

DGS NEWSLETTER



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Big, Bigger, Better!

The Capital Expansion Project Takes Shape at DPL

If you haven't paid a visit to the eighth floor of the Dallas Public Library in recent weeks, then you are in for a treat. Construction began on the expansion of the Genealogy Section on Monday, 26 February, and it has already been completed! Wright Construction Company moved very professionally and quickly as they removed the walls, enlarged the research areas and completed the first phase of the expansion. If you can't exactly identify what you see in the photos on page 65, it is S-P-A-C-E!

Bill Benson, DGS' volunteer architect for the project, and Heather Williams, DPL Department Head for History & Social Sciences, have worked side-by-side coordinating the DGS-employed crews and the Library staff. New carpet has been laid, the final walk-thru inspection has been done, and orders have already been placed for the new shelving, furniture and microfilm cabinets. We should have the book shelving and storage cabinets delivered within the next six weeks. So, things are moving right along and shaping up very nicely! Once the shelving and cabinets are in place, we all know what comes next—the books come back out from the closed stacks in the staff area and go back on the shelves where all patrons will have open access once again!

Remember, this expansion of the Genealogy Department is being funded

by us—*The Dallas Genealogical Society*. So, congratulate yourselves! Shout it from the rooftops, and let the public know who we are, what we stand for and that we are raising the monies to bring the City of Dallas an even better Genealogy Section!

Courses Set for IGS in July

The Dallas Genealogical Society takes great pride in announcing the course schedule for the Institute of Genealogical Studies (IGS) to be held 21-26 July 1996 at the Harvey Hotel in Plano, Texas. Formerly the Genealogical Institute of Texas (GIT), DGS is now sponsoring the popular week-long intensive school. Reservations are already coming in at a fast pace as researchers get in line to learn from the finest genealogical educators in America who will teach their fields of expertise in multiple tracts of study. Eight courses will be offered at the school which will be held at a new site, the Harvey Hotel, 1600 North Central Expressway in Plano, Texas, located just a few minutes north of Dallas. IGS planners felt that having the classes at the hotel site would be a boon for out-of-towners attending the school as arrangements for transportation to and from the course site will no longer be necessary. The eight courses being offered are: **Basic**

Genealogy, Intermediate Genealogy, Advanced Genealogy, Creative Problem Solving, For Land's Sake: Analysis & Platting, The Military Paper Trail, On the Road with IGS: Exploring Research Facilities and From Colonial Englishmen to Revolutionary Americans, 1607-1783. In addition to regular course study, opportunities abound for "extra-curricular" activities, such as a welcome reception, the IGS Celebration Dinner, research time at the Dallas Public Library, problem-solving sessions, an evening devoted to computers, genealogical software & the Internet, the "instructors' roundtable" discussion on genealogical evidence and a humorous evening with Leslie Smith Collier, who presents the story of her ancestors, the feuding Hatfields! And, don't forget, local, state and nationally-known vendors will be on the premises throughout the week for plenty of "shoppportunities." They will be carrying the books and materials recommended in the classes along with their regular excellent stock.

A detailed description of each course along information about the course coordinators appears on page 68 of this newsletter. In addition, a registration form is located on inside back cover. Once you read about this exciting learning opportunity available to you right here in the Dallas area, we're sure you'll want to attend the 1996 Institute of Genealogical Studies!

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Dallas Genealogical Society
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Founded in 1955, the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is the oldest organization of its kind in Texas. It is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation. DGS is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS).

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The object and goals of this Society are:

- 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.

Newsletter:

The *DGS Newsletter* is published monthly from January-May and August-October with bi-monthly issues published in June-July and November-December. Copy deadline for the May 1996 *DGS Newsletter* is 1 April 1996. All articles and correspondence for the *DGS Newsletter* should be mailed to the Society at P. O. Box 12648, Dallas, Texas 75225-0648 to the attention of the Newsletter Editor.

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Calendar of Events

April 1996

11 April 1996, 6:30 p.m. (Thursday),
DGS/CIG: DPL Auditorium. Speaker:
Mike Basham, "Genealogical Research
Using the Internet".
16 April 1996, 6:30 p.m. (Tuesday),
DGS/AAIG: DPL Auditorium. Speaker:
Juanita Austin, "Walking Forward Into the
Past".
22 April 1996, 10:00 a.m. (Monday),
DGS/CIG Question & Answer Session:
East Room, DPL.
22 April 1996, 10:30 a.m. (Monday),
DGS/Problem-Solving Session: West
Room, DPL.
22 April 1996, 11:00 a.m. (Monday),
DGS Monthly Program & Meeting: DPL
Auditorium. Speaker: Barbara Roberts
Baylis: "Finding Living Cousins."
25 April 1996, 7:00 p.m. (Thursday),
DGS/PIG: East/West Rooms, DPL. Open
Forum Discussion Group.

May 1996

9 May 1996, 6:30 p.m. (Thursday),

DGS/CIG: DPL Auditorium. Panel
discussion and open forum—a review of
the year's CIG programs and meetings.
20 May 1996, 6:00 p.m. (Monday),
DGS/CIG Question & Answer Session:
East Room, DPL.
20 May 1996, 6:00 p.m. (Monday), DGS
Annual Welcome Reception: East/West
Rooms, DPL.
20 May 1996, 7:00 p.m. (Monday), DGS
Monthly Program & Meeting: DPL
Auditorium. Speaker: Lloyd DeWitt
Bockstruck.
21 May 1996, 6:30 p.m. (Thursday),
DGS/AAIG: DPL Auditorium. Speaker:
Overnice Wilks, "African-American
Research at the Fort Worth Branch of the
National Archives".
30 May 1996, 7:00 p.m. (Thursday),
DGS/PIG: East/West Rooms, DPL.
Speaker and topic to be announced.

June 1996

1 June 1996, 9:00 a.m. (Saturday), DGS
Lecture Series II: DPL Auditorium.
Speaker: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck,

"Kentucky Ancestors: Researching the
Bluegrass State."

August 1996

24 August 1996, 9:00 a.m. (Saturday),
DGS Lecture Series III: DPL Auditorium.
Speaker: Christine Rose, CG, "On Site
Research—Using Court and Other Records
Successfully".

October 1996

19 October 1996, 9:00 a.m. (Saturday),
DGS Lecture Series IV: DPL Auditorium.
Speaker: Leslie Smith Collier, "Super
Sleuthing: The Sherlock Holmes 'Write'
Way to Research".

*DGS does not meet during the summer
months from June through August.
Please join us for the Lecture Series. We
look forward to seeing all of you in the
autumn with an exciting lineup of
meetings and programs!*

Upcoming Society Events

April Program Meeting

Date: Monday, 22 April
Time: 11:00 A.M.
Speaker: Barbara Roberts Baylis
Topic: *Finding Living Cousins*

Join us for what promises to be a fascinating talk in which DGS member Barbara Baylis discusses how to locate living family members. How many of us have been able to locate living relatives and had the thrill of comparing notes on our families? Barbara will show us how. Join us for a lively discussion!

Special Reminder: Attend the Annual Meeting in May!

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, 20 May 1996. 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, workshops and seminars, your incredible volunteer spirit and service and your monetary gifts which benefit the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. Please make plans to come and get acquainted with your fellow members!

Please note that the meeting will be on the third Monday instead of the usual fourth Monday due to the Memorial Day holiday. We are winding up the year with a bang—our guest speaker for the evening is our

own Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck who has yet to reveal the topic of his evening talk! But we know that Lloyd will entertain and enlighten all of us!

Problem-Solving Sessions

Just a reminder that our popular "problem-solving" sessions are held one hour before each regular meeting in the East/West Rooms of the Dallas Public Library. DGS Board members are present to serve as moderators for informal discussions with fellow genealogists. An exchange of ideas or a discussion of your research problem may be just what you need to set off on a new course!

Please note that the last problem-solving session of the year will be held at the April meeting as the May meeting will be our annual member reception.

Computer Interest Group News Mike Basham

We just can't seem to get enough information about using the Internet for genealogical research. Maybe that's because there are so many sites available for research! In response to your requests, Mike Basham will conduct a CIG meeting devoted to the Internet on Thursday, 11 April at 6:30 p.m. in the DPL Auditorium. Mike is making an offer you can't miss—bring a blank formatted 3.5" diskette with you, and you can copy all of Mike's "bookmarks" to genealogical sites on the Internet. Take it home with you and access these sites to accomplish some "real" research without ever leaving your computer.

Don't forget that the CIG also conducts informal question & answer sessions one hour before each regular DGS meeting, so join the CIG at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 22 April in the East/West Rooms of the DPL.

Professional Interest Group Sets April Meeting Date Sammie Townsend Lee

The DGS year is drawing to a close, and the Society's Professional Interest Group only has two more meetings before it takes the summer off. Join us on Thursday, 25 April for our last roundtable discussion of the year. We meet at 7:00 p.m. in the East/West Rooms of the Dallas Public Library in downtown Dallas.

These open forums have proven very beneficial to all who attend so please join us and bring your genealogical questions with you—perhaps another researcher will have just the suggestion you need to get moving on your research again!

African-American Interest Group News

The African-American Interest Group has scheduled their next meeting for Tuesday, 16 April in the DPL Auditorium. Refreshments are served at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting set to begin at 6:30. April's speaker is Juanita Austin whose talk is entitled "Walking Forward Into the Past." Everyone is invited to attend AAIG meetings—hope to see *you* there.

The President's Message

Leslie Smith Collier

By a stroke of luck (and a slap on the wrist for not looking at the obvious sooner), I recently stumbled over a Civil War pension that I never suspected was waiting for me. Now I'm in desperate need of a new Casteel cousin, someone who shares my very own ancestors and with whom I can exchange big fat manila envelopes jammed with documents and pedigrees. I readily admit that I've never researched this family, so they're a brand new world for me. New locations, new collateral lines—how am I ever going to wade through all of the deceased Casteels in Kansas, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia? And that's just the states of birth that my Casteels report on the 1850-1880 Census! My hard drive and my filing cabinets already overflow with Smiths and Hatfields. Do I dare take on another ancestral family?

The answer is easy: Not without help. More to the point, can DGS do anything to help me find other researching cousins? I hope so for the sake of poor William Casteel. So do you for your own family research. We all have a need to trade info with genealogical cousins. The founders of DGS thought so, too, because the sixth and final goal in our charter is "to stimulate the exchange of information between Society members and genealogical researchers across the nation."

It's a great idea. What are we doing to promote this today? Well, we do collect the surnames and localities that you are researching on your membership form. We then publish these every three years in our membership directory. Next year, by

the way, the Society will be publishing another new directory.

If you check the current membership form at the end of this newsletter, you will also notice that we now ask for your permission to enter your surnames and localities into a database for use by researching DGS members. Yes, we have a long-range plan to put a new computer program in place to better network you with other researchers.

We may not be quite ready to do that, but our Computer Interest Group is certainly up and running at full steam. And it's the best place to look for help when you need to connect with researching relatives. The information and training that the CIG provides helps us master the intricacies of using a BBS, on-line services and even the Internet itself. There is no quicker and more effective way to reach other researchers than the electronic world. Attend the Computer Interest Group. It's one of the most vital services we offer. Take advantage of the CIG—you're missing a sure bet if you don't.

Yes, as genealogists we continue to submit queries to national and local periodicals, but we should take advantage of what the computer world can do. Don't delay. Go now to CIG meetings for help. You'll be glad you did.

And as for poor William Casteel, he was an innocent killed in the crossfire between Quantrill's Raiders and the sons of John Brown "who lies a' mouldering in the grave." Yet he turns out to be a lucky stiff indeed. For I found my new correspondent, Cousin Carol of Ohio, who's a mover and shaker in the NGS CIG. See, this computer networking stuff really pays off!

1996-1997 Slate of Officers

Karen Avery Miller

The nominating committee has proposed the following slate of officers for the 1996-1997 DGS Board of Directors. My personal thanks to Gene Burris, Liz Thurmond and Hallie Garner for serving with me on this most important committee.

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Two additional positions, Parliamentarian and Library Liaison, are posts which will be appointed by the President.

We are very pleased to see that the volunteer spirit is alive and well as six of these positions are being filled by DGS members who have *never* served on the Board before. We have a very exciting year coming up filled not only with DGS-sponsored workshops meetings and seminars but also the 1997 FGS/DGS annual conference set for first week of September 1997.

Capital Expansion Update

Karen Avery Miller

You've certainly read the cover story about the completed construction on the eighth floor of the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section—now see the pictures! If you've attempted to do research on a busy day downtown, you all know how cramped and crowded the "before" is—well, take a look at the "after" photos! It's really hard to describe how much difference all that space makes. Right now, the newly-remodeled section is really spacious since the new shelving and desks haven't arrived yet, but even after the new furniture is installed, the new space will be magnificent.



It's hard to believe that the Capital Expansion Project has actually come to fruition, and the Society can certainly congratulate itself. But even with the excitement of seeing our research books back out on the shelves, we now must face facts—Phase II is just beginning. No, we're not done yet.

We are still seeking donations to purchase more microfilm readers and printers, film/fiche storage cabinets and additional furniture. So, please consider opening your checkbooks again to help us complete the Capital Expansion drive to make the Genealogy Section even better than it already is today.

Donations have been coming in faster than we can keep up! Recent contributions to the CEP have been received from the following individuals: Helen Boehning, Adrienne Jamieson, Mrs. George Woods, Margaret Davis, Sammie Townsend Lee, Jean Larsen, Mattie Frank Pierce, Mrs. Donald Wilson, Steve & Alexis Spiritas in honor of Joe and Adeline Spiritas, Charlotte Klimaszewski and Noreen Haler as a memorial to the "Caswell" surname.



In addition to these contributions, Sammie Lee and Leslie Collier donated their speaker fees from the January DGS Beginners Workshop; we collected \$168 from the "donation jar" at the DGS Volunteer Desk on the eighth floor; and Daniel Box's donation will be matched by his employer, Mobil Oil Corporation. Remember, your tax deductible donations may be mailed to DGS; Post Office Box 25556; Dallas, TX 75225-1556.

CEP Year-To-Date Expenditures

Barbara Dossett

As so many DGS members have made contributions over the past several years to the Capital Expansion Fund, we thought you might like to see where the monies have recently been spent.

Out of the total monies of \$92,452,

the construction contract amounted to approximately \$27,800. In addition, we placed an order for book shelving and desks for \$40,000. Lastly, we have also ordered four new microfilm cabinets. Each cabinet houses 900 rolls of film, and we have enough film already to completely fill three cabinets (you know, all that film that takes up space on the bookshelves!). However, due to the incredible efforts of the volunteers dedicated to assisting in the microfilming of the Dallas Circuit Court packets, that group has earned enough hours to order over 800 more rolls of film—in other words, enough new film to almost fill another cabinet! Their efforts cannot be praised enough.

So, we have a balance of about \$17,000 left over, and this money will be used to order additional microform equipment. We have inquired about ordering a new microfilm reader/printer which has three lenses and can make plain paper copies ranging in size from 8-1/2x11 to 10x14. It would be a very welcome addition to the Section's outdated equipment. However, this reader/printer is priced at \$10,054 so that would take up a pretty large "chunk of change" from the \$17,000. So, DGS is asking its members to dig even deeper in their pockets so that we can equip our "new" Genealogy Section with the most up-to-date machines. Remember, we all benefit from each other's generosity.

We'd like to thank the following members for their generous donations. These DGS folks donated to the map fund-raising effort: Juanita B. Hogue, Pat Mitchell, Rose-Alyce Beasley, Jan Laird Cunningham, George Hedick, Eldon J. Edgin and Adrienne Jamieson. Last but not least, thanks to Linda Lawhon for her contribution to the Library's "Adopt-A-Book" program.

Beginners Corner: Vital Records Indexes

Mary A. Johnson

As we have indicated in our newsletter in recent months, Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, Supervisor of the Genealogy Section at the Dallas Public Library, has been making a concerted effort to purchase the indexes to vital records as these sources are made available by the states. So far, Lloyd has ordered or received the indexes to the vital records of such states as Wisconsin, Oregon, Alabama, South Carolina and Georgia. The Georgia indexes are the latest to arrive in the Section. In addition, the DPL also has the microfilmed indexes of birth, marriages and deaths for Texas.

Many researchers do not bother to collect the vital records for the generations within recent or living memory, but this is a mistake as the smallest details contained in a vital record can be an essential clue to lead the researcher to a new location, a new surname, immigration lists, uninvestigated church records, etc. It is imperative that genealogists obtain the vital records on siblings as the information provided by one's collateral ancestors can be even more enlightening than the data revealed by one's direct forebears.

What will you find in a statewide vital records index? At a minimum, an index to births will contain the birth name, date of birth, county (sometimes town) of birth and, most important, the certificate number. Death indexes include name, date of death, county or town, certificate number and sometimes also the age at time of death (helpful in sorting out ancestors with common names). Marriage and divorce indexes sometimes contain the name of both the groom/bride or husband/wife although many just list the male.

What is the advantage of having the indexes to these vital certificates? If you have ever ordered what you thought was the "correct" birth or

death certificate for your ancestor from a state vital records department, paid your money, waited for what seemed an *interminable* period of time, eagerly ripped open the envelope when it finally arrived, and had your hopes dashed because the state sent the "wrong" certificate, you will appreciate vital records indexes from the outset.

Be aware that many states do not even advertise that an index is available for public inspection because states often base their fees on the search for the record, even if that search is ultimately unsuccessful. In addition, if you are not absolutely certain of the date of an event, most states charge an additional fee to search a one-, five- or ten-year period.

In addition, the state will search for a certificate based on the exact information you supply them on the search form. Well, sure you say—that's what you want them to do! Well, suppose you submit a request for the birth certificate for John R. Greene, and the state comes up empty handed? It just so happens that your great-grandfather's name was incorrectly spelled "John R. Green" on his birth certificate. It has been my experience that the state will not pull that certificate nor will they even inform you that they found a certificate with "almost" the correct spelling.

Obviously, by performing the search yourself, you control the scope of the search. If you believe that your ancestor, John Franklin Smith died in Limestone County, Texas in 1924 and the state does not locate his death certificate, they will happily pocket your nine dollars and notify you that "no record was found." The state is not going to use deductive reasoning to send you a death certificate for John Smith who died in neighboring Freestone County instead.

Just what information can you glean from a vital certificate? Of course, we are at the mercy of our own ancestors when we order a birth, death or marriage certificate because the information is only as reliable as the person who supplied it to the registrar. But these certificates often reveal maiden names of females, exact birthplaces, religious affiliation, number of living and deceased siblings, burial sites and causes of death (although some states, such as Florida, withhold this information).

While largely a twentieth-century source, some states did begin the issuance of birth, marriage and death certificates during the nineteenth century. If the Dallas Public Library does not have the indexes for those states you are researching, expand your search to include the Family History Library Catalogue. The LDS has filmed many of the available indexes, and, in some cases, the certificates as well. To locate such indexes, you would search under the state name, then Vital Records.

Let's look at an example: the LDS has filmed the index to births for Brooklyn (New York) from 1881-1965, and they have filmed copies of the actual certificates from 1866-1901. The death certificate index and certificates have been filmed for the period 1862-1920, while the marriage index and certificates encompasses the period 1866-1937. Even taking into consideration the cost of renting at least two films per event (one for the index and one for the certificate), that six dollar expense is much cheaper than paying up to fifteen dollars for each certificate ordered.

You owe it to yourself to check the vital records indexes for each state in which you research. See what's available at the Library first, then take a look at the Family History Library catalogue, and then place your order

with the state. Your search will be much more successful than relying on others to do your searching for you.

Helpful Sources

1. Billingsley, Carolyn Earle and Desmond Walls Allen. *How to Get the Most Out of Death Certificates*. Bryant, AR: Research Associates, 1991.
2. Eicholz, Alice, editor. *Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County and Town Sources*. 2nd edition. Salt Lake City: Ancestry Publishing, 1991. The first edition of this book should not be used as it contains many factual errors.
3. Kemp, Thomas Jay. *International Vital Records Handbook*. 3rd edition. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 1994. This source contains copies of all vital records forms utilized by the 50 states and many foreign countries. However, you should verify current prices before mailing the request forms.

Are You Jane Berry? Karen Avery Miller

The DGS recently received by mail, with no return address, a scrapbook that once belonged to "Jane Berry." A note attached to the album stated that this book had been left in a bookstore in Fort Worth last summer. No one had returned to claim it, and, rather than throw it away, the bookstore sent it to our Society.

The scrapbook is wonderful, filled with childhood photographs, a reading certificate, "Y-Teen" dance photos, old dance corsages, a birthday telegram from Jane's father and much, much more. Jane appears to have attended Alex W. Spence Junior High School in Dallas and then was enrolled at North Dallas High School around 1949-1950.

If you are Jane Berry or if you know her, please call Karen Miller, DGS Secretary, at (214) 696-2804 to claim the scrapbook.

Happy 150th Birthday Dallas County, Texas Let's Celebrate!

1996 is the Sesquicentennial year of Dallas County, and you are invited to the birthday party. Soon you will be receiving an invitation for Saturday, 20 April, to join in a county-wide celebration in downtown Dallas on the plaza facing the Old Red Courthouse. The festivities are to begin at 10:00 a.m. with a trail drive complete with longhorn steer and cowboys through downtown Dallas. Also included in the parade will be covered wagons, vintage cars and other historical modes of transportation. All Dallas County officials have been invited and hopes are running high that Governor Bush will also be a keynote speaker.

A barbeque lunch will be offered by invitation only (\$10 prepaid so don't forget to return your reservation with a check) or you are encouraged to bring your own picnic lunch and enjoy the many performing arts groups that are scheduled to entertain on stage. The plaza is also within a very short walking distance to the many shops and restaurants of the West End. Inside the Old Red Courthouse on the first floor will be display booths from county-wide historical groups. Stop by and say hello or pick up some new forms at the DGS table. It promises to be a fun, historical event for all ages to enjoy! The party is scheduled to end by 3:00 p.m. Join us!

DGS Lecture Series Reminder: June 1 Carole Ruska

Just a reminder that the DGS Lecture Series continues on Saturday, 1 June 1996 with Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck presenting four lectures throughout the day on research in the "Bluegrass State of Kentucky." The lectures begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Dallas Public

Library and will conclude at 4:00 p.m. Those attending are encouraged to "brown-bag" for lunch as very few restaurants are open downtown during the weekend. If you haven't pre-registered, please call the Library at (214) 670-1433 on the Friday before the lecture to see if space is still available. The Auditorium only holds 200 people, so those not preregistered must be turned away. See you there!

Family History Show #1!

Congratulations to DGS member Michael Matthews whose well-known "Family History Radio Show" is now ranked as Number One on the Texas State Network which broadcasts the show throughout the state. Michael's show can be heard locally on KRLD Radio 1080 AM every Sunday evening from 10:00 p.m. to midnight. Listeners can call Michael and his evening's guest at 1-800-765-1080 to ask questions about genealogical research. Upcoming guests include:

- April 7 Don Raney/Alan Phipps (A Grandfather & Grandson Research Team!)
- April 14 James C. Neagles (Author of *U.S. Military Records*)
- April 21 Desmond Walls Allen & Stephen L. Hardin, Author of *Texian Iliad*)
- April 28 . Madilyn Coen Crane & Barbara Roberts Baylis (both DGS members and Barbara a genealogical instructor at SMU)
- May 5 . . Robert Scott Davis, Jr. (Instructor at Wallace State College, lecturer & author on Georgia & other Southern states)

Here are all the exciting details for the upcoming Institute of Genealogical Studies, 21-26 July 1996. Read over the detailed course descriptions, select the one that interests you and fill out the reservation form on the inside back cover of this newsletter. Your difficult task will be choosing only one course!

Course One-Basic Genealogy

Course Coordinator: Leslie Smith Collier. Leslie is currently the President of DGS, a lecturer and genealogical instructor and is also serving as the Program Chair for 1997 FGS/DGS Conference. The course will be "team-taught" with presentations by IGS' most popular lecturers.

Course One is a "hands-on" instructional course designed for the person with little or no experience in researching family lines. Centered on a case study, this class uses *real* records made by *real* people to build a genealogy. The focus is on post-1850 American research with special emphasis on organization, methods, sources and repositories. Optional "homework" assignments will be given in this very interactive class.

Course topics include: What Do I Do to Begin?, Vital Records, Let's Get Organized, Your Family & Interviews, The U.S. Census, Mailbox Methodology, Probate, Land Records, American Court Records, Introduction to Military Records, Churches & Cemeteries, What's in the Library?, Resources of the LDS, Preserving Your Work and Evidence: So, Prove It!

Course Two-Intermediate Genealogy

Course Coordinator: John Phillip Colletta, Ph.D. John is a director & lecturer at the National Archives and the Smithsonian Institution; an author, copyright specialist, John serves on the faculty of IGHR at Samford University. He is a popular lecturer at both FGS and NGS.

Course Two is designed for those students who have already used basic genealogical resources and practiced basic research methods. Classes include researching colonial and Federal period ancestors (pre-1850), non-population

censuses, colonial military records, military pensions and bounty land papers, colonial wills and handwriting, using newspapers and periodical literature and American church records.

Course topics include: Federal Census Records, Research in Courthouses, Migrations, Vital Records...Expanded, Methodology & Problem Solving, Military Service Records, Pensions & Bounty Land, Genealogical Periodicals, Colonial Military Records, Newspapers, Naturalization Records, Passenger Arrival Records and Genealogical Writing.

Course Three-Advanced Genealogy

Course Coordinators: James W. and Paula Stuart Warren. Both are professional genealogists, authors, FGS & NGS lecturers as well as co-recipients of the 1992 "Award of Merit" from the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG).

Course Three is an in-depth approach for advanced researchers using resources and tackling research problems. Lectures cover advanced strategies, publishing, uncommon sources, WPA records, NUCMC, Eugenics Office records, government documents, planning successful research trips including Salt Lake City & other sites and developing networking skills.

Course topics include: Advanced Research Strategy, Records of the WPA, Publishing, Uncommon Materials, Searching New Localities, Working with Professionals, Family Health History, Advanced Pitfalls, Eugenics Record Office Records, NUCMC, Research Trips, Successful European Research, School Records, Old Settlers Organizations, American State Papers and Salt Lake City Research Trips.

Course Four-Creative Problem Solving

Course Coordinator: Desmond Walls Allen. Desmond is an author, publisher, FGS & NGS lecturer, serves on the NGS Development Committee and is a past recipient of the APG's "Award of Merit."

This class concentrates on developing the creative mindset and presents strategies for genealogical problem

solving. Designed for the advanced researcher, the course covers the legal system, maps, historical research methodology, source citation, burned courthouses, 20th century research, conducting oral history investigations and unusual sources.

Course topics include: Problem Solving Exercises, Maps, Unusual Newspapers, Writing to Reason, Metes and Bounds, Burned Courthouses, Federal Court Records, Source Citations, Neighborhooding, Keeping Current, More from Death Certificates, Legal System Development, Census Instructions, Oral History Investigations and Unusual Sources.

Course Five-For Land's Sake: Analysis & Platting

Course Coordinator: Mary McCampbell Bell, CALS, CGL. Mary specializes in Southern research problems and is considered America's premier land research authority. She is also an FGS & NGS lecturer and the recipient of the NGS "Award of Merit."

This course will teach students to "plat like a pro!" It is an intensive week of "hands-on" exercises which teaches the skills needed to plat those difficult deeds from the metes and bounds survey system. Other topics include the interpretation of USGS topographical maps and platting in the public land survey system. A kit of platting tools is included.

Course topics include: Metes and Bounds, Simple & Complex Platting, Surveyor's Quirks, 32-Point Compass, Public Land System, Topo Maps, Neighborhoods, But the Lines Don't Close! and Solving Problems with Platting.

Course Six-The Military Paper Trail

Course Coordinator: George K. Schweitzer, Ph.D., ScD. Dr. Schweitzer specializes in German and Colonial genealogy and is a very popular lecturer at both FGS and NGS. A noted author, Dr. Schweitzer is well known on the lecture circuit for his historically accurate recreations of the past.

This course examines the history and sources of the records created as a result of America's wars and the immense effect

of these wars upon migration and settlement in the United States. Students follow the massive military paper trail of genealogically-pertinent records from the colonial period, the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Civil War and into the 20th century. A field trip is scheduled for student research into their own military problems.

Course topics include: Colonial Wars, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Confederate Civil War Records, Union Civil War Records, the Mexican War, the Indian Wars, the Spanish-American War and 20th Century Wars.

Course Seven—On the Road with IGS: Exploring Research Facilities

Course Coordinator: Sammie Townsend Lee. Sammie is well-known to researchers in the Dallas area as a genealogical instructor at Richland College and a genealogical librarian. She has lectured at FGS and NGS and is serving as Local Arrangements Chair for the 1997 FGS/DGS Conference.

This course is a "hands-on" learning opportunity that teaches how to research, where to research and what to research by exploring repositories, sources and effective research techniques. Special emphasis is on library collections—not only genealogy, but also history & social science, map sources, government and urban documents, special collections and more. Instructional tours are planned throughout the week to the Dallas Public Library, a special collection repository and a county courthouse.

Course topics include: Research in Repositories, Special Library Collections, Genealogy Collections, Local Library Collections, Targeting Your Problem, Online Research, Bibliographic Collections, Scavenger Hunt, Courthouse Trip, Overview of the LDS Family History Library, Government Documents, History & Social Sciences, Guided Study at the Library and Unusual Courthouse Records.

Course Eight—From Colonial Englishmen to Revolutionary Americans, 1607-1783

Course Coordinator: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck. Supervisor of the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section, Lloyd is also a very popular lecturer at FGS and NGS and is a course coordinator at IGHR at Samford University. Recently, Lloyd was named a "Fellow" of the National Genealogical Society.

This course is an intense look at the Southern Colonies—Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia and the territories of Alabama and Mississippi—during their critical early developmental stages.

Course topics include: Colonization, Probate Records, Colonial War Records, Revolutionary War Records, Migration, Court Records, Tax Records, Problem-Solving in the Colonial South, Land Policies and Records, Vital Records and Substitutes and Research Depositories & Collections.

Well there you have it! You have to agree that we've got quite a lineup for you to choose from for IGS. Here's some of the other "stuff" you need to know in order to join us:

1996 Classroom Site & Host Hotel: The Harvey Hotel-Plano hosts the Institute with all classes taking place at the hotel. A special occupancy rate is being offered to students who elect to stay at the hotel of \$65 single/double including a continental breakfast. For reservations, please call (214) 578-8555 and identify yourself with IGS.

Transportation: The Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Love Field in Dallas serve this area. Transportation to and from the host hotel may be obtained by calling SuperShuttle at (817) 329-2020. A car is not necessary during the Institute. **Meals:** Daily continental breakfast and supper at Sunday's reception are included in your tuition. Box lunches will be available at the Institute or you may dine in the hotel restaurant or make your own arrangements. The IGS Celebration Dinner is an optional event at extra charge.

IGS Celebration Dinner: The IGS Celebration Dinner is scheduled for Thursday evening, 25 July, at the hotel. Tickets may be purchased for guests, and those attending will have the opportunity to win door prizes. Dress is casual.

Exhibitors: Local, state and nationally-known vendors will be on the premises for your purchases. You will have the opportunity to buy those books and materials recommended in the classes!

Institute Schedule: Classes consist of four one hour & fifteen minute lectures per day, Monday through Thursday. Classes begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. On Monday, the first session is for all students, followed by a full day of instruction. On Friday classes will

conclude at 12:00 noon. Class times will be adjusted for scheduled field trips.

Welcome Reception & Registration: A welcome reception at the Harvey Hotel with a light supper will be held on Sunday, 21 July, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Registration continues Monday morning for late arrivals.

Optional Activities:

Introduction to the Dallas Public Library: Sammie Townsend Lee introduces Institute attendees to the Dallas Public Library's genealogy collection at a free lecture at the hotel from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Sunday. Open to everyone, this lecture is mandatory for those enrolled in Courses One and Seven.

The Dallas Public Library Genealogy Collection: The collection is the largest in the southern half of the U.S. and one of the best-kept secrets in genealogy. The collection consists of 67,000 volumes, over 31,000 rolls of microfilm and 64,500 sheets of microfiche. The collection of military records is one of the most complete in the nation, and the library houses the U.S. census for 1790-1910 with a portion of 1920. Research trips are planned for Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings from 5:30-9:30 p.m. A small transportation fee will be charged.

Problem-Solving Sessions: Sessions are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. A different case study will be explored each evening. This is a unique opportunity to "pick the brains" of the Institute's instructors. No charge.

Computers & Genealogists: Mike Basham, Director of DGS' Computer Interest Group, discusses genealogical software, using the Internet and other items of interest on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. No charge.

The Feuding Hatfields: Join Leslie Smith Collier on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. as she presents the story of a printed genealogy gone wrong—a tragicomedy of evidence! No charge.

Instructors' Roundtable: This discussion of genealogical evidence, what counts, how much is enough and when to declare a generation proven will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. No charge.

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Professional Researchers List

Dallas Genealogical Society

The Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) does not have the resources to do research for individuals. The following members of DGS have indicated they will conduct genealogical research for a fee. Each person has completed a questionnaire listing their experience, areas of research and expertise and repositories in which they will conduct client research.

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

When contacting a researcher concerning a possible commission, it is customary to state in your letter what type of service you are seeking. Include pertinent ancestor charts, family group sheets, and any other information that will help the researcher make a determination concerning ability to perform the service, estimated length of time for the research, and estimated fee involved. Most researchers require a set number of prepaid hours.

Always include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request for information.

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCHERS

Darnell, Patti Perkins; 6712 Lakeview; Flower Mound, TX 75028; 817/430-8489

Genealogical researcher for 19 years; professional researcher for 10 years. Member: Association for Professional Genealogists. Localities: Texas; Kentucky; North Carolina; Oklahoma; Illinois. Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; 20th-Century research; newspapers/obituaries; multi-generation lineages; lineage papers. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Fort Worth Regional Branch National Archives; Texas State Library and Archives in Austin; Family History Library in Salt Lake City; LDS Family History Centers; Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex University libraries; Barker Texas History Library/UT system Libraries in Austin; cemeteries; courthouses in Dallas, Grayson, Collin, and Denton counties, TX. Compiles written reports; charges hourly fee.

Hudson, Weldon; 2807 Cedar Park Boulevard; Fort Worth, TX 76118; 817/284-9687

Genealogical researcher for 32 years; professional researcher for 19 years. Member: Association for Professional Genealogists. Localities: Texas. Types of Research: courthouse research; 20th-Century research; newspapers/obituaries; adoption research. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Fort Worth Public Library; Fort Worth Regional Branch of National Archives; Texas State Library and Archives; LDS Family History Centers; courthouses in Dallas, Tarrant, and other North Texas counties; cemeteries; university libraries (SMU & University of Texas at Arlington). Compiles written reports; charges hourly fee.

Johnson, Mary A.; 7605 Tanglecrest Drive; Dallas, TX 75240-8020; 214/233-8006

Genealogical researcher for 17 years; professional researcher for 6 years. Member: Association for Professional Genealogists. Localities: specializes in New York City/Long Island; Florida; Southern States; England. Types of research: record searches; 20th-Century research; courthouse research; newspapers/obituaries; multi-generational lineages; compiles family histories/genealogies for publication; ethnic research (Jewish, black). Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Fort Worth Regional Branch of the National Archives; Family History Library in Salt Lake City; LDS Family History Centers; courthouses in north Texas. Compiles written reports; charges hourly fee.

Lawrence, Randy; 2707 Eastbrook Drive; Mesquite, TX 75150; 214/681-4449

Genealogical researcher for 7 years; compiles family histories/genealogies for publication. Compiles written reports; charges hourly fee.

Lee, Sammie Townsend; 10655 Longmeadow Drive; Dallas, TX 75238-2828; 214/349-1435

Genealogical researcher for 18 years; professional researcher for 7 years. Member: Association for Professional Genealogists. Localities: Texas; the Southwest; lower Southern States; Mid-Atlantic states; Midwest states. Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; newspapers/obituaries; multi-generation lineages; lineage papers; compiles genealogies for publication. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Fort Worth Branch National Archives; Texas State Library and Archives in Austin; Family History Library in Salt Lake City; LDS Family History Centers; Dallas County Courthouse; Barker Texas History Collection in Austin; General Land Office of Texas; cemeteries. Compiles written reports; charges hourly fee.

Lemons, Nova A.; 12206 Brisbane Avenue; Dallas, TX 75234-6528; 214/241-2739; fax: 214/620-1416

Genealogical researcher for 19 years; professional researcher for 5 years. Localities: North Texas; North-central Texas; Northeast Texas; Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; newspapers/obituaries; compiles family histories/genealogies for publication. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; LDS Family History Centers; Dallas County Courthouse; university libraries (SMU & Univ. of North Texas); cemeteries; surrounding county libraries & courthouses. Compiles written reports; charges hourly fee.

Mullins, Mack W.; 2717 N. 42nd; Waco, TX 76710; 817/752-3294

Genealogical researcher for 17 years; professional researcher for 12 years. Localities: Central & east Texas; southern states. Types of research: all types of research: record searches; courthouse research; 20th Century research; newspapers/obituaries; multi-generation lineages. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Fort Worth Regional Branch of the National Archives; Waco Public Library; Texas Collection (Baylor University); Texas Ranger Library in Waco; McLennan County Library. Compiles written reports; charges hourly fee.

Neilson, Clifford C.; 3703 Moss Brooke Court; Fairfax, VA 22031-3229; 703/978-2839

Genealogical researcher for 10 years; professional researcher for 5 years. Member: Association for Professional Genealogists. Localities: Adams, Chester, Franklin, Lancaster, York counties, Pennsylvania; Fairfax County, Virginia. Types of research: multi-generation lineages; ethnic research; specialist in pre-1800 Scots-Irish. Repositories: National Archives; DAR Library; Library of Congress; LDS Family History Centers; courthouses & archives in counties listed above. Compiles written reports; charges hourly fee.

Parker, Helen; P.O. Box 1103; Springtown, TX 76082-1103; 817/220-6259

Genealogical researcher for 15 years; professional researcher for 1 year. Localities: Texas; Virginia. Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; 20th century research; newspapers/obituaries; compiles family histories/genealogies for publication. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Fort Worth Branch of the National Archives; Texas State Library & Archives (Austin); LDS Family History Centers; Dallas County Courthouse; Fort Worth Public Library. Compiles written reports; charges hourly fee.

Smiley, Donna Ward; 734 San Juan; Duncanville, TX 75116; 214/296-2794

Genealogical researcher for 6 years; professional researcher for 2 years. Member: Association of Professional Genealogists. Localities: Texas and Deep South. Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; newspapers/obituaries; multi-generation lineages; historical research. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; LDS Family History Centers; Dallas County Courthouse; university libraries (SMU & University of Texas at Arlington); cemeteries. Compiles written reports; charges hourly fee.

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Bulletin Board

Notices of Upcoming Events and Publications

Do you have information you would like to share with other genealogists? Do you know about upcoming seminars, classes or publications which might interest your friends and fellow researchers? If so, please submit original information only and include the source. Send to: Bulletin Board, DGS Newsletter Editor; DGS; P. O. Box 12648; Dallas, Texas 75225-0648, and we will publish items as space permits.

Attending NGS in Nashville?

It's not too late to make your plans to attend the upcoming National Genealogical Society 1996 Conference in the States to be held 8-11 May 1996 in Nashville, Tennessee. Co-sponsored by the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society, the theme of this year's conference is "Traveling Historic Trails: Families on the Move." Informational brochures are available at the Library or you may request a brochure by calling NGS at (703) 525-0050.

POW Medals Available

The Pentagon has announced the offering of a new Prisoner of War Medal which features an eagle ringed with barbed wire and bayonets. The medal is being offered to honor the 142,000 American troops captured in the last four wars. Any person who was taken prisoner and held captive after 5 April 1917 is eligible to receive a medal at no cost. The medal may be awarded posthumously to the legal next of kin.

Information is available by calling 1-800-873-3768 or by writing to the National Personnel Records Center, Entitlement to Awards Division, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132. Both sides of the discharge papers

must be copied and submitted by either living veterans or living relatives of deceased veterans. Thanks to DGS member Mary Early Dishner for this valuable information.

McGraw Family Meets

The U.S. McCraw Family Association reunion will be held in Denver, Colorado from 28-30 June 1996 at the Landmark Hotel. Host of the reunion is James K. Jeffrey, Genealogical Specialist with the Department of Western History & Genealogy, Denver Public Library. For further information, please contact Joy Rushing, 102 McRaven Street, Clinton, MS 39056.

First Families of the Twin Territories

The Oklahoma Genealogical Society invites qualified applicants to join the "First Families of the Twin Territories" which has been founded to recognize, honor and perpetuate the memory of early pioneer and Indian families who were residents of Oklahoma or Indian Territory on or before the date of statehood, 16 November 1907.

If you can prove your lineage back to an individual or individuals who settled in one of Oklahoma's territories on or before that date, you are eligible for membership. For an application form, please contact FFTT, Oklahoma Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 12986, Oklahoma City, OK 73157.

News from Texas State Library

Robert S. Martin, Director & Librarian of the Texas State Library &

Archives in Austin has announced that the library will no longer allow materials to be checked out of the Genealogy Collection for weekend use by researchers. The termination of weekend circulation has been necessitated by the fact that a significant number of hard-to-replace or irreplaceable items have gone missing from the collection. In addition, some items have not been returned on a timely basis which renders them unavailable for other researchers.

Some materials which have been duplicated may still be circulated, so please check with the staff to obtain a list of those items. These duplicated items are also available through inter-library loan.

Strother Reunion Set

DGS member Nolan B. Hensarling has sent information about the William Strother Society Sixth Bi-Annual Family Reunion which is set for 8-11 August 1996 in Fredericksburg, Virginia at the Sheraton Resort & Conference Center. The family association is celebrating its tenth anniversary at the place where the Strother family began in America. For more information, please contact Edward L. Strother, 36 Puget Drive, Steilacoom, WA 98388-1521.

West Florida Sons & Daughters Society

The West Florida Society has announced that membership is available in the Sons & Daughters of the Province and Republic of West Florida, 1763-1810. Membership is open to men and women who can prove lineal descent from an ancestor residing between 1763 and 7

December 1810 on land in that part of the Province of West Florida as it was governed by both England and Spain. This land is south of the 31st parallel, east of the Mississippi River, north of the Gulf of Mexico, Lake Ponchartrain, Lake Borgne and Lake Maurepas and west of the Apalachicola River in Florida.

An application form may be requested by writing Barbara Comeaux Strickland, Secretary, West Florida Society, 13727 North Amiss Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810-5042.

Central OK Ancestor Fair Announced

The Logan and Garfield County Genealogical Societies have announced that they are sponsoring the "Central Oklahoma Ancestor Fair" on Saturday, 11 May 1996 at the Logan County Fairgrounds in Guthrie. Vendor tables are only \$10.00 each, and the fair will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Logan County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1419, Guthrie, OK 73044.

Leslie Collier Returns to Her Roots

DGS President and well-known lecturer, Leslie Smith Collier will present an all-day conference for the Southeast Texas Genealogical & Historical Society in Port Arthur, Texas on Saturday, 13 April. The conference will be held at the First Christian Church, 5856 Ninth Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. And, Leslie's roots? She is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur!

"In Your Ancestors' Image: FGS 1996

While the NGS Conference looms pretty soon on the horizon in May, you have a little more time to make your plans to attend the FGS 16th

Annual Conference to be held in Rochester, New York from 14-17 August 1996. With the conference theme of "In Your Ancestors' Image," this year's conference promises to be an exciting one. Hosted by the Rochester Genealogical Society, the FGS/RGS conference will be highlighted with the bonus of the pre-conference Society Management Workshops which are the cornerstone of all FGS Conferences.

In addition, the conference will offer lectures on research methodology by some of the nation's best-known genealogical speakers along with a vendor exhibit hall with over 130 booths! Attendees will have the daunting task of choosing from more than 110 lecture sessions. And the conference promises the latest in technology and imaging which is only fitting since Rochester is the home of Eastman Kodak Corporation!

With a great location in upstate New York, participants will have the opportunity to tour the city with its excellent museums, an Erie Canal cruise, trips to the Finger Lakes Wine Country and excursions to Niagara Falls with its world-famous "Lady of the Mist" boat ride.

Conference brochures are available in the Genealogy Section at DPL or you may request one from the FGS, P.O. Box 830220, Richardson, TX 75083-0220 or call 214/907-9727.

German-Texans Meet in Lubbock

If you have German heritage in Texas, you owe it to yourself to attend the 1996 annual meeting of the German-Texan Heritage Society at the Holiday Inn in Lubbock from 6-8 September 1996. In addition to lectures on a wide variety of topics pertaining to German culture in Texas, other highlights will include a Texas wine-tasting and banquet.

For additional information, please contact the German-Texan Heritage Society, P. O. Box 684171, Austin,

Texas 78768-4171 or call 512/482-0927.

Williamson County Hosts Peggy Fox

Peggy Fox, research specialist from the Confederate Research Center of Hill College in Hillsboro, will conduct a day-long seminar sponsored by the Williamson County Genealogical Society on Saturday, 27 April 1996, at the Elks Lodge in Georgetown, Texas.

Peggy will address "Researching Civil War Records," "Locating Your Confederate Forebear" and "Union Prisons and Those Within" among other topics.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the seminar concludes at 4:00 p.m. The registration fee includes morning snacks and lunch. The registration form may be obtained by calling Jerry Barton at 512/863-8409 or writing the society in care of Wanda M. Stewart, 7 Applegate Circle, Round Rock, TX 78644.

Calling All Irish!

Many thousands of Americans can claim Irish heritage and ancestry. If you are one of them, you should consider joining the Ulster Genealogical & Historical Guild. Established in 1978 in response to appeals from mostly overseas inquiries, the Guild membership now numbers over 5,500; most members reside in North America. The annual "Directory of Irish Family History Research" is the most complete and up-to-date record of Irish genealogical research in progress, and it has enabled many subscribers to discover others working the same or related fields and surnames.

If you are interested, please contact the Ulster Genealogical & Historical Guild, Balmoral Buildings, 12 College Square East, Belfast, Northern Ireland BT1 6DD.

Recent Acquisitions of the DPL Genealogy Collection

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

[Keep in mind that you can put these newly acquired materials on the shelves by making a tax-deductible contribution to the DPL's "Adopt-A-Book" program. For as little as \$5.00, you may select a book and cover the cost of binding it. See the Library staff in the Genealogy Section for more information.]

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