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1997 DGS Lecture Series

THE OLD SOUTHWEST:

A Visit to Mississippi, Alabama, and Western Georgia

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, Lecturer

Pack your bags and follow the leader, Lloyd Bockstruck! At the second all-day seminar of our 1997 Lecture Series, Saturday, 26 April, Lloyd will lead us on a journey through the area known historically as the Old Southwest.

It is hard to fathom that points as far East as where the states of Mississippi, Alabama, and Western Georgia now stand would have once been considered the Southwest. When we speak of the Southwest geographic area now, it brings to mind cactus, coyotes, and the color scheme of peach and turquoise. Clearly, that is not what this region conjured up in the minds of those explorers who traversed its rivers and valleys in the early days of what we know these states to be today.

Quite an international and interesting group of folks called this beautiful and plentiful wilderness their home. The Spanish, French, and other European settlers left an indelible mark in the Old Southwest's history. Who better to unravel the tales and to point the direction in which to steer your genealogical research in this area

than our very own Supervisor of the DPL Genealogy Section?

Registration is always a sellout when Lloyd takes to the podium, so don't delay in sending yours in today. Remember that due to the remodeling plans of the auditorium area at the Dallas Public Library, this seminar will be held elsewhere. At this time, the location is unknown. A brochure and registration form, along with a map, will be mailed to all DGS members when plans are finalized.

Cost for the lecture is \$20.00; pre-registration is recommended since space is limited to 250 registrants. Walk-ins will be admitted as space permits, but we strongly suggest that you plan to book ahead! Registration begins promptly at 9:00 A.M. and the program concludes at 4:00 P.M.. Vendors will be on hand to fill your bookshelves and empty your pocketbook.

Make your plans, book the date, and prepare for an informative journey. Your guide will be the best of the best, Lloyd Bockstruck! Savor the moment!

For additional information, please call Karen Miller, Exec. V.P. Fundraising, 214-696-2804.

NOTICE: Change in DGS Meetings

Beginning in March, the Library Auditorium and East/West Rooms, where DGS meetings are held, will be under renovation. The library has offered the O'Hara Exhibit Hall on the 7th floor as a substitute meeting place. While the line of sight and folding chairs are not as good as the auditorium, we feel it is less confusing to keep meeting in the library than find another location. Therefore, the regular DGS meetings on the **Mondays of 24 March, 28 April, and 19 May** will be held on the 7th floor of the Dallas Public Library in the **O'Hara Exhibit Hall**. As you

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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: 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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Dallas Genealogical Society

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

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The object and goals of this Society are:

- Create, foster and maintain interest in genealogy and family history;
- Raise standards of genealogical research through educational programs, workshops, and the publication of data;
- Promote the collection and preservation of material relating to the early history of Dallas County and those pioneers who settled the area;
- Copy, index, and publish records, documents, inscriptions, and other genealogical source materials;
- Support the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library; and
- Stimulate the exchange of information between Society members and genealogical researchers across the nation.

Newsletter

The *DGS Newsletter* is published monthly from January-April and September-December, with bi-monthly issues published in May-June and July-August. Copy deadline for the April 1997 *DGS Newsletter* is 1 March 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

March Program

Carole Chew Ruska

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE

Monday, 24 March
6:30 Social; 7:00 Meeting
O'Hara Exhibit Hall
7th Floor - DPL

Key to the Home: Family Information in Newspapers and Periodicals Leslie Smith Collier

Have you discovered how exciting it is to find names and stories of your ancestors in print? Most of us are happy to just find the name on the census or on a deed, but many times we miss the real stories of these people. Where can you find juicy gossip, homecomings, visitations, not to mention birth, accidents and deaths? Where else, but in newspapers and sometimes periodicals. Most of the smaller, rural, regional papers did not have a lot of headline news, so any event was covered in great detail. Even a relative's visit was a news event in a lot of areas, and births, marriages, and deaths were well publicized. Leslie can give you the key to the resources available to tap this rich field of information.

Another overlooked source that could provide information about our families are periodical articles, especially those in genealogical newsletters, quarterlies, and journals. Discoveries of family Bibles, diaries, letters, and even pictures are printed by area societies. Some are right here on the shelves of the genealogy department of the Dallas Public

Library. What a goldmine, but how do you find them? Periodical indexes are the key to unlocking these riches. Learn about PERSI and other sources that guide you to this family information.

Even if your research does not reveal your ancestors, it will provide a rich and exciting look at the times in which they lived and events that happened all around them. Don't miss out on this fun and important area of research. Join us on Monday, 24 March, for the Key to the Home.

Vignettes will be presented by Rebecca Morris and Barbara Dossett. Check out the program article "The Value of Genealogical Periodicals" elsewhere in the *Newsletter*.



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 DPL O'Hara Exhibit Hall. 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 DPL O'Hara Exhibit Hall.

Professional Interest Group: This group is led by Don Raney and meets

on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the DPL O'Hara Exhibit Hall.

Latin-American Interest Group: This newly-formed group is led by Sandy Fritz and meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Call 972-686-7419 for location and further information.



DGS Welcomes New Members

DGS would like to welcome the following new members: Ross & Carla Allmon, Jewel B. Ariola, Janice Cox Brown, Nortel Rec Club, David Kent Coy, Joseph Crumpton, Marsha Fogle, Sandra Perez Bailon Fritz, Darrel & Linda Johnston, Ellen M. Jones, Lillian Harston Neumann, Suzanne Smith Schlabs, Robert E. Sears, William C. Turnley, Jr., Richard G. & Diane T. Waller, Ronald D. Watts, and DeLora Eager Wood.



New Computers and CD-ROMs in DPL Genealogy Section

There are now four new computers in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, gifts of DGS. Several genealogy CD-ROMs have been purchased as well. These include *Virginia Genealogist*, Texas Census 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890 Mortality, Family Tree Maker Census Bundle: 1607-1789, 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, Family Tree Maker Marriage Bundle (12 CD-ROMs), Animap Master Set (disk-based), and African American Mortality Records (disk-based).

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Somewhere over the Rainbow, or "Look, Toto, We're in Salt Lake City!"

Karen Avery Miller

It was up and over the rainbow as fifty-three DGS members, along with four tour guides, flew off on our annual pilgrimage to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. A larger-than-usual group this year gathered at the Best Western Plaza, formerly the Howard Johnson Hotel, next door to the Library. Some of us went for the standard seven days, while others committed to a full two week stint of rising early and staying late in the hallowed halls of the FHL.

Prior to arriving in SLC, Leslie Collier, Patti Darnell, and Rubyann Darnell put in many hours of consultations with trip goers, helping to ensure that their genealogical research was in order and helping each to make the best use of their time in the Mormon Library. Of course, for many months in advance of this trip, tour coordinator Dorothy Bruce spent a great deal of time booking rooms and scheduling events. Through hard work and not the magic click of their ruby slippers, this group of guides created a fun, enjoyable atmosphere that was greatly appreciated by all!

There were no tornadoes at the end of the rainbow, just beautiful, crisp days. We even had a few snowy days, during which some members of our group were easy to pick out of the crowd—they were the ones oohing and ahhhing as the snowflakes floated downward. Only Texans would beg for snow! Our hats go off to Anna Anderson who wins the award for being a true trooper of a genealogist. Poor Anna did not fare so well on the ice that was hidden under the snow and currently is sporting a pretty arm

cast due to a nasty fall she experienced. But devoted to her research, she was soon up and sitting once again at a microfilm reader. Anna, did you happen to see the Wicked Witch of the West fly by before you fell?

Yes, we went to research, and we did work hard! DGS was at that Library when the doors opened at 7:30 a.m. and were the very last ones to leave at 10:00 p.m. when they closed. But we had fun, too! Late at night on a few occasions we met for pizza or wine and cheese and lots of laughs over our "finally found" or "still hiding" ancestors. Many people reported that they were successful at making positive inroads into their research. The photo and film copiers were never still when we were around. Hey, for a nickel a photocopy and twenty cents a film, who could afford not to!?!

Through us as a delegate group, two books were donated to the Library on behalf of Mike Basham. Mike Provard was on hand to accept copies of *History and Description of Johnson County and Its Principal Towns, A Reproduction with Name Index Added*, 1997, by L. Malcolm Basham and W. Dwaine Basham and *History of One Boteler Family in America*, 1995, Rev. 4th Edition, by L. Malcolm Basham, W. Dwaine Basham, W. I. (Rip) Boteler, and Rachel (Prestridge) Boteler.

We also proudly displayed our FGS/DGS 97 conference buttons daily on our shoulders and were ready at a minute's notice to invite whomever we met to attend our upcoming conference. A few conference converts were obtained, one by perusing the

Texas census indexes. They must have Texas ancestors if they are using those indexes! The FGS Program was prominently displayed in the lobby showcase for all visitors to see and copies were made available for pickup.

As we left Salt Lake City, some of us hurrying to get one of the anticipated last flights on American Airlines before the proposed strike, others smugly returning on their \$100 round-trip bonanza fare, we vowed to return next year. And guess what, the date has been set! Start clearing your calendar for 1-8 March 1998. With any luck we will just about have all the data we have collected filed by then!

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Lions, Tigers, and Bears--Oh, My! Pat Mutzabaugh

Most of us in Salt Lake City did not come across any lions or tigers, but we were visited by a bear. Our group of 57 became 58 on Tuesday, when we were joined by a cute white stuffed bear. "Lightning Bear," the travel pal of Charlie, a second grader in Lakeland, FL, is traveling around the country, making new friends along the way. His stops so far have included Virginia Beach, VA; New York City and Staten Island, NY; Portsmouth and Providence, RI; Dartmouth, MA; and of course Salt Lake City.

Many of us spent Tuesday at the Joseph Smith Building working on

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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.

Mid-Cities Genealogy Society

The Mid-Cities Genealogy Society will present a Civil War Records Research Seminar; the featured speaker will be Peggy Fox of the Confederate Research Center in Hillsboro, TX. The seminar will be held Saturday, 8 March, from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Old Bedford School Auditorium. As a special attraction, members of a re-enactment group will be on hand to answer questions about their uniforms and equipment. Jerry Post, author of *First Guide to Civil War Genealogy and Research* will also be there selling his book. Cost for the seminar is \$20. For more information, contact Terri O'Neill at 817-267-8023.

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Broderbund Software Offers Genealogy Scholarships

Over the past decade, hundreds of thousands of people have started tracing their roots, and they need guidance and instruction from professional researchers. Broderbund recognizes the need for the genealogy community to develop additional qualified, professional researchers, so the company has begun funding

scholarships to help meet this need. This year, Broderbund Software will be awarding ten \$500 scholarships: three will go to individuals pursuing the designation of "Certified Genealogist" (administered by the Board for Certification of Genealogists); three to individuals pursuing the designation of "Accredited Genealogist" (administered by the Family History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints); and four to individuals who are pursuing formal education at a recognized institution for genealogical instruction. Applications must be received by 30 April 1997. For details of the application process, go to their web site at www.familytreemaker.com or write to Broderbund Software, Genealogy Scholarship Program, 39500 Stevenson Place, Suite 204, Fremont, CA 94539.

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Grainger County, Tennessee and Its People

Grainger County, in East Tennessee, contributed many settlers to northeast Texas. The Grainger County Heritage Book Committee is soliciting manuscripts for its forthcoming book, *Grainger County, Tennessee and Its People*, and would like to have stories from families who left that county. All families with residence, roots, or former residence in Grainger County are asked to submit their family histories to be published in 1997. Stories of 500 words and one picture will be printed free for each household. If your ancestors were in Grainger County before 1860, you may submit an additional story and picture free. If you wish to submit a story that is longer than 500 words, you may pay 10 cents for each additional word and \$12.50 for each

additional picture.

Stories should be typewritten and double-spaced on 8 1/2" x 11" white bond paper. Please place the word count, sources, and name and address of person submitting the story at the end of the article. Black-and-white photos reproduce best; photocopies and faded Polaroids will not be printed. Identify photos with a caption and return address label. Enclose an SASE if you want your picture returned.

To submit articles or receive additional information, contact: Grainger County Heritage Book Committee, P.O. Box 332, Rutledge, TN 37861. Please submit your family stories by 15 April 1997.

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Black Sheep Writing Contest

The Colorado Genealogical Society invites you to compete for its Black Sheep Writing Award. The Black Sheep Writing Contest was established in 1987 to "promote high-quality documentation while having a little fun along the way." Black Sheep is defined as "a person considered undesirable or disgraceful by his family or group." Your subject need not be related to your family. "Black sheep" subjects in your paper must have died prior to 1935. Here are examples of topics: genealogy of the ownership of a bordello which made your city/family/state notorious; a wild and woolly ancestor of yours, of a friend, or of no one you know; an unusual past owner of the house you live in.

Entries will be judged on such criteria as: originality in choice and treatment of subject matter; writing style (technique and approach in

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Beginners Corner:

Salvation Through The Use of Church Records

by Hallie Garner

Church records are as varied and scattered as the denominations and subgroups within denominations that created them. So, for example, if Baptists in the region you are researching worshipped in Missionary, Primitive, and Southern congregations, you won't find the same types of records for each group, and you probably won't find the records of one group preserved at the same location as the records of another. A useful rule of thumb in searching of any old church records is this: If they didn't pray together, don't expect their records to stay together.

While there are no hard and fast rules and few generalizations that apply to all church records research, there are several useful research guides and many anecdotal tips to help you find, for example, those particular church registers that may yield the dates of your ancestor's birth or baptism, or the church minutes or newspapers that may shed light on his character or some detail of his daily life.

Much has been written and published on finding and using the records of large, widespread religious groups like Quakers, Catholics, and Anglicans. Far less guidance is available on how to find and use records of smaller or localized religious groups. In this issue, Chet Smith will show how church records documentation of religious and social history helped him solve a puzzle. I will discuss below some of the major sources and then give a few examples of valuable church records that are not listed in the usual reference books.

The Source

The first place to look is chapter five in *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*. Published by Ancestry Publishing, it is easily available on both CD-ROM and in printed form, and it was referenced in the Beginners Bibliography that was printed in the December 1996 DGS Newsletter, p. 192. This chapter gives an invaluable overview with record descriptions and locations. Of special importance is the discussion of the difference between state churches and free churches and the difference that their theology made in record keeping. During the period of state churches in our Colonial history, the church was the official keeper of many vital records, so it is important to know the church history of the area where your ancestor lived. This book gives an excellent description of the record-keeping practices and repositories of major denominations. Success in off-site use of repositories varies. They don't always have large staffs; you often must go there to research for yourself or hire a local researcher. Some, like the Mennonite Archives in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and the Southern Baptist Historical Commission in Nashville are very user-friendly to researchers who visit.

The Family History Library Catalog

In looking for church records, the second place to always check is the Family History Library Catalog. It is available on CD-ROM and microfiche at the Dallas Public Library and in any of the local Family History Centers. When searching for church records for the area in which you are researching,

look under locality in three different ways: by county, local jurisdiction, and by state. It is important to check in all three ways because a source might be indexed differently than you might expect. Sometimes a church record will cover more than one local area and is therefore indexed by state. If you do find a microfilmed source, you can order it and use it yourself at either the Dallas Library or at the local FHC. If it is an unfiled book, go on the next DGS trip to Salt Lake City so you can use it there!

Local Archives and Libraries

I have had the best luck in local libraries and churches by being very nosy and persistent. While more and more church records are being abstracted and published, many are available only in manuscript collections which are more difficult to access. Use NUCMC (National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections) and PERSI (Periodical Source Index) to help you, but don't stop there. Use your ingenuity to ferret out the many, many church records that have never been filmed. Ask local societies, libraries and researchers about additional church records that might be available. Doing so is usually worth the effort! It is advisable to call and talk to the archivist before visiting to see what the institutional policies are and hours of operation. The Genealogist's Address Book, also cited in the December 1996 DGS Newsletter, gives many address and phone numbers.

Church Newspapers

One type of church record that is often overlooked is church newspapers. Obituaries of church members, especially prominent ones, were often included in these newspapers. Even small town congregations of so-called low churches often published newspapers. For example, The Arkansas History Commission (AHC) in Little Rock has filmed The Primitive Baptist Newspaper that was published in Fordyce and Thornton, Arkansas, from 1922-1983. Though published in Arkansas, it sometimes has quite extensive obituaries of members throughout the south. Often such obituaries give clues to migration journeys. Many of these death notices have been indexed, and that index is on file at the AHC, headquarters of those intrepid archivists who climbed up in barn lofts and chicken houses to find those old newspapers for filming.

Another example is right here in Dallas. The DGS has for sale the wonderful church newspaper abstracts that Helen Lu has done of a number of Texas church newspapers. These were published on microfiche and include Texas Methodist, Presbyterian, and Baptist newspapers from some of these earliest Texas denominations; they include marriages, births and deaths. They can be found in the Texas microfiche drawer at the Dallas Public Library.

Church Colleges and Seminary Archives

To find the newspapers above, Helen Lu had to go to archival sources, such as seminaries and church colleges, that are often not mentioned in published research guides. Let your imagination soar to search out these repositories. Some examples: Here in Dallas we have the Bridwell Library at the Perkins School of Theology. If you had an ancestor

who lived in what is now the City of Southlake in Tarrant County, you might want to check Southwestern Baptist Seminary Archives in Fort Worth because the minutes of the Lonesome Dove Baptist Church and Cemetery from 1846-1968, as well as those of many other small historic churches, are housed there.

One researcher was able to find the records of marriages performed by his ancestor, a lay Methodist preacher who rode a circuit that covered several counties, in the Methodist Archives at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth. Since the ancestor was not an ordained minister with an assignment to a particular church, records of his services are not included in other Methodist archives.

Other regional church college archives also have similar lesser-known church records and newspapers. Explore these as well as larger ones, such as the Southern Baptist Historical Commission in Nashville, Tennessee, which has published printed catalogs to their microfilm collections of church records. This collection includes Baptistiana from places other than the South.

Church Minutes Books

Churches in the south often kept records of their local associations. Each association was different. I have had remarkable luck in the microfilmed records of the Mulberry Gap Baptist Association. This association was located in an area (Hancock County, TN) that has extremely poor official records because the courthouse burned the third time in 1936. Due to its isolated and mountainous location, county officials often didn't keep vital records as carefully as more urban areas that had more doctors. (To make it even more difficult, there was no continually published newspaper in the

area.) I will give just a few examples of the kinds of information that make searching for these records valuable.

In minutes of this association, I found the obituary of my great-grandmother, Nancy Cantwell, that mentioned her husband, Tom's, death in 1938. His tombstone says 1936, not 1938, and he does not have a death certificate, even at that late date. He had no record of probate or intestate administration because he owned no property; his wife had gotten all the property in a bitter divorce. Had I not been alerted by this obituary to the fact that his tombstone might be in error, as tombstones often are, I would not have noticed the postmark on a letter that my great-grandmother wrote in the fall of 1938 that said, "Tom has been sick all fall." Putting the information in her letter together with the obituary in the minute books helped me conclude that his death was in 1938, not 1936.

In other minutes (1894), in addition to exact birth and death dates, I found a description of the character of my great great-grandfather that I treasure. The obituary said, "William Blankenbeckler . . . was afflicted with paralysis for several years . . . was an affectionate father and husband . . . was always ready to visit the sick and to comfort the distressed."

Another Mulberry Gap obituary (1909) gives the marriage date of 27 Jul 1843 of McHenry Bray to Cynthia Wolfe. Nowhere else is this date recorded, as the earliest marriage in this county is 1936, and their marriage was almost 100 years earlier! Sometimes the obituary gave not only the marriage date of the current spouse, but mentioned former spouses and marriage dates. (I think this was usually when the obituary was written by a child of the first marriage, rather than the current spouse!) In the 1923 Mulberry Gap obituaries was this information: Mary M. Brown,

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VOLUNTEER QUESTIONNAIRE

The Dallas Genealogical Society is hosting the 1997 Conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies right here in Dallas, Texas, 3-6 September 1997. THIS IS A NATIONAL CONFERENCE!

We anticipate the need for *many* helping hands to prepare and produce this exciting event. We hope that genealogists throughout the Metroplex, and all of North Central & East Texas, are enthusiastic participants. How can you become involved? Just by letting us know you want to volunteer. The advance planning has already begun and committees are forming now. Here are a few suggested areas that may interest you. Please indicate your expertise and areas of interest.

Planning and Preparation:

- Publicity/public relations
- Data entry/computer skills
- Telephone work/Office Manager assistance
- Regional and local society outreach (helping us get the word out)
- Travel arrangements (a travel agency volunteer with a "1/800" telephone number)
- Marketing/advertising (we're looking for underwriters)
- Decorations/design (luncheons, banquet, Old City Park party)
- Artwork (signs, posters, banners)

At the Conference:

- Registration
- Hospitality
- ADA assistance (particularly hearing impaired)
- Room monitors
- Speaker introductions
- Vendor assistance
- Set-up and break-down

Other:

- I'm versatile; use me where needed
- Insurance

1. I'm really good at _____
2. I'm interested in _____
3. I have *special* expertise in _____

[Please attach a second sheet if you need more writing space.]

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Yes! I want to help with the "Conference for the Nation's Genealogists," 3-6 September 1997:

Name _____ Day Phone _____
Address _____ Evening Phone _____
City/Zip _____ Fax _____
E-Mail _____ Member of _____

**Join the team! Please contact Volunteer Coordinator:
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Beginners Corner

daughter of James and Elizabeth Cope...was married to Robert Kyle. To this union one daughter was born, who died years before her mother. After her husband's death, she married Thomas E. Brown. To this union three children were born, two of them survive, one son and daughter. She died 28 Jul 1923. Her death is unrecorded in either the Hawkins or Hancock County death records for 1923, and there is nothing on her tombstone to indicate her maiden name. The eleven unmarked graves in the cemetery where she was the last person buried also do not indicate the names of her children, and the actual number of her children would be otherwise unknown.

Church Family Registers

Not all church records have been microfilmed or abstracted. Recently I found a record that can only be found by visiting the small Swiss community of Helvetia, West Virginia. The early pastor of the Swiss Evangelical Reformed Church there was most conscientious about keeping the records in the Familien-Register. In looking at the record of the Georg Stadlter family, I found his birth date in Flawil, St. Gallen, Switzerland; the birth of his wife, Babette Klauser, in Wattensil, St. Gallen, Switzerland; and the record of their first five children born before they left the Old Country.

In addition to that wonderful information, also recorded was the date of their marriage; the date they emigrated; date of their arrival in their first American home, Kansas; their arrival date in Helvetia some ten years later; and the births of their last five children in Kansas. Sadly, the deaths of five children in Kansas are also given. Here we have the history of a

whole family on one page in a church record. This chronicle spanning two continents, four locations, and the 125 years from first birth to last death recorded would be difficult, if not impossible, to obtain otherwise! The records of immigrant churches should definitely be sought!

The Internet

Finally, don't overlook the Internet. Growing exponentially, it is impossible to describe everything available on The Net, and this applies to churches as well as every other genealogical resource. You must use a search engine to help you, but again, let your imagination be your guide. Certainly inquiries to the counties that are part of the US GenWeb project should be made. Many churches and denominations also now have their own homepages.

The Eugene C. Barker Center for American History at the University of Texas at Austin also has an extensive Texas collection of early Texas newspapers. Most small-town newspapers carried columns about local churches, their ministers, and church activities. The Internet address is: www@lib.utexas.edu. Much of their collection is cataloged in UTCAT, the UT on-line catalog.

One unusual example is www.neosoft.com/~tjhs/VRsyn.html, a historical website that has a virtual restoration of small-town Synagogues in Texas. Operated by an architect, Robert P. Davis, it has a listing of small towns with synagogues such as Brenham, Laredo, Shulenberg, Kilgore, Wharton, and others that you might not otherwise expect to have had synagogues. If you have Jewish families from a small Texas town, you might want to check this out to see if those synagogues have records to help you. Maybe some DGS members would like to try their hand at helping put records of their own historic churches on the Internet!

This article only begins to scratch the surface of that group broadly known as church records. As Richard W. Dougherty says in *The Source* (p. 131), They are . . . among the most under-used major records in American genealogy. I hope you'll avail yourself of the riches they offer your research.

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Your Responsibility to the Genealogical Community.....

Barbara Roberts Baylis

We are born with a natural desire to want to receive. When we become interested in family research our first impulse is to take.....take.....take! We tend to ask other researchers to "send me all you have." We forget to enclose that self-addressed stamped envelope, much less offer to pay for copies. We pick the brains of older members of the family, then neglect to visit or keep in touch. We use books compiled by other genealogists who spent lots of time and money publishing, but we never take the time to file our own lineage sheets in a repository. Today let's think about our responsibility to the genealogical community and ways we might contribute.

Today is the day to start writing! Researchers are great at finding excuses to postpone this important area of research. So many use the excuse of thinking they will one day have everything and write the "Great American Family History." We strive for perfection. There will never come a time when you have all the information for writing the perfect book. You must remember there is *nothing* in this world which is perfect! Let's look at a way to begin by breaking your research into small segments. This is a rewarding and simple way to start writing. Following are some suggested small segments:

Research Reports are essential! *Always* write a report after each research time. This is a great way to jog your memory in the future when you go back to a family. It will also be a great help to another researcher who might continue your research in the future. There are forms you can buy for this purpose, or you can develop a method yourself. List all research facilities used; books or legal papers consulted; information found; suggestions for future research; and, of course, those important names, dates, places and relationships. The goal of this research should also be stated along with your name and the date the report was prepared.

Write about ONE Ancestor as you research. One or two pages on one person will be a wonderful addition to a family history. Cover the documentation you find as well as your emotional feelings about this ancestor. Be sure to state what information is documented and what is speculative. Your many hours of research will give you an insight into the life of your subject that will be interesting to others.

Writing out a Chronology of the Subject's Life is a great research tool. Including historical events as well can give interest and clues. This is a super method for quickly looking at an ancestor's life events. You can also tell if you might be working with two subjects of the same name who are in the same area.

Enter a Writing Contest as a discipline to preserve your research. Genealogy, lineage, and family associations across the nation sponsor writing contests. Many different categories—from short manuscripts to published books—are included. The awards are secondary to improving your writing skills. The constructive criticism of the judges will be of benefit. The Dallas Genealogical Society has sponsored writing contests for many years. Past entries are available on the eighth floor of the DPL. Study these for ideas.

Scrapbooks with pictures *and* stories are excellent for communicating and give family history an added interest to viewers. These can be stories of today or of ancestors. Scrapbooks will likely be preserved by descendants.

Daily Journals are used to record current events, emotional feelings, and stories of family. Remember to think in terms of recording *your* life for future generations, as well as the information you have uncovered on ancestors. If a daily journal is too restrictive, use a three-ring notebook and write one or two-page stories of personal memories. Suggested ideas for this notebook are: your first day at school, Grandmother's kitchen, the homes where you lived, your favorite pet, holiday events, and historical events—the list goes on and on!

Children's Books catch the attention of the whole family in the simple telling of a story. Everyone has a special story of an ancestor which would make a great story for children and perhaps pass on a desire for the study of history and family history. Children love to hear stories again and again. They especially like stories of their family.

Yearly Holiday Letters may never be mailed to friends, but the practice of writing of events in your family life each December leaves a wonderful written record. Write from the heart. As the years pass, these letters are a great way to relive your activities and record important dates and events. These experiences become even more important as time passes.

A **List Poem** is a quick way to communicate the way you remember favorite people in your life. Each of you *can* find the time to complete this exercise. For practice, think about one of your grandparents and list the special points of his/her character and important events in his/her life. If your research has given you insight into the character of one of your ancestors, use this ancestor. Read the following as an example of the knowledge one can gain in a short time from a very short list. You would want to include in your notes a list of the documentation for dates and important information.

ISAAC ORGIN (ORGAN)

Born - Charleston MA July 11, 1759
Mother, Rachel Furze died when he was young
raised by his Father Thomas - a Tory
would sneak outside British Camp
learned to play drums from British drummers
Drummer in the American Revolution
promoted to Drum Major
present hanging Captain Andrea
served 6 ½ years
5' 5" tall, brown hair, gray eyes
married Elizabeth Newhall, widow of John Hollowell on
Dec 3, 1792
lived in Lynn, MA
two daughters & son
had a temper
recorded he threw arm out of joint 3 times while throwing
rocks at his cows
continued to play drums in militia
praised by Rev. Colonel Mansfield as strongest drummer
received pension 1818
died May 29, 1831
grave marked in Old Western Burial Ground, Lynn, MA
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To polish your skills in writing there are many opportunities to help and encourage the genealogist. Consider some of the following:

Attend Workshops and Lectures on writing. Area societies offer many opportunities. With the national meeting of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, to be held in Dallas in September of 1997, will come outstanding lectures. The Lecture Series sponsored by DGS also offers opportunities to sharpen the genealogy skills of research and writing.

Read some of the excellent books written on this subject. Hot off the press is *Producing a Quality Family History* by Dallas writer and certified genealogist, Patricia Law Hatcher. This book is published by Ancestry and received excellent reviews across the nation. Ancestry will mail you a catalog of the books they publish when you call their toll-free number, 1-800-262-3787.

Social histories should be read and studied. You must understand the political and social climate of the period in which your ancestor lived. As you communicate the culture which was part of your ancestor's life in decades past, these important subjects will come alive to your readers. People do not change; only time and circumstances change.

Local college courses offer classes to perfect writing skills. SMU has courses in all types of writing. One excellent opportunity is the writing of family stories taught by Jane Cross, a creative writing instructor on the faculty of SMU. Weekly assignments on family tales and fables are a great discipline. As class members share their writings it becomes clear that everyone has interesting, informative stories to share. Other classes are offered in writing children's books, fiction, and non-fiction. SMU will mail a brochure when a request is made to their office at 214-768-5376. Brochures for SMU as well as Dallas Community Colleges are available at local and downtown libraries.

As you write, remember the important principles of research. Document, document, document. If you state something as a fact, it must be documented. Transcriptions of hard-to-read primary documents are nice to include. Your many hours spent at libraries, courthouses, and on location will give you special insight into the lives of your ancestors. It also leads you to speculation. This is important to record; however, remember to state speculation as speculation! It is acceptable to put your ideas on a research problem in writing if you state that it is speculation! This insight gives you and your readers ideas for research sources in the future. Tables of Contents and Indexes are also important, not only for books but for manuscripts.

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The Value of Genealogical Periodicals

Barbara Knox, *Footprints*, Ft. Worth Genealogical Society, February 1996

The following article was written for the FWGS and referred to sources in the Ft. Worth Public Library. We have changed, with the author's permission, certain sources and references to reflect the Dallas Genealogical Society and the Dallas Public Library. The ideas came from the original article. Carole Ruska

The number of genealogical periodicals published today is increasing dramatically, perhaps due in part to computer desktop publishing and laser printers. All researchers need to be aware of these periodicals and of their value as a research tool.

DGS exchanges the society periodical with many other societies. These are placed in the Genealogical Section of the Dallas Public Library. The library also subscribes to genealogical and historical periodicals. Currently there are over five hundred genealogical periodicals kept on file alphabetically by title in the genealogy department.

In addition to society newsletters, journals and quarterlies, family newsletters have a wealth of information. The Genealogy Department has on file over 200 family association and surname publications arranged alphabetically by surname.

Hereditary and lineage societies also publish periodicals containing genealogical information. Perhaps the best known is the *Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine*. The best known periodical published by a private business concern is *Genealogical Helper*. There are several others not so well known; *Southern Queries*, edited by Steve Smith, is an excellent example.

According to one local FWGS member, "Sharing is caring." And one purpose of periodicals is just that, the

sharing and exchanging of information. Usually this is done through queries. Most publications have limits on number and length, perhaps charging a fee for nonmember of that organization. Queries posted in the *DGS Newsletter* do not require a Texas connection and are free to members. Nonmembers must pay \$3.00 for each query submitted.

Other important features to be found in periodicals are articles on research techniques. The *DGS Newsletter* regularly features a "Beginners Corner" article and a specific research article such as "25 Tips for Effective Repository Research" in October and "Confederate Pension Records" in January, both by Sammie Townsend Lee. Other articles featured regularly are Computer Internet Sites, Recent Acquisitions of DPL, and an article, like this one, to supplement the topic of the monthly program.

Society journals and quarterlies usually feature the state, region, or county involved. DGS publishes the annual *Journal*. This publication features Dallas County records and history. Check the area where your ancestors lived to see what publications are available. Information can include cemetery listings, Bible records, abstracts of vital records, such as birth, death, marriage and census records, tax rolls, voter registration lists, city directories—the list goes on and on.

In checking periodicals, you will be able to keep up to date on the most recent genealogical publications. Most societies are constantly working to publish more source materials. DGS will soon publish a new Dallas County cemetery records book and a marriage records book.

Other features to be found in some genealogical periodicals are articles

concerning special interests, such as computer groups and specialized research groups concentrating on specific places such as England, Germany, etc. Usually there are articles dealing with the latest acquisitions as well as other library news. *DGS Newsletter* regularly runs the Recent Acquisitions List of the genealogy department of the DPL.

None of the above information will be of benefit to you unless you can apply it to your own research. One of the best ways to do this is to make a list of your surnames as well as the geographic location involved. Then you can find out exactly what periodicals are available for each location. After determining exactly what will be the most beneficial, check out the genealogical periodicals corresponding to your locations. A new project for the genealogical periodicals in the DPL is to make an index cross referencing the periodicals (filed alphabetically by title) to the state, region, and county involved, and to put a corresponding label on the magazine holder. You can then browse the periodicals just like the books and look for your area.

After searching the periodicals in your locations, you might want to join societies in those areas to have access to other individuals who are researching the same area or families.

Current and older, no longer in existence, publications can be accessed by using some of the genealogical periodical indexes. The DPL has these titles: *Genealogical Periodical Annual Index, 1962-1982* (US-016.929, G326). Donald Jacobus' *Index to Genealogical Periodicals, 1870-1952*. 3v in one (US-016.9291, J171, 1963). Sperry's *Index to Genealogical Periodical Literature, 1960-1977* (US-016.9291 S7511) and *Survey of American*

Genealogical Periodicals and Periodicals Indexes (US-016.9291, S751S). Worden, Jean. *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register: Subject Index for Vol. 51-142, 1897-1988* (US-929.105, N532, index 1898). *Genealogical Guide: Master Index of Genealogy in the DAR Magazine, v.1-84, 1892-1950* (US-973, D238D, index 1892-1955).

The index most used today is PERSI (US-016.9291, P445) or Periodical Source Index—the surname, place, and subject index to over 2000 genealogical periodicals compiled by the Allen County, Indiana, Public Library. It covers periodicals dated 1847-1985 in multiple volumes, with an annual index to the present time. In fact, there is a wealth of sources in the 016 area—many different kinds of indexes for genealogists.

While this article concerns the overall value of periodicals, it also spotlights the *DGS Newsletter* and the annual *Dallas Journal*. Take the time to go over back issues to see what you might have missed. On your next visit to the Genealogy Department at DPL, search PERSI, look at some genealogy periodicals from areas where your ancestors lived, and check the family association and surname newsletters. They could open new doors for your research.

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Bulletin Board

presenting subject); depth of research; evaluation of evidence; quality of source material used to document evidence; and writing mechanics (form, grammar, punctuation, spelling, documentation).

The Black Sheep Writing Award will be presented for overall superior quality in written presentation. In addition, citations for excellence may be awarded for special recognition of originality, writing style, documentation, or technique.

Entries must be postmarked no later than Saturday, 5 April 1997, mailed to Black Sheep Writing Contest, Colorado Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 9218, Denver, CO 80209-0218. Copies of rules and instructions may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the same address.

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The Magnolia Connection for Mississippi Researchers

A new quarterly magazine, *The Magnolia Connection*, will focus on Mississippi genealogy and will feature unlimited queries, genealogy club news, county library information, ancestral stories, etc. Subscriptions are \$16 per year. As an introductory offer, anyone who submits a query with a paid subscription before 1 April 1997 will receive the first issue (Vol. 1, No. 1, Oct. 1996) free. For more information or to subscribe, contact *The Magnolia Connection*, P. O. Box 697, Ellisville, MS 39437.

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Gillespie County Historical Society

The Gillespie County Historical Society, the Nimitz Museum, and the Comfort Heritage Foundation will be hosting a symposium entitled "Nueces Encounter—1862: Battle or Massacre?" on Saturday, 22 Mar, in Fredricksburg, TX. There are plans to have a Saturday evening dance with Civil War period entertainment. Cost will be about \$35. For more information, contact Bruce Smith or Helen McDonald at the Admiral Nimitz Museum, (210) 997-4379 ext 228.

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Latin-American Sources Available at Lake Highlands FHL

For those doing Latin-American research, several microfilms are now available at the Lake Highlands branch of the FHL. These films include selected records from the following: parish registers from San Francisco del Oro, Chihuahua, Mexico; parish registers from Valle de Allende, formerly known as Valle de San Bartolome, Chihuahua, Mexico; civil registrations from Hidalgo del Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico; parish registers from Hidalgo del Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico; parish registers from Jimenez, formerly known as Huejuquilla, Chihuahua, Mexico; and parish registers from Santa Barbara, Chihuahua, Mexico. For more information on the films available, contact Sandy Fritz at 972-686-7419. The Lake Highlands FHL is open Tuesday evenings from 6:00-9:00 specifically for Latin-American researchers; however, the films may be viewed anytime the library is open.

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A Beginners Workshop in Genealogy

Saturday, 10 May 1997

This workshop is a one-day study course that introduces you to the basics of genealogy and helps you get started researching your own family history.

What records to use
Where the records are located
How to gain access to the records
How to extract and record information

9:00 AM	Registration
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12:30 PM	Brown-bag Lunch
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2:45 PM	Break & Refreshments
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4:15 PM	Conclusion

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Located four blocks east of Central Expressway (Hwy. 75) on Live Oak between Liberty and Oak. Enter the parking lot from Liberty off Live Oak; Oak Corner is a separate building on the East (right) corner.

REGISTRATION: \$20

Pre-registration is recommended as space is limited to 75 people. Each registrant receives a beginners handout of helpful information.

LUNCH: Bring a brown bag lunch, or there are several fast food places close by on Live Oak. DGS furnishes drinks and snacks.

Internet Site of the Month

by Mike Basham

One of the exciting things happening on the Internet is that many genealogists are storing their family data on their server in searchable format. This is very useful, because a visitor to a site can research a database at any time of the day or night, usually without the necessity of any involvement of the preparer of the database. For example, I have over 40,000 names stored in searchable database format on my Home Page at <http://www.chrysalis.org/malcolm>.

There is a convenient program called GED2HTML written by Gene Stark which uses a GEDCOM file as input and produces output in HTML format. Don't be put off by the "alphabet soup"—HTML is simply the format in which information is stored on the Internet. So if you can prepare a GEDCOM from your genealogy database, there is a relatively simple way to store your

genealogy information on the Internet.

The Internet Site of the Month is Gene Stark's GENDEX site. This site collects all the names stored in searchable databases created by the GED2HTML program. So this is an index to data stored on the Internet. The index currently contains 2,122,216 individuals made up of 107,375 separate surnames gathered from 872 Internet databases. The nice thing is that each of these individuals is "hyperlinked" to their database, so if you find an individual that interests you, simply "click" their name and your computer will be connected to that researcher's database.

Pretty neat stuff, I think!!

You can easily find the GENDEX site by connecting to the DGS Home page at <http://www.chrysalis.org/dgs>, where you will find a hyperlink to this site under the "Internet Site of the Month" heading.

WHERE WAS DANIEL BOONE'S SISTER BURIED?

Using Church Records to Solve a Narrow Research Problem

by Chet Smith

Baptist minute books from 1700-1900 can provide many important pieces to a puzzle of relationships and facts. Among these pieces are the name of the church, dates the church was in existence, lists of members, and dates of key organizational events. However, bringing pieces from other sources can help fill in the "gaps" to achieve a good, narrow research goal. These sources include the history of churches in the area, manuscript collections, secondary sources which deal with the area of research, and conversations with individuals who are from the area.

All of these sources were used while researching to determine the actual burial site of my GGGGgrandmother Hannah Boone Pennington, who was Daniel Boone's youngest sibling. Secondary sources noted that Hannah and her husband Richard were members of Mill Creek Baptist Church (MCBC) in Monroe Co., KY, in the early 1800's. Consulting the MCBC minute book, which is available on microfilm through the LDS Family History Centers, resulted in finding a record of their membership. Religious history books of the area provided added information that this group was affected by the Second Great Awakening and had a split in the congregation due to theological disagreement. The Campbellite faction won, as noted in the MCBC Minute Book, and retained the church building and continued operating as MCBC.

The other group (non-Campbellite) left and built another building about 1 mile east of the original building. They also used the name Mill Creek Baptist Church. So, you had two

churches with the same name operating within 1 mile of one another. Eventually, the Campbellite group who "won" the original building became known as the Mulkey Church, after their minister the Rev. Mulkey.

In the meantime, Hannah and Richard moved to White Co., TN. Secondary sources indicated that Hannah took on the Campbellite cause. However, checking the reference in the MCBC Minute Book did not bear out that claim.

When Richard died a few years later, Hannah returned to Monroe Co., to live out her days with her son Daniel. Daniel Pennington wrote to Lyman Draper (his letter can be found in the Draper Manuscript Collection on microfilm at the Dallas Public Library) sometime later that his mother died April 9, 1828. Now I had one GGGGgrandmother most likely buried at one of two churches by the same name. Daniel noted in his letter to Draper that "her religious tenants ware of the Baptist Order." That being the case it is unlikely that Daniel would have buried his mom at a Campbellite church, when her (and his) "home church" was readily available.

Later, when I visited Monroe County, my above conclusion was confirmed by a conversation with an individual who grew up in the "new" MCBC. She related that she remembered seeing Hannah's grave at her church when she was a young girl. Further conversation with a local history expert corroborated this account. So, if you would like to visit Hannah Boone Pennington's grave you will have to ignore the road maps which direct you to a "memorial stone" at "Old Mulkey Church." You will

need to go to Mill Creek Baptist Church, the "new" church southeast of Tompkinsville, KY.



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Lions, and Tigers, and Bears

the computers. One of the sisters working there told me they had found the bear at the computers and asked if we would take him with us. "Lightening Bear" attended the DGS wine and cheese party, meeting everyone. We all sent greetings to him and Charlie, and we added an FGS/DGS button to his backpack. He then accompanied Margret Pearce back to Dallas; she filled out his pedigree chart and put it in his backpack. The small bear left for Belize, Central America, with Margret's daughter, Melanie Towb, and three friends, where he spent a week on the Beltexian, a 35-ft cabin cruiser. Belize has the second largest barrier reef outside Australia; of course "Lightening Bear" couldn't miss a chance to see this "bear-ier" reef! He also watched snorkeling, saw porpoises, and did some island-hopping. He is now back in Dallas and will soon begin his next journey.

He should make his way back to FL in May, with his journal full of entries from exciting places and his backpack full of souvenirs. We wish "Lightening Bear" well in his travels.

DGS Membership Roster/Surname Exchange Gets Results

Charlotte Cottongame

If you haven't thought about how important the DGS Surname Exchange could be for you, let me share the incredible good news I received right here in our own society!

At December's Christmas Party, I asked Ruth Slatton to fire up the database on her laptop and see if there might be a member who was researching the THOMPSON name. I was pleased to see there were four people within DGS who had submitted their THOMPSON surname for inclusion in the database. The holidays kicked in about that time, and I laid the printout aside. Around the end of December, I decided to drop a note to those folks who looked like they most fit my THOMPSON family's migration pattern. In fact, two of them had the same exact pattern, but I didn't want to get my hopes up too high!

In just a day or two I heard from one of the people I had written. We had talked only a minute or so when I realized I had hit the jackpot! We go back to the same common ancestor in South Carolina in the late 1700s! She told me of another DGS member with the same line and we quickly planned a day to meet and share information. I thought I had probably used up all my

genealogy luck for 1997 and was a little upset by that since it was only January 2nd. But, I was in for another surprise. Within another couple of weeks, the second call came in, and guess what? She has the same line! Another meeting was set up to share information. I can hardly contain my excitement!

So, if you have been procrastinating about sending in your money to renew your membership, or if you are a prospective new member, please consider this: The Surname Exchange is available ONLY if you are a member of Dallas Genealogical Society. They tell me there are some 6,000 names in the database at this time -- and growing! I encourage all members, whether you are current, lapsed, or new, to send in your surname list and take advantage of this great opportunity to find family and share information. The next step would be to order the DGS Roster with Surname Exchange which is currently in the order-taking stage for the amazing price of four dollars. Once you receive that, you will be able to contact those who are researching your same names.

Wishing you the same luck I had!

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Meeting Change

leave the elevator area, turn to the left and go to the glass enclosed hallway, turn to your right and you will see the Exhibit Hall. The times, **6:30 for the social and 7:00 for the meeting**, will not change. Park underneath the Library, ride the elevator to the 7th floor, and you will not be in the weather at all. Please make plans to join us as we finish taking our ancestors from the grave back to the cradle.

The Computer Interest Group is changing to the O'Hara Exhibit Hall for its regular meetings. The pre-meetings held before the DGS meetings will be in the lecture room adjacent to the O'Hara Exhibit Hall.

The African-American Interest Group is also changing its meetings to the O'Hara Exhibit Hall.

The Professional Interest Group meetings will be in the O'Hara Exhibit Hall if held. Watch for further announcements.

Only the place has changed; all meetings will be held on the regular dates and times.

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DUNNAGANS Of All Spellings

Seeking help in tracing **DUNNAGANS** of various spellings who migrated directly or indirectly (by way of TN, KY, or IN) from Orange County, NC to TX and points west, about 1790 to 1850. Would be pleased to send sample copy of family history newsletter **DUNNAGANS OF ALL SPELLINGS** to interested researchers in your self-addressed stamped envelope. Contact me by E-mail address if you would like a sample sent by E-mail.

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FORREST MOORE

Frances "Fanny" FORREST was born 1790, probably Orange Co., VA., later became Orange Co., NC. About 1811 she married **William MOORE** in NC. They were parents of 8 children: **Alfred** b. 1812; **Moranda** b. 1814 m. **Wm. J. BAKER**; **Haywood** b. 5 Jan 1815 m. **Mary MCCLURE**; **Delpha Ann** b. 1817 m. **Thomas P. KINNEY**; **Grove** b. ca 1818 m. **Charlot Margaret FORREST**; **Martin** b. 11 April 1819 m. **Martha E. SAMMONS**; **Arcena** b. 1822 m. **William Everette TIMMONS**; and **Ruel MOORE** b. 1827. All children were born in NC. In 1835 the family moved from Pitt County, NC to TN, locating in the western district, Haywood County. Family tradition: these children are first cousins to **Nathan Bedford FORREST**. **Nathan Bedford FORREST** was grandson of **Shadrack FORREST** and son of **William FORREST**. Need proof that **Frances "Fanny" FORREST MOORE** is sister of **William FORREST** and daughter of **Shadrack FORREST**. (**William FORREST** died 1837 in Tippah Co., MS, and **Fanny FORREST MOORE** died 27 Sep 1873 in Haywood Co., TN.)

Della Morgan Martin, 1503 Irvin Lane, Irving, TX 75060-5734, (972) 986-6282

HOPKINS CROW, CROWE

Seeking information about **Benjamin HOPKINS** born in England, came to PA, moved to NC, died in Rockingham Co., NC in 1796 or 1797. His wife: **Nancy CROW (CROWE?)**, dates unknown. Both were Quakers. Nancy's parents: **Enock** and **Elizabeth Crow**, dates unknown. Children of **Benjamin**: **Hampton**; **Edward (Ned)** m. **Hannah CROW**; **Richard**; **Charles**; **Jarrote (Gerrard?)** b. ca 1743; **Martha**; **Nancy**; **Elizabeth**.

Helen Dunn, 315 Cherry Ave., Jonesboro AR 72401-4005

COATS

Need parents and place of birth for **Alexander (Allen) COATS** born ca 1803, KY, died 1863 Rusk County, TX, and wife, **Elizabeth** born ca 1804, KY, died before 1860, Rusk County, TX. Sons, **William H.**, **Henry**, and **John Wesley** born Jackson County, AL; sons, **Charles**, **Jehu**, and **Ruben** born Republic of Texas; son, **Andrew Jackson** born state of TX in 1846.

Mary Helen Coats Ahrens, 3543 Waldorf Drive, Dallas, Texas 75229, (214) 357-0866

MADDEN BORING GLOVER

Seeking information on **Texanna MADDEN**, b. Feb 1873, TX, m. (1) **W. F. BORING** 9 Sep 1894, Trinity Co, TX; one daughter **Zora**, b. Apr 1896; m. (2) **Robert Glover**; children **Gillie**, **Minnie**, **Lizzie**, **Margie**.

Patricia Mutzabaugh, 2146 Village Crest Dr., Garland, TX 75044-7138, (972) 495-2843, E-mail: patmutz@aol.com

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- 24 DGS MONTHLY PROGRAM & MEETING;** 7:00
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- 27 DGS/PROFESSIONAL INTEREST GROUP;**
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- 24 DGS/PROFESSIONAL INTEREST GROUP;**
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- 20 DGS/AFRICAN AMERICAN GROUP; 6:30 p.m.**
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