

# DGS NEWSLETTER



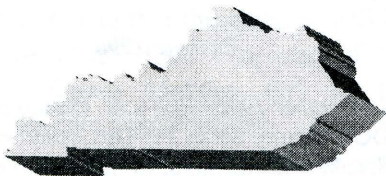
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## Journey to Kentucky With Lloyd

It should not come as a surprise to DGS members that our second Lecture Series with Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck on 1 June 1996 is nearing a sellout. Lloyd is, of course, one of our favorite "local" speakers, although many genealogists outside the D-FW metroplex have joined "Lloyd's Legions" through his appearances at national conferences.

Lloyd will be conducting an all-day seminar on Saturday, 1 June 1996 at the DPL Auditorium in downtown Dallas, and he has chosen the "Bluegrass State" of Kentucky as his topic.



With the peace treaty ending the French & Indian War and the discovery of the Cumberland Gap, Kentucky was open for settlement. Men of legend like Daniel Boone blazed the way into the interior of present-day Kentucky with the establishment of the Wilderness Road, and thousands of settlers poured into the area seeking land and prosperity. It is not hard to understand why so many remained in a place of such incredible beauty.

However, many pioneers merely used Kentucky as a springboard to

plan their further westward or southern migration. After remaining in Kentucky for only a generation or two, these families moved on.

For his four lectures, Lloyd will discuss the early history of the state including a thumbnail sketch of the original settlers along with their migration patterns both into and out of the state.

The "American dream" of land ownership which spurred many a settler into Kentucky led to the creation of records utilized by genealogists today. Lloyd will address the importance of both land grants and probate records as well as other forms of courthouse records to the modern-day researcher.

Although it was sparsely settled, Kentucky men served in the Revolutionary War and in all U.S. wars since that time. Lloyd will acquaint us with the military records available on both the Federal and state level for Kentucky researchers.

Lastly, he will discuss the importance of census and tax records (especially for the early period of settlement) and the establishment of statewide registration of vital statistics.

Brochures are available for the 1996 DGS Lecture Series at the Library; or you may call Carole Ruska (214) 324-2928 to have one mailed to you. Seating is strictly limited to 200, so mail your registration today!

### What a Deal!

#### Lloyd's New Book & His Autograph Too!!

Through special arrangements with Genealogical Publishing Company, DGS is being allowed to offer the newest book by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, "*Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governments*," at an incredible discount to its members.

In addition to the Federal bounty land grants, nine states also awarded land. While Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia granted land for military service, Connecticut gave its citizens land if their homes or businesses were destroyed by the British. Georgia's land was awarded to loyal or neutral citizens.

We will have a supply of Lloyd's books available for purchase at the Lecture Series on 1 June 1996. If ordered from GPC, these books would cost \$45.00 + shipping & handling, but DGS will be selling them for only \$35.00 + tax. But it gets better!

Lloyd has agreed to autograph any book purchased at the Lecture Series!

If you are unable to attend the lecture, we will continue to offer the book at the same discount for a limited time. Please call Barbara Dossett at (214) 339-7149 to place your order; we'll let you know when the books are available.



**Dallas Genealogical Society**  
**Post Office Box 12648**  
**Dallas, Texas 75225-0648**

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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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 DGS at P.O. Box 25556, Dallas, Texas 75225-1556 and marked to the attention of the Vice-President for Membership. Current members receive *The Dallas Journal* and the *DGS Newsletter*.

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 June-July 1996 *DGS Newsletter* is 15 May 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**

**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".  
 23 May 1996, 7:00 p.m. (Thursday), DGS/PIG: East/West Rooms, DPL. Speaker: Leslie Smith Collier, "Wills."  
 31 May 1996, 5:00 p.m. (Friday), "Bring Back the Books" Volunteer Night, DPL.

**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."  
 7 June 1996, 5:00 p.m. (Friday), "Bring Back the Books" Volunteer Night, DPL.  
 15 June 1996, 9:15 a.m. 4:15 p.m. (Saturday), DGS Beginners Workshop: DPL Auditorium.

**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".

**September 1996**

7 September 1996, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Saturday), 2nd Annual "Genealogical Writing Workshop," with guest lecturer,

Desmond Walls Allen: DPL Auditorium. Sponsored by DGS/P.I.G.

**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".

**November 1996**

16 November 1996, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Saturday), Beginners Workshop, "Computers and Genealogists." DPL Auditorium. Sponsored by DGS/CIG.

*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

## May Program Meeting

**Date:** Monday, 20 May  
**Time:** 6:00 P.M., RECEPTION  
7:00 P.M., PROGRAM  
**Speaker:** Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck  
**Topic:** *Oh, The Webs We Weave!*

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 our problem-solving sessions will begin again with the September 1996 meeting as that time slot is taken for our annual member reception in May.

## Computer Interest Group News

**Mike Basham**

The CIG will be conducting its informal question & answer session one hour before each regular DGS meeting, so join the CIG at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, 20 May in the East/West Rooms of the DPL.

In addition, the final CIG meeting of the spring will be held on 9 May 1996 (Tuesday) beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Library in downtown Dallas. The CIG's traditional May meeting is a review of the past year's events and programs along with an open forum discussion of suggested topics for future meetings. If you've not attended a CIG meeting before, this would be a great way to learn in an evening how extremely active the Computer Interest Group is and how you can join in when meetings resume in the fall.

The Computer Interest Group has announced that it will be sponsoring a repeat of its popular and well-attended workshop on "Computers and Genealogical Research for Beginners" on Saturday, 11 November 1996. Watch the newsletter for the details on this exciting event.

## Professional Interest Group Sets April Meeting Date

**Sammie Townsend Lee**

News of the Professional Interest Group will be found on page 86 of this newsletter.

## African-American Interest Group News

The African-American Interest Group has scheduled their next meeting for Tuesday, 21 May in the DPL Auditorium. Refreshments are served at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting set to begin at 6:30. The speaker for the May meeting is Overnice Wilks whose talk is entitled "African-American Research at the Fort Worth Branch of the National Archives." Mrs. Wilks will be a familiar face for anyone who has ever visited the Archives. She is a career employee with the National Archives & Records Administration and lends a cheerful and helping hand to all those who use the Center.

## Summertime Is Research Time!

The summer months are an excellent time to "catch up" on all that research you have been postponing. Many of us are so busy with activities during the year that our research often takes a back seat. Why not plan to spend those hot hazy days in air-conditioned comfort with a good book or a reel of microfilm or fiche in the newly-expanded Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library!



## The President's Message

Leslie Smith Collier

How do I sum up a year like 1995-1996 for DGS? Suffice it to say that it's been a wild ride. I had secretly hoped that during this society year we could pay a lot of attention to increasing educational opportunities for members and promoting member benefits, my own greatest interests. Instead, we got changes, whether I thought I was ready or not. What have we done that's different? To mention some large items and those responsible—

First, and overriding all other concerns, came the budget. DGS moved into the financial twentieth century. We've computerized the last several years' of budget and spending information and begun to produce constant updates of our financial status. That has allowed us to more effectively track our fiscal health and better plan for the future. This also opened our eyes to the *real* bottom line of each of our fundraisers, with the ripple effect of encouraging us to release monies to the Library at several points during the year instead of once at the end. New DGS-sponsored materials can now be added to the collection constantly. Thanks are due to the eternally vigilant Barbara Dossett for the enormous amount of work this entailed.

In any large, all-volunteer organization, there is a constant worry about slippage—missing pieces of mail, old members who do not renew or needed actions that fall through the cracks and just never occur. Former president Art Rubeck pushed us into logging in our mail and instituting a written checks and balances system, an idea he borrowed from a talk at an FGS conference. Thanks, Art. It has

helped. And thank you to Karen Miller, who came on the Board as Secretary, formerly a far less time-consuming job than it has become this year. She took over picking up the mail, logging it, photocopying all checks and important missives and forwarding to the appropriate officers. In other words, being secretary became a chore! She also kept a running index of DGS motions so that we can follow up to be sure that we've actually accomplished what we voted to do.

Another thank you to Art is due for the enormous effort he expended last spring in writing the first DGS Policies and Procedures Manual. For the very first time our society had somewhere to look when determining just who should be responsible for what. Art wrote the manual singlehandedly, but he didn't get to use it during his term of office. What a difference it is making! As an example, during the time the Nominating Committee met to propose a slate of officers for next year, they could actually describe to hot prospects exactly what the duties of the job might be.

We voted to modify *The Dallas Quarterly* and print it once a year as *The Dallas Journal*. That was a suggestion that originally came from Lloyd Bockstruck. Thank you, Lloyd. We've had letters from descendants of Dallas County pioneers across the country who appreciate having an entire article in one book with a master index. Instead of having to search four separate issues per year, they can now do it at one fell swoop. Thanks to Linda Rogers for producing this excellent publication.

And what about Bob Maybrier and his never-ending efforts to keep the Volunteer Desk fully staffed! This is a service to the genealogical community that is a real benefit, especially to

brand new researchers. Now there is someone always available to provide answers to those first timid questions and to pop up with a set of forms to use. Bob has personally gone to the Library many, many days to accomplish miracles. Thank you, Bob.

Last, but largest of all, is an overdue thank you to Heather Williams and Bill Benson. It has actually happened—we have expanded the Genealogy Section. This is a grand and glorious grassroots movement brought to pass. When Jan McFarland headed a long-range planning committee under the eagle eye of President Barbara Baylis four years ago, this seemed a quite different problem than it turned out to be. Over the years we have scraped up dollars and outwaited layer upon layer of bureaucracy until the walls came tumbling down. Without the unflagging support and proactive assistance of Heather Williams, we'd still be waiting. Then Bill stepped in to accomplish the renovation—and how well it has gone. What a pro he is, and how much DGS owes him. Thank you, Heather and Bill.

That's DGS 1995-1996 in a nutshell. We are now looking forward to a kindler, gentler 1996-1997 during which we *will* have the opportunity to work on member benefits and education. Oops, and I almost forgot, under the able direction of General Sammie Lee, we'll be working like an army of ants to bring the '97 FGS/DGS Conference to Dallas. See you in the trenches!

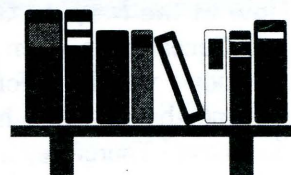




# We're Ready — It's Time!!

Karen Avery Miller

It's time to "Bring the Books Back" onto the shelves and to organize the newly expanded Genealogy Department of the J. Erik Jonsson Library as we complete Phase One of the Capital Expansion Project. This massive undertaking has been fully funded and accomplished *solely* through the time, talents and money donated by members of the Dallas Genealogical Society.



On consecutive Friday evenings, 31 May and 7 June 1996, the Dallas Genealogical Society and the Dallas Public Library will host a "Volunteer Work Night" from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. on the eighth floor of the downtown Library.

We are in need to 50 volunteers for *each* evening to physically reshelve the books. Due to space and manageability, we are limiting the number to only 50 participants nightly. You may volunteer for only one night, whichever is your pleasure. So choose your night and reply early!

Free garage parking will be available from 5:00 until 11:00 p.m. The Library will retain on site security as well. Food and soft drinks will be provided to keep you fueled. We anticipate these evening to be lots of fun as well as lots of work. No "Chiefs" need apply—only Indians are needed!

Please fill out the volunteer slip below and return it as soon as possible, as participation will be on a first come-first serve basis. The Dallas Genealogical Society greatly appreciates its' members and volunteers, and the Library also values the time and effort you give to the Genealogy Section. We realize that, while many of you are staunch supporters of the Capital Expansion Project, you may be unavailable on these dates or unable to attend due to the strenuous nature of the work that will be required. We understand this and we want you to know that we are in the early planning stages for a future Open House Celebration for all! Watch your *DGS Newsletter* for that exciting announcement! If you have any questions, please direct them to Karen Miller, Capital Expansion Chair, at either (214) 696-2804 or DGS, P.O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648. Please do not disturb the Library staff during normal business hours.

Karen Miller  
Capital Expansion Chair

Heather Williams  
Manager, History & Social Science, DPL

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## "Bringing The Books Back" Volunteer Work Night at the Library



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **YES!** I am volunteering to dress casually and to come prepared for fun, fellowship and dusty work reshelving books for the Capital Expansion Project of the Genealogy Section at the downtown Library on:

Choose One Night: \_\_\_\_\_ 31 May 1996 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 June 1996

Please mail to: DGS Volunteer Night, P. O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648  
enclose SASE for return confirmation.



# DGS Professional Interest Group Update

Sammie Townsend Lee, Group Leader

## "How To Read A Will": Learn How at the May P.I.G. Meeting

Genealogists often look to an ancestor's will for information that may not be available in any other document. Therefore, it is essential that the testator's last will and testament be interpreted accurately. Assumptions, suppositions and hearsay have no place in that interpretation. Also, it's imperative that we not put words in the mouths of our ancestors. Are we reading the will correctly and identifying individuals accurately? For the professional and the hobbyist alike, it is important that the evidence obtained from a will be exactly what was intended by the testator.

We invite you to join the Professional Interest Group (P.I.G.) of the Dallas Genealogical Society on Thursday evening, 23 May, at 7:00 p.m. to listen and learn as DGS President Leslie Smith Collier "dissects" a will that is, on first reading, straightforward and to the point. As is often the case in our genealogical quest, further research on an ancestor dictates a second look at his will, showing that all may not be as first "assumed." Leslie uses a case study to skillfully demonstrate how you should *never* take a will at face value.

The P.I.G. meets in the plaza-level meeting rooms of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. Meetings are free and open to the public. Also, we would like to emphasize that P.I.G. meetings are of benefit to professionals, "wannabe" professionals and research hobbyists. Please join us for a meeting and see for yourself!

If you would like more information about the professional

group or our meetings, please call me at (214) 349-1435 (home) or (214) 670-1405 (DPL Genealogy Section).

## Taking Time Off

As you probably know, DGS takes a break during the "good ole" summertime from regular meetings. The P.I.G. observes that break also. We will meet again in the fall on 26 September, same time, same location.

## Writing Workshop with Desmond Walls Allen — See You in September!

The Professional Interest Group proudly announces that plans are in motion for its second day-long "Genealogical Writing Workshop" set for Saturday, 7 September 1996 in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Library in downtown Dallas. We are indeed fortunate to have the expertise and humor of nationally known lecturer, writer and publisher, Desmond Walls Allen, to conduct the workshop. Many of you will remember that we were forced to turn away over 20 would-be participants at our last workshop in November 1995, so watch your future *DGS Newsletter* for additional information & registration form.

## Genealogy Cassette Tapes

Our recommendations this time are two educational cassette tapes for the family researcher seeking African-American roots. Both lectures are presentations of the renowned genealogical educator Tony Burroughs.

The title of the first tape is *African-American Genealogy:*

*Problems and Methods*, a lecture presented by Mr. Burroughs at the 1993 Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) conference in St. Louis. His message provides some important basic principles for searching for African-American ancestors, whether free or in slavery.

The second title is *Tracing African-Americans in Cities and Towns*. Mr. Burroughs presented this lecture at the 1994 FGS conference in Richmond.

Most family researchers agree that urban research can be difficult. It becomes a real headache when compounded with the problem of inadequate documentation for nineteenth-century Black Americans in the urban setting. Mr. Burroughs offers up some new techniques, as well as some tried and true ideas, for locating these elusive ancestors.

Tony Burroughs is a genealogy teacher at Chicago State University, president of Black Roots, and his contributions appear in the *African-American Genealogical Sourcebook*. His knowledge of little-known sources for locating Black ancestors is phenomenal.

## Tape Library

Remember, the DGS tape library is available for members of the Society. Both of Mr. Burroughs' tapes have been donated to the library and are available from Carole Ruska at DGS meetings.

You may purchase the tapes from Repeat Performance, 2911 Crabapple Lane, Hobart, IN 46342. The price for each tape is \$7.50, plus shipping of \$2.00 for the first tape and 75 cents for each additional tape. Write for their catalog of available tapes from past genealogical events.



# Coming Soon to Your TV at Home: *Ancestors, The Series* Sammie Townsend Lee

For several years, we've been seeing the promos (that's show biz talk for promotional ads) about a television program all about genealogy. Well, guess what! It is finally going to happen. *Ancestors*, a ten-part family history series, will be available this fall to PBS stations nationwide who elect to carry it. In public broadcasting terms, we know that means those stations that can afford it.

According to the series Executive Producer, Sterling VanWagenen, "*Ancestors* will be the first television series to provide beginning genealogists and family historians with sound principles to start a successful experience with genealogy and family history. The series will also give valuable tips to the seasoned genealogist." To achieve this goal, Mr. VanWagenen says the content of the series was developed in cooperation with leading genealogists, libraries and societies across the United States.

Husband and wife team Jim and

The third episode discusses techniques for interviewing family and relatives and the benefits of oral history. Episode four looks at vital records and the difference between compiled and original records, while The fifth episode takes the viewer out of the home and into resource repositories. Episode six introduces two of the most commonly used records, the U.S. census and military records.


Episode seven focuses on two distinct ethnic records, African-American and Native American. Episode eight delves into the world of genetics and the importance of a medical pedigree, and Episode nine deals with technology and the genealogist and the help people are receiving from the amazing world of computers. The focus of Episode ten is the impact that leaving a legacy can have on your life and the lives of your ancestors.

The series is produced by KBYU Television in Provo, Utah, and contributions are being sought to

and request the station "buy" the series. The address is: KERA, 3000 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas, TX 75201; the phone numbers are (214) 871-1390 or 263-3151 (metro).

The series' producers have set up a homepage on the Internet to provide more information. They can be found on the World Wide Web at: <http://kbyuwww.byu.edu/ancestor.html>.

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# News from FGS: DOLLAR\$ FOR DOCUMENT\$

If you are a regular subscriber to *FORUM*, the quarterly publication of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), you are probably familiar with the Malcolm H. Stern NARA Gift Fund. If not, allow us to tell you about this valuable project.

The Gift Fund, also known as the DOLLARS FOR DOCUMENTS Fund Drive, is a nationally supported program to finance the creation of finding aids and the microprocessing of valuable research materials now preserved in the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in Washington. The resulting microform copies, produced without government funding, are then distributed to the thirteen Regional Archives (our nearest regional branch is in Fort Worth) for use by researchers. The microforms are also made available to libraries, archives and individuals for purchase. In short, the program preserves those documents that pertain to our national heritage and making them more accessible to us, the genealogical community.

What are some of the records you may now be using thanks to this project? For starters:

- ▶ Microfiche of Street Indexes to the 39 larger cities for the 1910 census
- ▶ 1920 Census Enumeration Districts (NARA Series T1224)
- ▶ 1896-1948 Galveston Passenger Arrival Records
- ▶ Index to War of 1812 Prisoner of War Records (NARA Series M1747)
- ▶ RG 94: Records of the Adjutant General's Office (Entry 127)
- ▶ RG 92: Records of the Quartermaster General's Office concerning Burial Registers for Posts, Camps and States, 1828-1929 (Entry 627) and Headstone Contracts and U.S. Soldiers' Burials, 1861-1903 (Entry 628).
- ▶ Records of the Adjutant General's Office

The gift fund was originally established in 1983 under an umbrella organization named the Genealogical Coordinating Committee (GCC) and became the GCC Gift Fund. When the GCC was disbanded in 1995, the remaining project of that committee needing to be maintained was the Gift Fund. The FGS volunteered to

administer the Gift Fund and renamed it to honor the late Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern, the founder and first president of the GCC and Rabbi Stern's legendary contributions to genealogy over a 44-year period.

Donations from genealogists just like us is what keeps the Malcolm H. Stern NARA Gift Fund—Dollars for Documents Drive alive and producing results. The Dallas Genealogical Society endorses this worthwhile program. We are starting the ball rolling with a \$100 Society donation. And, we encourage each of our members to donate at least \$1 or more toward this fund. We've even included a form at the bottom of this page for your contribution. Help us make good on our pledge to support this program.

The FGS-NARA Filming Committee also takes suggestions for federal records to be microfilmed. If you have suggestions for records you would like to see filmed, include them with your contribution. We'll forward your ideas to the Federation.



# Beginners Corner: Printer's Ink—Newspaper Research for the Genealogist

Leslie Smith Collier

## Why read old newspapers?

Old newspapers are a treasure chest for genealogists. We often think first of those juicy and delicious obituaries, but newspapers contain so much more. These were not destroyed when the courthouse burned—they may supply your only record of a marriage or death. They can tell a story many, many years after it happened by way of an oldtimer's local history recounting.

Where else can we read about the everyday lives of wives and children? We scan the school reports to see if Grampa really was the smartest whippersnapper in his class (or at least if he had perfect attendance); church items tell us our ancestral religion; a doctor's visitation list tells about someone's scarlet fever or gall bladder operation; and birthday party accounts identify our family's closest friends. Crop reports or county fairs

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may tell you the sort of farming in which your ancestor was engaged; Fourth of July picnic and sack race accounts may spill the beans about his political affiliation when he gives the oration representing the Democratic Party's view of the issues of the day. In addition to items specifically about a family, researchers can sample the flavor of life in that community at the time period of the newspaper.

You can discover what your family likely ate, what presents they

gave for Christmas, how they dressed, what social events were popular entertainment, what constituted humor and much more.

There is a lot of information in newspapers, and the more rural the community, the more personal the news. Identify the small towns closest to your family's farm, and read the newspapers. Items of genealogical value in newspapers include these:

- births – usually in gossip columns
- marriages – on the society page, in gossip columns, in obituaries
- deaths – obituaries, stories of news events that resulted in death, funeral announcements, thank-you notes from the family of the deceased, legal notices of settlements of estates, in gossip columns, in male and female lodge announcements
- migrations – letters to the editor from a new locality, gossip columns, subscription reports (former residents often continued subscribing for years after a move)
- names and locations of relatives – in articles mentioning visits, births, marriages or deaths; in gossip columns

Convinced? Now, find these old papers. The Library of Congress has simplified this task with its *Newspapers in Microform*, a listing of all known old microfilmed American newspapers. Papers do survive sporadically from the earliest years of printing in our country, becoming more dependably available as the years roll onward. By the late 1800s even the smallest town likely had at

least a weekly paper, and the newspaper office usually saved every issue.

The Dallas Public Library has *Newspapers in Microform* in a printed 1984 edition kept on the bookshelves (DPL call number 016.071 U58LN) and on microfiche in a 1992 edition (this edition is kept behind the main desk in the Genealogy Section).



## Does a newspaper exist?

Look up by names of towns: *Newspapers in Microform* reveals the names of the newspapers that survive, where they were printed, for what dates and where they are kept. The papers are arranged by state, then by name of the town where they were published (no county listing is given). You need to consult a map of your ancestor's locality to see what nearby towns might have published a paper at the time your family was there.

Always check newspapers in the county seat, as they carried all the legal notices. Also spotlight any larger towns which might have carried news of the surrounding region. Remember that many rural neighborhoods had a correspondent who wrote a weekly report on local happenings in a gossip column for publication in the newspaper of a nearby larger town.

## Get the name of the repository:

Once you know that a possible



### Order the paper:

You may very possibly be able to order the paper on **interlibrary loan**. It may be necessary to join the archive to be able to rent the film through the mail; you may be forced to either hire a researcher or make a trip to read it yourself. But if you know that it is there, then you can, and will, find a way to read it.

### Other resources:

Consult *Red Book* (DPL call number 929.1072 A538) for the **locations of the chief newspaper archives for the states in which you research**. Write those archives for information on current policy toward researchers. There are sometimes more newly-discovered and catalogued newspapers available than there may have been just a year or two before when the published list was printed.

It's also **common for the public library of the small town where the newspaper was printed to have either the original newspapers as far back as anyone remembered to save them, or at least a microfilm copy**—so write that local library as well. Use the *American Library Directory* (at the main desk in the Section) or *Elizabeth Taylor Bentley's Genealogists Address Book* (shelved) for the address.

### Remember your relatives

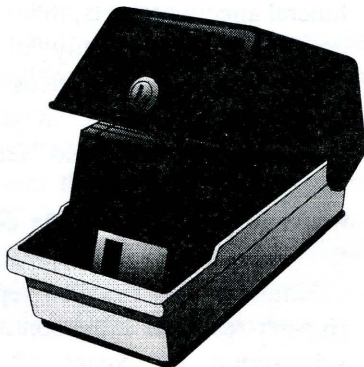
Newspapers are an especially good resource for making use of the localities of your ancestor's relatives. If the paper where your family lived does not survive, then order and read the paper wherever your own ancestor formerly lived, where his parents or siblings lived, where his children had migrated. In rural communities distant events that affected the lives of residents were news indeed, and often reported.



## Dallas County Records Accessible Online

In the April 6, 1996 edition of *The Dallas Morning News*, readers were informed that **some Dallas County public records are now available for the public to search online**. This is such great news that we felt our membership should be given the specifics about the new program.

For the first time **public records including civil and criminal case information from the offices of the County and District Clerks, tax records, property records and election information is available for searching online with the use of a IBM-compatible computer, a modem and communications software**. The county's mainframe computer system is accessible during normal business hours Monday through Friday.



The service costs \$1 per minute and can be reached by dialing 1-900-263-INFO, the service fee is automatically charged to the user's telephone bill. The program runs with **Pro-Comm Plus**, a well-known communications software package. Interested users can order an information package explaining the system by calling (214) 653-7717 and requesting the package from any of the offices named above. The software disk also may be purchased for \$2.00 from the District Clerk's office in the George L. Allen Sr. Courts Building, 600 Commerce Street, or from the

County Clerk, County Tax Assessor or Elections Administrator in the Records Building, 500 Main Street. Both buildings are located in downtown Dallas with the zip code of 75202.

In a day when so many governmental offices are closing their doors to genealogists, it is indeed gratifying to learn that the County of Dallas is making its records even more accessible to interested citizens. And thanks Laurie Wharton, who sent the clipping to DGS for publication.

## Correction to Local LDS Family History Centers List

Art Rubeck

In the March 1996 *DGS Newsletter*, we published a one-page list of the LDS Family History Centers in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area. Following publication of that list, the Denton LDS Center called to notify DGS that their opening times were different than that printed.

The Denton LDS Family History Center, located at 3000 Old North Road in Denton, is open the following days and times:

Tuesday	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Thursday	2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this error may have caused either the Center or those DGS members who use it. For our readers who might have clipped the sheet for future reference, we are publishing the revised list in its entirety on the following page.

As any other changes are submitted to DGS, we will pass them on to you in the pages of the *DGS Newsletter*.







## DGS Lecture Series Presents Christine Rose

Christine Rose will be the speaker for the third DGS Lecture Series on Saturday, 24 August. Her topics will be "Court Records - Federal and State," "Successful Courthouse Research - What to Do, Where to Go & What to Ask," "Estate Records" and "Little Known and Neglected Sources." Christine offers a hands-on approach to courthouse research - she wants you to know how to use the records when you get them. She shows the most efficient way to get past the clerks and to the records you need, as well as how to understand the information in them.

Christine Rose is a full-time, professional genealogist with thirty-five years' experience. She has presented lectures at the National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies annual conferences as well as the National Institute for Genealogical Research in Washington, DC.

Remember, we only have two remaining lectures in the 1996 series—Christine Rose and Leslie Smith Collier whose presentation will be on Saturday, 19 October. A registration form may be found on page ??? of this *DGS Newsletter*.

Our extended Lecture Series has proven to be very popular with attendees, and your feedback is greatly appreciated along with your suggestions for future talks and speakers. So be sure to get your reservation in as soon as possible for Christine Rose and Leslie Collier.

## A Genealogical Dilemma Bonnie K. Baird Moore

I found myself at the right place, the Infomart for Super Saturday and their monthly CIG meetings, but on the wrong day. It was a beautiful Saturday morning, and instead of taking the highway back to my northern suburb, I decided to meander my way north, maybe catching a garage sale or two.

Spotting a busy sale, I stopped. I saw several pieces of furniture and many different household items. After a while, a couple of old suitcases were opened and displayed. They really caught my eye. I saw old newspaper clippings, some old photos, and as I looked closer, my heart started to race. They couldn't possibly intend to sell these items—did they realize what they had? I knelt near the suitcases and examined the contents. One worn notebook cover said "Ancestry of Charles Thomas Hays," and the brown brittle pages showed pedigree charts tracing as far back as 1603, along with transcripts of wills and family history. I thought to myself, "This must be a mistake." Then a stack of water damaged pages caught my attention. It was "The Brashear-Brashears Family 1449-1929," by Henry Sinclair Brashear, Texarkana, Ark-Tex, First Edition 1929. I think this must be an original handwritten manuscript. I was excited and confused—and all at the same time! How could someone intentionally "cash in" on their own family? How could they give up all this information that any genealogist would die for? I approached the man in charge of the sale and told him what I found. I asked him if he was sure he wanted to sell the items in the suitcases? I explained that he had valuable genealogical information there. His nonchalant attitude and indifference confused me even more. I quickly

went back to the suitcases and gathered up the notebook, the water damaged pages, a scrapbook, newspaper clippings, photos with names and anything else that I thought could help me save this family's history.

On my way home, my mind was full of questions and ideas about what to do with my newly "adopted" family. I read everything I purchased and afterwards felt a strange kinship to the people on the pages. Now what! Earlier in the week I had made a decision to work full-time on genealogy, with the ultimate goal of becoming a professional genealogist. I believed this "find" must be a "sign," as confirmation of my decision. What a gift I had, a beautiful family with a rich history. How could I be so lucky? I felt like I had won the lottery.

Since then, I have shared the story about my new family. Some have applauded my actions as if others wouldn't have done the same. I don't agree. Many would have done the same. In fact, when I talked with the man from the sale the following day, he told me that someone had stopped by his sale and purchased the remaining items with the intention of donating them to the Dallas Genealogical Society or the Dallas Public Library.

Since this exciting weekend the man from the sale has called several times. During our conversations he has expressed an interest in buying back the items he sold me. He says he didn't realize what they were. He seems sincere, but I'm not sure. My dilemma is: do I keep this research or return it? What would you do?

*[Editor's Note: We'd like to publish your comments in a future DGS Newsletter. Please send suggestions to DGS Dilemma; Newsletter Editor-DGS; P. O. Box 12648; Dallas, Texas 75225-0648.]*



# Hurry! Hurry! Beginners Workshop

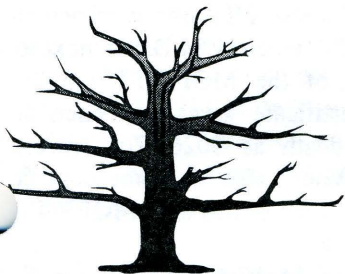
## Set for 15 June 1996

The Dallas Genealogical Society, in cooperation with the Dallas Public Library, is sponsoring a day-long Beginners Workshop on Saturday, 15 June 1996 from 9:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. with registration beginning sharply at 9:00 a.m. We apologize for the short time fuse in announcing this workshop, but we were unable to confirm the room space with the Library until very recently.

The 5½ hour workshop will be held in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street at Ervay Streey in downtown Dallas. The registration fee is \$20.00, and preregistration is recommended as the auditorium only seats 200. For those who have not attended our workshops before, secure parking is available in the garage located in the basement of the Library building.

The workshop will contain information onto the following topics of interest to beginners:

- ★ How to get started with the home and family survey, interviews and organization of records.
  - ★ Filling out charts and forms.
  - ★ Obtaining copies of vital records.
  - ★ Using the U.S. census enumerations and military records.
  - ★ Genealogical sources in the public library and county courthouses
  - ★ Information on using the Genealogy Section of the J. Erik Jonsson Cental Library, the largest collection of genealogical materials in the southwestern United States.



Workshop speakers are professional genealogical instructors: Leslie Smith Collier is the instructor for Beginning Genealogy at Eastfield College, while Sammie Townsend Lee is instructor for Beginning Genealogy at Richland College; Sammie is also a staff member of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. Both have lectured and taught extensively, and the two co-teach an the Intermediate Genealogy course at Richland College.

During the breaks throughout the day, attendees will have the opportunity to stock up on research forms and materials designed and published by the Dallas Genealogical Society. Included will be census abstraction forms packaged by census year along with a "handy-pak" of all forms needed for research. A popular item is sure to be the brand-new DGS "Beginners Packet" which includes all the forms as well as concise information to carry with you in notebook format.

For more information:

- ★ Brochures are available in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library and its branch libraries.
- ★ Or you may call Carole Ruska (214)-324-2928) to have a brochure mailed to you
- ★ Or you may contact Sammie or Leslie via e-mail at the following addresses:  
*sammie.lee@chrysalis.org* or *leslie.collier@chrysalis.org*

**Bear in mind that there is very little time to sign up for this class. To ensure getting a seat, register as soon as possible; you may call the Genealogy Section the day before the seminar to see if the workshop is full. The number is (214) 670-1433, or you may call Sammie at the Library at (214) 670-1405.**



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 to: Queries; DGS Newsletter Editor; P.O. Box 12648; Dallas, TX 75225-0648.

## **BAKER, RAINS.**

Seeking info about Lucy (Lucinda) BAKER, born July 1862 and died prior to WWI after an iron fell on her head; have been unable to locate death certificate. Sister may have been Chrissy BAKER who lived in Oak Cliff, Texas. Parents were H. J. BAKER and Ruth J. RAIN/RAINS.

**Shirley A. Goings-Lindsey. 6933 Galemeadow Cir.; Dallas, TX 75214.**

## **HELMS, BURNETT.**

Am looking for the parents of George W. HELMS and Ruth Mayo BURNETT. They were the parents of Adeline E. HELM/HELMS.

**Shirley A. Goings-Lindsey. 6933 Galemeadow Cir.; Dallas, TX 75214.**

## **GRIFFIN.**

Who were the parents of James GRIFFIN and Peggy MEDALE (MEDOLE-MADOLE)? They were the parents of Avis Totelo Griffin YATES, born 1799 (location not given).

**Shirley A. Goings-Lindsey. 6933 Galemeadow Cir.; Dallas, TX 75214.**

## **GRIFFIN, GRIFFITH.**

Lewis GRIFFIN appeared on 1785 Halifax, VA census and fought in Rev. War. His parents were Richard GRIFFIN and Margaret GRIFFITH of Jamestown, VA. Son, William B. GRIFFIN, born c. 1799 in VA, later moved to Calloway, MO. William's son, Samuel Lewis GRIFFIN was born 6 October 1836 & married Sarah RAMSAY in 1856. Am seeking parents & further info on Richard & Margaret GRIFFIN/GRIFFITH.

**Shirley A. Goings-Lindsey. 6933 Galemeadow Cir.; Dallas, TX 75214.**

## **RODGERS.**

David Rothborn RODGERS was born 14 February 1859 in Missouri and died in Irving, TX 18 April 1944. His death certificate contains errors as it lists his wife as his mother and states he was born in Grapevine, TX. 1920 Census he states he was born in MO. Mother was Cherokee with surname MAHAGEE/MAGAHEY. Father also named David RODGERS. Can anyone verify David R. RODGERS' parents and his birthplace?

**Shirley A. Goings-Lindsey. 6933 Galemeadow Cir.; Dallas, TX 75214.**

## **ENGLISH.**

Jim ENGLISH and Martha LOURI ENGLISH, were born in Georgia (no dates given), and their daughter, Annie Maira ENGLISH was born 18 January 1863 in GA & died 22 February 1950 in Irving, TX. Have located but not verified English family in Unionville, GA; don't know when Annie arrived in TX. She had relatives named Andrew English, Murphy English and Pauline English. Would appreciate any information on this family.

**Shirley A. Goings-Lindsey. 6933 Galemeadow Cir.; Dallas, TX 75214.**

## **BOBBITT, BEELER.**

Jerry Summerfield BOBBITT (born 1860, died 1938) married Katie Alice BEELER (born 1860, died 1939). Jerry was son of a Tom BOBBITT; Katie was daughter of Ambrellis "Sissy" SPEERS. All are believed to be of Dallas County; Jerry & Katie died and are buried in Cundiff Community, Jack County, TX. Would appreciate any help on this line.

**Sam V. Akins. 1408 Glenbrook; Irving, TX 75061.**

## **CARRAWAY.**

Am trying to contact Muriel McDermott to exchange CARRAWAY family information. Her last known residence was Lake Jackson, Texas.

**Norbert J. Carraway. 3835 N. Patrick Henry Pl., Agoura Hills, CA 91301-3615.**

## **DAVIS, MOFFITT.**

Seeking parentage or any info on Kate DAVIS (born 7 October 1851-don't know location and died 5 October 1941 in Dallas, TX). She is buried at Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas next to members of the MOFFITT family. Death certificate gives residence at time of death as 5026 Ross Ave., Dallas. Would also welcome contact from any other Dallas area MOFFITT researchers.

**C. Michael Moffitt, Ph.D. Route 5, Box 392; Charlottesville, VA 22901.**

## **DUPREE, SANDERS.**

Seeking children and ancestors of James M. DUPREE (born 20 December 1818 in GA, buried 29 April 1895 in Worth County-now Crisp County, GA) who married Winnie/Winniford SANDERS (born 14 April 1824 in GA & buried 25 May 1885, Worth/Crisp County, GA). They were married 19 April 1842 in Crawford County, GA. Also seeking parents of Winnie SANDERS.

**Nelta Dupree Evans. 501 S. Hoover; Enid, OK 73703.**

## **DUPREE, SANDERS.**

George W. DUPREE married (1) Nancy SANDERS 28 August 1842 in Crawford County, GA and (2) Mary SANDERS 27 December 1849 in Crawford County, GA. Were they sisters or cousins? Is George a brother



to James M. DUPREE who married  
Winnie SANDERS?

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Enid, OK 73703.**

**DUPREE, BRADLEY.**

Who were family & siblings of Ella  
Mae DUPREE, born 28 August 1902  
in Fifton, GA who married James  
BRADLEY? Both supposedly buried  
in TX. Known children are Raymond,  
Ruth and probably Robert or Bob  
BRADLEY.

**Nelta Dupree Evans. 501 S. Hoover;  
Enid, OK 73703.**

**DUPREE, HOLLY/HOLLEY.**

Seeking information about Annie  
Forest DUPREE, born 16 October  
1894 at Ty Ty, GA who married Mike  
HOLLY/HOLLEY on 10 November  
1911 in Beckham County, OK.  
According to Annie's family, both  
were buried in a Dallas suburb. Had a  
large family. Was Lulla Holly who  
married Elvin TYLER on 17  
Septemner 1911 in Beckham County,  
OK a sister to Mike HOLLY?

**Nelta Dupree Evans. 501 S. Hoover;  
Enid, OK 73703.**

**HOLT, HUDSON.**

Would like parents, siblings and  
children of Mary Ann HOLT (born c.  
1830 in Lauderdale County, AL &  
died 1 July 1911 in Lamar County,  
TX) who married (1) Tom NORRIS &  
had five children and (2) James  
Franklin HUDSON (born TN & died  
1910 Lamar County, TX). Children  
were Laura A., Sarah A., Edward  
Lee, Mary E., James W., Elijah O.,  
Oscar J. and Absalom B., all born in  
TX and AR.

**Nelta Dupree Evans. 501 S. Hoover;  
Enid, OK 73703.**

**GLEATON, WILLIAMS.**

I need proof that Joseph Thomas  
Stancell GLEATON (born 1823 in SC  
& died 1856 in NY) was married to  
Malinda WILLIAMS (born 15  
September 1826 in NC & died 16 May  
1890 in Worth/Crisp County, GA).  
Was she the daughter of Theophilus  
and Polly WILLIAMS? Need all info

on Malinda WILLIAMS GLEATON.  
**Nelta Dupree Evans. 501 S. Hoover;  
Enid, OK 73703.**

**WALTERS, SEWELL, BELL.**

Who were the parents & siblings of  
George Washington WALTERS (born  
10 May 1848 in Franklin County, GA  
& died 9 March 1924 in Stephens  
County, TX). He was a farmer &  
circuit rider who married 12 March  
1868 Eliza Amanda SEWELL,  
daughter of John Chappell SEWELL  
and Sara BELL.

**Nelta Dupree Evans. 501 S. Hoover;  
Enid, OK 73703.**

**BELL, MCFARLAND.**

Seeking information about Adam  
BELL and Eleanor MCFARLAND,  
parents of Sara BELL (born 15 July  
1830 in GA & died 3 February 1903 in  
Carnesville, GA). When did Adam &  
Eleanor die and where are they buried?

**Nelta Dupree Evans. 501 S. Hoover;  
Enid, OK 73703.**

**BAILEY, KIDD, NABORS,  
JOHNSON, ODELL, COULTER.**

Would appreciate any info on Malinda  
BAILEY (born 15 June 1828 in NC &  
died 15 January 1899 in Marietta, OK)  
who married 5 November 1849 James  
Randolph KIDD in Franklin County,  
GA. Were her parents Elish/Elijah  
BAILEY and Lunda Elizabeth  
STEED? Also need info on Malinda &  
James' children: Ezekiel Calhoun,  
(born & died young); Lundy Lou (born  
1852, GA who married George  
NABORS & died in Greer County,  
OK); and Louis Berry (born 1854,  
GA); Jennette Malinda (born 1856,  
GA and married a JOHNSON); Jack  
Arron (born 1859 in GA); Julia Eljavia  
(born 1861 in TX who married Tipton  
ODELL); Molly Frances (born 1865,  
TX); Lulu Florence (born 1867 in TX  
who married (1) Benjamin NABORS  
& (2) a COULTER).

**Nelta Dupree Evans. 501 S. Hoover;  
Enid, OK 73703.**

**WITTEN, O'DONNELL.**

Seeking information on parents &

siblings of Nancy Emeline  
O'DONNELL (born 1832 in TN/KY  
and died in Wise County, TX-when?)  
She married 23 November 1845 in  
Camden County, MO Isaac Thomas  
WITTEN (born 12 September 1821 in  
Wayne County, KY & died 25  
November 1888 in Cumberland, MO).  
**Nelta Dupree Evans. 501 S. Hoover;  
Enid, OK 73703.**

**WEST, HAINING, STANLEY,  
BOYLES, LEE, LEFFEL/SEFFEL.**

I would like to correspond with anyone  
interested in Michael WEST, born c.  
1794 in KY who came to TX as part of  
Peter's Colony (Land Grant dated 11  
August 1854, Patent Nos. 419 & 420,  
Vol. 10). He died c. January 1860  
because his children were selling their  
eighth interest in February 1860.

Children listed in Grayson County  
Land Records Book M were: Joseph  
J., born c. 1819 in KY & living in  
Montgomery County, IN 1850-1860;  
Rebecca, born c. 1824 who probably  
married John HAINING in IL;  
Michael P., born c. 1827 in OH who  
married Pracilla STANLEY 21 April  
1850 in Grayson County, TX. He died  
before 4 April 1854 in Grayson  
County; Elizabeth T., born 5  
December 1831 in OH who married  
(1) William BOYLES 19 May 1849  
and (2) Isaiah A. LEE c. 1860-1870;  
listed in Coryell County, TX census  
with LEE & BOYLES children; Susan  
E., born c. 1835 listed in Grayson  
County Land Records as "Susan  
Leffel/Seffel"; Louisa, born c. 1834  
who married Jessie THOMAS; John  
W., no dates. Siblings sold interest in  
father's estate to him; was living in  
Red River County, TX when he first  
purchased land in Grayson County 21  
April 1854; have not located him in  
census; and Ann, born c. 1841 in OH;  
is living with William & Elizabeth  
Boyles on 1860 Grayson County  
census.

**Sammy Hynds Harrison. 7030 Baker  
Boulevard #5; Fort Worth, TX  
76116.**





# Institute of Genealogical Studies



Have you signed up for the Institute of Genealogical Studies, 21-26 July 1996? Well, times a'wastin! One class is already full (Lloyd Bockstruck's "Colonial South") and, unfortunately, we were forced to cancel two classes ("Land" and "Advanced Genealogy"). However, those who had initially enrolled in these two classes have been happily placed in their second-choice seminar. Take another look at the remaining course descriptions, and mail your deposit TODAY! Registration forms may be found at the Library or call (214) 670-1433 to have one mailed to you.

## **Course One-Basic Genealogy**

*Course Coordinator: Leslie Smith Collier.*

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 Two-Intermediate Genealogy**

*Course Coordinator: John Phillip Colletta.*

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 Three-Advanced Genealogy**

Class cancelled.

## **Course Four-Creative Problem Solving**

*Course Coordinator: Desmond Walls Allen.*

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 Five-For Land's Sake:**

### **Analysis & Platting**

Class Cancelled

## **Course Six-The Military Paper Trail**

*Course Coordinator: George K. Schweitzer.*

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 Seven-On the Road with IGS:**

### **Exploring Research Facilities**

*Course Coordinator: Sammie Townsend Lee.*

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 Eight-From Colonial**

### **Englishmen to Revolutionary**

#### **Americans, 1607-1783**

*Course Coordinator: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck.*

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.

**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 of \$65 single/double including a continental breakfast. For reservations, call (214) 578-8555 and mention 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. 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 we'll have door prizes. Dress is casual.

**Exhibitors:** Local, state and nationally-known vendors will be on the premises for your purchases.

**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.

**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:** There will be a "bevy" of optional opportunities in the evenings including a chance to conduct research at the Dallas Public Library.



# 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.]

### ALABAMA:

*Alabama Death Records Index, 1908-1959.* (6 Rolls). Alabama Bureau of Vital Statistics. Microfilm.

*Alabama Divorce Records Index, 1950-1959.* (1 Roll). Alabama Bureau of Vital Statistics. Microfilm.

*Alabama Marriage Records Index, 1936-1969.* (11 Rolls). Alabama Bureau of Vital Statistics. Microfilm.

*Early Families of Covington County, Alabama, Vols. 2-3.* Lisa R. Franklin. R929.37612 F832e 1992. Gift of Faded Genes.

*First Presbyterian Church of Alexander City, Alabama: "Celebrating 100 Years," 1893-1993.* Sandra S. Wilson. R285.76153 W753f 1993.

*Tracking Your Roots: Early Marriages of Covington County, Alabama, Vol. 1, 1895-1905.* Lisa R. Franklin. R929.37612 F832t 1993.

### ARKANSAS:

*Index to the Garland County, Arkansas Marriage Records, P thru Z, Vol. 3.* R929.37674 I38 1981.

### CALIFORNIA:

*Great Register (Voter Registration): Kern County, A Partial Substitute for 1890 Census.* J. Hoyle Mayfield. R929.37948 M468g 1995.

### CHEROKEE INDIANS:

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