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## “Let’s Get to Know Them- Our Ancestors from Overseas”

The second lecture in the 1998 series will feature John Philip Colletta from Washington, D.C. With a family ancestry of Sicilian, Bavarian, Alsatian, and Swiss, his interest in European genealogy began early during his days as a graduate student in Paris. He ventured into the primary sources of Italy, Germany, and France. Since completing his Doctorate in French Literature, he has combined his interest in genealogy with his expertise in history and writing.

Since 1985, he has conducted workshops for the National Archives, Smithsonian, and local and national genealogical societies. Dr. Colletta is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University and of the Institute of Genealogical Studies here in Dallas.

His publications include *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record*; *Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans*, and numerous articles in popular and scholarly magazines. He contributed the chart “How to Find Your Immigrant Ancestor's Ship” in the permanent exhibit on Ellis Island. Four episodes of “Ancestors,” the

1997 PBS series, featured Dr. Colletta.

### Passenger Arrival Records

This lecture discusses the U.S. passenger arrival records of 1820 through 1957 that are available at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., the Regional Archives, and through the many thousands of Family History Centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It explains what facts family researchers need to know to begin their search for an immigrant ancestor's ship, as well as how to conduct the search. Specific examples illustrate how to utilize National Archives indexes, published indexes, and other pertinent research tools. Also addressed is how to find arrival information for the colonial ancestors who came before 1820.

### Naturalization Records

This lecture explains the U.S. naturalization process and describes the records that resulted from it, 1790 through the 1920's. It addresses the naturalization of both alien “classes” and individuals, and it provides guidance on how to find an ancestor's records, whether the naturalization

occurred in a municipal, state, or federal court. Pertinent research tools such as manuals, indexes, and catalogs are covered. Citizenship in colonial America is also briefly described.

### Research in European Records

This lecture discusses how Americans can prepare here in the United States for successful genealogical research in European records. This research can be conducted in person, through correspondence, using microfilm, or via the Internet. Numerous examples address the facts that are needed to get started on European research, how to break through the language barriers, familiarize yourself with the records of the target country, and learn to read the old script. Stressed in this presentation is the importance of writing letters of introduction, knowing the historical and cultural context in which the old records were created, and planning the travel for foreign research. Many examples from France, Germany, and Italy are used, but the methodology and principles addressed apply to all European countries.

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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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**Dallas Genealogical Society**

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**Dallas, Texas 75225-0648**

Founded in 1955, the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is the oldest organization of its kind in Texas. It is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation. DGS is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS).

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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 May 1998 *DGS Newsletter* is 15 March 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

As we speak, the wheels are in motion to select near year's DGS Board of Directors. This is my third (and final) consecutive year on the governing board of this society, and several other offices will also be vacated by those who have served the terms allowed by our by-laws.

Do you have an interest in becoming an officer or director of DGS? Perhaps you know of someone else who would be an asset in a particular office. The nominating committee has been selected per our by-laws—two individuals from the current Board of Directors and three from the general membership.

I know you've heard us moan and joke about serving on the Board, but it's all in jest—we really do have a great time together! Friendships are made, and support is only a phone call or E-mail away. Each Board member makes a commitment to do the best job he or she is capable of—what more could they offer!

Perks? Well, it all depends on your definition of "perks." The Board is allowed free admittance into each DGS function. Of course, *the catch is*, the Board works each DGS function, leaving little time for participation as an attendee. Some people may think that being able to say, "I'm on the DGS Board of Directors" is a perk. That, and \$1.50, might get you a cup of coffee, unless you stop at Starbucks—then you'll need more money.

In all seriousness, I think knowing that you are helping your Society continue, and hopefully grow, is the best and only perk a Board position offers. If DGS did not have a group of people willing to follow the by-laws

and protect the integrity of this organization, then it would soon become passé. And none of us wants that to happen!

So please, think about it—would you like to serve your society by agreeing to take on an office for a year? If you have any questions about what a particular office entails, or any suggestions, please call me at 214/696-2804, or send E-mail to karenmiller@CompuServe.com. I will answer your questions or make sure the nominating committee receives your messages.

Being on the DGS Board of Directors is really an experience worth having!



## Special Collections at U. T. Arlington

Gerald Saxon

### March Meeting: Lesson Six of the Three R's

Gerald Saxon will introduce DGS members to the rich resources and services available in the Special Collections Division of the UTA Libraries. After an overview of the division, he will concentrate on those sources and collections that genealogists will find most helpful in conducting research at UTA. The university focuses on collecting materials relating to Texas and the American Southwest, Mexico from 1810-1920, and the cartographic history of the Gulf Coast and Texas. He will also discuss research techniques that genealogists would use in any large university or research library.

Mr. Saxon is Associate Director for Special Collections, Branch Libraries, and Programs at UTA and

an adjunct Associate Professor of History. During his professional and teaching career, he served as oral historian at Central Dallas Public Library from 1980-1986.

Come join us to welcome him back and learn about resources right next door on Monday 23 March in the DPL Auditorium.

## DGS News from the Past

From the April 1986 issue of the DGS Newsletter:

### Special Event created for the 1986 State Fair of Texas

DGS proudly announces a special event created for the 1986 State Fair of Texas: The Sesquicentennial FAMILY HISTORY and GENEALOGY Exhibit and Competition. This event, co-sponsored by the State Fair of Texas and the Dallas Genealogical Society, will spotlight early Texas settlers (before statehood). In addition, students are invited to write about their Texas heritage - no matter if his or her family arrived in Texas on a wagon train or first stepped on Texas soil from an airplane!

Details of the entries, categories to be judged, criteria for judging, rules and regulations are now available. A flyer announcing this special event may be picked up in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library or by sending a self-addressed legal size stamped envelope to: State Fair of Texas, Genealogy Exhibit, P.O. Box 26010, Dallas, TX 75226.



# Bulletin Board

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

The **Fort Worth Genealogical Society** will hold its Spring Seminar on Saturday, 18 April 1998, at the South Campus of Tarrant County Junior College. Dr. George L. Schweitzer, popular genealogical lecturer, will conduct the seminar on topics including the War of 1812 and research in Missouri and Tennessee. Address: FWGS Spring Seminar 1998, 5600 Oakmont Lane, Ft. Worth, TX 76112-1948. (Notice from Fort Worth Genealogical Society)

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**Johnson Co. TN Will Book 2**, Mar. 1882-July 1932 is being printed now. It will be spiral softcover, 172 pages, for \$18.00, which includes shipping & handling. Send your check to Jerry Ann Stout, 1351 N. Denene St., Wichita, KS 67212-4352. (Notice from Jerry Ann Stout)

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The Seventh Biennial Family Reunion of the William Strother Society, the **1998 STROTHER FAMILY REUNION**, will be held 5-9 August 1998 in Arlington, Virginia. Guest speakers, tours of ancestral historical sites, social events, and time to exchange information with other researchers are planned. This family

settled in the area that is now King George County, VA, in the mid-17th century, and the society is interested in letting all family researchers know of the organization. Contact Edward L. Strother, 36 Puget Drive, Steilacoom, WA 98388-1521 for details. (Letter received from Edward L. Strother)

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The Family History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints announced the shipment of a new update to the **International Genealogical Index (IGI)**. The new addition adds 43 million records to the IGI, for a total of 283 million records. The new update was scheduled to ship in February and is expected to be available at all local Family History Centers in March for your use. (Dick Eastman's Electronic Newsletter, 25 Jan 1998).

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The Biennial Reunion of the U. S. **McCraw Family Association** will be held at the Fort Magruder Inn, Route 60 East, Williamsburg, VA, 10-12 July 1998. For further information, please contact Frances McCraw Jones, 402 Dalton Avenue, Hopewell, VA 23860, 804-458-8173. (Letter received from Frances M. Jones)

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**English Ancestry** is a firm with 30 years experience that specializes in tracing English ancestors for American families. Contact them at <English.Ancestry@btinternet.com> to learn more about their services and the costs involved. (Flyer from English Ancestry)

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**Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Books Now Online.** All 50 volumes of the Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Books are now available on Ancestry's Web site. This is a major release of genealogy records in electronic format. It contains thousands of references to U.S. Revolutionary War ancestors and their descendants. It was created from Lineage Books of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution from information submitted by tens of thousands of individuals. For more information on this subject contact the Office of the Registrar General, NSDAR, 1776 D St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006-5392.

Since this database represents a compilation of 50 volumes, beginning with volume 8 and ending with volume 63, the years and locations of copyright information varies, according to each volume. For example, volume 8 was published in 1899 in Washington, D.C., whereas volume 63 was published in 1923, also in Washington, D.C. (Dick Eastman's Electronic Newsletter)

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**Genealogy ListServers:** There are currently 2300 FREE genealogy lists available at RootsWeb Genealogical Cooperative, covering most geographical areas and many, many different surnames. Here is where you will find the most comprehensive listing:  
<[http://members.aol.com/johnf14246/gen\\_mail.html](http://members.aol.com/johnf14246/gen_mail.html)>.

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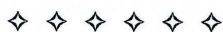
The *Elbert Co., Georgia Heritage Book* has been recently published. Elbert Co. was formed in 1790 from Wilkes Co. and later included parts in adjoining Hart and Madison Counties. The book is 198 pages, hardbound, and can be purchased for \$55.00 + \$4.00 postage from the Elbert County Heritage Book Committee, 7 E. Public Square, Elberton, GA 30635. (Letter from Chandler Eavenson, Sautee-Nacoochee, GA.)



The Dallas Genealogical Society is a participating society of the **Federation of Genealogical Societies**. Did you know that if you are member of such a society you can receive a reduced-price subscription to their newsletter, *The Forum*? The annual subscription fee for members is \$11, versus \$17 for non-members. To subscribe, send the appropriate amount to the FGS Business Office, P.O. Box 830220, Richardson, TX 7508-0220. Include the name of the FGS member society to which you belong to get the reduced rate.



The new facility for the **New Mexico State Records Center and Archives** is expected to be completed early this year. If you are planning a trip to Santa Fe for New Mexico Research, you will want to check on the status of their move. Descriptions of their collection and moving information can be found at their web site on the New Mexico Home Page, <<http://www.ste.nm.us/Welcome.html>>, and you can also call 505-827-7332 before your trip. New Mexico's collection of Spanish and Mexican Land Grants was the subject of a recent article in *New Mexico Genealogist* 36:4, December 1997. (*New Mexico Genealogist*, December 1997)



The **Irish Genealogical Foundation** announces the publication of *Book of Irish Families, great & small* which has a family name index to the first five volumes of their Families of \_\_\_\_\_ County series. The Foundation's newsletter and additional information can be found at <<http://www.IrishRoots.com>>. Or write to Box 7575, Kansas City, Missouri 64116.



If you have early **Dutchess County, New York**, ancestors you may be interested in a new 1100+ page volume of records of 76 families who were the settlers of Beekman Patent in that county, *The Settlers of Beekman Patent, Dutchess County, New York*. The fourth volume of a series, it includes data from many sources and has a 25,000 plus name index. For more information contact: Frank J. Doherty, 181 Freedom Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. (Notice from Frank Doherty)



For our East Texas members, **Angelina College** in Lufkin, Texas has announced an expansion of their continuing education program in genealogy, local history, and related computer technology. They will have a three-day conference 16-18 July 1998 at the college. Additional information can be secured from Angelina College Community Services, P. O. Box 1768, Lufkin, TX 75902-1768.



**Craig Roberts Scott, CGRS**, will be the featured speaker at the **Annual Oklahoma Genealogical Society Seminar** to be held 5-6 June at

Oklahoma City Community College. The theme will be "Using Military Records to Find Your Ancestors." Mr. Scott is the military columnist for *American Genealogy Magazine* and was a popular speaker at the FGS-DGS conference in Dallas in September 1997. For complete details, contact the Oklahoma Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 12986, Oklahoma City, OK 73157.



## **Be a Part of the Past in the Present: Consider Volunteering at Old City Park**

Most DGS members are familiar with Old City Park. Your child may have been a part of the 15,000 school children who visit each year, maybe you and your family have attended the annual Candlelight event in December, or perhaps your first encounter was the end of the FGS Conference party that was hosted at the Park by DGS. Have you ever considered volunteering there?

Volunteering at this architectural and cultural museum is a wonderful way to be a part of the past in the present. Volunteers share information with visitors about historic structures and life in North Texas. They provide tours, clerk in McCall's Store, and assist with special events. New volunteers receive training manuals and attend special orientation sessions held four times each year. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at Old City Park, please contact Michael Cook at 214/421-5141, extension #115.



# 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

*Footsteps of the Cherokees, A Guide to the Eastern Homelands of the Cherokee Nation*, by Vicki Rozema, (John F. Blair Publisher: Winston-Salem, NC, 1995), 396 pages including index.

Written as a guidebook, this informative publication also proved to be a valuable history lesson on the Cherokees and individuals who lived among them prior to the Trail of Tears. The areas covered are the old Cherokee lands in what is now Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Looking for a lost town, mission, or burial ground? Struggling to put into perspective the distance between one location and another, or the reasons that the tribe flourished and hated to leave this plentiful area? Ms. Rozema has made the search easy and a delightful experience through her factual travel directions and maps, and by her division of the four state areas into small groupings—these lead you from one location to the next in a given region, all the while explaining in great detail what you are seeing and the historical significance of each site as it impacted the life of its inhabitants.

On a recent research trip, left to our own devices, we would have passed by the former site of the Willstown Mission had this book not been in our possession. Situated in a grove of trees which currently stand in the middle of someone's backyard, the monument and burial ground of my

husband's ancestor who founded the mission would have gone undetected by us.

Visiting the mansions (yes, that is correct—mansions, not teepees!) that were home to several Cherokees was an eye-opener. And for me, a white woman, no place was more fascinating and yet humbling than a stop at New Echota, the seat of the Cherokee nation. Most of the multiple former buildings have been reconstructed, and a few originals remain. Seeing the government buildings and the original location of the first Cherokee printing press was fascinating. The original home of Rev. Worcester remains standing. He was a renowned minister to the Indians and a close family friend to my husband's great-grandfather. Family correspondence exists stating that my husband's ancestor often visited and "stayed over" in that very house!

Ms. Rozema has used her professional skills as a photographer to provide the reader with visuals as well as maps, so you can often see the next location before your odometer rolls over to announce your arrival. She was wise to include facts about whether a site requires an admission fee, times of operation, and other pertinent information that can often make or break a sightseeing or research excursion.

This step-by-step guide to life before the removal is an asset to anyone who wants to visit the area, absorb a quick history lesson, and make the most of their research time. The softbound book is available from Frontier Press, P.O. Box 3715, Dept. 1197, Galveston, TX. 77552; 1 - 8 0 0 - 7 7 2 - 7 5 5 9 ; <<http://www.doit.com/frontier>>; \$15.95; item no. #IND150. (Karen Avery Miller)

## TAPE REVIEWS

I have been thinking more and more of doing a research trip to the National Archives in Washington, DC. However, developing a plan for researching the mountains of materials that are stored there was holding me back. Recently I purchased two tapes from the FGS Conference that was held in Dallas, Texas, in September 1997. These two tapes: *National Archives Finding Aids: Finding What?* by Craig Roberts Scott, Tape F-69, and *Finding Birth, Marriage, and Death Records at the National Archives* by Elizabeth Shown Mills, Tape F-107, greatly aided in alleviating my fear of doing research there. Between the two tapes I was able to grasp the set-up of the Archives. You basically start with a three-volume guide that points you in the direction of the sub-guides that outline each collection of records. The Archives are sorted by Record Groups and within these groups they are further broken down. You just need to determine where your ancestor would have come in contact with the Federal Government and descend through the guides until you discover the pertinent records. Both Ms. Mills and Mr. Scott give excellent case studies using unmicrofilmed records that are only available in Washington. These records enabled one of them to find a death record in the late 1800s in France of an American citizen and the other a record of a teamster during the Mexican War of 1846. My first course of action will be to obtain the new three-volume set and begin to make my research and trip plans. (Barbara Dossett)



"Southeastern Indians Prior to Removal: An Introduction to Research and Resources" offers many suggestions to researchers searching for their Native American Roots by detailing methods of using pre-removal records. By urging the reader to move beyond stereotypes and looking at the social fabric and political history of the time—especially merging of Native Americans into the Caucasian and Black societies—the author introduces many excellent techniques applicable to any genealogical problem. Her excellent maps and introduction to little-publicized manuscript collections is especially valuable for southeastern researchers of any ethnic background. Rachal M. Lennon, CGRS, "Southeastern Indians Prior to Removal: An Introduction to Research and Resources." *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 85 (September 1997): 165-194. (Hallie Garner)

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## Thank You!! Tom Thumb Shoppers

DGS members who have been using their Tom Thumb Reward Cards have added a tidy sum to the balance of the society checking account. A recent check was received for \$549.89, an accounting of our contributions as of December 31, 1997. Thank you very much for taking the time to assign the DGS pin number #4253 to your personal Reward Card. It's a very simple process if you have not yet done this—just apply for a card and, as you check out, tell them to key in your pin number (#4253). We are automatically credited for 1% of your cash register receipt every time you shop at Tom Thumb. LET THEM EAT CAKE . . . and cookies, steak, milk, whatever—it all adds up!

## Proposed By-Laws Change

The Board of Directors proposes that Article X of the By-laws be rescinded.

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### Article X - Special Funds of the Society

#### Section 1. Society Gifts

All pecuniary gifts given by the Society shall be placed in the Special Society Fund Account, unless otherwise provided for in these bylaws. Gifts from the Society shall be used as directed by the board of directors: for the purchase of books and equipment, preservation of materials, or other items that pertain to genealogy and research therein. Pecuniary gifts given to the Society shall be placed in the Special Society Fund Account, unless directed otherwise by the donor. If the donor does not specify how the gift is to be used, the board of directors will designate the use of the gift.

#### Section 2. The Society Endowment Fund

The Society's Permanent Endowment Fund is established and shall be

administered for the benefit of the Dallas Genealogical Society within the limits allowed by law, and for the benefit of the Genealogy Section of the J. Erik Josson Central Library or its legal successor. Donations or contributions to the Endowment fund shall include but are not limited to, a percentage of the Society's annual net income, said percentage to be established by the board of directors at its discretion. The Society treasurer will invest all monies in this fund in interest-bearing securities; investments are specifically limited to Federal Government Securities or accounts at banks or savings institutions insured by the FDIC or FSLIC. Each year the interest from this fund shall be placed into the Special Society Fund account and used for the purposes set out in Section 1 or Article X.

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This proposed change to the by-laws will be presented to the membership-at-large at the general meeting February 23, 1998, to be voted on at the March 23, 1998, meeting.

## Mike Basham Award Created

An announcement from GENTECH98 detailed the creation of a special new award from GENTECH—the **Mike Basham Award**. This award will be given by GENTECH as merited in the future for special and outstanding achievement in the application of technology in genealogy. Mike Basham was a popular lecturer, Vice President of the Dallas Genealogical

Society, and a USGenWeb volunteer. He was an ardent sponsor of the Applied Technology Award and GENTECH supporter, and he passed away unexpectedly in 1997. This award in Mike Basham's name would appear to be a fitting memorial to his memory and to his many contributions to genealogy technology. (Dick Eastman's Electronic Newsletter, 25 Jan 1998)



## Did You Know?

by Shirley Stertz Hawn

We are all aware of their world-famous meat pies and Christmas Lights along the Cane River, but did you know there is also a wonderful *genealogy library* in Natchitoches, Louisiana?

The second floor of a marvelous old red brick building that once housed the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse is now the home of the **Natchitoches Genealogical and Historical Association Library**.

I recently spent two days there and have never met a nicer or more helpful staff anywhere I have researched. They are all *volunteers* from the genealogical and historical association, and they are very well acquainted with the records in the library. One of the staff even mailed me additional records she found after I returned home.

I never thought I would find boxes of files on my Virginia Moss, Massie, and Macon families in Natchitoches, Louisiana, but I did. I found copies of *D.A.R.*, *S.A.R.* and *Huguenot* applications, English duplicates of *Lost Virginia Records*, compiled by Louis des Cignets, Jr., and records for people before they migrated to Louisiana. Some families have given their entire research files to the Library.

Their records also include *French records* dating back to 1776, *Natchitoches Parish census records* 1820 through 1920, *marriage records*, *mortgage books*, *census records* of other Louisiana parishes, and a few *state census records*. They have the *Natchitoches Times* Microfilm records from March 1903 to October 1996, and the Catholic Church records for Natchitoches have been published and date from 1729. *Military censuses*, *Military*

*rolls* and *Tax lists* from 1722-1803 are published and available for research.

As you know, Louisiana was purchased by the United States in 1803. Before that, it was passed back and forth between Spain, France, and England for almost three hundred years. It became the 18th state to join the Union in 1812.

Natchitoches County was established in 1805 and included the entire ecclesiastical parish of St. Frances. Some of the present day parishes that were part of this original county are Caddo, Claiborne, Webster, Bienville, Sabine, Desoto, Winn, and Bossier.

If you have ancestors from this area of Louisiana, you will surely want to check the records at this wonderful library. If you don't have ancestors from there, you may just want to spend a pleasant night or two in this marvelous old town, browsing the shops, seeing the old plantations in the area, and visiting the *Museum* on the first floor of the Old Court House Building . . . on your way upstairs to say hello for me to the people at the Library.

*The Natchitoches Genealogical and Historical Association Library* is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located on the northeast corner of Church and Second Streets. Their mailing address is: P. O. Box 1349, Natchitoches, LA 71458-1349; phone (318) 357-2235.

To help support the library and receive two issues of *The Natchitoches Genealogist* per year, you may wish to join the Association for \$15.00 per year.

## Dallas Public Library Book Sale Calling All Volunteers!

The Dallas Public Library will hold its annual book sale beginning Friday, May 15, and ending Sunday, May 17, at Dallas's West End. The book sale is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from noon until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. This year's book sale will be a fun event with lots of entertainment planned. Large tents will stretch from the entrance of Spaghetti Warehouse at Munger and Market to Record Street.

This is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to acquire book sale experience while benefiting the Dallas

Public Library in this large fund-raising effort. Profits from the sale will go directly to buy books and other materials for every Dallas Public Library location. Volunteers are needed now to sort and box books at the Central Library. During the sale, you can work in a particular section, haul books, give directions, or work the cash register. If your group would like to work together, or if you want to sign up as a single volunteer, please call Mary Beth Harrington, Dallas Public Library's Volunteer Coordinator, at 214-670-1789.



# How To Find Lost People

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Genealogists seem to have a fascination with online databases of people. While genealogists are always looking for dead people, we also have need to find living people at times. We may be looking for long-lost cousins or for others of a certain unusual surname. The many online databases can be valuable for these searches.

Of course there are many non-genealogy uses as well. Are you looking for a former neighbor or a school chum or an old buddy from boot camp? You may find them listed in an online database. Finally, adoptees may be searching for information about birth parents or vice versa. Here are a few of the online databases that I have used:

*The Seeker Magazine* says they are "Reuniting America" on their Web site. They have announcements of reunions, messages about adoptees looking for birthparents, ex-military members looking for old friends and many more such messages. It is almost entirely devoted to people who want to be found. You can find *The Seeker Magazine* at: <http://www.the-seeker.com>.

**Four11** is known as the "Internet White Pages" and serves as sort of an online directory of e-mail addresses. It doesn't list everyone, of course. But it lists e-mail addresses for almost everyone who has ever posted a message to a newsgroup or to any of several online databases. Four11 is one of the online databases that has listings for people outside the United States as well as many listings of U.S. businesses taken from Yellow Pages and various online sources. It also has an online database for the e-mail addresses and regular mailing addresses of many celebrities. Finally, Four11 has listings for people online at a given moment with Internet telephone capabilities. Look at: <http://www.four11.com>.

**The Internet Address Finder** gets its information from public information available through the Internet, primarily through perusal of Usenet news postings. Thus, if you've ever posted a message to a news group on the Net, it's likely that your e-mail address will be in The Internet Address Finder's database. The Internet Address Finder's pages are available in English, French, German, Italian, Dutch, and Portuguese at: <http://www.iaf.net>.

**Snap! Online** provides a large database of e-mail addresses at:

<http://home.snap.com/search/email/0,12,-0,00,46.html>

**AltaVista** has always been my favorite Internet search engine. It is fast and easy to use. It has always been strictly a search engine, but on Monday of this past week AltaVista announced that they would soon add searches of telephone directory databases, both **White Pages** and **Yellow Pages**. AltaVista's new directory service, called **People Search** and **Business Search**, will initially be accessible through links on the front page of the search site, but AltaVista plans to seamlessly integrate the directory into users' searches. They are not yet available but should be soon at: <http://altavista.digital.com>.

**WhoWhere** is a bit difficult to describe. The site lists itself as "The Way to Find People on the Web" but it does more than that. True, you can enter a person's name and search for his or her e-mail address. But you can also search online telephone directories, including both **White Pages** and **Yellow Pages**. WhoWhere also has a link labeled "Find ancestors" which takes you to Broderbund's Internet FamilyFinder, a site that I have written about before. To access WhoWhere, go to: <http://www.whowhere.com>.

**BigFoot** is best known for their free e-mail service, but they also provide telephone directory searches and e-mail addresses. The site claims to have "the Internet's largest, most accurate collection of e-mail addresses," although some other sites make somewhat similar claims. Look at: <http://www.bigfoot.com>.

**Switchboard.com** is probably the best known of all the online telephone numbers databases. The company has databases of the **White Pages** and **Yellow Pages** for almost the entire United States. It also has a database of e-mail addresses and another one for Web pages. In the Web pages database you can type in any Web page you want, and Switchboard will return a list of other pages that deal with similar topics. Recent additions to Switchboard.com include free home pages for anyone on Switchboard's servers and even free e-mail. This site does it all at: <http://www.switchboard.com>.

**InfoSpace** advertises itself as "the ultimate directory." It has online **White Pages**, **Yellow Pages**, city directories and databases of U.S. Federal, state, county and local government offices. These databases include addresses for courthouses, a valuable reference for genealogists who need to write to clerks for records. InfoSpace also has online databases for other countries. The Canadian section has telephone numbers, street addresses, and e-mail addresses of millions of Canadians, as well as addresses, telephone



numbers, and FAX numbers of Canadian businesses. InfoSpace also has similar sections for the U.K., Germany, Austria, Luxembourg, Belgium, the Netherlands and Italy, although with generally smaller databases. It also has links to a few other international people finder databases available on the Internet. To access InfoSpace, look at: <<http://www.infospace.com>>.

**Canada411** lists more than 10 million telephone listings for people and businesses in that country. The listings include street addresses. This is an excellent resource that is available at: <<http://canada411.sympatico.ca>>.

If you are looking for an old military buddy who probably is still in the military, check out the U.S. Army's Web site. However, the listings are not available online. Instead, this site tells how to write for records. The Army only has listings for soldiers who are on active duty today. Look at: <<http://www.army.mil/vetinfo/persloc.htm>>.

To find college students as well as faculty members, check out the **online college telephone directories** available at:

<<http://www.uiuc.edu/cgi-bin/ph/lookup?>>

Of course, there are still many people who are not listed anywhere online, but that number becomes smaller every year. If you are looking for someone, try the above databases.

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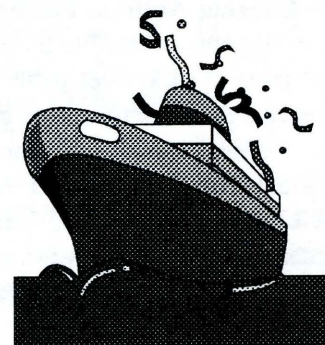
## Let's Get to Know Them

### Discovering Your Immigrant Ancestors' Stories

Every immigrant's story is unique! To understand the drama of your own ancestor's story you must examine: 1) the departure from the homeland; 2) the voyage over the seas; 3) the arrival in America; 4) the impact of the immigrant on American society; and 5) the impact of American society on the immigrant. This lecture explains the original records and published materials available to you to discover the particular facts of your own ancestor's story. It shows you how to evaluate those facts and assemble them into a story that conveys both the drama and individuality of your ancestor's emigration/immigration experience.

Dr. Colletta loves the adventure of discovering ancestors and conveys that approach to his audience. With all of his knowledge and expertise, it is his wit and humor that distinguishes his presentations. You won't want to miss these lectures, whether your ancestor came to Jamestown in 1607 or Ellis Island in 1907. You will gain the knowledge to recreate that experience in your own family history.

Join us on Saturday, 25 April, at the Lovers Lane Methodist Church, Asbury Hall, for a most informative and entertaining day.



## THE GENEALOGIST'S PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
Trying so hard my sanity to keep.

I pray the Lord I'll find the key,  
To the missing link in my family tree.

Be with me Lord when I reach a dead end,  
Help me tomorrow to start over again,

Searching for ancestors that long ago died,  
The doctors & teachers & traitors that spied;  
The house wives & horse thieves  
& scholars well read and those who were  
Hung by the neck until dead.

Lord, you know I've had good intent,  
So don't let my spouse know the money I've spent,  
On research & tapes & books by the dozen,  
Trying to find some long lost cousin.

Or a future genealogist in some court house,  
May read of me . . . Killed by my spouse.

**Marvin Maupin**



# Standards for Using Records Repositories and Libraries

## Recommended by the National Genealogical Society

Recognizing that how they use unique original records and fragile publications will affect other users, both current and future, family history researchers habitually—

- are courteous to research facility personnel and other researchers, and respect the staff's other daily tasks, not expecting the records custodian to listen to their family histories nor provide constant or immediate attention.
- dress appropriately, converse with others in a low voice, and supervise children appropriately.
- do their homework in advance, know what is available and what they need, and avoid ever asking for "everything" on their ancestors.
- use only designated work space areas, respect off-limits areas, and request permission before using photocopy or microform equipment, asking for assistance if needed.
- treat original records at all times with great respect and work with only a few records at a time, recognizing that they are irreplaceable and that each user must help preserve them for future use.
- treat books with care, never forcing their spines, and handle photographs properly, preferably wearing archival gloves.
- *never* mark, mutilate, rearrange, relocate, or remove from the repository any original printed, microform, or electronic document or artifact.
- use only procedures prescribed by the repository for noting corrections to any errors or omissions found in published works, never marking the work itself.
- keep note-taking paper or other objects from covering records or books, and avoid placing any pressure upon them, particularly with a pencil or pen.
- use only the method specifically designated for identifying records for duplication, avoiding use of paper clips, adhesive notes, or other means not approved by the facility.
- unless instructed otherwise, replace volumes and files in their proper locations.
- before departure, thank the records custodians for their courtesy in making the materials available.
- follow the rules of the records repository without protest, even if they have changed since a previous visit or differ from those of another facility.

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### On the Lighthearted Side of Research

#### Subject: German lesson

Here it is—the latest news from Europe. The News Standard has received this bulletin fresh from our Brussels-based hack. The European Union commissioners have announced that agreement has been reached to adopt English as the preferred language for European communications, rather than German, which was the other possibility. As part of the negotiations, Her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a five-year phased plan for what will be

known as EuroEnglish (Euro for short).

In the first year, "s" will be used instead of the soft "c." Certainly, sivil servants will resieve this news with joy. Also, the hard "c" will be replaced with "k." Not only will this klear up konfusion, but typewriters can have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year, when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced by "f." This will make words like "fotograf" 20 per sent shorter.

In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling can be ekspekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters, which have always ben a deterrent to akurate

speling. Also, al wil agre that the horrible mes of silent "e"s in the languag is disgrasful, and they would go.

By the fourth year, peopl wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" by "z" and "w" by v.

During ze fifz year, ze unesenary "o" can be dropd from vords kontaining "ou," and similar changes vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters. After zis fifz yer, ve vil hav a reli sensibl riten styl. Zer vil be no mor trubls or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech ozer. Ze drem vil finali kum tru.

(from<NC-SC-ROOTS-L@LISTSERV.INDIANA.EDU> Sat, 17 Jan 1998 10:17:33 -0500)



# 1998 DGS Writing Awards Competition

Sheila White Huckaby

The Dallas Genealogical Society Writing Awards Competition encourages genealogical writing and development of genealogical writing skills. Each category may have a winner receiving a cash award. The awards are presented annually at the DGS Service Awards Banquet.

Entry forms may be picked up in the Genealogy Section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (Dallas Public Library), at DGS meetings, or may be requested by writing to DGS, P.O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648.

## COMPETITION RULES

- ▶ There is no entry fee for DGS members. Nonmembers may participate for a fee of \$10 per entry.
- ▶ Each entrant may submit one book or manuscript and/or one article.
- ▶ Submitted items must have been compiled or published within the last two years (August 1996-August 1998).
- ▶ Entries must be received by 1 September 1998 and mailed to: DGS; Writing Awards Competition; P.O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648. Or, entries may be hand-delivered to the 8th Floor Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library.
- ▶ Each entry must be accompanied by the entry form found in the brochure.
- ▶ Winners are selected by a panel of three judges appointed by the DGS Writing Awards Competition Committee.
- ▶ There may be one winner in each category. All entries scoring 90% or higher receive a first place

certificate; all other entries receive a certificate of participation. In the event that no entry scores 90% or higher in a category, then no prize shall be given in that category.

- ▶ At the completion of the competition, certificates and critiques for each entry shall be presented to the entrants.
- ▶ All entries become the property of DGS. At the completion of the competition, all entries are donated to the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section. The author shall retain all publication rights.
- ▶ The winner of each category will be announced at the 1998 DGS Service Awards Banquet.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

All entries are judged in three major areas:

- 1 Genealogical Content (including writing style, numbering system, evaluation of evidence, documentation and source citation) comprising 50% of the total rating.
- 2 Writing Composition (including sentence structure and vocabulary, spelling, grammar, usage and style and mechanics) comprising 25% of the total rating.
- 3 Presentation of Material (including printing quality, general appearance, title page, dedication, bibliography, glossary, etc.) comprising 25% of the total rating.

The standard of style for this competition is *The Chicago Manual of Style* (see Bibliography).

Books and Manuscript entries must include:

- ▶ Table of Contents
- ▶ Index (refer to *Indexing Family Histories*, see Bibliography)

## DIVISIONS AND CATEGORIES

### DIVISION I:

UNPUBLISHED ARTICLES  
(10,000 words or less)

CATEGORY 1: Documented Family History or Genealogy (requires a numbering system refer to *Numbering Your Genealogy: Sound and Simple Systems*, see Bibliography)

CATEGORY 2: Undocumented Family History Narrative (memories, family stories, etc.)

CATEGORY 3: General Genealogical Interest (includes, but is not limited to, articles on methodology, preponderance of evidence, local or county history, material for a "Beginners Corner," etc.)

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(10,000 words or less)

CATEGORY 1: Documented Family History or Genealogy (requires a numbering system; refer to *Numbering Your Genealogy: Sound and Simple Systems*, see Bibliography)

CATEGORY 2: Undocumented Family History Narrative (memories, family stories, etc.)

CATEGORY 3: General Genealogical Interest (includes, but is not limited to, articles on methodology, preponderance of evidence, local or county history, material for a "Beginners Corner," etc.)



DIVISION III:  
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CATEGORY 1: Documented Family History or Genealogy (requires a numbering system; refer to *Numbering Your Genealogy: Sound and Simple Systems*, see Bibliography)

CATEGORY 2: Documented Family History Narrative (no numbering system)

CATEGORY 3: Undocumented Family History Narrative (memories, family stories, etc.)

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CATEGORY 3: Undocumented Family History Narrative (memories, family stories, etc.)

CATEGORY 4: General Genealogical Interest (includes, but is not limited to, articles on methodology, preponderance of evidence, local or county history, material for a "Beginners Corner," etc.)

CATEGORY 5: A book of abstracted material (court records, census, cemetery, etc.)

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## Internet Site of the Month

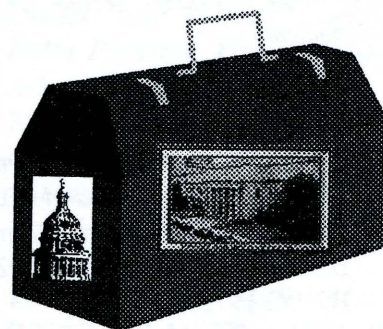
By Art Rubeck

The first site chosen by the late Mike Basham when he began the DGS Internet Site of the Month was Cyndi Howells' Home page, which now has over 26,800 genealogy links. While many feel that this index of sites is the place to begin your search of the Internet for its genealogy content, it can be overwhelming to many who are just finding this new tool. A simpler start might be much easier.

One such site is Richard Wilson's Other Genealogy Web Site, one of the sites featured at the GENTECH98 Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

You will find it at: <<http://www.compuology.com>>. It is a directory, not an index, breaking the many genealogical sites into nineteen categories, thus making it much simpler to use as your initial contact with the Internet. Instead of keeping long lists of addresses in your own computer, you could consider using just this as your address book. It is already categorized, it is kept up to date, and you won't make any entry mistakes when you select a source to try out.

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# 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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## FINALLY!!!

After two years of planning, a new DGS-sponsored project is officially underway.

On 2 Dec 1997, Dallas County Commissioners approved Court Order No 97-2398 granting approval for the Dallas Genealogical Society to conduct an inventory of Dallas County records. Records to be inventoried include those within the custody of the County Clerk, County Judge, District Attorney (civil records), District Clerk, Justices of the Peace, and the Tax Assessor/Collector.

Although the records of several Texas counties were inventoried by the state back in the 1970's, an inventory of Dallas County records has never been officially completed. It is anticipated that the output of this project will be useful to Dallas County historians and researchers, as well as to Dallas County officials. Some of the results may be placed on-line as well as in hard-copy format.

Data will include descriptions of the various records, with associated time spans for the records, their retention periods, whether they have been microfilmed, and their availability.

Team members Shirley Sloat, Dr. Alan Miller, and Jim Monaghan will be working with Dallas County Records Manager Lois Dillard on this project, which is projected to take two years.

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# Computer Keyboard Tip: Using the *Print Screen* Key

Karen Avery Miller

If you're a computer nerd, you probably already know what I am about to say—so stop laughing at my excitement over this newly found computer tip. But if you're a "computer nerd wanna-be," as I shall remain for life, then check out what I recently read in the January issue of *Family Tree Maker Magazine*.

Have you ever wanted to print out a copy of exactly what appears on your screen? *Exactly*—not what a particular program defaults to when you use the print command, but exactly what is shown on your monitor screen. In the *Technical Support Q&A* column, *Ask Helen*, on page 8 of the above-mentioned publication, concise directions are given as to how to accomplish such a feat. Let me paraphrase here, for those who do not receive this magazine:

(1) In any program, when you are looking at a particular screen that appeals to you, press the Print Screen key on your computer keyboard. I use an IBM standard keyboard and this key is next to F12. Just strike the key once; it will seem as if nothing has happened, but in reality, your Windows Clipboard has taken a picture of your screen and is retaining it in its memory until you complete the next step.

(2) Open a new document in your word processor or graphics program. If you do not have one of these, use the "Write" or "Wordpad" program, both of which are included with your Windows operating system.

(3) With your cursor blinking in the new document, go to the Edit menu and select Paste.

(4) Voila! A complete image of your screen should now appear in the new document. If your program supports sizing, you may want to use the small black boxes along the edge of the image to make yours bigger or smaller. Some programs also allow cropping; check the specifics of your

program.

(5) Now you can save and print this screen shot, just as you would any image or document.

To do another Print Screen, you will need to repeat the process in steps 1-5.

To me, this is so cool! You can do this from any program or CD, not just a genealogy program. Many times I have wished I could do this, not knowing the task was a simple keystroke away. Give it a try—it's easy!



## NGS Releases New Standards

The (U.S.) National Genealogical Society has released the first two of a series of standards for genealogical researchers. The society hopes that these will be broadly disseminated and taken to heart by genealogists, especially new researchers.

- ▶ "Standards for Sound Genealogical Research" can be found at: <http://www.genealogy.org/~ngs/standsg.html>
- ▶ "Standards for Using Records Repositories and Libraries" is now available at: <http://www.genealogy.org/~ngs/standr.html>

This is interesting reading. I would suggest that everyone interested in researching their ancestry read these documents and consider them carefully.

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## The Family History Show

**Apr 5 Alexia Jones Helsley**  
SC Dept of Archives & History  
**Sandy Keathley**  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

**Apr 12 Peggy Barnes Fox**  
Confederate Research Center  
**John A. Sellers**  
Hopkins Co., TX, Gen. Society  
**Jim Bolles**  
Ancestral Tours to Great Britain

**Apr 19 Wally O. Chariton**  
"Exploring the Alamo Legends"  
**Mic Barnette**  
Columnist, *The Houston Chronicle*

**Apr 26 Robert Scott Davis, Jr.**  
Wallace State College, AL

**May 3 Conley L. Edwards**  
Archivist, Library of Virginia

**May 10 Cynthia Johnson**  
Genealogy Instructor, Bellevue, WA  
**Jeri J. Steele**  
Collin Co, TX, Gen. Society

**May 17 Alexia Jones Helsley**  
SC Dept of Archives & History  
**Barbara Roberts Baylis**  
Instructor of Genealogy, SMU

**Host: Michael Matthews**

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## JOHNSON MCBRIDE

**Samuel Edwin Dickey JOHNSON** was born about 1817 in SC. He married **Margaret MCBRIDE** in 1841 in SC. By 1855 they are in Ashley Co., AR, and ten years later they are in Smith Co., TX. There are land records for them in AR and records in TX (Smith and Ellis Co. by 1880). I am seeking earlier records in SC and any other information regarding this family.

*Charlotte Cottongame, 715 E. Fifth Street, Ferris, TX 75125 or Cottongame@AOL.com*

## ROGERS FARGASON HILL TARVER LOWRY JAMES KENDRICK BOYKIN WOOTON

Will exchange info on children of **Joseph ROGERS** b. ca 1700 Surry Co., VA, m. **Mary FARGASON** d/o **John FARGASON**. Children, all b. VA: **John** b. ca 1724, m. **Martha HILL**; **Joseph** b. 1725, d. 1791 Northampton Co., NC; **Aaron** b. ca 1726, d. ca 1780 Wake Co., NC; **Isham** b. ca 1728, d. ca 1804 Wake Co., NC; **Sarah** b. ca 1742, m. **John TARVER**; **Mary** b. ca 1744, m. **Matthew LOWRY**; **Reuben** b. 1 Nov 1735, d. 1829 Taliaferro Co., GA, m. **Tabitha KENDRICK**; **Michael** b. ca 1738, m. **Celia BOYKIN**; **Faith** b. 20 Aug 1740, d. 1797, m. **James WOOTON**.

*MariLee Hageness, 3916 Bramble Road, Anniston, AL 36207-7004.*

## DODD LANGSTON SAMPLE DUNCAN WORD

**Edward "Neddie" DODD** s/o **Thomas and Sara (SAMPLE) DODD**, b. 14 Jun 1778 Laurens Co., SC, d. 1862 Clayton Co., GA, m. #1 **Jane LANGSTON** d/o **Jechonias & Mary (DUNCAN?) LANGSTON**, m. #2 **Jane WORD** d/o **Capt. Wm. WORD**; had 19 known children. Would like to exchange info on lines of his children.

*MariLee Hageness, 3916 Bramble Road, Anniston, AL 36207-7004.*

## RAGSDALE GUTHRIE TALLEY LONG

Need information on parents of **Dewitt T. RAGSDALE** b. 22 Mar 1882, d. 25 Aug 1905, m. **Leona GUTHRIE** in Comanche, TX. His siblings: **John** 1871-1959; **Henry** and **Minnie RAGSDALE**. They lived in Dallas County, near Garland, TX. I think the wife of \_\_\_\_\_ **RAGSDALE**, and the mother of these children, was **Mary Jane TALLEY**, who had been previously married to a **LONG**, by whom she had one child named **William** or **Bill**.

*Janetha W. Dunahoe, 350 Shoreline Drive, Natchitoches, LA 71457-5024 or call collect 318-352-2859.*

## BLAIR STUBBLEFIELD

**Garrett D. STUBBLEFIELD** b. in Grainger Co., TN, married **Rita BLAIR**, also from Grainger Co. In 1920 they were living in Grayson County, TX, with children **Geneva** age 6, **Lena** age 5, and **Garrett D. Jr.** age 1 9/12, all born in TX. Thought to have gone to San Angelo, TX. Would like contact with anyone with knowledge of this family.

*Hallie Garner, 8923 Woodshore Drive, Dallas, TX 75243 hallie.garner@juno.com.*

## CRAFT LEE

**William Jackson CRAFT**, b. 23 Feb 1852, MO, and **Phoebe Jane LEE**, b. 17 Sep 1874, Taney Co, MO, were married 19 May 1895 in Taney Co, MO. Children **William Peter**, **Ethel May**, **Bessie**, **Viola Bell**, **James A.**, **Nellie Jane**, **Joseph D.**, **Ike**, **Charley Raymon**, and **Robert Emmet** were born in MO. They moved to Polk Co, TX, ca 1915. Children **Addie Fay** and **Johnny A.** were born there. **William Jackson** died 12 Mar 1939 in Livingston, Polk Co, TX; **Phoebe** moved to Nampa, Canyon Co, ID, where she died 5 Dec 1947. Would like to contact anyone researching this family.

*Patricia Mutzabaugh, 2146 Village Crest Dr., Garland, TX 75044-7138, 972-495-2843, E-mail PatMutz@aol.com.*



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# DGS Calendar of Events

## MARCH 1998

- 1-8 SALT LAKE CITY TRIP
- 13 DGS/LATIN AMERICAN INTEREST GROUP;  
7:00 p.m. Friday - 506 Granada, Garland.
- 12 DGS/COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP; 6:30  
p.m. Thursday - DPL Auditorium.
- 17 DGS/AFRICAN AMERICAN GROUP; 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday - DPL East/West Room.
- 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.

## APRIL 1998

- 9 DGS/COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP; 6:30  
p.m. Thursday - DPL Auditorium.
- 10 DGS/LATIN AMERICAN INTEREST GROUP;  
7:00 p.m. Friday - 506 Granada, Garland.

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

## MAY 1998

- 8 DGS/LATIN AMERICAN INTEREST GROUP;  
7:00 p.m. Friday - 506 Granada, Garland.
- 14 DGS/COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP; 6:30  
p.m. Thursday - DPL Auditorium.
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