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Institute of Genealogical Studies Returns!

The Dallas Genealogical Society is pleased to announce the return this summer of the Institute of Genealogical Studies. The Institute will be held 26-31 July at the Harvey Hotel-Plano.

Invest a week of your research time with America's leading genealogical instructors. The 1998 course offerings focus on practicality and application to real research situations. Solve your problems through a more organized research strategy, using untapped sources and heightened analysis skills. Choose from one of the following:

The Intermediate Genealogist Sammie Townsend Lee

If you are self-taught or have progressed beyond the basics, this course is tailored for you. Emphasis is on sources and repositories, realistic research trips, courthouse visits, library resources outside genealogy departments, periodicals, manuscripts, state archives, newspapers, and report writing.

The Advanced Genealogist John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.

To be proficient, absorb these necessary sources and skills under the tutelage of master teachers: Federal records, migration patterns, military service records, successful European research, genealogical writing, and

opportunities for professional genealogists.

Case Studies—Winning the Research War Leslie Smith Collier

Bring your problem for in-depth analysis. Sessions on methodology alternate with interactive discussions of students' case studies. Topics include development of evidentiary arguments, advanced census research, identification of prior locations, the pinpointing of ancestral property, land projects, typical patterns of contact among relatives, and the search for living descendants.

Ethnic Roots of the South George K. Schweitzer, Ph.D., Sc.D.

The U.S.A. is a melting pot, but your ancestors maintained ethnic patterns far more strongly than credited. Understand your families. Examine the three major groups who populated the South: Scots-Irish, English, and German—movements, characteristics, history, culture, and records in Europe and America.

The Expansionist Period—1784- 1830

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

If your research bogs down, enter into this vital time frame when

seemingly untraceable ancestors have migrated far from their colonial origins. This course is directed towards the southern and lower midwestern regions of the new United States.

Creative Problem Solving Tentative

(Desmond Walls Allen was scheduled to direct this course, but she will be unable to participate due to illness.)

Concentrate on developing a creative mind set and develop strategies for genealogical problem solving. Designed for the advanced researcher, this course covers the legal system, maps, historical research methodology, source citation, 20th century research, conducting oral history investigations, and unusual sources.

In addition to the marvelous course offerings, there will be optional activities throughout the week, beginning with a welcome reception Sunday, 26 July. Other activities include evening lectures on the Dallas Public Library, Computers and Genealogists, and the National Archives and Library of Congress, and the IGS Celebration Dinner Thursday evening, 30 July. And, of course, your favorite vendors will be there all week!

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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.

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

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The object and goals of this Society are:

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

Newsletter

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

Beyond the Compiled Service Records

Peggy Fox, Director
Confederate Research Center

April Meeting:

Lesson Seven of the Three R's

Peggy Fox will describe the resources and services available at the Confederate Research Center in Hillsboro, TX. These include over 5,000 books, brochures, and pamphlets on the War Between the States, with emphasis on Confederate military history. There are capsule histories of all 3,220 military regiments, special units, and Confederate ships. Archives contain original letters, documents, maps, and photographs. Magazines and newspaper clippings are also included.

Many of us may not have had ancestors in the Confederacy at the time of the war, but we have learned that our families later moved there, married into southern families, or perhaps had relatives or collateral families from this area.

Information about the activities of Confederate civilians is contained in an unindexed series of documents accumulated by Union Provost Marshals. Our speaker will focus on how we may research beyond the commonly known resources.

Come join us 27 April and learn about resources in this unique research center.

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New Members

DGS would like to welcome the following new members, who joined from December 1, 1997 to February 28, 1998: Jerry & Gloria Benavides,

Mrs. R. A. Carlton, Bruce DeGrasse, John Guittard, William Lamoreaux, Judson Maynard, The Rev. Fr. G. C. McElyea, Betty C. Mitchell, Richard Oralia Salas, Cynthia Whitson, Vergie Freeman, Buster Bailey, Darlene & Zelma Beers, Evelyn Campbell, Gladys S. Cason, Barbara Christensen, Patricia Day, Ardeth & Thomas Files, Sallie Henry, Guy Hunter, Angela Ingarfield, Janet James, Patricia Johnson, Norma Johnson, Ed Kadleck, Helen Kelso, Sandey Knight, Linda Lloyd, Francis Martin, Edward Money Penny, Viola Moslein, Barbara Noblin, Shirley Patrick, Dale & Belva Rich, Mary Rixford, Teresa Schultz, Glenn Tucker, Tommy Wiggins, Keith & Helen Beers, Cathy Bradley, Barbara Burbey, Felix G. Ferrante, Jim Foster, Charles Greene, David M. Hammer, Dr. Len B. Hughes, Elizabeth Jackson, Nellie Karnes, Mr. & Mrs. Barkley Miller, Joseph Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Walt Moss, Deborah C. Saffholm, Sandra Skelton, Mike Slattery, Barbara A. Spencer, Michael Stewart, Malin Gene Terrell, Jennifer Wall, and Mrs. Jay Watkins.

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Special Interest Groups

The Computer Interest Group, led by Art Rubeck, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, 9 April 1998 in the auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Library. The program will be a live demonstration of the new PAF (Personal Ancestral File) 3.0 program by Art Rubeck and the new UFT (Ultimate Family Tree) program by Dave Heston. The May program will be held 14 May. This program will be a live demonstration of the new TMG

(The Master Genealogist) Version 3.5 program by Don Raney and the new FTM (Family Tree Maker) Version 4.4 by Karen Miller.

The Latin-American Interest Group, led by Sandy Fritz, will meet at 7:00 p.m. Friday, 3 April 1998 at her home, 506 Granada in Garland. The program will be a working session to develop a beginners handout for new Latin American researchers. It is planned to have the handouts available at the library for Latin American research inquires.

The African American Interest Group, led by Emille Betterson and Emma Harrell, will meet at the Library Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, 21 April 1998. The program will be "Some Firsts in African American History of Dallas County," presented by Eva McMillan and Emma Harrell.

DGS News from the Past

From the April 1988 issue of the DGS Newsletter:

Mr. Lloyd Bockstruck announced at the last DGS Board meeting that he had placed book number 50,000 on the shelf of the Genealogy Department last week. This means that the Genealogical Department of the Dallas Public Library now has 50,000 volumes plus microfilm and microfiche that are available for all to use for research. Contact someone in the Genealogical Department or a DGS Board member to see how you can help this number of books continue to grow, "Adopt a Book."

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.

The Fort Worth Genealogical Society Spring Workshop features **Dr. George K. Schweitzer** on 18 April 1998. Missouri, Tennessee, and the War of 1812 will be highlighted by one of Texas' favorite speakers. It will be held at Tarrant County Junior College South Campus from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additional information can be found at:
<<http://www.chrysalis.org/business/fwgen/default.htm>>.

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Lamar County Genealogical Society is having **John Sellers** for their Spring Seminar on 25 April 1998 at the Lamar Ave. Church of Christ, 3535 Lamar Avenue, Paris, TX. For further information call 903-782-0448 or E-mail betsym@1starnet.com.

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The **African-American Genealogical Research Institute** in Matteson, IL, is a nonprofit organization created for the purpose of collecting and preserving African American genealogical material. The institute has organized a Master Name Index that includes all references to any individuals listed in their collection. It is currently involved in completing several related projects

including a National Surname Index, a collection of Funeral Programs, a YearBook Collection and a series of Vital records. Additional information may be obtained from AAGRI, P.O. Box 637, Matteson, IL 60443-6370. (*The Family Tree*, Feb/Mar 1998 p. 20A).

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I am looking for information on those **Union County, North Carolina** men who served in the Civil War. Of special interest are birth dates, death dates, and places of burial, in addition to military service. This information is to be published in a book in about 1 year from now. Mike Laney, 13449 Savanna, Tustin, CA 92782; E-mail: m_laney@earthlink.net; <<http://www.earthlink.net/~mlaney>>. (E-mail from Mike Laney)

Desmond Walls Allen Hospitalized

Noted genealogy lecturer and friend of DGS, Desmond Walls Allen, has been diagnosed with leukemia and is currently undergoing treatment at the Conway Regional Medical Center. Join all of us at DGS in wishing her the best. She has been pleased with all the cards she's received—well over 200. She says to keep them coming; support from all her friends is giving her the strength to fight!

Send cards and messages to:
Desmond Walls Allen
Conway Regional Medical Center
College Avenue
Conway, AR 72032

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Free Louisiana queries will be published in *The News Banner* of St. Tammany Parish, Covington, LA. Include name and address and E-mail address if applicable. Mail to Erin Wallace Mangiapane, P.O. Box 90, Covington, LA 70434 or pearlie@juno.com.

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The **Cherokee County** Genealogical Society will conduct our First Ever Ancestor **Swap-Meet** on Saturday, 27 June 1998 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will swap information about our ancestors who had a connection to Cherokee County, TX. The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple in advance by 13 June 1998. (Cherokee County Genealogical Society)

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Have early Tennessee ancestors? The Watauga Settlements were among the earliest settlements in Tennessee before statehood. A new book, *The Wataugah Land Purchases*, by Troy R. Keesee tells the story "plat by plat, of the first settlers who came across the mountains, defied King George and made their own transactions with Native Americans." The land purchases are platted together in one book for the first time, and also the first documented settlers of Tennessee will be found in this book. The book is available from the author at 151 Skyline Lane, Powell, TN 37849 for \$25.00 plus \$3.00 s/h. (*The Family Tree*, Feb/Mar 1998 p. 13A)

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The **Ancestry Link Station** is a fully searchable database containing descriptions of genealogy sites throughout the Internet. You can even nominate your own Web page or someone else's site that you admire for inclusion within the database. An Ancestry representative will review the site. If they agree with your assessment, the site is added to the Link Station's database which has its data grouped into four categories: Geographical Location, Record Type, Ethnic/Religious, and the ever-popular Miscellaneous. To access the free Ancestry Link Station, go to <<http://www.ancestry.com>> and then click on "Link Station." (Dick Eastman's Electronic Newsletter, 14 Feb 1998)



Planning a trip to South Carolina for research? Take note that the **South Carolina Archives** will be closed from 20 April-4 May 1998 to move to its new home at the South Carolina History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC. The plan is that they will reopen at the new facility on 5 May 1998. (*The Family Tree*, Feb/Mar 1998, p. 32B).



Does HTML overwhelm you, but you'd like to have your own Web Page? You might want to check out the possibilities offered by the popular Switchboard site at its **My Studio** section. My Studio is a simple, user-friendly web page design tool available for free. To create your homepage you simply select a layout and a theme, enter your home page text—including links to your favorite web sites—upload your own pictures or select from an extensive gallery of clip art images, and you're done! My Studio puts it all together and builds your own stylized home page for you.

This and other services are available at <<http://www.switchboard.com/bin/cgimenu.dll?MG=&FUNC=MYCORNER>> (E-mail from switchboard.com)



A **Rainey/Raney Genealogical Research Conference** will be held at the Holiday Inn in Franklin, TN (20 miles south of Nashville) on 26-27 June 1998. For additional information call (501) 821-2811 or Fax 501-821-2877. Dr. George Schweitzer and Marynell Bryant, editor of the *Rainey Times* will be the featured speakers. (flyer from *Rainey Times*.)



Down to the Sea in Ships On The Web. In Lloyd Bockstruck's February lecture he made us aware of the wide range of printed sources available for New England Research. However, electronic sources are now becoming available, and one that combines genealogy and the history of Gloucester, Massachusetts, is now online. This town is famous for its fishing industry and is almost as famous for the many Gloucester men who lost their lives at sea. The Web site includes the chronological list of vessels and men lost fishing out of Gloucester, with over 3,000 names. (Information from the Gloucester Death Records, the *Gloucester Telegraph*, the *Cape Ann Advertiser*, and the Gloucester Times.) For anyone with Gloucester ancestry, there are detailed databases of the genealogy of a number of Gloucester families. This Web site reflects a lot of hard work by a dedicated person. <<http://www.star.net/misuraca/down2c.htm>>

(Dick Eastman's Electronic Newsletter, 14 Feb 1998)



A **Benton Cousins Reunion** will be held May 15-16, 1998 in Grapevine, TX. The cousins are descendants of Francis, Francis Marion, John, Mary, Lydia, Peter Stout, Samuel, and John (of Tennessee) Benton. Their ancestors came from North and South Carolina through Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. Descendants of other Bentons are welcome. For more information contact Doug Benton, 5874 Doliver, Houston, TX 77057-2476 or E-Mail dcbenton@hal-pc.org. (notice from Doug Benton)



Hit a Roadblock in Your Research? Register Now for **Arkansas Genealogical Society 1998 Fall Seminar & Book Fair** Friday, 11 September & Saturday, 12 September 1998, Little Rock, Arkansas, at the Holiday Inn-Airport East. Take I-440, Exit 3 (Airport Exit) Some topics include: *Researching African - Americans in US Military Records* by Ronnie Nichols; *Irish Family History Research* by Susan Boyle; *In the Footsteps of the Blue & Gray: Civil War Research* by Brian A. Brown; *Computers, Genealogy, & the Internet* by George Mitchell; *Genealogy Research in Arkansas* by Rhonda Norris, CGRS. The featured speaker is Leslie Smith Collier speaking on *Soaring over Roadblocks! Sherlock Holmes & the "Write" Way to Research*. For More Seminar Information Contact: Lynda Suffridge, Seminar Chairman, 3801 Caraway Ct., North Little Rock, AR 72116-8575. Phone (501)771-1012 or FAX (501)771-0231.



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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 E-mail to hallie.garner@juno.com.

SOFTWARE REVIEW

The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 1998 by Richard W. Eastman and Ancestry, Inc. It is re-published here with the permission of the author.

PERSONAL ANCESTRAL FILE COMPANION

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, often referred to as "the Mormons" or "the LDS Church," produces one of the more popular genealogy programs in the world. In fact, I suspect that Personal Ancestral File is THE most popular MS-DOS genealogy program, although I do not have any statistics to prove that. The Church released version 3.0 of Personal Ancestral File (which I will refer to as PAF) last April. A few months later the LDS Church announced "Personal Ancestral File Companion," and I had a chance to use that program this week.

PAF Companion, unlike PAF itself, is a Windows program that will operate on Windows 3.1 or any later version of Windows, including Windows 95 and Windows NT. It uses PAF's database as input and creates great printed reports and charts. The regular printed reports in PAF 3.0 can perhaps be described as "stark." They do the job but will not win any prizes for beauty. PAF Companion changes all that. Not only does the Companion produce great-looking reports, but it also adds several new reports not available in PAF 3.0.

Personal Ancestral File Companion

will print family group records, pedigree charts, ancestor charts (including a variation with siblings), descendant charts, a Register Report, and a fan chart. In addition, these reports can be printed on any size paper. Not only will PAF Companion print on 8.5-inch-by-11-inch paper, legal-sized paper, and A4 paper, but it supports other sizes as well. PAF Companion will print on smaller sizes for inclusion in books and it even will print wall-sized charts. These wall-sized charts may be produced on one large sheet of paper on a large plotter or on multiple sheets of paper on any Windows printer. The multiple sheets can then be pasted together to produce the large reports. PAF Companion will print on any printer supported by Windows, including laser, inkjet, dot-matrix or plotters. My guess is that the use of a dot-matrix printer will not produce satisfactory printouts; I would strongly suggest the use of a high-quality inkjet or a laser printer.

I have written in the past about PAF*Mate, an excellent printing program produced by Progeny Software in Canada that produces printed reports from PAF databases. I have always felt that PAF*Mate and its twin program GED*Mate had the best printed reports of any genealogy program. Now I'll let you in on a little secret: the new PAF Companion appears to be identical to PAF*Mate. It has the same screens and the same reports; only the copyright statements have been changed. Well, there are a few other differences too, such as a different user's manual. It appears that the LDS Church "outsourced" the development of this program to a commercial company, a move that I think benefited both parties as well as PAF users. You have heard of a

win-win situation? With the combination of the LDS Church, Progeny Software, and PAF users, this one looks like a win-win-win.

My favorite printout is the fan chart. I found that my old Hewlett-Packard LaserJet II would not print a fan chart on the older PAF*Mate, but it worked perfectly with PAF Companion. Obviously there are some improvements to the original program. I created one fan chart that was about 8 feet tall, an impressive printout to take to the next family reunion.

One feature that I particularly liked was the ability to create Register Reports. These are text reports in a narrative that follows rigid formats. Many genealogy books are printed in Register Report format, and almost all scholarly genealogy quarterlies follow one of the variations of Register Report. PAF 3.0 does not have anything like that, but PAF Companion allows you to select from the New England Historic Genealogical Society's version of Register Reports, the National Genealogical Society's version of Register Reports or from a version that uses Henry numbers. A complete description of these reports is beyond the scope of this article.

The Register Reports do not print directly to paper. Instead, they create disk files that can be imported into Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Lotus WordPro, Windows Write, Windows WordPad or any of a number of other word processing programs. All text formatting, such as bold, underline or italics, is maintained. The more powerful programs can add indexes, tables of contents, and even more formatting, as well as the insertion of scanned images. This use of a powerful external word processor is an

excellent idea; PAF Companion does what it does best, and the word processor is used to do what it does best.

I experimented quite a bit with the PAF Companion printouts and found them all to be excellent. It's tough to describe them verbally in this newsletter; phrases like "they looked great" do not do justice to the quality of these printouts.

PAF Companion ships on only one floppy diskette. That is a surprise in this day and age when software always seems to require a CD-ROM to hold the many megabytes of bloated code. Obviously the LDS Church and/or Progeny Software have compressed a lot of functionality into that one diskette. The user's manual is 91 pages long; I'll describe it as "falling off a log simple." Every step is detailed with examples, and the book includes many illustrations of reports as well as screen shots showing the program in operation.

OK, now for the big question: How much does PAF Companion cost? Are you ready for this?

Ten bucks. Yes, that is one-zero U.S. greenbacks. And they even pay the postage to U.S. addresses! When was the last time you found a printing utility with this much horsepower available for ten dollars? If you have Personal Ancestral File 3.0 and you use Windows, I strongly recommend that you invest the ten bucks.

Personal Ancestral File Companion is available from the same place from which you ordered Personal Ancestral File: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Salt Lake Distribution Center, 1999 West 1700 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84104-4233. While postage within the U.S. is included, you do need to add sales tax. I would suggest that it is easier to call 1-800-537-5950 and charge it to a credit card. Anyone in

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Did You Know?

by Shirley Stertz Hawn

Did you know that the National Archives are constantly increasing their microfilm records that are available to the public? In *The Record*, published by the National Archives and Records Administration, I recently found the following microfilm Record Groups listed under "Recent Genealogical Microfilm Publications:"

M1321 - Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Gloucester, Massachusetts, October 1906 - March 1942 (1 roll).

M2072 - Lists of Confederates Captured at Vicksburg, Mississippi (1 roll).

M1819 - Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Troops Who served with the United States Colored Troops: 1st United States Colored Infantry, 1st South Carolina Volunteers (Colored), Company A, 1st United States Colored Infantry (1 year) (19 rolls).

M2019 - Records Relating to War of 1812 Prisoners of War (1 roll).

M1793 - Non-population Census Schedules for the District of Columbia, 1850 - 1870, Agriculture, Industry, Mortality, and Social Statistics, and Non-population Census Schedules for Worcester County, Maryland, 1850 (1 roll).

M1799 - Non-population Census Schedules for Baltimore City and County, Maryland, 1850 - 1860: Agriculture, Industry, and Social Statistics (1 roll).

M1807 - Non-population Census Schedules for Utah Territory and Vermont, 1870: Mortality (1 roll).

M1781 - Muster Rolls and Lists of Confederate Troops Paroled in North Carolina (7 rolls).

The following rolls of film were listed for sale under "Microfilm Descriptive Pamphlets:"

M1745 - Claims for Georgia Militia Campaign Against Indians on the Frontier, 1792-1827.

M1746 - Final Revolutionary War Pension Payment Vouchers: Georgia.

M1815 - Military Operations of the Civil War: A Guide-Index to the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, Volumes II-V.

M2009 - Work Projects Administration Transcript of Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans, Louisiana, 1813 - 1849 (2 rolls).

M1816 - Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Oregon.

M1744 - Index to Naturalization in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, 1852 - ca 1989.

M2039 - Correspondence, Field Notes, and the Census Roll of All Persons and Their Descendants Who Were on the Roll of the Ottawa and the Chippewa Tribes of Michigan in 1870, and Living on March 4, 1907 (Durant Roll).

According to the person I talked to at the Archives, there is not a descriptive pamphlet for every record group listed above. If you call the toll-free number shown at the end of this article and ask, they will send the pamphlets *that are available* at no charge.

The reference number preceding the description is the number to use when ordering either the film or a pamphlet. The microfilm can be purchased for thirty-four dollars (\$34.00) a roll.

Check the Dallas Public Library to see if they own a copy of the film that

you are interested in seeing. If they don't, you might consider purchasing the film and donating it to the Library.

To receive copies of free publications or to place an order, call or write:

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Are You a Gene-Aholic?

Here are the top ten indicators of Gene-Aholicism:

10. You introduce your daughter as your descendant.
9. You have never met any of the people you send E-mail to, even though you are related.
8. You can recite your lineage back 8 generations, but you cannot remember your nephew's name.
7. You have more photographs of dead people than living ones.
6. You have taken a tape recorder and/or notebook to a family reunion.
5. You have not only read the latest GEDCOM standard, you understand it.
4. The local genealogy society borrows books from you.
3. The only film you've seen in the last year was the census film.
2. More than half of your CD collection is made up of marriage records and pedigrees.
1. Your elusive ancestor has been spotted in more places than Elvis!

(Source: E-mail, anonymous)

A Broader Look at the Federal Census

A year before my 50-something-year-old ggg-grandfather answered President Lincoln's call for volunteers, he was a farmer in Putnam County, Missouri. His farm was small, representing only a few of the county's 52,724 improved acres. When the census taker strolled through the county that summer of 1860, he found a community of 9207 people, comprised of 1582 families. Of those, only 12 were slaveholders, owning a total of 31 slaves. On Sundays, the population worshipped at one of Putnam's four churches.

I like to ponder what life was like there, before the war took Grandpa John and his three sons to "bloody Shiloh" and beyond. And too, I can't help but think of the differences between this farming community and the one just a little further to the southwest, in Jackson County, home to the other side of my family. The staggering statistic that caught my eye was Jackson's 898 slaveholders, and the 3944 slaves they owned.

The dissimilarity in slave ownership between the two counties certainly reflects, at least partly, the migration patterns of the populace. Although both lie in the northern portion of Missouri, many of Putnam's citizens came in through the Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa gateway, while Jackson attracted people from North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and points south.

What's this have to do with the census? The numeric statistics (not the migration patterns) about my two Missouri counties were gathered at an internet site (<http://icg.fas.harvard.edu/~hist1651/census/>) called Historical, Demographic, Economic and Social Data from the US Decennial Census. The site details the historical background of the U.S. Census and allows you to request a specified set of statistics for any county in the United States between 1790 and 1860.

The page is designed to display certain "themes," including population, agriculture, manufacturing, churches, property and personal worth. Within each theme are a variety of variables to pick from, i.e., "show me the number and value of the Baptist churches and how many free blacks are in this county in 1840." You can pick up to 10 variables with each search and if requesting the results broken down by county, you can choose a maximum of two states at a time.

When many of us search census records, we're generally just looking for a particular family. While this furthers our research, it doesn't give a picture of their neighborhood. For me, this Internet site's statistics helped paint a broader

picture of my ancestors' world. No, it won't add another name to the pedigree chart, but that's not the only reason I research. I want to know who my family was, and for me, that necessitates understanding their everyday world. In a way, analyzing the county statistics made me feel like I was walking a little way down that dusty road with the census taker.

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Many DGS members are aware of the well-publicized Confederate Research Center at Hillsboro. There is, however, another civil war research collection, not far from Hillsboro in Corsicana at the Navarro College. It is the **Charles and Peggy Pearce Civil War Document Collection**, and it contains about 700 letters, diaries, and other original documents that cost more than \$1 million. (*Dallas*

Morning News, Business Section, Robert Miller column, 28 Jan 1998, courtesy of Mrs. F. A. Lindell.)



A unique family research concept of a **Family Genealogy Traveling Library** is being pioneered by Dale and Clara Ann (Brees) Phillips. In 1998 they will be taking their traveling Phillips and Brees libraries to several cities in the midwest. For more information about their concept contact Dale F. and Clara Ann Brees Phillips, 1927 S. 7th St., Chicasha, OK 73018, E-mail dfp@ionet.net.



The **Austin Genealogical Society's Annual Seminar** will be held on 25 Apr 1998 at the Highland Park Baptist Church, 5206 Balcones Drive, Austin, TX, and will feature popular genealogical author of Southwestern Virginia, Mary Kegley. For additional information contact Kelly Barnhill at (512) 478-4268 or barnhill@io.com.



Did you have an ancestor in the **10th Texas Infantry during the Civil War?** Scott McKay, 167 Mtn. Park Rd., Roswell, GA 30075, E-mail SmcKay1234@aol.com is working on a detailed regimental history of this unit and would like to contact descendants of members of this unit. (*Footprints*, Vol. 40, #4).

Brøderbund Software Announces Second Annual Genealogy Scholarship Program

Brøderbund Software is offering a number of genealogy scholarships in an effort to build the professional genealogical community. They will be awarding ten \$500 scholarships to individuals pursuing the designation of "Certified Genealogist" (administered by the Board of Certification of Genealogist); three to those pursuing the designation of "Accredited Genealogist" (administered by the Family History Department of the LDS Church); and four to individuals who are pursuing formal education at a recognized institution for genealogical instruction. Details of the application process can be found at www.familytreemaker.com, or look for informational sheets at the DGS volunteer desk while the supply lasts. The deadline for submission of applications is 18 May 1998. *DGS President, Karen Miller, has contacted Brøderbund to see if the DGS Institute of Genealogical Studies falls under the category of 'recognized institutions of genealogical instruction.' It appears that it may very well be acceptable—if interested, look for details as stated above.*



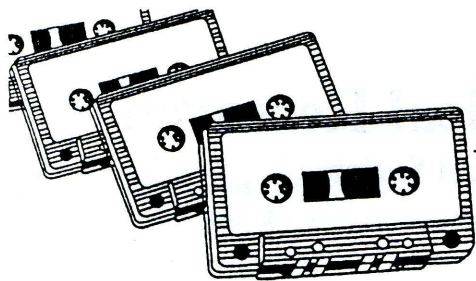
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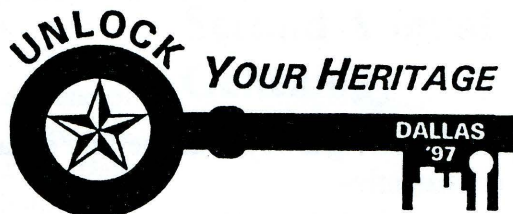
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German Genealogical Society of America

Shirley Stertz Hawn

There is a wonderful jewel that you won't find listed in the guide books for California, and I don't think it has made the *top ten* list of things to do when visiting the city of La Verne. But if you are looking for your *German* ancestors, you need to know about the **German Genealogical Society of America** and all of the wonderful help that is available to its members.

First, let me say that it *should* be listed among the top ten places to visit while in La Verne, California.

Their library is open to the public on Wednesday and Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. They have over 3,000 books, CD-ROMs, maps, microfiche records, periodicals for many genealogical societies in Germany, and a large selection of European telephone directories.

Now, if you don't think you will be touring that part of the country anytime soon, *guess what...* they will search their records for you and the nominal fees they charge go directly to the library.

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Just a reminder—all the tapes from the FGS/DGS Conference are available for rental from the DGS tape library. You may rent any of these tapes for only \$1.00. If you would prefer to have your own copy, they may be purchased from Repeat Performance for \$7.50 each; you will find their order form reprinted in this issue of the DGS newsletter. If you were unable to attend the conference or would like to hear some of the lectures you missed, check out these tapes at the next meeting.

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- ▶ European church records
- ▶ Selected European City Directories
- ▶ German and US military records
- ▶ Surname Researchers worldwide
- ▶ Selected European telephone books
- ▶ Published families histories
- ▶ Surname search

For a small fee they will send you addresses of genealogists in Germany and form letters that will enable you to write to cousins, archivists, and clergy, *German with English translation*. They also have *French/English* form letters.

There is a *newsletter* published ten times a year with free queries to members, and *translation services* are

available by a native of Germany who is experienced with dialects and script.

There are *many, many* more good reasons to belong to the **German Genealogical Society of America**. These are just a *few* of their services I have used, and if you are looking to discover your German origins, I feel you also will benefit from membership in this Society.

I first joined in 1989 and can tell you one more really good reason to join...*everyone* I have met or talked to in the **GGSA** is very friendly and sincerely interested in helping you.

Their address is: Post Office Box 517, La Verne, CA 91750-0517. Phone 909-593-0509.

Internet Site of the Month

By Art Rubeck

The Beginner's Guide to Family History Research is both a book and a site on the Internet. Created by Desmond Walls Allen and Carolyn Earle Billingsley of Arkansas Research, this collection of thirteen informative chapters provides a comprehensive tutorial for beginners as well as a thorough review for those with experience. Everyone will find something in here of benefit, I believe. The material is clearly written, well organized, and very current.

Starting with reasons to explore your family history, the chapters progress in the same steps as your research: home and family, previous research, then into libraries and archives. Methods of organizing your records are included. Topics include census records, courthouse research, military records, and ethnic genealogy. The chapter "A Broad View of the

Research Process" should appeal to everyone. Their chapter on correspondence includes e-mail and electronic queries. "Sharing your heritage" is both thought-provoking and thorough, as is the chapter on special interest. It concludes with information on computers for genealogists.

The appended Glossary is useful to all levels of genealogists, as is the list of currently available Resources, which includes the Internet links of many organizations and providers. An extensive Bibliography completes the trio of useful lists.

Whether you read part of it online or decided, as I did, to print the entire publication, you will find something to aid you in your research. The Guide's URL is:

<http://biz.ipa.net/arkresearch/guide.html>

Queries

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MCDANIEL Need ancestors, parents, and siblings of **Lucinda MCDANIEL** b. 11 Apr 1819 Lincoln Co. TN, m. 29 Apr 1841 Lincoln Co. TN **William M. MCMILLAN** s/o **Joseph & Rachel (NORRIS) MCMILLAN**.
MariLee Hageness, 3916 Bramble Road, Anniston, AL 36207-7004.

LOTT Need ancestors, parents, and siblings of **Jesse LOTT** b. ca 1803 GA, m. **Ann Elizabeth NORRIS**.
NORRIS Children all b. MS: **Elisha** b. ca 1824; **Hiram R.** b. ca 1825 m. **Mary WILLIAMS**; **George** b. ca 1826; **William F.** b. 1832 m. **Kate MCGOWEN**; **James D.** b. 1833; **Catharine** b. 1836; **Lucretia** b. 1839.
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EVERETT Seek descendants of **Jesse N. EVERETT** who appears on the 1850 Mortality Schedule of Texas.
STRATTON Information; age 46, b. unknown, d. December. Is this the **Jesse N. EVERETT** who lived in Marion Co., AR, and was a brother to **Simmons, Burt, John S., William Haney** and **Thomas Ewell EVERETT**? Is there a relationship to **Sarah EVERETT** who is head of a household in Texas in 1850? Need descendants of **Jacob STRATTON** who also lived in Marion Co., AR, and then moved to Texas and helped **Jesse N. EVERETT** to avenge deaths of Everett's brothers in Tutt-Everett War, fall of 1848.
Eleanor Edmondson, 2803 Byron Avenue, Odessa, TX 79762, (915) 362-1457, E-Mail Genpics@aol.com.

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Reviews

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BOOK REVIEW

The following article is from GRS Monthly Newsletter and is copyright 1998 by GRS. It is re-published here with permission of the author.

If you are researching any family in Tennessee before 1800, you now have a remarkable resource in the new book "Tennesseans before 1800: Davidson County" compiled by Marjorie Hood Fischer; this follows the format of her earlier useful and similar book on Washington County, Tennessee. Davidson County, Tennessee, became the starting point for many of our ancestors' migrations westward. Working with this comprehensive guide, Fischer helps you locate your family in records otherwise overlooked.

This all-inclusive book of over 100,000 names was carefully transcribed from every record available on microfilm for Davidson County from 1783-1800. Fischer not

only includes the name and name of record, but also the book number, page number, and the Tennessee State Library microfilm number. Records indexed include inventories, court minutes, wills, and deeds.

With this resource in hand, you may now avoid hours of tedious research and simply look up the page number to quickly find any mention of your family. Fischer's book is available from Frontier Press, P.O. Box 3715, Suite 7, Galveston, Texas 77552 for \$49.50 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling. Texas residents add \$4.41 for state sales tax.

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- 3 DGS/LATIN AMERICAN INTEREST GROUP;
7:00 p.m. Friday - 506 Granada, Garland.
- 9 DGS/COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP; 6:30
p.m. Thursday - DPL Auditorium.
- 21 DGS/AFRICAN AMERICAN GROUP; 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday - DPL East/West Room.
- 25 Lecture Series 2: John Colletta, Immigration and
Naturalization; 9:00 a.m. Saturday - Lovers Lane
Methodist Church.
- 27 DGS MONTHLY PROGRAM & MEETING; 7:00
p.m. Monday (Reception 6:30 p.m.) - DPL
Auditorium. Speaker: Peggy Barnes Fox,
"Confederate Research Center."

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p.m. Monday (Reception 6:30 p.m.) - DPL
Auditorium. Speaker: Carole Chew Ruska, "Using
Genealogical Periodicals."
- 19 DGS/AFRICAN AMERICAN GROUP; 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday - DPL East/West Room.

JUNE 1998

- 6 Lecture Series 3: Mary McCampbell Bell, Virginia;
9:00 a.m. Saturday - Lovers Lane Methodist Church.

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