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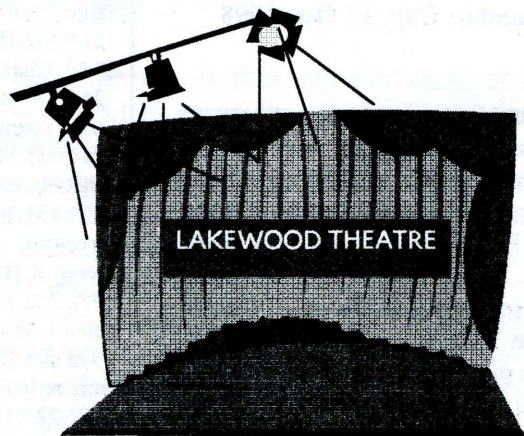
ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES TOPICS ANNOUNCED

Cyndi Howells Coming to Dallas in November!

The Dallas Genealogical Society has lined up three great speakers for its 1998-99 lecture series. Area genealogists and family history buffs will want to set aside the following Saturdays in the coming months:

14 November 1998
27 February 1999
10 April 1999

An interactive workshop with the creator of the award-winning "Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet" (<http://www.cyndislist.com>) kicks off this season's series. Author of the book "Netting Your Ancestors: Genealogical Research on the Internet," **Cyndi Howells** is also a contributing editor to *Heritage Quest* magazine. She will be speaking on "E-mail: How to Communicate," "Researching with Friends, Cousins, and Experts on Genealogy Mailing Lists," "The World Wide Web: Quit Surfing and Start Researching!" and ending with a "Q&A" period.



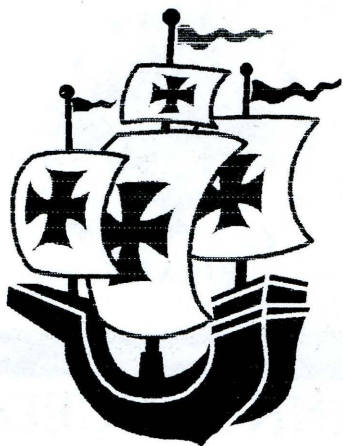
Dallas' own **Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck** takes the stage in February where he will address the theme "The Middle Colonies and States." Topics include: "New Amsterdam and New Sweden," "English Colonies," "Statehood to the Civil War," and "Post Civil War." If you are hunting ancestors in this part of the country OR have never attended Lloyd's lectures, you won't want to miss this one!

Elizabeth Shown Mills, well-known certified genealogical lecturer, ASG president, and editor of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* will be bringing us lessons and tips on "Skillbuilding" in April. Her session subjects will be: "Genealogical Problem Solving: Professional Techniques for Everyday Research," "Ten Steps to a Solution: How to Analyze a Problem and Develop a Research Strategy," "Evaluating Evidence: Advice from Lawrence of Arabia," and "How to Build a Case When No Document Seems to Solve the Problem."

The Lakewood Theater near the intersection of Abrams Road and Gaston Avenue in Dallas is the site for these day-long events. Watch your mail for a brochure with further details. (Registration information can also be found inside this issue.)

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Columbus Day, 12 Oct. 1998

Regular Meetings: Unless otherwise indicated, DGS regular meetings are held on the 4th Monday, Jan. - May, and Sept. - Nov., in the auditorium of the J. Erik Johsson Central Library (Dallas Public Library), 1515 Young Street, in downtown Dallas. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. with a reception at 6:30 p.m. in the East/West Room. Regular meetings are free, and visitors/guests are welcome.

Computer Interest Group (DGS/CIG): Unless otherwise noted, the DGS Computer Interest Group meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday, Jan. - May and Sept. - Nov. in the auditorium of the library. Additionally the DGS/CIG holds a "question & answer" period in the library's auditorium one hour prior to the regular DGS monthly meetings. Meetings are free, and visitors/guests are welcome.

DGS African-American Interest Group (DGS/AAIG): Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held in the East/West Rooms of the library on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are free, and visitors and guests are welcome.

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The object and goals of this society are:

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

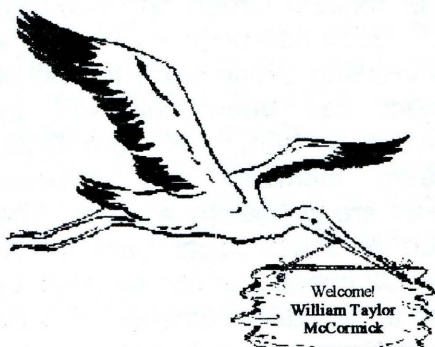
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President's Message

Carole Chew Ruska



This month's message will be short and sweet -- "Sweet" William, that is. I became the proud grandmother of William Taylor McCormick on 20 August 1998, and even DGS had to

wait for that. Genealogy, however, is now more important than ever. I had already purchased a beautifully decorated family tree to fill out for my grandchild, and now I needed all the father's family information. I also needed my daughter's father's information as my genealogy bug did not bite until after we had divorced. Until now, I had thought about eventually doing some research for her on her father's line, but that was way in the future when I had finished my lines. Now that William is here, it is suddenly very important that I know all these lines so I can do a four-generation chart at least. I really think with a little digging I can do a six-generation chart soon.

My son-in-law has the distinction of being the son of the only living descendant of a Confederate soldier in Virginia. His father has written a book about his life naming his father, mother, grandfathers on each side and uncles. His father, uncle and maternal grandfather all fought at Gettysburg in Pickett's charge. I read the book coming home from my daughter's, and thought how easy this was because this man had written all this information in his book, even though it was not a genealogical work, but a Civil War remembrance.

The point of this message is...what have you written that your family can leave to future generations? The Confederate soldier died when this living son was only seven years old. His son, my son-in-law, never knew his grandfather or uncles. If his father had not written this book (when he was ninety) most of the family history would be lost to future generations; that is, to my sweet William. I am very thankful that the father's lineage

is documented. Now, it is my obligation to document the mother's lines by turning all my charts, notes, files into a written legacy for my grandchild. Somehow before him, it did not seem as important as it does now.

Think ahead to your future generations and leave what you can behind telling the stories of the ancestors so they will live on forever, at least in the hearts of the descendants.

Editor's "2p"

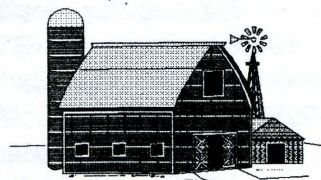
Jill M. Clark

State fair time means that sweater-weather is on the way -- or so I've been promised! My husband's Texas ancestors from earlier in this century -- and possibly some of yours -- made the annual trip to the fairgrounds. Did you ever imagine what the fair was like then and what kinds of activities they may have enjoyed? Did they show hogs? Did they win awards for strawberry jam? Did they ride the ferris wheel, and eat cotton candy? Did they see the latest inventions demonstrated and exchange "howdies" with neighbors and acquaintances?

This October issue of our newsletter brings tidings of worthwhile programs, fun genealogy websites, news, action items, and DGS happenings. We continue to reach out to those who are just getting started in family research with articles geared toward beginners, but hopefully of interest to all. If you are a seasoned genealogist or are getting tired of reading about the editor's grandparents (!) feel free to share your expertise by contributing a story or some good advice.

I hope everyone who attended the regional fall conference in September had a good time, took helpful notes, and learned some useful tips on conducting and continuing your ancestral record pursuits. I'm looking forward to having pictures as well as your thoughts and reviews on this, and the upcoming workshop with Cyndi Howells, to run in the next couple of DGS Newsletters. Please be sure to send them my way.

In case I don't make it out to the fairgrounds this year, be sure to eat a corny dog and say "howdy" to *Big Tex* for me!



October Meeting Program

Beverly Johnston Holmes



Hidden Treasures: Serendipity? Psychic Phenomena? or Ghosts' Writing?

Our October meeting will be held just a few days before Halloween, and what a wonderful time to discuss the influence of serendipity, coincidence, and psychic experiences on genealogical research. Numerous professional and amateur genealogists have had their amazing coincidences recorded in Hank Jones' *Psychic Roots*. He asserts that the role of these phenomena in research is too important to ignore.

Barbara Roberts Baylis and Jane Route Power, both longtime genealogists and members of DGS and DAR, will discuss how chance, hunches, and even dumb luck will often lead us straight to information we've not been able to find in logical places. Of course, previous good, sound research and focus are a must if we are to recognize these hidden treasures when they "occur."

Do plan to join us and hear the fascinating stories and lessons these two ladies have to share.



From the DGS Newsletter Archives --

Issue #110, January 1989

"COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

A planning and development meeting will be held prior to our Regular Meeting on Monday, January 23, 1989 to form a DGS sponsored Computer Interest Group. The planning meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the East/West room adjacent to the Auditorium. If you are interested in being a part of a Computer Interest Group, please make plans to come early and attend this meeting. Be sure to stay for the Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M."

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Special Interest Group News

Helen J. Wilson

September Computer SIG Report

John Wylie spoke to the first meeting of the Dallas Genealogy Computer Interest Group on Thursday, 10 September 1998. John has been involved in a GENTECH-Lexicon Working Group since the fall of 1995. This project has been endorsed by GENTECH, FGS, NEHGS, NGS, APG and BCG. Some of the team members are software developers and others are genealogy experts. The team has developed a Genealogical Data Model (GDM) consisting of 102 pages that can be used by software developers to facilitate exchange of data between various programs and individuals in the future. The full text is available for examination at <http://www.gentech.org/lex98081.htm>

The model acknowledges that sound genealogical discipline requires that we:

- * document our sources, not only for others, but for ourselves;
- * separate evidence from conclusions and know when we've moved from one to the other;
- * record all facts and conclusions, as we cannot predict our future need for what we do today;
- * record our assertions, as this is the best way to practice effective analysis;
- * accurately retrace our steps, as we must, at times, undo a discovered error (usually in the light of new information);
- * use a lexicon, as we are communicators, and to communicate effectively and efficiently we must have a common language;
- * not let software limit us -- the computer is a tool; not an end in itself.

The model is quite a complex flow chart with various components interrelating. It contains three major sections: administration, evidence, and conclusions.

Administration: researchers, project, surety, objective, activity

Evidence: source, repository, citation, representation

Conclusions: assertion, persona, event, characteristic, group, place

The model must primarily support sound genealogical research techniques and is based on our understanding of the genealogical process. Some will not use all the features offered, but software based on the model will assist users in applying the principles of the model.

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Invitation to Attend the October CIG

Jeri J. Steele and Bill Dow will present a program on "Family Base: Your Computer Scrapbook" to the DGS/CIG on the 8th of October. Come at 6:30 p.m. prepared to see a demonstration and learn about it.

Family Base is a free-form layout software designed to help you create an exciting multimedia family scrapbook on your home computer. Family Base includes complete on-screen instructions, a training video, and free unlimited technical support. Family Base uses Folio Infobase Technology™ and can contain text, graphics, audio, and video. Each word is indexed as it is entered for incredibly fast searching. You can put thousands of pictures in your family base and thousands of pages of stories.

Welcome New Members!

Vergie L. Freeman

Becky ALLISON, Ross and Kay BEBOUT, Larry and Marilyn BONURA, Dwayne and Georgia CLEMENT, E. J. CURNES, Barbara Holcomb JENNINGS, Rosanne MAYS, Mike and Jean MURPHY, Ann Milugin WILLIAMS and R.A. and Letha ZEPEDA all joined the DGS in August. We hope to meet you and greet you in the coming months at our monthly meetings and special events.

AAIG Workshop Report

Jeanette Williams and Vergie Freeman

The African American Interest Group of the Dallas Genealogical Society held its first African American Beginner's Workshop on Saturday, August 15, 1998. Its theme: "A Slice for Researching" brought in a total of 31 fellow genealogists, most of whom were beginners.

According to an evaluation that was given to each individual who attended the workshop, the overall performance of the speakers was excellent. Most expressed a desire to have less topics and more time spent discussing those topics.

Thanks to all who diligently worked to make this workshop a big success. A special thank you to all our speakers who did such an excellent job of emphasizing key points in each session. Remember that "one must return to the past in order to move forward" and "it all starts with me; I am the beginning!" See you at our next workshop.

Dallas Morning News

Looking for Ancestors Too!

Carol Chew Ruska



The *Dallas Morning News* has asked the Dallas Genealogical Society to help in their project of illustrating the history of Dallas in a series of articles using local families. DGS believes this is a very

worthwhile project, and hopes we can supply the *News* with the material they need. How does DGS play a part in this and how can you be directly involved? The *Dallas Morning News* has set the criteria it needs for the articles, and DGS will help them find the appropriate families by promoting this project and screening the family histories. Of course, being the genealogists that we are, we are only too happy to tell our family stories; therefore, we are asking for your help with this project. Submit your family history if it meets any of the criteria.

Please read the following criteria outlined by the *News*, and call the DGS Voice Mail (214-670-7932) or E-mail to dgs@chrysalis.org if you would like a submission form. Leave your name, address, phone, and a form will then be mailed to you. DGS will give the submissions to the reporters working on this project for possible inclusion. No guarantees are given, and you must submit through DGS. The *News* will make the final decisions and contact the families individually. Please do not call or write the *Dallas Morning News* directly.

Below is the criterion set forth by the *News*.

As the millennium approaches, *The Dallas Morning News* is preparing to tell the story of the century through the various generations of five or six local families. Our approach, which will be a comprehensive series of stories told in chapters, will focus on the people who lived history instead of those who made history.

We are looking for diverse families who are familiar with their ancestors and who have access to various kinds of documentation, which could include family photographs, letters, journals, Bibles, oral histories, family anecdotes or interviews. Obviously, the families would have to be agreeable to allow reporters access to their material and have their names and family members' names appear in the newspaper.

Generally, we are searching for:

- A Hispanic family whose forefathers would have arrived in Texas from Mexico
- An African-American family whose ancestors would have been in place in Texas or Dallas at the turn of the century
- A family whose ancestors at some point migrated to the city from rural Texas [to demonstrate the shift from rural to urban development, or the impact of the boll weevil, the dust bowl, or drought]
- A family who may have migrated to the Dallas area from the Midwest, North, or Northeast in search of jobs or opportunities [i.e., in the post-World War II years, or during the 1970-80's migration to the Sunbelt, etc.]
- A family that began the century in the Old World and ended it in Dallas
- An Asian-American family whose ancestors would have arrived in Texas at the turn of the century or during the migration from Southeast Asia during the 1970-80's

These are just general criteria; however, we are also open to family stories that are particularly helpful in breathing life into local history. For instance, we would love to find families whose members lived through the Galveston Hurricane of 1900 or witnessed the JFK assassination. We believe this is a novel and personal way to tell the history of the 1900's.

Be a participant for DGS and maybe you will finally get your family history in print! Call DGS for the submission form. Good luck!

Did Your Ancestors Speak German?

If you are in need of help in translating your ancestral German documents, then help may have arrived! Elke O. Hedstrom of Garland can assist you in deciphering old documents, and in writing the proper letters and requests to agencies and repositories in the German-speaking countries. Elke was born in Germany and has a Ph.D. in 17th century German literature and a degree in Library Science. She also has translation experience and is a member of the Dallas Genealogical Society, the Dallas Goethe Center and the German-Texan Heritage Society. Contact her by phone: 972.279.9279, fax: 972.681.7437, e-mail: elke4444@airmail.net, or by writing Elke O. Hedstrom, 622 Perdido Dr., Garland, TX 75043.

"HAPPENSTANCE"

OR "Why You Should Always Keep Your Nametag on After a Genealogy Workshop!"

By Helen H. Dunn, Jonesboro, AR

My husband Lou and I attended the class conducted in March by the DGS, of which we are members. When it was over I asked Lou to wait while I went to the genealogy section to find a newly acquired reference book that I had read about. He went to the parking lot across the street from the library and I hurriedly made my way to the eighth floor. As soon as I entered a young lady said to me, "I see by your name tag that you are Helen Dunn. My sister is here working on the Dunns and I would like for you to meet her. Maybe you can help her."

I had my doubts about being of any help, but I was willing to try. After the introductions, her sister Carolyn explained that she was working for her mother-in-law whose maiden name was Dunn. Carolyn showed me what ancestors she had in her records. The first name I spotted was that of Levi Davis Dunn, Lou's grandfather who was the twin brother of Joseph Lewis Dunn, the ancestor of Carolyn's mother-in-law! I explained that we needed to catch up with Lou in the parking lot because he had his genealogy materials in the car. We checked out of the genealogy section and went to the parking lot. There, I introduced the two of them and they immediately began to exchange family information. Carolyn was so pleased with this outcome that she gave me a hug when she said good-bye.

Both Carolyn and Lou have computers, so it was not long before she told Lou, by e-mail, of a Dunn reunion in Lufkin (in May) and invited us to attend. Lou attended the reunion and did research in the Lufkin public library.

More e-mail came from several other distant relatives in Mississippi, North Carolina, and two more from Texas. All of them wanted help and offered information.

Much has happened since that DGS seminar in March, and all because I forgot to remove my name tag when the class was over!

The DGS annually lists professional researchers in the area whose services are available for a fee. This list will be updated for 1998-99 in a future issue of this newsletter.

OUR 1998-99 LECTURE SERIES



**At the Historic Lakewood Theatre
1825 Abrams @ Gaston Avenue
Lakewood Shopping Center
Dallas, Texas**

For more information call the DGS voice mail at 214.670.7932; or go to our website -- <http://www.dallasgenealogy.org>

LOCATION

The Lakewood Theater is located near the intersection of Abrams Rd. and Gaston Ave. in the Lakewood Shopping Center in east Dallas. The theater is identified by a 100-ft. tower with the word "LAKEWOOD" vertically. Parking is available in the center and across the street at the bank. (Do not park in restricted spaces!)

LUNCH

A box lunch may be ordered with your registration. It will have a sandwich, fresh fruit, and candy. The cost is \$5.00. We encourage you to bring a sack lunch and eat in the theater is not ordering a box lunch. There are many restaurants in the Lakewood Shopping Center as well. Lists will be available at the lecture. Drinks may be purchased at the theater and at break times, drinks and snacks will be furnished.

SCHEDULE

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 - 10:15	Lecture
10:15 - 10:45	Break & Vendors
10:45 - 12:00 p.m.	Lecture
Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 - 2:15 p.m.	Lecture
2:15 - 2:45	Break & Vendors
2:45 - 4:00	Lecture
4:00 - 4:30	Vendors

(See front story for speaker and topic information. More on each lecture in upcoming newsletters!)

REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE DGS 1998-99 LECTURE SERIES

Lecture:

Cyndi Howells

Saturday, November 14th _____

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

Saturday, February 27th _____

Elizabeth Shown Mills

Saturday, April 10th _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Members: each lecture \$25, all three \$65

Non-members: each lecture \$30, all three \$80

Late and "at-the-door" registration: each lecture \$30

Number of **box lunches** required @ \$5.00 ea. _____

Total payment amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to the **Dallas Genealogical Society** and mail to: DGS Lecture Series

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PRE-REGISTRATION

It is recommended that you pre-register to be sure of having a seat. Registration at the door will be "first-come, first-serve" based on the remaining seats in the theater. To qualify as pre-registration, your form and payment must be received on or before the Saturday prior to the lecture. Tickets will be held at the registration table.

REFUNDS

To obtain a refund, send a written notice to DGS at least ten days before the lecture. Since this is a fund raising event, please consider donating the registration fee as a tax-deductible contribution.

Beginner's Corner

Setting Up and Conducting a Family History Interview

by Jill M. Clark

Last month we began a series on interviewing relatives and recording family history. I gave a personal example from my own family and promised to get into the "how-to's" this time. The following is my own take on the matter, plus some questions I used when interviewing my aunt last spring. (In the story "My Grandparents Eloped," Volume 22, #8, there is a placename error. A fellow DGS member informed me today that Ft. Hood, TX came into existence after the bombing of Pearl Harbor during WWII. Thank you for the correction! I will have to do some more homework to determine whether he was at "Camp" Hood or Ft. Sam Houston during WWI.)

Among the list of initial projects for the family historian/genealogist are interviews of older family members concerning their childhood memories and family stories. Some relatives are easy to talk with and will gladly tell you all they know. Others are more reluctant, either because they don't think they have anything worthwhile to contribute, or they don't like to talk about a painful past, or let a family secret out of the bag. The former is more likely the case. Once you have assured Grandma or Great Aunt Lucy that what she has lived through or remembers is of value to you and the rest of the family, she may change her mind and end up reminiscing all afternoon! It's important that you plan ahead and know what kinds of questions will help the memories to flow.

If you will be visiting with a relative that you see on a regular basis, it should be easy to get together and talk. Explain that you'll be taking notes, but don't make it sound like a formal interview. Make it casual and enjoyable! Ask if he or she minds if you bring a tape recorder along. (You might bring some cookies or other snack as well.) Grandpa might feel a little uncomfortable answering questions into a microphone, so a small cassette recorder with a built-in microphone that can be placed in-between the two of you will be perfect. If you are comfortable and can let the machine run without messing with it every ten minutes, then he will be at ease also. (Be sure to bring extra tapes: a ninety or 120-minute tape is the best!)

Interviewing someone you don't see very often takes a little more care. You might want to consider visiting with them once or twice just to socialize and get to know each other better before you bring out

the notepad and paper, or tape recorder. People generally feel more comfortable talking about themselves in their own familiar surroundings so be considerate about planning the interview according to their schedule. I think it's a good idea to clarify your reasons for the interview and what you plan to do with the information. Often people of older generations don't think *young folks* are interested in family history or they themselves may not see or understand the need for recording it. Occasionally you may encounter a suspicious soul who believes you are taking advantage of him or her and interested only in digging up the family dirt. Assure Uncle John that you have the family's best interests at heart and bring photos and copies of your work for him to see or keep.

In chapter four of *Unpuzzling Your Past: A Basic Guide to Genealogy*, author and genealogist Emily Anne Croom gives some very useful advice on how to prepare for and conduct an interview with a family member. She reminds us to speak clearly and slowly, especially if the person we are interviewing is hard of hearing. Croom also recommends following up that session with a letter to clarify or ask a few additional questions you may have forgotten that day.

Be careful not to prolong your question & answer time as you don't want to tire anyone. Break it up with casual chat or refreshments, if possible. Always remember to thank the person who has agreed to be interviewed and tell him or her how much it meant to you.

Here are some sample questions you might want to use when interviewing family members.

TWENTY QUESTIONS

1. When were you born?
2. Were you born at home in or a hospital? (Where were your parents living at the time?)
3. What are some of your earliest memories?
4. Tell me about some of your older relatives?
Who was your favorite (and why)?
5. Where did the relatives live who came to visit you or whom your family visited?
6. What grew in the garden, if your family had one, when you were growing up?
7. What meal or dish of your mother's did you most enjoy?
8. What household jobs or chores were you expected to do as a child or teen?
9. Did your family attend church while you were growing up? If so, where?

10. Did your family pray before each meal?
Who said the grace?
11. Who were your neighbors?
Who were your parents' friends?
12. What did your parents or grandparents do for fun or
in their spare time?
13. Where did you attend school?
How much schooling did you have?
14. What different jobs did your dad have during the
Great Depression?
15. What did you and your friends do for fun after
school or on weekends?
16. Where did you work? Tell me about the various
jobs you've held.
17. Were you in the WVA or CCC?
18. How did the war affect your
neighbourhood/community?
19. What was your first paying job? What were your
duties? How much did you earn?
20. How did you meet your husband/wife?
What year were you married?

You can probably think of others or substitute more appropriate ones for your family's situation. Think about the missing information you are seeking and if this person might have some of the answers. Be creative in the way you structure the questions. Avoid wording your query so that you only get a "yes" or "no" answer. Allow the person being interviewed to continue talking if one question leads to related stories/answers. After a bit, steer the conversation toward the next question or chronological event. You may hear some old family tales or an incredulous account, but be sure to take notes whether you believe it or not. You can always verify it with another family member or with other documentation.

Here's one last tip on preparing for the interview: try it out on yourself first! Have someone else ask you the questions you intend to ask.



The Big Maybe

By Karen Tippetts,

Greater Omaha Genealogical Society

Mark Twain supposedly said once that he felt "sorry for anyone who could only spell a word one way." Genealogically speaking, I have a similar sympathy for those who, through no fault of their own, are "ethnically challenged" and descend only from one nationality or ethnic group. They miss a lot of richness and color in having just one brand of heritage to explore.

In genealogy, ethnicity is where you find it. For some, their religious background colors who they are as much as their national heritage does. For others it is the country of ancestral origin. Some adopt a heritage for special occasions (like Omaha, Nebraska, at St. Patrick's Day, when Irishmen end their name with such diverse indicators as "ski," "wicz," "sen," etc.)

Some use ethnicity to unify; others use it as a divisive element. My dad once objected almost violently to the prospect that his grandfather Matt Hager was Norwegian. "You'll not find that Swede in Norway!" he insisted. When I did find Matt Hager in Norway, it didn't matter to dad. There was no way he would admit being anything but a full-blooded Swede. When I finally found his mother's birthplace, the Matt Hager/Norwegian link proved to be a false alarm. Matt Hager was the step-grandfather, not the blood grandfather. Suddenly, the Norwegian lineage didn't matter anymore.

In genealogy, ethnicity is where you find it. Several times I've heard people protest that their ancestors couldn't have been Catholic, or Protestant, or Jewish, or whatever, because family legend held that they had always been what they are now.

Well . . . maybe and maybe not.

My Gish and Sides families were PA Dutch (Dunkerds of River Brethren) in Pennsylvania. When they moved to Nebraska, they worshipped elsewhere because there was no established church in their faith nearby. The women maintained their dark dresses and white caps for years because of what they believed. Their descendants are Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, Mormon, etc. Others may have been married by ministers not of their particular faith. The reasons vary according to the circumstances: national law may not have recognized marriages performed by any institution other than the state church; their own clergy may

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FROM CYBERSPACE!
All the tidbits
and notices on
this page were
gleaned from
sources on the
world wide web
and through
email.

Good News!

DGS NOW HAS A DOMAIN NAME ON THE INTERNET!
Change your bookmarks to:
<http://www.dallasgenealogy.org>

Great-grandfather fought for the North? For information about the order of the **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War** go to: <http://wuvcw.org>

The **Czech Heritage Society of Texas** is seeking information on ancestors that emigrated to Texas. This organization is preparing a database to put on the internet. Helen Wilson is contributing to this; working on the surname KOPECKY. She would like to add to this file, so if you have any ancestors with this surname, please notify her at czech.hjk@chrysalis.

Need some clues to **decipher old handwriting?** <http://www.firstct.com/fv/oldhand.html>

Nueces, Smith, Andrews, Dawson, and Gaines Counties; the San Antonio and East Texas Genealogical Societies all have **new Roots-L lists**. Sign up today to correspond with other researchers by going to <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mailist>

Those wretched **genealogy scams!** Unmask them by educating yourself and pointing your web browser to this informative site <http://www.execpc.com/~dcollins/scams.html>

The **President George Bush Library** opened in College Station a year ago. Visit <http://www.lib.ttu.edu/swc/Reference/list/index.htm>

Argyllshire Scotland GenWeb project (part of the World GenWeb) has a new location. If you have Scottish ancestors from this old county, take a look at <http://members.aol.com/gfsjill/argyll.htm>

Indiana Marriages through 1850 are indexed on line via <http://www.statelib.lib.in.us>

The **Texas State Genealogical Society** has its website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgs/tsgs.html>

Are you up against a brick wall in your research? <http://www.firstct.com/fv/stone.html> will help you **get past those roadblocks**.

TOP 10 UPLOADS TO THE USGENWEB ARCHIVES (Digital Library):

<<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb>>

1. 1887-1891 Marriages of Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming, transcribed by Jack Murray
2. 1850 Federal Census, Allegheny County, Virginia, transcribed by Barbara White
3. 1870 Federal Census, Charlotte County, Virginia (Actual images of the microfilm are also being uploaded, courtesy of the transcriber, Bernard Rodenhizer)
4. **Early Marriages, Dallas County, Texas, Dallas Genealogical Society**
5. World War I Civilian Draft Registrations: Idaho, Mississippi, Courtesy of Raymond H. Banks
6. 1880 Federal Census, Sedgwick County, Kansas Transcribed by Kary Wild
7. 1910 Census, Skagway, Alaska, Courtesy of Doreen Cooper
8. **Dallas County, Texas -- Marriage Book P, 1896-1897, Dallas Genealogical Society**
9. Livingston Parish, Louisiana -- Cemeteries
10. Lafayette Parish, Louisiana -- Cemeteries Civil War: 16th Maine Infantry, Courtesy of Bruce Towers

October 16, 17th 1998 -- The National Genealogical Society **Midwest Regional Conference** will be held in Troy, Michigan. If your ancestors were midwesterners and you are planning a trip to the Detroit area around this time, see if you can catch this event. Call 1.800.473.0060 or e-mail conference@ngsgenealogy.org for more information

Website for **Scandinavian Genealogical Society**: <http://www.mtn.org/mgs/branches/swedish.htm>

The **Ohio Death Index** is now online. Go to <http://www.ohiohistory.org/dindex> to find deaths in years 1913-1927 and 1933-1937. (Coming soon: years 1908-1913 and 1928-1932.)

Be on the look-out for these DGS events in 1999: Library Lock-In! Salt Lake City trip!

Intermediate Genealogy Workshop -- with emphasis on Genealogy on the Internet, to be held at the Euless Public Library, 201 Ector Dr., Euless, TX, on 21 Oct. at 2:00 p.m. -- from the *Mid-Cities Genealogical Society newsletter*, Sept. 1998

The Grand Prairie Genealogical Society presents a **Creative Memories Workshop** on Saturday, 7 November 1998. Connie Chappell will be conducting this day-long workshop to be held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 727 Hill St., Grand Prairie, TX. For more information call Ruth Goodman at 817.640.0489 or Faye Chism, 972.642.8677. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Refreshments will be served. -- from *Roots 'N Branches*, Grand Prairie Genealogical Society

Update on the Fort Worth Archives
According to the front page of the *Fort Worth Star Telegram* (14 August 1998) we may be losing the regional location of the National Archives. Many of the 13 regional sites (including the southwest) are running out of room. Interest in purchasing the property on Felix Street has been expressed by the City of Fort Worth. Negotiations have been in the works for about two years and a land swap is one possible solution.

Fort Worth is the largest of the 13 regional archives with 67,000 cubic feet of permanent records. Crucial to the storage of these records is the temperature, humidity, light levels, and filtration system in the building. Congress will ultimately decide the number of locations in the near future and whether new buildings should be constructed. Stay informed on this important matter and drop your congressman or woman a line!

Index to Michigan Soldier Obituaries - Civil, Spanish, and World War I is available through the West Michigan Genealogical Society for \$3.00. For information about this and other publications, write to WMGS, Grand Rapids Public Library Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

More on Census 2000 . . . From all indicators it appears as though we will get a "real count" rather than an estimate; a godsend for future genealogists! In the meantime, it is reported that people are

requesting that a space for "mother's maiden name" be included on the next census form. Lend your voice to this effort by writing to your senators and representatives and to Mr. Harry Searr, Acting Director of the Census Bureau, PO Box 20233, Washington, DC -- from the *Family Tree Newsletter*, Feb./Mar. 1998

FROM THE "REAL" WORLD!!!
The announcements and jottings on this page have no internet or email addresses.

EMIGRATION OR IMMIGRATION? You don't have to be a "newbie" to get them mixed up. It's easy if you remember it this way: Emigration begins with an "e" and so does the word "exit," -- as in exiting a country. Immigration starts with the letter "i," as does the word "in" -- as in coming into a country! -- from *DearMYRTLE's Migration Patterns*

The Columbia Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society is sponsoring a new heritage program entitled: **Founding Families of the State of South Carolina**. Persons who are directly descended from an ancestor living in South Carolina when the state was admitted to the Union in 1788, or before, are eligible for membership in this permanent remembrance of their family history.

For an application send a SASE to the Columbia Chapter, SCGS, PO Box #11353, Columbia, SC 29211-1353.

FAMILY TREE RECIPE
3 TBSP of curiosity
2 TBSP of helpful contacts
2 tsp. of educated guesses
1/4 cup of persistence
1/4 cup of good communication skills
A pinch of luck and a heaping cup of patience!
Combine with plenty of legwork, question-asking, headstone-tracing, microfiche-viewing, letter-writing, conference-attending, genealogy and historical society-joining, family name newsletter-reading, website-searching, GEDCOM-loading, document double-checking, old photo-safekeeping and a large measure of common sense. Add sense of humor to taste. Allow to rise over a life time. Plenty of servings for future generations!

-- from the *Syers Seeker Online Newsletter*

NEWS FROM THE 8th FLOOR

Recent Acquisitions:

More Treasures at the Dallas Public Library Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck



The additions of new materials to the Genealogy Section have been so numerous that the *DGS Newsletter* is now more than a year behind in listing the new acquisitions. Accordingly, in an attempt to catch up, I have selected some of the more significant microfilm sets acquired in the last twelve months. In a number of instances, the set in the Dallas Public Library will be the only one in the state of Texas. The library's on-line catalogue does not include these items so browsing the listings thereon would not alert you to the fact that such resources exist locally.

Many of the acquisitions noted below have been made possible by the generosity of some of the strongest supporters of the Genealogy Section. I would like to recognize ten especial benefactors. The late Barbara Gallup designated the Genealogy Section of the library to receive a bequest of approximately \$75,000 to buy materials relating to Tennessee. A number of the items have arrived. Dr. Donald Holcomb made possible the collection of South Carolina land grants for the federal period, and Geraldine C. Marr donated funds for the complementary colonial plats and royal grants for the Palmetto State. Each set has its own index of personal and place names. Everts E. Jackson made it possible to obtain nearly 200 reels of microfilm on various Missouri counties as well as the Kentucky county of Barren. Steven and Alexis Spritias made contributions toward various records for the Gateway to the West--St. Louis. The General Levi Casey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution via the Edith Allen Palmer Gift Fund has enabled the library to expand its holdings of Revolutionary War materials to become the strongest in the south and one of the better ones in the nation. The Bybee Foundation provided a grant for the acquisition of the claims of the Republic of Texas. Franklin Schneider gave the 1920 District of Columbia Soundex, and Helen Anthony donated the 1900 Military and Naval Soundex. Lastly the Dallas Genealogical Society in a cooperative venture with the Genealogical Society of Utah made it possible to acquire some extremely noteworthy sets.

- [AL] Death Index 1908-1959. 6 rolls.
- [AL] Marriage Index 1936-1969. 11 rolls.
- [AL] Divorce Index 1950-1959. 1 roll.
- [AL] Confederate Pension Applications. 276 rolls.
Gift of Dallas Genealogical Society.
- [AL] Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Alabama. 10 rolls.
- [AK] Lists of Aliens Arriving at Eagle, Alaska, December 1910 -October 1938. 1 roll.
- [AK] Alphabetical Index of Alien Arrivals at Eagle, Hyder, Ketchikan, Nome, and Skagway, Alaska, June 1906-August 1946. 1 roll.
- [AK] Lists of Aliens Arriving at Skagway (White Pass), Alaska, October 1905 -November 1934. 1 roll.
- [AK] Index to Naturalization Records of the U.S. District Court for the District, Territory, and State of Alaska (Third Division) 1903-1991. 22 rolls.
- [AR] Confederate Pension Records. 121 rolls.
- [AR] Confederate Biographical File of Questionnaires. 6 rolls.
- [AR] Letter Book of the Arkansas Trading House 1805 -1810. 1 roll.
- [CA] Great Registers of California: Miscellaneous County Voting Registers 1867-1890. 2 rolls.
- [CT] Connecticut Archives: Revolutionary War 1763-1820. 71 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [CT] Extracts from Meetings Held to Determine Procedure of Connecticut Towns in the Revolutionary War. 4 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [CT] Connecticut Archives: Selected Papers of Colonial Wars. 7 rolls. Gift of the Texas Society of Colonial Wars.
- [CT] Revolutionary War Papers & Private Collections. 3 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [CT] Revolutionary War Orderly Books of Regiments and Companies of the Continental Army. 8 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [DE] The Delaware Archives, v. VI: Unpublished Revolutionary War. 2 rolls. Gift of the General

- Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [DC] Record of the Board of Commissioners for the Emancipation of Slaves in the District of Columbia, 1862 -1863. 6 rolls.
- [DC] Records of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia Relating to Slaves, 1851-1863. 3 rolls.
- [DC] Indentures of Apprenticeship Recorded in the Orphans Court, Washington County, District of Columbia, 1801 -1811. 1 roll.
- [DC] 1920 District of Columbia Soundex. 49 Rolls. Gift of T. Franklin Schneider.
- [FL] Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Georgia. 11 rolls.
- [FL] Confederate Pension Files. 107 rolls.
- [IL] Illinois Marriage Index [1736-1901]. 154 fiche.
- [KY] Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1852-1910. 32 rolls. A gift of Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck.
- [KY] Civil War Pension Applications. 50 rolls.
- [KY] Military Warrants, 1782-1788. 2 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [KY] Virginia Land Surveys. 9 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [KY] Virginia Land Grants. 7 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [KY] Tax Lists. 228 rolls. Gift of the Dallas Genealogical Society.
- [KY] Barren County, Kentucky Marriages. 22 rolls. Gift of J. Everts Jackson.
- [LA] Confederate Pensions. 152 rolls. Gift of Dallas Genealogical Society.
- [LA] Pension Records of the War of 1812. 6 rolls.
- [LA] Records of the Special Agents for Securing the Florida Archives 1799 -1836. 6 rolls.
- [LA] Papers of Vicente S. Pintado. Microfilm. 6 rolls.
- [LA] The Louisiana Collection. 5 rolls.
- [LA] Letterbook of the Natchitoches-Sulphur Fork Factory 1809 -1821. 1 roll.
- [MD] Calvert Papers. 22 rolls.
- [MA] Card Index to the Massachusetts Archives. 48 rolls.
- [MA] Muster/Payrolls and Various Papers of the Revolutionary War. 44 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [MA] Papperell Papers 1689 -1764. 2 rolls.
- [MA] Faneuil Papers. 1 roll.
- [MA] John Hull's Colony Journal. 1 roll.
- [MI] Correspondence, Filed Notes, and the Census Roll of All Members or Descendants of Members Who Were on the Roll of the Ottawa and Chippewa Tribes of Michigan in 1870 and Living on March 4, 1907 (Durant Roll). 4 rolls.
- [MS] Personal Property Tax Lists. 51 rolls.
- [MS] Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Mississippi. 4 rolls.
- [MS] Mississippi Death Index, 1912 -1943. 8 rolls.
- [MS] Records of the Choctaw Trading House 1803 -1824. 6 rolls.
- [MS] Confederate Soldiers, Sailors, Widows Pension Applications. 94 rolls. Gift of Dallas Genealogical Society.
- [MS] Mississippi Freedmen's Bureau Records Index. 12 fiche.
- [MS] List of Confederates Captured at Vicksburg, Mississippi July 4, 1863. 1 roll.
- [MS] Records of the Choctaw Trading House 1803 -1824. 6 rolls.
- [MO] Missouri State Census 1876. 24 rolls.
- [MO] St. Louis, Missouri Index to Naturalizations, 1840 -1916. 17 rolls. A gift from Mr. & Mrs. Steven F. Spiritas in honor of Joe & Adeline Fleisher Spiritas on their 60th wedding anniversary.
- [MO] St. Louis, Missouri Death Records, Feb. 1850-31 Oct. 1875. 15 rolls. A gift of Mr. & Mrs. Steven Spiritas in honor of Joe Spiritas.
- [MO] Various County Records, 173 rolls. There are 22 rolls for Benton, 26 for Boone, and 38 for Henry. Gift of Everts E. Jackson.
- [MT] Selected Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Relating to the Enrollment of Indians on the Flathead Reservation, 1903 -08. 3 rolls.
- [NV] Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the Territory and State of Nevada. Microfilm, 16 rolls.
- [NJ] Officers and Men of New Jersey Loyalists, Revolutionary War. 7 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [NJ] Listing of Loyalists in the King's Army, 1776-1783. 2 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [NJ] Damages by the British in New Jersey, 1776-1782 and Damages by the Americans in New Jersey, 1776-1782. 2 rolls. Gift of the General

- Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [NJ] Index to Revolutionary War Manuscripts. 9 rolls.
- [NM] Sender Collection. 2 rolls.
- [NM] Records Created by the Santa Fe Indian School, 1890-1918. 38 rolls.
- [NC] Index of Revolutionary Army Accounts. 6 fiche. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [NC] Index to Tennessee Land Warrants. 4 fiche. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [NC] Revolutionary War Military Papers. 2 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [NC] Journals of the Proceedings of the Provincial Convention and Congress of North Carolina 1774 -1776 and of Several Local Councils of Safety 1775 - 1776. 1 roll. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [NC] Applications for Confederate Pensions. 104 rolls. Gift of Dallas Genealogical Society.
- [OH] Ohio Death Index, 1908-1932. 21 rolls.
- [OH] Letters Sent by the Surveyor General of the Territory Northwest of the River Ohio 1797-1854. 10 rolls.
- [OH] Letters Received by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commissioner of the General Land Office from the Surveyor General 1797-1849. 10 rolls.
- [OK] Population Schedule for Seminole County, Oklahoma 1907. 1 roll.
- [OR] Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Oregon. 34 rolls.
- [OR] 1910 Soundex. 125 rolls. Gift of the Dallas Genealogical Society. The federal government did create any soundexes for a number of states. This is the first example of a state creating the soundex for the 1910.
- [PA] Non-population Census Schedules for Pennsylvania, 1850 -1880: Mortality. 11 rolls.
- [PA] Revolutionary War Card Abstract File. 54 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [PA] Records of Pennsylvania Revolutionary Government 1775-1790. 54 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [PA] Miscellaneous Manuscripts of the Revolutionary Era, 1771-1791. 1 roll. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [PR] Registro Central de Esclavos 1872. 8 rolls.
- [PR] Extranjeros (Foreigners in Puerto Rico) ca. 1815 -1845. 19 rolls.
- [RI] Revolutionary War Names Index. 22 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [RI] Card Index to Military and Naval Records 1771-1805. 19 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [SC] Confederate Pension Applications, 1919-1925. 38 rolls. Gift of Dallas Genealogical Society.
- [SC] Colonial Plat Books (Copy Series), vols. 1-21, 1731 -1775 with COM Index, 19 rolls.
- [SC] Colonial Land Grants (Copy Series), vols. 1-43 with COM index, 29 rolls. A gift in memory of William Andrew Marr by Geraldine C. Marr.
- [SC] Secretary of State Miscellaneous Records, vols. GG--OO. Microfilm, 7 rolls.
- [SC] Leonardo Andrea Collection. 72 rolls. Gift of the Dallas Genealogical Society.
- [SC] South Carolina Land Grants, v. 1-90, 1784 -1882. 49 rolls. A gift from Dr. Donald Holcomb in memory of Claude Gibson Holcombe, Jr.
- [TN] Tennessee World War I Records. 10 rolls. A bequest from Barbara Gallup.
- [TN] Legislative Petitions. 22 rolls. A bequest from Barbara Gallup.
- [TN] 1891 Enumeration of Male Voters. 9 rolls. A bequest from Barbara Gallup.
- [TN] Civil War Questionnaires. 9 rolls. A bequest from Barbara Gallup.
- [TN] Confederate Pension Applications. 174 rolls. A bequest from Barbara Gallup.
- [TN] Death Certificates 1908 -1925. 189 rolls. A bequest from Barbara Gallup.
- [TN] Watauga Purchase. 1 roll. A bequest from Barbara Gallup.
- [TN] North Carolina Land Grants. 23 rolls.
- [TX] Nacogdoches Archives. 27 rolls.
- [TX] Republic of Texas Claims File. 130 rolls. Gift of the Bybee Foundation.
- [TX] Draft Registration Cards. Gift of the Dallas Genealogical Society.
- [TX] Texas Divorce Index 1994 -1996, 35 fiche.
- [TX] Texas Death Index, 1994 -1996, 21 fiche.
- [TX] Texas Marriage Index, 1994 -1996, 75 fiche.

- [VA] Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Virginia. 7 rolls.
- [VA] Land Office Patents, v. 1-42. 41 rolls.
- [VA] Revolutionary War Rejected Claims. 15 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [VA] Revolutionary War Bounty Land Warrants. 29 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [VA] Land Office Military Certificates. 38 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [VA] Muster & Pay Rolls of the Virginia Militia ... War of 1812. 8 rolls.
- [WA] Birth and Death Registers 1891-1907. 93 rolls.
- [WA] Territorial Assessment Rolls 1847, 1860, 1874, 1875. 2 rolls.
- [WA] Frontier Justice: Guide to Court Records of Washington Territory 1853 -1889. 2 rolls.
- [WA] Washington Territorial Volunteers' Papers Indian War Muster Rolls 1855-1856. 1 roll.
- [WA] Washington Territorial Census Rolls 1857-1892. 21 rolls.
- [WI] Wisconsin Territorial Censuses of 1836, 1838, 1842, 1846, and 1847. 3 rolls.
- [US] Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served with the United States Colored Troops: 55th Massachusetts Infantry Colored. 16 rolls.
- [US] Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served with the United States Colored Troops: 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment (Colored) 20 rolls.
- [US] General Register of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, 1782-1882. 1 roll.
- [US] Indexes to Rosters of Railway Postal Clerks, ca.1883 -ca.1902. 1 roll.
- [US] Account Book of Receipts and Expenditures, Temporary Loans, Estimates of Appropriations, and Interests, 1793 -1800. 1 roll.
- [US] Military Academy Registers, 1867- 94. 3 rolls.
- [US] Register of Cadet Applicants, 1819 -67. 1 roll.
- [US] Passenger Lists of European Immigrants Arriving at Vera Cruz, Mexico, 1921-1923, and Related Correspondence, 1921-1931. 1 roll.
- [US] Card Records of Headstones Provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans, ca. 1879 -1903. 22 rolls.
- [US] Records of the House of Representatives: Southern Claims Commission, 1871-1880. 1 roll.
- [US] 1900 Military and Naval Soundex. 31 rolls. Gift of Helen Anthony in honor of Lucille Anderson Boykin.
- [US] Dispatches from United States Consuls in London: August 3, 1813--November 28, 1816. 1 roll.
- [CAN] Loiselle Marriage Index. 1531 fiche.
- [ENG] British Military Records: Loyalist Muster Rolls. 11 rolls. Gift of the General Levi Casey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- [ENG] Quaker Digest: Registers of Births, Marriages, and Burials for England and Wales c.1650-1837. 32 rolls.
- [ENG] An Index to the Bank of England Will Extracts 1807-1845. 6 fiche.
- [ENG] Index of Somerset Estate Duty Office Wills & Letters of Administration 1805-11. 9 fiche
- [ENG] Somerset Protestation Returns and Lay Subsidy Rolls 1641-2. 7 fiche.
- [ENG] Directory for the County of Somerset. 7 fiche.
- [ENG] Post Office Directory of Somersetshire and Bristol 1875. 18 fiche.
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Berkshire. 1 fiche
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Buckinghamshire. 1 fiche.
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Cambridgeshire & Huntingdonshire. 1 fiche.
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Cheshire. 1 fiche.
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Cumberland & Westmoreland. 1 fiche.
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Cornwall. 1 fiche.
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Dorsetshire. 1 fiche.
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Gloucestershire. 2 fiche.
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Hampshire. 2 fiche.
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Herefordshire & Monmouthshire. 1 fiche.
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Lancashire. 5 fiche.
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Leicestershire & Rutlandshire. 1 fiche.
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Lincolnshire. 1 fiche.
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Norfolk. 2 fiche.
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Northumberland & Durham. 2 fiche.
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire. 2 fiche.
- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Oxfordshire. 1 fiche.

- [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Shropshire. 1 fiche.
 [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Somersetshire. 2 fiche.
 [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Staffordshire & Worcestershire. 2 fiche.
 [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Suffolk. 1 fiche.
 [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Warwickshire. 2 fiche.
 [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Wiltshire. 1 fiche.
 [ENG] Pigot's Directory 1830: Yorkshire. 4 fiche.
 [WALES] Pigot's Directory 1830: North Wales. 1 fiche.
 [WALES] Pigot's Directory 1830: South Wales. 1 fiche.
 [NORTHERN IRELAND] Tithe Applotment Books and Indexes for Northern Ireland, ca. 1822-1837. 66 rolls. Gift of the Dallas Genealogical Society.
 [IRE] Pigot's Directory of Ireland 1824: Dublin & Leinster. 4 fiche Pigot's Directory of Ireland 1824: Connaught, Munster, & Ulster. 4 fiche.
 [GER] Hamburg Auswanderlisten 1850-1934. 486 rolls. [Departure lists for the port of Hamburg.] Gift of the Dallas Genealogical Society.



Update on the Tom Thumb Reward Card/Good Neighbor Program



Remember, when you use your "Reward Card" at Tom Thumb that you can designate a percentage of your grocery bill to go toward your favorite charity. The account number for DGS is #4253. DGS received \$260.99 from Tom Thumb's "Good Neighbor" program for the second quarter of this year. Thank you for your donation!

General Maxims for Health . . . from the 1800's

- * Rise early, eat simple food, take plenty of exercise.
- * Let not children be dressed in tight clothes.
- * Avoid the necessity of a physician, but if you find yourself really ill, have nothing to do with quacks or quack medicine.
- * Keep hair clean; washing does not injure the hair as is generally supposed.
- * Do not sleep with hair braided or fizzled.
- * Do not make children cross-eyed by having hair about their foreheads where they see it continually.

- from the *Family Tree Newspaper*, Aug./Sept. 1998

(The Big Maybe . . . continued from page 165)

not have been available, their own minister may have refused to conduct the ceremony because the man or woman was marrying someone not of their faith, etc.

The same "maybe" is true with name spellings. My husband's last name, Tippets, is a good example. Depending on which branch of the family you talk to, the *correct* spelling ("don't know why the others changed it . . .") is either Tippets, Tipetts, Tibbets, or Tibbetts. And this, despite the fact that the earliest direct ancestor had a last name spelling (according to the microfilm record) of "Tippit."

Recently I signed onto a Rootsweb mailing list for Melungeons. After years of doing research, this ethnic group came to my attention. The Melungeons are a Southern group being discussed more and more in genealogical circles. Melungeons are believed to be tri-racial (white, black and Native American), but no one seems to have pinned it down for certain. The exact ethnic mix may have varied by family. Various censuses turn up reports of the same family being "white," "colored," "mulatto," etc. in different years. Since I haven't found some of my families in the standard searches, I'm expanding the picture to include other ethnic groups as well. (Interesting that some of the early Southern census takers marked anyone not of British origin as "colored.") My families may not turn up, but it won't be because I didn't look.

Don't be afraid to step outside the "expected" when searching for a family. Explore the neighbors as possible family connections. (Remember the adage: when reading a census, look ten to twenty families on either side of your family because in ten to twenty years at least three will be related.) Explore the "other" churches in town. You may find you are no longer ethnically challenged, but indeed have another link to the past.

In other words, be open to the possibility that, just maybe . . .

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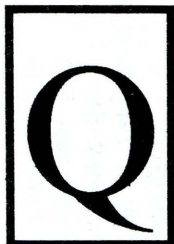


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QUERIES



If you intended to send in your queries when you first joined the Dallas Genealogical Society but have put it off, now is the time to do so . . . before the busy holiday season is upon us! Mail them to "Queries" DGS, PO Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446. This service is free to members and the queries do not require a Texas connection. For non-members, a \$3.00 fee is required for each query. (See the following page to join DGS today!) The DGS Newsletter editor reserves the right to edit queries for space and clarity.

HOWARD, WARE

Seeking others doing research on my great-grandfather's family. Nicholas Bolling WARE was born 4 March 1847 in Huntsville, Madison county, AL. He died 4 Feb. 1929 in Dallas, TX and was buried at Five Mile Cemetery. He came to Georgetown, Williamson county, TX ca. 1884 with his wife, Sarah Lucinda HOWARD (b. 23 Feb. 1852, New Market, Madison county, AL; d. 19 Dec. 1925, Dallas -- also buried at Five Mile Cemetery.) Their sons were James Oscar WARE, b. 25 Feb. 1872, Huntsville, Madison county, AL, d. 13 Aug. 1954, Glen Rose, Sommersville county, TX, and buried at Squaw Creek Cemetery near Glen Rose; John Hammond WARE, b. 7 Nov. 1874, New Market, AL, d. 29 May 1946 in Houston, Harris county, TX, buried at South Park Cemetery, Houston. I have information about descendants and ancestors to share.

Helen J. Wilson (czech.hjk@chrysalis.org)

LASSITER, WARREN

I am looking for the brother of my grandfather. His name was John WARREN and his wife's name - Canada (Cannie). They left Cullman county, Alabama in the early 1890's and were living in Navarro county, TX in 1900. I heard that some of the children were living in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area in the 1920's. In the 1900 census these children were listed: Morran (son, age 10); Andy G. (son, age 8); Levy R. (son, age 6); Everett (son, age 4); Earnest Wm. (son, age 2); and an unnamed baby girl b. in February of that year. In later years we were told there was a daughter named Bessie that married and EIDS (sp.) and a girl named Callie that married a LASSITER.

Merrill Wilson, 183 Road 1226, Tupelo, MS 38801 (e-mail merrilmae@aol.com)

FRANCISCO, LAURENCE/LAWRENCE

Searching for parents/family of Carrie FRANCISCO, b. July 1866 in Minnesota or Iowa. Have a family Bible with Francisco and LAURENCE names (commissioned by the bishop of Peterborough, Ontario before 1850) dating from 1790. Carrie's parents (according to census records) were born in Michigan. She later went back to Michigan where she married Wheeler SYERS ca. 1885. She died 23 Feb. 1918 in Muskegon county, MI.

Jill M. Clark, 3442 Ivandell, Dallas, TX 75211 (e-mail jilliemae@aol.com)

HEADSTONE NEEDS A RESTING PLACE!

The following headstone is in the property room of the Arlington Police Department. Please e-mail Roy Miller at REMILLER@aol.com if you know to which cemetery it belongs. We would like to return it.

**Comrade R.H. Wilson
Co. B Morgans Battalion, Texas
Cavalry Parsons Brigade, CSA
died September 11, 1906**



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<i>Example: Johnson</i>	<i>TX</i>	<i>Tarrant</i>	<i>USA</i>	<i>1860</i>	<i>1950</i>

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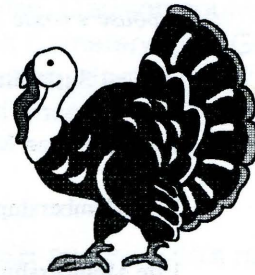
OCTOBER 1998

- 3 **Beginner's Workshop: "GETTING STARTED** (see last month's issue) All day at the downtown library.
- 15 **Computer Interest Group meeting (CIG)**
See article on pg. 161
- 20 **African American Interest Group meeting**
(See inside front page for meeting time.)
- 26 **DGS Regular Monthly meeting** - "Hidden Treasures: Serendipity, Psychic Phenomena, or Ghosts' Writing?" Program begins at 7:00 p.m. (See article on pg. 160) Come for treats at 6:30!



NOVEMBER 1998

- 12 **CIG meets at Dallas Library, program TBA**
- 14 **#1 in Lecture Series: CYNDI HOWELLS at the Lakewood Theatre** (see front page)
- 17 **AAIG meets at 6:30 p.m.**
- 23 **DGS Regular Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**
"A Treasure Map to the Past"



DECEMBER 1998

(SIG Meetings TBA)

- 14 **Holiday Party and Awards Ceremony**

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