

# DGS NEWSLETTER



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## Salt Lake City is Just Around the Corner— Start Planning Now!!

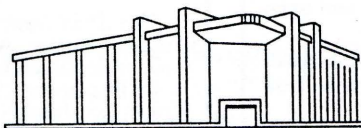
Karen Avery Miller

*Shhh . . .* don't tell anyone, but I managed to squeeze a little bit of genealogy research into my busy schedule. "*A little bit*" is the key phrase, but I'll take it any way I can get it! As I was working I remembered that it was at Salt Lake City last year on the DGS trip where I found the information I had in front of me. Yes, it's been almost a year and I still have records from that trip that I have not had time to work on. But now that FGS is behind us and this year is well on its way, I'm trying to dig out from under the stacks of paper in my office; one of my main goals is to start now and prepare my research for our next trip in March of 1998. Time does fly by—this Society year is half over and March is just around the corner. I know many of you are much more prepared than I am, but I'll catch up! I'm really looking forward to this trip—the research opportunities, the beauty of SLC this time of year, and the fun it is to go as a group all make it a great event. Have you made your plans yet? Don't wait too long; send in your \$200 deposit now to hold your space. DGS had approximately 55 members take advantage of this opportunity last year, with a waiting list to boot.

The LDS Family History Library is open 6 days a week, from 7:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m., except Monday when it closes at 6:00 p.m. DGS members are usually the first in line every morning and the last to leave each night. And our hotel is right next door to the Library.

This is the perfect vacation—no phones, no job, no meals to plan or cook, just rows and rows of books and microfilm waiting for you. Now you tell me, does it get any better than that? Mark your calendar now for 1-8 March 1998, and join me in Salt Lake City!

Since we combine the November/December issues of our newsletter and your next issue will bear the date of 1998, let me sincerely wish everyone a lovely Thanksgiving, a happy Holiday Season, and a prosperous New Year!



## Changes in Lecture Series Announced

Carole Chew Ruska, Executive Vice-President, has announced changes to the 1997/1998 DGS Lecture Series. The lecture originally scheduled for November, a repeat of the "Contain Yourself" program, has been cancelled. We have three exciting lectures to look forward to this year. The new schedule is as follows:

Feb 21: Lloyd Bockstruck—New England

April 25: John Colletta—Immigration / Naturalization

June 6: Mary McCampbell Bell—Virginia

All lectures will be held at the Lovers Lane Methodist Church, Inwood at Northwest Highway. Details will be announced as available. Watch for more information in the January issue of the *DGS Newsletter*.

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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.

**Our Home Page Address (URL):**

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**Our E-Mail Address:** [dgs@chrysalis.org](mailto:dgs@chrysalis.org)

**Our Phone Number:** (214) 670-7932 (voice mail)

## 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-May and August-October, with bi-monthly issues published in June-July and November-December. Copy deadline for the Feb 1998 *DGS Newsletter* is 15 December 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

## Researching Denominational Newspapers Helen Mason Lu

### November Meeting: Lesson Three of the Three R's

Helen Lu has been active in genealogy and in DGS for over twenty-five years. In 1994, DGS honored her with a lifetime membership and an Award of Merit. She has edited several volumes of source materials published by DGS and continues to abstract Texas denominational newspapers to add to the nine volumes of Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian records previously published.

Helen will acquaint us with the background of these denominational newspapers and the wealth of genealogical information they can provide. The churches have always been a social as well as religious part of our lives, and they recorded that information in their newspapers also. Vital statistics of births, marriages, and deaths were preserved in these newspapers. Church membership and transfer lists can help you search for your ancestors. The next step is learning where these records are and how to access them. Helen will talk about the various repositories of these records.

Join us Monday, 24 November, in the 7th floor O'Hara Exhibit Hall to continue the lessons in the Three R's of Genealogy.

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## December Membership Meeting—A Social Affair

Although our society will have no December business meeting, we will assemble on Monday, December 15, 1997, at 7:00 pm. in the O'Hara Exhibit hall for a holiday get-together. Hal Simon, Curator at Old City Park, will begin with a talk about 19th century Christmas traditions in northern Texas. He will be followed by a social hour featuring holiday refreshments.

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## Program Revisions Beverly Johnston Holmes

All programs for the 1997-98 DGS year have been finalized. One unfortunate change had to be made in the February program due to the loss of Mike Basham. Mark your calendars so you won't miss a single lesson in the Three R's of Genealogy—Records, Resources, Repositories.

**24 November: Helen Mason Lu**  
"Researching Denominational  
Newspapers"

**15 December: Christmas Party &  
Hal Simon of Old City Park**  
"19th Century Northern Texas  
Christmas Traditions"

**26 January: Sammie Townsend  
Lee**  
"Probate Records: More than a Will"

**23 February: Paula Parke**  
"Repositories on the Internet"

**23 March: Gerald D. Saxon**  
"Special Collections at UTA"

**27 April: Peggy Barnes Fox**  
"Confederate Research Center"

**18 May: Carole Ruska**  
"Resources in Genealogical  
Periodicals"

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## DGS News from the Past

From the January 1982 issue of the  
DGS Newsletter:

### GENEALOGISTS BEWARE:

There is a new mail-order solicitation. This one is out of Copley, Ohio. "This mail-order solicitation is so nearly identical to the Beatrice Bayley organization one wonders if it is just another name for the same operation. This time it is not Beatrice, but Sharon L. Taylor whose colored photograph is included in the mailing. Sharon has been working on THE AMAZING STORY OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ (family name) \_\_\_\_\_ IN AMERICA and announces that it is ready for delivery and the recipient of the letter is in the book. . . . Notice that Sharon does NOT claim that this is a 'history' of a family. . . . She goes on to say that it is a very limited edition—there will be only ONE edition of the book. . . . Certainly sounds familiar, doesn't it? Buyer Beware!!!" - from ISGS Newsletter, Nov-Dec 1981.

## Treasurer's Report

Helen Boehning

Balance Sheet as of 31 Sep 1997

### Assets

Nationsbank	
Operating Fund.....	\$ 28,629.75
Bank One Money	
Market Savings.....	6,614.01
Evern (Life	
Memberships).....	14,240.37
FGS Prepaid	
Expenses .....	1,512.36
<b>Total Assets.....</b>	<b>\$ 50,996.49</b>

### Liabilities and Capital

CEP Fund.....	\$ <7.39>
Endowment Fund.....	2,000.00
Family History Lending	
Library .....	2,030.15
FGS Local Fund.....	<13,801.35>
Life Membership	
Fund.....	10,403.73
Renee Jackson	
Smith Fund.....	1,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>\$1,625.14</b>
Retained Earnings.....	53,434.94
Net Income .....	<4,063.59>
<b>Total Capital .....</b>	<b>\$49,371.35</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp;</b>	
<b>Capital.....</b>	<b>\$ 50,996.49</b>

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## Bookmarks Available at Library

Bookmarks listing monthly meetings for the year, information on special interest groups, etc. have been printed and are available in the genealogy section of the DPL. Pick

one up the next time you are in the library, and keep this information handy!

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## New Members

DGS would like to welcome the following new members: Catherine Jane Alder, Pamela Armstrong, Frances Silver Avery, Richard J. Baker, Charles J. Beaugh, David A. Booth, Mary Jo Bruce, Jeannine Childers, Mary Lou Coleman, Kelly J. Collier, Abraham Lee Davis, Marge & Dick Dellert, William C. & Marilyn Dickenson, William D. Dobbs, Evelyn Jo Phillips Dunbar, Linda Edelstein, Claire Jordan Edwards, Nancy Finnerty, Robert A. Graham, Charletta Greene, Sohnie Fredrick Hill, Paula M. Jung, Mike Landers, Judy Mount, Kellie Speer Nelson, Emily Ouren, Sandra Andrews Page, Tammy Brown Phillips, Gladys Nelson Pully, Kris Richins, Kim Ross, Randal Schoesler, Carla Smith, Sylvia Stanford Smith, David S. Taylor, Lawrence M. Watson, Jim Weaver, Eulalie Vitrano Wilder, Cindy & Merlin Wilkerson, and Cecilia Ziff.

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## DGS Special Interest Groups

### Don Raney

The Professional Interest Group, led by Don Raney, will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, 20 November, in the DPL 7th Floor O'Hara Exhibit Hall.

The Computer Interest Group, led by Art Rubeck, will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, 13 November, in the DPL 7th Floor O'Hara Exhibit Hall. The program will be "How to Publish

Your Home Page Using *Family Tree Maker* and *The Master Genealogist*," presented by Alan Phipps.

The Latin-American Interest Group, led by Sandy Fritz, will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 3 November, at the Mexicali Restaurant at NW Highway and Jupiter Road. Lloyd Bockstruck will present a program on Latin American Research.

The African-American Interest Group, led by Emille Betterson, will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 18 November, in the DPL 7th Floor O'Hara Exhibit Hall.

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### Bulletin Board

belonged to Shephard King or his girlfriend and would like to give it to a relative. You can contact Homer at 5122 Pershing St., Dallas TX 75206, or by phone at (214) 827-8863.

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The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation is accepting names for **The American Immigrant Wall of Honor®** through the end of this year. For as little as \$100 you can place the name of an immigrant ancestor on permanent display at the only national museum built to honor them. Prominently located at Ellis Island, this unique exhibit is devoted solely to the display of hundreds of thousands of names of immigrants, representing heritages central to the peopling of America during the last four centuries. The names will remain for posterity in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty. For more information, call Donor Services at 212-883-1986, or write Ellis Campaign, 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, NY 10017-3898.

## 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.

If you have E-mail and would like to receive **Ancestry's free, daily newsletter**, send E-mail to webmaster@ancestry.com. Include the words **Subscribe HomeTown Daily** in the subject line. (Ancestry News (1), #2, Aug. 1997)



One of the exciting announcements at the FGS conference was the release of PERSI on CD-Rom. **PERSI** stands for PERiodical Source Index; it has heretofore been available only in book form, published by the Allen County (Indiana) Public Library with annual updates. We hope to have a review of PERSI in a future newsletter. You can also search it as an online database in the Ancestry Library at www.ancestry.com. By having an opportunity to try it out first for free, you can evaluate its use to you before purchase.



Genealogical Publishing Co. and Brøderbund have joined together to issue four CDs of books that were published by GPC and have greatly reduced prices from their former offerings. They may be ordered from Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 Calvert St, Baltimore, MD 21202-

3897, or credit card orders can be made at 1-800-296-6687. You must have a CD-ROM drive, and in order to read the CDs you must use either Family Tree Maker Version 3.02 or higher or the Family Archive View Version 3.02 or higher. The viewer is free with purchase of any of these CDs by asking for CD #7590. The four newly released CDs are:

- ▶ **Genealogies of New Jersey Families.**, CD 7182 \$29.99
- ▶ **Early Settlers of New York State: Their Ancestors and Descendants.** CD 7183 \$29.99
- ▶ **Genealogies of Connecticut Families**, a collection of articles that were originally published in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. CD 7179 \$29.99
- ▶ **The Compendium of American Genealogy** by Frederick A. Virkus. CD 7200 \$49.99.

Postage and handling of \$3.50 for the first CD and \$1.25 for each additional should be included. (flyer from Genealogical Publishing Company)



**Free Listing** in the Genealogical & Local History Books in Print (G&LHBIP) is a special offer by Genealogical Publishing Co. to authors and publishers of family histories. The forthcoming **Family History Volume Supplement** is to be published in the fall of 1998 and will include information on family histories, pedigrees, and compiled genealogies that have become available since the 1996 edition or that were not included in that edition.

You should send the following information for your listing: 1) title; 2) author(s) or editor; 3) date of

publication; 4) whether it is indexed or illustrated; 5) whether it is cloth or paper bound; 6) the price including shipping; 7) a short description of the book; 8) a list of important allied surnames to be included in the surname index; and 9) ordering information. Send by 31 Mar 1998 to: Marian Hoffman, G&LHBIP, GPC, 1001 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202; Fax 1-410-752-8492; E-mail hoffman@genealogical.com. (noticed received from Genealogical Publishing Company)



**Mid-Cities Genealogical Society** has already announced their Spring Seminar to be held 14 Mar 1998 at the Old Bedford School in Bedford, TX. Speaking on Military Records will be our own **Lloyd Bockstruck**.



**Early Texas County Marriage Records** issued in microfiche form by the Fort Worth Genealogical Society features marriage records for 57 Texas counties. The cost of a single card is \$2.00 +\$ .75 postage +\$ .17 tax. The complete 57 county set is \$75.00 + \$ 2.00 postage + \$5.81 tax. Fort Worth Genealogical Society, PO Box 9747, Fort Worth, TX 76147-2767. (Fort Worth Gen. Society, *Footprints*, (40) #3, August 1997)



The Historical Society of New Mexico will hold its next Annual Conference in Santa Fe, NM, April 1-4, 1998. **Proposals are now being accepted for papers, panels, or other presentations on any aspect of New Mexico history.** Encouragement is

given for Spanish Colonial New Mexico because 1998 is the 400th anniversary of colonization. Proposals of one typewritten page should include name, address, phone number, institutional affiliation if any, a short vita of the presenter, plus the title and a brief description of the presentation. Deadline: 31 Dec 1997. Proposals to: John O. Baxter, HSNM, Box 1912, Santa Fe, NM 87504. Phone (505) 983-5836. (*New Mexico Genealogists* (36) #3, Sep. 1997.)

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**Early Settlers of Llano County Texas** is a commemorative certificate program of the Kingsland Genealogical Society. Two certificates are available for proven lineages: **Early Settlers**—Llano County residents prior to 1900 and **Boom Years**—contributed to the growth of the county 1892-1918. An application packet will be received by sending a 55¢ SASE #10 envelope to: KGS Commemorative Committee, PO Box 952, Kingsland, TX 78639. (Letter from Kingsland Genealogical Society, 11 Sep 1997).

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**Pioneers of Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, Volume 2**, a companion volume to be available in late Nov to early Dec is 575 pages, hardbound, and includes a full name index. Anyone researching Chickasaw Nation roots will find this book valuable. It is by DGS's own Nova Lemons, 12206 Brisbane Ave., Dallas, TX 75234-6528, lemstar@juno.com. The price is \$ 65.00 + \$5.36 tax, + \$4.00 shipping & Handling. (Notice from Nova Lemons.)

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A detailed regimental history of the **10th Texas Regiment** during the Civil War is being written. Did your ancestor serve in this unit? If so, Scott McKay, 167 Mountain Park Road, Roswell, GA 30075 would like to hear from you. His E-mail address is: SmcKay1234@aol.com.

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**FIRST FAMILIES OF THE TWIN TERRITORIES** is a new lineage certificate program of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society. It has been founded to recognize, honor, and perpetuate the memory of early Pioneer and Indian families who were residents of Oklahoma or Indian Territory **on or before the date of Statehood**. If you can prove each generation of your lineage back to an individual who settled in one of Oklahoma's territories on or before 16 Nov 1907, you are eligible for this society. Write to FFTT, Oklahoma Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 12986, Oklahoma City, OK 73157 with a long SASE to receive an application for membership. (*Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly*, (42) #3, 1997)

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As many of our DGS lecturers have shown us, maps are a valuable tool in genealogical research. We are also all familiar with Bill Dollarhide's well-known works on maps and the U. S. Census. Now he has developed another valuable research aid. The **Map Guide to American Migration Routes** is published by Heritage Quest, Inc. A small book at 41 pages, it costs only \$9.95. Orders may be sent to: sales@heritagequest.com. For more information, look on the Internet at: <http://www.heritagequest.com>.

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The first and only book of collected Keith family genealogies in America was published in 1930 and consisted of fewer than 140 pages devoted to families on this continent. Now, a completely new, revised, and expanded volume (800 pages) has been created. Limited quantities of **KEITH - Collected Genealogies of Keith, Keath & Keeth Families in America** will be available in December 1997. Until 1 December, copies are available at \$45 each + \$4.00 shipping; after 1 December, the price will be \$55 + \$4.00. Orders must include full payment and should be sent to The Keith Genealogy Book Project, P. O. Box 271423, Houston, TX 77277-1423.

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Rena M. Knight has compiled a volume containing 6,460 **records of Civil War soldiers buried in Arkansas' three national cemeteries**. The information was taken from the grave markers, cemetery records, and official government publications. Depending upon the data available, the soldier's rank, unit, date of death, and exact grave site are listed, along with remarks about information found in other sources. Discrepancies are noted. Introductory material includes maps and brief histories of the cemeteries. Price is \$26.95 softbound or \$36.95 hardbound; prices include postage. Books may be ordered from Washington County Historical Society, 118 East Dickson St., Fayetteville, AR 72701. (*Flashforward*, (2) #2, April 1997)

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**Are you related to Shephard King?** He was a member of a prominent turn-of-the-century Dallas family. Homer Warlick has a book that

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# Professional Researchers Questionnaire

The Dallas Genealogical Society's 1997 list of DGS members who perform genealogical research for a fee will be available 1 January 1998. This list is sent by DGS to persons requesting information about professional researchers in our area. To have your name and services included on this list, please complete the following questionnaire and **return to DGS on or before 1 December 1997 for inclusion in the January 1998 DGS Newsletter.**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please state the number of years you have been working as a genealogical researcher:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Your own research  
 \_\_\_\_\_ As a professional researcher

2. Professional Memberships

- \_\_\_\_\_ Certified by Board for Certification of Genealogists  
 Cert. No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Member of the Association for Professional Genealogists  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please list localities in which you specialize:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please check types of research you will perform:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. All types of research  
 \_\_\_\_\_ B. Record searches  
 \_\_\_\_\_ C. Courthouse research  
 \_\_\_\_\_ D. 20th Century research  
 \_\_\_\_\_ E. Newspapers/Obituaries  
 \_\_\_\_\_ F. Multi-generation lineages  
 \_\_\_\_\_ G. Lineage papers

- \_\_\_\_\_ H. Compile family histories/genealogies for publication  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I. Adoption research  
 \_\_\_\_\_ J. Ethnic research  
 \_\_\_\_\_ K. Heraldry  
 \_\_\_\_\_ L. Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please check repositories/areas where you will research:

- \_\_\_\_\_ M. Dallas Public Library  
 \_\_\_\_\_ N. Ft. Worth Regional Branch of the National Archives  
 \_\_\_\_\_ O. Texas State Library & Archives, Austin  
 \_\_\_\_\_ P. Family History Library, Salt Lake City  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Q. Local LDS Family History Centers  
 \_\_\_\_\_ R. Dallas County Courthouse  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S. University Libraries: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ T. Cemeteries  
 \_\_\_\_\_ U. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please indicate whether you prepare written reports for clients:

- \_\_\_\_\_ V. Yes  
 \_\_\_\_\_ W. No

7. Please indicate how you generally charge for research:

- \_\_\_\_\_ X. Hourly fee  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Y. Set fee  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Z. Negotiable

# Beginners Corner:

## Wherezat?: A Brief Guide to Finding Places

By Richard A. Pence

Knowing where your ancestors lived is not only an integral part of the genealogical research process, it is fascinating information in itself. Not everyone, though, has a pile of maps lying around the house so they can immediately look up some obscure place. How, then, do you find where a particular spot is?

Fortunately, there is virtually an "unlimited" supply of maps available—electronic or in print—that are of value to genealogists. Some suggestions to get you started:

### On-Line Maps

Maps are available on-line for many counties. One way to locate the ones you are interested in:

- ▶ go to this site:  
<http://oz.net/~cyndihow/usa.htm>
- ▶ scroll down to the state list and click on the state you are interested in.
- ▶ when you reach the state page, locate the county you are interested in and click on it.

There will be a subheading for "Maps" on most county pages. At the top of the list of states is a link to general information sources in the U.S. On this page you'll find a heading for "Maps, Gazetteers and Geographical Information," which can take you to many other map sites.

One neat site is <http://mapquest.com>. This site has maps from all over the world. Select a country, type in the name of a town or city and it will pop up on your computer screen. Once there, you can zoom in to get more detail—sometimes right down to street level.

You can find dozens of others with a web "search engine" and your imagination. For example, a quick way

to find a map for some counties is to search for the county name in juxtaposition with the word "map."

### U.S. Geological Survey Information

The "7.5-minute topographic maps" available through the U.S. Geological Survey are excellent tools for genealogists. Each 7.5-minute map covers an area about 7 miles by 7 miles (at latitudes near New Orleans) and contains roads, rivers, streams, towns, cemeteries, historical sites, churches, valleys, mountains, hills—whatever—in addition to altitudes, compass declination (the difference between true north and magnetic north), and other information.

The U.S. Geological Survey has a free "index map" of the topo maps available for any U.S. state. You can get one by calling **1-800-USA-MAPS** and requesting it. This takes 2-3 weeks. Once you know which map the place you are looking for is on, you can order it at nominal cost.

If you have access to the Internet, you can use the USGS Geographic Names Index System to locate places and then view maps of the area. This database gives the exact location (in latitude and longitude, by county and by 7.5-minute topo map) of most named sites in the U.S. There are nearly 2 million entries, including some 155,000 "populated places" (cities, villages, towns, subdivisions). Also included are most named topographic features (streams, creeks, rivers, lakes, swamps, mountains, etc.) and such other named places as schools, churches, and cemeteries—the latter two are especially important to the genealogist. One big plus is that

the index includes nearly 58,000 places or features that no longer exist! You can access the database at: <http://mapping.usgs.gov/gnis>.

If you don't have access to the World Wide Web but do have a CD-ROM drive, the database is also available on CD for about \$60. Call the above 800 number for ordering information.

### Other State and County Resources

State highway departments have detailed maps of most counties available. In addition to highways, these will show towns and rivers and streams and sometimes other features. Again, if you are on the "Net," you should be able to do a search for the state government site and get the address of the highway department and information on what might be available.

In "public land" states (all those except the 13 original states and Tennessee and Kentucky), commercial firms publish county atlases which contain township maps with the legal description of each parcel of land and its owner, as well as other features such as towns, rivers, roads, etc. You can usually find out whether such an atlas exists for the county in which you are interested by writing the register of deeds in the county. They likely will refer you to a local stationary-office supply store, book store or other outlet where the atlas can be purchased.

This past summer I visited a cousin in South Dakota and while I was there he received a free "mini-atlas" of his county. This atlas, an 8-1/2 by 11-inch compilation, was published by Farm and Home Publishers, Inc., in Iowa. Ads within this atlas (it is supported



entirely by advertising) indicate that this company publishes atlases for 500 counties in 10 Midwestern states and sends them free to a million rural route residents in those counties. There are likely similar publishers serving other states. Township maps within the publication show such features as cemeteries and also give the names, addresses and location of residence for each rural resident.

Sometimes you need to locate land when all you have is the "legal description," which consists of the section number, township number and range number. Since 1796, all land in the U.S. has been laid out using a rectangular survey method prescribed by Congress. Townships of 36 sections each are numbered north and south of a "baseline" and are in ranges numbered east and west of a "principal meridian." These are called "survey townships" or "congressional townships." These numbered townships sometimes coincide with "named" or "civil" townships, but more often do not. (You can get more information on the rectangular survey system by looking at a "Graphical Display of the Federal Township and Range System" at

<http://www.outfitters.com/genealogy/land/twprangemap.html>. Additional information, including information on locating land records, can be found at <http://www.untranet.com/~deeds/index.html>.)

If you have one of the above-described county township atlases, you'll have no trouble finding the land. If not, there are a couple of references available that can help you find the land.

One is *Township Atlas of the United States*, compiled by John L. Andriot, Andriot Associates, Box 195, McLean, Va. It has maps for all U.S. states showing the survey townships as well as the named townships and other

minor divisions of counties. An important feature of this compilation is that it gives the location of each "baseline" and "principal meridian"—the necessary starting points for finding the particular township in which you are interested.

The other—and this one is apt to be at your library—is the *Rand McNally Commercial Atlas Marketing Guide*, which also has state maps showing the location of each named and surveyed township and the baselines and principal meridians within the state.

### Computer Map Programs

There are several computer programs which provide detailed maps of the entire U.S. "MapXpert" by DeLorme, for example, allows you to type in a place name and then will locate the site and display a map of the area. You can mark the property of your ancestor and then export for use in a document or print the map out. MapXpert views are almost identical to U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps. This particular program is quite expensive (probably at least a \$200 "street price"); some others are less expensive but the topographic detail is less precise. A lower-cost "road atlas" or "trip planning" program may suit your needs.

### Historic Maps

Library of Congress: The LoC has two free pamphlets on its map holdings: (1) *Geography and Map Division*, the Library of Congress, and (2) *List of Publications*, Geography and Map Division. Write:

Geography and Map Division  
Library of Congress  
Washington, DC 20540

The National Archives: For information on maps in the National Archives' Cartographic and Architectural Division, write for a free brochure (General Information Leaflet #26) to:

Publications Sales Branch  
National Archives  
8th and Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20408

Among thousands of other early U.S. maps, the NA has the original surveyor's maps of public lands.

### Still Stuck?

If you really get stuck in trying to find a place, the U.S. Geological Survey will respond to written or phoned requests for information about present and past place names in the U.S. It also has free information on historic and other maps it has available. Write, call or fax:

U.S. Geological Survey  
523 National Center  
Reston, VA 22092  
Voice: 703-648-4544  
Fax: 703-648-5548

USGS topographic and other maps may be purchased at any Earth Science Information Center of the USGS (Anchorage, AK; Fairbanks, AK; Denver, CO; Menlo Park, CA; Reston, VA; Rolla, MO; Salt Lake City, UT; Sioux Falls, SD; Spokane, WA; Stennis Space Center, MS; Washington, DC). For phone numbers or addresses, or to order, call the 800 number above. The topographic maps also can be purchased commercially at stores that cater to hikers and campers. The mail address for ordering maps from USGS is:

USGS Branch of Distribution  
Box 25288, Building 810  
Denver Federal Center  
Denver, CO 80225

### A Changing America

Remember: For much of its history, the U.S. was a growing—and changing—nation. This means that towns or geographic features now in a particular county may not have always been in that county. As an example, one of my ancestors lived in three different counties over a 50-year

period—and he never moved once! Knowing which county your ancestor lived in during a particular period is not only important for finding a particular place but is essential to knowing where to find records pertaining to him or her.

There are a couple of standard references which detail the formation of counties and other jurisdictions in the U.S., as well as tell you which records may be available in these jurisdictions. You should find either or both of these at your library:

*The Handy Book for Genealogists*  
Everton Publishers  
P.O. Box 368  
Logan, UT 84321-0368  
Orders: 1-800-443-6325  
Internet: <http://www.everton.com>.

*Ancestry's Redbook*  
Ancestry, Inc.  
P.O. Box 476  
Salt Lake City, UT 84110  
Orders: 1-800-ANCESTRY  
Internet: <http://www.ancestry.com>

Both of these references are available in CD versions for your computer. You can get more information at their websites.

For computer enthusiasts who want a "dynamic" display of a changing America, try a program called the "Animap County Boundary Historical Atlas." Animap includes over 2,000 maps which show the changing boundary lines in each of the 48 adjoining states in the U.S. from colonial times to the present. It also has a U.S. map showing development of the states and territories from the original 13 states. Maps can be printed or exported. A spot can be marked and the succeeding maps will show where that place was in each year. Contact:

The Gold Bug  
Box 588  
Alamo, CA 94507  
Phone 510-838-MAPS

## The Family History Show Updated Schedule

**Nov 16 Bill Welge**

Oklahoma Historical Society,  
Archives Division  
**John V. Wylie**  
Everton's On-Line Advisor,  
GENTECH98

**Nov 23 Sharon DeBartolo**

**Carmack**  
Author, speaker, lecturer

**Nov 30 Linda R. Green**

Illinois State Archives,  
Information Serv.  
**Richard L. Hooverson**  
Instructor, lecturer, speaker

**Dec 7 Craig Roberts Scott**

Specialist in National  
Archives

**Dec 14 Leland K. Meitzler**

*Heritage Quest* "Road Show"  
**Gilda Cain**  
Rockwall County Genealogical  
Society

**Dec 21 Robert Wilbanks IV**

Publisher, *Wil(l)banks Trees*  
**Helen Burleson Kelso**  
Burleson Family Association  
**Rob Cartledge**  
on "Writing Your Life History"

**Dec 28 Gretchen King**

Irving Genealogical Society

**Jan 4 Myra Vanderpool**

**Gormley**  
Syndicated columnist

**Host: Michael Matthews**

**10:00 P.M. to Midnite  
KRLD 1080**

**1 (800) 765-1080 Toll-Free  
787-1080 DFW Area**

**Schedule Subject To Change**

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## Did You Know?

by Shirley Stertz Hawn

### Thank You, Kate!

Did you know there are five rolls of microfilm in the Library of Virginia that anyone researching families in New Kent County, Virginia, will want to read? They are records that have been abstracted and compiled by Kate Baggett Roper. I discovered these gems while looking through the notebook of Miscellaneous Film that can be found at the staff desk.

A member of the staff at the library told me that Mrs. Roper was from Ohio and her husband was from New Kent County. Since they spent several months each summer in New Kent, she started looking for her husband's ancestors. When she discovered there weren't enough records to keep her busy on her husband's family, she decided to abstract the records of the entire county. Lucky us!

Most of New Kent's records were burned in 1787. The County then started sending their records to Richmond for safekeeping, but they burned *again* during the evacuation of Richmond in 1865. So it comes as no surprise that we find so few records, and it makes each find more exciting. I certainly was excited when I learned about these five rolls of microfilm.

This film does not circulate, but if you have New Kent ancestors and plan to visit the wonderful new facilities at The Library of Virginia, you will surely want to look at these records. And . . . you never know when they might decide to put them on their *inter-library loan* list.

Some of the records you will find on these rolls are:

- ▶ Abstracts of Executor's Bonds, 1830 - 1850
- ▶ Abstracts of Clerk's Fee Book

1824 - 1826

- ▶ Abstracts of Clerk's Fee Book, 1839 - 1858
- ▶ Abstracts of Land Patent Books, 1 - 11, 1623 - 1724
- ▶ Abstracts of Personal Property Tax Lists, 1800
- ▶ Abstracts of Land Listed as Estates on Land Tax Lists, 1782 - 1830
- ▶ Abstracts of some marriages and wills.
- ▶ Abstracts of some birth records 1675 - 1800
- ▶ Abstracts of some death records 1675 - 1905

Abstracts of church membership lists include:

- ▶ Corinth Baptist 1877-1900
- ▶ Emmaus Baptist 1792 - 1900
- ▶ Olivet Presbyterian 1825 - 1915
- ▶ Black Creek Quaker 1691 - 1810

The Military records include:

- ▶ Abstracts of military pension claims of the Revolutionary War
- ▶ War of 1812 Soldiers from New Kent County

There are abstracts of some Family Bible Records, Cemetery Records (arranged by church denomination, family name, Indian tribe, and blacks), and Genealogical Notes and Charts.

Four records that I found really interesting were Account Books. Ms. Roper lists the first three as being in the Virginia Historical Society Collection.

- ▶ William Massie, Merchant, Record Book 1748 - 1749: there are over four hundred names listed in this abstract, not including names mentioned with the account name.
- ▶ Dr. William Hartwell Macon's Patient Account Book 1841-1851 contains over one hundred names, not including other names in the

family that he treated.

- ▶ John Cunningham's Account Book 1773 - 1781
- ▶ William Chamberlyn's Account Book 1788-1802, with one hundred and forty-two names, is listed as being at the Library of Congress.

When researching in this area, remember how the counties changed boundaries and split. The record you need for a New Kent ancestor might be in another county. Charles River (1634) was one of the original Shires in Virginia. It became York County in 1642. Gloucester was formed from York County in 1651, and Matthews County from Gloucester in 1791. New Kent was created from the northwestern portion of York County in 1654. Hanover was formed from New Kent in 1721, and Louisa from Hanover in 1742. King and Queen was created from New Kent in 1691, King William and Spotsylvania Counties from King and Queen in 1702 and 1721 respectively. Caroline County came into being in 1728 from King and Queen, King William, and Essex.

Some other New Kent County records and books that I have found helpful are: *The Vestry Book of Saint Peter's, New Kent County, Virginia*, compiled by The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State Of Virginia; *The Personal Property Tax Lists for 1787 for New Kent County, Virginia*, which Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Speakman Love have compiled and published; Janice L. Abercrombie's *The Virginia Public Claims of New Kent County*; and *Old New Kent County - Some Accounts of The Planters, Plantations, and Places in New Kent County, Volume I*, compiled by Malcolm Harris. Also, don't forget the *SWEM'S Index*. It has references to many, many early New Kent residents.

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# Take a Stroll Down Memory Lane with the Virginia Historical Society

By Shirley Stertz Hawn

"SLIP ON YOUR POODLE SKIRT AND BRUSH UP YOUR PONYTAIL FOR A STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE." This is how a recent story in the Virginia Historical Society newsletter started.

When I read this story, I was at an indoor playground with three of my grandchildren, beginning to suspect that the divine plan to give children to you when you are young is indeed divine.

I had taken at least ten pounds of back issues of various publications with me, expecting to read every one of them while my little darlings played happily and peaceably, using all of their perfect social skills!

An hour later, having read *three* pages, I came across the story, "VIRGINIA IN THE 1950's." Can you imagine my surprise when I realized a large part of the story was devoted to an event in which I participated when I was in high school? COME ON! I'm not old enough to be written about in historical newsletters or magazines. We may be talking hysterical here, not historical. But there it was, "Sinatra, the idol of the bobby soxers, was on hand for the revival of the Tobacco Bowl Festival in Richmond in October 1949." By now I was beginning to feel a little panicked.

I had to get home and look for my birth certificate. That would prove this wasn't possible, high school—1949—NOT ME! I gathered up kids, shoes, socks, sweaters, half a pizza and headed home. Of course by now you have guessed the truth. After a long search through the files, I found the "you know what," and indeed, I am this old, and you know what else . . . all the memories are wonderful.

It's fun being reminded of things past. I loved remembering Old Blue Eyes crowning opera star Dorothy Kirsten queen of the Tobacco Bowl Festival, and hearing them both sing on YOUR HIT PARADE, broadcast from Richmond. I love the memories of going to the festival ball with one of the football players; I just can't remember his name.

I was really getting into this memory thing now, so I started going through old pictures. I finally found the one I was looking for. There I was, riding on a float, dressed in a white evening dress, sitting among Queen Kirsten's admiring princesses. I can't remember the names of the girls on the float with me, but I do recall the night of the ball, and seeing several young ladies throwing their underwear at Mr. Sinatra.

Maybe I shouldn't question if I'm really this *old*, but was I ever that *young*?

Now, I have forgiven them for daring to include something I did in a *History of Virginia* article, and I want to tell you a little about the Virginia Historical Society and its wonderful library.

I realize we live in Texas now, but our ancestors came to Texas from somewhere, and a great many of them passed through or spent time in Virginia. Since the purpose of the Society is the collection and preservation of research materials on Virginia history, it is possible your family may be included in some of their records.

I often hear genealogists say they have been to the Library of Virginia or the court house in various counties to search their records, but I seldom hear *this* library mentioned, and it is a *gold mine* of historical information.

The Virginia Historical Society was founded in 1831. I'm not sure of the exact number of items in their collection, but I read a while back that there are over seven million items that can be searched there, and it is growing every day. Their holdings include church, Bible, and cemetery records, manuscripts, diaries, slave and plantation records, pictures, genealogical charts, and family papers.

They have card indexes to some Virginia marriages and obituaries from Virginia newspapers, starting in 1730; card indexes to newspapers; and indexes to maps by county, city, or town. They also have colonial and Confederate material and histories, biographies, and local history books.

Have I made you want to go there? *Good*, because you should go there, if you have Virginia ancestors.

The Virginia Historical Society also houses a wonderful museum, dedicated to the history of Virginia. This is where "VIRGINIA IN THE 1950's" was exhibited.

When I was there in August, I saw an exhibition of watercolors of the famous "Seven Days' Battles," which took place in Virginia. These battles were fought June 25 through July 1, 1862, and were recorded for history by someone who was there, Robert K. Sneden of the 40th New York Infantry. The pictures are both haunting and beautiful. It is incredible to think our ancestors could have been in those battles, some even fighting on their own land.

The Society publishes *THE VIRGINIA MAGAZINE of History and Biography* four times a year. It is a wonderful magazine, over one hundred pages in size, filled with stories and facts about Virginia. It is

surprising how often we find our ancestors' names in old stories and articles, and this is a wonderful source for filling in the historical background of our families.

There is also a newsletter about current exhibitions and acquisitions, keeping members up to date on the Societies' activities.

The Virginia Historical Society Library and Museum is located at 428 North Boulevard, Richmond, Virginia 23221. The library is open six days a week. You can call 804-358-4901 for their current hours and membership costs. You do not have to be a member to use the library, but as a member, you are helping preserve history for future generations.



## **Believe the Unbelievable**

by Skippy Robin

Here's another one of those stories of genealogical coincidence. Oh, I've read my share of them, but they always seem to happen to someone else, never me. But this incident renewed my belief that somehow wishes do come true.

At the recent FGS meeting I was winding down on the final day of seminars, approaching something between brain lock and cosmic neutral. I seated myself on the back row in the 14th of 15 lectures; I even moved my chair a bit from those on either side to assure myself of a little separation. I had considered leaving early due to mental exhaustion, but something nagged me inwardly to remain until the last shot was fired.

About ten minutes before the lecture began, a pleasant man seated himself beside me and idly opened the conversation on naturalization records, asking me if I'd had any success with them. I responded that they hadn't yielded what I wanted, but that I thought of another way to

## **Internet Site of the Month**

by Don Raney

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) General Land Office (GLO) Automated Records Project has made the Pre-1908 Homestead and Cash Entry Patents for several states available on a CD-ROM.

Rootsweb volunteers have made the Arkansas, Louisiana and Wisconsin databases available for an interactive search on the Rootsweb Genealogy Site.

To search these databases, the URL is <http://www.rootsweb.com>. Then select "searches" to see a menu of the searches available. I selected "Louisiana Databases" and then entered "Raney." The search produced 22 entries, 10 of which were entries for my ancestors who had homesteaded land in Claiborne and

Union Parishes between 1852 and 1860.

Clicking on each entry produces the full record of the original BLM land transaction, including, name, acres, township, range, and date. Each entry can then be printed for future use. The original land records may be ordered from the BLM, but all of the original data is on the printout.

Rootsweb has additional searches available for other states, but BLM Homestead records are only available for three states. It is anticipated that BLM Homestead records for additional states will be available soon, so you should check the Rootsweb Genealogy Site frequently to see what new searches are available.

proceed.

At that point, I switched to a subject barely related to his question, noting that one of my real quests was to learn the origin of my Irish line. I casually mentioned that they had arrived in Charleston in 1768 on the Admiral Hawk. He smiled and noted that he had an Irish ancestor who arrived in Charleston in 1767 on the Admiral Hawk. My eyes opened a little wider, and I corrected my earlier statement, "Well, mine actually arrived in December of 1767, but they were not sworn in until January of 1768." By that time, we were both trying to remain composed in the large ballroom but intent on gaining insight on our newly found clues.

"I wonder if they were on the same ship; mine were McMorries," I continued. We stared at each other as he answered, "Mine were McMorries, too." The lecture began, but in low whispers we discovered we traced back to brothers. His mother was a McMorries, and my grandmother was

a McMorries. The parents of the two brothers, William and Lady Jane Donovan McMorries arrived with their family to make a new start in America, descendants of the Presbyterian Scots moved to Ireland by the English in the plantation of Ulster.

From my new "cousin" I learned they came from Balymena, Antrim. He has since filled in other details and sent pictures of their tombstones in South Carolina. The endless hours I've spent in studying Irish history and searching indexes in Salt Lake City would not yield as much as that one ten-minute conversation.

I didn't spot any winged creatures or feel the air move by the wings of anything ethereal, but one does have to wonder how two people from among the 1800 in attendance would just happen to sit beside each other and discuss the very trivia that would unite them. Those who know me know that I am not one to engage in casual chit chat, but this one day made it well worth the effort.

## Reviews

If you would like to submit a brief review of a book, tape, journal article, etc., please mail to Reviews, *DGS Newsletter* Editor, P.O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648, or Email to hallie.garner@juno.com.

### MILLS BOOK UNVEILED AT CONVENTION

*Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian* is brand new and is a "must have" for every genealogist. This book describes in great detail how to record source citations.

As an aside, I will suggest that if you do not know what a source citation is and do not know why source citations are very important, you need this book! To quote author Elizabeth Shown Mills: "Any statement of fact that is not common knowledge must carry its own individual statement of source . . . Source notes have two purposes: to record the specific location of each piece of data and to record details that affect the use or evaluation of that data."

The previous reference book that was widely used was *Cite Your Sources* by Richard S. Lackey. His book first appeared seventeen years ago and quickly became a standard reference for serious genealogists. Unfortunately, Richard Lackey died soon thereafter, and the book has not been updated since its original publication. In the new book, Elizabeth Shown Mills credits Lackey's work and adds, "As I tender this replacement to our field, I do so with tender regret that Richard is not here to make my

effort unnecessary—and with a fresh sense of life's tendency to close its circles."

Elizabeth is the editor of the National Genealogical Society's scholarly journal, the *NGS Quarterly*. She is a past president and a present trustee of the Board for Certification of Genealogists and is the present editor of the Board's educational newsletter, *OnBoard*. She also is the author, compiler or translator of more than two hundred articles and books and is well known as a genealogy lecturer.

The new book is slim, only 124 pages. It consists of a short introduction, 25 pages devoted to the fundamentals of citations, 17 pages discussing the fundamentals of analysis, and 44 pages of examples of proper citations. The book ends in several appendixes, a bibliography and an index.

The slim size is misleading. The information contained within is detailed and requires significant study. You will not breeze through these pages in a single evening! The book documents proper source citations for probate files, ships' passenger lists, Social Security Death Index entries, newspaper clippings, naturalization records and hundreds more sources of genealogy information. And, yes, it even tells how to write proper source citations for information found in an e-mail message, on a World Wide Web site or in a ListServe message.

I'll make a request of genealogy software programmers: please buy this book and then insure that

future releases of your program have proper fields to allow for the recording of source information in these formats.

*Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian* is published by the Genealogical Publishing Company and retails for only \$16.95 U.S. funds. For more information, look at: <http://www.genealogical.com>.

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### CD-ROM REVIEW

A new CD that I have been using is the *Brøderbund Family Archives CD #255, Ed. 1, Land Records: AL, AR, FL, LA, MI, MN, OH, WI 1790-1907*. This CD is an index to over 1,645,000 records in the US Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). It is easy to use with the family archive viewer, and in a few minutes you can locate original land grants from the BLM in the eastern states.

When you first load it there are three tabs on the right side: Introduction, Content, and Records. The *Introduction* gives the historical background of the various acts and states covered by the CD and further describes the records for the various states, including the addresses to write for copies of the originals.

The *Records* are arranged in an index. All that is needed to access the information is to type in either a family surname or a full name. While you are typing, the scroll begins to search through the index with each letter typed. You first get a short record with a name, state, document number, and acreage. In the lower left hand side of that screen are two icons. By choosing one, you can either look at *additional information* on the selected individual or *copy* this information into a family page.

I typed in the name DOSSETT and got the name of only one Dossett, which proved to be a hit. When I clicked the *additional information* icon I got the following selected information:

- Patentee Name: Dossett, Thomas
- Accession Number: MI0180\_.287
- State: Michigan
- Volume: 180, Page: 287
- Document Number: 8765
- Land Office: Detroit
- 40 acres, 15 Oct 1835, NESW Section 32, Township 1 North Range 6 East Michigan Principal Meridian.

I have no idea what happened to this Dossett. Now I have another letter to write to obtain a copy of the original document, as we are taught in genealogy classes. This is a good tool for further research, but I know there is no publication that is totally comprehensive for any given time and region.  
(Barbara Dossett)

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

As genealogists, we are always in search of primary source material for social history. A

wonderful example is in the *Midwest Historical and Genealogical Register*, (32) #1, p. 4-6. [Wichita, Kansas]. Contributed by their great granddaughter, the article is called "A Letter from Pretty Prairie, KS—1879" and is a letter from Eugene Rollmann, "on Mr. Brucers Farm near Pretty Prairie, Reno. Co., Kans" to his wife in Peoria, IL, in the spring of 1879. He describes his move to this location and what he is doing to prepare for her arrival, including, "fixing a place to set out your flowers," the seeds he had planted, and the admonition "don't buy any tin ware in Peoria. I can buy more tinware here for 75 cts, than in Peoria for \$1.50." This letter gives an excellent picture of pioneer Kansas farm life, and even includes drawings. The DGS would welcome early Dallas County letters for inclusion in the *The Dallas Journal*.  
(Hallie Garner)

**PROLOGUE** is the quarterly of the National Archives and covers a wide range of topics both historical and genealogical. A recent article by Kellee Blake, "First in the Path of the Firemen: The Fate of the 1890 Population Census," [(28) #1 Spring 1996, 64-81] gives an excellent, well-documented review of what actually happened. It wasn't just the fire that caused the loss. As the author says, "This is a genuine tragedy of records—played out before Congress fully established a National Archives—and eternally anguishing to researchers." Much of the 1890 census *did* survive the fire. It was water damaged but was

subsequently destroyed through what can, at best, be called bureaucratic ineptitude, around 1934, 13 years after the fire of 1921. The Federation of Genealogical Societies is active in trying to promote records preservation and additional microfilming. DGS supports these efforts. The story of the 1890 census reminds us of the importance of these initiatives.  
(Hallie Garner)

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## Did You Know?

In the preface to her filmed records, Ms. Roper states, "the only surviving records consist of a few Fee and Bond Books, and one drawer of Marriage Records. The information contained in these records was abstracted from xeroxed copies of the original books. Each part is alphabetized by the first letter only."

The marriage records were abstracted from the original documents. Marriage records include both white and black (names).

Request for copies of these records must be forwarded to the New Kent Court House in order to obtain a copy of the original record.

The material taken from the Bond and Fee books and Court House marriages is unpublished material.

I don't know when Kate Baggett Roper abstracted and compiled these records. What I do know is how grateful I am that she did. I found the names that I am researching in many of the records, and now know they did indeed live in New Kent.

Thank you Kate!

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- DONOHO**  
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**RICE**
- Searching for descendants of **George Washington** and **Mary Ann (RICE) DONOHO**. **G. W.** b. 1847, IL. **Mary Ann** b. 1846 Llano (?) TX. Children: **John W.** b. 1868; **Mariah** b. 1871; **George W.** b. 1873; **Levy** b. 1875; **Ida Lee** b. 1878; **Luther P.** b. 1880 (my grandfather); **Ruth Ann** b. 1882; **Mary Ann** b. 1884; **Lou Raine** b. 1887; **Dennis Reed** b. 1891; all born Dallas, Parker, and Tarrant counties. John's wife #2 **Mary** changed her children's name to **DONOHUE**. **Levy** b. 1875 d. 1878 age 3, Azle, TX. Would like to know where he is buried. **Mariah** evidently died young, too. Would like information on her. *Daurice L. (Donoho) England, 442 Altair Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301*
- STRICKLAND**  
**ROBINSON**  
**DONOHO**  
**BAKER**
- Looking for descendants of **Henry J. STRICKLAND** b. 1852 AL and **Lomas Ella J. (ROBINSON) STRICKLAND** b. 1854 GA. Children were: **Fletcher** m. to **Ida Lee DONOHO**; **Minnie Ola** m. **Geo. W. DONOHO**; **Elsie** m. **Willis BAKER**; **Lottie Bell**, **Gladys Rachell**, **Hattie**, **Gladys**, and **Fletcher** all died 1912 from smallpox somewhere around Dallas, Parker, and Tarrant counties. Would like to find out where they died and are buried. **Gracie Lee** d. 1909 in childbirth, is buried next to **Lomas Ella** (d 1910 of ?) in Handley Cem. *Daurice L. (Donoho) England, 442 Altair Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301*
- SCURLOCK**  
**WATTS**  
**REEVES**
- Need information on children of **Joshua SCURLOCK**, d. ca 1795 Hancock Co., GA, m. #1 **Agatha WATTS**, m. #2 **Elizabeth** \_\_\_\_\_? Need parents & siblings of **Pressley N. SCURLOCK** b. ca 1806 GA, r. 1840 Elmore Co., AL. 1850-1860 Tallapoosa Co., AL, r. 1870 Elmore Co., AL. *MariLee Hagness, 3916 Bramble Road, Anniston, AL 36207-7004*
- MADDOX**
- Need ancestors, parents, and siblings of **Lawson MADDOX** b. ca 1784 SC, r. 1850 Fayette Co., AL m. **Bersheba** \_\_\_\_\_? b. ca 1794 SC. Issue: **Riley** b. 1835 SC; **Kindrad** b. 1837 AL; **Robert** b. 1842 AL; **John**; **William B.** *MariLee Hagness, 3916 Bramble Road, Anniston, AL 36207-7004*
- TUGWELL**  
**AUSMUS**  
**LATTIMORE**
- Am looking for anyone related to **Thomas B. TUGWELL** b. 1870 d. 1950 and **Clara Cleaella AUSMUS TUGWELL** b. 1876 d. 1968, lived in Dallas for years and are buried in Hillcrest Mausoleum in Dallas. Would also like to know anyone who would get a picture of their headstones and that of their daughter and son-in-law, **Theresa TUGWELL LATTIMORE** and **Dixie DANIEL LATTIMORE**. *Carol Osburn Baldwin 4220 No. Point Drive, Pahrump, NV 89048, E-mail DABCAB@isat.com, Tel. 702-727-9754.*
- TOOMBS**  
**TOUMBS**  
**TOUMBES**
- William Wiley TOUMBES** (b. 1813, Culleoka, Maury Co., TN; d. 1885 Collin Co., TX) md. 1845, Maury Co., TN to **Mary W. PERRY** (b. 1823; d. 1901, Collin Co., TX). Came to TX with their 8 children in 1880s. Both buried in Huson Cemetery, near Farmersville, Collin Co., TX. Small community several miles west of cemetery on Lake Lavon, is Culleoka. Seeking information on this **TOOMBS** after coming to TX and on settlement of Culleoka, TX. *Catherine Jane Alder, 3205 Stadium Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76109-2269; 817-926-6244; cjald@connect.net.*

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- 3 **DGS/LATIN AMERICAN INTEREST GROUP;** 7:00 p.m. Monday - Mexicali Restaurant.
- 7 **Fourth Annual DGS Awards Banquet; 6:00 p.m. Social Hour, 6:45 p.m. Dinner Friday** - Royal Oaks Country Club.
- 13 **DGS/COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP;** 6:30 p.m. Thursday - DPL 7th Floor O'Hara Exhibit Hall.
- 18 **DGS/AFRICAN AMERICAN GROUP;** 6:30 p.m. Tuesday - DPL 7th Floor.
- 20 **DGS/PROFESSIONAL INTEREST GROUP;** 7:00 p.m. Thursday - DPL 7th Floor.
- 24 **DGS MONTHLY PROGRAM & MEETING;** 7:00 p.m. Monday (Reception 6:30 p.m.) - DPL 7th Floor O'Hara Exhibit Hall. Speaker: Helen Mason Lu, "Researching Denominational Newspapers."
- 27 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



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- 11 **DGS/COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP;** 6:30 p.m. Thursday - DPL 7th Floor O'Hara Exhibit Hall.

- 15 **DGS CHRISTMAS PARTY;** 7:00 p.m. Monday - DPL 7th Floor O'Hara Exhibit Hall. Speaker: Hal Simon, Old City Park, "19th Century Christmas Traditions of North Texas."



- 16 **DGS/AFRICAN AMERICAN GROUP;** 6:30 p.m. Tuesday - DPL 7th Floor.

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- 26 **DGS MONTHLY PROGRAM & MEETING;** 7:00 p.m. Monday (Reception 6:30 p.m.) - DPL 7th Floor O'Hara Exhibit Hall. Speaker: Sammie Townsend Lee, "Probate Records: More Than a Will."

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