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Hear Ye, Hear Ye, We Proclaim...

Karen Avery Miller

If you heard those words echoing over the state once this past month, then you may have heard them *three* times!

Thanks to the wonderful efforts of Shirley Sloat, who was appointed by the FGS/DGS Local Arrangements Committee, the Dallas Genealogical Society has secured official Proclamations from the City of Dallas, the County of Dallas, and the State of Texas, proclaiming *September 1-6* as *Family History Week*.

The State of Texas, office of Governor George W. Bush, was the first to issue a Proclamation on 2 July. DGS is very proud to have received this honor from the highest office of the state.

The morning of 8 July, Judge Lee F. Jackson, with full agreement of the Dallas County Commissioners Court, presented to DGS a Resolution from the County of Dallas. President Karen Miller and FGS Local Arrangements Chairman, Sammie Lee, accepted on behalf of the entire Society. Barbara Baylis, a past DGS President and a professional photographer, captured the event on film. In the audience to show their support were Shirley Sloat,

Barbara Dossett, Pam Edman, Alan Miller, and Jim Monaghan.

Scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, 6 August, is the presentation by the City of Dallas, Mayor Ron Kirk, at the Dallas City Council Chambers. Any and all DGS members who would like to attend are more than welcome!

These Proclamations will be included in the syllabus material for the FGS/DGS 1997 National Convention. Each conference attendee will know that genealogy is highly valued within the Dallas Genealogical Society, the City of Dallas, the County of Dallas, and the State of Texas!

Are You a Self-Taught Genealogist?

By Sammie Townsend Lee,
1997 FGS/DGS Local Conference Chair

Recently, I had a conversation with one of the patrons in the Dallas Public Library's Genealogy Section that was quite revealing about the way some family researchers think. This person is one of our regulars, and we are glad to see him come in. He's always in a good mood and has a friendly hello for everyone.

Our conversation centered around my asking him if he planned to attend the upcoming 1997 FGS/DGS conference in September, with the motive of getting him to volunteer some time there. His reply surprised me. He said quite simply that he never

goes to seminars or conferences, because he is "self-taught."

I must confess, his idea and my idea of being "self-taught" are quite different. I also think of myself as a "self-taught" genealogist. However, I got there by being TAUGHT by a lot of people who were there before me. I can remember how much easier ancestral research became after my first beginners course from the late Renee Jackson Smith. Drawing the plat of my ancestor's land in South Carolina and the reasons for doing it were made clear to me after attending

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Regular Meetings: Unless otherwise indicated, DGS regular meetings are held on the fourth Monday, January-May and September-November, in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (Dallas Public Library), 1515 Young Street, in downtown Dallas. Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. with a reception at 6:30 P.M. in the East/West Room. Regular meetings are free; visitors and guests are welcome.

Computer Interest Group (DGS/CIG): Unless otherwise noted, the DGS Computer Interest Group meetings are held at 6:30 P.M. on the second Thursday, January-May and September-November, in the Auditorium of the Library. Additionally, the DGS/CIG holds a "question & answer" period in the Library's Auditorium one hour prior to the regular DGS monthly meetings. Meetings are free, and visitors and guests are welcome.

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Latin-American Interest Group: Unless otherwise indicated, this group meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Call 972-686-7419 for the location.

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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 October 1997 *DGS Newsletter* is 15 August 1997. 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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DGS News and Upcoming Events

President's Message

Karen Avery Miller

Just like a child, I can't believe the summer is almost over! But here I sit, in the throes of middle age, lamenting where the past few months have gone. My appointment calendar reminds me in black and white what I was doing each day, sometimes each hour of each day. But it still seems as if the days have slipped by all too quickly. I can say, however, that as opposed to that old love/hate feeling I used to have right before school started, I am anxiously looking forward to DGS getting back into the swing of things again. I hope that each of you is too!

We will begin this society year on a rather different note than DGS has in the past. Fresh from a national FGS Conference in our home town, our members will be bubbling over with creative ideas and fun experiences to share. Hope some of you will take the time to put into words your convention experiences and how they will affect your future genealogical research. That would make a great newsletter article!

Having had major projects such as Capital Expansion and the Conference to complete this past year, it will be nice to relax for awhile. Relax, not laze around; we have lots of fun and rewarding DGS ideas to share soon. In the next newsletter, I'll outline our goals for the upcoming year and fill you in on the exciting plans made by your new Board with "you" in mind.

Polish that apple, it is almost time for the DGS bell to ring!

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Three R's 1997-98 Programs Beverly Holmes

The Vice President of Education and the Program Committee have planned an exciting year of informative topics to teach the "Three R's of Genealogy—Records, Resources, Repositories." Records that genealogists may have overlooked, resources that can give the genealogist new leads in the family history search, and area repositories that a genealogist may not have thought of or used will be covered in the coming programs. We hope to introduce some new speakers to the Society and some new topics that will enlighten and challenge all DGS members and visitors at the meetings. The full program lineup will be announced when finalized, but mark your calendars for every DGS meeting—the fourth Monday of each month except December and May when we move the meeting to the third Monday because of holidays. The DGS meetings will again be held in the O'Hara Exhibit Hall on the 7th floor of the Dallas Public Library until the construction involving the auditorium is finished.

Join us on 22 September and don't miss any of these exciting programs!

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TexasGenWeb Status Mike Basham, DGS TXGenWeb Coordinator

I am pleased to announce that the TexasGenWeb project, sponsored by DGS, now has a sponsor for each of Texas' 254 counties. A total of 116 separate people are now sponsoring

one or more home pages for these counties. The majority of these county sponsors had never created a Home Page on the Internet before becoming involved with this project. We are providing some valuable genealogical research resources on the Internet for visitors to these counties. If you have not visited this project, take a look at <http://www.usgenweb.com/tx> and see what is going on. Then visit one or more of the Texas counties to see what a great job these folks are doing in sponsoring these counties.

With our 254 counties, we comprise

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DGS News from the Past

From the September 1978 issue of the DGS Newsletter:

SEPTEMBER MEETING: One of everyone's favorite speakers, Mr. Lloyd D. Bockstruck from the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library, will start the year right. His subject is a source that many of us have not explored, "Hereditary Societies and Genealogical Resource." Hereditary Societies have created numerous records and many of these records have been published. Lloyd will tell us where to find, and what we can find in, these records. Some are in our library. He has agreed to answer questions within time limits. Most of us, having heard his knowledgeable speeches and patient and efficient handling of our genealogical problems in the library, know that this will surely be a rewarding program.

NEW TOTAL: DGS membership has topped the magic number of "500!"

1996-97 Annual Reports

Executive Vice-President for Fundraising Karen Avery Miller

Applause! Applause! The society's fundraising efforts were extremely successful this year! A special thank you is personally extended from me to the entire society for helping to make this happen. It takes everyone!!

Our 1996-97 fundraising year actually began in January with what has become an annual Salt Lake City trip to the LDS Family History Library. Participants numbered 58 this year, including guides. Once again a great time was enjoyed by all!

The 1996-97 Lecture Series started off with a bang 22 Feb. when we offered a new seminar, *Contain Yourself...Controlling Your Genealogy*. We filled the auditorium to capacity (even a little beyond), unfortunately having to turn some late registrants away at the door. The Library threw us a curve when they notified us that the first floor remodeling project would begin earlier than planned and the use of the DPL Auditorium would not be possible for the two remaining lectures. But, after many phone calls, we secured two new off-site locations and proceeded to break attendance records and fill our coffers. Registration for the 26 April lecture, *Mississippi, Alabama & Western Georgia: The Old South*, reached 330 at the Hillcrest High School Auditorium. Our final lecture of the series, *Scots-Irish Migrations*, held on 14 June at the Highland Park Presbyterian Church, surpassed our wildest dreams, with registration right at 500. Both off-site locations allowed for additional revenue due to

the availability of extra space; therefore, an increase in the number of vendors present was possible.

The grand total raised from this year's projects was \$19,329 and some odd change. Congratulations DGS!



Vice-President for Education Carole Chew Ruska

The 1996-97 DGS Programs had the theme "Unlocking Your Heritage with Creative Problem Solving" to prepare for the FGS/DGS Conference in September 1997. Each program presented another "key" to unlock some genealogical problem to "take our ancestor from the grave back to the cradle." A new portion of the program was initiated in which a vignette was presented by one of our members concerning a genealogical problem and how it was solved using the records covered in the program topic. In December, DGS started a new tradition of having a Christmas social and inviting all the DGS Interest Groups. Christmas trees were decorated, judged, and then donated to charitable organizations. Along with the bookmarks announcing all the DGS Programs and Interest Groups, each month a flyer advertising the next month's program was given to all attendees. A program board was on display in the Genealogy Section with a poster and the flyers to announce the upcoming program and the speaker. Attendance was very good, averaging about 100 people, unless the weather did not cooperate. The meetings had to move to the O'Hara Exhibit Hall on the seventh floor of the Library during renovation of the auditorium.

Gretchen King provided refreshments for all the meetings, and members brought goodies to the Christmas Party. Two Beginner Workshops were held, on 15 June 1996 and on 10 May 1997. Sammie Townsend Lee and Leslie Smith Collier presented the first one, and Leslie and Carole Chew Ruska presented the second one. Average attendance for these events was over 50.

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DGS News

more than 8% of the entire USGenWeb project. The genealogical content on each of these county pages grows day by day. And DGS is getting some great publicity and visibility because of this worldwide project. Almost 100,000 people have connected to the DGS TXGenWeb main page, with a current average of about 450 visitors per day.



Eat and Make Money? Yes, It's True!

What a deal! Did you know that if you give the DGS number once when you use your Reward Card at Tom Thumb that you can help DGS earn money? This isn't what is meant by "passive investments," but it is a fairly painless way to help DGS. We must have a few people who like to eat, because in this initial quarter we made \$82.91 on purchases of \$8,291.51. So remember, next time you shop at any Tom Thumb using your Reward Card for the first time for DGS, give them the organizational PIN # of 4253. You only have to tell them once, and they take care of the bookkeeping from there.

Bulletin Board

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; P.O. Box 12648; Dallas, TX 75225-0648, and we will publish items as space permits.

Does the word "bygdelag" mean anything to you? If so you are probably of Norwegian-American descent. Every "lag" is an organization of emigrant descendants from a particular area of Norway now living in North America and seeks to preserve Norwegian cultural heritage and facilitate genealogical research. There are now over 30 "bygdelag" in the United States. A new organization, or "lag" has been formed for descendants of Hedmark Fylke, Norway. Dues are \$10.00 per year sent to Roslyn Waddell, 6407 Bridge Road, Apt. 203, Madison, WI 53713-1804. Additional information may be obtained from Roland Krogstad, 2718 Regent Street, Madison, WI 53705, (608) 238-6652. (Invitation from Roland Krogstad)

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Do we have DGS volunteers who are also Exxon employees? The **Volunteer Involvement Fund of the Exxon Corporation** gives grants to organizations to reward the volunteerism of their employees. Documentation of volunteer time is necessary. Please talk with Pam Edman (Volunteer Coordinator) or Mike Basham (VP-Fundraising) if you are an Exxon employee who volunteers for DGS.

(*le Baton Rouge*, Vol. XVII, No. 1, Winter 1997, p. 6)

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The **Choctaw County, Oklahoma Genealogical Society** in Hugo, OK, is having a seminar October 4, 1997, featuring Richard Hooverson. It will be held at the Goodland Children's Home Bacon Hall, and the cost is \$30.00 for early registration until Sept. 15. After Sept. 15, the cost will be \$35.00. CCGS, P. O. Box 1056, Hugo, OK 74743. Further info from Jaynie at (405) 326-2903.

(Announcement request from Choctaw County Genealogical Society)

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Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. (GPC) has again made available the popular series *Pedigrees of Some of the Emperor Charlemagne's Descendants, Vol. I, II, & III*. This series of lineage books was published by the Order of the Crown of Charlemagne in the United States of America. The lines of descent have been taken from the lineage papers of members of the Order and have been substantiated by the Genealogist General, Mr. Timothy Field Beard. Vol. I is \$25.00, Vol. II is \$35.00 and Vol. III is \$30. Postage and handling is \$3.50 for the first book and \$1.25 for each additional. Order from GPC, 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. For credit card orders, phone 1-800-296-6687.

(brochure from GPC)

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Roots in East Baton Rouge Parish, LA? If so, you need to be aware that the East Baton Rouge

Parish Clerk of Court has recently given 252 reels of microfilm to the State Library of Louisiana which includes criminal records, probate, tax and miscellaneous civil records. In the 1970s, the Clerk of Court rescued the old records of the parish that were found in piles on the floor of an abandoned warehouse in downtown Baton Rouge. A grant was received from the National Historical Public Records Commission to microfilm the records, which will be of value to historians and genealogists.

(*le Baton Rouge*, Vol. XVII, No. 1, p. 24).

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The **Society of Indiana Pioneers** is an organization formed in 1916, Indiana's Centennial Year, to honor the memory and work of the pioneers who opened Indiana to civilization. Membership in the Society is available to anyone who can submit proof that at least one ancestor was living in a county on Dec. 31 of the year prior to its becoming a county. The Indiana Historical Society has published in book form a list of all ancestors accepted through 1982, and additional lists of those accepted since 1982 have been published in *The Hoosier Genealogist*. Most of the counties were formed between 1825-1840. Persons interested in membership can obtain information and application forms by sending a long SASE to THE SOCIETY OF INDIANA PIONEERS, 315 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

(*Howard Co. (Indiana) Genealogical Society Newsletter*, May 1997 p. 39)

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Beginners Corner: Reading Old Documents

Gwen McCoy

Recently Beth Bostian, a member of the Old Rowan County Mailing List on the Internet, asked how to read old documents, and various readers contributed many helpful hints. Their responses to Beth's unknowingly ambiguous question showed that the difficulties in reading old documents fall into two categories:

1. the quality of the document or photocopy and
2. deciphering the handwriting, alphabet, and vocabulary.

Here is a collection of the responses:

1. Paula Veazie suggested photocopying the item slightly darker than the normal setting. Depending on the copier, many times things you didn't notice will appear. I like to make several photocopies of a document in various degrees of darkness. The light copies will show the darker portions and the darker copies will show the lighter. Then I make my transcription using all of these various copies.

2. Another member suggested making an enlarged photocopy of the document. Then, using a window or a light box, so that it's backlit, "connect the dots."

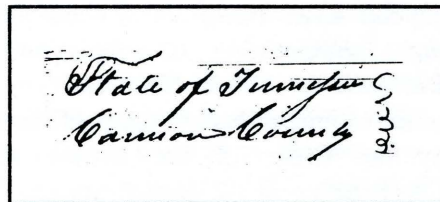
3. A similar, more high-tech possibility came from Terry Lawson, who suggested scanning the document into a photo manipulation program like PhotoShop as line art, adjusting the brightness/contrast levels to obtain the best definition of the lines in the writing, and then connecting the dots.

4. Lynda Hynan knows an experienced researcher who uses a

black light for reading fuzzy old documents.

5. I have seen researchers using yellow paper or sheets of clear yellow plastic laid on the microfilm reader screen to help sharpen light or fuzzy images. This might also work on photocopies.

6. My favorite genealogy tool is my Desk or Photographer's Loupe. This is a 2 1/2 inch wide magnifying glass mounted in a base that rests on the item you are viewing. I bought it at a photo shop to magnify small photos but have found it to be terrific for reading documents because I can slide it along the line I am trying to read.



Which brings me to the second part of deciphering old documents: understanding the sentences that you now can see:

1. Several list members suggested that it is most helpful to type/keyboard the words as you are trying to read the document. Personally, I can hardly read a document without typing it at the same time. I think it's easier because I don't have to remember all the information I have read so far while I am struggling with a word or phrase. Sometimes I find it helpful to do the first pass at transcribing a document as quickly as possible, not worrying about the words I can't

decipher. Then I go back over the document, proofing my transcription, and often the unknown words will suddenly become comprehensible.

2. Become familiar with the various "hands," i.e., the style of alphabets that the clerks used during different time periods. This is particularly important as you move back into reading documents in the 1700's and before. But even with those done in the 1800's you will find interesting variations on our alphabet, such as a large "s" or backwards "f" shaped letter that can stand for a double "s" or sometime the leading "s" of "ss." The idiosyncrasies of each clerk need to be observed (and this is important for reading censuses also). Is it a "J" or "I," an "L" or "S?" Look through the document, the ledger, or the census pages, and see how the writer made certain letters. Work from the known to the unknown. For example, to tell the difference between a capital "L" and a capital "S," look for the name Smith or some other known word that will definitely show the difference. Make a copy of the clerk's unusual letters as a guide.

It is especially important to analyze how a particular court clerk or census enumerator wrote his numbers. Six can be mixed up with eight, three with five, or seven with nine.

A pamphlet titled *How to Read English Documents* published by Family History World (Box 22045, Salt Lake City, UT 84122) shows various alphabets (including the symbols for "and" and translations of commonly used Latin terms) used by

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An Important Message from the Millses

With the DGS hosted 1997 FGS Conference just weeks away, the following editorial is quite *timely*. It “speaks” for itself, and we couldn’t agree more! DGS wishes to thank Gary B. Mills and Elizabeth Shown Mills, editors of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, for permission to print their “Editor’s Corner” from the June 1997 issue (*NGSQ*, Volume 85:2).

Editors’ Corner

Expose yourself!

Genealogy’s “conference season” is always enlightening—sometimes in unexpected ways. Your editors, amid recent travels, passed through a city that was just a month away from a major family-history conference. Visiting a local tourist attraction, we stopped at the gift shop and made a purchase. As the clerk examined our plastic, her face brightened: “Oh, I know you!” she said to one of us. “You’re a genealogist! I’ve used one of your books.”

A delightful exchange ensued. As we prepared to leave, we closed with a pleasantry: “See you at the conference!”

“Oh, no,” she responded, “I’m not going.” To our puzzled look, she said, “What’s the point? I’ve taken all the local classes. I’ve been doing genealogy for twenty years. I know about all the records. I just have the kind of problems that can’t be solved. You know—wives who aren’t named in their husband’s wills and ancestors who can’t be separated from ten others of the same name. Those things we can’t do anything about. So when I spend money on genealogy now, I travel somewhere to a library to look for books on the lines that *can* be traced.”

The gift shop was filling with customers. It was clearly the wrong time and place for an impromptu genealogy lecture. But we were sorely tempted.

What’s the point of conferences when you’ve already taken classes? What’s the point of reading journal articles that don’t name anyone in *your* family? The point is *exposure*—exposure to new ideas, exposure to new materials (no! *no one* could possibly know about *all* the records), exposure to new ways of looking at the information you already have, exposure to new methods for piecing together clues that don’t seem to mean anything all by themselves. There’s a tremendous difference between knowing that sources exist and knowing how to get the most from them. And just going to a different library in hopes of finding different books can be a tremendous waste of genealogical time and funds—if the answer is already at hand but we do not have enough exposure to ideas and methods by which our clues can be developed.

Not all genealogists can afford travel to national-level conferences to expose themselves to such a smorgasbord of ideas, but most conference lectures are taped and available at a token price. Libraries are filled with journals in which many of those same educators present mind-expanding case studies. Expose yourself! As Linda Johnson and Bart Saxbe illustrate in the present issue, elusive women *can* be identified and men of common name *can* be sorted. Finding the right way for each particular problem is often a trial-and-error process that requires one to have at hand a whole repertoire of techniques. How do we accumulate this? *Through exposure!* Not just to sourcebooks, but to the *ideas and experiences* of the best our field has to offer.

See you at a conference?

NGSQ, June 1997

—The Millses

Technology Update

Personal Ancestral File (PAF) is one of the most popular genealogy programs in use today and is provided by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS). LDS recently released a major upgrade, PAF 3.0, which is now available for the computer user. PAF 3.0 continues to be a DOS-based program, although it functions quite well running under either Windows 3.11 or Windows 95. Indeed, Windows icons are provided with the program.

Since PAF 3.0 uses a completely different file format from PAF 2.31, it is necessary to convert your PAF 2.31 files for use under PAF 3.0. PAF 3.0 provides a utility to accomplish this. PAF 3.0 also includes GEDCOM import/export for transferring information to and from other genealogy programs.

Some of the improvements in PAF 3.0 include:

- ▶ The length of the name and place fields have been increased so that you can now enter data up to 120 characters in length. Plus you can now enter diacritical marks or special characters in the name field.
- ▶ The Notes feature has been improved so that you can keep separate notes for individuals and marriages, plus the notes editor now has word wrap capability, like most word processors. And you can cut, copy, and paste notes within the same record or between records.
- ▶ Source information is now tied to specific information on a person's individual or marriage record. Plus you do not have to retype the same source for several individuals. After you type it the first time, you can move the cursor to the source you want from the Source List, and

the information will be filled in for you.

- ▶ Improved file management allows you to store more than one database in a directory, and each database consists of only one file. PAF 3.0 now allows up to one million people in a single file, provided that you have adequate space on your hard disk.
- ▶ Multiple parents allows you to link a person to several sets of parents and you can also specify a type of relationship (biological, adopted, guardian, challenged, disproved, etc.)

You should also be aware that some features available in PAF 2.31 have been eliminated in PAF 3.0. These include:

- ▶ Research Data Filer has been eliminated. It is suggested that you use the Sources feature instead.
- ▶ Date Calculator, Relationship Calculator, SOUNDEX, birth date graph, count an individual's descendants, and name frequency have been removed from the Facts and Fun menu.
- ▶ Certain reports, such as family summaries, ID number list, name code list, surname frequencies, end-of-line individuals, and legal-

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Internet Site of the Month

by Mike Basham

In anticipation of the upcoming FGS/DGS National Conference in Dallas on 3-6 September 1997, the Internet Site of the Month for August is the Home Page of this conference.

The conference site will be the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Reunion Tower and adjoining Union Station. The Hyatt complex is located in downtown Dallas near the intersection of Interstates 30-West and 35E-South, next door to the famed Reunion Arena.

This conference will feature over 140 presentations by over 60 nationally-known genealogy speakers. The emphasis will be on topics geared to creative problem solving, locating hard-to-find ancestors, and scaling brick-wall research problems. Our own Leslie Smith Collier is the Program Chairman for this conference; she has put together an outstanding program which should be of great assistance to any attendee.

Wednesday, 3 September, is designated as Society Management day, with sessions specifically directed toward meeting the needs every society faces. Many of the country's finest society officers will be on hand to offer tangible suggestions, encouragement, and instruction on how to increase the efficiency and levels of service for a society.

The general sessions begin Thursday, 4 September, with distinct tracks arranged to cover a wide variety of topics. The Internet site contains a complete listing and description of each session so you can plan which sessions you will attend. Plus you can download a registration form to register for the conference.

You will find a link to the FGS/DGS 1997 Conference under the "Internet Site of the Month" heading of the DGS Home Page at <http://www.chrysalis.org/dgs>.

Bulletin Board

Gregg County (Texas) Genealogy Society presents their Fall Seminar Sept. 27, 1997, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Longview, TX. Pre-registration fee is \$18.00 by Sept. 1 and \$22 after that. Featured speaker is Richard L. Hooverson. Checks should be payable to Gregg Co. Genealogical Society, PO Box 2985, Longview, TX 75606-2985.
(Gregg County, TX, announcement)

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On July 1, 1997 the **National Archives and Records Centers** increased fees to reflect the rising costs of reproduction. The costs vary for the type of service, but one fee of interest to many will be the announced cost of microfilm to paper copies of \$1.75 per copy.
(*The Researcher*, published by Friends of the National Archives Southwest Region, May 1997, p. 2)

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Experienced Dallas genealogists are very aware that land and property records are an important asset in their research tools to provide genealogical evidence. Ancestry has published a comprehensive book on land and property research for the entire United States, from the time of Spanish, British, French, and Mexican possessions to the present day. It includes both State-Land and Federal-Land States and even covers Native American Land Records. A sample of **Land & Property Research in the United States** can be found on their home page located at: <http://mall.infobases.com/ancestry/prod170.hmx>. Cost is \$44.95 plus

shipping (unstated). Order from 1-800-ANCESTRY or PO Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-9949.
(Publication flyer received from Ancestry)

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If you are **researching an American physician**, you may want to take advantage of the NGS's (National Genealogical Society) new research service. A few years ago the American Medical Association donated to NGS their collection of records of deceased physicians. The file is incomplete from 1878-1905 but comprehensive from 1906-1969. The cards are being filmed for the Family History Center, and the first half of the cards are now available at NGS headquarters. The NGS charges a research fee of \$15.00 to search from A-McFerran, Joseph C. You must send a \$15.00 prepayment to NGS, Attn: AMA Research, 4527 17th St. North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399. Send the first and last name of the physician, the time period when he lived, and the location.
(*NGS Newsletter*, (23) #3, May/June 1997, p. 71)

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Researching Southeast Texas history? The **Seventh Beaumont History Conference**, sponsored by a number of Southeast Texas historical organizations, will be held January 10, 1998. For further information contact Tyrrell Historical Library, PO Box 3827, Beaumont, TX 77704.
(*Yellowed Pages*, (Southeast Texas Genealogical & Historical Society), (xxvii) #2, Summer 1997, p. 61.)

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The landmark series **Families of Ancient New Haven** was compiled by the noted genealogist Donald Lines Jacobus. The accuracy, details, and

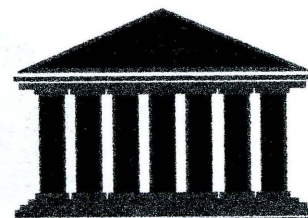
evidence he used are cited by many as a major factor in elevating genealogy to new levels. It is a documented compilation of the ancestry and relationships of 35,000 residents of eighteenth-century New Haven, CT. This series was originally published in the forerunner of *The American Genealogist*, and are considered to be the first eight volumes of TAG. Published now as a three-volume set, it is available from GPC, address and phone number above, for \$150.00.
(brochure from GPC)

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Featured guests on the 31 Aug **Family History Show** will be Dr. Martha Jones of the Victoria County Genealogical Society, David E. Rencher, representing the Genealogical Society of Utah, and Dean Hunter, Federation of Genealogical Societies. The program can be heard in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area Sunday evenings, 10:20 p.m. to midnight, on KRLD 1080. The toll-free phone number is metro 787-1080.

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Social Security is now charging \$16.50 for a record search if you do not submit the person's social security number. This fee will be charged even if the record is not found. The fee is still \$7 if the SS # is submitted with the request.
(Mary Ann Conrad, Arlington Gen. Soc.)



OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Learning more about our family's history renews a commitment to our family. As we discover new family stories, research and read, we strengthen our ties to the past and help mold the future for our children.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies, founded in 1976, is composed of genealogical, professional and historical societies and libraries that represent more than 170,000 individual genealogists. The Federation coordinates and facilitates the activities of these societies and ensures the highest standards in the field of genealogy.

On September 3 - 6, 1997, the Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold its national conference in Dallas. More than 2,000 genealogists, librarians and family historians from across the nation will attend the conference. This year's conference, with lectures from more than 60 speakers, will address different aspects of the theme, "Unlock Your Heritage with Creative Problem Solving."

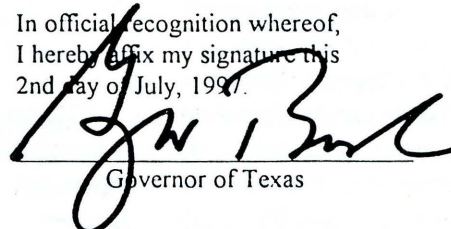
Genealogical research sources in the Lone Star State are exceptional. As we welcome genealogists from throughout the nation, I encourage Texans to learn more about their family histories and encourage an interest in genealogy among their children.

Therefore, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby declare
September 1 - 6, 1997,

Family History Week

in Texas and urge the appropriate
recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this
2nd day of July, 1997.


Governor of Texas



Resolution

ORDER NO. 97 1309

DATE: July 8, 1997

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 8th day of July, 1997, on motion made by Lee Jackson, County Judge, and seconded by Mike Cantrell, Comm. Dist. #2, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, founded in 1976, is comprised of over 486 societies and libraries that represent over 170,000 individual genealogists; and

WHEREAS, the Federation represents societies, coordinates activities, and monitors events that are critical to the future of genealogy; and

WHEREAS, the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference will be held in Dallas September 3-6, 1997 and is expected to attract more than two thousand participants; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas Genealogical Society is the oldest continuously functioning genealogical society in the State of Texas, comprised of more than 1,000 active members; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas Genealogical Society and Dallas County continue to work together to ensure preservation of significant genealogical records

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby welcome all participants of the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference and declares the week of September 1, 1997 as Family History Week in Dallas County.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 8th day of July, 1997.

Lee F. Jackson, County Judge

Jim Jackson, District 1

Mike Cantrell, District 2

John Wiley Price, District 3

Kenneth A. Mayfield, District 4

United States Internet Genealogical Society Formed

Joan Rose

USIGS Public Information Officer

I would like to tell you about a new organization of interest to all genealogists

As one-stop shopping at the Mall has simplified buying habits, founders of a new national genealogical organization are hoping to do likewise with integrated research sites on the Internet for American root tracers. Traditionally, American genealogists have had to rely on a paper trail in often distant libraries, musty courthouse basements, and weed-grown cemeteries to lead to their elusive ancestors. Only recently, in the last five years, have they turned to the Internet to find information that others have written into cyberspace for them. Internet resources have been multiplying rapidly in the past two years, but available information is often sketchy, always scattered, and frequently without the documentation so dear to the earnest researcher's heart.

The United States Internet Genealogical Society was incorporated in May as a non-profit corporation under the laws of California with four major goals and lots of little ones. USIGS, as it will be known on the Net, will not only seek out, index, and point to all kinds of research data for free public access online, but it will seek out funding grants and contributions to help defray the costs of putting it there.

"The Internet will be the Genealogical Research Library of the 21st Century," believes James Streeter, USIGS president and a descendant of the Mayflower, who has been working on his family history for 35 years to include 6500 individuals in 50 generations. "USIGS brings a new concept to the genealogy community,"

he explained, inasmuch as "it is dedicated to provide FREE online access to records of interest to the entire genealogy community."

To this end, USIGS will encourage volunteers, both individuals and groups, to transcribe their records to websites, it will correlate all such information now online and that which is to come, and it will raise funds to pay for costs incurred in such mammoth projects as eventually putting U.S. Census records online, a long-time dream of many Internetters.

USIGS is not unlike an international organization, IIGS, which came into being at the same time about two months ago, and with some overlapping founders. The two will not compete, but will complement each other and work together in some fields for the benefit of genealogists. USIGS, however, will concern itself with American records, primarily of the United States, while IIGS will be open for world-wide research.

Unlike IIGS, USIGS has a tightly structured executive branch, including a 12-member board of directors, a staff of officers who will oversee all projects and fund-raising activities and appointed committees with definitely-delineated duties and missions.

Besides Streeter, of Buena Park, Calif., newly-elected officers include: Tom Ward of Columbus, Kans., vice president; Linda Lewis of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., secretary; and Jerry E. Dill of Emmett, Idaho, treasurer.

Board members are Don E. Dale of Kansas, David M. Leininger of Mahomet, Ill., and Billie McNamara of Knoxville, Tenn., who are now holding one year terms; Donald L.

Spidell of Safford, Ariz., Ken Hollingsworth of Redlands, Calif., John Rigdon of South Carolina, and Larry V. Stephens of Bloomington, Ind., now holding two year terms; and Nancy Trice of Hopkins County, KY, Pat Smith of Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, and John G. West of Evansville, Ind., who are now holding three year terms.

Vacancies are now being filled by appointment as worthy Web Genealogists volunteer for membership. USIGS has set up a web site at <http://www.usigs.org> and is providing ongoing membership information to those who subscribe to its members list. Committees already formed and chairmen are listed. Volunteers are needed to assist in all of them and in the various projects that are in process of getting started.

At this time membership is free, and all interested are encouraged to sign on at the USIGS home page. Members will be asked to volunteer time, talents, expertise, and ideas as needed and to spread the word to their local organizations and other online sites to assist USIGS in getting up and running. Charter memberships are still open, for a \$50 donation for an individual and \$100 for corporations.

A major objective of USIGS is to further K6-K12 education via digital database access promoting learning, use, and access of databases, lesson programs, family history research, and direct contribution through volunteer support programs of USIGS projects.

One of its main functions is to solicit grants from corporate sponsorship and other sources and through tax-deductible contributions. Streeter has indicated that "announcement of a major source of

funding may be expected soon." Any funds received will be distributed to individuals or organizations for specific projects.

No priority list has been set up to receive first funds available, but one major project identified by organizers has been the Census Project, beginning perhaps with that of 1850, to put the entire census data, state by state and county by county, on line.

Streeter emphasized that all records funded by USIGS will be available on line free to anyone with Internet access. USIGS was not set up

to make money, he stressed, but to find money to further transcription and preservation of genealogical data at Internet sites.

USIGS does not plan to duplicate work already in progress by other online groups, such as the USGenWeb project, he noted, but to coordinate that work to make such data readily accessible. Streeter and other officers and directors are associated with one or more of these other organizations in top management and/or working positions.

Work will depend largely on local volunteers who will be able to access various physical locations, transcribe or scan records, and create a site online to store and maintain it.

As envisioned, this is a program that will take many years to bring to fruition and probably never will be completed. But as more and more research sources are transferred to the Internet, more and more family tree tracers will be able to pursue their hobby at home.

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Are You a Self-Taught Genealogist?

the land-platting course taught by Mary McCampbell Bell at an institute several years ago. I would not be as careful to do "whole-family" genealogy and look at all their neighbors had I not attended Elizabeth Shown Mills advanced methodology course at Samford eight years ago. Then there's the storehouse of knowledge I gain every time I attend a local seminar conducted by Lloyd Bockstruck.

Every year I make a pledge to attend a certain number of seminars and at least one national conference to hear the lectures given by people who have developed expertise in their area, just to learn more!

I believe being "self-taught" means we open up our minds to the knowledge and experience of others. Whether it be by attending a one-day seminar, a four-day conference, or reading a good genealogical journal article, we must "mine the mother lode" of expertise that is out there. Then we can take that information and apply it to our own research problems, thereby developing our own genealogical expertise. We

COMBINE it with that incredible experience of digging in and really doing our own research on an elusive ancestor, as our friendly library patron does. We learn that way too!

Genealogical education is important. That's why DGS decided to bring a national conference to the Dallas area. If you've already registered for the 1997 FGS/DGS conference, 3-6 September, I applaud you! If not, this is my last plea to encourage you to rethink your decision not to attend a major national conference being held virtually in your own backyard. Think about it. A conference like this will not be held in our area again for at least another decade. Can you afford to wait that long? Believe it or not, you might just gain one piece of valuable information that you never thought of before—knowledge that will "unlock your heritage" and help you solve that brick-wall problem.

See you at the 1997 FGS/DGS conference?



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Beginners Corner

clerks in both England and America.

For those of you with Internet access, Norma Zanetti and several other Old Rowan County list members suggested the short tutorial on deciphering old handwriting which can be found at: <http://www.firstct.com/fv/oldhand.html>.

3. Remember that clerks and enumerators often wrote phonetically, such as the example used in the above mentioned tutorial - Alahzah for Eliza.

4. Practice, Practice, Practice. The more documents you transcribe by typing, the more you will become familiar with common legal phrases and words (like "appurtenances") so that later when you get a document where part of the word is undecipherable, you will know what it is anyway. Get a head start by reading court documents that are written by a clerk with clear handwriting, even if they don't pertain to your ancestor.

Keep at it and soon you will surprise yourself and amaze your acquaintances with your ability to read old documents.



Bonnets! Apples! Jugglers! Flags!

By Karen Avery Miller

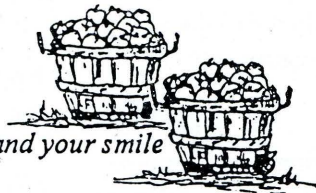
Scavenger Hunt? House Cleaning? No, just a few of the items we are on the lookout for! The DGS/OCP Party Committee is very busy pulling together the upcoming celebration at Old City Park (6 Sep 1997).

We have asked favors of you before, and many of you responded! Thanks so much! But we're back! We are asking again for you to dig into your closets, take out your check books, and dust off the sewing machine.

As usual we are trying to keep the party expenses to a minimum so that the profits that go to the genealogy section will be divine. And the only way any non-profit organization can do this is to ask for its members' help.

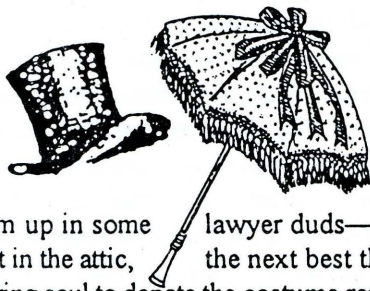
First, we are looking for volunteers who would like to work the night of 6 Sep at the Park. Your fun job might include:

- ticket taker*
- footman for carriage drivers*
- popcorn wagon attendant*
- apple peddler—a basket, apples and your smile*



These are just a few of the many areas we need covered. Interested? No previous experience needed! Say yes!

Second, we would love for all of you to come dressed in period costume, 1840-1910. This will add to the ambience for our out-of-state guests. If you just happen to have a vintage clothing collection, could we borrow a few items...



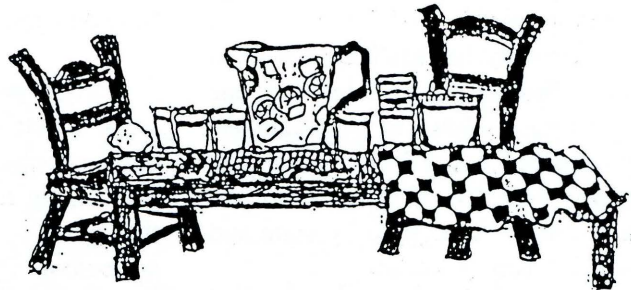
parasol perhaps? Abe Lincoln himself will be there at the Law Offices, but we need to dude

him up in some lawyer duds—top hat and all. If that's not in the attic, the next best thing for Abe would be a caring soul to donate the costume rental fee; after all, he was a man of humble beginnings.

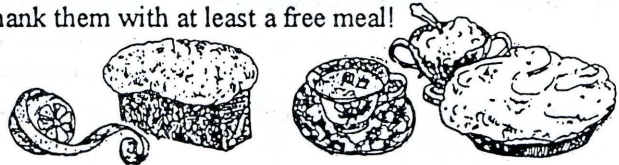
Third, we want you to know, we still have our talent scouts out looking for added attractions.



Do you know a juggler, a mime, an ethnic dance troupe? Any suggestions on what you think would be fun at an old time reunion style party? It's your party, we would be interested in hearing from you!



Okay, here it is—the **Fourth** request—the one you've been waiting for me to ask: *how about a little currency?* Not Confederate bills; just negotiable U.S. greenbacks. Many of our entertainers and non-DGS volunteers are giving of their time freely to entertain our guest and others are being paid a reduced fee. All are graciously helping to guarantee the DGS a successful fundraiser. We feel the desire and obligation to thank them with at least a free meal!



Did your father tell you there are no free meals? He was right! We still have to pay the caterers for the cost of the food and this expense is growing. Can you help feed a volunteer? If *yes*, send cash—if *no*, we thank you anyway. The DGS has the best members in the world! You always rally to the cause and those of us who do the begging do appreciate your response and good nature. **Thanks!**

Please send all monetary donations to:

DGS/OCP Party
P.O. Box 25556
Dallas, TX 75225-1556



To volunteer, offer suggestions or loan items, please contact:
Pat Mutzabaugh, 972/496-2843
Cheryl Mann, 972/681-1562
Karen Avery Miller, 214/696-2804

The following message was received from Mary Ann Conrad of the Arlington Genealogical Society:

Pat,

I read Jim Savage's article on Railroad Retirement Records in the DGS Newsletter [Jun/Jul]. I also have received wonderful information from them before they initiated the \$16 fee for their services.

I don't know if you or Jim are aware that not "all" Railroad Retirement records are available. In 1994 I requested a record on an ancestor who had died in 1956; his widow died in 1961. I was informed that my ancestor's folder "was transferred to a Federal Records Center in 1965 and was subsequently destroyed in accordance with Federal record retention schedules."

I was lucky with another record. My ancestor died in 1964, but his widow lived on for another 20 years drawing a pension. That folder was full of legal documents.

I hate to see someone lose money!

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Technology Update

size pedigree charts and family group records have also been eliminated.

In summary, PAF 3.0 is a major improvement over 2.31, and most PAF users are likely to migrate to the new version. There are a number of very useful new features, but be aware that there is a conversion involved, and some features of PAF 2.31 are not available in PAF 3.0.

The cost for PAF 3.0 is only \$15 by calling LDS at (800) 346-6044; the program is also available at Seagull's LDS Bookstore at the southwest corner of Preston and LBJ Freeway in Dallas.

..did you know that if you cannot attend the convention, you can still buy a ticket to the DGS Party at Old City Park and join in the fun? Bring your spouse and non-genealogy friends--the more the merrier! Join us at the Hyatt Hotel to ride the complimentary shuttle to the park. The shuttle will run continuously from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm, then on the hour and half hour after that. Or meet us at the park; convenient parking is available. Hope you 'll come!!

THE DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

We're Having A Party and You're Invited!!!

DATE: Saturday, 6 September 1997

PLACE: Old City Park Museum, Gano Street

TIME: 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm

TICKET: \$32.00 per person

HOST: We are silly - the DGS!



I'll be there, sign me up for _____ tickets at \$32.00 each.
Enclosed is a check for \$ _____, Chk # _____

Sorry I can not come but I would like to donate \$ _____
to this DGS Fundraiser.

(Please list each person separately by name)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

mail to the :
Federation of Genealogical Societies, P.O. Box 830220
Richardson, TX 75083-0220

More Than a Coincidence

Shirley Remnant Sloat

I've just had my first *genealogical psychic experience*—and it was terrific!

Last month (May 1997) a friend and I enrolled in an Elderhostel session which was to be held in East Aurora, New York, for a period of five days. Since I would be "in the neighborhood" of my Allen and Dean ancestors for the first time in my life, we made plans to follow the session with a drive about 100 miles east to the counties of Onondaga and Madison, NY, where my ancestors had been settlers prior to 1800.

I had made advance preparations for the genealogical trip via correspondence with the official historian of the Town of Pompey in Onondaga County. She had agreed to meet us and introduce me to my ancestors who were mainly buried in two cemeteries which her small genealogical and historical society had been maintaining and publishing data about for the past several years. Since my ancestors had lived right on the line between the two counties, I called the 800 numbers of each county and requested packets of information, hoping for some good roadmaps at least. These arrived about three weeks prior to our trip, but in the rush to get ready, I virtually ignored the information in them, knowing that we could make arrangements for our final two nights once we had settled into our Elderhostel sessions.

To my mild surprise, about three days prior to leaving, another envelope arrived from one of the counties. It was a smaller business-sized envelope containing only three thin brochures for Madison County—places to see, places to eat, and places to stay. These same three brochures had been included in the previously-received

packet from Madison County, but I had only glanced briefly at them. This time I took five minutes to read the information and noticed that there was a B&B named Apple Farm near the town of Cazenovia (near my ancestor's locations), and, furthermore, it was located on Pompey Hollow Road. This sounded familiar to me, and I remembered that my Dean ancestor at least had lived in Pompey Hollow. It sounded like a good idea to get lodgings in the area, so I called and left a message on the Apple Farm answering machine requesting a room for Saturday evening. Later my answering machine had the message that the B (there was only one B in this B&B) was booked for Saturday evening but still available for Friday. Not sure that we could get there in time for Friday, we discussed the matter and decided not to make reservations anywhere, just to take our chances in finding something close enough to the area of interest when we got there.

The next morning I awoke with an intense feeling that I *had* to stay at Apple Farm—so strong that I ignored our previously-agreed-to plans and phoned again, this time reaching Walter Moore, the owner, who was pleased to tell me that Friday was still available and we could have the room. When I told him that I had a strong feeling I needed to stay there because my ancestors had settled somewhere in the area, he said that I was coming to the right place—that his parents had been historians of the area and had told him a lot of information which he still remembered, and that he'd be happy to talk with me about the area when we arrived.

We set off on our Elderhostel gathering, which was wonderful, but

all during the week I kept repeating that something really exciting was going to happen when we drove east to the ancestors' "stomping grounds." As we drove to the area Friday afternoon, the feeling grew more intense. We arrived at Apple Farm about six and were greeted by our hostess, Trudy Moore, who showed us our lodgings and then recommended a place to eat a light dinner. She said that if we wanted to talk about the area when we returned, she and her husband would be available. I thanked her and told her we'd be back soon and added that my ancestors were the Allens and the Deans.

Upon our return from dinner, our host was waiting at his door, excitedly motioning us to come in. He said, "This is the place." And as soon as we had entered, he pulled down a large cloth-backed map of Madison County in 1852 which was annotated with the locations of houses and their owners' names. He pointed to an area which contained many Dean and Allen names, as well as many others which I recognized as being families into which my Dean and Allen daughters had married. The clincher was discussion of a historical monument less than a half-mile down the Pompey Hollow Road for Revolutionary War soldier Joseph Atwell, a man whose wife I knew was the sister of my Isaiah Dean and who I knew had migrated with my Isaiah and his wife from Saratoga County, NY, to this central New York area where, according to several census listings, they lived next to each other.

Although my original Isaiah Dean had died by the time of this 1852 map, his son Isaiah, my third great-grandfather, was still living. And not only was he shown on the map as

living in a house on this very Pompey Hollow Road, after considerable discussion we believe that **he may have owned the very land upon which Apple Farm is now situated!!** It is even possible that the house in which we had just spent the night, part of which was built back about 1810, is the same house which belonged to my Isaiah Dean!!

You can imagine my joy as I walked the land on which my fourth and third great-grandparents must have worked. The apple trees were late in blooming this year, but I had unbelievable pleasure in smelling those first faint whiffs of apple blossoms coming from such a special place.

Now that I've returned to my usual Dallas environment, I am in awe of what happened. Why did Madison County send me a second, duplicate, set of brochures? And what caused me to take the time to read them and notice the Pompey Hollow reference? And how did I know beyond any doubt that something *wonderful* was going to happen?

Note: Mr. Moore provided me with a copy of the 1870 deed metes and bounds for Apple Farm, and I am finally motivated to utilize the platting techniques learned in various genealogy classes as I try to confirm that Apple Farm is my Isaiah Dean's land and whether the house we stayed in includes the original home built and lived in by my fourth great-grandfather.



Win a Free Trip!

UNLOCK Your HERITAGE
at the
1997 Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Conference
3-6 September 1997
Dallas, Texas

Attendees of the 1997 FGS/DGS conference will have the opportunity to participate in free drawings to win great genealogical prizes, including the Grand Prize Drawing—

A research trip to Salt Lake City, Utah

FGS and DGS will fly one lucky researcher and a companion to Salt Lake City for a one-week vacation in the genealogical mecca of the world. Just think: six whole days to research til you drop in the world's largest genealogical collection! The prize features:

- 2 round-trip tickets on American Airlines
- 6 nights accommodations at a private condo within walking distance to the world-famous LDS Family History Library and Temple Square

Drawings are open to all conference registrants. The Grand Prize drawing will be awarded on Friday, 5 September, at the conference banquet.

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Queries

Queries do not require a Texas connection and are free to members of the Dallas Genealogical Society. 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.

**MILBURN
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Pre-Republic and Republic of Texas Days: **David H. MILBURN** m. **Elizabeth (Betsy) BAILEY [PHARR]** 24 Oct 1826 Brazoria Co. (Austin's colony of Mexican Texas) in a double wedding with her sister, **Mary (Pollie) BAILEY & Joseph H. POLLEY**. They were the daughters of **James Britt BAILEY**. **David & Betsy MILBURN** had children: **Benjamin Franklin, William H., Mary Elizabeth** (m. **Benjamin F. ATKINS**), **Bethia Harriett** (m. **Jackson RUST**) & **Francis Rebecca**. **David H. MILBURN** d. 1838; twice widowed **Betsy BAILEY PHARR MILBURN** m. **Clayborne RECTOR** and had two daughters, **Emily & Amelia**, before her death at the birth of **Amelia** in 1847. I believe **David H.** was the son of **William H.** and **Bethia (HUTCHISON) MILBURN** of Greene Co., TN, who was born in 1790. I would like to locate anyone who has researched any of these families.

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BAILES**

Wm. H. MILBURN b. 1763 d. 1835 Greene Co., TN, & **Bethia HUTCHISON** b. abt. 1766 d. 1862 Greene Co., TN, m. 1787 Loudon Co., VA. They were in Greene Co., TN, by 1790. Children: 1. **David H.** b. 1790 m. **Elizabeth (Betsy) Bailey** (d/o **Britt BAILEY & Edith SMITH**) m. 1826 TX; 2. **Elizabeth** b. 1794 m. **John GASS, Jr.** 1816; 3. **William** b. 1798 m. **Sarah STANFIELD**; 4. **Nancy** b. 1799 m. 1) **Charles RHODES** 2) **Steven BAILES**; 5. **Joseph** b. 1800; 6. **Mary H. "Polly"** m. **Joseph MILBURN** (s/o **Jonathan & Nancy Ann MILBURN**); 7. **Rachel** b. 1803 m. **Matthew COX** 1823; 8. **Rebecca** b. 1807 m. **Minor HOPE**; 9. **Bethia** b. 1809 m. **Robert D. HOPE** 1836. We would like to contact anyone with information on these Greene Co., TN, pioneer families.

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**RAY
STEWART
ANDREWS
RICHARDS
CARROLL**

Will exchange info on **George RAY** b. ca 1732, resided early 1750s NJ, d. 1804 Columbia Co., GA, m. **Sally STEWART & Catherine ANDREWS**. Son **John** d. 1835 Henry Co., GA, m. #2 2 Aug 1828 Henry Co., GA, **Anna (RICHARDS) CARROLL** b. 1786 NC, d. 1861 Clay Co., AL, widow of **Sterling CARROLL**.

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**HALL
BIBBING
MATHEWS
CHOICE
BROWN**

Will exchange info on: **Samuel HALL** m. 1676 Perquimans Co., NC, **Margaret BIBBING**; **William HALL** m. 5 Aug 1703 Perquimans Co., NC, **Ann MATHEWS**; **William HALL, Jr.** m. ca 1740 VA **Elizabeth CHOICE**; **Fenton HALL** b. ca 1746 Halifax Co., VA, d. ca 1817 Anderson Co., SC, m. **Hannah BROWN**. Also need parents of **Hannah BROWN**.

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**LEE
CRAFT**

Phoebe Jane LEE, b. 17 Sep 1874, Taney Co, MO, m. 19 May 1895 Taney Co, MO to **William Jackson CRAFT**, b. 23 Feb 1852 MO. **Phoebe** was daughter of **William LEE**, b. ca 1824 IL, and **Mary** ?, b. ca 1840 IN. **Phoebe** had brothers **William** (possibly half-brother), b. ca 1856 IL, m. **Rhoda**; **Levi**, b. Sep 1861 IL, m. **Nancy M.**; **George W.**, b. Aug 1872 MO, m. **Laura CRAFT**. Seeking information on **William** and **Mary**.

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