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DGS Sponsors Annual Summer Lecture Series

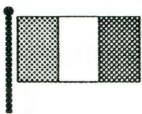
The Dallas Genealogical Society, in cooperation with the Dallas Public Library, is pleased to present its annual Summer Lecture Series. The seminars will be held in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library at 1515 Young Street in downtown Dallas. As the lectures are very well-attended and enrollment is limited to 200 for each seminar, preregistration is *required*! If a seminar is a sell-out, no walk-ins will be admitted, and you must have a ticket to be admitted to each of the lectures. If you do not preregister, call the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, (214) 670-1433 on the Friday prior to each event to see if seating is still available. This year's summer series brings to town three very popular genealogical lecturers so plan to attend. A registration form is found on page 65 of this newsletter.



South Carolina

On 24 June, Brent H. Holcomb ("Mr. South Carolina") opens the series with four lectures on South Carolina research. Mr. Holcomb is a professional genealogist, lecturer, educator and editor and author of more than eighty titles on the Carolinas. Since 1977 he has edited the *South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*. Brent received the Award of Merit from the National Genealogical Society in 1981 and the President's Award from the South Carolina Genealogical Society in 1990 as well as their Award of Merit in 1987. Many of us with Southern ancestry trace back to South Carolina, and we're sure you won't want to miss *the*

expert in this geographic area.



Ireland

David E. Rencher, A.G. continues the series on 22 July with his lectures on Irish research on both sides of the Atlantic. His 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 drew upon his expertise in English and Irish ancestral research when he led the

Samford University Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research tour to the British Isles in 1994.



Concluding the Summer Lecture Series is a speaker who needs no introduction to DGS members. Our very own Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck will present four lectures on the military records created as a result of American Wars fought from the American Revolution through the Civil War. Anyone trying to navigate their way through the maze of military records will not want to miss Lloyd's seminar. Lloyd is head of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library and writes the *Family Tree* column for the *Dallas Morning News*. He is also a course coordinator and instructor for the Samford University Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. In 1992 Lloyd was named a Fellow of the National Genealogical Society.

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 (FGS).

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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 \$20 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 July-August 1995 *DGS Newsletter* is 1 June 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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Notice of Upcoming DGS Meetings

Problem-Solving Sessions

Just a reminder to all members that we are conducting our "problem-solving techniques" sessions beginning one-half hour before each meeting in the East-West Room of the Dallas Public Library. An exchange of ideas or a discussion of your genealogical problem may be just what you need to set off on a new research course, so please join us at these get-togethers!

Regular Meetings

An Invitation from the DGS Board

The Executive Board of the Dallas Genealogical Society invites all DGS members and guests to attend the "Thank-You" Reception preceding the May meeting on Monday, 22 May 1995 to help celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Dallas Genealogical Society. The reception begins at 6:00 P.M. and concludes when the monthly meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. This is the Board's way of saying "thank you" for your support of the society with your attendance at meetings and workshops, your volunteer service and your monetary gifts. Come and get acquainted with your fellow members!

Speaking from the Grave

Date: Monday, 22 May 1995
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Speaker: Richard Miller
Topic: *Quotations from the Dead*

Join DGS in welcoming Richard Miller, Director of the Longview Public Library and "epitaph collector". Mr. Miller is author of the book, *Gone but Not Forgotten*, a collection of epitaphs and is so well-known for his "gravestone" expertise that he has been asked to compose epitaphs for others. Also, remember this is our Annual Meeting with the Installation of the new Board and Officers for the 1995-1996 year.

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.

The DGS Spring Seminar and DGS Annual Genealogy Symposium are held in the Dallas Convention Center. The Summer Lecture Series seminars are held in the Auditorium of the Dallas Public Library.

Membership Report

by Ramona Honan

Total Paid Members	956
Libraries	17
Life Members	65
TOTAL	1038

1994-1995 DGS Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY/DATE/ LOCATION	TIME	SPEAKER(S)	PROGRAM OR INFORMATION
DGS/CIG Meeting	Thursday, 11 May 1995 DPL Auditorium	6:30 P.M.	Speaker & Topic DBA	
DGS 40th Anniversary Reception	Monday, 22 May 1995 East/West Room	6:00 P.M.	Join fellow members in celebrating our 40th anniversary at a gala reception	
Annual Meeting	Monday, 22 May 1995 DPL Auditorium	7:00 P.M.	Richard Miller	<i>Quotations from the Dead and Installation of new Board</i>
DGS/AAIG (African-American Interest Group)	Tuesday, 23 May 1995 DPL Auditorium	7:00 P.M.	Speaker & Topic DBA	
DGS/PIG	Thursday, 25 May 1995 East/West Room	7:00 P.M.	Barbara Dossett	<i>Legal Considerations for the Professional Genealogist</i>
Beginners Workshop	Saturday, 27 May 1995 DPL Auditorium	9:00 A.M.- 4:15 P.M.	Join with other beginners and "learn the genealogical ropes" with DGS	<i>Getting Started, Census Research, Libraries & Courthouses and Using the DPL Genealogy Section</i>
Summer Lecture Series	Saturday, 24 June 1995	9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.	Brent H. Holcomb	<i>Research in South Carolina</i>
Summer Lecture Series	Saturday, 22 July 1995	9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.	David E. Rencher, A.G.	<i>Tracing Your Irish Ancestors on Both Sides of the Atlantic</i>
Summer Lecture Series	Saturday, 19 August 1995	9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.	Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck	<i>90 Years of Military Records-American Wars, 1775-1865</i>



The President's Message

by Art Rubeck

Our Society has over 1,000 active members so do you think that size alone lets us get things done? No, bigger doesn't mean better, nor does it mean stronger. The strength of our Society lies in its individual members. Does that mean that one or two members do all the work? No, only when a group of members join together to brainstorm an idea or project, to investigate various options, to look at meshing with other scheduled activities and then to plan their event or program, does the real strength of the Society shine.

But how does a large organization such as ours really get things done? You know the word: **COMMITTEES**. Some people shy away from using that word, as it often carries connotations that turn others off. Call it what you will - task force, study group or project team - that's where the work gets done. Without committees, our Society would have to rely on a few creative but overworked individuals to plan our programs, put on our workshops, create our publications and on and on. Oh, yes, we do have a few that fit that description - thank goodness - but most of us are not the jack-of-all-trades that lets us be that productive. We need to be on committees.

Committees also serve as the training ground to allow newcomers to join the workings of the Society. What better way to get to know people, what better way to display your talents, what better way to show responsibility? Committees get things done, but committees also get people involved.

DGS is organized around committees. Every officer and director could also be called a committee chairman (or chair, if you prefer). From the Executive Committee on down, each position can be better served if a group of people help with the task. Each workshop, seminar, banquet and special event usually has its own committee to divide the workload.

The Society also has ten - that's right - ten standing committees filled each year to do one specific task. Some are obvious: the Arrangements Committee serves refreshments at each regular meetings and greets everyone as they arrive. (That committee is planning a "really big show" for the Annual Meeting

in May). Recently the Nominations Committee came up with an outstanding slate of officers and directors for next year. The Service Awards Committee announced their selections at the Fall Banquet, while the Writing Awards Committee named theirs at the Spring Seminar. We have three committees involved in the finances of the Society: the Audit Committee, the Budget Committee and the Endowment Committee. The Mailing List Committee annually reviews recipients of our mailings. We have a new committee that has already made great strides: the Records Preservation Committee.

Want to get involved in DGS? Let any officer, director, event chairman or particularly the Director of Volunteer Coordination, Bob Maybrier, know that you are available. Be specific if you have certain talents or restricted times you can serve, but please let us know. Somewhere, there's a place for you in our Society.



Treasurer's Report

By Randall K. Wilhoit

Account Balances (as of 15 April 1995)

Assets:

Cash and Bank Accounts:	
Checking-NationsBank	22,575.69
Money Market-Bank One	<u>5,173.42</u>
Total Cash/Accounts:	27,749.11
Bulk Mail Deposit	500.00
Life Member Investments:	
Money Market - Kemper	4,782.60
U.S. Treasury Note - Kemper ¹	<u>5,031.25</u>
Total Investments:	<u>9,813.85</u>
Total Assets:	\$38,062.96

Funds:

Operating Fund	21,338.96
Life Member Fund	9,550.00
Pre-Paid Expense Fund	500.00
Publications Fund	4,674.00
Endowment Fund	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Funds:	\$38,062.96

¹ At current market value

Professional Interest Group

by Sammie Townsend Lee

The Dallas Genealogical Society's Professional Interest Group (P.I.G.) continues to meet on the fourth Thursday in the East or West Room of the downtown J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. We will be taking a summer vacation June, July and August but will begin meeting again in September.

The meetings have been well attended with about twenty participants at each gathering. The P.I.G. group is a mixture of those already involved in professional genealogy—client research, writing, lecturing, teaching, etc.—and those whose goal is to become a professional. In all cases, all genealogists interested in professionalism in genealogy are welcome. Does this include you? Why not attend a meeting and see what's going on. It's pressure-free and friendly!

We continue to alternate meetings: one month featuring an open forum discussion; the next month featuring a lecture on an aspect of professionalism by an expert in that field.

May Meeting to Feature Barbara Dossett

On Thursday evening, 25 May 1995 at 7:00 P.M., we are delighted to have Barbara Dossett talk to us about setting up a genealogy business. Barbara holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from East Texas State University, and for the past sixteen years has owned and operated her own bookkeeping company, handling about 40 business customers per month and about 400 clients during tax season.

There are all kinds of things the professional needs to know to be "legal." Barbara will deliver her lecture in three parts: (1) *So You Want to Go into Business?*; (2) *The K.I.S.S. (Keep It Simple Stupid) Method of Bookkeeping*; and (3) *The Tax Man Cometh*. Barbara will have on hand some of the federal and state forms necessary to do business and will explain the necessity of this paperwork.

While this talk is aimed at the professional genealogist, what Barbara has to offer can be used by anyone considering a small business. Come hear a pro tell us how to be professional.

Weldon Hudson to Speak in September

When we gear up again in September, well-known regional genealogist Weldon Hudson of

Fort Worth will talk to us about how he has managed to stay alive and professional in the genealogy business for nearly twenty years. He will also give us an overview of the intricacies of heirship research. Weldon is the personification of the professional researcher, and his program is a must for anyone moving from avocation to vocation in this business. Be sure to put Thursday, 28 September on your professional calendar to hear Weldon Hudson.

In a Hurry? Need a Pro in Salt Lake City?

How many of you remember tall, good-looking and helpful Mark Gillispie, formerly a staff member of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library? Well, Mark now lives and works professionally as a genealogist in Salt Lake City. While those of us who knew him in Dallas miss him, we are delighted to have the DGS-Utah connection.

If you need work done at the LDS Family History Library, consider dropping Mark a line with your needs. His fees are reasonable, his work professional; *and* he is right there with the largest collection of genealogical records at his fingertips. Write Mark at P.O. Box 511461, Salt Lake City, Utah 84151.

DGS Sponsors Beginners Workshop

Do you know someone just getting started in genealogical research? Are you not sure where to turn next? Then, join us on Saturday, 27 May 1995 at the DPL Auditorium for a Beginners Workshop. The workshop will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 4:15 P.M. and preregistration is advised as the Auditorium only holds 200 people. The registration fee is \$15; please see page 65 for the registration form.

Records Preservation Committee Reports Progress

Shirley Remnant Sloat

In the previous newsletter John Wylie reported the formation of the Records Preservation Committee, along with background about the July 1994 destruction of records in Dallas County. The destruction was legal and in accordance with the Texas state records destruction schedule. County officials had indicated they would be receptive to the formal presentation of the Society's concerns.

Great strides have been made since that report. The committee met with the County Records Coordinator who confirmed that 12,000 boxes of records had been destroyed, including divorce and marriage annulment files covering the period 1921-1968. We toured the existing, antiquated archives building and discussed our desire to be notified in the future *before* any more records are to be destroyed.

On March 21, the Dallas County Commissioners Court approved a policy that **no records will be destroyed without first offering them to the Dallas Public Library**, in its capacity as an official Texas State Library Depository. The Library will then have 30 days to indicate its desire to keep certain records and an additional 60 days to transfer them to the Library archives. DGS will work with the Library to identify those records which have value to family historians, keeping in mind that archival space in the Library is limited.

The committee "encouraged" the schedule for the already-approved move from the old archives to a newer facility in the Lone Star Industrial Park near the Bulk Mail Center. Preparation of this building is to begin 15 May with move-in scheduled for 15 October 1995.

The Society received a sincere thank-you letter from the County Records Coordinator for our concern and help.

On 4 April, several DGS members attended the Commissioners' Court meeting to show support for National Records Management Day and to thank the County administration for their "win/win" solution to our concerns.

The committee is very pleased with these results and looks forward to working successfully with both

Dallas County and the Dallas Public Library in preserving those records vital to family researchers and genealogists alike.

Next Steps

1. Begin analysis of various record types to understand their value to family historians.
2. Analyze county and state record destruction schedules.
3. Determine what, if anything, we want to do to change these schedules.
4. Communicate our approach and success to other genealogical or historical societies and organizations.

If you would like to assist with record or destruction schedule analysis, please contact me at (214) 349-4718.

DGS Spring Seminar 1995

Over three hundred enthusiastic genealogists gathered at the Convention Center to hear Sharon DeBartolo Carmack's message on Saturday, 8 April. Throughout her talks was woven the theme of the return of our ancestors to life. Sharon urged us to use the genealogical clues left for us to find and from them to nudge our research horizons beyond the glass walls in the Genealogy Section of the library. Time after time she suggested that there was more to our ancestors' lives than bare dates; events triggered emotions causing our ancestors to make choices that affect our lives even today. By understanding what happened during *their* lifetimes, we are more able to understand and appreciate them as human beings instead of mere historical stick figures.

Thanks to all of the DGS volunteers who contributed their energies to making this a successful day. Special credit goes to Terri Allen for taking over registration; Mary Johnson for the syllabus and name badges; Adrienne Jamieson for handling the dollars and cents; Cliff Slagle for the Convention Center arrangements; and Shirley Sloat for working with the vendors.

Lecture Proposals — 1995 DGS Fall Symposium

Have you mastered something tricky? Have you made use of an under-appreciated source? Are you itching to tell someone about it?

✓ Then DGS Needs You! ✓

The 1995 DGS Regional Conference is tentatively scheduled to be held on Saturday, 11 November at the Dallas Convention Center. We are looking for 40 hour-long lectures on a variety of genealogical topics. We challenge you, both experienced lecturers and novices, to submit your best ideas. Let your experience make the difference that spells success for another researcher. Lecture topics selected for presentation at the Regional Conference should focus on research strategy and be heavily laced with examples that illustrate your methodology. The handout you develop to accompany your lecture should stand alone as a helpful resource, even for genealogists who were unable to attend your lecture.

Sample topics: research in Louisiana (or Missouri, or Georgia, or New York, or wherever you have researched); locating and using church records; Swedish genealogy (or Irish, or Italian, etc.); methods used to create a single surname database; using Mapper (or KinWrite, or Sesame, etc.); writing and submitting articles for genealogical periodicals; finding living genealogical cousins; determining when you have a preponderance of evidence; analysis of estate sales; records of the Bureau of Land Management; techniques for finding females; the naturalization process; using the local library where your ancestral family lived; managing your correspondence; letting your genealogical software find your ancestors; photo-dating by clothing styles and background; strategy for researching a common surname; and creative use of militia lists.

Lecture proposals are due by Friday, 9 June 1995. Notification of proposals accepted will be in mid-July. Handouts for the syllabus are due in mid-September. Photocopy the form below as necessary. If you have further questions, please call Sheila Stough at (214) 341-8012.

(Due by 9 June 1995)

1995 DGS Regional Conference Lecture Proposal

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Title of Lecture _____

Level (circle one): Beginner Intermediate Advanced Will you repeat this lecture: Yes No

Synopsis _____

Brief genealogical resume (including lecture experience) _____

Mail to: Lecture Proposals, DGS Regional Conference, P.O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648.

Papers Received After 9 June Will NOT Be Accepted!

Index to *Beginners Corner* Articles

Several issues back, we published an index to the articles entitled *Guide to Resources in the Genealogy Collection of the Dallas Public Library*, which have appeared in this newsletter for the past seven or eight years. In this issue, we are offering to make copies of any *Beginners Corner* articles you may have missed. Please send your requests to Newsletter Editor, DGS, P.O. Box 12648, Dallas, Texas 75225-0648. Remember to include a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage especially if you request numerous articles (articles usually run one or two pages each).

July-August 1992	What to Do First, by Linda Shaddock Rogers
October 1992	Look in the Home, by Linda Shaddock Rogers Correspondence, by Margaret Ann Hudson
November-December 1992	The Genealogical Library, by Sammie Townsend Lee
January-February 1993	Developing Proper Habits, by Margret Hancock Pearce
March-April 1993	Using U.S. Census Records, by Madilyn Coen Crane
May-June 1993	Using U.S. Military Records, by Mary Reid Warner
July-August 1993	The County Courthouse, by Sammie Townsend Lee
September-October 1993	Charts and Forms, by Barbara Roberts Baylis and Leslie Smith Collier
November-December 1993	None
January-February 1994	The Narrative—A Research Tool, by Linda Shaddock Rogers
March-April 1994	Lineage Societies, by Ramona Honan
May-June 1994	Citing Sources, by John and Barbara Brixey Wylie
July-August 1994	Abstracting Deeds, by Leslie Smith Collier
September-October 1994	Write the Story of Your Life, by Sammie Townsend Lee
November-December 1994	None
January-February 1995	Using Social Security Records as a Vital Statistics Source, by Sammie Townsend Lee
March-April 1995	Reading Old Documents by Leslie Smith Collier

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

The Seversmith Manuscripts

by Mary A. Johnson

- Overview** This manuscript collection represents a lifetime of genealogical research by Dr. Herbert Furman Seversmith (1904-1967), biologist and mathematician and one of the original contributing editors to the *The American Genealogist* (commonly referred to as "TAG"). In 1919, at the age of fifteen, he began a life-long study of his ancestral lines using printed sources, correspondence and family records and traditions. Dr. Seversmith's original work was published in 1921 as "Colonial Families of Long Island, New York and Connecticut: Being the Ancestry and Kindred of Herbert Furman Seversmith." Over the next twenty-three years, he corrected and revised his manuscript eventually reprinting it in 1944. While Dr. Seversmith envisioned a ten-volume work, at the time of his death in 1967, only four volumes and Book I of Volume V had been published. While basically an extensive collection of Dr. Seversmith's own ancestral lines, the families included in his work comprise a great number of those from whom many descend, and for that his collection is invaluable to researchers today. Dr. Seversmith not only developed his direct lines but also researched as many collateral branches as possible. The result is that thousands of present-day descendants may utilize the notebooks to research those ancestors who were among the original settlers of Long Island and Connecticut.
- Content** The eleven notebooks which comprise about 15,000 pages, are assembled into four volumes. The entire work is arranged alphabetically with the exception of the author's own surname lines, various Smith and Seversmith families, which appear first in the collection. Dr. Seversmith organized his books beginning with the most recent ancestor and traced the generations in succession back to the last-known forebear. Within each book, the researcher will find information in the form of typewritten manuscripts, handwritten notes, typed and handwritten correspondence to and from Dr. Seversmith and hand-drawn illustrations and maps.
- Location** Upon his death, Dr. Seversmith's notebooks were bequeathed to the East Hampton Free Library in Long Island. Noted genealogist Harriett Stryker-Rodda microfilmed the work as a lasting memorial to Dr. Seversmith and his contributions to the field of genealogical research. The notebooks are contained on three reels which are filed in the New York State microfilm drawers of the Genealogy Section. The fifth volume of the work is a departure from the others in that it is a study of one individual, Roger Ludlow. This volume has been separately published with the call number 929.2, L945s.
- Conclusion** Approximately 143 ancestral lines are included in the work which reads like a "Who's Who" of New York and New England genealogy. Bear in mind that many of these families emigrated from both the Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay colonies and therefore represent some of the earliest settlers in America. If you have or even feel you *may* have family ties to early Massachusetts, Long Island and/or Connecticut ancestry, you owe it to yourself to take a look at "*The Seversmith Manuscripts*".

A Letter to the Editor

from Dorothy Odom Bruce, Salt Lake City Tour Coordinator

[Editor's Note: As stressed in Art Rubeck's "President's Message" this month, our Society could not survive without the coordinated efforts of many of its members. Dorothy Odom Bruce sent this letter to me which I felt should be reprinted for our membership to read and enjoy.]

Dear Editor,

I feel that I must correct some errors in the last DGS Newsletter, page 29, under "The President's Message" by Art Rubeck. Even though Mr. Rubeck is as close to perfect as humanly possible, he did make a few incorrect assumptions. While Sammie and I both loved all the accolades he heaped upon our shoulders, we both feel that we can not rest at night if we don't set the record straight! He made it sound like we were the only two guides doing any work [on the Salt Lake City trip]! Wrong! After Linda Rogers was appointed to be a guide, she called and asked it if would be ok if she put together a little booklet. We said OF COURSE! And her booklet was **filled** with research information. (And she donated the expense!) Leslie Collier leant her catering experience to our event and served the most delightful Sunday evening reception you have ever seen! Patti Darnell planned, **shopped** and presented the Thursday evening wine and cheese party. In addition, they all helped with the **meetings**, consultations and research guidance with the participants and did anything we needed. They all **added** tremendously to the "just great fun" that was had by all!

Thanks also to Gene and Georgianne "Gay" Bethel, who made their car available and took our guides to various stores several times. We appreciate our friend, Mark Gillispie, formerly of the DPL Genealogy Section, now living in Salt Lake City, who loaned us his Jeep for one shopping expedition. And having good, friendly people at the hotel to work with made our job easier and more fun...all the front desk people who checked us in so efficiently with key packets; the housekeeping services who made sure we had enough towels; the maintenance personnel who opened our windows to the fresh air; the Sales Manager, Rich Williams, with whom I worked, who made it possible for us to have just the right rooms; and the General Manager of Horne's Howard Johnson Hotel, Mr. Roger Horne, who oversees it all. Having a hotel that is so friendly and makes groups like ours feel so welcome makes us all want to go back!

Sammie and I came away with the feeling of "yes, let's do it again!" You know why? Because we finally learned to "delegate" some of the responsibility. And we had wonderful people to whom to delegate that responsibility. Thanks to all our guides and to all our participants! You were all wonderful.

Back to Salt Lake! Are You Coming?

Pack your bags and let's go again! The dates are set! They are 13 to 22 February 1996. Yes, that's 10 days this time. Watch your DGS Newsletter for all the details, and call Dorothy Bruce (214) 239-4901 to be the first to get your name on the waiting list!

First Names and Naming Patterns

Leslie Smith Collier

First names come and go on waves of popularity, and always have. But this popularity does tend to be localized in the years before radio and television. For that reason a genealogist can sometimes use *onomastic* (or naming) evidence to help build a case asserting relationships.

For example, the Puritans of Colonial New England had a penchant for names embodying virtues: Comfort, Silence, Deliverance, Remembrance – that particular custom did not spread to Colonial Virginia, where both religious affiliation and names retained a far more standard English flavor: Richard, James, George. Biblical names (especially unusual ones plucked from the Old Testament) were more common among New Englanders than other groups: Bezaleel, Adonijah, Bathsheba, Benoni. Quakers of all areas also favored Biblical names, notably Moses, Isaac, Jacob and Abraham. But the presence of one of these names hardly guaranteed a genealogist a place in Heaven, for any of these could crop up in any family.

Possibly more important from a research standpoint is the repetition of first names from generation to generation. It's not unusual, in the days when families had ten children, for a couple to honor their fathers and mothers by sprinkling their names amongst the children. It's also common for a couple to name a child after a favored brother or sister. But, none of this was required, plus infant mortality was higher in the past than it is today; the son named for the wife's father may have died at age two and left no record whatsoever. So, cross your fingers for "signal" names in your families, but persevere if you don't encounter them. Onomastic evidence is not proof of relationship but could be used as part of your argument that James Archer, whose first son was named Azariah and third daughter was Abigail, was a son to the older Azariah and Abigail Archer of the same county.

In order for a genealogist to make use of naming evidence, it is imperative that all (or as many as possible) of an ancestral couple's children and grandchildren be uncovered. Your particular ancestor may have the unimaginative name John Archer, but his two first cousins may fare better: Azariah Archer, son of George; and Azariah Shofner, son of Adam Shofner and wife Martha Archer.

Keep firmly in mind that each marriage and/or migration introduces another set of naming traditions.

Naming inconsistencies

You may find your ancestor listed by different names on different records, yet be exactly the same person. You may see a sturdy 6 year-old on the 1870 Census named Willie; by 1880 at age 16, he's William; he first buys property in 1889 as W.E.; by the 1900 Census he's Eli. All of these are my great-grandfather William Eli Smith.

Nicknames

In the years after the Revolutionary War, Robert Glenn married Agnes Denny in Washington County, Virginia. In 1840 Robert Glenn left a will in Tennessee naming his widow Nancy. Does this suggest that these are two different Robert Glens, or that it's one Robert Glenn who married at least twice? Neither, in this case it's the same Robert Glenn, and "Nancy" is the nickname for "Agnes" (and one that was used by those of Scottish descent at that).

Surnames used as first names

A more propitious happenstance was the passing on of surnames as first names. When Thomas Kincaid and wife Martha named their first son Wyatt Kincaid, they sent a powerful clue which led researchers to the eventual discovery that Martha was a daughter to Thomas Wyatt. Remember that your ancestor may not have gotten this telling surname, but would have the same ancestry as the brother who did.

Middle names

Middle names are a relatively recent invention, genealogically speaking. Before the late 1700's, they were not used by the vast majority of Americans. When your families do pick up the custom of using middle names, the earliest usage can sometimes be a surname. William Tompkins Luce, born in the 1820's, was a son of Zebulon

Luce and his wife Rachel Tompkins – and she was a daughter to William Tompkins. The thirteenth and youngest child of Zebulon and Rachel was named Leonard Parker Luce, after Leonard Parker, who was married to Rachel's sister and was the business partner of Zebulon Luce.

The first generations of Americans to sport middle names often died without those middle names being written out in surviving records, although the initial may appear in several places. In this case, look for a possible "Junior" whose name might appear fully written out in later records. David C. Glenn, born late in the 1700's to James Glenn and wife Elizabeth Whomever, left no record of that elusive middle name. Luckily, David's brother named a son David Crockett Glenn in the early 1800's, which was finally spelled out on a tombstone. Looking backwards, this Glenn family was next-door neighbor to David Crockett (grandfather of the famous Davy) in the 1750-1775 time period; is this a clue to the maiden name of poor Elizabeth Whomever?

And, where are likely locations for spotting these early middle names? These include family Bibles, church christening records, marriage records, church funeral records, tombstones and obituaries. Add to that list vital records if your families lived in states or towns that kept vital statistics.

Beware the "Junior" trap

It's easy and often incorrect to assume that two men in the same community named James Glover Sr. and James Glover Jr. are father and son. "Junior" usually denotes a younger man, but by *no* means proves a father/son relationship. It could be someone of an unrelated Glover family, a namesake nephew, a grandson, etc. *Never assume that a Sr. and Jr. are father and son.*

"Junior" can also mean that a man of that name was a more recent arrival in the community. In this case, Peter Green Jr. could be 30 years older than Peter Green Sr.

Naming patterns

Americans are an independent lot, sometimes disgustingly so. This is the case with naming patterns. Yes, names can repeat in families for generations on end; and, yes, the countries from which an immigrant came might have an unvarying and inviolate naming traditions. But any naming traditions that crossed the sea with your ancestors

evaporated within a few short years.

An exception in early American history is the fairly well-entrenched naming pattern used by Dutch settlers. This ethnic group named their children in a zig-zag: the first son was named for the husband's father, the second son for the wife's father; the first daughter for the wife's mother, the second daughter for the husband's mother; the third son for the husband's paternal grandfather, the fourth son for the wife's paternal grandfather....

Families of Scotch heritage also had a tradition, though less dependably than the Dutch, of using the names of the grandparents for their first children. German settlers made early use of middle names, but to complicate matters, might christen a child in church records using a saint name, but refer to this child by his or her middle name in records created outside the church.

Names of earlier spouses

It has also been custom in some times and places for the first child of a couple to be named in honor of an earlier deceased spouse. This is the case when William Tompkins and his second wife Sally Whitney named their first daughter "Anne" after his deceased wife Anne Freeman. Another common instance of re-use of a first name may be seen in the three identical christening records of infant sons of Dené Releya and wife Jannete LeRoy, all bearing the name David.

For the majority of American families, you're on your own without the convenience of a traditional naming pattern. Examine the names of the children of your families and compare these to what you do know about the couple's families; if the names of the parents of one of the couple is reflected in the children, then look closely for the names of the other grandparents. Mostly, you're on your own.

The list of given names and nicknames included with this article will be invaluable to family researchers. As you will see, if you are stumped by an ancestor or ancestress who seems to bear two totally different names, check this handy list. He or she might simply be called by a nickname which bears no resemblance to the name given at birth.

First Names and Nicknames

		Feminine			
Nicknames	Names	Nicknames	Names	Nicknames	Names
Aggie, Nancy	Agnes, Agatha	Liz, Liza,	Elizabeth, Eliza	Tilda, Tilly	Mathilda, Matilda
Allie	Alice, Althea	Libby, Lise		Tina	Albertine, Christine
Amy	Amelia	Lottie	Charlotte	Tish	Leticia
Axe	Achsah	LuLu	Louise, Louisa	Trudy	Gertrude
Bee	Beatrice, Beatrix	Lucy	Lucinda	Vergie	Virginia
Belle, Bella	Arabella, Isabella	Lula	Tallulah	Viney, Vinnie	Lavinia
Berty	Bertha, Roberta, Alberta	Madge, Margie	Margaret, Marjorie	Winnie	Winifred
Beth, Bess,	Elizabeth	Mae, May	Mary	Trixy	Beatrice
Betsy, Betty		Maggie	Margaret	Xina, Zena	Christina
Biddy	Obedience, Bridget	Mamie	Mary	Zilla	Zerilda, Barzilla
Cicely, Cis	Cecelia	Marietta	Mary, Maria	Sinah	Arcena
Cinda, Cindy	Lucinda, Cinderella	Marilla	Mary	Livvy	Lavinia, Olivia
Clara	Clarissa	Matty	Martha, Matilda	Terry, Tess,	Theresa
Creasy, Crecy	Lucretia	Maud	Magdalena	Thurza, Tressa	
Delia	Cordelia	Meg, Meta	Margaret	Lina	Selina
Della	Adela, Adelina	Milly	Emily, Amelia,	Tempy	Temperance
Dickey, Diza	Eudicia, boadicea	Mina	Mildred, Millicent		
Dora	Theodora, Eudora	Minnie	Wilhemina		
Dolly, Dot	Dorothy, Dorothea	Molly	Mary, Minerva		
Dona	Caledonia	Myra	Mary		
Drucie	Drucilla	Nabby	Almira, Palmyra		
Effie	Euphemia	Nan, Nancy	Abigail		
Ella	Eleanor, Gabriella	Necy	Anne, Anna, Agnes		
Ellen, Ellie	Helen, Eleanor	Nelly, Nellie	Pernecia		
Elsie	Alice, Elizabeth	Nerva	Eleanor, Helen		
Flo, Flora,	Florence	Nicey	Minerva		
Flossie		Nina	Eunice		
Genie, Gene	Eugenia	Norma	Ann, Anna, Penina		
Gincey, Jincy	Jane	Nona	Naomi		
Greta	Margaret	Nora	Winona		
Grissel	Griselda	Ola	Eleanor, Leonore		
Gussie	Augusta	Ollie	Viola, Tulliola		
Hallie	Mahalia	Patty, Patsy	Olivia, Olivine		
Hatty	Harriet	Peggy	Martha, Patricia		
Hetty	Henrietta	Phemie	Margaret		
Hulda	Mahulda	Pheny	Euphemia		
Janet, Jeanne,	Jane, Jean	Polly	Josephine		
Jennet		Reba	Mary, Pauline		
Jenny	Jane, Virginia	Rena	Rebecca		
Karen	Karenhappuch	Rilla	Serena, Irene		
Kate, Kathy,	Catherine, Katherine	Rita	Averilla, Cinderella		
Kay, Kitty		Sadie, Sally	Marguerita		
Lena	Helena, Magdalena	Sandra	Sarah		
Letha	Alletha, Tellitha	Sillah	Cassandra, Alexandra		
Letty	Lettice, Letitia	Sisley, Sis	Drucilla, Priscilla		
Lexie	Alexandra, Alexa	Sue, Sukie	Cecelia		
Lila	Delilah	Tabby	Susan, Susannah		
Linda	Malinda, Ethelinda	Tammy	Tabitha		
			Tamira		

Masculine

Nicknames	Names
Abe, Bram	Abraham
Al, Bert	Albert
Alex, Sandy	Alexander
Alf, Fred	Alfred
Bart	
Bartholemew	
Bernie, Barney	Bernard
Chris, Kit	
Christopher	
Ed, Ned, Ted	Edward,
Edmund	
Felty	Valentine
Frank	Francis
Jeff	Geoffrey
Hal, Harry	Henry,
Harold	
Jack, Jock	John
Nick, Colin	Nicholas
Olly, Nolly	Oliver

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Do you have information you would like to share with other genealogists? Do you know about upcoming seminars, classes, etc. which your friends and fellow researchers might want to attend? If so, please submit original information only and include the source. Send to: Bulletin Board Editor; DGS; P.O. Box 12648; Dallas, TX 75225-0648.

Pleasant Valley Cemetery Historical Marker Ceremony

A state historical marker will be dedicated for the Pleasant Valley Cemetery (founded in 1848) in Cedar Hill, Texas in a ceremony on 20 May at 3:00 P.M. The people buried in this cemetery have family members living in Mansfield, Midlothian, Waxahachie, Cedar Hill, Dallas and other surrounding towns in north Texas. To reach the cemetery, take Highway 67 south to Mount Lebanon Road, drive 6/10 mile to Texas Plume Road and go 1.6 miles west on Texas Plume Road.

NIGR Dates Set

The annual National Institute on Genealogical Research will be held 9-14 July 1995 in Washington, D.C. The week-long program is geared to experienced researchers *only* and provides an in-depth look at federal records of genealogical value located primarily in the D.C. area. Class participation is limited to 40 attendees. For a registration form and further information, please contact the Institute at P. O. Box 14274, Washington, D.C. 20444-4274.

Annual Seminar in Georgetown

The Williamson County Genealogical Society has invited DGS member Richard Hooverson to speak at their annual seminar set for Saturday, 13 May at the Elks Lodge in Georgetown, Texas. Mr. Hooverson will present three lectures on *Getting Organized*, *Using Land and Property Records* and the *Republic and First Statehood Eras of Texas History*. For

further information, please call Jerry Barton at (512) 863-8409. The registration fee of \$20 includes morning snacks and lunch.

Research Sources on the Internet

Ramona Honan reports good success using KACEY, the Kansas City Public Library Consortium on-line catalog. The catalog offers a wide variety of databases for researchers, and selected documents may be faxed or mailed. For an information sheet containing log-in procedures, contact the Kansas City Public Library, (816) 221-2685.

In addition, the Texas State Library has announced that the State Archives is offering Internet access to the Confederate Pension Database Index. This database indexes approximately 58,000 applications for pensions from Confederate veterans and their widows. Researchers can use the Internet to search the index by name, county or both and then may contact the State Archives to obtain copies of the applications. Internet users can reach the Electronic Library with either Gopher or World Wide Web at link.tsl.texas.gov. In addition to the Confederate Pension Database Index, you may obtain information about the State Archives and finding aids to its other holdings.

4 Corners Surname Directory

Registration is now open for the second edition of the *4 Corners Surname Directory*. The 1994 edition contained 169 people researching almost 800 surnames, and the 1995 copy is expected to be double that size. The surnames included are for families who live or have lived in the four-state area of Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas.

The cost of the directory and the listing of five surnames is \$4.00 with additional surname listings at 50¢ each. The directory will be mailed for an additional \$2.00. For registration forms, send a SASE to 4 Corners, 509 W. Spring Street, Fayetteville, AR 72701 or call Ann Sugg (501) 521-2020. The deadline for inclusion in the 1995 edition is 15 June 1995.

Caldwell County Workshop Set

The Genealogical and Historical Society of Caldwell County announces that Patricia Law Hatcher, DGS member and former DGS President, will conduct the Society's annual workshop on 8 July 1995. Pat will discuss *My Ancestor Isn't in the Census - Are You Sure?*; *Winning the Paper War - Organizing Your Research*; *Genealogy on Four Hours a Week*; and *Writing Your Family History - A Useful Research Tool*. Registration, which includes lunch, is \$20.00 before 30 June and \$30.00 after that date. Registration forms are available by writing the Society at 215 S. Pecan Avenue, Luling, TX 78648.

Attention California Researchers

The California State Legislators are at it again! A bill is currently making its way through the State Assembly that will prohibit access to vital records for 100 years after the event. California researchers and genealogists are urged to write to Governor Pete Wilson, State Capitol, Sacramento, California 95814, to protest passage of Assembly Bill AB161. You may also write to Assemblymen and/or State Senators.

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Beginners Corner: Genealogical Correspondence

There are two types of genealogical correspondence with which you'll be concerned: business letters to courthouses, archives and libraries in which you seek specific records; and more informal letters to other researchers in which you trade information and argue theories.

Keep records of your correspondence

Whichever type of letter you are writing, keep a copy. You may toss out the business letters once you have gotten a reply if you make use of a *correspondence log*. A correspondence log is simply a list of your letters on a family, dated, with results noted; you should make this an annotated list in which you note the subject of the letter. You may want to keep penpal letters forever, filed in your research file.

Maintain a genealogy address book

Unfortunately, you will forget the name of the person who sent you the story about Great-great Uncle Hiram's cat, so keep an address book for your genealogical correspondence, noting your relationship to each correspondent. You may keep this alphabetically by last name of the correspondent or by the surname of the family you're researching...or both.

"Courthouse" letters

These are true business letters and should follow all of the rules your English teachers drummed into your heads. They should be clean, clear and concise. Always offer to pay for the research and copying costs and include a SASE.

- ▶ Courthouse addresses are in *The Handy Book* and *Red Book* under each county
- ▶ Librarians have a directory of all U.S. libraries
- ▶ *Handy Book* and *Red Book* have addresses of archives and societies

Finding penpals

It won't take long to realize that there are a lot of records to be searched...help! What you need is a few good penpals, in this case correspondents who are as interested in researching the family as you are. These genealogical cousins are invaluable. But, how do you stumble across this delightful sixth cousin twice-removed? "Queries" to your rescue. Queries are genealogical want-ads. Finding living, breathing distant cousin researchers is even more difficult than finding the ancestors themselves, for we are a more mobile society that America once was, not to mention those dreaded privacy laws that cut us off some time in the earliest 1900's. Here is a list of suggestions for finding penpals:

- ▶ LDS *Ancestral File*[®] – get the name of the submitter
- ▶ LDS *IGI*[®] – get the name of the submitter
- ▶ LDS *Family Registry*
- ▶ By following the *Social Security Death Index*
- ▶ *Genealogical Helper* and similar query publications
- ▶ The Root Cellar
- ▶ Genealogical societies in the Dallas area
- ▶ The historical & genealogical society where your family lived
- ▶ The library where your family lived
- ▶ The town or county historian where your family lived
- ▶ Computer on-line services: *Genie*, *Compuserve*, *Prodigy*, *America On-line*
- ▶ Local computer bulletin boards – get bb phone numbers from *Texas Computing* or *Computer Currents*, which can be picked up monthly at libraries, computer stores, bookstores, etc.
- ▶ Small-town newspapers – letters to the editor
- ▶ Follow up clues from cousins
- ▶ Phone books and Directory Assistance – DPL has a phonebook room in the northwest corner of the first floor. Also zipcode info.
- ▶ From your 'family treasures'
- ▶ Obituaries, which often give out-of-town residences of relatives of the deceased
- ▶ Wedding announcements, which often include names & residences of out-of towners
- ▶ From other correspondents

An initial letter to a prospective penpal should be similar to a business letter, explaining your possible mutual connection...be especially careful to mention your location and time period, but stay concise and offer to pay any copy costs. Include a SASE in the initial contact; if you establish contact and begin to share information you may drop the SASE. Subsequent letters can be as chatty and informal as suits you.

Writing queries

In writing queries, provide enough information for the reader to make an informed guess as to whether or not you share a common line. Give full name of the ancestor, birth and death if known, counties and times of residence, spouse, full names of all known children. (and possibly their spouses). Send queries to national publications, surname newsletters, and local publications where your families lived.

1995 Writing Awards

Madilyn Coen Crane

The winners of the DGS 1995 Writing Awards were announced at our Spring Seminar on 8 April. Response to the contest was tremendous, and we look for that trend to continue in the future. A very special "thank you" goes to the National Genealogical Society (NGS) for donating their Special Publication No. 59, *Numbering Your Genealogy, Sound and Simple Systems*, by Joan Ferris Curran to each entrant in the awards contest.

In the Book/Manuscript Division, winners were Leo G. Knezek — *Knezek Heritage: From Moravia to Texas* and L. Malcolm "Mike" Basham — *Johnson County Texas 1860 Federal Census*. A Special Recognition Award was presented to Margaret Pearce Anderson for *Echoes from Yesterday*; two First Place Certificates were awarded to Michal Martin Farmer — *The Genealogy of the Webster, Martin, Dozier, Staples & Starke Families of Wilkes County, Georgia* and Glen & Hallie Garner — *Arkansas Travelers*.

Patricia Law Hatcher made a clean sweep of the Articles Division with the following winning articles: *Who Was the Wife of Deacon Edward Putnam, Accuser in the Salem Witchcraft Trials?*; *Revolutionary War Pensions: Selected and Nonselected Records*; *Serendipity Comes to Those Who Have Prepared*; and *Those Dull, Boring Land and Court Records*. In addition, Pat won First Place Certificates for her articles, *A Multiplicity of Marys*; *Danish Roots*; *Building a Virginia Neighborhood*; and *Problem-Solving by Hypothesis*.

For their pamphlet, *Indexing Family Histories, Simple Steps for a Quality Product*, Pat and co-author John V. Wylie, were presented with a Special Recognition Award in the Articles Division.

My personal thanks to all the entrants and to the judges for their hard work. Watch your DGS Newsletter for details of the 1996 Writing Awards, and in the meantime, pick up your pens or turn on your computers and start writing! Even if you never plan to publish your work, you owe it to yourself and your descendants to tell the stories of your ancestors. We expect a greater number of entries next year and we expect to hear from *YOU!*

Queries

Terri Mulliken Allen

Queries do not require a Texas connection and are free to members of the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS). Nonmembers should include \$3 for each query. DGS reserves the right to abbreviate and condense queries and assumes no responsibility for their accuracy. Send as many queries as you wish, and they will be printed as space permits. Mail all queries to: Queries Editor; DGS Newsletter; P.O. Box 870045; Mesquite, TX 75187-0045.

FLOWERS PATTERSON Searching for information on **Robert Bartell FLOWERS** (dob unknown), born in Waxahachie, Texas and his wife, **Cleotha (PATTERSON) FLOWERS** (9 Jan 1899-29 Nov 1957). Their children were: **Roy** (26 Oct 1915-25 Mar 1979); **Willie** (no dates); **Robert, Jr.** (no dates); **Larry** (01 Aug 1922-3 Oct 1990); **Vernon** (no dates); **Dorothy** (no dates); and **Bertha** (no dates).
Wanda Flowers, 4272 Wilshire, Dallas, Texas 75241.

FLETCHER ALLENSWORTH Searching for descendants of **Charles FLETCHER** (15 Apr 1845-13 Nov 1930), born in Virginia and married **Millie ALLENSWORTH** (no dates). Children were: **Lizzie** (5 Apr 1870); **Hattie** (13 Feb 1872); **Georgie** (15 Jul 1874); **Loige** (2 Jan 1878); **William** (1 Dec 1880); **Annie** (30 Sep 1882-14 Jan 1973); **Tildy** (3 Apr 1888); **Vernnie** (27 May 1890); **Beal** (15 Aug 1892); and **Docie** (25 May 1895). The family lived in Boynton, Oklahoma.
Wanda Flowers, 4272 Wilshire, Dallas, Texas 75241.

FLOWERS BYRD Searching for information on **Joe Roy FLOWERS**, born June 1933 in Waxahachie, Texas. His mother was **Thelma BYRD**.
Wanda Flowers, 4272 Wilshire, Dallas, Texas 75241.

**BLEVINS
BARNES**

I would like to correspond with anyone having knowledge of the **Kennen or Kenard Cemetery** in Farmers Branch, Texas. My 2nd great-grandmother, **Elizabeth (BARNES) BLEVINS** is buried there. She came to Texas with her husband, **Benjamin Franklin BLEVINS** in the early 1870's from Martin County, Indiana.
Venita Spring, 921 County Road 913, Joshua, Texas 76058.

**DUPREE
GLEATON
HALLEY/
HOLLY
MERRELL
BRADLEY**

Looking for information on three daughters of **Charles Anderson DUPREE** and **Elizabeth (GLEATON) DUPREE**: **Mattie Elizabeth**, born 1892 in Dooly County, Georgia and died 1969 in Texas; married **Henry MERRELL**; **Annie Forest**, born 1894 at TyTy, Georgia and died 6 Feb 1971 in Lubbock, Texas; married **M. G. "Mike" HALLEY/HOLLY**; and **Ella Mae**, born 1902 in Tifton, Georgia and died in 1979 in Texas; married **James BRADLEY**.
Nelta Dupree Evans, 501 South Hoover, Enid, Oklahoma 73703.

**ODELL
DENTON
ROYAL
ST. CLAIR/
SINCLAIR
WOODARD**

Looking for children and descendants of **Abraham and Elizabeth (DENTON) ODELL** who died in Hunt County, Texas. Children were: **Nancy**, born 1841 in Tennessee who possibly married **S. C. ROYAL** in 1865; **Margaret (Meg)**, born 1844 in Tennessee, died in Texas in 1930 and married to a **ST. CLAIR/SINCLAIR**; **Elizabeth (Lizzie)**, born 1851 and died 1930 in Texas and married **Thomas W. WOODARD**; and **William**, born 29 Feb 1856 in Texas and left home at age eighteen. He was never heard from again.
Nelta Dupree Evans, 501 South Hoover, Enid, Oklahoma 73703.

**DODSON
GOD-BE-
HERE**

I would like assistance in locating the Texas birthplace of **William R. DODSON** and the Texas county in which he married **Nancy Angeline GOD-BE-HERE** (her maiden name comes through oral history and may have been an Indian dialect translation into English). Was this really her maiden name? The following information was taken from the BIA Land Allotment Rolls: **William** was born Jan 1846 in Texas; **Nancy's** was born in Tennessee in July 1851 (she may have been an Eastern Band Cherokee). They were probably married in Texas before 1874. Their children were: **David**, born in Texas 1874; **Nora E.**, born in Texas 1883; **Orlando**, born in Texas 1885; **Adah T.**, born in Texas 1888; **Asabelle**, born in Indian Territory (Johnston County, OK) 1890; **Walter**, born in Indian Territory (same county) 1893; and **Bertha E.**, born 1896 in Indian Territory. The family moved back to Texas from Indian Territory circa 1889-1890.
Janet Gudgel, 5321 84th Street, Sacramento, California 95826.

CRAWFORD

I would be interested in contacting anyone in the Dallas area who is researching or has done research on the **CRAWFORD** surname.
William L. Crawford, 4156 Arbor Court, Mesquite, Texas 75150.

NICHOLS

I am trying to find the birthplace of **Joseph H. NICHOLS**. He owned a home at 218 Commerce Street in Dallas between 1874-1880. In addition, I am looking for an index to the Pioneer Cemetery in Dallas where other family members are buried.
Richard J. Nichols, 5565 Westchester Boulevard, St. Petersburg, Florida 33709.

**SMITHY
LEE
DUCKWORTH**

Looking for information on **Amanda Ellen SMITHY** who married **Jasper Bartlett LEE** 7 Aug 1879. They resided in or near McKinney, Texas and were the parents of **Will, Joe, Joe (again), Charles E., Priscilla Luetta, Rosie and Mary**. Jasper was the son of **Joshua LEE and Sarah Jane (DUCKWORTH) LEE**.
Venita Bartlett, 276 S. Orchard #101D, Fresno, California 93721.

- LANGBOTHAM
HAGGARD
BAYS
STRICKEL
BUTLER** My families primarily were centered around Wortham, Freestone and Limestone counties in the 1880's. I would like to exchange information on these families.
Mona Strickel Ermine, 510 North Lemon C5, Media, Pennsylvania 19063-2322.
- BOWLES
WHITE
SAMPLE
BURLESON** Am seeking information about the ancestors and descendants of **Benjamin and Betsy BOWLES** who came to Texas from Missouri in 1826-1827. Was **Benjamin** related to Cherokee Chief **BOWLES** as some descendants believe? What was **Betsy's** maiden name? She came from Kentucky and moved with some of her children to Harris County, Texas after her husband's death in 1832. Who were their children? Their youngest son was **Henry S. BOWLES**, born 1827 who married **Margaret Ann WHITE** in Montgomery, Texas in 1849 in a ceremony performed by **Rufus BURLESON** at the home of **Abel H. WHITE**. Was **Juliet (BOWLES) SAMPLE** Henry's sister?
Doris Ruth Kemp, 1810 Marlandwood #6101, Temple, Texas 76502.
- BRANTLEY
CHIPMAN** I wish to locate information on **Agnes (CHIPMAN) BRANTLEY**, who applied for a widow's pension 22 Sep 1883 at Pottsville, Hamilton County, Texas. This pension was based on her husband's (**Henry BRANTLEY**) Black Hawk War service. Children under sixteen listed were: **Sarah, Emily and Ultimus BRANTLEY**. Did **Agnes** die in Hamilton County? Where is she buried? Who were her descendants?
Robert V. Drennan, 3009 Medina Drive, Garland, Texas 75041-3350.
- FRICK
MACKAY** Would appreciate any information on the following people: **Adolph FRICK**, born in Switzerland Aug 1845 who emigrated to Texas in 1858 and married **Barbara MACKAY** in Dallas in 1874. Family members have said that he served as mayor of Dallas and a commemorative plaque mentions his civic service. The 1900 census states he was a grocery dealer living at 218 Live Oak Street.
Aileen J. S. Collins, 1081 Downshire Chase, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452.
- GOWER
FARMER
McKINNEY** I am researching my late father, **Jack Thomas GOWER** who was born (possibly in Houston) 4 Feb 1918 to **Joe Lewis and Maude (McKINNEY) FARMER**. There is no birth certificate on file with the state under his birth name of **Eugene or Jack Eugene FARMER**. He was taken to Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma where the **FARMERS** ran an ad for a couple to adopt their son. He was adopted 26 Apr 1918 by **Alvin Hustin GOWER** and his wife **Myrtle Sally Ann (SCRUGGS) GOWER** who changed his name again. His sister, **Alta Maxine FARMER**, was born 21 Jul 1915 in Fort Worth. Her birth certificate shows **Joe FARMER** was born in Brownwood, Texas circa 1894 and **Maude (McKINNEY) FARMER** was born circa 1894 in Granbury, Texas. Joe may have entered WWI service. Is **Alta Maxine FARMER** still living? Does she have any descendants?
Elaine M. Gower Gregg, P. O. Box 661, Santa Ynez, California 93460.
- ED C. SMITH
BROS.
SLATEN** I am trying to find out who might have the records of **ED C. SMITH BROTHERS UNDERTAKING COMPANY**. I was told by Rose Hill Cemetery in Fort Worth that they are no longer in business, and I am trying to locate the obituary for **Annie Vera SLATEN** who died 16 Sep 1942 in Dallas.
Patricia Tebow Maddox, RR2, Box 65A, Murrayville, Illinois 62668.
- PARKER
BARROW** Looking for information on **Bonnie PARKER** and am searching for the manuscript entitled "*The Clyde Barrow-Bonnie Parker Harboring Case.*"
Loretta Triepke, 140 Northland East, Jamestown, North Dakota 58401.

MESPLEY
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RAWLINS
HASH

I am searching for MESPLAY relatives in Dallas County. The 1870 Dallas County census lists the following: **Lu B. RAWLINS**, born in Illinois, age 45; son **Samuel H. MESPLEY**, born in Texas, age 10. The 1850 and 1860 censuses show no **MESPLAY/MISPLEY** in the indices. "*Marriages of Dallas County, Volume I, Books A-E, 1846-1877*" shows **Mrs. Lucinda B. MISPLAY** married **William RAWLINS** 11 April 1861 and **Molly MISPLAY** married **Jas. P. HASH** 22 April 1867. I am trying to determine who their father was and when they came from Illinois to Texas.
Madeline Mesplay, 2208 N.E. 98th Avenue, Vancouver, Washington 98664.

STONE
TALENT
ESTES
SLUDER

Am researching families who resided in Dallas County before and after 1850: **Thomas STONE, Jackson TALENT, Leonard C. ESTES, John B. SLUDER** and their related families. From information received, it appears that most are buried in Mills Cemetery, Garland, Texas.
Patricia Cauthron, 702 South Oak Grove Avenue, Springfield Missouri 65802.

FLETCHER

I would be interested in corresponding with anyone researching the **FLETCHER** family of Sweetwater, Texas in the 1920s.
Joan Martin, 5155 Wayneland Drive #J-2, Jackson, Mississippi 39211.

BURK
PARK
CLARK
DICKASON
HAWKINS
RALSTON
HELM
SALE
SHAWN
WYNNE
ENGLISH

I am seeking any local or family histories regarding the following ancestors: (1) **Andrew Longbridge BURK**, born 1792 in VA, died 1871 in Texas who married **Elizabeth Phelps PARK**; (2) **Cyrus HELM** who married **Margaret CLARK** in 1845 (location not given); (3) **Ella DICKSON**, born 1863 in TN and died 1949 in Abilene who married **William Edward HAWKINS** in Dallas in 1885; (4) **John Shelton DICKASON**, born 1821 in TN and died 1892 in TX who married **Mary Louise SALE** who died 1891 in TX). They were married in 1851 in Shelby County, TX. (5) **Evelyn HAWKINS**, born 1891 in Dallas and died 1986 in Colorado City, TX who married **Stafford Grigsby HELM**, born 1882 in Palestine, TX and died 1951 in Colorado City, TX; (6) **John M. HAWKINS**, born 1796 in KY and died 1852 who married **Polly Grimes RALSTON** in 1821 in KY; (7) **Samuel J. HAWKINS**, born 1830 in TN and died 1888 (location unknown) who married **Emeline BURK** in 1862; (8) **Elizabeth Ann HELM**, born 1922 in TX and died 1988 in Allentown, PA who married **Louis Joseph WYNNE** in Denver, CO in 1944; (9) **Littleton HELM**, born 1779 in SC who married **Mary ENGLISH**; (10) **Mayberry HELM** (no information); and (11) **Thomas Austin HELM**, no dates, who married **Elizabeth SHAWN**, no dates.
Vincent E. Wynne, 5518 Sequoia Trail, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18104-9234.

RICE
LACY

I am looking for information on **William T. RICE**, born 1824 in or near Florence, AL and died 1875 in MS and his father, **Joseph Manson RICE**, born in Hampton Court House, VA. Also am seeking information on **Robert J. LACY**, born 25 August 1815 in Lynchburg, VA and died 1 October 1886 and his father, **Robert LACY**, born circa 1785 in Halifax County, VA. Any information would be appreciated.
Jerry Lacy, P. O. Box 541297, Dallas, Texas 75234-1297.

PETTY
WARNER
RUCKER

Am seeking parentage and other information on **Granville C. PETTY**, born May 1844 in Jackson County, WV and his wife, **Elizabeth (WARNER) PETTY**, born in KY in March 1849. They married circa 1869 and had children: **Julia Belle**, born 9 Feb 1870 and died 25 Nov 1947 (buried in Oakland Cemetery in Dallas) who married **DeWilton RUCKER**; **Robert L.**, born Sep 1873 in KY; **Dora**, born circa 1874 in KY; **Luther**, born circa 1876 in KY; **Willis**, born circa 1877 in TX; **Arthur**, born Jan 1879 in TX; **Della**, born Aug 1882 in Dallas; **Katie**, born Sep 1883 in Dallas; **Branse F.**, born Sep 1886 in Dallas; **Thurman**, born May 1889 in Dallas; and **Clifford C.**, born Sep 1890 in Dallas.
Mary Holstine, Route 1, Box 56A, Forest City, Missouri 64451.

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The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International has chosen Chicago, Illinois as the site for its Fifth Genealogical and Cultural Conference. The event will be held 12-14 October 1995 and will include a tour to the Bohemian National Cemetery, lectures on genealogical and cultural topics, music and dancing, ethnic meals and the Parade of Kroj, including national folk dress from the Czech and Slovak Republics. Upon request, a detailed conference brochure will be available by 1 June with registration cut-off date on 1 September. For more information, please write to the Society, P. O. box 16225, St. Paul, Minnesota 55116-0225.

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