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DGS Presents the 1998 Lecture Series

Plans have been finalized for the 1998 DGS Lecture Series. The theme for this year's series is "Let's Get to Know Them." We can look forward to three nationally-known speakers helping us to better understand our ancestors in various geographic locations.

We will kick off the series Saturday, 21 February, with our own Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, who will introduce "Our Ancestors from New England." His topics will be:

- **Homogeneous New England**

In the colonies that became the six states that comprise New England—Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine, nearly everyone was from England and brought that lifestyle with them to the new world.

- **Religion, War, and Settlement**

Religious intolerance in Massachusetts created the exodus that fostered much of the settlement in the other colonies. Boundary disputes and wars first hampered, then created, new settlement.

- **Townships and Records**

Although these colonies were divided into counties, it was the townships that actually kept the vital records so necessary to genealogists. Lloyd will discuss how the early townships functioned and explain the

excellent published records that are available today from the earliest times.

- **Ethnic Groups and Migration**

It was well into the 1800's before the New England states had many immigrants from the other British Isles and Europe. The influences of these later ethnic groups and the migration patterns of the New Englanders will be discussed.

Lloyd, as always, will draw a very comprehensive picture of this important area and reveal the many sources available to genealogists today.

Our second lecture of the series will be held Saturday, 25 April, and will feature John Philip Colletta speaking on "Our Ancestors from Overseas." Dr. Colletta's topics will be:

- **Passenger Arrival Records**
- **Naturalization Records**
- **Research in European Records**
- **The Immigrant Ancestor's Story**

Mary McCampbell Bell will present the final lecture of the 1998 series, "Our Ancestors from Virginia," Saturday, 6 June. She will discuss:

- **Virginians on the Land: Deeds and Patents**
- **Virginians and How they Died: Probate**
- **Virginia Court Order Books and Tax Records**

- **Manuscript Collections: Methodology**

Ms. Bell specializes in colonial Virginia and its records, and in helping us to understand and use these records, she will also be helping us to know our ancestors from Virginia.

All lectures this year will be held in Asbury Hall at Lovers Lane Methodist Church, Inwood and Northwest Highway. There is ample parking close to the building. You may bring a sack lunch or eat at one of the nearby restaurants.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m.; the lectures will start at 9:30 and run until 3:30. Vendors will be available at the breaks, during lunch, and after the lectures until 4:00 p.m.

Pre-registration prices are \$20 for DGS members and \$25 for non-members. Your registration must be received one week before the event to be pre-registered. Registration at the door will be \$25, space permitting. Send your check to:

DGS 1998 Lecture Series
P.O. Box 25556
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For more information call DGS at 214-670-7932, or go to our website at <www.chrysalis.org/dgs>.

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Regular Meetings: Unless otherwise indicated, DGS regular meetings are held on the fourth Monday, January-May and September-November, in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (Dallas Public Library), 1515 Young Street, in downtown Dallas. Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. with a reception at 6:30 P.M. in the East/West Room. Regular meetings are free; visitors and guests are welcome.

Computer Interest Group (DGS/CIG): Unless otherwise noted, the DGS Computer Interest Group meetings are held at 6:30 P.M. on the second Thursday, January-May and September-November, in the Auditorium of the Library. Additionally, the DGS/CIG holds a "question & answer" period in the Library's Auditorium one hour prior to the regular DGS monthly meetings. Meetings are free, and visitors and guests are welcome.

DGS African-American Interest Group (DGS/AAIG): Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held in the East/West Rooms of the Library on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. Meetings are free, and visitors and guests are welcome.

DGS Professional Interest Group (DGS/PIG): Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held on the fourth Thursday, January-May and September-November in the East/West Rooms of the Library at 7:00 P.M. Meetings are free and open to all.

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

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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 Mar 1998 *DGS Newsletter* is 15 January 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

Among your New Years resolutions, do yourself a big favor and make a note to attend the 1998 *DGS Awards Banquet* and to participate in the 1998 *DGS Writing Awards Competition*. I'm giving you plenty of notice, but these are two items worth the effort and wait.

This past November, the 7th to be exact, the DGS once again held its *Annual Banquet*. This event is fairly new, 1997 being only the fourth year of its existence. If you were among the small, intimate, number of 55 guests, you are fully aware of what a lovely evening was had by all. This group of DGS supporters enjoyed a fantastic night of socializing, dinner, awards presentations, and an entertaining program.

The entire room was enthralled as Mr. Jim Edmondson, of the Texanna Living History Association, portrayed "James Bowie." In full period dress and with intense determination, he truly left us remembering the Alamo and the beginnings of this great state of Texas.

We gaily applauded the worthy recipients of the *DGS Service Awards*. DGS is proud to be able to bestow accolades on fellow members, individuals, and organizations that fill our DGS world with outstanding genealogical and historical efforts.

But the part of this particular evening that I would like to point out and dwell on is the *DGS Writing Awards* and this silent, sleeper of a project. We are guilty of not giving it its full due; it is a seriously worthwhile project.

We are all aware of the fact that DGS is very successful in its production of educational

workshops—bringing beginners the tools they need to get started and supplying intermediates with an edge on scaling the proverbial brick wall. We are also very successful at putting on excellent *Lecture Series*, those which fill our treasury with profits to support our society and the Genealogy Section and fill our notebooks with valuable new information on a given topic. But these fund-raisers and educational programs are not the only important aspects of this society's genealogical objectives.

Are you as aware of the valuable asset one particular project brings to genealogy at large? I refer to the *DGS Writing Awards*. As I sat there during the banquet and listened to Sheila Huckaby, 1997 Writing Awards Chairman, eloquently explain the judging process, followed by the announcement of the winners, I was struck by how this one project simply sums up the efforts we put forth in all of our other projects. Writing one's family history, abstracting records, or parlaying historical or genealogical information into the written word is exactly what we, as genealogists, rely on others to do, so we may fulfill our persistent desire to know more of our past. It is also the highest goal family historians or genealogists should strive for in their quest to gather, record, and pass on their collected works.

I hope you had the opportunity to view the 1997 contest entries—books, manuals, and pamphlets—on display for a few months in the DPL Genealogy Section. The Competition solicits and receives entries from all across the country. "Very impressive," were my first thoughts when I paged through each entry on display at the banquet. I sincerely applaud those who took the time to produce the work and then go the extra distance to make the

effort to submit their work for evaluation. The judges of this project are secret, but suffice to say that they are very well qualified to judge each entry on its merits, in regards to the division it represents. It is a plus for DGS to be in the national arena with this project. Our advertisement in national publications and our subsequent entries from both members and nonmembers from across the country is a great way of strengthening the DGS ties with fellow genealogists and fellow societies.

The individuals who submitted their work did so to better their writing skills and to be judged by their peers. Since we currently award monetary prizes of \$10.00, it's a pretty safe bet they aren't entering the contest for the money. The judging criteria are straightforward and well advised. Wouldn't it be wonderful to think that the authors of those family books you select off the shelf have gone through a similar process of evaluation? It would make the content so much more reliable if you dared to think that the author concentrated on an accepted numbering system, provided documentation, and stated source citations—not to mention produced a work with logical, valid content.

Included in this contest are also abstracted record compilations. Who among us, would not be pleased to find such compilations laid out in a proper format. Unfortunately the opposite is more often found: hard to read, poor instructions and incomplete indices. Through this type of contest, genealogical writers can learn, improve, and produce quality written work for the enjoyment and benefit of others. There are many ways to write a book, and this project wants to encourage and support those who have taken that step, no matter what level

they have attained. It is rewarding to know that the DGS is one of a few organizations that offers a valuable program such as the *Writing Awards Competition*.

We must, the experts tell us, record our family history. Why not think now about getting a manuscript together for the next DGS Writing Awards? It doesn't have to be of novel portions or hard bound. Use the upcoming months in this new year to take this next step in your work. Write a short story about family traditions or childhood memories. Finish the family history book you keep putting off.

The deadline for the 1998 DGS Writing Awards will be sometime in the early fall of this year; plan now—there is plenty of time to put pen to paper. Check the article in this issue on the winners of this prestigious award and take time to congratulate them. They fulfilled their New Year's resolution and they deserve a round of applause!

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Probate Records: More Than a Will

Sammie Townsend Lee

January Meeting:

Lesson Four of the Three R's

Sammie Townsend Lee is a staff member of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. She teaches beginning and intermediate genealogy for Richland College and has lectured locally, regionally, and nationally on genealogical sources and repositories. Sammie is a past president of DGS and has served the society in many other positions since 1984.

When an ancestor dies without leaving a will, this may be your lucky break? Most family researchers know to check for a will. Whether they find

a will or not, many stop there and never look for other records created by the probate process. Using a case study of an early Alabama family, this presentation examines the various kinds of estate records with special emphasis on how relationships can be determined from these records, what they tell us about our ancestor, and how to follow through on this information.

Join us Monday, 26 January to continue the lessons in the Three R's of Genealogy: we hope to be back in the DPL Auditorium for this meeting.

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New Members

DGS would like to welcome the following new members: Sharon Alexander, Carol Denny Gallant, Amy E. Halbrook, Mrs. L.D. Knowles, H. Anthony Langston, Jr., John Ley, Chris Luckie, Michel R. McNally, Marie G. Moore, Pamela K. Neely, Kathryn Rasure, Judy Shaw, Lori Thomas, & Tom M. Whitelock.

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DGS Special Interest Groups

Don Raney

The Professional Interest Group, led by Don Raney, will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, 22 January, in the DPL 7th Floor O'Hara Exhibit Hall.

The Computer Interest Group, led by Art Rubeck, will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8 January, in the DPL 7th Floor O'Hara Exhibit Hall. The program will be "Ya Gotta Know the Territory," presented by Barbara Wylie.

The Latin-American Interest Group, led by Sandy Fritz, will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, 9 January, at Sandy's home, 506 Granada in

Garland. The program will be "History of the Development of Latin America," presented by John Chavez, Professor of Latin American History at SMU.

The African-American Interest Group, led by Emille Betterson, will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 January, in the DPL 7th Floor O'Hara Exhibit Hall. Dr. Robert Price will speak on "History of Dallas and the Freedman Cemetery."

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Contributions

The following are contributions received June 1, 1997, through November 31, 1997, for our general fund, in honor of Tom Lee, Old City Park, or in honor of Mike Basham: Travis & Peggy Basham, William Benson, Agnes Bjerke, Helen Boehning, Melvin E. Brewer, Maxine Y. Brinkoeter, Broderbund Software, Central Texas Gen. Soc., Ralph Cowgill, Elizabeth Deihl, Mary Dishner, Barbara Dossett, Karen L. Easley, Leora Easley, Linda Edelstein, Pamela H. Edman, Lloyd & Jacquelyn Everson, Dudley & Loyce Ferrell, Melinda Forman, Hallie Garner, GENTECH, Inc., Mary Givan, Monette Grant, Shirley Hawn, Dorothy M. Heaner, Pam Holman, Beverly Holmes, Adrienne Jamieson, Linton C. Johnson, Miriam S. Kindred, Gretchen King, Pete & Wanda Kirby, Esther Jean Larson, Francis A. Lindell, Lola Mann, Robert H. Maybrier, Mary Ruth McKenney, H. Clay & Karen Miller, Zoe Miller, Adele Needham, Paul Nelson, Aloha Payne, Virginia A. Pflum, Robbie Robbie, Mrs. C. R. Roberson, Eddie Robinson, Mary Sue Sain, Shirley Sloat, Mrs. W. D. Smith, Ellen Stamelos, Inga Thompson, Joan Thompson, Mrs. & Mrs. M. G. Todd, Judith Ullman,

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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.

A new book is out about the early history of our neighbor, Kauffman County. Called *A Part of the Lord's Big Garden*, it details early history, the first settlers from Mississippi and Tennessee, and the strong influence of the Mercer colony grants. It covers county history through 1852 and includes a number of maps and documents. Written by Horace P. Flatt, all sales benefit historical preservation projects in Kaufman County. Cost is \$25 plus \$4 for mailing; order from Friends of the Kaufman County Historical Society, 209 Brookhollow, Terrell, TX 75160. (Notice received from KCHS.)

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The North Carolina Genealogical Society has three volumes of *Abstracts of Vital Records from Raleigh, North Carolina Newspapers*. This mammoth set has thousands of marriage and death notices from the Raleigh newspapers that appear from across the State of North Carolina. The entire hard-cover set may be purchased at a special price of \$125 plus S&H of \$3.00 for the first book and \$1.00 for each additional. Vol. I, 673 pages, separately is \$35.00. Volume II, 944 pages, is \$50.00, and Volume III, in two bound volumes of 655 and 629

pages respectively, costs \$75.00. Include name and address with check and mail to: NCGS Book Sales, P. O. Box 1492, Raleigh, NC 27602. (Notice received from NCGS.)

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Heritage Quest (formerly AGLL) has issued a one CD-ROM volume of *U.S. Marriage Record Index from 1691-1950*. This CD has 584,537 marriages from 18 states and is a valuable resource for early marriages. Cost is \$39.95 plus shipping and handling. Phone 1-800-760-2455 or go to <www.agll.com>. (notice from Heritage Quest.)

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The **HULSE FAMILY NETWORK** is a loose association of researchers sorting and recording many different variants of Hulse families. Some of the variants are: Hulse-Hulce-Huls-Hults-Hultz-Holsaert-Hulsart-Hulseheart-Hulcer. They wish to contact everyone with connections to families of these names. The Central Recorder for the network maintains a master listing of known Hulse first names and surnames allied in an ASCII file. Contact: Mrs. Kim A. Davis, Central Recorder, 2203 Hamilton Drive, North Bend, OR 97459, (541) 756-6168 for additional information. (Hulse Family Network notice 10-24-97).

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Many DGS members are familiar with Cindi Howells because of the late Mike Basham's introduction to her award-winning homepage, *Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites*, at <<http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/sites.htm>>.

She has links to over 21,000 genealogical sites. Now she has a book out, *Netting Your Ancestors: Genealogical Research on the Internet*, which shows you how to take advantage of Internet as a research tool. It is **NOT** a list of sites—you can reach those through the hyperlinks from her homepage—but it does answer fundamental questions on how to best use your online research time. The book is available from Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202 or 1-800-296-6687, \$19.95 + \$3.50 postage. (publication flyer from GPC.)

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Do you have Scottish heritage? The United Scottish Clans of Oklahoma present a **Scottish Heritage Festival** at Midwest City, OK, on 20 Mar 1968 in their Municipal Building. For additional information contact Kenneth Bristow, (405) 728-7542. (*The Family Tree*, Oct-Nov. 1997 p. 32A.)

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The DGS may have members whose ancestors came from **Cherokee Co., GA**, and who might like to contribute to a Cherokee County Heritage Book that is now being organized. The Cherokee Co. Heritage Book Committee is looking for stories on anyone who now lives or **EVER** lived in Cherokee Co., GA—or had an ancestor who lived there, even if that part of Cherokee later became part of another county. For additional information and a brochure contact the committee at P. O. Box 1876, Canton, GA 30114, or send E-mail to: cherocobook@aol.com. (*The Family Tree*, Oct-Nov. 1997 p. 2A.)



Writing Awards Presented

by Sheila Huckaby

Pickens County, GA is also publishing a heritage book and is soliciting stories from former residents and those with roots in Pickens Co. Family stories may be submitted free for manuscripts of 500 words, or an additional 500 words if they were in the county before 1880. To submit or purchase this heritage book, contact Pickens County Heritage Book, P. O. Box 145, Tate, GA 30177.



GENTECH, Inc. has announced its program for **GENTECH98** in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, January 23 & 24, 1998. Originally begun in the Dallas area, this is the first time the annual conference has been held away from the Dallas metropolitan area. DGS member Jeri J. Steele is the general chair, and several DGS members will be speaking. The conference, "Developing the Partnership: Genealogy and Technology," promises to have two days of exciting programs, including some of the speakers that were so popular at the recent FGS Conference. For additional information, see the GENTECH web site at <<http://www.gentech.org/>>. (GENTECH98 Program Brochure.)



Researching a Samuels surname family? Free queries and information to share can be sent to *Samuels Searcher*, 7805 Linda Lane, Anchorage, AK 99518. (*Samuels Searcher* Nov. 1997)



The Spencers of the Great Migration, Vol. I 1300 A. D.-1783 A. D. is a newly published book by Dr. Jack T. Spencer which chronicles five

The Dallas Genealogical Society extends congratulations to all the participants of the 1997 DGS Writing Competition. It is hard work being a researcher, author, (and sometimes) self-publisher. The job requires dedication, persistence, and courage. I say courage, because that is what is required at times to deal with a blank piece of paper. But, the authors have preserved for posterity knowledge that otherwise would be lost to the ages. Their work was evaluated by three judges on Writing Composition, Presentation of Material, and Genealogical Content. None of the judges are DGS members.

The Writing Composition judge, a journalist and editor with a large metropolitan newspaper for approximately 30 years, reviewed the entries for: word structure and vocabulary, spelling, grammar, usage and style, and mechanics.

The Presentation of Material judge has been in desk top publishing since the 1980's and has been involved in all phases of publishing. The judge reviewed the entries for: front matter (table of contents, forward, etc.), text and back matter (index), printing quality, and general appearance.

The Genealogical Content judge is known nationally, and has approximately 30 years of experience in the field, 15 of which are professional. The judge reviewed the material for: writing style, numbering system (if required), evaluation of evidence, documentation, and source citation.

DGS wishes to thank the judges for volunteering their time and efforts to this worthwhile endeavor of preserving the past through writing.

A listing of the 1997 DGS Writing Competition entries follows on the next page.



Spencer siblings who came from Bedfordshire to New England. Published by Gateway Press, it is hardbound, illustrated, and fully indexed, 500 pages. Order from Dr. Jack T. Spencer, 1303 Azalea Lane, DeKalb, IL 60115. (Flyer from Jack Spencer.)



The *Mid-Cities Genealogical Society's* Spring Seminar on 14 Mar 1998 will feature Lloyd Bockstruck speaking on "Military Records." The seminar will be held at the Old Bedford School in Bedford, TX. Contact them at P. O. Box 407 for additional information. (*Newsletter of Mid-Cities Genealogical Society* October 1997.)

Antique Paper Trails of Irving has begun a **referral service** for researchers who are interested in doing genealogy research for a fee. They currently have researchers in Ohio, Alabama, Kansas, Texas, South Carolina, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. If you need a researcher in one of these areas, or if you are interested in performing research for a fee, contact Antique Paper Trails, 1401 Broadmoor Lane, Irving, TX 75061; phone 972-438-1946; fax 972-438-3651; E-mail lonniemc@airmail.net.

Author	Title of Entry	Division and Category
Barbara Roberts Baylis	Drum Major Isaac Organ and Drummers in the American Revolution	Unpublished articles: Documented Family History or Genealogy
Hallie Price Garner *First Place	A Series of Beginner's Corner Articles for the DGS Newsletter, December 1996/July 1997	Published Articles: General Genealogical Interest
Walter L. Robertson	Four Trails to Texas	Bound Books: Documented Family Genealogy
Elizabeth Linton Cosgrove Johnson	Cosgrove Lines, Lore and Legacy	Bound Books: Documented Family Genealogy
Vincent Ira Correll, Jr. Ed.D.	Correll Chronicles: The Ancestors and Descendants of the Correll Families of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; Through Four Hundred Fifty Years from the 1500's through 1996	Bound Books: Documented Family Genealogy
Dyane Monroe Dye Wood *First Place	The Wilcox-Luke Genealogy	Bound Books: Documented Family Genealogy
Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr. *First Place	The Descendants of Thomas Pincerna Progenitor of the Butler Family	Bound Books: Documented Family Genealogy
Dudley Ferrell	The Ferrell Family Circle and Related Families	Bound Books: Documented Family Genealogy
Eunice Newbold Clark	Six American Colonists, Thomas Newbold, William Rodney, George Hufford, Eberhard Ream, Edward Painter, Richard Bridgeford and Their Descendants	Bound Books: Documented Family History Narrative
Morris Ashcroft Thurston *First Place	Tora Thurston: The History of a Norwegian Pioneer	Bound Books: Documented Family History Narrative
By: Cecil Oliver Burton Compiled by: Olivia Burton Harrington	The Wagon Master	Bound Books: Undocumented Family History Narrative
John Pitts Launey and F. Edward Wright *First Place	Early Church Records of Delaware County, Pennsylvania	Bound Books: Book of Abstracted Material
Patricia D. Mitchell	Ancestors and Descendants of Morgan Orlando Utt and Olivia Rebecca (Protzman) Utt, Monongalia Co. WV	Manuscripts and Informally Bound Books: Documented Family Genealogy
Joyce Betler Estridge	From the Alps to the Appalachians: The Descendants of Emmanuel Gottlieb Betler of Helvetia, West Virginia	Manuscripts and Informally Bound Books: Undocumented Family History Narrative
Root Seekers Genealogy Society	Henderson County Texas Tenth Federal Population Census	Manuscripts and Informally Bound Books: Book of Abstracted Material
Hallie Price Garner	Mulberry Gap Association of Baptists 1879-1996 Index of Obituary Subjects in Annual Minutes: A Finding Aid	Manuscripts and Informally Bound Books: Book of Abstracted Material

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.

BOOK REVIEW

Church records can be quite helpful in tracking ancestors. This is especially true in areas where burning court houses was a common hobby. Names and dates of ancestors on church rolls can be important in identifying the vicinity where they lived and who their associates were. But beyond location, the fact that ancestors joined a church says something about them and their beliefs. In order to know what it says about them, you need to understand the beliefs of the church at the time of your ancestors. It can also be helpful to understand what was going on within the denomination and between it and other denominations. This is especially true when you have ancestors who "intermarried," like mine did.

If you had an ancestor pass through Kentucky between the Revolution and the Civil War, there is a book to help with this need. It is *Religion in Antebellum Kentucky* by John B. Boles. John Boles, who is the Cline Professor of American History at Rice University, packs a lot of information into a slim 145 pages.

Dr. Boles discusses the initial founding of organized religion in Kentucky, including Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Baptist. Also, Kentucky was a center for the "Second Great Awakening," which occurred during the early portion of the 19th century. Emerging out of that period was the Christian Church, which became the Christian Church (Disciples) and the Church of Christ.

Also, the Cumberland Presbyterians separated from the Presbyterians. Finally, there was formation of a western group of Shakers.

I especially liked the book because it presents a primer in the issues surrounding the founding of religion in a frontier environment, as well as the philosophical and political issues which led to the founding of the Christian Church. This provided insight into my GG, GGG, and GGGG grandparents who were involved in the Kentucky Baptist and Christian Churches at that time.

Since belonging to the Christian Church was sufficiently important to be the epitaph on several of their grave stones, it was important for me to have a sense of their religion. This book was an excellent means to start learning about it.

Religion in Antebellum Kentucky by John B. Boles (ISBN 0-8131-0844-6) can be obtained either from the University of Kentucky Press, Sales Office in Lexington, KY, 40508-4008 or from Amazon.Com. The list price is \$9.95. Amazon.Com provides it for \$7.96. In either event, shipping and handling is extra. (Chet Smith)

TAPE REVIEW

People Finders in the Golden Age of Georgia Migration, FGS/DGS Conference 1997, Session F-67, Speaker: Robert Scott Davis, Jr.

Many of Georgia's soldiers during the Revolutionary War were recruited from Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. After the War, many of these soldiers told their relatives and neighbors about the vast quantities of vacant land which precipitated an extensive migration to Georgia. This migration resulted in Georgia's largest single period of population growth, from 1783 to 1810. Since there are no

1790, 1800, or 1810 Censuses available for Georgia, the land records provide the best substitute for genealogical research.

For basic information on Georgia records, refer to "Research in Georgia" and "Georgia Genealogical Workbook" by Robert Scott Davis, Jr. In 1790 more than forty percent of Georgia's population lived in Wilkes County. This makes the almost complete records from Wilkes County exceptionally valuable for research in Georgia. Mr. Davis provides an excellent review of the published and unpublished records available for genealogical research in Georgia. Most of the published Georgia records are available in the Dallas Public Library. Every serious genealogist with ancestors in Georgia will benefit from a review of this tape. The tape is available from Repeat Performances at 2911 Crabapple Lane, Hobart, IN 46324 or on the Internet at <www.repeatperformance.com>. The tape may also be rented for \$1.00 per month from the Tape Librarian at the DGS monthly meetings. (Don Raney)

CD-ROM REVIEW

Genealogies of Long Island Families, 1600s to 1800s (Family Archive CD-173)

This is one of the newer series of CD-ROM products issued by Brøderbund in conjunction with its contract with Genealogical Publishing Company of Baltimore, MD. The CD contains the scanned images from both volumes of *Genealogies of Long Island Families*, compiled by Henry B. Hoff and published by GPC in 1987. In addition, the CD also contains the scanned images of *Long Island Source Records*. These volumes were compiled by Mr. Hoff from articles originally published in *The New York Genealogical and*

Biographical Record. An index to all three volumes is also included on the CD.

The books found on this CD cover the period of roughly 1606-1893 and include Kings, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk Counties, which comprise present-day Long Island. Having many ancestors who were early settlers on Long Island, I found this CD to be a gold mine of information! Many of these colonists came from both the Massachusetts Bay Colony and the Connecticut Colony of New Haven, and many of the articles trace the families back to their earliest beginnings in America. In addition to the capability of searching by individual surname, you can also "read" the scanned images of the three source books on your computer monitor. All three books are, of course, available at the Dallas Public Library, but this product offers the further advantage of researching one's families at home. I recommend this CD highly to anyone searching this area of New York.

JOURNAL ARTICLES REVIEWS

The period before 1850 is a difficult period to trace people who left the Eastern seaboard and headed West. One place where clues are offered to those travelers is in passport records. Many of those have been published. Another set, "**Passport Records 1828-1836: Mexican Records from the Port of Entry at Santa Fe, New Mexico Territory**," is published in *New Mexico Genealogist* (36) #2, June 1997, p. 53-59 by Luis Gilberto Padilla y Baca. Many of the foreigners entering this frontier were immigrant traders that had traveled in caravans on the road from St. Louis, MO, to Santa Fe. An example of the type of entry you might find: "On 28 September 1830 a passport was issued to the citizen of the United States of North America **Strother Rennick**, to enter with one servant the states of

Chihuahua and Sonora on commercial business." Another article in the same issue is "**Civil War Discharges—New Mexico**" by Howard W. Henry that gives a list of discharges that might not be duplicated elsewhere. (Hallie Garner)

If you have immigrant ancestors who came to Oklahoma and were naturalized there, the continuing list of "**Naturalization: Record of Declaration of Intention**," abstracted by Anastasia McGrath Lane and published in the *Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly*, will be of great interest to you. Oklahoma City is far from a seaport, and I would not have expected to find so many people applying for naturalization so far from their Port of Entry. However, this list, published in (42) #2, 1997 p. 55-63, includes those from 22 December 1909 to 17 April 1911 and includes immigrants from Greece, Turkey, Scotland, Crete, Syria, Denmark, Germany, England, Finland, Sweden, Austria, Poland, Italy, Russia, Canada, Australia, Bohemia, Holland, Ireland, Slavonia, and Hungary. In fact, the countries with the highest number of immigrants in this list were Greece and Turkey. If looking for your Oklahoma immigrant, consider the amount of information given in these applications, and you'll see why the search is worthwhile. An example: "**Savyan Constantinon Palassis**, b. 13 December, Syria, Greece, Dark Complexion, 6'6", 140 lbs., black hair, blue yes, Emigrated from South Hampton, England on S. S. Oceanic to NY, 26 August 1909. 22 December 1909 [this is the date of their record of intention], Merchant." Since this is a continuing list, issues before and after the one cited above will have additional entries. (Hallie Garner)

The Family History Show

Jan 11 Richard "Dick" Eastman
"Eastman's On-Line Newsletter"

Jan 18 Tony Burroughs
Co-author, "African-American
Gen. Sourcebook"
Donald Payton
African-American Interest Group,
DGS

Jan 25 Jonathan Stayer
Archivist, Pennsylvania State
Archives

Feb 1 Mary Ann Conrad
Arlington, TX, Genealogical
Society
Steven Butler
Descendants of Mexican War
Veterans
Paul Kreutzer Jr
Transylvania-Saxon Genealogical
Society

Feb 8 Brian Mavrogeorge
Author, speaker, instructor from
California

Feb 15 Charles A. Sherrill
Archivist, Tennessee State
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John A. Sellers
Hopkins County, TX, Genealogical
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Feb 22 Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck
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CALL FOR PAPERS

1998 DGS FALL FESTIVAL OF GENEALOGY

The Dallas Genealogical Society will hold a Regional Workshop on Saturday, September 19, 1998. All interested parties are invited to submit up to four proposed lecture topics for the conference. Tentative plans call for one-hour presentations. Camera-ready syllabus material will be required for each presentation.

Conference lecturers will receive compensation which will be detailed in acceptance letters. Interested individuals should submit proposals and questions to DGS Fall '98 Program Chair, Barbara Baylis, 9835 Elmcrest, Dallas, TX 75238. Questions may be submitted to this address or E-mailed to <BRBAYLIS@aol.com>.

Proposals should include the following information:

1. Lecture title and a brief outline or abstract
2. Short summary for the program brochure (1 or 2 sentences)
3. Identification of audience level (beginner, intermediate, or advanced)
4. Speaker's full name, address, telephone, e-mail address, and fax number
5. Brief speaker biography (2-3 sentences) as well as previous speaking experience

The deadline for submitting topic proposals is 1 March 1998!

Internet Site of the Month

by Art Rubeck

Those of us who are somewhat new to the Internet can easily become overwhelmed by the vast amount of information now available. Each time we log on, we spend most of our time jumping from site to site. The Internet is not the same as a library—it has no catalog, no reference desk, and no helpful librarian. What's a newcomer to do?

That dilemma was solved for me during my October visit to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. A one-hour course entitled "Genealogy on the Internet" was offered; I gladly attended. Prepared and usually taught

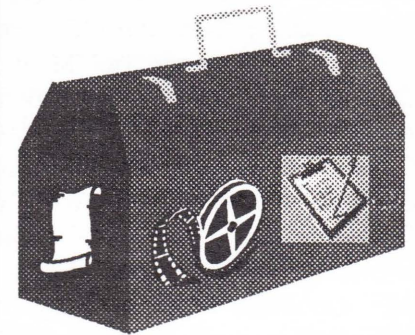
by Alan Mann, the head of the computer area of the Library, the course was presented by displaying a series of Internet pages. When the substitute instructor first showed the title page, I knew that I had come to the right place. Alan has prepared a list of eleven categories of Internet sites that are of interest to the genealogist. Finally, some organization! A click on each major heading leads to more details and explanations.

The address of this site is <<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/6266/genealogy.htm>>. It offers two

courses of action: first, use this as your own private tutoring session, reading and exploring each area to see what is available in the various categories and how the material might benefit you. Secondly, keep this address handy as the starting point of your next tour of the Internet. While it may not be a catalog, it provides a good directional guide.

In addition, the site includes a group of six footnotes on topics such as "How to get started in genealogy," "How to use the Internet in genealogy," "Genealogy CD-ROMs," and so on. You will find Alan Mann's "Genealogy on the Internet" site to be a worthwhile visit.

**Fall Workshop
19 September
1998**



**Mark Your Calendar
And
Prepare to Sharpen
Your Genealogical
Skills**



Did You Know?

by Shirley Stertz Hawn

If you have been unable to find the burial place of a Civil War soldier, that ancestor may have been buried in a national cemetery, either during or after the war. Write: Director of National Cemetery System, Veterans Administration, 818 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420. They should be able to tell you in which national cemetery your ancestor is buried.

During the Civil War, as their gunboat was readying for battle, a Union officer asked a sailor why he was on his knees. "I'm praying sir," said the young sailor, "that the enemy's bullets be distributed the same way as the prize money, principally among the officers."

There is a Civil War Descendants Society, located in Athens, Alabama, where you can get a Certificate of Recognition for your Union or Confederate ancestor who served in the Civil War. These certificates of recognition are ready for framing. For more information and a brochure, write to: Civil War Descendants Society, PO Box 233, Athens, Alabama 35612.

A woman from Brooklyn disguised herself as a boy and served as a "drummer boy" during the Civil War. She served in the Army of the Cumberland until she was mortally wounded at Lookout Mountain.

A rebel captured his brother who was a Yankee from Kentucky during the battle of Shiloh. The Kentuckian

warned his brother not to fire at a particular Union officer, because "that's father."

The United States Military History Institute maintains a collection of over 80,000 photos of Confederate and Union soldiers. The collection can be checked for a picture of your Civil War ancestor if you write and give his name, state, regiment, and company. You may request up to ten names at one time.

The Department of the Army wants pictures to add to their collection. They will make a copy of your original and return it to you, along with a complimentary print. They will also accept non-returnable negatives.

The veteran does not have to be in uniform, and other people may be in the picture.

Before you contribute a picture, write to them for a free, franked mailing label.

Be sure to include the name, rank, unit, dates of service, and dates of birth and death with the picture.

Send to: Curator, Department of the Army; US Military History Institute; Carlisle Barracks; Carlisle, PA 17013-5008.

It cost the United States Government approximately 2 million dollars a day to fight the Civil War. The total cost to the South has been estimated at 4 billion dollars. It cost over 113 million dollars a day to fight World War II.

The Civil War was the beginning of a new era in warfare. Among the firsts were:

- First draft in the United States
- The income tax was instituted to finance a war.
- The Medal of Honor was first

- awarded to an American soldier
- The first photograph was taken during a battle
- The first portable telegraph unit was used
- The repeating rifle was first used in combat.

Sickness and disease killed over 70,000 Union soldiers during the Civil War.

Although the Southern States that attempted to secede from the Union in 1861 carried on all the functions necessary to run a government, and waged a war for over four years, they never had a name.

The name, "The Confederate States of America," that was printed on all passports and currency, and appeared on military regulations and laws, was never made official.

During the Wilderness Campaign, the Union provided one ambulance for every 150 men. Over 7,000 men were transported in one convoy of 813 ambulances to a hospital in Fredericksburg.

The Harold B. Simpson, Hill College History Complex, is a Confederate Research Center and Museum. Located in Hillsboro, Texas, the Library has over 5,000 books, pamphlets, and brochures on the Civil War and Confederate Military History. It has a capsule history of all 3,220 Confederate regiments, special units, and Confederate ships. A very large collection of Texas Civil War records, original letters, maps, photographs, and a large file of magazines and newspaper clippings is also available for research.

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We Built It and They Came: A Thank You Note

From: Sammie Townsend Lee, 1997 FGS/DGS Conference Local Arrangements Chair

Months ago, as planning began on the recent 1997 FGS/DGS Conference, the following question was posed by regional publicity coordinator Karen Miller: *If we build it, will they come?* Now the conference is history, and we are proud to report the answer is a definitive YES. *We said Y'all come, and come they did!* More than seventeen hundred in all: attendees, exhibitors, workers, and onlookers!

Many of the attendees took time to tell us about their conference experiences. Guess what? It appears a great time was had by all. The 1997 Dallas conference is being touted as the best organized and friendliest in FGS history.

Hope you were there to enjoy the conference as much as your local committee enjoyed planning it for you, and as much as the volunteers enjoyed putting it on.

Did DGS make money on the conference? You bet! We just don't know exactly how much yet because, as of this writing, the numbers are still being crunched. What we do know is the conference made money, and DGS shares in the profits to the benefit of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library.

Thanks to the national and local committee.

We did it, but events of this magnitude do not happen without a ton of planning by a lot of dedicated volunteers. Never in the history of DGS have so many worked so hard to accomplish so much. Was it worth it? You bet! Now it is time to say thanks and heap on the praise for jobs well done. Where do we begin? At the top! **Karen Green** (Galveston, TX), the national conference chair, brought previous conference experience and know-how to the table. She deserves our thanks and gratitude for her

confidence in the Dallas group and for working so closely with us to give the Federation of Genealogical Societies one of their best ever conferences.

Leslie Collier deserves an A+ as national program chair for putting together an outstanding conference program. It truly lived up to our theme: *Unlock Your Heritage with Creative Problem Solving*. Leslie booked us the top speakers in genealogy today at their educational best!

We also appreciate the contributions of **Dawn Slater-Putt** (Fort Wayne, IN), the conference's national publicity chair and **Gary Mokotoff** (Bergenfield, NJ), the FGS treasurer.

DGS owes a huge debt of gratitude to the local planning committee's conference coordinators. They began planning this event two years ago, and each poured hundreds of volunteer hours into their respective positions. Plus, during the four days of the conference, each one worked from morning to night making sure every aspect of the event ran smoothly. A grateful thank you from me and from DGS to the following: **Dorothy Bruce**, registration coordinator; **Patti Darnell**, hospitality coordinator; **Barbara Dossett**, transportation coordinator & local treasurer; **Hallie Garner**, publications coordinator; **Karen Miller**, regional publicity coordinator; **Terri O' Neill**, volunteer coordinator; **Art Rubeck**, exhibits coordinator; and **Carole Ruska**, banquet & luncheons coordinator. Your hard work was appreciated by everyone who attended and especially by me.

We also owe a special thanks to **Dean Hunter** (Salt Lake City), who accepted the last-minute job of Audio/Visual Coordinator and did an outstanding job.

Thanks to **Madilyn Crane**, FGS office manager. Madilyn was there to

answer questions, offer a helping hand, and just keep things running smoothly between our two societies. That was in addition to the thousands of little jobs she did as office manager for the conference.

We are thankful for the late **Mike Basham** who set up the conference homepage and kept it updated with details, in addition to offering other technical support.

Kudos to **Stacey Bennett**, the committee rep for the DGS African American Special Interest Group, for all her good ideas and hard work, including the planning of a special reception for several national African American genealogical groups attending the conference.

Thanks to **Selenda Billington** and all her helpers who compiled a gigantic mailing data base.

We appreciate **Gene Burris** who took care of so many of those mailings.

Cliff Slagle gets a huge thanks for preparing the many signs that were visible throughout the conference site providing directions and information.

Thanks to **Michael Matthews**, the official conference photographer and **Gene Burris**, the unofficial DGS photographer. Great photos, guys!

We are indebted to **Shirley Sloat** for securing the official proclamations from Governor Bush, the Dallas City Council, and the Dallas County Commissioners in recognition of the conference. A great big thanks to everyone who served on the committee as a rep for their society or organization: **Judy Jones** of the Duncanville society; **Dixie Bennett** and **Martha Ann Post** of the Fort Worth society; **John Wylie** and **Don Raney** of GENTECH, Inc.; **Jay D. Bayne** and **Barbara Tsirigotis** of the Irving society; **Faye Chism** of the Grand Prairie society; **Barbara Sloan** of the Kaufman County society; **Lana**

Filgo and **June Shipley** of the Lancaster society; **Linda Rogers** of the Mesquite society; and **Terri O'Neill** of the Mid-Cities society.

A special thanks to **Paula Parke** for not only serving on the committee as a rep for the Texas State society and Collin County society, but for spending hours of her own time promoting the conference at various seminars and events.

My thanks and admiration to **Pamela Edman**, the DGS volunteer director, who rounded up volunteers to help staff the Dallas Public Library's Genealogy Section during the conference. During the week of the conference, the Genealogy Section welcomed over 900 genealogical researchers. For service above and beyond the line of duty we say thanks to the entire genealogy staff: **Lloyd Bockstruck**, **Lois Hudgins**, **Lea Markoff**, **Patrick McKenna**, **Adrienne Jamieson**, **Ed Boehringer**, **Gerri Brannan**, **Carolyn Combs**, and **Chan Edmondson**.

DGS and the Library hosted an after-hours reception in the Genealogy Section for 107 speakers, exhibitors, librarians, and other invited guests. Thanks to **Cindy Gray**, Central Library Administrator, and **Heather Williams**, Manager of the History and Social Sciences Department (including Genealogy), for their help in the arrangements.

Thanks to all our volunteers.

Then there was the conference army! All those volunteers from DGS, other societies, and area genealogists who turned out in force to help put on this conference and all its associated activities and events. What would we do without you?! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

In addition to the conference coordinators and myself, the conference related volunteers are: **Essie Adams**, **Desmond Allen**, **Norma Allen**, **Anna Anderson**, **Jane Aronhalt**, **Sherlene Baab**, **Janis Barrett**, **Rose Alyce Beasley**, **Stacey Bennett**, **Bill**

Benson, **Selenda Billington**, **Jeannette Bland**, **Helen Boehning**, **Lloyd Bockstruck**, **Jane Bowyer**, **Barbara Brown**, **Dorothy Burchfield**, **Sharon Burns**, **Truman Burns**, **Gene Burris**, **Kim Carney**, **Fred Carney**, **Tom Clark**, **Charlotte Cottongame**, **Tory Crook**, **Constance Crossen**, **Jeff Crossen**, **Ann Curry**, **Rubyann Darnell**, **Elizabeth Diehl**, **Mary Dishner**, **Joanna Dunn**, **Pam Edman**, **Chan Edmondson**, **Jeanne Faye Ellis**, **Betty Erikson**, **Everett Erikson**, **Denis Farrell**, **Lana Filgo**, **Peggy Fox**, **Betty Fritts**, **Jan Good**, **Dawn Gore**, **Bob Gorham**, **Selma Goswick**, **Monette Grant**, **Cindy Gray**, **Louise Griffith**, **Janell Hampton**, **Tom Hampton**, **Emma Harrell**, **Bob Harris**, **Shirley Hawn**, **Dorothy Heaner**, **Molly Heard**, **Dorilee Hoffpauer**, **Juanita Hogue**, **Laurel Holloway**, **Jean Holman**, **Beverly Holmes**, **Sheila Huckaby**, **Lois Hudgens**, **Loraine Hull**, **Nancy Humphrey**, **Rita James**, **Irma Janeick**, **Adrienne Jamieson**, **Bob Johns**, **Judy Johns**, **Gretchen King**, **Ann Kinkade**, **Glenn Kinkade**, **Charlotte Klimaszewski**, **Dava Ladymon**, **Bill Lancaster**, **Jean Larson**, **Virginia Lewis**, **Francis Lindell**, **Tom Lynch**, **Rosemary Lynch**, **Art Maclaren**, **Dorothy Maggiotta**, **Cheryl Mann**, **Lola Mann**, **Lea Markoff**, **Bob Maybrier**, **Judy McCoy**, **Mary Ruth McKenney**, **Heather McLean**, **Eva McMillan**, **Deborah McVean**, **Alan Miller**, **Betty Miller**, **Justine Miller**, **Nancy Miller**, **Zoe Miller**, **Bruce Mosely**, **Peggy Mosely**, **Jane Murdoch**, **Pat Mutzabaugh**, **Gwen Neuman**, **Millard Noell**, **Margaret Palmer**, **Phillip Parker**, **Margret Pearce**, **Donny Perry**, **Elizabeth Perry**, **Peggy Pharr**, **Alan Phipps**, **Jemmy Phipps**, **Susan Powdrill**, **Don Raney**, **June Rees-Jones**, **Trevor Rees-Jones**, **Keith Richins**, **Kris Richins**, **Maxine Robertson**, **Skippy Robin**, **Eddie Robinson**, **Linda Rogers**, **Joan Rogerson**, **Nancy Rubeck**, **Don Schulteis**, **Dale Shanbrook**, **June Shipley**, **Cliff Slagle**, **Henri Slagle**, **Barbara Sloan**, **Shirley Sloat**, **George**

Smith, **Joan Smith**, **Katie Smith**, **Mary Lou Smith**, **Ellen Stamelos**, **Cindy Stamps**, **Jo Ann Stanislav**, **Betty Steinke**, **Frances Stobaugh**, **Julie Sue Stuart**, **Carol Taylor**, **Joan Thompson**, **Liz Thurmond**, **Judy Ullman**, **Shaun Underhill**, **Barbara Ware**, **Laurie Wharton**, **Harvey White**, **Cherry Williams**, **Heather Williams**, **Jeanette Williams**, **Marlene Williams**, **Helen Wilson**, **Ruth Youngblood**, **Suzan Younger**.

We tried to remember everyone (and spell all names correctly), but omissions do happen with an event of this magnitude. We apologize in advance if we slighted anyone.

On to the future.

My personal thanks to DGS and FGS for their confidence in me as the local chair. I am so deeply honored that you allowed me to have this experience.

We had a great time and a fantastic learning experience. Now it is on to other events and activities. I, for one, am looking forward to the 1998 DGS Lecture Series and the next DGS Regional Conference in September 1998—as a spectator!

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The following note was received from **Joan Kirchman Mitchell**:

A belated but very sincere and very big THANK YOU for all of your efforts toward a most successful FGS conference. All of your hard work was evident in one of the smoothest running conferences we have ever had. You will be a hard act to follow!

Joan Kirchman Mitchell
FGS Vice President for
Administration
Chair of the FGS Conference
Committee

SALT LAKE CITY TRIP 1998
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1 - 8 March 1998



Would you like to "declare your independence from phones ringing, meal fixing, and meeting going?"

Would you like to have all the microfilm of the Family History Center at your fingertips, and not have to order and wait?

If you do.... then join the DGS Tour Group on the 1998 trip to Salt Lake City and the Family History Library to *research, research, research!*

7 NIGHT PACKAGE: (Hotel room, Airport transfers, Luggage handling, Sunday reception, Monday dinner, Box Lunch lecture)

- \$373.00 per person, double occupancy
 - \$646.00 per person, single occupancy
- Does not include transportation to and from Salt Lake City.*

To guarantee your room send your **Deposit of \$200.00** to: **DGS-SLC Trip 1998**, P.O. Box 25556, Dallas, TX 75225-1556. Make all checks payable to the **Dallas Genealogical Society**.

For more information call Dorothy Odom Bruce (972) 239-4901: FAX (972) 239-4992; odom.bruce@juno.com

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DGS News

Elaine G. Warren, E. P. Weathery, Jr., Bob & Dorothy Webb, John & Phyllis Whiteside, Karla Wigley, and Suzan L. Younger.



**Notes from the DGS
Volunteer Desk**

Having a computer terminal and a printer all to yourself while you are sitting at the Volunteer Desk in the Genealogy Section is a mighty strong incentive to do some writing, whether it be correspondence to archives and other repositories or to other researchers. It recently occurred to me that my time, when not attending to

actual volunteer duties (greeting patrons, signing them in and out, answering limited questions, and pointing in the direction of shelves and microfilm) could be well utilized by writing letters. One could even take notes on research if need be. The possibilities are infinite, as long as you maintain your obligations as a volunteer. The only trick is to remember to organize your correspondence in preparation to writing. Serving at the DGS Volunteer Desk can be time doubly well spent!

Volunteer, Terri O'Neill

**The Family History
Show—Worldwide!**

The Family History Show is now LIVE on the Internet worldwide! The program, broadcast on about 20 radio stations in Texas, can now be heard anywhere in the world using RealPlayer software, which is available for free download from <http://www.realaudio.com/products/player/index.html>. An audio card and speakers are also required.

The show is broadcast Sunday nights, 10:06 p.m. to Midnight (Central Time). The FHS website, <http://www.ridethewave.com/familyhistory>, features a schedule of upcoming guests and additional information.

FOUND!

Shirley Remnant Sloat

I am a genealogist by avocation and was overjoyed when, after "early retirement," I could spend my time researching. I live in the middle of Dallas, Texas, and, to my keen disappointment, nobody in either my line or my husband's line ever came to this state! What's a would-be researcher to do?

Well, I decided to involve myself with identifying and making available to others the records that exist here in Dallas. In the back of my mind has always been the hope that somewhere, near where my ancestors lived, someone might be doing the same thing for me.

To carry out my part of the deal, I have been involved in the DGS Records Preservation Committee, ensuring that Dallas County records are not discarded without our being notified, and leading a project to prepare old Dallas County District Court case papers for microfilming by the LDS Church. In addition, I volunteer regularly in the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section, where I have absorbed information about local and other records that I believe I am successfully passing on to patrons who request help in their research. Of course, I have researched my own family members, too, using both the Dallas and Salt Lake City libraries to identify facts and background material about my ancestors who lived in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and finally the midwest state of Michigan. I know a lot about their lives and surroundings.

Imagine my great pleasure this past summer to find myself visiting for the first time the central New York areas of Onondaga and Madison counties. My Dean and Allen ancestors were very early settlers there, and I had

examined every available census, land, church, military, and county history record to reconstruct my families. I had corresponded with Sylvia Shoebridge, the Town Historian of the Town of Pompey (New York is one of the states which appoints someone to this responsibility) who, with others, had published a two-volume book, *Pompey, Our Town in Profile*, which I had acquired and found to be full of valuable details about my family. As part of my first-time visit to the area, Ms. Shoebridge had agreed to accompany me to two local cemeteries to "introduce me to my ancestors." Unfortunately, during the week before tour arrival, Ms. Shoebridge fell and broke her hip, making her unavailable for our visit to the cemetery. Ever-organized, she commissioned another volunteer, Nancy Edwards, to be my guide.

I met Nancy at the small Town of Pompey museum, where she provided background about the area and shared some of the treasures they are preserving in the museum. She showed me the really outstanding documentation they have created for the cemetery in which my Allen ancestors are buried—it includes an inventory sheet for each burial site, with a detailed description of each tombstone and its condition, along with photographs or drawings of each one. Also included are miscellaneous notes about details such as whether the marker has been moved, etc. They are maintaining excellent schematic maps of the entire cemetery, providing a cross-reference of name and location. Nancy assured me that she knew just where my ancestors were buried.

Can you imagine the thrill I experience when she led me to two different cemeteries, and in each one I was able to stand with my right hand on the tombstone of my fourth great-grandfather and my left on the stone of my fourth great-grandmother, then move to similarly touch the stones of

my third great-grandparents, and then to at least one of my second great-grandparents? I shed tears of joy as I made contact with "the old ones."

When I looked up, my guide Nancy was moist-eyed, too. I am not sure whether she has any family of her own in the area, but I could see that she was almost as happy as I was to watch me become the grateful recipient of all the hard work she and her fellow conservators have been doing.

And I had found my own hoped-for person who was identifying and preserving the records for my family members—doing for me what I am trying to do for those with Dallas ancestors!

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Did You Know?

The Museum has a weaponry library of over 300 volumes, a display of Civil War Carbines, and a Special Audie Murphy Exhibit.

The library and museum are located on the Hill College Campus.

You can call or write for additional information about their collection and their hours.

PO Box 619,
Hillsboro, Texas 76634.
817-582-2555, ext. 242.

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In one year, with 365 engines and 4,203 rail cars, the Federal Military Railroad delivered over 5 million tons of supplies to the armies in the field.

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One very cold night, while camped near Fredericksburg, Va., a Union band played a number of patriotic songs. A Confederate soldier, listening from across the river, called, "Now give us some of ours." With that, the band played some Southern songs and ended with "Home, Sweet Home," amid cheers (and probably tears) from both encampments.

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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Daurice L. (Donoho) England, 442 Altair Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301
- DONOHO**
- MCMILLEN** **Wm. M. MCMILLEN** b. 28 Oct 1815 Lincoln Co., TN s/o **Joseph & Rachel (NORRIS)**
MCDANIEL **MCMILLEN**, d. 19 Jul 1892, m. 29 Aug 1841 Lincoln Co., TN **Lucinda MCDANIEL**. Children all b. TN: **John** b. 1844, m. **Maude** _____; **Mary Susan** b. 7 Oct 1845, d. 6 Nov 1888 DeKalb Co., AL, m. **James K. P. ROGERS**; **Frances** b. 1849; **Joseph** b. 25 Mar 1853, d. 30 Nov 1905 Limestone Co., AL, m. **Mizzie JACKSON**; **Franklin** b. 12 Dec 1855, d. 8 Feb 1889 Giles Co., TN; **Sarah**.
MariLee Hageness, 3916 Bramble Rd., Anniston, AL 36207-7004
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- MILLER** Need parents, ancestors & siblings of **John P. MILLER** b. ca 1824 SC, m. ca 1861 Campbell Co., GA
DODD **Nancy Jane DODD** d/o **John Sample & Eliz. Harriet (WORD) DODD**, b. 24 Aug 1840 Fayette Co., GA. Children all b. GA: **Thomas** b. 1859; **Jon D.** b. ca 1860; **Luther** b. 23 Nov 1866; **Lonnie** b. 23 Nov 1866; **Samuel** b. ca 1870; **James** b. ca 1873.
MariLee Hageness, 3916 Bramble Rd., Anniston, AL 36207-7004
- WORD**
- HOUSE** **William Richard HOUSE** (b. 1846; d. 1903, Collin Co., TX), m. **Elizabeth Catherine "Betty"**
TOOMBS **TOOMBS** (b. 1846, Maury Co., TN; d. 1924, Collin Co., TX). Both are buried in IOOF Cemetery in Farmersville, Collin Co., TX. He was founding member of IOOF lodge in Farmersville. Seeking information on this **HOUSE** family and on any surviving records of IOOF lodge in Farmersville.
Catherine Jane Alder, 3205 Stadium Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76109-2269; 817-926-6244; cjalders@connect.net.
- BRENT** Wish to contact descendants of **James Monroe BRENT** b. ca. 1854, Pike Co., MS m. **Rebecca**
HANSEL **Florence HANSEL**, ca 1875, Dallas Co., TX, later lived in Collin Co., TX. Children: **Thomas M. BRENT, Jr.** b. Sep. 1876, **James Dewitt BRENT**, b. ca 1879, **Robert P. (Bob) BRENT**, b. Dec. 1880, **John BRENT**, b. Feb. 1886, **Martha Gertrude BRENT**, b. Jun 1888. **James Monroe BRENT** had half brothers and sisters named **SANDIFER**. In 1920 census **Robert P. (Bob) BRENT** lived on McKinney Ave. in Dallas with his father-in-law **Francis FORD**. Bob's wife was **ALLIS [FORD]**. Son, **R. P. Jr.**, 7; daughter **Martha Ann** 3 yr 8 months; daughter **Mary Alice** age 3 months.
Paul Crawford, 1019 Brookway Blvd, EXT NW, Brookhaven, MS 39601
- SANDIFER**
- FORD**
- DEBORD** Seeking contact with descendants of **Rufus T. DEBORD**, b. Dec 1855 in Hancock Co., TN, d. 1924 in Fannin Co., TX. Wife **Millie** _____ b. Oct. 1865 d. 1939, both buried in Willow Wild Cemetery, Bonham, TX; Children, all born in Hancock or Knox Co., TN: **Dollie** b. Oct. 1882 Knox or Hancock Co. TN; **Mattie** b. Mar 1884; **Flora** b. Oct 1888; **Hugh P.** b. Sep. 1891; **Mack** b. Nov. 1893; **Sallie** b. Dec. 1893; **Walter** b. Dec. 1899. Lived on Dale Avenue in Knoxville, TN in 1900, Fannin County, TX in 1910.
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