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Candlelight And Memories Spark Plans For FGS/DGS '97

Two consecutive Saturday evenings found a small group of DGS members busy at work in Old City Park volunteering their time for the *25th Candlelight in Old City Park Celebration*. This year due to an increase in volunteers, OCP needed only a few helpers from our organization to complete the task they assigned us. After a briefing on our responsibilities we marched out into the park with a wicker basket of supplies over our arms to begin the job of cleaning the glass hurricane globes and inserting candles in the wrought iron stations that line the walkways and illuminate the historic areas of the park. All this accomplished, it was a delight to light the candles as visitors began filling the park and the evening came to life. Hence the name, Candlelight at Old City Park!

Our shift over and the soot scrubbed from our hands, we embarked on an adventure into the past, into those days of old that we as genealogists daily read and remark about. No longer did those times seem in the past. Here we were experiencing the Frontier and Victorian period first hand. Such fun! It was like being Alice in Wonderland, having stepped

through the looking glass into another world, this one filled with historic facts that seemed to *talk* to us about our ancestors' way of life.

The atmosphere was contagious, filling us with memories of our childhoods and stories passed along by our grandparents. We shared our own stories as we strolled about town, each story invoking another memory from someone else. Someone saw a bedspread in the Sullivan House woven just as one she had recently slept under which had belonged to her 3rd great-grandmother. Many of us saw things which we have found nestled in our grandmother's trunks. Other things caught our eye that we often fail to note in our quest for family information, such as the type of toys on the sitting room floor in the George House. Consider that these items denote the age of the children of that household, a fact possibly overlooked. It reminded us to recheck our files and to pull out the magnifying glass and peruse our old photographs for these tell tale signs of what their life was all about. Interesting to all was a unique framed butterfly display. Not only did this appear to be a

collection of every imaginable type of butterfly, the creator had also designed Masonic emblems within. Odd and unusual but also a clue to a particular fraternal organization which could direct us to unconsidered sources. The phrase of "putting the flesh on the bones" is very apt indeed as you wander through Old City Park.

We saw it all, starting with the log cabin where a family named Miller first lived before they built the mansion next door called Millermore. The first Mrs. Miller who toiled in the log cabin did not live to reside in the splendor of her husband's completed home. Check the death dates of your grandmothers; how often might this have happened in your family? Down the road is the other extreme in housing, the Gano House, a dog-trot frontier home. This home is the subject of a well-written article in the 1997 DGS Journal you are sure to enjoy. Peeking into the Dentist shop evoked a unanimous sigh of relief that we do not have to endure their primitive instruments today. A lot of laughs and discussion were had over the indoor plumbing at the Sullivan House and

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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.

DGS African-American Interest Group (DGS/AAIG): Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held in the East/West Rooms of the Library on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. Meetings are free, and visitors and guests are welcome.

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

Latin-American Interest Group: This group on the first Saturday of each month at 9:15 A.M. at the Audelia Branch Library of the Dallas Public Library.

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Dallas Genealogical Society

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

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Membership

Individuals, libraries, or societies may apply for membership. **Dues are \$20 for twelve consecutive months, with membership beginning the month of payment.** New member dues and renewals should be mailed to 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-April and September-December, with bi-monthly issues published in May-June and July-August. Copy deadline for the February 1997 *DGS Newsletter* is 1 January 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

January Program

Carole Chew Ruska

Monday, 27 January

6:30 P.M.

DPL Auditorium

Key to Social Unrest - Military Service in Historical Perspective

After a break for the holidays, we begin again in taking our ancestors from the grave back to the cradle. Some type of military service has been part of American history since colonial days. Mr. Richard L. Hooverson gives us the next Key by presenting an overview of the social and historical background of the "garrison" regular Army between 1815-1860, with emphasis on the Seminole War, the western Indian frontier prior to the Civil War, and the importance of the Mexican War. Also covered is the impact of the Gold Rush, the development of military professionalism, and the role of women and children during these times. A bibliography of the standard references currently available and the location of military records will be included in the handout.

Mr. Hooverson is a genealogist with nineteen years of experience, nine as a professional researcher for clients. He has served as a past vice-president of the Texas State Genealogical Society and coordinated the "Gone to Texas" course for the Genealogical Institute of Texas. Currently, he writes the "Musings and Gleanings" column in the *Heritage Quest* magazine. Richard has spoken at DGS in the past, and he always brings a wealth of historical information as well as genealogical insights to his lectures.

Come join us as we explore our

ancestors' military service in its historical background.



Treasurer's Report

Barbara Dossett

Statement of Income & Expenses
as of December 9, 1996

Total Income	\$41,330.51
Total Expenses	26,840.93
Net Income	\$14,489.58



DGS Special Interest Groups

Mike Basham

DGS operates four Special Interest Groups that normally meet monthly. Listed below is the schedule of meetings for these groups. Check the DGS Internet Home Page at <http://www.chrysalis.org/dgs> for the latest information on these groups.

Computer Interest Group: This group is led by Mike Basham and meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Dallas Public Library Auditorium. The Computer Interest Group also meets informally one hour before each DGS General Session to discuss computer genealogy topics and answer questions from DGS members.

African-American Interest Group: This group is led by Emille Betterson and meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Dallas Public Library East/West Room.

Professional Interest Group: This group is led by Sammie Lee and meets

on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Dallas Public Library West Room.

The January meeting is an informal open-forum gathering focusing on duplicating photographs and other precious documents. Patti Darnell will bring her copy stand and camera to show how she duplicates photos, even though she professes to be a rank amateur with no knowledge of F-stops or lenses. We will also discuss scanners and how to use them to insert photos and documents into your genealogy.

These meetings are open to all; we encourage anyone with expertise in duplicating or scanning to come join in the conversation, bring examples, display your equipment, or just come for the fellowship.

Latin-American Interest Group: This newly formed group is led by Sandy Fritz and meets on the first Saturday of each month at 9:15 a.m. at the Audelia Branch Library of the Dallas Public Library.



Latin-American Interest Group

DGS is pleased to announce the formation of the Latin-American Interest Group. This group held its initial organizational meeting on 23 November and is led by Sandy Fritz. The objective of this group is to foster the study of the genealogy of those with Latin-American ancestors. This group will meet on the first Saturday of each month at 9:15 a.m. at the Audelia branch of the Dallas Public Library. Everyone with an interest in Latin-American ancestors is invited to attend.



DGS Welcomes New Members

DGS would like to welcome the following new members: Melinda Forman, Robert E. Wallace, Jr., Lloyd W. Barnhart, Bobby Lou Burdick, William F. Carroll, Jr., Joseph C.

Crudden, Betty Sue Darby, Louise Busby Gibbs, Herbert W. Gross, Darienne K. Hall, Melvin J. Hammer, Marilyn M. Hay, Deborah L. Hendrix, James W. Hill, J. A. Lanagan, Sue Rice, J. Robert & Betty Ross, John Steelman, Shaun M. & Bill Underhill, Carolyn N. Coleman, and Betty J. Carter.



New VP-Membership

Mary Ruth McKenney has taken over as VP-Membership following the resignation of Ruth Slatton. Join us in welcoming Mary Ruth in her new position.

Dallas Genealogical Society 1997 Lecture Series begins

Saturday, 22 February 1997
with

Contain Yourself . . . controlling your genealogy!

This seminar is for *everyone* who is doing family research. What do we as genealogists generate more than most hobbyists? Records! Spend the day with the Dallas Genealogical Society and learn techniques and tips from the experts on how to organize your genealogy.

Guest Speakers:

Winning the Paper War - Patricia Law Hatcher

Using Photographs in Your Collection - Barbara Baylis

Organizing Thoughts for Organized Research - Sammie Townsend Lee

Customize Your Filing System - Barbara Dossett

Computers, A Tool for Genealogy - Mike Basham

Fee is \$20.00, pre-registration is required, walk-ins admitted if space allows. Mail your check to the *DGS Lecture Series, P.O. Box 25556, Dallas, TX, 75225-1556*; include an SASE for confirmation. The seminar will be held in the Auditorium and East/West Room of the J.Erik Jonsson Central Library, downtown Dallas, 1515 Young Street. The Auditorium is located on the street level plaza, outside and directly across from the first floor main entrance. If you plan to brown bag your lunch, a place to eat, as well as coffee, tea and lemonade will be provided. A few restaurants are accessible by foot and many more are within a quick drive. Public Parking is available to the West of the Library and is accessible from either Young or Wood Streets. Call the *new DGS Information Line, 214/670-7932* for additional information.

Special Half-Price Book Sale!

Dallas County, TX, Records

Currently available at prices that will make it so affordable to add to your library or personal collection! Limited time offer from DGS.

Genealogical Data from Early Cemeteries, Vol. 1	\$7.50
Genealogical Data from Early Cemeteries, Vol. 2	\$7.50
Marriages, Vol. 1, Books A-E (1846-1877)	\$7.50
Marriages, Vol. 2, Books F-H (1877-1885)	\$7.50
Index to Probate Cases 1846-1900	\$5.00
Index to Memorial and Biographical History of Dallas Co, TX	\$4.00

Mailing Charges:

\$5.00 to \$10.00 - Add \$1.75
\$10.01 to \$20.00 - Add \$2.25
\$20.01 to \$40.00 - Add \$2.75
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\$5.00 minimum mail order

Write DGS at P.O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648. All prices subject to 8.25% sales tax for Texas residents.

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.

Italian Genealogy Workshop

Central Texas Area (Austin) POINTers IN PERSON, Chapter #10, will present an Italian Genealogy Workshop Saturday, 25 January 1997, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Topics covered will be "How to Get Started in Italian Genealogy," "Making Contact with Italy," and "Domestic Searching." The workshop will be held at the Bank One Building (east side entrance), IH35 at Hwy 79 (exit 254), Round Rock, TX (north of Austin). There is a \$5.00 advance reservation fee or \$7.00 reservation fee at the door; reservations are requested. For more information, contact Lin Onofrio Brinkman at 512-255-0285, e-mail pendulum@texas.net; Marilyn Maniscalco Henley at 512-378-4735; or Joe Mastrangelo at 512-258-3883, e-mail JOEMAST001@aol.com.

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"Ancestors" Set to Air in Dallas

John V. Wylie, president of GENTECH, sent us the following information:

Dallas area PBS stations KERA

and KDTN will broadcast the "Ancestors" TV series starting in early January. On KERA, Channel 13, it will be aired each Sunday at 12:30 p.m. beginning 5 January; KDTN, Channel 2, will broadcast it at 6:30 p.m. each Monday starting 6 January. "Ancestors" is ten episodes aimed for all audiences. Watch and encourage your non-genealogist friends to watch also. No experience in family history research is needed to benefit from this educational program.

This is particularly good news for the genealogical community in Dallas. Our efforts to have this important series aired in the DFW area paid off with the selection of two prime-time broadcasts. To all of those who worked so hard to make this work, congratulations on a job well done.

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Texas Research Ramblers

Helen F. M. Leary will be the featured speaker at the 3rd annual seminar sponsored by the Texas Research Ramblers of Bryan-College Station. Lectures will include "From Present Residence to Former Address: How to Backtrack an Ancestor Who Has Moved," "From Cucumber Tree to Old Pine Stump: What to do With Those *Peculiar* Colonial-State Land Records," and "Tract Maps (Plats): How to Make Your Own, and Why Bother." The seminar will be held 8 February 1997 from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Sam Rayburn Middle School in Bryan. Registration fee is \$22.00 before 27 January 1997 (includes lunch), or \$27.00 after 27 January and at the door. For more information, contact Sue Foy, 804 Vine, Bryan, TX

Family History Show Schedule

- Feb. 2 **Staff of The Texas State Library & Archives: Gwendolyn "Wendy" Clark, David Baskin, & Donald E. Brice**
- Feb. 9 **Alexia Helsley**
South Carolina Dept. of Archives & History
Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck
Supervisor, Genealogy Section, DPL
- Feb. 16 **Leslie Smith Collier**
Dallas Gen. Society
Byron Sistler
Publisher; many Tennessee sources
- Feb. 23 **Gilda Cain**
Hopkins Co, TX, Gen. Society
Barbara Franz
Montgomery Co. Public Library

Host: **Michael Matthews**

1 (800) 765-1080 Toll-Free

10:00 P.M. to midnight
KRLD 1080 in Dallas/Ft. Worth

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Washington County (AR) Historical Society

The WCHS Genealogy & Library Committee has relocated its genealogy

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FORT LYDAY, FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS

Indian Raids on the Red River Frontier

by Don Raney

Between 1822 and 1830, the peaceful Caddo and Asinai Indians in East Texas, between the Red River and the Trinity River, were replaced by 4000 fugitive Cherokee Indians from Alabama and Georgia. The hostile Cherokee invaders defeated the native Indians and occupied their land.

The Cherokee tribes sold their land to the United States and used the money from sale of their land to purchase rifles and ammunition from renegade traders. Many Indians purchased Negro slaves for working their crude farms because their deep rooted aversion to manual labor. The isolated Texas settlers were easy prey to Indian raiding parties in search of livestock and supplies.

The Mexican government promised the Cherokees land in East Texas, hoping that they would become a buffer to keep out the American adventurers and settlers who were illegally squatting on the unoccupied land. In 1835, the Mexicans encouraged the Texas Indians to revolt against the Texas settlers.

The Texas Rangers were first organized in 1835 to protect the isolated Texas settlers during the Revolution. Additional protection was provided by volunteer militia units organized at each settlement. There was little money to pay for a large army, so the Texas Rangers became an efficient frontier patrol. The Rangers were excellent horsemen and good marksmen. They lived off the land by hunting and could respond rapidly to track down the Indians after an attack.

The Texans were worried about which side the 15,000 Indians in Texas might aid in the Revolution. Sam Houston promised the Cherokees title to their land in exchange for their

neutrality during the Texas Revolution.

However, after the Revolution, the Texas Congress saw no need to honor the treaty that Houston submitted to the senate. The Cherokees became restless and Vicente Cordova, a former Alcalde of Nacogdoches, led an army of 600 Cherokee Indians, Mexicans and half-breeds in a revolt against the Texas government in 1838.

General Thomas J. Rusk led the East Texas militia in a successful effort to put down the Cordova rebellion. On 16 July 1839, the Cherokees were defeated at the Battle of Neches and they were forced to move from East Texas to the Oklahoma Territory.

In addition to clearing the land to plant crops and building their homes, Indian warfare with the Cherokees was a constant occupation for the East Texas settlers between 1836 and 1839.

The Indian raids on the East Texas settlers began to increase in 1836 and became a crisis in 1838 when three settlers were killed in the vicinity of Lyday's settlement on the North Sulphur River.

The worsening Indian raids caused the settlers to join forces and construct forts for protection. Forts were constructed at each settlement where 30 to 40 settlers could join forces for protection from the Indian raids. Fort English, Fort Lyday, Fort Warren, Fort Shelton and Fort Sherman were constructed in Fannin and Lamar counties between 1836 and 1838.

The settlers, living in the vicinity of Lyday's settlement, met and selected a location on Isaac Lyday's land to construct a fort that became known as Fort Lyday. The site of Fort Lyday is

three-quarters of a mile east and a half-mile north of the Lyday Crossing of the North Sulphur River at the present Farm Road 904 crossing. This locates Fort Lyday in southeast Fannin County, three miles north-north-west of Pecan Gap, Texas.

Fort Lyday was located on a small hill near Bledsoe Creek, giving a full view and protection on all four sides. All visible evidence of Fort Lyday has disappeared except for a depression where the ten foot diameter, rock lined, well once stood in the center of the fort. Dr. Evan Paul Roberts interviewed old settlers who had visited the remains of Fort Lyday and their description of Fort Lyday is as follows:

"Fort Lyday consisted of a compound occupying a quarter of an acre. Its gate opened to the west and was closed by means of a draw-bar. The fort's gate opened into a corral for the livestock and was outside of the walls of the stockaded fort. The fort proper was on the north side and had two rooms, one for storage and the other served as a bunkhouse. These rooms were about 18 feet square.

Also along the inner wall of the picketed stockade, were living quarters measuring 10 by 12 feet, the floors of which were covered by boards reaved from post-oak timber which grew nearby. Their 10 foot roofs tapered off 2 feet near the edge of the parapet with rifle firing holes spaced about 5 feet apart. The timbers of the living quarters and fort were held together with wooden pegs. The rectangular area within the compound contained a well near the north side while a cooking area occupied the south side."¹

Some of the early settlers at Fort Lyday included: Isaac, Andrew and Jacob Lyday, Martin Varner, Wesley Tollett, Daniel Davis, David Clark, Wiley B. Merrill, James McFarland, Elbert Early, the Dillingham brothers, Ansalem and Andrew Terry, David Waggoner, James H. Woods, the McGowan family, the Lane family, M. W. Bledsole, G. W. Wilkerson, R. Brown and Al Miller.

In November 1838, Isaac Lyday was formally chosen as captain of the Third Red River County Ranging Company of the Texas Rangers with headquarters at Fort Lyday.

Isaac Lyday and his brothers, Jacob and Andrew, were born in Buncombe County, North Carolina, the sons of Henry Lyday and Mary Williams. The Lyday family migrated to White County, Tennessee in 1808. Isaac, Jacob and Andrew Lyday migrated to Red River (now Fannin) County, Texas, in 1835. They settled on the north bank of the North Sulphur River near the present Fannin and Lamar County line.

The Honor Roll of the Battle of San Jacinto lists Martin Varner and Wesley Tollett as members of the rear guard at Harrisburg during the battle. In July 1836, Martin Varner and Wesley Tollett were discharged from the Texas Army at Victoria, Texas, and traveled to Fannin County to settle near the Lyday settlement. Martin Varner, purchased 1800 acres on the east side of Isaac Lyday and Wesley Tollett settled adjacent to Martin Varner on the north.

Martin Varner probably moved to this area to be near his wife's twin sister, Minerva (English) Clark, and her brother, Bailey English, who had recently constructed Fort English at the site of present Bonham, Texas.

My great-great-grandfather, Martin Varner, was born in 1785 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, the son of Martin Varner and Elizabeth Reich. His father migrated to Warren County,

Ohio, in 1795 and Martin Varner migrated to Texas in 1816 and settled on the Red River at Jonesboro. He joined Austin's Colony in 1823, settled on a league at in Brazoria County, Texas, participated in the Texas Revolution and decided to return to East Texas to settle in 1836.

Wesley Tollett was born in Tazwell County, Virginia, the son of John Tollett and Margaret Brown. The Tollett family moved to Bledsole County, Tennessee in 1806. John Tollett became a Methodist minister and migrated to Hempstead County, Arkansas, and preached at the new Texas settlements on the Red River. Wesley Tollett moved his family to present Lamar County, Texas, in 1830.

Martin Varner's friend and neighbor, Wesley Tollett, was killed and scalped by Indians on 17 July 1838. It is probable that he was killed while working alone at his farm during a temporary lull in the Indian raids.

As the Indian raids increased and more settlers were massacred, it became necessary for all of the settlers to move their families into Fort Lyday for protection. Small log cabins were built inside the fort for each family and a large corral for their livestock was built adjacent to the fort. Andrew Davis described life at Fort Lyday in his autobiography as follows:

"It was found to be necessary to go into a fort for safety. Immediately the place for the fort was selected and the fort built. Mr. Isaac Lidy [Lyday] was elected captain and the fort took his name. There were 25 or 30 families that took protection in the fort. . . . The scouts were constantly killing game and bringing the game to the fort. Wild game was plentiful. Often buffalo would come and mingle among the cattle of the fort. Our cows would get greatly excited at the presence of the buffalo. They would collect in great numbers and bellow furiously, showing the wildest excitement. When

you observed the cows so excited, you knew the buffalo were among them. The captain always sent out a few men to kill them and it was remarkable that, when mixed with our gentle stock, the men could ride close to them without being noticed and shoot them down. .

It may seem strange to you after all the intervening years to hear me say that all the men in the fort made good crops that year. They formed a company and all moved out of the fort together under a guard of 25 men from the fort. Each man took all his teams and force, be it large or small. They struck camp on a farm and worked it over, and then moved to another and on this way until all farms were thoroughly cleaned."²

Andrew Davis was 12 years old when his father, Daniel Davis, was killed by Indians in the fall of 1839. Convinced that the Indian raids were over, Daniel Davis left the fort and returned to his farm. He had been home 12 days when he sent his son, Andrew, and a slave back to Fort Lyday after some hogs that he had left at the fort.

Daniel Davis was shot at daybreak as he started his daily chores. Fortunately, 12 scouts from Fort Lyday had spent the night in his house. They saddled their horses and chased the Indians until they escaped in the dense timber near the Sulphur River.

Daniel Davis, the son of John Davis, was born about 1795 on the Duck River in Tennessee. He migrated to Jonesboro in 1818. After Sam Houston crossed the Red River to enter Texas on 10 December 1832, he rested ten days at Daniel Davis' house at Jonesboro.

Gerald Pierce provides the following account of the Indian problem in Lamar and Fannin Counties in 1838:

"Clarksville, Red River County, was the headquarters of the Fourth

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

Confederate Pension Records

by Sammie Townsend Lee

- Overview** Veterans of the Civil War who fought for the Confederate cause did not receive pensions from the United States government as did their Union counterparts. Any pensions awarded to Confederate soldiers were a result of legislation enacted by the former states of the Confederacy (AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, VA) and certain border states (KY, MO, OK). As a rule, qualifying veterans received a pension from the state in which they lived at the time of application, provided that state had passed a pension law and based upon the scope of the law. Laws varied from state to state and were subject to amendments and changes.
- For information about the pension laws in each of the above states—when the pensions were begun, changed or amended, who qualified, what was allowed, etc.—consult *Confederate Research Sources: A Guide to Archive Collections*, by James C. Neagles, DPL call # R026.9737 N338C.
- Content** The information in the pension papers varies from state to state. Each individual state set their own laws and produced their own forms. At a minimum, one can *usually* expect to find the following information provided by a veteran: personal identification, occupation, military history, reason for needing a pension, and county of residence. Often affidavits are included in the file from other veterans with whom the soldier served testifying to his service. A widow's application usually listed the husband's place and date of death, her personal identification, and proof of the date and location of her marriage to the soldier.
- Location** Originals of the Confederate pension records are *not* located in the National Archives where one *will* find Union pensions. Since the individual states awarded pensions, originals are *usually* located in that state's library or archive. Most of these records have been indexed and placed on microfilm.
- The Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library (DPL) owns a growing collection of these microfilmed Confederate pension records. Applications for AL, AR, MS, MO, OK, TN, and TX are located in the Section's microfilm area in the individual state drawers. GA, LA, NC and VA are available from the LDS Family History Library on a loan program. FL, KY, and SC are available from their respective state library or archive.
- Alabama** DPL: *Alabama Confederate Pension Applications*, (alphabetical listing by surname), 276 rolls of film.
- Arkansas** DPL: *Arkansas Confederate Pension Applications*, (alphabetical listing by surname) 121 rolls of film.
DPL published index: Frances T. Ingmire, *Arkansas Confederate Veterans and Widows Pension Applications*, (St. Louis: Ingmire, 1985), call # R929.3767 I52A.
- Florida** Pension applications available at the Florida State Archives, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301.
DPL published index: Virgil D. White, *Register of Florida CSA Pension Applications*, (Waynesboro, TN: National Historical Pub. Co., 1989), call # R929.3759 W588R.
- Georgia** DPL: *Georgia Confederate Pension Index*, 39 rolls of film.
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FORT LYDAY

Militia Brigade, 1838-40, when there was considerable militia activity on the Red River Frontier. Clarksville housed the headquarters of the militia brigade because Brigadier General John H. Hyer, brigade commander, lived in the town. A significant militia campaign was organized during the later part of 1838. Nearly 500 men of Hyer's brigade assembled in the town in November. . . .

After building Fort Sherman early in December [1838], [Captain William B.] Stout left a small garrison there and went to Fort Lyday. The settlers there, he said, 'were in a state of alarm and on the eve of breaking up [the settlement] in consequence of three men having been killed in the neighborhood.' He said that his company repaired the fort and brought 14 families into it for protection before going on to another fort near Sulphur River, presumably Fort Shelton."³

Three of Martin Varner's daughters, Amanda F. Kirk (1836-1883), Teressa Jane Gunter (1838-1856) and Elizabeth Eveline Haines (1840-1926), were born in or near Fort Lyday. Elizabeth (Varner) Haines and her sisters told many family stories to their children about life at Fort Lyday.

She said that the settlers kept large dogs in the fort for protection because the Indians were more afraid of the dogs than they were of rifles. The Indians would shoot the dogs with arrows and the settlers would have to remove the arrows and treat the wounds with bear grease. She told the following story about an Indian raid at Fort Lyday:

"Sometime about 1839, the Varner family was living at Fort Lyday along with several other families for protection from the Indians. The men

had planted a corn crop near the fort. One day while the men and slaves were working the corn, the women were at the fort making lye soap. [Lye is a strong alkaline liquor, rich in potassium carbonate, leached from wood ashes with water. The lye is collected and boiled with hog lard and water in a large pot to make lye soap.]

The fort had a walkway near the top of the stockade wall with gun holes to defend the fort. One of the older children would watch for Indians when the men were away from the fort. Suddenly, the Indians were discovered approaching the fort and the women had only one gun for protection. It was apparent the Indians knew that the men were not at the fort because they started to scale the stockade wall to enter the fort. The women started blowing horns to alert the men in the field.

The Indians stayed close to the stockade to avoid the gun and the women were having trouble beating their hands with clubs when they tried to climb over the wall. Martin Varner's wife, Betsy, was manning one area of the walkway. She yelled for a kettle of boiling soap which was brought to the walkway. She filled a gourd dipper with hot soap and poured it on the Indians when they tried to climb the wall. Soon screams of anguish filled the air as Betsy ran up and down the walkway with her kettle of soap. By the time the men arrived on their horses, the Indians were in full retreat. The men chased the Indians but were unable to catch them."⁴

The following story about Fort Lyday is found in "The History of Fannin County:"

"The settlers at Fort Lyday had a favorite pet—a gentle hog. It spent much of its time on the porch of the fort. One day while the men were away, the women heard screams in the woods nearby. They thought it was Indians trying to coax them from the

fort so that they might raid it. The women grabbed their guns and started to the woods in the direction of the screams. Instead of finding Indians, they found the pet hog clutched in the embrace of a huge bear. One woman shot and killed the bear and saved the pet hog. This woman was Minerva, sister of Bailey English [also twin sister of Elizabeth (English) Varner] and wife of David Clark of Clarksville."⁵

William Banta lived in Pin Hook (now Paris), Lamar County, Texas. He described the following incident in his biography written in 1893:

"Near the line of Fannin and Lamar Counties lived a man by the name of [Martin] Varner, a farmer, who owned a faithful servant, who was out on the range looking after stock when a party of five Indians gave chase. The old darkey had no arms but was riding a good horse. On his way home four white men saw the chase and taking advantage of them, ran in ahead of the Indians, giving the old darkey a good chance to make his escape. The men fired on the Indians, which caused them to change course. The old darkey reached home in time to save his wool.

The next day it was supposed to be the same five Indians who stole ten head of horses, and while making their way out were discovered by three men cow hunting. The Indians had not discovered them until they were in full speed and within sixty or seventy yards of them. The Indians then left the horses and a running fight took place, in which two of them were killed and one white man was wounded. The whites brought back two scalps, one bow and arrow and ten head of horses, and the wounded man; the wound was with an arrow, and a flesh wound through the muscle of the arm above the elbow."⁶

After the defeat of the Cherokees at the Battle of Neches, in July 1839, the Indians continued periodic raids on

the East Texas settlers from Oklahoma Territory but the threat of Indian raids in East Texas was practically eliminated by 1840.

Martin Varner was not satisfied with the crowded conditions near Fort Lyday. In the fall of 1841, he sold his land in Lamar County, and cut the first road into unsettled land about 60 miles southeast of Fort Lyday. He established a new settlement near present Hainesville, Wood County, Texas, on Lake Fork Creek to become the first settler in Wood County, Texas.

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International Phone Books at DPL

DGS member Gene Bethel has discovered a treasure-trove in the southwest corner of the first floor of the downtown library. There he found printed copies of recent telephone directories from all over the world. The collection looked superb for Canada, Mexico, England, Sweden, and Switzerland, but he saw directories from Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Israel, South Africa, Korea and many other countries. The library has had this collection for some time, but the directories were not readily accessible. They are now out in an open bookshelf and available for browsing by anyone.

Internet Site of the Month

by Mike Basham

In March and April, 1996, a group of genealogists organized the Kentucky Comprehensive Genealogy Database Project. The idea was to provide a single entry point for all counties in Kentucky, where collected databases would be stored. In addition, the databases would be indexed and cross-linked, so that even if an individual were found in more than one county, they could be located in the index. In June, as the Kentucky Project was coming to completion, it was decided to create this page for all states. Volunteers were found who were willing to coordinate the collection of county pages for each state page. This project has grown to what is known as the US GenWeb project.

Our Internet Site of the Month is the Texas GenWeb page, sponsored by the Dallas Genealogical Society. For the past six months, DGS has been

actively seeking and training volunteers to sponsor all of Texas's 254 counties. Currently home pages for 183 Texas counties are in operation with the remainder to be completed in the next few months.

All Texas GenWeb county sites provide for queries to be posted and viewed, lookups by county volunteers, and a connection back to the Texas GenWeb page. Beyond this basic genealogy information, county sponsors are free to exercise their creativity and provide as much help for the electronic visitor as possible. Some of the things that you may find on Texas county pages are maps of the county, how to contact the local genealogical and historical societies in the area, lookups of information in county history books, lists (and possibly lookups) of county cemeteries, history of the county, or whatever the county sponsor decides to

put on the page.

A link is provided to the US GenWeb Page from the Texas GenWeb Page so users can easily connect to any other state and then to any other county in each state. Now when a genealogist finds that they have ancestors in a previously unknown county, access to information and resources in that new county is only a few mouse clicks away.

This is truly an exciting and useful tool for the genealogist who has online capability and will likely change the way Internet genealogy research is done in the future.

Finding the Texas GenWeb page is easy. Just go to the DGS Home Page at <http://www.chrysalis.org/dgs> and you will find a hyperlink to this outstanding genealogy resource.



Central Library News

by Sammie Townsend Lee

Genealogy Section staff changes.

Congratulations to Genealogy staff member Ed Boehringer who has been promoted to the full time position of periodical assistant. The position came open last May with the leaving of Kelvin Meyers. Ed has been with the Dallas Public Library since January 1988 and has special expertise in Heraldry and German records.

To fill Ed's former position as part time staff, the Genealogy Section welcomed Chan Edmondson, who has been on staff in the History and Social Science Department. Chan is a long-time member of DGS and a past president of the society. He also compiles the very helpful series, *Revolutionary War: Bible, Family, and Marriage Records Gleaned from Pension Applications*.

Genealogy had to say goodbye and congratulations to Jennifer Fitzgerald who has left the Genealogy Section as a page for a promotion to clerk in the Circulation Department.

Library construction to begin.

The first floor of the Central Library is slated for some major changes with construction scheduled to begin early in 1997. The outdoor plaza area that now separates the Library from the meeting rooms will be enclosed. During the construction, the auditorium and other meeting rooms will be undergoing renovations that may close them to the public for several months.

Please note, this may cause some scheduling changes for DGS regular meetings, special interest group meetings and special events that take place in the auditorium and Dallas East and West Rooms. These changes may involve moving the meetings to different floors of the library, to a branch library, or to another location

altogether. It may even mean the meeting will be held on a different date.

To keep informed of any meeting changes, be sure to read the *DGS Newsletter* carefully, look for posted notices in the Genealogy Section, or call the DGS phone number for a recorded message.

Where are the book trucks?

If you have researched in the Genealogy Section since October, you may have noticed the library trucks used to hold books to be reshelved have disappeared. Patrons are now instructed to return a book to the aisle from which they pulled the book. A special shelf, brown in color, is available at the beginning of each row for holding books that need to be reshelved on that aisle. We certainly thank patrons for their cooperation. Genealogy page Melvin Anderson reports this makes his job of shelving books go much quicker.

LDS Loan Program continues.

The Genealogy Section continues to be able to borrow microfilm from the LDS Family History Library in Salt

Lake City. This is a valuable service to DPL patrons, especially those who cannot find time to visit a Family History Center.

A major benefit of this project is that patrons can borrow many records that would otherwise be unavailable to them locally, thereby opening up their research to millions of new records. This includes original county records on microfilm (court records, deeds, estate records, etc), family histories on microfilm, federal records (military and pension records, Soundex rolls), and much more.

Rentals begin at \$3 per roll and patrons may keep the film for use at the Central Library for thirty days. \$4.50 allows the patron to use the film for six months. Many patrons have expressed their gratitude for this service because the film is available for their use all hours that the Central Library is open, seven days a week. If you are interested in borrowing microfilm, a staff member can assist you with locating available records on the FHL catalog and securing film numbers. Film must be paid for at the time the order is placed by check or money order.

"Where to Write for Confederate Pension Records" Available for Purchase

As a research aid to support January's program, *Military Service in Historical Perspective*, the second edition of Desmond Walls Allen's booklet, "Where to Write for Confederate Pension Records," will be available for purchase at the meeting. This booklet will provide information on the records held in states that granted Confederate Pensions, such as how to obtain them and what they cost.

Additionally, it will give information on other sources: Other State Records, County Records, Organization Records, Newspaper Files, and Death Certificates.

At a cost of \$5.95 plus tax (and shipping and handling if you are not able to attend the January meeting), this is a helpful and affordable addition to your genealogy library.

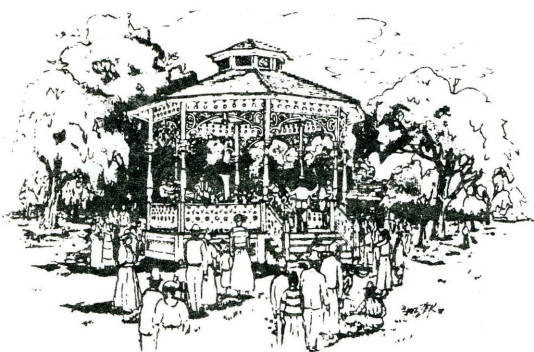
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who did or did not have the "pleasure" of visiting an outhouse in their youth! We walked down Main Street and of course shopped in McCalls General Store. Naturally no item of food went untouched from barbeque to kettle popcorn. We stopped in the school house and the church to listen to the entertainment. We even visited Santa and Mrs. Claus in the gazebo for a photo opportunity. But most importantly we made mental notes on the happenings of evening. Why notes? Read on!

You see this was not only a DGS outreach community effort; this was a fact finding mission. Our mental notes will be transcribed into actual plans for the upcoming FGS/DGS 1997 Convention weekend when on Saturday, 6 September, the DGS takes over the entire grounds of Old City Park and host a party for the nation's genealogists. Get ready! We are having a Texas-size party! We have rented the entire park, all 13 beautiful rolling acres with 40 plus restored buildings. It will be putting on a mini candlelight, sans the candles in September. Entertainment will also be a big part of our extravaganza, hosting various groups in the Pilot Grove Church, Renner School House and the Gazebo. The Park boasts a new building, the Chautauqua Pavilion, built after those days when traveling performers crisscrossed the country. Under the beamed ceiling of this beautiful building, whose sides open wide all around the out of doors, we will dine. And what would the fare of the day have been 100 years ago in? Barbeque! Some things in Texas never change! You'll have the option of spreading a checkered cloth for your own private picnic if you prefer. There of plenty of hillsides on which to relax and enjoy the evening. Sack races and other

games of old will be available. Did we mention the horse-drawn carriages that clipped around the park? Well, we will be rolling along in just such a rig at our party too.

Lots and lots of volunteers are needed for this event. We want to show off for our fellow genealogists from around the country, so let us know of your willingness to help. Besides the volunteer manpower we would like to see some major underwriting to offset the cost of this event. To insure that we keep the most funds possible in the till, which in turns means more for the genealogy section, we are asking you to let us know of any organizations that you are aware of that could either contribute



items or make a monetary contribution. It is fully tax deductible and we will be happy to do the soliciting of funds from these organizations if you will pass the address and a contact name along to us.

Also, we know that the DGS has a large active membership from across the metroplex, and we feel certain that we have some very talented folks in our ranks. Performers such as gospel singers, barber shop quartets, fiddlers, etc., are needed to volunteer their services. Do you know anyone who would love a chance to entertain our illustrious audience? Perhaps you know of games that your ancestors enjoyed--let us know. Anyone who would like to dress in the style of the

period is more than welcome to do so. If you have a trousseau you would like to lend someone else for the evening, that would be most kind. We welcome all ideas of any kind. Remember, this is *our* party and we want it to be the most fun ever! Please send your thoughts and comments to FGS/DGS '97 OLD CITY PARK, Karen Avery Miller, 8508 Town House Row, Dallas, TX, 75225, phone 214/696-2804, fax 214/696-5435, or E-mail 76514.3660@compuserve.com

Volunteering at Candlelight 1996 was great fun. We also appreciated their mentioning the DGS in their program brochure; a little publicity is always welcome. As our party plans formulate, we will keep you abreast of the delights we have in store--watch for additional newsletter articles. We know your 1997 calendars have Sep. 3-6 marked for the FGS/DGS Convention. Put a star on the evening of the 6th because we will be wrapping up the weekend under the stars, where the DGS will truly shine!

A special thank you to those individuals who volunteered for Candlelight 1996: Pam Edman, Barbara Dossett, Sammie & Tom Lee, Selenda Billington, Shirley Hawn, Mary Ruth McKenney, Carole Ruska, Patti Darnell, Karen Miller, Terri O'Neill, Pat Mutzabaugh, Art & Nancy Rubeck, Bonnie & Joe Moore, and Dorothy & Bill Bruce.

Recent Acquisitions of the DPL Genealogy Section

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

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

Genealogical researcher for 19 years; professional researcher for 10 years. Member Association for Professional Genealogists. Localities: TX; states of the Upper South, Midwest, Mid-Atlantic. Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; 20th-century research; newspapers/obituaries; multi-generation lineages; lineage papers. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Ft. Worth Regional Branch National Archives; Texas State Library & Archives, Austin; Family History Library, Salt Lake City; LDS Family History Centers; UT Arlington and UT Austin libraries; Cemeteries; Courthouses in Dallas, Denton, Tarrant, and Grayson Counties. Prepares written reports for clients; charges hourly fee.

Hooverson, Richard L.; 701 Lak Road; Belton (Bell Co), TX 76513; 817/939-7794

Genealogical researcher for 17 years; professional researcher for 9 years. Member Association for Professional Genealogists. Localities: TX; southwest U.S. Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; newspapers/obituaries; multi-generation lineages; compiles family histories/genealogies for publication; ethnic research (Scandinavian); military records. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Ft. Worth Regional Branch National Archives; Texas State Library & Archives, Austin; Family History Library, Salt Lake City; Center for American History, Austin; Central Texas libraries. Prepares written reports for clients; charges hourly fee (negotiable).

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Lemons, Nova A; 12206 Brisbane Ave.; Dallas, TX 75234-6528; 972/241-2739; fax 972/620-1416

Genealogical researcher for 20 years; professional researcher for 6 years. Localities: North TX; North-central TX; North-east TX; South-central OK. Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; 20th-century research; newspapers/obituaries; multi-generation lineages; compiles family histories/genealogies for publication. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; LDS Family History Centers; Dallas County Courthouse; SMU and University of North Texas libraries; Cemeteries; Surrounding county libraries and courthouses. Prepares written reports for clients; charges hourly fee.

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Genealogical researcher less than 1 year; professional researcher less than 1 year. Localities: Indiana; New Jersey. All types of research. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Ft. Worth Regional Branch National Archives; Texas State Library & Archives, Austin; Family History Library, Salt Lake City; LDS Family History Centers; Cemeteries; County courthouses anywhere. Prepares written reports for clients; fees negotiable.

Neilson, Cliff; 3703 Moss Brooke; Fairfax, VA 22031-3229; 703/978-2839

Genealogical researcher for 19 years; professional researcher for 10 years. Member Association for Professional Genealogists. Localities: Mid-Atlantic States (pre-1800). Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; multi-generation lineages; lineage papers; compiles family histories/genealogies for publication. Repositories: LDS Family History Centers; National Archives; VA, PA, MD archives; DAR Library. Prepares written reports for clients; charges hourly fee.

Raney, Don; 1506 Comanche Trail; Garland, TX 75043-2524; 972/278-3381

Genealogical researcher for 20 years; professional researcher for 1 year. Localities: North central TX; Northeast TX; Wood County, TX. Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; multi-generation lineages; lineage papers; compiles family histories/genealogies for publication. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Ft. Worth Regional Branch National Archives; Texas State Library & Archives, Austin; Family History Library, Salt Lake City; LDS Family History Centers; Dallas Co. courthouse; Cemeteries. Prepares written reports for clients; charges hourly fee.

Wylie, Barbara Brixey; 2818 Landershire Lane; Garland, TX 75044-5974; 972/495-4410

Genealogical researcher for 11 years; professional researcher for 5 years. Member Association for Professional Genealogists. Localities: Southern MO. Types of research: all types except lineage papers, adoption research, and heraldry. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Ft. Worth Regional Branch National Archives; Texas State Library & Archives, Austin; LDS Family History Centers; Dallas Co. courthouse; University libraries; Cemeteries; On-site depending on travel plans. Prepares written reports for clients; charges hourly fee.

Wylie, John V.; 2818 Landershire Lane; Garland, TX 75044-5974; 972/495-4410

Genealogical researcher for 11 years; professional researcher for 5 years. Member Association for Professional Genealogists. Localities: New York; Connecticut; Ohio. Types of research: all types except lineage papers, adoption research, and heraldry. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Ft. Worth Regional Branch National Archives; Texas State Library & Archives, Austin; Family History Library, Salt Lake City; LDS Family History Centers; Dallas Co. courthouse; University libraries; Cemeteries; On-site throughout US as part of travels. Prepares written reports for clients; charges hourly fee.

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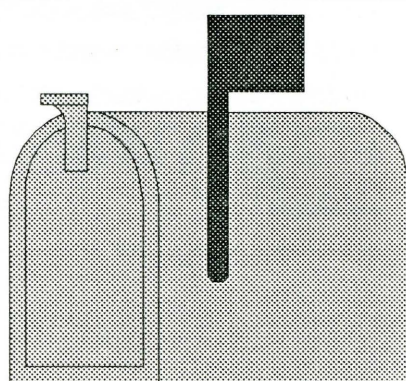
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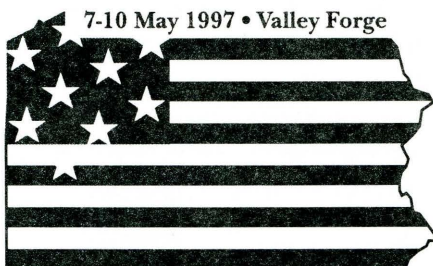
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- 23 **DGS/PIG**; 7:00 P.M. Thursday - DPL East/West Room.
- 27 **DGS MONTHLY PROGRAM & MEETING**; 7:00 P.M. Monday (Reception 6:30 P.M.) - DPL Auditorium. Topic: "Military Service Set in Social Unrest"; Speaker: Richard Hooverson; Vignette: Terri O'Neill.

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- 2-9 **"OVER THE RAINBOW" Salt Lake City Trip.**
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- 22 **DGS LECTURE SERIES I**; 9:00 A.M. Saturday - DPL Auditorium. Topic: "Contain Yourself." Speaker: To be announced.
- 24 **DGS MONTHLY PROGRAM & MEETING**; 7:00 P.M. Monday (Reception 6:30 P.M.) - DPL Auditorium. Topic: "Marriages: Banns / Bonds / Customs"; Speaker: Barbara Baylis; Vignette: To be announced.
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