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Picking Up The Pace An Intermediate Workshop In Genealogy

Are you past the basics? Are you in need of some in-depth information on specific areas of genealogy research? Do you want to learn more about how to make the most of the data you have already collected? **Then it's time for an intermediate workshop!**

Moving forward from the 1997 Beginners Workshop, *GETTING STARTED*, DGS is bringing to you, in 1998, a study course designed to focus on the areas of research where most genealogists spend the greatest portion of their time. *PICKING UP THE PACE*—a day-long workshop—will assist the novice in taking that next step, as well as motivate and further inform the more experienced researcher. This is an educational event sure to provide each of us with a new perspective on our work.

DGS is happy to announce that the event will be held in the newly refurbished DPL Auditorium, located on the Plaza Level. Seating is limited, so be sure to pre-register! Walk-ins will be admitted as space allows. Further details on this workshop, as well as a registration form, can be found on page 27.

Register now to join us on Saturday, 28 March for the following genealogical sessions:

Court House Records: Deeds & Wills

Sammie Townsend Lee

Getting to the Courthouse is usually the easiest part of the process. Learning how to find, abstract, and understand the essence of our ancestors' deeds and wills is the necessary part of the process you will be exposed to here.

Churches: Their History, Records and Burying Grounds

Barbara Roberts Baylis

The church was the center of early American life, and its history and records are central to good genealogical research. Learn how to find such records and how they will benefit your genealogy. Follow your ancestor from the church pew to the burial plot, and explore the process of recording the clues found there.

Pre-1850 U.S. Census and The Value of Tax Records

Barbara Dossett

Life isn't fair, and it seems as if they designed the pre-1850 Census to remind us of this fact. Learn how to follow your family back through the census, even though most appear as mere slash marks on a chart. Valuable lessons will be taught on tax records—they can often solve or shed new light on those tough relationship problems that the census leaves dangling.

Pitfalls to Avoid in Genealogy

Dorislee Hoffpauer

Nothing ever stays the same, and genealogy is no exception. But being forewarned about common pitfalls in genealogical logic can save time, money, and frustration. From calendar and county line changes, language and handwriting anomalies, to nickname *faux pas*, learn to be aware of those things that are not always as they appear.

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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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Individuals, libraries, or societies may apply for membership. **Dues are \$20 for twelve consecutive months, with membership beginning the month of payment.** New member dues and renewals should be mailed to DGS at P.O. Box 25556, Dallas, Texas 75225-1556 and marked to the attention of the Vice-President for Membership. Current members receive *The Dallas Journal* and the *DGS Newsletter*.

The object and goals of this Society are:

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

Newsletter

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

President's Message

Karen Avery Miller

We are entering the fourth quarter of this society year and an exciting time as well. The 1998 Lecture Series is just now getting underway, and if the chosen subject matter and guest lecturers are any indication, we should be on our way to another blockbuster series. Most among us have ancestors who lived in New England, settled or migrated through Virginia, and arrived in the new world by ship. What fun we are going to have!

And speaking of fun, you might still have time to sign up for the March 1-8 DGS Salt Lake City Trip. We always have a fun time! The cost of your SLC registration fee includes complimentary accommodations for each tour guide in return for their consultation services, both in advance of the trip and daily, while researching in the Family History Library. It's a great trade off, and we highly encourage you to take advantage of the combined knowledge and experience that Sammie Lee, Leslie Collier, and Patti Darnell have to offer. You'll be sure to get your money's worth! Dorothy Bruce, once again, serves as the committee chairman for this project, and it is through her diligence that the hotel accommodations and services are expertly handled. She, too, certainly earns her free trip each year! It's all planned, DGS has obtained the best price on lodging and hired guides to assist you, all you have to do is sign up and make your transportation arrangements. Once you go to Salt Lake City with DGS, you'll immediately clamor to add your name to the next year's reservation list.

Leaving the best news till last, did you notice the information box on the front page? It's here! We have received

our portion of the profit of the Federation of Genealogical Societies 1997 Conference—\$30,227.48! That closes the books on FGS/DGS 1997, and once more we thank everyone who made this event the grand success it was! Later this spring, a gift committee will be formed to make recommendations to the Board as to the DGS 1997/98 gift to the Library. Do you have any suggestions? Now is the time to mail your ideas—please send them to my attention.

Judy Johns has graciously accepted the appointment as the 1998 FGS Delegate for DGS. Judy will serve in this capacity from January '98-'99. Thanks, Judy!

It's been a great year so far, and the best is yet to come!



Repositories on the Internet

Paula Perkins Parke

February Meeting:

Lesson Five of the Three R's

Paula Perkins Parke, with 15 years of genealogical research experience and education, has devoted the past five years to full-time genealogical pursuits: speaker, editor, consultant, course coordinator and instructor, and library volunteer.

She created and maintains web pages on the Internet for Collin Co. and Texas State Genealogical Societies and is a two-county sponsor of the TexasGenWeb Project.

The Internet is a gigantic resource tool with worldwide libraries and thousands of repository databases for genealogists to search. Our families might have no names in common, but we might find ourselves linked by the database of a third person. These

electronic versions provide genealogical resources and volunteers to answer questions via the Internet. There are archive databases that maintain transcriptions of birth and death indexes, censuses, wills, etc. One can view or place queries for surnames, subscribe to an Internet mail list, surname newsletter, view maps of places where ancestors lived, and access catalogs of public and university libraries and state library and archives resources. The USGenWeb Project, National Archives, Library of Congress, U.S. Geological Survey, and Bureau of Land Management web sites will also be discussed.

The Internet can make access easy by providing a place to search for records that, once located, can be ordered by either "snail mail" or e-mail, for proof needed to document one's work.

Come learn about "Repositories on the Internet" and how this can help you as a family historian. And you don't even need to own a computer to search these repositories on the Internet!



Special Interest Groups

The Computer Interest Group, led by Art Rubeck, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, 12 February, in the DPL Auditorium. Jim Slagle will present "A Demonstration of Paint Shop Pro." Jim 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.

The Latin-American Interest Group, led by Sandy Fritz, will meet at

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Bulletin Board

Do you have information you would like to share with other genealogists? Do you know about upcoming seminars, classes, or publications which might interest your friends and fellow researchers? If so, please submit **original information only** and include the source. Send to: Bulletin Board, DGS Newsletter Editor; P.O. Box 12648; Dallas, TX 75225-0648, and we will publish items as space permits.

Ellis Island was the first stop in the New World for many immigrants. The American Family Immigration History Center now has its own web site where you may quickly and easily visit and view the American Immigrant Wall of Honor on-line. You can also view a registered family name, research if one has been registered and possibly register your family using their electronic form, if you want to pay their fee for registration. The URL is <www.wallofhonor.com>. (*The Family Tree*, VII, (6) p. 25.)

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The Tishomingo County (Mississippi) Family History Book is expected to be ready by publication of this newsletter. It is about 700 pages with 900 family stories. If your family was in this county, you may find other researchers and helpful information in this book. Cost is \$65.00 + \$5.00 shipping and handling. Contact Tishomingo County Historical and Genealogical Society (TCHGS), 204 North Main Street, Iuka, MS 38852. Information on additional publications of that society is available on the TCHGS homepage, located at <<http://www.joes.com/home.tchgs>>. (Notice received from Tishomingo County Genealogical and Historical Society.)

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The National Genealogical Society Conference in the States: Rocky Mountain Rendezvous, will be held 6 May through 9 May 1998 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado. The local host is the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies and the Adams Mark Hotel is the headquarters hotel. Early registration closes 4 April 1998. Complete details of the program were published in the November/December NGS Newsletter. Contact the NGS at: 76702.2417@compuserve.com or 1998 NGS Conference, 4527 17th St. North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399, Tel: (703) 525-0050. (*NGS Newsletter* November/December 1997.)

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Are you mystified by the large number of possible sites for using genealogical resources on the Internet? Would you like to find a way to publicize your name and research interests so that others may contact you? You may want to try the **I Found It! Genealogy Search Engine**, which has its own domain at <<http://www.gensource.com>>. It contains links to over 2600 genealogy related web sites and is still growing. You can also use "Common Threads" at this new domain. You use "Common Threads" to find others researching the same family line. It is more than just a surname list and includes details about the submitter's ancestor, and the submitter's e-mail address so you can exchange information. It contains over 7500 submitted listings and is free. You can submit an ancestor to "Common Threads" or submit a web site to I Found It! by using their choices of "Add Name" and "Add

URL" pages. (*Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* 6 December 1997.)

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Upcoming conferences of interest:

The very active **American Historical Society of Germans From Russia 1998 Convention**, will be held 17 - 21 June 1998 in Wichita, Kansas. Details are available at: <<http://www.teleport.com/nonprofit/ahsgr/1998conv.html>>.

The **Fifth New England Regional Genealogical Conference** will be held October 1998 in Portland, Maine. For more information, check <<http://users.rootsweb.com/~maplymou/conf/confmain.htm>>.

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New on-line database announced: Do you have Civil War ancestors? Do you wonder if you have Civil War Ancestors? You may want to try using **The American Civil War Research Database**. It is a fully searchable database of Civil War soldiers and is at <<http://www.civilwardata.com>>.

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New York Ancestors? **KINSHIP** offers a NY Research Tips page plus a catalog of books and CD's to aid New York genealogists and historians: <<http://www.kinshipny.com>>.

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The NGS is now accepting program proposals for the 1999 Conference in the States to be held 12-15 May in Richmond, VA. The

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AHNENTAFELS:

What Are They? How Can You Use Them?

Dorislee Riley Hoffpauer

Ahnentafel is a German word. AHN means grandfather; EN makes it plural, "Grandfathers;" and TAFEL means a table or register. AHNENTAFEL, the word, refers to a Table or Register of Grandfathers.

Since we have to work from ourselves backward to our ancestors, this ascendancy numbering system works well for "working" numbers. It does give us a unique number for each direct ancestor. You have probably been using Ahnentafel numbering since you started filling out your first ancestor chart. Pre-numbered ancestor charts use this numbering system, so you were probably using this system without knowing its name.

Later in our research, when we have made all the connections back to a long-ago ancestor, we may want to write a book, and we may employ one of the recognized descendancy numbering systems, but while we are researching, we can only use an ascendancy system.

The Ahnentafel can be useful to you since the unique number for each of your direct ancestors has a known relationship to the other individuals in your lineage. The rule for assigning these numbers is:

Any individual's number multiplied by 2 is his father's number; this same individual's mother's number is one more than his father's number.

Example: What number is the father of number 1? His father's number is 2 ($2 \times 1 = 2$); his mother's number is 3 ($2 + 1 = 3$). In this system, all males will have even numbers and all females will have odd numbers,

with one exception—number 1 may be either male or female. This will work for anyone's number. Take number 1's maternal grandfather, number 6—his father will be number 12 and his mother number 13.

This will work backwards also. Examples: What is the number of 16's son? $16 / 2 = 8$. What is the number of 50's daughter? $50 / 2 = 25$. So 50's daughter is 25 and her husband is 24 ($25 - 1 = 24$).

An example of an ahnentafel for one surname:

1. Dorislee RILEY
2. Earl RILEY
4. Lester RILEY
8. Robert RILEY
16. Cornelius RILEY
32. John RILEY
64. Cornelius RILEY

An example of an ahnentafel for an individual:

1. Dorislee RILEY
2. Earl RILEY
3. Faye WADE
4. Lester RILEY
5. Harriet RICHARDSON
6. Aaron WADE
7. Molly REAVIS
8. Robert RILEY
9. Martha Jane PERKINS
10. James RICHARDSON

Ahnentafels are much less space-intensive than charts. If you were to send an extensive lineage to someone, you could probably put on one page what would take several pages if done in chart form. This can be useful for faxes and E-mail.

Whether we use them or not, I think we all need to know how an ahnentafel works.

The Family History Show

Mar 1 John V. Wylie

Everton's "On-Line" Advisor,
GENTECH99

Mar 8 Ed "Connie" Shoemaker

Oklahoma Historical Society
Library

Mar 15 Diana Hobert-Hanson

Instructor, Irish Genealogy
On-Line

Patrick McKenna

Associate, Dallas Public Library

Mar 22 John W. Heisey

Columnist, "Genealogy Week" in
AntiqueWeek

Mar 29 Mr. Lynn Morrow

Director, Local Records
Preservation, Missouri

Jane Routt Power

Garland, TX, Genealogical Society

Host: Michael Matthews

1 (800) 765-1080 Toll-Free

787-1080 DFW Area

10:06 P.M. to Midnite

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Schedule Subject To Change

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.

CD-ROM REVIEW

Editor's Note: Because of the importance of this new resource, we are omitting some sections of the review page this month.

PERSI on CD-ROM. A new genealogical research tool that I have been using is the *PERSI* or **PER**iodical Source Index on CD-ROM, published by Ancestry and the Allen County Public Library.

What is *PERSI*? *PERSI* is a comprehensive place, subject, and surname index to the genealogical and local history periodicals received at the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Created by the Allen County Public Library, it is the largest index of genealogical and historical periodicals in the world.

PERSI is also a work in progress. Last year Allen County Public Library added more than 80,000 citations, bringing the total number of fully searchable records to more than one million. The index catalogues almost 5000 different periodicals, listing every article according to locality, family surname, and research method.

How can *PERSI* help you? *PERSI* is like a library card catalog containing most of the articles written for genealogical periodicals and newsletters. If you don't check genealogical periodicals, you are missing about 25 to 30 percent of the available information on a given subject or ancestor. You might find the clue that will help you discover your long lost ancestor in *PERSI*, and it is

now available for the first time on CD-ROM.

Previously, *PERSI* was only available in print at major genealogical libraries, including the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section. The complete printed set costs almost \$2,000 and consists of 27 volumes that take up several feet of shelf space. There is no overall index to *PERSI*, therefore, it is necessary to search all eleven indexes for each ancestor.

With this new electronic version, *PERSI* is available on a single CD-ROM packed full of vital information that will help you in your genealogical research. You will now be able to instantly search more than one million records and citations using your home computer. Once you find the article you are seeking, a simple mouse click will take you to details about the article's publisher, magazine, newsletter, or journal publishing date, and archive locations. Using this information, you will be able to order copies of each article you want.

If the article is not available in your library, The Allen County Public Library possesses all issues of the periodicals listed in *PERSI* and will provide copies of up to six articles for a fee of \$6.00 plus \$0.20 per page. Send your request with the Article Title, Periodical Title, Volume and Issue to: Historical Genealogy Department, Research Center, Allen County Public Library, P.O. Box 2270, Ft. Wayne, IN 46801-2270. Advance payment is not required, your bill will be sent with the copies of the articles requested.

PERSI uses the Folio Bound VIEWS text-retrieval engine that is also used on the Ancestry Reference Library CD and the CD Sourcebook of American History. Personal notes,

highlighted text, bookmarks, and sticky notes can be used to personalize your research by copying *PERSI* data from the CD to a "Shadow File" on your Hard Disk. A "Shadow File" is like a transparency laid over *PERSI* text that allows you to mark the transparency without affecting the original text.

I have found the *PERSI* CD to be very easy to use for rapid searches for the genealogical information that has been published on each of my ancestors. A search for a single ancestor that could take 20 minutes or more on the printed *PERSI* can be accomplished in a few seconds on the *PERSI* CD. The biggest problem I have now is to find the time to complete my research by locating and analyzing the many new articles discovered by using the *PERSI* CD.

The *PERSI* CD is available for \$99.95 from most genealogical vendors or it can be ordered from Ancestry at 1-800-ANCESTRY. It is occasionally available from some vendors at a discount. The Dallas Genealogical Society has purchased the *PERSI* CD, and it is available for your use on the computers in the Genealogical Section of the Dallas Public Library. (Don Raney)

ELECTRONIC JOURNAL REVIEW

An excellent article called "*How to Trace Your Family Tree*" with a British perspective is written by Jeanne Bunting of the Society of Genealogists and is now available on the World Wide Web. Jeanne gives an overview of how to get started, along with some specific recommendations of where records may be found. Since this text is written with a U.K. viewpoint, it will be of most use for

researchers working on their British ancestors. The sources of records listed are almost all in England. However, the fundamental techniques she describes are useful to anyone. To read this article, look at: <http://www.compuserve.co.uk/communities/leisure/recreation/story_1.htm>. (Hallie Garner)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Locating the Home of Your Colonial British Immigrant: Genealogical Sources in Great Britain" is another approach to British genealogical problems. Written by the esteemed American genealogist, William Dollarhide, it lists sources that are new to many American researchers, although many of the techniques are the same. He says, "if we are to be successful in locating British records that reveal the names of our early immigrant ancestors, we need to . . . first find the jurisdiction in which they lived." Then he gives the method to systematically make that search. Worth reading and noting if you plan to do British research. *Genealogy Bulletin 40, July-August 1997, p. 1, 6-8.* (Hallie Garner)

"Tribal Records at the Oklahoma Historical Society," written by William D. Welge, director of the Archives and Manuscript Division of the Oklahoma Historical Society, is an overview of the records kept at this NARA-affiliated facility, which is the institution charged with custody of certain records of the Five Civilized Tribes and some records of other tribes in the State of Oklahoma. Many people think that the southwestern Indian records are all at the Ft. Worth branch of the National Archives, but the Oklahoma Historical Society in Oklahoma City is one of those non-NARA institutions that holds records ordinarily held by NARA. These "affiliated archives"—there are seven across the country—should not be

forgotten in doing Native American research. (*The Record*, 4 (2), November 1997, pp. 24-25, 32. (Hallie Garner).



Picking up the Pace

The DGS Intermediate Workshop will be held at the Dallas Public Library, Auditorium/Plaza Level, 1515 Young Street.

Seating is limited; pre-registration is requested. Complete the attached form, one form per registrant. Mail the form, along with a check, to: DGS Intermediate Workshop, P.O. Box 25556, Dallas, TX 75225-1556. Registrations and checks must be postmarked by Tuesday, 17 March. Tickets will be held at the registration desk; no confirmation will be sent. A discount is being offered to DGS members who pre-register; all late registrants will pay the higher fee.

Sixty minutes will be allotted for a lunch break. Brown bag lunches are suggested; tables will be available for your convenience. Coffee and beverages will be provided by DGS. Within walking distance there are a limited number of restaurants, and the West End Historic District is accessible by car.

Written cancellations must be received five (5) days prior to the workshop; refunds are returned via mail after the event. DGS is a non-profit organization sponsoring this workshop as an educational project. If you are unable to attend, please consider donating your canceled registration as a tax-exempt gift.

REGISTRATION FORM

28 MARCH 1998

PICKING UP THE PACE AN INTERMEDIATE WORKSHOP IN GENEALOGY

- Court House Records: Deeds and Wills
- Churches: History, Records and Burying Grounds
- Pre-1850 Census and The Value of Tax Records
- Pitfalls to Avoid in Genealogy



Location: Dallas Public Library
Auditorium, Plaza Level
1515 Young Street

Time: 9:00 a.m. registration
9:30 - 4:30 workshop

Pre-registration (postmarked by 17 March 1998):

_____ \$20.00 DGS Members
_____ \$25.00 Non-Members

Late registration:

_____ \$25.00 Member or
Non-Member

\$ _____ **Total Enclosed**
Check # _____

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Please make checks payable to & mail to:
DGS Intermediate Workshop
P.O. Box 25556
Dallas, TX 75225-1556
For more information
DGS Voice Mail - 214/670-7932

Did You Know?

by Shirley Stertz Hawn

Civil War Prison Campsand Their Records

The first prisoners of the Civil War were taken before a battle was ever fought. On February 18, 1861, shortly after the Confederate Government was organized, General David E. Twiggs, commanding the Department of Texas, surrendered the military posts, public property of Texas, and 2684 troops, without resistance, to a committee appointed by the State of Texas. He was dismissed from the Federal service because of this surrender, and since there was no official policy in place for prisoners, much confusion ensued.

Even when the war began in earnest, the task of organizing and equipping the fighting men so engrossed their attention that neither side found the time to plan for the possibility of thousands of captives, who had to be fed, clothed, and housed.

Out of necessity, they finally addressed the issue, but the prisons were mostly temporary makeshift structures—hastily constructed and poorly equipped.

Prisoners were held in more than one hundred fifty places; many of these were used for only a short period of time, and often a very small number of captives were held in them.

There were about twenty true prisons, classified as such. They included fortifications, buildings previously used as prisons, buildings constructed for other purposes, such as warehouses and factories, enclosures surrounding barracks, and enclosures in which tents were used.

We are all familiar with the prison "Andersonville," which was built in

late 1863. It is located in Georgia, and its official military designation is Camp Sumter. This prison camp, whose story was taken from diaries, letters, and books of surviving prisoners, has become well known through movies and books.

This article isn't the story of Andersonville or other prison camps of the Confederate and Union armies, but a reminder that they existed and kept records of their "guests." Of course, all the records didn't survive, but many did and certainly should be researched.

My great-grandfather was imprisoned at Fort Delaware, located on Pea Patch Island in the Delaware River. From what I have read about Fort Delaware, over 32,000 Confederate prisoners were held there, and it was said to be dreaded above all other Federal prisons.

Over 2,400 prisoners who died there are buried in Finn's Point Cemetery on the New Jersey shore. Many were buried on the island itself, and others were sent South for burial.

Fort Delaware has been preserved and is operated by the State of Delaware, Division of Parks and Recreation.

There is a *Fort Delaware Society*, whose sole objective is the preservation and interpretation of Fort Delaware as an historic monument. The Society maintains a museum, multi-media theatre, and a gift shop at the Fort.

I haven't visited there yet, but as a member of the Society, I feel I am helping preserve an important place in history and a special place in the history of my family.

I have a letter my great-grandfather wrote 11 June 1864, while he was imprisoned there, and the oath of allegiance he signed on 8 May 1865, before he could be released and sent home.

I understand many men left journals, letters, and diaries behind

when they started their long journeys home. Wouldn't it be wonderful to find something one of our ancestors left.

The number of prisoners taken during the war can perhaps never be accurately known.

Records have been destroyed, lost, and inaccurately kept. I found these figures, quoted from General F. C. Ainsworth, who was chief of the United States Record and Pension Office. "According to the best information now obtainable from both Union and Confederate records, it appears that 211,411 Union soldiers were captured, of which number 16,668 were paroled on the field and 30,218 died while in captivity; and that 462,634 Confederate soldiers were captured during that war, of which number, 247,769 were paroled on the field and 25,976 died while in captivity." In a letter he wrote, dated 9 March 1911, General Ainsworth says he has no further information justifying a change in these figures.

The far greater number of Confederate than Union captives is due to the inclusion of the armies surrendered by the South during April and May 1865.

This number of prisoners taken may be debated, but we as genealogists can't ignore the importance of trying to find *any* records that survived for the great number of men confined to prisons during this tragic war.

I know there is an extant list of prisoners who were at Fort Delaware, and a list of those who died there. It has been filmed, and there is a copy in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

The Fort Delaware Society has a service that will search their records for you, if you have an ancestor who spent time there.

There may be other organizations or societies helping preserve these historical prison sites. This is just a

reminder that prison records for the Civil War do exist, and you may find a record for your ancestor.

The following is a list of some other prisons:

Camp Ford at Tyler, Texas
Camp Groce, Hempstead, Texas
Fort Warren in Boston Harbor
Fort Lafayette at New York
Castle Pinckney in Charleston, South Carolina
Fort McHenry in Chesapeake Bay
Old Capitol at Washington
Libby in Richmond
Belle Isle in the James River
Castle Godwin in Richmond
Castle Thunder in Petersburg, Virginia
Johnson's Island in Ohio
Point Lookout, Maryland
Rock Island, in Mississippi
Camp Douglas at Chicago, Illinois
Camp Butler at Springfield, Illinois
Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana
Camp Chase at Columbus, Ohio
The Barracks at Elmira, New York
Gratiot Street Prison in St. Louis
Camp Lawton at Millen, Georgia
Camp Asylum at Columbia, South Carolina
Forest Hall at Georgetown

These are just a few of the prisons used during the Civil War. Each of these has a story to tell. I find mostly very sad, heartbreaking stories. It is impossible to comprehend the hardships these men endured, and impossible, in this short space, to tell you anything about the prisons themselves.

Sometimes, when I am holding the letter my great-grandfather wrote to my great-grandmother during his detainment at Fort Delaware, I try to imagine what it was like for him there . . . *I can't.*

The Office of the Commissary General of Prisoners was established in July 1862 and was abolished in August 1867. This office supervised all Confederate prisoners of war and

political prisoners held in Union prisons. Their records comprise 429 bound volumes.

The records are much too numerous to mention individually, but they include: lists of prisoners who escaped, prisoners captured, prisoners in hospitals, prisoners exchanged, those who died in Confederate prisons, those who took the oath to the Confederate States of America, and records of individual prisons.

The records were later transferred to the War Department, and some of the volumes were used to compile the Confederate soldier service records.

There are three groupings: records relating to all prisoners, records of individual prisons, and records of multiple prisons.

There are many errors and discrepancies, and many of the volumes are not indexed. These records are found in National Archives Record Group 249. This film is also available at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and can be rented through the Dallas Public Library.

On the second floor of the Family History Library is a table in the middle of the room with lots of wonderful finding aids. One set of indexes is the Military Register, Volumes 1-4. Volume 2 is the index for the Civil War microfilm. Don't miss this table when you go to Salt Lake City with the DGS group in March.

At the National Archives in Record Group 92, you will find The Register of Confederate Soldiers, Sailors, and Citizens who Died in Federal Prisons and Military Hospitals in the North, 1861-1865 (Film M918 - 1 roll).

There is also a large file of miscellaneous rolls and records concerning Federal and Confederate prisoners of war, 1861-1865. (10ft).

The soldiers of the 1st through the 6th United States Volunteer Infantry regiments were made up of Confederate prisoners who enlisted in

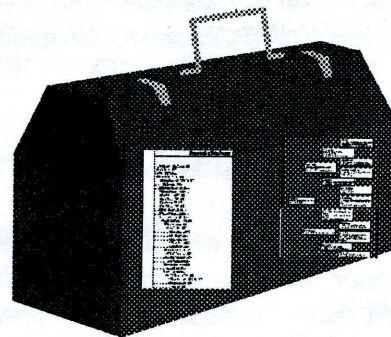
the Union Army to gain their release from prison. These records are National Archives film group M1017.

Record groups 153 and 109 also have records pertaining to prisons and prisoners.

Even though the story of the prisons of the Civil War is filled with their shortcomings and many horrors, we mustn't forget the instances of generosity and heroics that are also part of the story—all of this needs to be remembered and told in our writings about our ancestors.

I don't know if any of these records can be found at the Dallas Public Library. *Who has time to research!!!*

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proposals are due 17 Mar 1998. Additional details can be found in "Call for Papers for Richmond, Virginia" by Barbara Vines Little, *NGS Newsletter* November/December 1997 p. 202 or e-mail to: blittle@ns.gemlink.com.



Free Queries with a New Netherlands focus are accepted by **New Netherlands Connections**. Contact the editor, Dorothy A. Koenig at dkoenig@library.berkeley.edu or at 1232 Carlotta Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94707-2707. (*New Netherlands Connections*, 1, (4))



The **Second Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference** is being held in Lufkin, Texas, 16-18 July 1998. For more information contact Dean of Community Services, Angelina College, Highway 59 South, PO Box 1768, Lufkin, TX 75902. (*The Family Tree*, VII, (6), p. 2)



Many people with a "brick wall" ancestor have wondered if he/she might have been on the "**Orphan Train**" from the New York Foundling Home, the agency that sent children to the Midwest from New York in the late 1850s. Now that agency has opened its records to adult adoptees. Contact: The New York Foundling Hospital Records Information Office, 1173 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10021 or the Orphan Train Society of America, Rt. 4, Box 565, Springdale, AZ 72764. (*The Family Tree*, VII, (6) p. 2.)



A new category of people is now eligible for membership in the **Jamestowne Society**. If you have a proven descent from an ancestor who was a member of one or more of the Livery Companies that subscribed to the Virginia Adventure under the Charter of 1609 (most of the 1607 settlers have no descendants), you may want to pursue this lineage society. The subscribing Livery Companies are listed in Hening's *Virginia Statues at Large*, Volume I and the Jamestowne Society now has a website at <www.Jamestowne.org>. You can also write to: The Jamestowne Society, PO Box 17426, Richmond, VA 23266. (*The Family Tree*, VII, (6) p. B-3).



Attention Washington Co., Arkansas, researchers! Nancy Maxwell, 2709 Pin Oak Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051 is working on a book of **Marriages in Washington Co., AR** and invites all persons whose ancestors married in Washington Co. between 1828-1945 to submit information (proven or implied) for a planned book. (*The Arkansas Family Historian*, 35 (4), p. 170.)



Here is an opportunity for **US Army veterans of World War II** to contribute to historical documentation. The **US Army Military Institute** is conducting a major survey to acquire source material on World War II and they invite all veterans of that war to help. If veterans will write to them, they will send an 18 page questionnaire—*The Army Services Experiences Questionnaire*—and the postage to return the form to the institute. It has several parts: general military service questions, overseas service, combat service, occupation and mobilization and post war

experiences. Completing this questionnaire and returning it will help preserve the veteran's personal memories and add to the history of the conflict as a whole. No information was given regarding service in other branches of the Armed Forces. Contact the US Army Military History Institute, 22 Ashburn Drive, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, PA 17013-5008. (*The Family Tree*, VII, (6) p. B-14).



The **Commonwealth of Massachusetts** has passed legislation to **abandon county governments**. The Commonwealth will assume ownership of county courthouses, and the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth will continue to operate Registries of Deeds and Probate at their current locations. It is expected that the changes will be unnoticeable to those offices frequented by genealogical researchers. (Andrew B. Searle, *NEHGS Nexus*, XIV (6), p. 178.)

**Wanted:
Mystery Woman's
Identification**

A few weeks ago, a kind woman left a Bible Record of a Methodist Circuit Riding minister, Rev. T. T. Booth, with Lloyd Bockstruck. We would like to publish this record but need to get some background and the name of the donor. If you donated this record, would you please contact Hallie Garner at 214-349-3869 or hallie.garner@juno.com. Thanks so much.

Hallie Garner
Dallas, TX

Is There a Texas Ranger in Your Past?

Robert W. Stephens

Of particular interest to genealogists is establishing proven descent from a Revolutionary soldier, historical figure, or royalty. To a select few, however, belong the singular distinction of relationship to a Texas Ranger.

This colorful body was established in 1823 and still exists, making it the world's most enduring law enforcement agency. Formed when Texas was a *province* of Mexico, its first members were Indian fighters. Rangers subsequently were called on to bring an end to the incursions and depredations of Mexican bandits and, later, to bring law and order to the frontier. It was for this purpose that the famed *Frontier Battalion* was formed in 1874.

While it is not generally known, Rangers with proven service against Indians qualified as military veterans and as such were included in several **pension acts** passed by Congress. For those fortunate enough to have an ancestor who served as a Ranger against Indians, a wealth of genealogical information can be found in the pension files. Many men who served in the *Frontier Battalion* received pensions, due in part to the fact that records of that period were more detailed than those from the earliest days of the Rangers. It is fortunate that both **approved** and **rejected** pension files contain genealogical data, usually including: date and place of birth, name of wife, place of residence, and place of marriage. Approved claims also include the date of the veteran's death. Copies of pension files can be obtained from either the **National Archives** or the **Texas State Library** in Austin. A more prompt response is experienced by writing to the Texas State Library.

Although it is limited in scope, a legacy of personal data can be found on the muster rolls for those who served in the 1870s. Rolls of that period usually include the Ranger's age and nativity. As in the case of *pension files*, copies of *muster rolls* can also be obtained at a modest cost from the **Texas State Library**.

The inclusion of the Ranger's nativity could prove to be of great value to the genealogist frustrated in the search for a family's state of origin or residence prior to moving to Texas. It should be noted that many men of that period did not consider their nativity and their place of birth to be the same. Some considered nativity to be their place of residence *prior* to coming to Texas.

The terminal date of *Indian Wars* in Texas is considered to be 1881. Early pension acts include those who served as early as 1849.

Service against Indians during the *Civil War* did not qualify a man for a pension from the **federal government**

since this service was rendered to the *Confederacy*. Many Confederate veterans were not aware of this exclusion however, and applied. All such applications were rejected, but they are extant and include the same genealogical data that is found in *approved* applications.

If you suspect one of your ancestors served with the Rangers, their *pension files* and *muster rolls* may have some of the answers you are seeking.

Is there a **Texas Ranger** in your past?

About the author

Robert W. Stephens is a native of Dallas and a graduate of SMU. He has published a genealogy book on his *Stephens* family, one on his *Brooks* family, and numerous books on Texas history. Texas history books written by Bob Stephens include:

- *Texas Ranger Sketches* -
- *A Texan in the Gold Rush* -
- *Walter Durbin, Texas Ranger and Sheriff* -
- *Texas Ranger Indian War Pensions* -
- *Lone Wolf: The Story of Texas Ranger Captain M.T. Gonzauillas* -
- *Mannen Clements: Texas Gunfighter* -

The Dallas Public Library has some of these books in its collection.

Family History Show Website Update

"The Family History Show" now has a temporary "basic" website at:

<http://www.webspawner.com/users/FamilyHistoryShow/>.

Unfortunately, this website does not have all the details about family reunions, genealogical events, etc., but it does have a schedule for the program, links to access the Internet broadcasts, and some other information. Attempts are being made to establish a website that contains even more information than before.

Amid all this chaos, "The Family Historian" is being printed and contains 48-pages packed with information and some good articles—more than 200 up-coming family reunions, about 130 genealogical events, and more. The new feature "Texas Connections" lists more than 500 Texas families being researched by folks from across the country. To subscribers, thanks for your patience, and to all, please "stay-tuned."

Professional Researchers List

The Dallas Genealogical Society does not have the resources to do research for individuals. The following members of DGS have indicated they will conduct genealogical research for a fee. Each person has completed a questionnaire listing his/her experience, areas of research and expertise, and repositories in which they will conduct client research.

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

When contacting a researcher concerning a possible commission, it is customary to state in your letter what type of service you are seeking. Include pertinent ancestor charts, family group sheets, and any other information that will help the researcher make a determination concerning ability to perform the service, estimated length of time for the research, and estimated fee involved. Most researchers require a set number of prepaid hours.

Always include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request for information.

The Family Ark Research Center (Penny Brewer Blankinship & Jari Emmons); 4232 Whitfield Avenue; Fort Worth, TX 76109-5311; 817/923-8595 or 817/737-7711

Genealogical researchers for 50* years; professional researchers for 20* years. Currently enrolled in BYU Genealogy Certificate Program. Localities: Southern US, especially TX; other areas per request. Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; 20th-century research; newspapers/obituaries; multi-generation lineages; lineage papers; compile family histories/genealogies for publication; other considered as requested. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Ft. Worth Regional Branch National Archives; Texas State Library & Archives, Austin; Family History Library, Salt Lake City; LDS Family History Centers; Dallas County Courthouse; university libraries, esp. in North TX; cemeteries. Prepares written reports for clients; charges hourly fee.

*Combined

Hooverson, Richard L.; 701 Lake Road; Belton, TX 76513; 254/939-7794

Genealogical researcher for 21 years; professional researcher for 10 years. Member Association for Professional Genealogists. Localities: American Southwest. Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; newspapers/obituaries; multi-generation lineages; compiles family histories/genealogies for publication; ethnic research; lecturer. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Ft. Worth Regional Branch National Archives; Texas State Library & Archives, Austin; LDS Family History Centers; UT-Center for American History; cemeteries; Texas Land Office; Baylor TX Collection. Prepares written reports for clients; charges hourly fee (retainer required).

King, Gretchen Hough; 2518 Glen Cove Drive; Irving, TX 75062-6638; 972/255-7519

Genealogical researcher for 14 years; professional researcher for 3 years. Member Association for Professional Genealogists. Localities: Texas, New England, Illinois. Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; newspapers/obituaries; multi-generation lineages. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Ft. Worth Regional Branch National Archives; Family History Library, Salt Lake City; LDS Family History Centers; Dallas County Courthouse; cemeteries; NEHGS; regional archives; Tennessee State Library. Prepares written reports for clients; charges hourly fee, negotiable.

Lee, Sammie Townsend; 10655 Longmeadow; Dallas, TX 75238-2828; 214/349-1435; fax 214/349-0119; e-mail: sammie.lee@chrysalis.org

Genealogical researcher for 20 years; professional researcher for 8 years. Localities: PA, OH, IN, VA, NC, SC, GA, AL, MS, TN, MO, TX. Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; newspapers/obituaries; multi-generation lineages; lineage papers; compiles family histories/genealogies for publication. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Ft. Worth Regional Branch National Archives; Texas State Library & Archives, Austin; Family History Library, Salt Lake City; Dallas County Courthouse; cemeteries. Prepares written reports for clients; charges hourly fee.

Lemons, Nova A; 12206 Brisbane Ave.; Dallas, TX 75234-6528; 972/241-2739; e-mail: lemstar@juno.com

Genealogical researcher for 21 years; professional researcher for 7 years. Localities: North-central TX; Northeast TX; South-central OK. Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; 20th-century research; newspapers/obituaries. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; LDS Family History Centers; Dallas County Courthouse; SMU and University of North Texas libraries; cemeteries; surrounding county libraries and courthouses. Prepares written reports for clients; charges hourly fee.

Miles, Jennifer Doughty; 6646 E. Lovers Lane #303; Dallas, TX 75214; 214/739-4634; e-mail: milesjd1@airmail.net

Genealogical researcher for 2 years; professional researcher 2 years. Member Association for Professional Genealogists. Types of research: Record searches; courthouse research; newspapers/obituaries; multi-generation lineages; compiles family histories/genealogies for publication. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Ft. Worth Regional Branch National Archives; Family History Library, Salt Lake City; LDS Family History Centers; SMU Library; cemeteries. Prepares written reports for clients; fees negotiable.

Neilson, Cliff; 3703 Moss Brooke Court; Fairfax, VA 22031-3229; 703/978-0997

Genealogical researcher for 10 years; professional researcher for 5 years. Member Association for Professional Genealogists. Localities: Mid-Atlantic States (Colonial through 1800). Types of research: multi-generation lineages; compiles family histories/genealogies for publication; ethnic research (Scots-Irish). Repositories: LDS Family History Centers; National Archives; VA, PA, MD archives; county courthouses and societies in Mid-Atlantic area. Prepares written reports for clients; charges hourly fee.

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

Genealogical researcher for 11 years; professional researcher for 6 years. Member Association for Professional Genealogists; Speakers Guild. Localities: Missouri; Northern Arkansas; Texas. Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; newspapers/obituaries; multi-generation lineages; compiles family histories/genealogies for publication. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Ft. Worth Regional Branch National Archives; Texas State Library & Archives, Austin; Family History Library, Salt Lake City; LDS Family History Centers; Dallas County Courthouse; SMU and UTA libraries; cemeteries (when in area). Prepares written reports for clients; charges hourly fee.

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

Genealogical researcher for 11 years; professional researcher for 7 years. Member Association for Professional Genealogists; GSG. Localities: New York; Connecticut; Ohio. Types of research: record searches; courthouse research; newspapers/obituaries; multi-generation lineages; compiles family histories/genealogies for publication; on-line research. Repositories: Dallas Public Library; Ft. Worth Regional Branch National Archives; Texas State Library & Archives, Austin; Family History Library, Salt Lake City; LDS Family History Centers; Dallas County Courthouse; SMU and UTA libraries. Prepares written reports for clients; charges hourly fee.

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DGS News

7:00 p.m. Friday, 13 February, at Sandy's home, 506 Granada, Garland. The program, "Research in the Texas Land Records," will be presented by Don Raney.

The African-American Interest Group, led by Emille Betterson and Emma Harrell, will meet at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 20 January in the DPL East/West Room. The program, presented by Emille Betterson, will be "Letters from Home."

The Professional Interest Group had been discontinued. Members of this group are invited to attend the CIG meetings.

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New Members

DGS would like to welcome the following new members: Monica R. Brewer, John W. Dickey, Gail Fairfield, Betty McConnell, Chalmers Omberg, Richard C. Pennington, Carol B. Schiller, Janelle Schribner, Lawrence & Jeanne Wainer, and Corey & Sharon Walker.

Recent Acquisitions of the DPL Genealogy Section

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

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**MADDOX
REED
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RUDICEL
MARTIN** Need ancestors, parents & siblings of **Stroder MADDOX**, b. ca 1803 SC, m. ca 1830 **Elizabeth _____**?, r. 1850 Fayette Co., AL, r. 1860 Calcasieu Parish, LA. Children: **Mary C.** b. ca 1833 AL; **Eliz. E.** b. ca 1835 AL; **Charles** b. ca 1837 AL; r. 1870 Rapides Parish, LA, r. 1880 Vernon Parish, LA; **Clementine C.** b. Jan 1835 Fayette Co., AL, d. 1927 Vernon Parish, LA, m. #1 **George V. REED**, m. #2 **Franklin P. WELCH**; **Marinda** b. 1843 Fayette Co., AL, m. 21 Aug 1867 **Joseph RUDICIL**; **Rebeckah J.** b. Aug 1847 Fayette Co., AL; **Wm. R.** b. 1860 LA.
MariLee Hageness, 3916 Bramble Road, Anniston, AL 36207-7004.

**ROGERS
LOCKHART
MARSHALL
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FRANKLIN
COPE** Will exchange info on children of **Reece ROGERS**, s/o **Levi & Sarah (COPE) ROGERS**, b. 6 Dec 1810 Warren Co., TN, d. 7 Jan 1892 DeKalb Co., AL, m. **Mary "Polly" LOCKHART**, d/o **James & Mary LOCKHART**, b. 1807 Buncombe Co., NC, d. 1 Apr 1890 DeKalb Co., AL. Issue: **Wm. C.** m. **Amanda MARSHALL** 8 Jul 1854; **Simon A.** b. 1832 Warren Co., TN; **Levi** b. 1835 DeKalb Co., AL; **Serena** b. 1837, m. **James J. Walker**; **Catharine** b. 1840, m. **John BAXTER**; **Jacob J.** m. #1 **Mary E. _____**?, m. #2 **Minnie JACKSON**; **James K. P.** b. 1844, m. **Mary Susan McMullen**; **Elijah** b. 1847, m. **Mary GARRETT**; **Mary** b. 1849, m. **T. R. GARRETT**; **Reece** b. 1852, m. **Eliz. _____**?; **Euphemia** b. 1853, m. **W. M. FRANKLIN**; **John** b. 1842, d. 1862 VA.
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**HOPKINS
HORNER
DEBORD** **George C. HOPKINS**, s/o **J. H. HOPKINS**, b. ca 1875 IL, m. 12 Feb 1903 Fannin Co., TX, to **Dollie J. DEBORD**, d/o **Rufus T. DEBORD & Millie _____**?, both buried Hilger Cem., Fannin Co., TX. They had at least three children: **Minnie Lee** b. ca 1906 Fannin Co., TX; **Homer Rufus** b. 1 Sep 1914 Fannin Co. d. 20 Jan 1982, buried Hilger Cem., veteran of World War II; and **Lucille** b. ca. 1919 Fannin Co. Dollie's brother, **Hugh Parker DEBORD** m. 28 Sep 1912 Fannin Co. to **Fannie Horner**, known children, all born Fannin Co., TX: **Helen J.** b. 5 Oct 1916; **Edgar F.** stillborn 19 Dec 1917; **Fulton** b. 1918; **Jack Russell** b. 13 Mar 1919; and **Raymond** b. ca 1919/1920. Would like contact with anyone from this family.
Hallie Garner, 8923 Woodshore Drive, Dallas, TX 75243 Tel: 214-349-3869 E-mail: hallie.garner@juno.com

**DUNN
MARTIN** Looking for information on the parentage of **John Melvin DUNN**, b. 1850, in Panola Co., TX. His father died when John Melvin was one year old and his mother, **Nancy** (maiden name unknown) remarried a man named **Peter MARTIN** ca 1851 and d. 1855. I have been unable to locate any Dunn family in either TX, LA, MS, or AL in the 1850 census which contained a wife **Nancy** and a male child, **John DUNN**. By the 1860 census, **John Melvin** was living in the household of his step-father, **Peter MARTIN** with a new step-mother. If anyone is researching East Texas **DUNNs**, and has any information on this particular **DUNN** line, please contact me.
Joanna Smith Dunn 128 Magnolia Dr. Ferris, Texas 75125 E-mail: <joannasd@aol.com>.

**VESTAL
CROWDER** Seeking information on descendants of **William VESTAL** b. 1802, lived in NC>TN>AR and descendants on into TX. His son **George Washington VESTAL** b. 1825 lived in Ouachita Co., AR. George's son **Henry Jackson VESTAL** m. **Francis E. CROWDER** in 1874 and moved to Ellis Co., TX by late 1880s.
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- 17 **DGS/AFRICAN AMERICAN GROUP; 6:30 p.m. Tuesday** - DPL East/West Room.
- 21 **Lecture Series 1: Lloyd Bockstruck, New England; 9:00 a.m. Saturday** - Lovers Lane Methodist Church.
- 23 **DGS MONTHLY PROGRAM & MEETING; 7:00 p.m. Monday** (Reception 6:30 p.m.) - DPL Auditorium. Speaker: Paula Parke, "Repositories on the Internet."

MARCH 1998

- 1-8 **SALT LAKE CITY TRIP**
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- 23 **DGS MONTHLY PROGRAM & MEETING; 7:00 p.m. Monday** (Reception 6:30 p.m.) - DPL Auditorium. Speaker: Gerald D. Saxon, "Special Collections at UT Arlington and Other Research Libraries."
- 28 **INTERMEDIATE WORKSHOP: Picking Up the Pace; 9:00 a.m. Saturday** - DPL Auditorium.

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- 6 **DGS/LATIN AMERICAN INTEREST GROUP; 7:00 p.m. Monday** - Call for location.
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