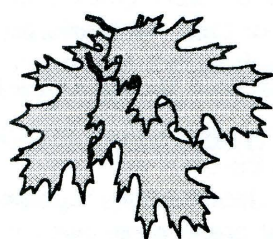


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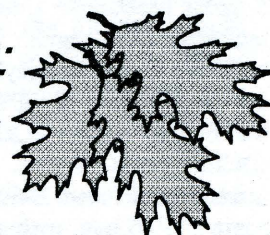
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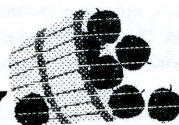
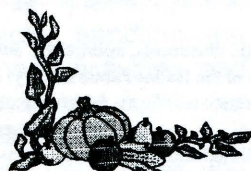
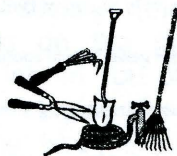
~ The Fall Festival of Genealogy ~  
September 19, 1998



The Fall Festival of Genealogy will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19th at the Dallas Convention Center, 650 South Griffin Street, downtown Dallas. A day-long event, this conference will feature seven thematic tracks with 28 individual lectures; ranging from the basics, through intermediate, to the advanced level of genealogical information. Parking lots (with a range of fees) surround the convention center, and an underground garage (connected directly to the hall) is accessed off Griffin Street.

We encourage you to "brown bag" your lunch. Dining space and limited concessions will be provided by the convention center. Want to go out for lunch? One hour is set aside as a lunch break and the West End is close by, via car or DART train. A "shop-'til-you-drop" opportunity is planned with vendors on hand throughout the day. Thirty minutes will be scheduled between classes, as well as the one-hour lunch, to allow you plenty of time to select those books and items we all love to own.

We're ready to receive your registrations now! Don't set this aside and forget! Registration for this traditional event is \$25.00 for DGS members, post-marked before September 1st, or \$28.00 thereafter for members as late (or walk-in) registration. For non-members the fee is \$28 in advance or at the door. Registration in advance is *highly recommended* -- the syllabus will be available to walk-ins on a first-come basis only. Please make checks payable to **DGS Fall Conference**, PO Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446. Be sure to list one name per registration to ensure that each individual receives a name tag, and his or her own syllabus. (Look for the conference program and registration form inside this newsletter.) We'll see you there!



**It's Back -- Register Now -- Fall Festival of Genealogy!**

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**Regular Meetings:** Unless otherwise indicated, DGS regular meetings are held on the 4th Monday, Jan. - May, and Sept. - Nov., in the auditorium of the J. Erik Johsson 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, and visitors/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 2nd Thursday, Jan. - May and Sept. - Nov. 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/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 Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are free, and visitors and guests are welcome.

**Latin-American Interest Group:** A coordinator is presently needed to help organize this group in the Dallas area. Call Helen Wilson at 972.475.2895.

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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 publication of data;
- Promote the collection and preservation of material relating to the early history of Dallas County and those pioneers who settled the area;
- Copy, index, and publish records, documents, inscriptions, and other genealogical source materials;
- Support the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library; and
- Stimulate the exchange of information between society members and genealogical researchers across the nation.

### Newsletter

The *DGS Newsletter* is published monthly from January-May and August-October with bi-monthly issues published in June-July and November-December. Copy deadline for the October newsletter is Sept. 1st 1998. All articles and correspondence for the *DGS Newsletter* should be mailed to the society address listed above to the attention of the newsletter editor. Articles appearing in the *DGS Newsletter* may be reprinted only upon receipt of written permission from the author. Credit should be given to the author & acknowledgment given the *DGS Newsletter* as the source. Letters requesting reprint permission should be sent to the newsletter editor. Printed at ARROW REPROGRAPHICS, Inc., 102 Northlake Shopping Center, E. Northwest Hwy, Dallas, TX 75238

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# DGS NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Carole Chew Ruska*

Last month I told you about the various funds of the Dallas Genealogical Society and appealed to your checkbook. This month I am appealing for as important donation as your money, but one that people are far more reluctant to give: time and effort. The society has no paid officers. We donate our time and work hard to run this society. Boards come and go, but the work never stops. Each year we try to improve over what we did last year in terms of programs, lectures, workshops, and our publications.

When the 1998-99 board saw the calendar for the society's year, most were shocked that so many activities were going to take place. Unless you have been on the board, the average member picks and chooses which activities he prefers or can work into his schedule. The board member must commit his time and effort to most of the planned events. Some brave ones actually do it all over the next year because it usually takes almost a year to feel comfortable and get the hang of your job. We had many new people join the board this time and it will take a while to settle into those positions and learn the procedures.

One new board member has already decided that the position was more than he felt comfortable with and resigned. I am glad this board member was honest and did not take the position, rather than accept and not do the work the position requires. This example illustrates how hard the board does work, and gives me an opportunity to ask for more volunteers. Susan Powdrill, our volunteer coordinator, would welcome a call from anyone willing to donate time and effort on behalf of the society. We have many on-going projects and new ones planned that will need time and attention. Please consider volunteering so the people already working for the society will not suffer burn-out.

Running the society (that is, planning the activities, working on the projects, handling the publications that inform you of these activities and records available, earning the funds that make our library one of the best) requires much time and effort. Please be as generous with yourself as you are with your money, and work for your society. If you would like to be on the board, do I have a spot for you!



## Editor's 2p: THINK 2!

*Jill Syers Clark*

Think two months ahead of time when preparing articles and contributions for the *DGS Newsletter*. It's hard for some of us to do, but the other option is reading old news!

I would very much like to have some scanned photos from recent and upcoming DGS events to use in the newsletter. Let me know if you can help!

Your stories of general genealogy interest, local history, personal family research experience, book and software reviews are always welcome. Later this fall and winter the topics of conducting oral interviews and planning family reunions will be covered. Do you have any expertise here? I'm also looking for new material for the Beginner's Corner.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your newsletter editor for the coming year. Happy hunting!



### MEETING REMINDERS

**Just Getting Started?** A workshop for beginners in genealogy will be held Saturday, Oct. 3rd in the auditorium of the Dallas Public Library from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Details will be included in the September DGS News.

The African American Interest Group (AAIG) is holding their first post-summer meeting on Sept. 10th. Please be reminded of the AAIG workshop on Saturday, Aug. 15th. (See last month's DGS News.) Walk-ins are welcome! Call the DGS voice mail, 214.670.7932, for further information.

DGS Board members will meet on Saturday, Aug. 8th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Center for Community Cooperation at 2900 Live Oak. Call Carol for more info.

**FGS has a new business address:** PO Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940. The Federation of Genealogical Societies' office can also be reached by calling toll free 1.800.FGS.1500 or by sending a FAX to 1.888.380.0500. E-mail address is [fgs-office@fgs.org](mailto:fgs-office@fgs.org) and their home page on the internet is at the following URL: <http://www.fgs.org>

**Welcome New Members:** Ellen DUNN, James L. JONES, Frank MORENO, Carl and Katharine OEHMANN, Joann POWDRILL, Robert and Jamie WARREN. What a good way to start your summer . . . . by joining the DGS! Remember it's a good idea to join a genealogical or historical society near the location where your ancestors once lived as well as where you currently reside.

**HIDDEN TREASURES** . . . Monthly membership meetings for 1998-99 will feature programs on how to find and recognise valuable information when pursuing one's family history. Watch for more details in upcoming newsletters!



**Subscribe to FGS *Forum***  
You're Entitled to a Discount!

This society (DGS) is a member of the federation of Genealogical Societies, a confederation of more than 450 societies in the United States and Canada. One benefit to you is that you are entitled to a subscription to its quarterly magazine, *Forum*, at the discounted price of only \$11.00 per year.

*Forum* has the most complete "Calendar of Events" of any genealogical magazine. A typical issue shows as many as 50 different seminars and lectures being held throughout the United States. A handy calendar of events by state allows you to easily pinpoint which events are in your area.

The column "State Reporting," lists many activities of various genealogical societies and other groups that might advance your research. The "Record Access" column describes the status of accessibility of information by state. Other regular columns appear for family associations, ethnic/international, book reviews, and news briefs. If work of a particular society is unusually significant, their efforts appear on the "Society Spotlight" column.

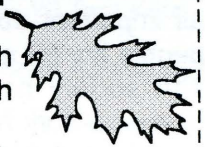
Subscribe now! Send \$11.00 to *FGS Forum*, PO Box 830220, Richardson, TX 75083-0220.

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# The Fall Festival of Genealogy

## Registration Form

DGS members: \$25 each  
 Non-members: \$28 each  
 Late registration:  
 (after Sept. 1 and walk-ins) \$28 each



Please circle one lecture from each session to help us plan room size. (See schedule on pgs. 128-29.) You may change at any time during the conference.

Sessions

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Fall Foliage	(01)	(02)	(03)	(04)
Sharpening the Tools	(05)	(06)	(07)	(08)
Reaping the Harvest	(09)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Bobbing for Apples	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
Gathering Leaves	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)
Cornucopia	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)
Over the Hills	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)

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Make checks payable to DGS  
 Mail to: DGS Fall Conference  
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For more information call DGS at our voice mail and event announcements: 214.670.7932; or go to our website at [www.chrysalis.org/dgs](http://www.chrysalis.org/dgs)

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Session topics and details on pgs. 128-129 >>



## Beginner's Corner

### "Grandma's Trunk" by Jill M. Clark



*Stuck between a rock and a hard place? Don't know where or how to get started? Are you having to pick up where someone else left off years ago? In the months to come, this page will give you some how-to's, pointers, and hopefully, some encouragement, as you begin or resume your family history research. If you are just getting started and find yourself already "in Scotland" or another part of the UK or Ireland, this month's column may be particularly helpful to you.*

You may have to "knock at the door" of a county or state courthouse or send off to the National Archives to locate your ancestor's citizenship papers but my mother found her grandparents' in an old trunk full of treasures! Both of her maternal grandparents came to America from Scotland during the first decade of this century. Their eldest daughter, who died in 1989, was my favorite grandmother.

By looking at my great-grandfather's Certificate of Naturalisation I learned that he became a citizen of the US in 1928; 26 years after he came over and found work as a gardener. From this certificate I can find out what year Alexander Lumsden LAMOND was born, how tall he was, his weight, colour of hair, complexion, and any distinguishing marks he may have had. Great-grandpa's signature appears on these documents as well as his former nationality -- British. There is a line that states: "Note -- after September 22, 1922, husband's naturalization does not make wife a citizen." Also there is the stamp of George V " . . . by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, Ireland . . . etc." His certificate lists his wife's and children's names and ages, and their residence as well.

What I can't tell from these pieces of paper is whether or not they were happily married, liked their new home, or missed the auld countrie, but it is evident that American citizenship was important to them. Only by family stories and correspondence can we get an inkling of their thoughts and feelings. My great-grandmother was naturalized in 1942, shortly before her husband's death. What a difficult time it must've been for her! As the war was making headline news, her bonnie Alec succumbed to pneumonia at age 62.

In a box inside the trunk we found a wee New Testament, signed, and given to a young Maggie HARKES by her Sunday School teacher in East Saltoun, E. Lothian in the 1890's. A hair ribbon, awards, a mauchline button box, and plenty of picture postcards help fill in the cracks in my family history providing names of friends, pet names my ancestor had for her siblings, favorite colours, and scripture verses. These are things that make her more real to me.

Pictures help round out the story and though mostly unidentified, the majority of my East Lothian ancestral photos were taken by a photographer in Leith, a section of Edinburgh. There is a photo of four handsome brothers, one of whom was later killed in a motorcycle accident before 1920.

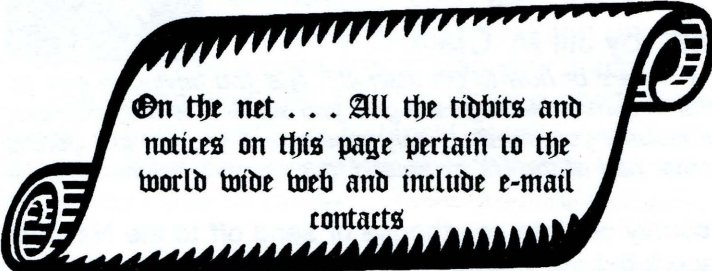
One important piece of paper in my great-grandma's trunk was her husband's birth certificate -- an extract from the Register; Book of Births for the Parish of Prestonkirk, county of Haddington. It gives quite a bit of information besides name, surname, and when and where born. The name, surname, and rank or profession of the father of the child as well as the name and maiden name of the mother and their date and place of marriage are listed. (Thus we were able to track our Lamonds back to Dunvegan, Isle of Skye!) The date of my great-grandfather's baptism was later added to the page.

As a young man my great-grandfather worked and lived in a bothy on the FLETCHER estate (A bothy is where the unmarried, male, farm workers were housed.) Information about this Fletcher family can probably be found in the Register of Entails or Tailzies at the Scottish Record Office (Class RT), as unlike my ancestors, they were wealthy landowners. The Fletchers even had group photographs made of their servants and hired hands around the year 1900.

During this time my great-grandmother was enrolled at the Knox Institute in Haddington and probably saw her parents only on week-ends. Here she finished high school and received training to enable her to teach and tutor young children in the area. Margaret kept much of her correspondence and it is quite interesting to read. My ancestors were either very polite and staid people or they threw away any serious love letters they may have posted or written. This particular couple was separated by the Atlantic Ocean for a period of seven years and I have a feeling that the letters saved represent only a small portion of the total letters mailed.

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# The BULLETIN BOARD



On the net . . . All the tidbits and notices on this page pertain to the world wide web and include e-mail contacts

## “S” SURNAME ALERT!

Have the surname **SAMUEL** in your family tree? There is a free surname newsletter published for those “seeking Samuel.” E-mail Barbara Samuels at [arktika@alaska.net](mailto:arktika@alaska.net) to be added to the mailing list.

**SYERS, SIRES, SIERS, SYRUS, SYAS, SAIRE, SAURS, SEYERS, and CYRUS** are just some of the surnames addressed in the free online bi-monthly newsletter called the “**SYERS Seeker**.” E-mail [syerseeker@aol.com](mailto:syerseeker@aol.com) to subscribe.

## NEIGHBOURS! Garland Genealogical Society's homepage can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/TheTropics/1926/society.html> AND the website of the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society can be accessed by going to <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/3825/>

The Mid-Cities group holds its regular meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The snail mail address for their meeting place is: Pipeline Road Church of Christ, 824 Pipeline Rd., Hurst, TX 76053. The **Fort Worth Genealogical Society** is giving a free workshop on Researching Military Records at University of North Texas on Saturday, August 22nd. The Ft. Worth society holds their regular meetings the last Monday of each month, except December. Their homepage is at <http://www.chrysalis.org/business/fwgen/default.htm> Special note: Forty-one years worth and 8,835 of pages from past issues of *Footprints* and the *Bulletin* (FWGS quarterlies) will soon be available on CD!

**October is Italian-American Heritage Month!** Plan ahead and visit <http://www.italgen.com/> for more information about your Italian heritage.

<http://www.open.gov.uk/groshome/htm>

Has anyone used the new online services available through the General Register Office in Edinburgh, Scotland? If so, please share with your fellow *DGS Newsletter* readers!

**Are you on America Online?** Be sure to check out two of the best weekly online genealogy columns around: “Along Those Lines” by George Morgan (who has a book about the genealogy forum on AOL coming out at Christmas time) and an old favorite “Dear Myrtle” (the “Dear Abby” of genealogy). Both are accessible by going to keyword: **roots** or <http://www.ancestry.com>

## TEXAS!

**Texas Confederate Pension Records' Index** can be found online by pointing your web browser to: <http://isadore.tsl.state.tx.us/c/compt/index.html>

**Heritage Books, Inc.** (whose business site is located at <http://www.heritagebook.com>) has for sale the Rains County, TX School Census (1936-1939); *Kerrville Mountain Sun* and *Kerrville Advance* obituaries and death notice indices (1898-1965); the book, *Collin County: Pioneering in North Texas*; and miscellaneous Texas newspaper abstracts.

**Just Published!** Madison Parish, LA, Tax Rolls, 1885 & 1890. E-mail [dicksevier@prodigy.net](mailto:dicksevier@prodigy.net) for complete list and pricing.

**WHO SAID IT?** “*Why pay money to have your family tree traced? Go into politics and your opponents will do it for you!*”  
(answer on the Query page)

## INTERNET SITE OF THE MONTH

Time/Warner Inc. gets into the genealogy act with their world wide web contribution “Growing Your Family Tree” --

<http://pathfinder.com/time/reports/genealogy/index.html>

All your favorite links and books are listed here along with colourful photos of and interesting quotes from real researchers. This is a good internet site for those who are just getting started or who are brand new online.

Have a favorite genealogy URL? Why not share it with us next month!? E-mail [Jilliemae@aol.com](mailto:Jilliemae@aol.com)

Spring 1998 issues of various genealogical society and family newsletters from all over the country are now available for your perusal on the 8th floor (genealogy section, new periodical area) of the Dallas Public Library

#### NORTH TEXAS NOTES

Irving Genealogical Society meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month at the Irving Jaycee Center for the Arts building (on 183 between Story Rd. and MacArthur). Meetings start at 7:30 and visitors are always welcome!

The Grand Prairie Genealogical Society publishes a monthly newsletter called *Roots 'N Branches* and meets at St. Andrews Episcopal Church (727 Hill Street, Grand Prairie) the 1st Thursday of each month.

Rockwall County Genealogical Society is hosting a seminar featuring Leslie Smith Collier on Saturday, August 29th at the Rockwall Rotary Club. The subject is: "Unusual Tools, Unknown Methods." For more information or to register, write the RCGS at PO Box 471, Rockwall, TX 75087.

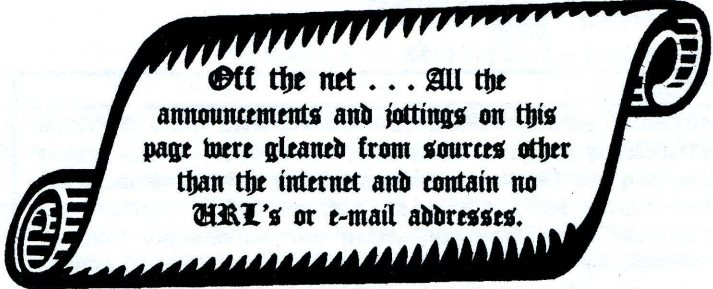
The Denton County Genealogical Society meets at the LDS Church at 3000 Old North Rd., in Denton on the 2nd Thursday evening of each month except for December and the summer months. Recently four old Victorian homes (100 years or more in age) were marked for re-location in an historical park in Denton. One of the houses has already been moved and in two years time the local historical society plan to restore and create museums out of these buildings.

#### Have connections in Kaufman County?

The Kaufman County Genealogical Society is in search of old Bible records, letters, diaries/journals, and newspaper articles to publish in their quarterly. Send them to Barbara Sloan, editor; c/o KCGS, PO Box #337, Terrell, TX 75160-0337.

#### GLEANINGS -- AULD AND NEW

During the Civil War residents of Franklin county, TN were forced to substitute sorghum and honey for sugar; sassafras tea, acorn brew and drinks made from parched sweet potatoes and corn for coffee. Loss of communication and supply sources were common all over the South. *Estill Springs: Its History Until Incorporation* by William Byrom Dickens. (As found and published in the *Franklin County Historical Review*, volume 27, 1997)



Off the net . . . All the announcements and jottings on this page were gleaned from sources other than the internet and contain no URL's or e-mail addresses.

**Pioneer Rest Cemetery Project** -- The Fort Worth Genealogical Society and the Pioneer Rest Cemetery Association are joining together to collect, compile, and publish information related to those interred in Pioneer Rest Cemetery.

The cemetery association has supplied to the genealogical society information collected over many years. The FWGS has agreed to take this information, add as much as can be found, and publish it in book form.

The Pioneer Rest Cemetery is the oldest in Fort Worth, dating from 1850, shortly after Camp Worth was established in 1848. Many famous people, early Ft. Worth settlers, and civic leaders were laid to rest in the cemetery, including: Edward H. Tarrant, for whom the county was named, and Ripley J. Arnold, who commanded the first military forces here.

We need your help! We want to add personal information to anyone and everyone. If you have birth dates, death dates, marriage dates, military service records, newspaper obituaries, or biographical sketches, please share them with us. We will add them to the existing material. Send your replies to: Pioneer Rest Cemetery Project, Fort Worth Genealogical Society, PO Box 9767, Ft. Worth, TX 76147-2767

The NGS Quarterly is now available on CD. Purchase volumes 1-85 for just \$49.99 from Family Tree Maker. Call 1.800.548.1806 to order or to obtain a free catalog.

**LOST & FOUND:** A woman's cream-coloured sweater was left behind after the June lecture. Please call Carole Ruska to claim it. Her number is 214.324.2928.

**We are givers!** A Stern/NARA gift fund acknowledgment of \$1,030.00 was received by our treasurer in May. (See May issue, pg. 87 of this newsletter for more info on this fund.) Three cheers for the DGS!



# The Fall Festival of Genealogy --

Session 1 – 9:00 – 10:15

Session 2 – 10:45 – 12:00

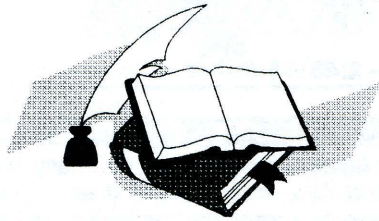
<i>Fall Foliage</i>	
1) <b>FAMILY RECONSTRUCTION USING PRE 1850 CENSUS RETURNS</b> by Joseph C. Anderson. Before 1850, census returns name only the head-of-household. Other family members are listed merely as a series of numbers within various age categories. This hands-on-lecture will demonstrate that, by systematically analyzing and comparing these pre-1850 census returns, it is often possible to reconstruct the entire family and even assign birth dates of family members within one or two years' accuracy.	2) <b>HOW TO JOIN A HEREDITARY SOCIETY</b> by Jane Route Power. Information regarding "acceptable proof," how to be "invited" to join, what the application requires and some of the less publicized societies available to honor your ancestor.
<i>Sharpening the Tools</i>	
5) <b>WRITING AND PUBLISHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY</b> by Don Raney. This lecture provides reasons why genealogists should publish their family history and describes how to start writing while you are researching. It describes how to market your book and presents the cost to publish a typical book in varying quantities.	6) <b>GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET: REPOSITORIES &amp; RESOURCES</b> by Paula Perkins Parke. Repositories and Resources available via the internet and how to access them, even if you don't own a computer. Local, state, U.S. and world-wide informational data base search tools to enhance your genealogy research. By surfing the Net you can order records and plan research trips without even leaving home.
<i>Reaping the Harvest</i>	
9) <b>SEVEN HABITS OF HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL GENEALOGISTS</b> by Mary-Reid Goss Warner. Using a systematic approach, genealogists are encouraged to develop methods that improve research skills. Discover the importance of setting project goals that give directions, improve planning, serve as motivation and provide a method for evaluation. Seven methods for developing better habits to strengthen research talent are provided using examples from census, military, and land records.	10) <b>PRODUCING A QUALITY FAMILY HISTORY</b> by Patricia Law Hatcher. Today's technology makes it relatively easy to produce a family history that is pretty to look at. But, as the saying goes, "Pretty is as pretty does." What does it take to make that pretty family history do something —contribute something worthwhile to genealogy? A few items determine if a book is well-received by your family and by other researchers.
<i>Bobbing for Apples</i>	
13) <b>EXPLORING RESEARCH REPOSITORIES</b> by Sammie Townsend Lee. This presentation presents an overview of the various kinds of record repositories used by family researchers and discusses the types of reference sources that genealogists can reasonably expect to find in these repositories.	14) <b>SAM'S TOP TEN RESEARCH TIPS</b> by Sammie Townsend Lee. This lecture is a presentation of ten time-tested research tips for the genealogical researcher. The tips are common sense steps to help locate more information about our ancestors and become more proficient genealogists.
<i>Gathering Leaves</i>	
17) <b>DOING A TIME LINE WITH A NEW TWIST!</b> - Barbara Dossett. We spend time looking for births, deeds, censuses and probates taught by the many various classes that are offered. However this only gives a few clues of your ancestor's life. He did many more things. In this class by using a time line and tax records you can bring his life into more focus as well as help substantiate those other records.	18) <b>FROM THE FLOOR TO THE FILE CABINET - ORGANIZING YOUR GENEALOGY</b> by Karen Avery Miller. What do genealogists generate more than anyone? Records! Notes! A Mess! Learn tips and techniques on how to organize and control your genealogy with forms, filing systems, photo storage ideas, and computer hints
<i>Comucopia</i>	
21) <b>THE TAX MAN COMETH YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR</b> by Patricia Law Hatcher. A typical male ancestor was born once, died once, married at least once, but rarely more than thrice, bought a few pieces of land, and was visited by the census-taker every ten years. But then, as today, he usually paid annual taxes. These records, where they survive, can sometimes provide sought-after information about birth, marriage, and death, and can help solve a same-man-same-name problem.	22) <b>THE GOLDEN DOOR: THE AMERICAN IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE</b> by Richard L. Hooverson. Discusses national and religious motivations for leaving the Old World, emigrant life in Bremen, Hamburg, and Liverpool, the Atlantic voyage, processing at Castle Garden and Ellis Island.
<i>Over the Hills &amp; Through the Woods</i>	
25) <b>RESEARCHING THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CONFEDERACY</b> by Richard L. Hooverson. Surveys southern society and Confederate military operations in the turbulent area west of the Mississippi and discusses research collections and sources available.	26) <b>RESEARCHING IN THE TEXAS LAND RECORDS</b> by Don Raney. This lecture describes the early settlement of Texas and presents various types of land grants awarded to Texas settlers. It explains how to research the Texas General Land Office land records to find your Texas ancestor.





<p>3) <b>GENEALOGY AS A PROFESSION: MAKING THE LEAP!</b> by Sammie Townsend Lee. What is a professional genealogist? Are you? Do you think you want to be? How do you go about it? How do you recognize when you've made the leap from hobbyist to professional? These and other questions will be addressed in this lecture.</p>	<p>4) <b>NOW THAT I'VE FOUND IT, HOW DO I READ IT?</b> by Penny Brewer Blankinship &amp; Jari Emmons. Many times the excitement of finding old documents quickly fades when we realize we can't read them. This lecture will give you the tools necessary to unravel the handwriting of the past. You will go home with a new appreciation of your ancestors' handwriting, especially when compared with some of our modern day handwriting.</p>
<p>7) <b>CD-ROMS WITH GENEALOGICAL DATA</b> by Art Rubeck. An overview of the many CD-ROMs for genealogy that are available for purchase or use in libraries, which provide the researcher with an abundance of data and clues. The wide variety of data and retrieval methods will be presented, showing how to get started and what to expect when using CD-ROMs to aid in your research. Emphasis will be placed on data and programs released in 1998.</p>	<p>8) <b>RETOUCHING SCANNED PHOTOS WITH PAINT SHOP PRO</b> by Jim Slagle. Jim Slagle will use Paint Shop Pro to demonstrate methods for retouching and repairing old photographs. He will demonstrate techniques to improve the quality of an old photograph and how good portions of an old photograph can be used to patch damaged sections. Includes a brief demonstration of using a scanner.</p>
<p>11) <b>FROM THE ANTELOPE'S SHOULDER BLADE: LAND SURVEY METHODS</b> by Richard L. Hooverson. Discusses land surveys under the New England, metes and bounds, and range and township systems, with emphasis on the methods used in Texas and the Southwest during the Spanish and Mexican eras.</p>	<p>12) <b>IF YOU HAVE ERYSIPELAS, ARE YOU GONNA DIE???</b> by Jane Route Power. Early folk remedies, illness and their modern names, and plagues/epidemics that could have been the cause of death of your ancestor.</p>
<p>15) <b>TECHNIQUES TO HELP GOOD GENEALOGISTS BECOME EVEN BETTER</b> by Patricia Law Hatcher. Some genealogist are more successful than others at solving tough problems. Why? What traits, skills, habits, and activities increase that success rate? And how can we acquire them?</p>	<p>16) <b>GOD'S FORGOTTEN CHILDREN: USING IMMIGRANT CHURCH RECORDS</b> by Richard L. Hooverson Discusses the role of churches that served first-generation immigrant families, including comments on the type and location of records, historical influences, and research methodology.</p>
<p>19) <b>USING THE 1850 - 1920 CENSUS RECORDS</b> by Barbara Dossett. Learn how to use the U. S. Census records from 1850 to 1920 in locating your ancestors. Understand how the soundex works for 1880 through 1920.</p>	<p>20) <b>ORGANIZED THOUGHTS FOR ORGANIZED RESEARCH</b> by Sammie Townsend Lee. Good genealogical research doesn't just happen; every step of it is planned! This presentation looks at how to approach a research problem, research the problem, record the information, and keep it up-to-date for the next trip to a repository.</p>
<p>23) <b>SOURCES JUST SLOW ME DOWN</b> by Jane Route Power. Discussion of unusual documentation when the "normal" avenues have come to a dead end.</p>	<p>24) <b>LOOK AGAIN! WHAT DID YOU MISS?</b> by Patricia Law Hatcher. Are you waiting for the book that says "Shadrack Jones is the son of Meshack Jones?" Do you search for a deed that implies the relationship between Abel Brown and Cain Brown? Do you hope to find even a clue to the father of Abednego Smith? Guess what? You may already have found—and copied—that critical information. You may find more success in solving your genealogical problems if you re-examine your files, rather than seeking new sources.</p>
<p>27) <b>EARLY AMERICAN MIGRATION</b> by Don Raney. Migration patterns of our ancestors are illustrated by the development of wagon roads from the earliest colonial settlements to the south and west following a continually advancing western frontier. Maps are used to describe the routes of these early wagon roads so the family historian can learn how his or her ancestors migrated from one location to another.</p>	<p>28) <b>SCOTS-IRISH AND SOUTHERN APPALACHIA</b> by Mary-Reid Goss Warner. Blending the folkways of Ireland, Scotland, and northern England, the Scots-Irish developed a frontier culture in southern Appalachia. Understanding their heritage helps in tracing families in this complex area.</p>

## **A Salute to the Record Keepers:**



# **The Story of John Henry Brown**

**By Dr. Alan Miller**

*The author of this article on John Henry Brown is part of the DGS Records Preservation Committee. Shirley Sloat, who chairs this important committee, reports: "During the first few months of our team project to inventory Dallas County records, we slogged through dusty old books at the old Records Storage facility on Harry Hines and discovered many items that intrigues us. One of those was the final entry in the last Civil Docket book kept by Justice of the Peace, John Henry Brown for Precinct #1. We were so taken by Brown's obvious dedication to the importance of keeping good records for the citizens of Dallas that Alan decided to do some research on this man who we knew had served the area in many capacities."*

John Henry Brown, early Texas soldier, journalist, politician, historian and "remarkable, walking encyclopedia," was born on a farm near Ashley in Pike county, Missouri, on October 29, 1820. His father, Henry S. Brown, for whom Brown county was named, soon forsook the farm for a lucrative flatbed shipping operation on the Mississippi River. He then migrated to Texas where he led several campaigns against the Indians. Capt. Henry Brown died in 1834 before he could move his family into Texas.

Meanwhile back home in Pike County, young John started in the newspaper business, first as a "printer's devil" then as a writer. An apprenticeship and a minimal amount of formal schooling followed. Then, probably influenced by talk of the adventures of his father and uncle, John "Waco" Brown (so named because of his two-year capture by the Waco Indians), Brown left his budding St. Louis newspaper career in October of 1839 for Texas. He took a job with the *Texas Sentinel* in Austin briefly, but the lure of battle kept him free of printer's ink for the next two years. He was involved in the battles of Plum Creek, Salado; Woll's retreat; Hay's retreat from San Antonio; and Somervell's expedition to the Rio Grande; where he prudently followed Somervell's orders to return home, thus avoiding the disastrous Mier Expedition.

In the spring of 1843 Brown returned home to Ashley where he met and married a young schoolteacher, Marion Mitchell. A vivacious, intelligent woman, originally from Groton, Connecticut, Marion was a descendent of John and Priscilla Alden. While his wife returned briefly to Groton, John prepared to return to Texas by working and sharpening his skills as a newspaperman in St. Louis, MO and Bowling Green, KY. By April 1845 they were in Rock Springs, Texas, where they stayed with Brown's mother, Margaret Kerr Brown, who had lived there since her husband's death. The next year he took a position on the *Victoria Advocate*, then moved to Indianola, where in January 1852 he established the *Indianola Bulletin*. In 1854 he became associate editor of the *Civilian* and *Galveston Gazette*. Two years later he was elected mayor of Galveston and at the same time represented Galveston County in the State Legislature. In 1858 he moved to Belton (just north of Salado). From here his strong pro-slavery, pro-secession views were issued in the newspaper and through pamphlets.

Returning to the legislature, Brown was a leader in preparing the Articles of Secession accepted by the legislature and then, on February 1861, by the people. He served in the Confederate Army under Ben McCullough and later under his brother Henry McCullough. Illness forced his resignation in November 1862. Back home, he served in the militia when his health permitted and participated in the "last battle" of the war -- a skirmish with Arkansas troops.

Unwilling to stay in a Texas occupied and ruled by the late "enemy," Brown joined ex-General Joseph Shelby and several hundred others in a June 1865 move to Mexico. There they eventually purchased over 10,000 acres near Tuxpan. His glowing reports of the area induced many others from the US to migrate there, including the scientist Gideon Lindecum. Inability to meet accelerated land payments cost him his land, so in 1870 the Brown family returned to the United States. He toured the Northeast making speeches and visited St. Louis, but when the family finally chose their final home, it was Dallas.

In Dallas, Brown and Pierre Mitchel opened the North Texas Land Agency. In 1872 he purchased a home at 40 Pearl Street where he resided until the time of his death. Here John Henry soon returned to politics. He urged and passed an early attempt at city planning and zoning, and spoke often to civic and business groups. He again served in the state legislature, and was a leader in the constitutional convention that drafted the 1876 document under which we still suffer. Thereafter he retired from state politics.

Back in Dallas, Brown won a term as alderman, and in 1885 was elected mayor. When the State Fair of Texas opened in 1886, Brown pleased the Mexican delegation by welcoming them in Spanish. He was a popular mayor and when he retired in 1888 the aldermen appointed him a justice of the peace.

In our inventory of the Dallas county archives this spring, his last civil docket book was uncovered. In what was his last act as a public servant, John Henry Brown wrote the following:

*With a clear conscience at 12 o'clock M. on this the 18th day of November, 1890, I deliver this and all other books pertaining to my office to Edw. S. Lauderdale as my successor, and pray God to guide and bless him in the path of duty. John Henry Brown, J.P.*

It is as an historian that John Henry Brown is remembered today. Publications in book form during the 1880's include "The History of Dallas County, 1837-1887" and "The Life and Times of Henry Smith." After his retirement from public service in 1890, he was able to devote his full attention to the publication of his two greatest works; "History of Texas, from 1885-1892," and the work by which he is best remembered, "Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas."

On May 31, 1895, John Henry Brown died at his home in Dallas. In an unpublished manuscript written some years earlier, he had composed his own farewell. "And now, good reader, as we have locked hands on a short but friendly acquaintance, and hoping to greet you sooner or later as a useful and prosperous citizen of Texas, I bid you adieu!"



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## A Mystery Search

As forwarded by Hallie Garner

#### To Whom It May Concern:

I may not have the correct search area, but here it goes. . . .

I recently purchased a very old book of poetry/verse from an antique shop. Inside was a very worn piece of paper (dated 1936?) requesting the book, if lost, be returned to the owner's daughter.

I am very new to computer usage, much less anything as difficult as an actual search, and am in need of help in how to find the family of the prior owner (?) -- H.T. HARMON, 2470 San Diego Ave., San Diego, California; and daughter -- Mrs. Hellen HILL, College Station, Texas; AND another name on the book -- Sheila ALLEN, 2256 5th Ave., Fort Worth, Texas.

I have a feeling the people whose names are in the book are now deceased because I have tried the typical yellow/white pages found on the internet.

If I am talking to the wrong association to handle this problem -- my apologies. My last name is HARMON, too, and I have a strong feeling that the family of this man would want his memoirs.

Thank you,

Mary Harmon

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## NEWS FROM THE 8th FLOOR

This is a continuing list of recent acquisitions that you can help place on the shelves of the genealogy section of the Dallas Public Library for as little as \$5.00. Make a tax-deductible contribution to the DPL's "Adopt-A-Book" program, select a book, and cover the cost of binding. See the library staff in the genealogy area for more information. (*Listings to be continued in the next issue.*)

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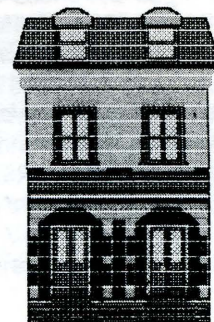
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## TITLE

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929.3769 B658	Bluegrass Roots (KYBR)	v. 9 (1982) - present	Kentucky Gen. Soc.
929.37691 B816	Branches of Laurel (KYBL)	v. 6 (1991) & v. 10 (1995) only	Laurel County Hist. Soc.
976.9005 K37B	Bulletin - Kentucky Hist. Soc. (no code)	v. 1 (1974) - v. 7 (1981)	Kentucky Hist. Soc.
929.3769 B936B	Bulletin - Kentucky West-Central (KYRB)	v. 1 (1968) - present	West-Central KY Family Res. Assoc.
929.10976 E13	East Kentuckian Journal (EAKY)	v. 1 (1965) - present	Clayton Cox, Ed.
929.3769 F195	Falling Leaves (KY Genealogy Aids) (KYFL)	1972, 1973, 1971 & 74 in one	Hilda Colley
929.37694 F284	Fayette County Quarterly (KYFQ)	v. 2 (1987) - present	Fayette County Gen. Soc.
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929.37699 F974	Fulton-Hickman Journal (KYFH)	v. 1 (1985) - v. 7 (1991); also v. 1-2 (1986)	Fulton Co. Gen. Soc.
929.10976 G259	Gateway (KGYG)	Fulton-Hickman Families	Bell County Hist. Soc.
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929.3769 C877K	Kentucky Family Records (KYFR)	v. 1 (1965) - present; index 1. 1-15	West Central KY Family Res. Assoc.
929.3789 K37	Kentucky Genealogist (KYGN)	v. 1 (1969) - present	ceased in 1986
929.3769 K37	Kentucky Kinfolk - Eastern Kentucky People	v. 1 (1959) - v. 27 (1985)	maybe forerunner of below
929.3769 K37	Kentucky Kinfolk (KYKK)	1 vol. 1974 only	Kentucky Tree-Search
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929.3769 K37	Kentucky Researcher (KYRS)	v. 1 (1979) - v. 9 (1988); v. 4 missing	ceased in 1966
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929.10976 S726	South Central Kentucky Hist. Quarterly (cont. as TRACES)	v. 1-20 (1902-1922) on microfilm - present	
929.3769 L854	Southern Kentucky Gen. Soc.(cont. as LONGHUNTER)	v. 2-4 (1974-76) only	
929.10976 T759T	Traces (KYSC)	v. 3-4 (1979-81) only	South Central KY Hist. & Gen. Soc.
929.10976 T786	Tree Shaker (KYTS)	v. 12 (1984) - present	Eastern Kentucky Gen. Soc.
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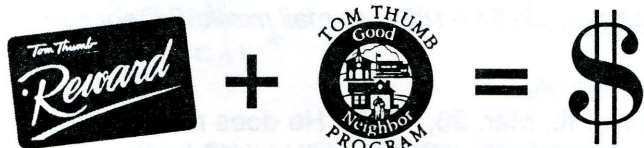
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976.34 A883 929.37631 B334B 929.37639 C585 929.37633 D311	Attakapas Gazette (LAAG) Baton Rouge (LABR) Claiborne Parish Trails (LACP) Deep Delta (LADD)	v. 2 (1967) - present v. 4 (1984) - present v. 2 (1987) - present v. 1-2 partial (1983)	Attakapas Hist. Soc. Baton Rouge Gen./Hist. Soc. J. & W. Enterprises Plaquemines Parish, ceased in 1986
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929.3763 K51K 929.3763 L888 976.3 G326 976.3 L888	Kinfolks (LAKF) Louisiana Armchair Researcher Louisiana Gen. Register (LAGR) Louisiana Hist. Quarterly (not in PERSI)	v. 7 (1983) - present v. 1 (1973) only v. 1 (1954) - present v. 1 (1917) - v. 33 (1950); v. 40 (1957) - v. 54 (1971); index v. 1-33	Southwest Louisiana Gen. Soc. Armchair Publications Louisiana Gen. & Hist. Soc. Louisiana Hist. Soc.
976.3 L888 976.3005 L888	Louisiana History (LAHY) Louisiana History Newsletter (no code)	v. 1 (1960) - present v. 1 (1975) - v. 7 (1981) in 2 books	Louisiana Hist. Assoc. University of Southwest Louisiana
not yet cataloged 929.3763 L888 929.10976 N273 929.105 N532	Louisiana Roots (LART) Louisiana State Courier (LASC) Natchitoches Genealogist (LANG) New Orleans Genesis (LANO)	current only v. 1 (1984) - v. 3 (1986) v. 5 (1980) - present v. 1 (1962) - present	Randy DeCuir, Editor ceased in 1986 Natchitoches Gen. & Hist. Soc. Gen. Research Soc. - New Orleans ceased in 1980
929.3763 N874 976.3005 R123R	Northeast Louisiana Gen. Soc. (NLAG) Raconteur (LARA)	v. 2 (1976) - v. 6 (1980) v. 1 (1984) - present	Comite des Archives da la Louisiane
929.37634 T325	Terrebonne Life Lines (LATL)	v. 3 (1984) - present	Terrebonne (Parish LA) Gen. Soc.
929.376 T355	Texarkana USA Quarterly (TXAR)	see ARKANSAS	Texarkana (TX, AR, LA, OK) Gen. Soc.
929.3763 V975	Voyageurs (LAVY)	v. 3 (1982) - present	German-Acadian Coast Hist. & Gen. Soc.
929.10976 W776	Winn Parish Courier (LAWC)	v. 1 (1984 - v. 3 (1986)	ceased in 1986





*("Grandma's Trunk," continued from pg. 125)*

Later in life, my great-grandmother's cards and letters from friends and relatives both in Scotland and America brought joy to her. She was loved by many and my own faint memory of her lingers even though she died when I was just four. The contents of her trunk and the stories of her life are invaluable to me, fueling my desire to discover more about her and my roots.

*\*A note to those planning to delve into Scottish research: If your Scottish kin were Highlanders it might be a good idea to purchase a pocket-sized Gaelic/English dictionary. If they lived in the southern half of Scotland -- there are Scots English dictionaries available. Either way, you are going to encounter some Latin if you go very far into Scottish record research. Brush up on your Latin or be prepared to ask for assistance, for it is used in legal and church records.*



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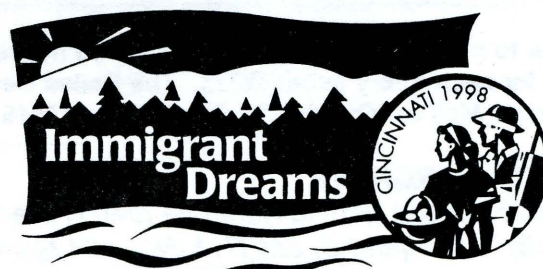
### Keeping up With the Jones's

*(As found in the April 1998 issue of "Westward Into Nebraska," the newsletter of the Greater Omaha Genealogical Society)*

Awhile back I was looking at someone's records and came across the weirdest name I've ever seen. Fnu. As in Fnu Jones. Who on earth would name their child *Fnu*? And there were several generations of them in the same record! Perpetrating this name on generations of newborns -- what a horrid thing to do!

It wasn't until I found someone name Fnu Mnu Jones that I understood . . . First Name Unknown (Duh! Slapping myself "upside the head!")

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### SMITH, HARGROVE

Alexander and Berthia Hargrove SMITH lived in Lamar county, TX, ca. 1860. I wish to know more about this family. *Margaret C. SMITH KING, 104 Montclair Ct., E. Peoria, IL 61611-1851 (e-mail mesk69@aol.com)*

### SMITH

In "Scantlon's Squadron," Co. B, Texas Cavalry (Confederate) at Trinity Mills, TX enlisted a James M. SMITH ca. 1862. He was honorably discharged in 1862. I would like info. on this company's activity and on the parents of James M. SMITH.

*Margaret C. SMITH KING, 104 Montclair Ct., E. Peoria, IL 61611-1851 (e-mail mesk69@aol.com)*

### SMITH

Curtis P. SMITH was mayor of Dallas, TX, ca. 1902. Any help concerning his genealogy (his siblings, parents, children, residences, etc.) would be most appreciated.

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### WUNDERLICH, COOLBAUGH

Ralph O. WUNDERLICH was born in Princeville, Peoria county, IL, Mar. 26, 1876. He does not show up on the soundex of the 1880 federal census as far as can be determined. (Checked IL to KS.) No proof of parents' ID, but said to be Carl and Anna (?) WUNDERLICH. Ralph married Lettie COOLBAUGH in Topeka, Shawnee county, KS, on June 1, 1904. Are Carl and Anna WUNDERLICH in your family?

*Elsie KOHL WHITE, 2820 San Medina, Dallas, TX 75228-3120*

### SERNER, <?>

Help!!! Can anyone recall the news about Clara SERNER (married name unknown to researcher)? She was beaten and robbed by a young man that she picked up as she was on her way to Dallas, TX to see her daughter. It happened in the Dallas area. The trial of the man was held in 1946/47 in Dallas. (Heard he was executed.) Clara once lived in Durant, OK, along with her parents Jack (or Zack) and Maggie SERNER. Please let me know if there is anyone I can contact to get more details. Clara was my great-aunt. The story was written in a detective magazine and I would like to find the publisher of the magazine.

*Wanda Payne, 920 Redbud Dr., Hurst, TX 76053*

### Almost Two Hours of Family History on the Texas State Radio Network!

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The Family History Show with host, Michael Matthews airs from 10:06 p.m. to midnight each Sunday evening. Locally, this program can be heard on KRLD 1080 AM and accessed on the internet at <http://familyhistory.flash.net>

#### Coming in August:

*(Schedule is subject to change)*

- Aug. 9 Leiland K. Meitzler, executive editor of *Heritage Quest* Magazine (repeat)
- Aug. 16 Robert Scott Davis, Jr., director of Family and Regional History, Wallace State College, Hanceville, AL, AND Leslie Smith Collier, past president DGS
- Aug. 23 Barbara Roberts Baylis, past president, DGS and genealogy instructor at SMU ALSO Mr. Marty Rampage, Northeast Mississippi Historical and Genealogical Society
- Aug. 30 Donald E. Brice with the Texas State Archives; David Baskin of the Texas State Library, and W.M. VonMaxzewski, Manager of genealogy and local history at George Memorial Library in Richmond, TX
- Sept. 6 Jeri J. Steele, Collin County Genealogical Society



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# DGS Calendar of Events

## AUGUST 1998

- 15 **African-American Beginner's Workshop** "A Slice for Researching," Saturday, August 15th 1998, Dallas Public Library - all day. (See last month's newsletter for more details!)

## SEPTEMBER 1998

- 10 **African American Interest Group Meeting**  
(See pg. 123 for contact info.)
- 19 **Fall Festival of Genealogy**, Saturday, Sept. 19th, 1998, Dallas Convention Center (all day) See inside for details!



- 28 **DGS Regular Monthly Meeting**  
Mark your calendars now for our first meeting of the season! Reception @ 6:30, program (TBA) @ 7:00 p.m.

## OCTOBER 1998

- 3 **Beginner's Workshop** to be held at the library from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Details in September.)
- 26 **DGS Regular Monthly Meeting** at the downtown Dallas Library. Reception @ 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. (Program TBA)



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