* is published bi-monthly. Copy deadline for the September-October 1995 *DGS Newsletter* is 1 August 1995. 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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## 1995-1996 DGS Calendar of Events

| EVENT                               | DAY/DATE/<br>LOCATION                                      | TIME                    | SPEAKER(S)              | PROGRAM OR<br>INFORMATION   |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Summer<br>Lecture<br>Series         | Saturday,<br>22 July 1995<br>DPL Auditorium                | 9:00 A.M.-<br>4:00 P.M. | David E. Rencher, A.G.  | <i>Tracing Your Irish<br/>Ancestors on Both Sides<br/>of the Atlantic</i>             |
| Summer<br>Lecture<br>Series         | Saturday,<br>19 August 1995<br>DPL Auditorium              | 9:00 A.M.-<br>4:00 P.M. | Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck | <i>90 Years of Military<br/>Records-American Wars,<br/>1775-1865</i>                  |
| DGS<br>Beginners<br>Workshop        | Saturday,<br>2 Sept 1995<br>DPL Auditorium                 | 9:00 A.M.-<br>4:00 P.M. | Speakers TBA            | Learn how to get<br>started in this<br>fascinating hobby!                             |
| DGS/CIG                             | Thursday,<br>14 Sept 1995<br>DPL Auditorium                | 6:30 P.M.               | Mike Basham             | <i>Genealogy on the<br/>Internet</i>  |
| DGS/AAIG                            | Tuesday,<br>19 Sept 1995<br>DPL Auditorium                 | 7:00 P.M.               | Speaker & Topic DBA     | Come explore the many<br>facets of African-<br>American research                      |
| DGS<br>Regular<br>Meeting           | Monday,<br>25 Sept 1995<br>DPL Auditorium                  | 7:00 P.M.               | Speaker & Topic DBA     | You won't want to miss<br>one meeting as we begin<br>our 41st year!                   |
| DGS/PIG                             | Thursday,<br>28 Sept 1995<br>East/West Room<br>DPL         | 7:00 P.M.               | Weldon Hudson           | <i>Staying Professional<br/>Through the Years;<br/>Heirship Research</i>              |
| DGS/CIG<br>Workshop                 | Saturday,<br>7 October 1995<br>DPL Auditorium              | 9:00 A.M.-<br>4:00 P.M. | Speakers TBA            | Learn how computers<br>can assist you in<br>genealogical research                     |
| DGS<br>Service<br>Awards<br>Banquet | Friday,<br>10 Nov 1995<br>Royal Oaks<br>Country Club       | Times<br>TBA            | Speaker & Topic TBA     | Who will be the<br>winners for the 1995<br>DGS honors for our<br>volunteers? Join us! |
| DGS<br>Regional<br>Conference       | Saturday,<br>11 Nov 1995<br>Dallas<br>Convention<br>Center | 9:00 A.M.-<br>4:00 P.M. | Speakers & Topics TBA   | Mark your calendars<br>for this exciting annual<br>event!                             |

**The Dallas Genealogical Society does not hold regular meetings during the summer months.  
See your friends at the Summer Lecture Series!**





## The President's Message

**Art Rubeck**

What a great year we have just completed! I won't elaborate here, since many of our activities are detailed in the Annual Reports from our Officers and Board of Directors in this issue of the *DGS Newsletter*. They will also be covered in the September 1995 issue of *The Dallas Quarterly*. But, I would like to highlight just a few of the accomplishments during the Society's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

The most exciting news is that which appears as the cover article this issue — the Dallas Genealogical Society has been selected to be the host society for the 1997 Conference for the Nation's Genealogists - the Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference. This selection is quite a feather in our hats following so closely on the NGS Achievement Award for an Organization that DGS received in June 1994. The Board of Directors will be calling on every DGS member as well as tapping the resources of our neighbor societies to make this the best and most well-attended national convention yet.

Secondly, I must mention the initiation of the DGS Annual Service Awards. We have long felt that the Board needed to honor its incredible volunteer organization, and the wonderful banquet was an exceptional way to kick off this now annual event.

Lastly, I must not forget the expansion of our Fall Symposium into the DGS Regional Conference. The reorganization of the annual event aligned us more closely with other regional and national conferences with seven "tracks" of study fulfilling the needs of beginner, advanced and ethnic genealogists alike.

Finally, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support this year. This is a wonderful organization, and I am deeply grateful for the dedication of so many!

## Highlights of 1995 Annual Meeting

An enthusiastic crowd of DGS members, their families and guests gathered in the East/West Rooms of the Dallas Public Library on the evening of 22 May to meet and greet each other as the 1994-1995 year drew to a close. The crowd assembled was an extension of the very popular "Question & Answer" sessions initiated this year and which preceded each monthly program meeting.

The DGS Board and Officers sponsored the social gathering to celebrate the Society's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to honor the outgoing and incoming Board of Directors. Special thanks goes to Adrienne Jamieson, Helen Lu and June Shipley for the refreshments and snacks which added to the evening's festive mood.

Following the reception, we met in the Auditorium for the installation of the new officers and for the Society's annual presentation of its gift to the Genealogy Collection of the Dallas Public Library. This year's monetary donation of \$5,000 was presented to Genealogy Collection Director, Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck. As always, a portion of the donation was in honor of our members who had died during the past year.

After the business meeting, we were enlightened with a very entertaining presentation by Richard Miller, Director of the Longview Public Library, on cemetery epitaphs.

The newly-elected board and its Vice President for Programs & Education, Terri Mulliken Allen, is already working hard to decide on speakers and programs for the upcoming DGS year. You won't want to miss even one exciting meeting, so watch your *DGS Newsletter* for the fall lineup. Remember, we alternate our meetings, which are held on the fourth Monday of the month, between daytimes at 11:00 A.M. to evenings at 7:00 P.M. to accommodate all our membership. **See you in September!**



## 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. A "question & answer" session is held one-half hour before each meeting. 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-May and September-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.

**DGS African-American Interest Group (DGS/AAIG):** Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held in the Auditorium of the Library on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are free; visitors and guests are welcome.

**DGS Professional Interest Group (DGS/PIG):** Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month, January-May and September-November in the East/West Rooms at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are free and open to all.

## Annual DGS Events

The Spring Seminar and Regional Conference (autumn) are held in the Dallas Convention Center. The Summer Lecture Series seminars are held in the Auditorium of the Dallas Public Library.

## 1994-1995 Annual Reports

### Arthur H. Rubeck - President

As specified by the DGS bylaws, the president's report by Art Rubeck will appear in the September issue of *The Dallas Quarterly*.

### Leslie Smith Collier - Executive Vice President:

#### Capital Expansion Project

The DGS Capital Expansion Program has spent the 1994-95 Society year crossing "t's" and dotting "i's" and has begun the architectural process of the actual expansion of the Genealogy Section. Championed by the untiring efforts of Heather Williams, necessary Dallas Public Library and City of Dallas permissions approving and allowing construction have been finalized. It has been an arduous process, but as of 24 May 1995, DGS has had full permission to construct within the library and to seek funding from outside sources. Bill Benson is working on the mechanical drawings; actual demolition and construction is slated to begin this summer and should be finished in Fall 1995. Grant applications go out this summer as well. DGS has collected over \$92,000 in donations and pledges, which will complete the physical remodeling and purchase and install shelving. Additional funding is to be sought for remaining furniture and equipment purchases; these purchases are to be made as funding allows.

#### Summer Lecture Series

..... **Kelvin Meyers, Chairman**

Our three lectures earned \$7,459.20; expenses totaled \$2,429.80 with a profit of \$5,029.40. A motion was voted to apply these funds to the Capital Expansion Project to satisfy a portion of this year's commitment to the project.



## DGS Beginners Workshop

..... **Sammie Lee, Chairman**

Two hundred and twenty-three eager beginners attended a Beginners Workshop in the Auditorium of the Dallas Public Library and were amply tutored in the essentials of this preoccupation. Profits were split with the Regional Conference as 148 beginner registrants took advantage of our offer of a package deal with the fall event.

## Beginner's Packet

..... **Hallie Garner, Chairman**

An industrious committee completed work over the summer of 1994 on a Beginner's Packet of forms and basic "how-to" information for beginning genealogists. Thanks go to committee members Fran Horn (who did the actual desktop work), Jane Power, Pat Mutzabaugh and Buck Buchanan. Materials in this packet are to be printed as our current stock of forms is depleted and sold through the Director of Sales.

## Picnic in the Cemetery

..... **Helen Mason Lu, Chairman**

Helen Lu reports that the Picnic in the Cemetery was held at Pioneer Cemetery on the grounds of the Dallas Convention Center with 64 people in attendance. Total receipts and gifts were \$2,682.76, less expenses of \$841.87, with a profit of \$1,695.13 being dedicated to the Capital Expansion Project.

## DGS Awards Banquet

..... **Leslie Collier, Chairman**

One hundred and thirty-six guests attended the first-ever DGS Awards Banquet at Royal Oaks Country Club as the kickoff to our 1994 Regional Conference. An awards committee chaired by Bruce Moseley implemented a welcome and long overdue program of recognition for DGS volunteers. This was a self-supporting, non-revenue event. Speakers for the evening were Dr. Jerry Henderson of Austin on the Freedman's Cemetery archaeological project and Rose-Mary Rumbley on Dallas cemetery tall tales. The winners of the evening's awards were Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, Helen Mason Lu, Bob Maybrier, Dr. Jerry Henderson and Black Dallas Remembered.

## DGS Regional Conference

..... **Leslie Collier, Chairman**

Our annual fall seminar was enlarged to become the Regional Conference 1994 and was held at the Dallas Convention Center. It attracted over 630 participants and made a final profit for DGS of \$6,807.58. We had 37 lectures, arranged in seven broad information areas and stretching over five class sessions during the day. Special thanks go to Dorothy Bruce, Registration; Adrienne Jamieson, Syllabus; Millard Noell, Signs; Linda Rogers, Speaker Arrangements; Cliff Slagle and Bruce Moseley, Convention Center Arrangements; Shirley Sloat, Publicity and Vendors; and Laurie Wharton, Food Arrangements.

## DGS Spring Seminar

..... **Leslie Collier, Chairman**

The Spring Seminar with Sharon DeBartolo Carmack as our speaker was held Saturday, 8 April 1995, at the Dallas Convention Center; she was well received by the participants. A total of 267 paid registrants, plus 21 non-paying participants and 31 vendors brought the final total to 319. Final profits totaled \$2,064.39. Special thanks go to Terri Allen, Registration; Adrienne Jamieson, Chief "Financier"; Mary Johnson, Syllabus; Millard Noell, Signs; Cliff Slagle, Arrangements; and Shirley Sloat, Publicity and Vendors. Bruce and Peggy Moseley hosted a dinner afterwards; our thanks to them.

## DGS Writing Awards

..... **Madilyn Crane, Chairman**

There were 17 entrants with a total of 27 entries circulated amongst three judges. Final scores were tallied to arrive at the list of winners in our newly expanded writing awards program. The winners: Overall Manuscript, Leo Knezek; First Place Manuscripts, Michael Martin Farmer, Hallie Garner and Mike Basham; Overall and Individual Articles categories were swept by Pat Hatcher (including an article she and John Wylie wrote together).



## Sheila L. Stough - Vice President for Programs

What a fun year I have had. I enjoyed working with all the speakers and would like to thank them again for doing such a good job. We genealogists are fortunate to live in this area where we have so many excellent genealogical educators.

This year we started the DGS Tape Library, and we now have over 100 tapes. This is a great opportunity to hear national speakers right in your own home or car. I know the DGS Tape Library will continue to be a success. My thanks to Carole Ruska for handling the tapes and doing such a great job.

We also initiated a "question & answer" discussion group thirty minutes before the main meetings, and it was so well received that we will continue next year. My thanks to all who helped lead the discussions.

The best part of this year was meeting so many new people. I hope to see all of you next year!

## Mary A. Johnson - Vice President and Editor, DGS Newsletter

During the 1994-1995 Society year, six issues of the *DGS Newsletter* containing a total of 152 pages were compiled, printed and distributed to the membership.

A dedicated staff of volunteers assisted me in writing, compiling and editing the newsletter: Linda Shaddock Rogers, with her excellent *Guide* articles; Sammie Townsend Lee whose contributions to the *Guide*, *Beginners Corner*, and *P.I.G. News* cannot go unacknowledged; Leslie Smith Collier for her many *Beginners Guide* columns; and Terri Mulliken Allen, for compiling the *Queries* section.

Other members who contributed articles and/or reports or other materials that were compiled into news items included Barbara Roberts Baylis, Dorothy Odom Bruce, Madilyn Coen Crane, Ramona Honan, Jan Bishop McFarland, Art Rubeck, Shirley Sloat and John V. Wylie.

Each newsletter issue was mailed to the DGS membership, exchange societies and a select newsletter mailing list. Between 1100 and 1400 newsletter issues were printed depending on the number needed for mailing to members at the time.

## Terri Mulliken Allen - Recording Secretary

Copies of all officers and directors reports will be filed with the secretary and bound with the minutes for the 1994-1995 Society year.

## Clifford V. Slagle - Mailings

A total of nineteen bulk mailings were made during the present Board year. 24,442 pieces were mailed at an average of 12.03 cents each.

Direct mailing costs were \$236.26 for mailings to Canada and to mail replacement publications to various libraries.

Bulk mailing permit and post office box rentals totaled \$143.00. Our bulk mail fund presently has a balance of \$365.59, and the return postage fund has a balance of \$32.00.

Eighty-five requests for information were answered during the 1994-1995 board year.

## Shirley Remnant Sloat - Director of Publicity and Public Relations

A publicity database was created which permits letter and label creation. Included are various genealogical and historical organizations, libraries, vendors and media (magazines, newsletters, newspapers, radio and television).

Publicity was provided for the 1994 Summer Lecture Series, the Beginners' Workshop, the 1994 Regional Conference, the Picnic in the Cemetery, the 1995 Spring Seminar, Salt Lake City research trips and various Special Interest Group needs.

DGS continued to support activities of the Dallas Public Library by providing volunteers for the annual Book Sale. Friends of the Library and the Dallas Public Library staff publicized our events, including various fund-raisers for the Capital Expansion Project.

The Records Preservation Committee was formed and was instrumental in ensuring that no public records will be destroyed by Dallas County without first offering them to the Dallas Public Library in its capacity as a Texas State Library Regional



Depository. The Library will work with our Society to identify records which have historical significance, and we will work out procedures to preserve such records. We have interfaced with the Dallas County Records Manager and "encouraged" the Dallas County Commissioners Court to reactivate their plan to move the county archives to a newer, more suitable, permanent location. After hearing that the scheduled move-in date for the new facility would be 15 October, DGS members appeared before the Commissioners Court to thank them for their responsive win/win solution to our concerns about records preservation. The 1995-1996 activities for the Records Preservation Committee will consist of analyzing and documenting various county record types, in order to be able to make preserve/destroy decisions.

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*[Editor's Note: The remainder of the Society's Annual Reports will be published in the September-October 1995 issue.]*

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## 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, Texas 75225-0648.*

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## Mid Cities Announces Fall Symposium

Details are still sketchy, but mark your calendars for the Fall Symposium announced by the Mid Cities Genealogical Society to be held Saturday, 23 September 1995 from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Sessions will be offered for every level of genealogist and family historian. The Symposium will take place at the Pipeline Road Church of Christ, 824 West Pipeline Road, in Hurst, Texas.

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## Cornish Forefathers Society Formed

A new society was formed in January 1995 for all people worldwide who are interested in researching their Cornish forefathers. Members receive a quarterly journal and will also have a direct link to the Truro Records Office for research needs. Dues are payable in pounds sterling at £15 per year. Send to Mrs. P. T. Drake, Little Crugwallins Farm, Lanjeth, St. Austell, Cornwall, PL26 7TH, England.

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## Join the "Friends of the Archives"

You can assist the National Archives Southwest Branch in Fort Worth by joining the "Friends of the Archives." Memberships are only \$10, \$15 or \$20 for individual, family or corporate levels. The tax-deductible contributions are used to purchase equipment and research materials. In 1993, an additional \$1,000 of film was purchased, and a new microfilm reader was bought with funds in 1994. Send your checks today to The Friends of the National Archives Southwest Region, P. O. Box 6562, Fort Worth, Texas 76115-6562.

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## Bell County News

Stephanie Turnham has announced that Richard L. Hooverson will speak on "Redskins and Rangers: The Texas Military Frontier" on Saturday, 14 October from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The lecture will take place at the Bell County Museum, 201 North Main Street, Belton. Registration fee is \$10 and may be sent to Ms. Turnham at P. O. Box 1381, Belton, Texas 76513.

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## Genealogy Tour to England

Bill Lindner is once again sponsoring a Genealogy Tour to England from 17-25 September 1995. Included will be research at the Public Records Office, St. Catherine's House, Guildhall Library and a trip to Canterbury. For more information, please contact Bill Lindner, 4615 9th Street South, Arlington, Virginia 22204-5922.



## DGS Garage Sale Announced

Have you reached a stopping point in your family research? No, not because you've hit the proverbial brick wall; instead, you have completely run out of storage space to store all those files, books, computer reports, etc. Then let DGS come to your rescue! Helen Mason Lu, Garage Sale Chairman, has announced the first-ever DGS Garage Sale set for "sometime" in the fall. Helen is busy locking in dates and a location, but wants all members to start weeding through their closets, drawers and garages for articles to contribute to the sale. Monies will be dedicated to the Capital Expansion Project. We'd like smaller kitchen appliances but we have no storage site for larger appliances or furniture. We'll also take bric-a-brac, clothing, shoes, etc. So far, three brave DGS souls have offered to store unwanted "junk" until the sale. In the North Dallas/Richardson corridor, contact Mary Johnson (214-233-8006), for Irving and Mid-Cities, call Art Rubeck (214-659-1879) and for Lake Highlands/East Dallas, contact ???.

Volunteers will be needed to set up for the sale, price articles and cashier during the sale. Watch your next newsletter for more details.

## Genealogy Section Expansion Project Update (...Or the Wall Comes Tumbling Down)

**Heather Williams, Manager  
History & Social Sciences Division  
Dallas Public Library**

The glass wall will come tumbling down as the expansion of the Genealogy Section moves into the construction phase at the Dallas Public Library. The Expansion Project is a cooperative effort between the Dallas Genealogical Society and the Dallas Public Library to improve library services to the genealogical community. This public/private partnership will expand the Genealogy Section's physical space and double the capacity for materials and patron seating in the public service area.

During the last six months, the groundwork has been laid to ensure the successful completion of the construction phase of the expansion project. Before construction could begin, a written agreement between the DGS and the Library was drafted defining those actions and activities agreed to by both parties. A City of Dallas Administrative Action authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to enter into the Letter of Agreement with DGS was approved and gave the official go-ahead for the construction. The Letter of Agreement between the Society and the Library was signed by Arthur H. Rubeck, DGS President, A.C. Gonzalez, City of Dallas Assistant Manager and Ramiro S. Salazar, Director of Libraries on 3 May 1995.

Society member Bill Benson who has graciously donated his architectural services is hard at work on the final floor plans and specifications for the project. It has become a common occurrence to find Bill in the Genealogy Section conducting research, not on his family, but on the physical facility itself. He has met with Library and Public Works staff to coordinate efforts which must be submitted to the City of Dallas Architect's Office for approval before a construction contractor is hired. Construction is slated to begin this summer.

Fund raising efforts by DGS have been tremendously successful with over \$90,000 being raised through a variety of projects and private donations. Private donations from individuals have provided the support needed to enable the continuation of the project while the volunteer efforts by DGS members will allow the successful completion of the project.

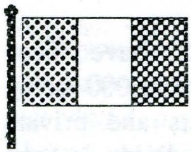
The Society's goal of raising \$150,000 for the project is still ongoing with funds still needed to cover furniture and equipment costs. DGS is now launching an aggressive campaign to procure foundation grants and contributions from corporations and individuals. If you are interested in supporting this worthy project or need further information, please contact Leslie Collier at (214) 341-5166 or send donations payable to the DGS Capital Expansion Project, P. O. Box 12648, Dallas, Texas 75225-0648.

The liaison between the Library and the research community is vital to the future growth and success of the Library's Genealogy Section. Library staff applaud DGS' dedication to improving genealogical services at the Dallas Public Library.



## Summer Lecture Series Underway

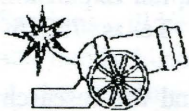
The Dallas Genealogical Society, in cooperation with the Dallas Public Library, initiated its annual Summer Lecture Series with an exciting program presented by "Mr. South Carolina," Brent Holcomb on 24 June. Brent was warmly received by attendees in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in downtown Dallas. Many of us have South Carolina ancestry, and no one was better than Brent in giving us pointers on studying the state, her people and her records. There's still time to enroll in the two remaining lectures, so sign up today! Preregistration is *required* as the Auditorium seats only 200, and if Brent's day-long presentation is any indication, the two programs set for July and August will be sell-outs! If you haven't preregistered, call the Library's Genealogy Section at (214) 670-1433 on the Friday prior to each event to see if seats are still available. Bring a lunch or eat downtown as a few restaurants remain open on Saturdays.



Ireland

David E. Rencher, A.G. will discuss Irish research on 22 July. David's talks are entitled *Sources & Methods for Doing Irish Genealogical Research, Irish Immigration, Part I: US & Canada Sources, Irish Immigration, Part II: Irish Sources*

and *Ireland Census and Census Substitutes*. A professional genealogist since 1977, David is employed by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. He is president of the Utah Genealogical Association and Vice-President for Membership for the Federation of Genealogical Societies. David led the Samford University Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research tour to the British Isles in 1994.



Concluding the summer series on 19 August is our very own Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck. Lloyd will present four lectures on the military records created as a result of American Wars fought during the period following the

Revolutionary War through the Civil War. If you are struggling to locate your ancestors in our nation's

military records, you better not pass up Lloyd's program. Lloyd is head of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library and writes the *Family Tree* column for the *Dallas Morning News*. In 1992 Lloyd was named a Fellow of the National Genealogical Society.

### 1995 Summer Lecture Series Registration Form

[Preregistration is **required**. Please use one form for each registrant.]

\_\_\_\_\_ \$18 for 22 July 1995

David E. Rencher, A.G.  
Tracing Your Irish Ancestors  
On Both Sides of the Atlantic

\_\_\_\_\_ \$18 for 19 August 1995

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck  
90 Years of Military Records  
American Wars, 1775-1865

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Are you a DGS member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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## Professional Interest Group News

**Sammie Townsend Lee, Group Leader**

The DGS P.I.G. is taking a summer vacation from meetings, but that doesn't mean we're not attending to business. We have several interesting tidbits to pass on to you at this time.

### Speaker's Guide Available.

At my request, Leslie Collier, in one of her many changes of hats, has compiled for our local lecturers a speaker's development guide. It began life as an instruction packet for those speakers who have submitted lecture proposals for our fall conference. As things are wont to do, it turned out to be much more and is truly one of the best guides I've read on the subject. It contains helpful, straight-forward information on selecting topics, putting together effective handouts, creating eye-catching visuals, how to learn from critiques and more.

The guide is being sent to DGS fall conference lecturers, but I also encourage anyone currently involved in genealogical lecturing, or who is interested in starting, to order a copy. I also urge other area societies to take advantage of Leslie's wit and wisdom by ordering a copy. It may be had for the mere price of a #10 self-addressed, stamped envelope (32 cents postage) and a duplication fee of \$1. Make checks payable to DGS, and mail to DGS Speaker Development Guide, P. O. Box 12648, Dallas, Texas 75225-0648.

### Genealogical Certification.

We are delighted to announce that two DGS members recently received exceptionally good news from the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG).

Congratulations are in line for Patricia Law Hatcher and Brenda Burns Kellow. Each has achieved the status of Certified Genealogist. Genealogical certification is a long and difficult process, and those who achieve it have proven they have the highest professional standards, as well as knowledge and expertise in their chosen category. It is a goal to which all professional genealogists should aspire. We salute Pat and Brenda who have earned the right to use the postnominals C.G. after their names.

If you are interested in genealogical certification, the BCG has a series of informational pamphlets and a preparation guide that may aid you in your quest. The president of the Board is Elizabeth Shown Mills, and

she recently mailed our P.I.G. group a box of these pamphlets and guides. I have a limited supply of these remaining. If you would like a set, please contact me at the Dallas Public Library (670-1433) on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday; and I will be happy to save you a set as long as they last.

Also, Mrs. Mills and the Board for Certification has offered the Genealogical Institute of Texas the opportunity to present a class in genealogical certification for attendees of the institute this summer. The instructional class is optional for all attendees and will be lead by Mary McCampbell Bell, C.G., Paula Stuart Warren, C.G.R.S., as well as Pat and Brenda.

### Genealogical Institute of Texas, 24-28 July.

Which brings us to the subject of GIT. Are you signed up? If not, why not? What an educational opportunity we have right here in our own back yard! You should find information about the third annual GIT elsewhere in this newsletter. I urge you to consider one of the courses being offered to further your genealogical abilities. I've attended both the 1993 and 1994 sessions as a student. Both years I took courses that were not being offered anywhere else in the United States. I am honored to be affiliated with the Institute as an instructor this year. I hope to see you there as well!

## News from FGS

**Sammie Townsend Lee, FGS Delegate**

The National Archives is the custodian of our nation's history. Like so many of our country's libraries and archives, it faces new challenges, problems and serious budget cuts as we approach the twenty-first century. A strong leader with foresight, commitment and political savvy, as well as an appreciation of history, is needed to guide the Archives into the next century.

Recently the Dallas Genealogical Society received information from the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) concerning the appointment of the new Archivist of the United States. We believe the following should be of interest to our membership.

### Selection of the Archivist of the United States.

On 5 May 1995, President Clinton announced his nomination of former Kansas Governor John Carlin as the Archivist of the United States. FGS President Curt Witcher interviewed numerous individuals, including Mr. Carlin, gathering information and references to



assess Carlin's suitability for the position. President Witcher presented his findings to the FGS Board, and that body overwhelmingly supported the nomination of John Carlin.

FGS is delighted to report that John Carlin has been confirmed by Congress and received the appointment of Archivist of the United States. For your information, printed below is the wording of the official Resolution that FGS presented to Congress supporting Carlin's nomination and selection.

**Federation of Genealogical Societies Resolution Supporting the Nomination of John Carlin for the Position of Archivist of the United States**

*Whereas* the Federation of Genealogical Societies is a professional organization of societies and institutions representing several hundred thousand individuals interested in history, genealogy, preservation, and historical research and is dedicated to promoting the proper administration of archival, manuscript, documentary, and other record materials; and

*Whereas* the nominee for Archivist of the United States, John Carlin, meets both the letter and spirit of the qualifications outlined in the NAGARA/SAA Joint Statement on selection criteria for Archivist of the United States and the Independent Legislation for the National Archives (PL98-947); and

*Whereas* John Carlin is known as a friend to genealogists and historians, and has demonstrated his commitment to these vital constituencies of the National Archives through his work with the Kansas Historical Society and the National Archives Foundation Board; and

*Whereas* John Carlin successfully met the needs of numerous and diverse interest groups as governor of the state of Kansas, has shown extraordinary management and administrative skills in his professional career and is adept at building meaningful relationships with important constituencies; and

*Whereas* John Carlin has demonstrated a tremendous sensitivity toward and appreciation of history and preservation, with tangible evidence of this commitment being the construction of the history and heritage center in Kansas, the professional dispatch with which his gubernatorial papers were catalogued and made available after his term in office, and his involvement with historical groups and endeavors,

*Therefore*, be it resolved that the Federation of Genealogical Societies fully supports the nomination of John Carlin for the position of Archivist of the United States, Head of the National Archives and Records Administration.

In testament to this, I hereby affix my signature on this 23 day of May, A.D. 1995. Signed by Curt B. Witcher, President Federation of Genealogical Societies.

**Misleading Heritage Offers Investigated**

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) have combined efforts to address the ongoing problem of genealogical fraud and deception. The result is a news release issued jointly by NGS and FGS imploring genealogical societies to alert and educate their respective memberships about this situation.

"On March 23, 1995, the National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies requested that the Consumer Protection Division of the U.S. Postal Service conduct a new investigation of Halbert's, Inc., publisher of a series of surname books, for false representation of its products.

Millions of people, both beginning genealogists and the unsuspecting public, are buying these surname books expecting to learn about their own families. When the book arrives, they discover its primary feature is a list of individuals with their last name. Many purchasers have complained about these books to leaders in the genealogical community, asking if something could be done.

In response, the NGS appointed an Ethics Committee and invited the FGS to participate. The committee studied brochures and books compiled by Halbert's, Inc., one of the number of companies offering products masquerading as genealogy. A 120-page report was prepared showing that Halbert's (also known as 'Family Book Offer' and 'Historic Book Offer') misrepresents its products.

It is against the law to use the United States mails to collect money for schemes or devices by means of false representation. Halbert's signed a Consent Order in 1989, agreeing not to represent its books as the history of a family, its name, or its heraldry. The Ethics Committee report concludes that Halbert's continues to make these representations.

To help, write to Consumer Protection Division, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, D.C. 20260-2100. If you buy a surname product represented as being about your family, but whose distinguishing feature is a list of people with your surname, you can return it for a refund. If you have not received a refund within six weeks, complain to the Consumer Protection Division." — NGS, Helen Hinchliff (604-653-4546); FGS, Karen Mauer Green (409-740-7988).





### SALT LAKE CITY TRIP 1996

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This year our **basic trip package** is for **9 nights** in Howard Johnson Hotel, next door to the Family History Library. But if you desire a shorter time, we are also offering a **7 night package**. We have changed our arrival and departure days so you can make use of airline discounts that are usually offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please take into account that inflation hits us all, even the hotels! We are still planning to include airport transfers in Salt Lake, a reception, and end-of-trip party, along with a few other surprises. **AND** you still get the professional services of our own DGS Genealogists.

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Call Dorothy at (214) 239-4901, if you have questions.

Send \$200.00 deposit to DGS-Salt Lake City Trip 1996, P.O. Box 25556, Dallas, TX 75225. Indicate on check that this is your SLC Trip 1996 deposit.

Dorothy Odom Bruce  
Salt Lake City Trip Coordinator



## Beginners Corner - The U.S. Census

Leslie Smith Collier

By act of Congress the United States has been enumerating its citizens every 10 years since 1790. This census is a genealogist's greatest boon; however, these records were not created as an aid to our research, but to provide data that might aid in running the country. For that reason, the questions asked differ from census to census and offer varying amounts of information for the genealogist. Earlier censuses asked only for the names of the heads of household, with a count of other individuals in the home (done in age categories); in 1850 all members of the household were listed by name for the first time. Each census since that time has added progressively more information. A genealogist uses the census as a master "address book" in order to identify the localities where a particular family may be found.

The census is taken geographically, not alphabetically: by state, by county, by township, by town, by neighborhood, by street or road. In early years census takers were told to take every right-hand turn from the beginning point, enumerating all households before returning to the point where the turn was first made. Your family's closest neighbor may appear pages away from your ancestor's entry. State-wide indexes have been published with the names of the *head* of the household, plus any person of a different surname found in a home.

### The Soundex and Miracode

The U.S. government devised a system of *indexing* the census by grouping surnames which are spelled with similar consonants. This phonetic index is called Soundex in 1920, 1900 and 1880; in 1910 it is Miracode. These are available on microfilm only. Be sure to consult the original census once you have located your family on this index.

- ▶ **1920 and 1900** – Soundex for all states. Listed are the *heads* of house, plus anyone in the household with a different surname
- ▶ **1910** – For 1910 *only*, a slightly different system called the Miracode was used; the 1910 census was Miracoded for the fifteen states that had not enacted statewide vital records laws: AR, CA, FL, IL, KS, KY, LA, MI, MO, NC, OH, OK, PA, VA and WV. No other states are indexed in 1910.
- ▶ **1880** – Only families with children aged ten and under are included, listed according to the name of the head of household (or those with different surnames).

### Census Indexes

Book indexes have been compiled to the census of many states, especially in the earlier years. These indexes are arranged in strict alphabetical order, just like a phonebook; you must *remember to look up variant spellings (and handwriting confusions) for your surnames*. Begin to check library shelves for indexes as soon as you have progressed backwards to 1870 and before. Keep in mind that only the name of

the head of household is listed in the index, so if you are looking for a child living in the household of his parents in a census year, look up every head of house of the correct surname in the county where you suspect your ancestor lived. Widen your search to surrounding counties, like a bullseye.

### Missing Censuses

Due to records loss, early census returns are missing for some states. For example, the 1830 census is the first complete count which exists today for Tennessee. There is a partial census of that state for 1820, containing western counties only; a very few returns have survived from the 1810 Tennessee census. All of the 1800 census was lost, and that was the first enumeration of Tennessee (which became a state in 1796). Similar losses may be seen in some other states as well.

### Substitutes for the Census

Where no census exists for the time period and place in which you are interested, consult *RedBook* or a genealogy librarian for a substitute. The most common substitute for lost census records is tax records. Most useful substitutes for a missing census have been printed and are available in larger genealogical libraries.

### Special Censuses

Some states took statewide censuses in varying years; the U.S. government also authorized a few off-year censuses. For example, there was a census of



Kansas Territory in 1855 to determine if the area had a large enough population to warrant statehood. For the most informative source, see Ann S. Lainhart's *State Census Records*.

### Know Your Neighborhood

You may not know it when you first find your family on a census, but some of the neighbors may have lived and migrated with your family for 300 years. They likely intermarried, maybe several times, so their history can mirror yours. A good genealogist is as interested in the neighbors as his own family.

### Census Search Strategies

1. Find your ancestors on *every* census during their lives.
2. Photocopy every census *entry* of your families. Be very sure that you note film number, census year, state, county, township, page number and date on the margin of your copy.
3. Take down information on your families' neighbors, at least 5 (10 is better) pages before *and* after the entry in which you are interested. Some of these will turn out to be your "kinfolk."
4. Only the *head* of house is listed in the census index (with the exception that many indexing companies include members of a household whose surname is different from the head of house).
5. The 1890 U.S. census was destroyed by fire with only 10% surviving; you will likely have to jump from 1880 to 1900.
6. In 1880 only families with children 10 and under are Soundexed. If a family you are searching for is not Soundexed, then look up names of known associated families who would likely have been listed; search in their neighborhoods for your family.
7. Soundex rolls which are not available locally are available other ways: any branch of the National Archives (including Fort Worth), by rental at many libraries, from the LDS Family History Center.
8. Remember that a county line is an artificial boundary; adjoining farms may have fallen into different counties. Ditto for states. Some census takers carefully note the township; where you have that information, find those townships within your county to tell you whether or not to check out an adjacent area.
9. *Treat the census as a wonderful clue, not as genealogical gospel. A census taker was not required to interview the family; he could have asked the child who answered the door or even the neighbors. Don't be surprised if names, ages and states of birth vary from census to census.*

### Key Census Questions

1. 1900 — asked the month and year of birth, not just the age of every member of the household; asked for the number of children born to a mother and the number of those who were living.
2. 1880 — first census to ask for birthplaces of the *parents* of everyone in the home; first to specify family relationships.
3. 1870 — asked if parents were of foreign birth; asked literacy questions; first census to list former slaves individually.
4. 1850 — first census to list every member of the household by name, age and state of birth; asked value of real estate owned (sending researchers directly to land records); asked professions.
5. 1840 — only census to ask name and age of Revolutionary War pensioners.

### No One Went Anywhere Alone

Neighbors are a genealogist's best friends, for where your family lived before a migration is the same place where some of the neighbors lived as well. You can plot a group of names backwards in the census to determine where your family originated much more easily than you can plot one name. In looking at the neighbors, try to spot indications of prior involvement: same states of birth, similar patterns of birth localities for children of neighboring families, ages suggesting that one of the neighboring couple might be a grown child of an older couple in whom you are interested, first names that repeat those in your family.

Remember that you can jump back and forth in time using the census: if your ancestor died or disappeared in 1817, that doesn't mean that you quit



using the census; check his friends and neighbors who survived to 1840 to see if any of them had Revolutionary pensions, then read those pension records to see where they originated. Use similar techniques to take advantage of the fact that this same ancestor likely had friends who lived to 1850 and whose 1850 census listings yield a state of birth. Use the same 1850 census to see if the names of other people's children suggest a relationship. Don't overlook the 1880 census, for a single 80 year-old survivor (who by then has migrated through three more states) can tell you where a group of families lived at the time of the Revolution when he or she gives the birthplace of his or her parents. In other words, following families towards the present may be your most effective strategy for reaching into the past.

**Pssst, a little hint...**when you know more about your family, go back and re-search the neighborhood again on the census. You'll be surprised how much more you're able to glean.

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## Spotlight on Lamar County

Contributed by Sammie Townsend Lee

The Lamar County Genealogical Society (formerly the Genealogical Society of Northeast Texas) located in Paris, Texas, is dedicated to the collection, preservation and publication of materials on Lamar County. The Society maintains a genealogical library on the campus of Paris Junior College in the Jess B. Alford Center. Operating hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 4:00 P.M. and Tuesday from noon to 8:00 P.M. The library is a small room that houses about 1,000 books relating to Lamar County, early Texas history and genealogy, and materials on the southern and mid-Atlantic states. One can search hundreds of family group sheets and pedigree charts, as well as about 125 family histories.

One impressive collection is the *Death and Cemetery Records of Lamar County*. This huge unpublished database compilation is an ongoing project containing vast information on Lamar County tombstone inscriptions, obituaries, biographies and personal data of over 62,000 surnames. It can only be accessed through the Society.

Membership in the Society begins at \$12 for individuals and includes the Society's well-written quarterly. If you have ancestors in this area or who

stopped over on their way elsewhere in Texas, a trip to Paris should be on your summer travel itinerary. Write or call the Lamar County Genealogical Society, PJC Box 187, 2400 Clarksville Street, Paris, Texas 74560; (903) 784-9448.

## DGS Regional Conference 1995

Mark your calendars now! The DGS Regional Conference 1995 kicks off with our second annual DGS Service Awards Banquet to be held on Friday, 10 November 1995. Who will be this year's winners? If you would like to honor one of your fellow genealogists, submit his/her name in writing to Art Rubeck, Service Awards Chairman, 101 Wellesley Drive, Irving, Texas 75062-4574.

The Regional Conference begins bright & early on Saturday, 11 November. Plans are well underway; speaker proposals have come in, and the programs are being set with learning tracks for all levels of genealogical interest and expertise. The next issue of the *DGS Newsletter* will have the full exciting details! Don't miss out — Be there!

## NGS Study Group Proposed

Gene Burris, Director of Mailings and Correspondence, would like to form a study group to work together on the National Genealogical Society Home Study Course. If any DGS members who are enrolled in the NGS course are interested in studying as a group, please let Gene know by calling (214) 270-1802.

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## Volunteers Needed

**Bob Maybrier**

The DGS Desk at the Library is staffed by volunteers serving two or four hour periods. Those serving report time well spent meeting new people and making new friends. In addition, volunteers receive double time on book check-outs and FREE parking! And, volunteers living outside Dallas receive a free Dallas Library card. Only two or three spots are currently open, but we maintain a list of people who cannot serve regularly but would like to work when they can. If you would like to serve as a regular or a substitute, call Bob at (214) 348-3694.

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## Provo Calls

This *DGS Newsletter* has been chock full of learning opportunities available to researchers. Here's another — the annual conference to be held 1-4 August 1995 at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Ten tracks are set for the conference and include something for everyone: U.S. General (beginners), U.S. Northern (intermediate), U.S. Southern (intermediate), England, the British Isles, European/Scandinavian, Germanic, Computer, Methodology and General topics. In addition, a one-day session devoted to PAF (Personal Ancestral File) software usage will be held on 5 August. For a registration brochure, contact BYU Conferences and Workshops, 136 Harman Building, Provo, Utah 84602-1516 or call (801) 378-4853.

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## Austin Seminar Announced

The Austin Genealogical Society Seminar will be held 5 August 1995 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at The Terrace, 200 Academy Drive in Austin. This year's seminar will feature nationally-known lecturer Desmond Walls Allen. Ms. Allen's topics are "Advanced Problem Solving", "Public Domain Records" and "Cite Your Sources: How & Why". Preregistration before 28 July is \$25 which includes lunch; after that date, the fee is \$28. To request registration forms, please contact the AGS, P. O. Box 1507, Austin, TX 78767-1507.

## What Is RAGAS?

Yet another genealogical acronym! RAGAS is the Russian-American Genealogical Archival Service founded in 1992 as a joint venture between the Russian Archival Society and the U.S. National Archives Volunteer Association. RAGAS undertakes research projects for Americans in various state offices in Russia.

A initial non-refundable fee of \$50 is required for a preliminary search; if the results are positive, one can authorize an additional search up to a specified maximum expenditure at the rate of \$6 per hour. Request forms may be obtained by sending a SASE to RAGAS, P. O. Box 236, Glen Echo, MD 20812.

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## FGS in Seattle

There's still time to make your plans to attend the 1995 FGS Conference "From Sea to Shining Sea" to be held 20-23 September in Seattle. Hosted by the Seattle Genealogical Society, study topics are set for the British Isles, Computers, European/Scandinavian and North American research. Details are available from the FGS Business Office, P. O. Box 3385, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110-3385.

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## DGS Computer Interest Group News

The DGS Computer Interest Group (CIG) meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Dallas Public Library. The group shares information about use of computers in your genealogical research.

The 14 September meeting will address *Genealogy on the Internet* presented by Mike Basham, CIG Director. A live on-line connection to the Internet will demonstrate the available resources and capabilities. Please join us!

Saturday, 7 October has been chosen for "A Workshop in Basic Computer Genealogy" as part of the Beginners Workshop Series. The registration fee is \$20; request a brochure from: DGS Special Events, P.O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75248-0648.



believed to be **John BOUNDS** and **Jane WOOD**. John and Celia's son, **Richard Washington WEAVER**, married **Emily Josephine JONES** in Garland County, Arkansas on 9 November 1882.

**Sue Hamilton. 118 Springwood E.O., Mabank, Texas 75147.**

**KING  
RUSSELL  
BECKUM  
MCCORD**

I am looking for information on **Eura Gene KING**, daughter of **Jacob Taylor KING** (born in Tennessee in 1860, living in Dallas County 1900-1920) and **Fannie Ophelia BECKUM** (born 1892 in Tennessee and died Dallas County after 1970). Eura married **Alva Lee RUSSELL** in 1910 in Dallas County. He was the son of **James Buchanan "Buck" RUSSELL** (born Morgan County, Illinois in 1885 and died in Wheatland, Dallas County, in 1931) and **Rebecca MCCORD** (born in Parker County, Texas in 1867 and died in Wheatland in 1957). In 1920 Eura and Alva Russell were living in Lancaster (Wheatland Voting District).

**Kristine Ludwing. 102 Dewitt Circle, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39402.**

**HALL**

I would like to correspond with the descendants of **Leonides HALL** who lived at 2108 South Harwood in Dallas, Texas. He died in Dallas sometime after 1935.

**Gwen Neumann. 1100 Janewood Circle, Plano, Texas 75075.**

**HEREFORD**

Am seeking information about the **HEREFORD** family of Dallas. **Felix S. HEREFORD** and his wife, **Kate H. \_\_\_\_\_**, lived at 3918 Bowser Avenue in Dallas in 1934.

**Gwen Neumann. 1100 Janewood Circle, Plano, Texas 75075.**

**DOLEN  
COFFEE**

I am looking for the descendants of **William Bernard DOLEN** and his wife, **Mary COFFEE**. He was born in Ireland in 1831 and came to America in 1834. They married in Rochester, New York and had six children: **Bernard, Thomas, John, Kate, Sue and Jane**. William died in 1878 and was buried in Red Oak, Iowa; Mary died in 1897 and was buried in Omaha, Nebraska.

**Elizabeth Dolen Deihl. 2724 El Tivoli Drive, Dallas, Texas 75211-2325.**

**PIPER  
GHOLSON**

I am looking for the burial place of **Ann Parker (GHOLSON) PIPER**, daughter of **James and Sarah GHOLSON**. She was married to **Russell PIPER** of McCracken County, Kentucky. Ann died in 1907 and may be buried in Arkansas as she lived there in the early 1900's.

**Elizabeth Dolen Deihl. 2724 El Tivoli Drive, Dallas, Texas 75211-2325.**

**WOMBLE**

Seeking the parents of **Samuel WOMBLE** who married **Jane Cheek TYSON** in 1784 in Moore County, North Carolina. He was born July 1763 or 1764, probably in Moore County.

**Elizabeth Dolen Deihl. 2724 El Tivoli Drive, Dallas, Texas 75211-2325.**

**BUTLER  
TILFORD**

Seeking any information on **Elias T. BUTLER**, born about 1816 probably in Tennessee, who married **Mary Jane TILFORD** about 1836. He owned the City Hotel in Humboldt, Tennessee from 1867 until he died in Gibson County, Tennessee in February 1884. Elias may have been in Illinois in 1844 or Arkansas in 1849. Is he related to **Jacob BUTLER** of Anderson County, Tennessee, the son of **William BUTLER**, Revolutionary War hero who was from Oliver Springs, Tennessee?

**Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr. 18536 Shadow Ridge Drive, Dallas, Texas 75287.**



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Make your check payable to DGS and mail to Membership, Dallas Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 25556, Dallas, TX 75225-1556

**SURNAME EXCHANGE:** Each member may submit up to 8 Surname and/or County/State combinations being researched. Example: Johnson, Orange County, VA. Would you agree to submit this information along with your name, address and phone number for a Surname Database for use by DGS members?     Yes     No

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It takes work of many individuals to run DGS. Would you be willing to share your skills, talents and interest with the Society? Please check all areas of interest:

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