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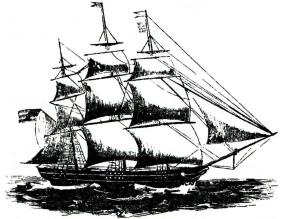


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## Explore the Mid-Atlantic Colonies and States!

Second Event in DGS Lecture Series Features Lloyd D. Bockstruck



If your forefathers resided in New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, or New Jersey you'll not want to miss this informative lecture on Saturday the 27th of February 1999.

Our speaker will be Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, a life member of the American Library Association, who has been with the Dallas Public Library for the past twenty-six years. He has been on the faculty of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University since 1974. He was named a Fellow of the National Genealogical Society in 1992 and is featured in *Who's Who in America*. Bockstruck is a season lecturer and serves as Library Liaison for the Dallas Genealogical Society.

The Middle Atlantic Colonies and States Lecture will be held at the Hockaday School Auditorium, located at the corner of Forest Lane and Welsh Road in Dallas. Attendees may access the parking area by taking the first drive east of Welch on Forest. Enter at the door with the DGS logo.

Time is running out. Use the handy registration form on page 26 to sign up. Take a break from the February doldrums and reserve a place for you and a friend today.

\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR FEBRUARY AND APRIL LECTURES!\*

## February Meeting Program Beverly Johnston Holmes, VP Programs

Treasures Hiding in Supplemental Censuses

What if you cannot locate your ancestors in some of the deciennial federal censuses, but you're fairly sure where they resided? Maybe your people moved in and out of the county during the ten year period between censuses. What other records are available to be searched? Looking from 1790 to 1920, state censuses, territorial censuses, tax records, city directories and more will be featured in our program for February. Special schedules often overlooked in the regular censuses, such as agricultural, manufacturing and mortality schedules, will also be highlighted.

DGS member Barbara Dossett will be our speaker. She is the owner of one of the oldest bookkeeping services in Oak Cliff and has always been interested in records pertaining to people who resided in specific areas. Her obvious interest in tax records has overflowed into her pursuit of family history.

Please join us on Monday, 22 February at 7:00 p.m. in the DPL Auditorium. The social period, sales, and tape rentals begin at 6:30 p.m.

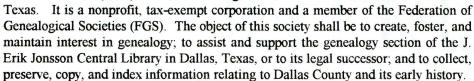
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Individuals, libraries, or societies may apply for membership. Dues are \$20 for twelve consecutive months, with membership beginning the month of payment. New member dues and renewals should be mailed to: DGS, PO Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446, and marked "Attn.: VP, Membership." Current members receive the Dallas Journal and the DGS Newsletter.

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 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 (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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#### Newsletter

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## **DGS NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS**

## President's Message Carole Chew Ruska, President

We have very good news with which to begin the last half of the 1998-99 board year. Membership stands at 1135; the highest total in the history of the Dallas Genealogical Society. Also, volunteers contributed 3564 hours of service in 1998. Together these are impressive numbers, and we are very proud of them, but I am calling on the membership to do even more in the coming months and into next year.

If you haven't heard the news, the library is undergoing another expansion plan for the 8<sup>th</sup> floor which will involve the Genealogy Department. The library is asking for help from DGS in this project. At this time, it is not clear just what our role will be, but of course, we are in favor of the renovation as it means more space for genealogy. The executive committee of the board will have met with Mr. Salazar and a representative of the Friends of the Library by the time you receive this Newsletter, and hopefully can give a report at the February meeting. In any case, DGS will also need your support of this project. We will not be creating a special fund for this project, but your donations can be designated for "library renovation" if you wish.

Please notice the change of location for the next two lectures. While the Cyndi Howell lecture was a success, the location proved unsatisfactory for a variety of reasons. Watch for the brochures stating the new locations. Those who have already registered will be receiving a reminder card about the changes. Finding a good location has become a major problem for DGS. We have outgrown the library auditorium for our major seminars, and have not found the "perfect place" to hold large events with plenty of parking, room for vendors, and all the other considerations necessary for a successful event. Cost of renting suitable space is always a factor. If any of our members know of any locations that would be good for DGS events, please call our voice mail 214.670.7932 or me personally at 214.324.2928 and let me know. We will then contact the site and determine if it can be used for a DGS function. We really need your input in this matter.

Before you get too busy with other things, I need to remind you of a project that has not generated the response we thought it would. The *Dallas Morning News* millennium project seems to have died on the vine. We have had very few requests for submission forms, and feel we have let the *News* down with our non-response. If you have any Dallas County history in your family research, please request a submission form via our voice mail (leave name, address, phone). You might be thrilled to see some of your history in print, and they do not require the documentation, just the stories. Be a part of the millennium celebration!

Keep up the good work by inviting a friend to join DGS and by volunteering your time. Call our volunteer coordinator, Susan Powdrill @ 972.458.8580. We always have a place for you to help. Thanks!

## Editor's 2p Jill M. Clark, VP Newsletter

February is the perfect month for library research, whether at your local LDS branch or the downtown Dallas library. New microfilm rolls of Tennessee records, newly-bound volumes of family and regional history books, and updated computer work stations await you!

In my volunteer work as a genealogy forum host on America Online, I come across some interesting people and stories. I've met 12-year-olds working on family history projects for school, and 70-year-old grandmothers looking for more information to complete the family tree. We have people asking questions about adoption, online databases, what a GEDCOM file is, and how to find out if Grandad collected social security. The chat hosts routinely encourage researchers to join genealogical and historical societies in their hometown as well as in the areas where their ancestors lived. There are lots of wonderful resources and helpful people out there. Part of the challenge is just making contact!

Be sure to read the registration forms page carefully as we have several differerent activities and events coming up in the next couple of months that you won't want to miss. There is a **newsletter survey** in this issue. Please do yourself and your fellow readers a favor, and fill out the form. It will cost you about ten minutes and a first class stamp. Thanks!



## T WELCOME ABOARD! T



## New DGS Members for 1999 Vergie Freeman, VP Membership

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## Beginning Computer Workshop

presented by

The DGS Computer Interest Group

This workshop is designed for the genealogist who is a novice at the computer and interested in purchasing and/or using his/her computer to organize and record his/her research. You will also gain an overview of what computer resources are available at the Dallas Public Library to help further that research. Instructors will be Kris Richins, Helen Wilson, and Cheryl Mann. They are all experienced computer users as well as long-time genealogists.

#### Session 1:

#### What is a Computer and How Does It Work?

Cheryl Mann, President of the Dallas Computer Interest Group, will take us on a trip into our computers and give us an overview of what the various components do. She will outline the types of drives, modems, scanners (and their functions) and explain what the newest systems have to offer.

#### Session 2:

## Software Available for Genealogical Research

This portion of the workshop will cover: The Master Genealogist, (TMG), taught by Cheryl Mann; Personal Ancestry File, (PAF), and Family Tree Maker (FTW) by Kris Richins; and the Ultimate Family Tree (UFT) by Helen Wilson.

## Session 3: Review of Computer Disks Available in the Dallas Library and How to Use Them

DGS has done a fantastic job in providing CDs to assist each of us in our research! Learn how to use them and the benefits of each one. A guick review of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints software, FAMILYSEARCH, will also be covered during this time. This class will be taught by Kris Richins.

### Session 4: Scanners and the Internet

Learn the benefits of using the scanner to improve your research. This is a fun and exciting way to put the icing on your research. We will also review beginning information about joining the World Wide Web. This class will be taught jointly by Cheryl Mann and Kris Richins.



### **Computer Workshop Schedule**

9:00 -- 9:30 a.m. -- Registration

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. --

What is a Computer and How Does It Work?

10:30 -- 11:00 a.m. -- Break

11:00 - 12:00 p.m. --

#### Software Available for Genealogical Research

12:00 -- 1:00 p.m.-- Lunch (sack or fast food)

1:00 -- 2:30 p.m.--

## Review of Computer Disks Available in the Dallas Library and How to Use Them

2:30-3:00 p.m. -- Break

3:00-4:00 p.m. -- Scanners and the Internet

See the registration form on the next page!



## Late breaking news flash!!!

The Computer Interest group will meet on 11 February 1999 with members who attended GenTech in Salt Lake City in January sharing the most recent technological developments and news. See inside cover for time and place.

#### Registration Form

## Computer Genealogy Workshop 6 March 1999

Downtown Dallas Public Library

Cost: \$20 per person Seating is limited to 175 participants. Pre-registration is strongly advised. One form for each registrant, please.
Name:
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Phone: E-Mail:
Form may be duplicated.
Make check payable to: Dallas Genealogical Society
Mail to: Computer Genealogy Workshop Dallas Genealogical Society P. 0. Box 25556 Dallas, TX 75225-1556
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Registration Form Library Lock-In: 20 March 1999
Name:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Phone: E-Mail:

Send your check for \$20.00 (payable to *Dallas Genealogical Society*) along with this form to:

DGS Lock-In PO Box 12446 Dallas, TX 75225-0446

DGS cannot accept phone registrations or credit cards. Call voice mail (214.670.7932) for updates on events.

## LIBRARY LOCK IN

20-21 March 1999 (Saturday night)



6:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.
Dallas Public Library,
1515 Young Street
Downtown Dallas,
8th Floor (Genealogy)

#### **REGISTER TODAY!** This

fundraising activity is limited to only 60 DGS Members. Refreshments and underground parking are included. Bring your notes, research folders, change for the copy machine, etc. Stay just a few hours or all night.

\*Please note: The January 1999 DGS Newsletter incorrectly reported that a registration form will be sent by mail. This is the only registration form that will be published unless there are still openings in March.

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Mail to:	Dallas Genealogical Society DGS Lecture Series P. O. Box 12446 Dallas, TX 75225-0446 ccept phone registrations or credit cards.

## **BEGINNER'S CORNER**

## Adventures in Genealogy

The Library; OR Rednecks, Census Records and Fried Fiche By Bill Hocutt

Everyone kept telling me that to make any real progress in my genealogical research that I needed to go to the library and check into the census records. Well, y'all all know that I am an industrious and adventurous type by nature (stop laughing!), so I took a day off work and headed for the Dallas Library.

After spending over an hour searching for a parking space that I didn't have to pay for, I gave up and fed the meter. You would think that they would make those indoor parking garages big enough to handle trucks here in Texas. I walked into the building and asked for the genealogical section. After giving me a very strange look (I think it was because my T-shirt said "Genealogists don't die, they are just doing hands-on research") She told me it was on the 8th floor. Thirty minutes and eight flights of stairs later I found the genealogy department and the elevator. I signed in and asked the nice lady at the front: "Where are the census books?" She pointed me to the back and told me that they are in the fish section. I walked back there smiling. Only in Texas would they have a fish fry in the library for us genealogists. I couldn't help wonder if they would have Catfish or Bass.

I found the cabinets that said "census" on them, but they didn't have any books in them, only little films. They weren't big enough for a VCR so I went in search of a librarian for help. The lady explained to me that they were microfilms and I needed to use one of the viewers to read them. OK, I was a little confused but figured that I would just fake it. (Still hadn't found any fish. I think that lady was pulling my leg!) I got the film for Alabama census 1910 and found an empty viewer and started working on threading it. I felt pretty good 'cause I got it threaded in less than 30 minutes and started reading the thing. I always knew that Alabama was a poor state, but it don't seem fair that their census records were all fuzzy and hard to read. When I mentioned this to guy sitting next to me, he just shook his head and said, "This is your first time here isn't it?" Well, I told him "yes" and he reached over and focused my viewer. (I tell you what, this is a lot more complicated than I thought it would be.) I hunkered down to some serious research.

After a few minutes I found my first relative, and realized that I should have brought some paper and pen to take notes with. Lucky for me they got them little bitty pencils and scraps of paper up near them files of little index cards. I spent about an hour making notes and looking up ancestors. I got lots of information and was amazed at the stuff in the records. I found out that one of my ancestor's apparent name change was a result of the fact that he could neither read nor write and I guess the census taker didn't know how to spell "Hocutt."

Another Adventure in Genealogy draws to a close with a few lessons learned:

- 1) Take a notebook and pencils with you to the library;
- 2) Organize who you are looking for;
- 3) Them viewers have focus thingies on them;
- 4) And only patience and serious research will explain why names change!

P.S. I never did find the "fish." I still think they were pulling my leg!

## More Genealogy Humor

(As found on RootsWeb)
HEREDITY
by Grandpa Tucker
I saw a duck the other day,
It had the feet of my Aunt Faye.
Then it walked, was heading South.
It waddled like my Uncle Ralph.

And when it turned, I must propose,
The bill was formed like Aunt Jane's nose.
I thought, "OH NO!, it's just my luck,
Someday I'll look just like that duck!"
I sobbed to Mom about my fears,
And she said, "Honey, dry your tears.
You look like me, so walk with pride.
Those folks are all from Daddy's side!

## On Writing Family History, Pt. II by Loni Dollahite

Editor's note: Part one of this article can be found in the November/December 1998 issue of the DGS Newsletter.

#### Logistics

(Or things you must include to have a truly useful family history)

## 1) Table of Contents

- 2) Index: Very important to list every person mentioned in your book and on what page or pages they appear.
- 3) **Bibliography:** Include the names of books or other materials that you used in your research.
- 4) Documentation: List your sources of information.
- 5) Be organized in your approach: keep families in their generations and sumame category.
- 6) Numbering systems for ancestors: There are many books on numbering systems, find one that works for you. This is especially important for a single surname book. Other types of histories may be organized in such a way as to not need a numbering system except for generational. For example: first generation in America, second generation . . .

## Do I want to do an entire history or just trace the family while they lived in a particular place?

\* You may choose to just look at the family history in a particular area as well as time; say, Alsace, France; or Shelby County, Kentucky.

## Besides family group records, what do I want to include?

\* A family history doesn't become a "history" without stories or other information to help our ancestors 'live' again. A list of names, dates and places is of course important in a genealogical work, but it will be so much more interesting to the reader if they are 'fleshed' out. Ask yourself questions such as: What was the world that my ancestor lived in like? What was his occupation, religion, or status in society? Did he own property, read and write, fight in a war? Was he or she a pioneer in a newly opened part of the country? Many of these questions can be answered by looking at records available; county, state and U.S. histories. Even if you don't know anything more than an approximate birthdate, looking into these other sources can help you at least put the ancestor in context with his surroundings. Example: "At the time our ancestor

was living in Augusta County, located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, a young man named George Washington was working for the British as a surveyor and mapping the countryside."

- \* For more recent ancestors and descendants, interview all living relatives and friends for stories they may know or what their impression of the person was. Letters, cards, and other writings may be available as well, to help you discover the life and character of an ancestor.
- \* Other suggestions of what to include might be, photos, signatures, physical descriptions, drawings of homesteads and houses, coats of arms, etc.
- \* In a multi-family book that covers only the ancestral lines, you may even want to include a GEDCOM on a disk, so that family members can have access to the full family tree of data that you have, but didn't have room in your book to include.

[IMPORTANT NOTE: Remember not to include detailed information on living members of the family (for example birth, marriage dates) without the expressed and written permission of those members.]

## Do you want to include special items not in the text?

\* Appendices can be used for anything and everything. Perhaps you want to include a 'family album' of photos, cultural, ethnic, or religious information, pedigree charts, scans or photo copies of interesting documents, passenger lists, etc.

#### A Final Note

You don't have to wait until all your research is done to start. Genealogy is a never-ending history of families and their lives. New information is always coming to light.

Remember when writing that facts are facts and can be documented. Suppositions and guesses are just that and can't be documented. Be professional! If you included your theories or guesses in the text, be sure to say so! A fact may turn up someday to completely change what you thought was a likely truth. A family story is just a rumor until there is proof to back it up, so be sure to make the difference clear as you write.

The same goes for documented facts that may be hard to read and in which you are guessing at the meaning or the spelling of a name. Let the reader know these things.

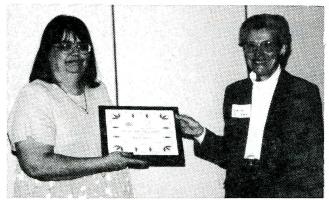
And now . . . GO FOR IT! :)

## 1998 DGS Service Awards

Shirley Sloat, Service Awards Com. Chair

The DGS Service Awards were presented at the 14 December 1998 DGS Christmas Party, held in the O'Hara Exhibit Hall, 7th floor of the Dallas Public Library.

The Service Awards Committee chaired by Shirley Sloat, consisted of Art Rubeck and Shirley Sloat representing the general DGS membership and Betty Erickson and Barbara Ware representing the current Board. (Picture on right shows Art, Betty, Barbara and Shirley)



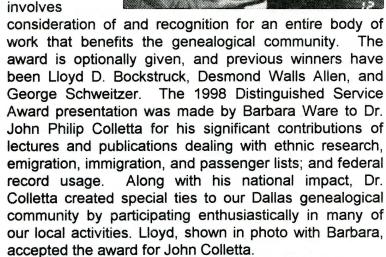
The DGS Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes a member for outstanding service to DGS during the past operating year. Previous winners have been Robert H. Maybrier, Shirley Remnant Sloat, Dr. Alan Miller, and Mike Basham. The 1998 DGS Volunteer of the Year Award was given by Betty Erickson to Barbara Dossett (pictured on left). In one nomination from the membership, it was stated, "We just assume the good fairy takes care of all the detail work, and the good fairy has been Barbara for many, many jobs." As Betty said during the presentation, "Not

only does she do her job and more, Barbara does it all with professionalism and humor."

The DGS Award of Merit is given to a member who has given outstanding service to DGS over a period of years. Previous winners have been Helen Mason Lu, Adrienne Jamieson, Sammie Townsend Lee, and Dorothy Bruce. The 1998 DGS Award of Merit was given by Art Rubeck to Barbara Roberts Baylis (see picture at right). Barbara continued the sharing of her talents and skills with the Society in the form of holding office, and the participation in society activities as an organizer, lecturer, and photographer. These things have made her a worthy recipient of this award.

The Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award honors outstanding contributions to the field of genealogy, and







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The Heritage Preservation Award is given for outstanding contributions by an individual or group in the Greater Dallas community for helping preserve our historical heritage. Previous winners have been Jerry Henderson, Black Dallas Remembered, Lois Dillard, the Dallas County Heritage Society, and Heather Williams for the Dallas Public Library. The 1998 Heritage Preservation Award was made by Shirley Sloat to three co-winners; all of who worked together to accomplish the Dallas County District Court Case Paper and Microfilming Project. Receiving awards were Larry Telford, representing the Genealogical Society of Utah, Carol Roark as Supervisor of the Texas/Dallas History and Archives Department of the Dallas Public Library, and Judy McCoy receiving the award on behalf of the entire 57 member team of DGS volunteers who contributed a total of 5889 volunteer hours and earned 1892 reels of microfilm for the 8th floor genealogy section of the DPL. (Pictured above with Shirley Sloat: Larry, Carol, and Judy. Part of the 57-member volunteer team is shown below.)



### From the DGS Newsletter Archives --

Here are a couple of excerpts from the late 1970's.

From Issue No. 20, Oct. 1978: "September Minutes: Well over 160 people were present to hear Lloyd Bockstruck on 'Hereditary Societies and Genealogical Resources.' Interest was obvious from the questions asked and the people in attendance. Thank you, Lloyd, for another fine lecture."

"He died with his roots on."

"Genealogists are always working on a dead line."

(from L. Bockstruck's speech)

From Issue No. 23, Feb. 1979: "Inflation: The LDS library regrets that it is necessary to raise the cost of borrowing microfilm from Salt Lake City from .75 to \$2.25 a roll, including postage, for a two week period. Rates for longer loans and renewals will remain the same. This hurts, but we know it is still a bargain, and ancestor hunters appreciate the availability of the service."

## The BULLETIN BOARD



Of interest especially to computer and internet users:

♥ Welches Datum? What day of the week were my grandparents married? When did a particular part of the world switch to

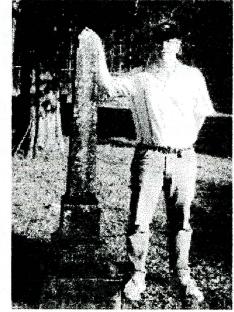
the Julian Calendar? What day will my birthday occur on in the year 2020? Go to: http://www.calendarzone.com/Interactive/ for the answers!

- For a dictionary of names, their origins and meaning, visit this site on the World Wide Web http://www.fairacre.demon.co.uk/index.htm
- ➡ Interested in European History? Doing research for an historical novel? http://www.odinscastle.org/ is a wonderful website to help you with your research. From castles to wars to plagues to royalty, you'll be entertained and informed.
- ◆ The official guide to the Genealogy Forum on America Online has been published by Ancestry, Inc. The Genealogy Forum, by George C. Morgan, will introduce you to AOL and to each of the types of resources found within the forum. From how-to guides for beginners to reference articles for experienced users, from message boards to file libraries, from vast surname resources to informative chats and lectures, from international research guides to extensive ethnic resources, and from sophisticated forum search facilities to the very best resources on the internet -- The Genealogy Forum will teach you how to make the most effective use of this online treasure trove. The Genealogy Forum is well available on as as http://www.ancestry.com
- ➡ Have Scottish genealogy questions? Joseph J. Carr, who writes a regular column for the

Highlander magazine can be reached by e-mail: carji@aol.com

- ➡ http://www.governor.state.tx.us/ is the URL for Gov. Bush's office. He is the first governor of Texas to be elected for two consecutive terms. Visit the website to view Real Video of the recent inauguration!
- ▼ If your ancestors came from the Netherlands
  in 1847 with Cornelius Van Raalte, you might find
  some Dutch immigrant ancestral clues at
  http://www.macatawa.org/~brianter/genweb.htm
  or http://www.hope.edu/jointarchives/
- Festival, whether you have Irish heritage or not! March 5th 7th are the dates to mark on your calendar. The event is sponsored in part by the North Texas Celtic Music Association and will be held at Fair Park in Dallas. (Visit the homepage http://www.ntif.org/ for a list of events and ticket prices.)

➡ Have a favorite helpful genealogy website you like to visit? Please share it with your fellow DGS Newsletter readers. E-mail Jilliemae@aol.com today!



My Valentine and father of our descendants!

Steve is standing next to the stone marking his greatgrandmother's burial site (in the Clark section) at Hick's
Cemetery in Little River Co. Arkansas.

#### Of interest to all . . .

- ➡ Be sure to open your Saturday edition of the Dallas Morning News to read Lloyd Bockstruck's regular column in the variety/spotlight page of the Today Section.
- **The STOVALL Family Assoc.** will be holding its national family reunion in Ft. Worth, TX, 23-25 July 1999. To get on the mailing list and to receive details concerning the reunion, please contact: Mary A. Davis, Pres., Stovall Family Association, Inc., 15979 State Route #691, Nelsonville, OH 45764.

## **▼ Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games**1999 Scottish Family History Symposium

A Scottish Family History Symposium featuring Sherry Irvine of Victoria, BC, Canada, will be held on Friday, 5 June 1999 in Arlington, Texas. The theme for this year's symposium will be "Your Scottish Ancestry -- Symposium for Distance Research" and will include a comprehensive series of lectures on how to conduct Scottish research from North America. There will also be a lecture on the Scots-Irish and a panel discussion, as well as a Q&A session.

Sherry Irvine, BA, MS, CGRS, FSA-Scot, is the author of Your English Ancestry: A Guide for North Americans, and Your Scottish Ancestry: A Guide for North Americans, and co-author of Going to Ireland: A Genealogical Researcher's Guide. She owns and operates Interlink Bookshop and Genealogical Services. One of Canada's' leading genealogists, she lectures at major conferences in Canada and the United States. In addition, she has developed and taught genealogical courses at Victoria's Camosun College since 1984. For the Institute of History Research, Genealogy and University, Birmingham, AL, she leads British study tours and presents courses at their campus programs. In 1998 Sherry was awarded the Genealogical "National Society Award Excellence/ Methods and Sources for Your Scottish Ancestry."

The Symposium will be held at the La Quinta Conference Center in Arlington. The registration fee is \$40 and includes all seminar costs, continental breakfast, buffet lunch, and drinks and refreshments at breaks. For further information call the Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games at 817.65.2293.

- ◆ An Old Tradition for the New Millennium: "Our Family Diary," a 128- page keepsake for the whole family is printed on acid-free paper and is a new product available from Russell D. Earnest Associates. For more information or a catalog, write PO Box 1007, East Berlin, PA 17316 or call 717.259.0299.
- **▼ Taking a winter holiday on Galveston Island?** Add to your knowledge of Texas history by touring the Moody Mansion. Contact the Center for 20th Century Texas Studies, 2618 Broadway, PO Box 1300, Galveston, TX 77553. Phone: 409.762.7668.
- The Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1101 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MA 21202 has new publications! Write or call 410.837.8271 to get on their mailing list.
- ➡ Read any good genealogy books lately? Why
  not share their titles and authors with your fellow
  DGS members? Write a review or send a short list
  to the Newsletter editor in care of the DGS address
  found inside the first page of this issue. Thank-you!
- **❤** Do you live in the Mid-Cities area? **The Grapevine Namedroppers** meet the 2nd Monday of each month in the Grapevine Library Meeting Room at 10:00 a.m. For further information call the Grapevine Public Library -- 817.267.1645.
- ◆ Attention Texas history buffs! An Alamo Memorial Service will be held on 6 March 1999 in the Fair Park Hall of State. For more information contact: Texana Living History Association, PO Box 225743, Dallas, TX 75222 or call 214.426.2121 or 800.759.0831
- ➡ Dallas County Pioneer's Association presents 

   Paula S. Parke speaking about "The Peter's Colony

   Settlement." This program will be held on 4 March

   1999 at Royal Lane Baptist Church, Dallas.

   Contact Mr. or Mrs. McRae by phone for details

   (214. 521.8654).
- ◆ An important reminder: the location for the April DGS Lecture has been changed. Highland Park Presbyterian Church is where Elizabeth Shown Mills will be speaking on 10 April. If you haven't registered for the remaining two lectures, please see the form on page 26 of this newsletter. More information about this lecture next month!

## **NEWS FROM THE 8th FLOOR**

## **Recent Acquisitions**

### by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, F.N.G.S.

The microform additions to the Genealogy Section contain some rich resources. You will note that more Tennessee items have been acquired from the bequest of the late DGS member, Barbara Gallup. These represent the items ordered in April 1998 so the delay in receipt of materials is considerable.

- [AR] Old Washington (Hempstead) County. Arkansas WPA Transcripts of Court of Common Pleas Minutes Circuit Court Minutes 1819 -1863. 1 roll.
- [FL] Index to Florida Deaths, 1877-1994. 549 fiche. Gift of Dallas Genealogical Society.
- [FL] Index to Florida Marriages, 1927-1994. 1,023 fiche. Gift of Dallas Genealogical Society.
- [FL] Index to Florida Divorces, 1927-1994. 288 fiche. Gift of Dallas Genealogical Society.
- [KY] Cumberland County, Kentucky Deed Books A-L, 1799-1850. Microfilm, 5 rolls. Gift of Fort Worth Genealogical Society in honor of Lloyd Bockstruck.
- [KY] Cumberland County, Kentucky Cross Index to Deeds, v. 1-3, 1799-1934. 1 roll. Gift of Fort Worth Genealogical Society in honor of Lloyd Bockstruck.
- [KY] Cumberland County, Kentucky Will Books, B-E, 1815-1858. 2 rolls. Gift of Fort Worth Genealogical Society in honor of Lloyd Bockstruck
- [LA] DeSoto Parish Court House Records. Film, 16 rolls.
- **[LA]** Osbome Funeral Home, Shreveport, La. Burial Records 1910-1959. 6 rolls.
- **[LA]** Oil and Gas Lease Affidavits for Louisiana. Microfilm, 2 rolls.
- [LA] First Presbyterian Church Shreveport, LA 1845-1943. 2 rolls.
- [LA] St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral Shreveport, LA Early Baptism and Marriage Records. 1 roll.
- **[LA]** Athens School Claibome Parish Report Cards. Parish School Enumeration ca. 1865. William E. Paxton, History of Baptists of Louisiana. 1 roll.
- [MA] Massachusetts Vital Records Transcripts to 1850: Newbury 1635-1849. 49 fiche.
- [MN] John Calby, Rice County, MN, Cemetery Listing. 1 roll.
- [MS] Mississippi Provincial Archives: French Dominion, 1612-1763. 15 rolls. Gift of Dallas Genealogical Society.
- [MS] Mississippi Provincial Archives: Spanish Dominion 1757-1820. [includes the Census of Natchez District in 1792]. 9 rolls. Gift of Dallas Genealogical Society.
- [MS] Mississippi Territorial Land and Court Records, 1798-1817. 5 rolls. Gift of Dallas Genealogical Society.
- [NM] Spanish Archives of N.M., Series I and II, 87 rolls.
- [NM] Mexican Archives of New Mexico. 43 rolls.
- [TN] Tennessee Tax Lists, Anderson—Blount, Bradley— Coffee, Davidson—Grainger, Greene—Haywood, Henderson—Knox, and Monroe—Robertson Counties. 6 rolls.
- [TN] Campbell County Chancery Court Minutes, v. A-E, June 1842-May 1900. 3 rolls.

- [TN] Campbell County Circuit Court Minutes, May 1849-June 1903. 6 rolls.
- [TN] Campbell County Mamages, v. D-T, Oct. 1889-Jan. 1914. 8 rolls.
- [TN] Campbell County Probate Deeds, 1833-1903. 1 roll.
- [TN] Campbell County County Clerk Minutes v. 4-11, Apr. 1839-Apr. 1901. 4 rolls.
- [TN] Campbell County Guardian Settlements Oct. 1858-Apr. 1909. 1 roll.
- [TN] Campbell County Deeds, v. D-X, Sep., 1830-Nov. 1887. 7 rolls.
- [TN] Campbell County Entry Books A-F, Dec. 1806-Oct. 1834. 2 rolls.
- [TN] Campbell County Trust Deeds, v. A-F, Nov. 1852-Apr. 1900. 2 rolls.
- [TN] Campbell County Tax Duplicates Jan. 1876-Dec. 1900.
- [TN] Grainger County Entry Books Mar. 1824-May 1852; Oct. 1825 -May 1921.
- [TN] Grainger County Miscellaneous Records. 1 roll.
- [TN] Grainger County Tax Books, 1851-1859, 1875-1876, 1879-1882, 1885-1892, 1893- 1900. 3 rolls.
- [TN] Grainger County Wills Mar. 1835-May 1847, Apr. 1918-July 1854. 1 roll.
- [TN] Grainger County Guardian Bonds Mar. 1929-Jan. 1958; Guardian Settlements June 1847-Mar. 1852, July 1900-Aug. 1917. 1 roll.
- [TN] Grainger County Administrators Bonds Mar. 1910-Sep. 1931; Administrator and Executor Settlements Dec. 1859-Aug. 1892. 1 roll.
- [TN] Grainger County Wills, v. 1-4, Apr. 1833 -Feb. 1916. 2
- [TN] Grainger County Guardian Settlements, v. 5-6, Nov. 1918-Mar. 1965. 1 roll.
- [TN] Marshall County Miscellaneous Records. 1 roll.
- [TN] Lawrence County Miscellaneous Records. 3 rolls.
- [TN] Grainger County Executors Bonds Nov. 1856-1972, Settlements Jan. 1899-Oct.1914. 1 roll.
- [TN] Grainger County Administrators Bonds May 1831-Oct. 1910. 1 roll.
- [TN] Grainger County Criminal Court Minutes Aug. 1880-Apr. 1886; Aug. 1886 -Dec. 1893; Dec. 1897-Dec. 1904; May 1892-Aug. 1897; Apr. 1894 -Aug. 1904. 3 rolls.
- [TN] Grainger County Chancery Court Minutes Apr. 1880-Dec. 1890; May 1891-Mar. 1904. 2 rolls.
- [TN] Grainger County Circuit Court Minutes Dec. 1846-Aug. 1856; Dec. 1856 -Dec. 1865; Apr. 1866 -May 1872. 3 rolls.

- [TN] Grainger County Civil Court Minutes Aug.1872-Dec. 1876; Apr. 1877-Apr.1880; Feb. 1877-Apr. 1886. 1 roll.
- [TN] Grainger County Deeds Jan. 1829 -Aug. 1839; Apr. 1840 -Jan. 1846; Nov. 1846 -Nov. 1852; Nov. 1852 Nov. 1859; Dec. 1859 -Dec. 1865; Dec. 1865 -Mar. 1871; Mar. 1871 -Feb. 1880; Feb. 1880 -Oct. 1885; Oct. 1885 -June 1890; Sep. 1892 -Apr. 1901; June 1890 Aug. 1894; Dec. 1899 -Dec. 1901. 13 rolls.
- [TN] Grainger County Equity Cases 1826-Oct. 1835; Enrollment Books Oct. 1829 - Oct. 1834; Aug. 1852-May 1853; Minute Book Aug. 1845 -Aug. 1852. 1 roll.
- [TN] Grainger County Guardian Bonds 1856 -Sep. 1904. 1 roll.
- [TN] Grainger County Guardian Settlements Jan. 1859-Nov. 1900. 1 roll.
- [TN] Grainger County Inventories, 1860-1901; Insolvent Estates Apr. 1885-Nov. 1921. 1 roll.
- [TN] Grainger County Marriage Bonds Jan. 1888 -Apr. 1896; Jan. 1907-July 1916; Apr. 1886 -Dec. 1906. 3 rolls.
- [TN] Grainger County Court Minutes Oct. 1842-Dec. 1857; Oct. 1834 -Aug. 1846; Feb. 1824 -Sep. 1842; Feb. 1882-Aug. 1895; 1810 -Jan. 1841; Apr. 1857-Apr. 1871; Apr. 1871 -Jan. 1882; Sep. 1895 -Dec. 1899. 6 rolls.
- [TN] Grainger County Trust Deeds Jan. 1900-Jan. 1905; Entry Book Feb. 1818 - Jan. 1851. 1 roll.
- [TN] Grainger County Trust Deeds June 1868-Feb. 1892. 1 roll.
- [TN] Grainger County Chancery Court Minutes Oct. 1869-Oct. 1879, 3 rolls.
- [TN] Hancock County Deeds Oct. 1879 -Mar. 1898; July 1886 -July 1894; July 1894 -May 1902; Jan. 1902-May 1906. 1 roll.
- [TN] Hancock County Chancery Court Minutes 1870-1889. 1 roll.
- [TN] Hancock County Military Discharges, Dec. 1944-Apr. 1994. 1 roll.
- [TN] Hawkins County Administrators & Guardian Settlements May 1874-Aug. 1904.
- [TN] Hawkins County Administrators Bonds & Letters Oct. 1879-Jan. 1913; Insolvent Estates Jan. 1875-Sep. 1972; Physicians Registers Feb. 1895 -June 1970. 1 roll.
- [TN] Hawkins County Enrollment Books Jan. 1865 -Aug. 1891. 1 roll.
- [TN] Hawkins County Entry Books Apr. 1824-May 1902; Survey Book Feb. 1857-Apr.1868; June 1824 -Feb. 1828. 1 roll.
- [TN] Hawkins County Deeds Oct. 1841 -Apr. 1847; Jan. 1854 -Jan. 1857; Oct. 1874 Aug. 1880; Apr. 1801-June 1891; Feb. 1857- Apr. 1862; Apr. 1837 -Oct. 1841; Apr. 1862 -Sep. 1869; Apr. 1884 -Sep. 1887; Sep. 1869 Oct. 1874; Sep. 1880 Apr. 1884; Oct. 1787-Nov. 1801. 3 rolls.
- [TN] Hawkins County Trust Deeds Dec. 1875-Jan. 1886; index Dec. 1875-Dec. 1916.
- [TN] Hakwins County Administrators Settlements DEc. 1865-May 1873; Guardian Bonds Oct. 1879-Feb., 1896; Executors Bonds Jan. 1880-May 1917. 1 roll.

- [TN] Hawkins County Marriages Dec. 1880-Mar 1895; Mar. 1893-Mar. 1900. 1 roll.
- [TN] Hawkins County Circuit Court Minutes Jan. 1868-Jan. 1873; Jan. 1875-Sep. 1888; Oct. 1810-Apr. 1829; May 1842-Sep. 1848; Sep. 1848-May 1852; Feb. 1857-Feb. 1860; Sep. 1853-May 1855; Jan. 1858-May 1859, Feb. 1866-Oct. 1866. 8 rolls.
- [TN] Hawkins County Court Minutes Nov. 1827-May 1837; Jan. 1857-June 1870; Dec. 1837-May 1842, Jan. 1844-Jan. 1851; Jan. 1878-July 1886. 1 roll.
- [TN] Hawkins County. Circuit Court Minutes Oct. 1866-Oct. 1887; May 1871- Dec. 1874; Oct. 1888-Sep. 1900; July 1870-Dec. 1867; July 1886-Oct. 1894. 1 roll.
- [TN] Hawkins County Chancery Court Minutes Apr. 1888– June 1894; Mar. 1871–Jan. 1878; Mar. 1898-Mar. 1904; May 1825-Dec. 1855; May 1856-May 1862; Apr.1867– Nov. 1870; May 1878-Apr. 1888; Sep. 1894-Mar. 1894. 2 rolls.
- [TN] Hawkins County Vital Records Apr. 1925-Dec. 1938; Wills Jan. 1922-Nov. 1952. 1 roll.
- [TN] Meigs County Chancery Court Minutes, Sep. 1854-Nar. 1891. 1 roll.
- [TN] Monroe County Deeds June 1820-Mar. 1909. 9 rolls.
- [TX] Dallas County., TX Marriages, v. 3 (1885-1891). 2 fiche.
- [TX] Dallas County, Texas Genealogical Data from Early Cemeteries, v. 4. 1 fiche.
- [TX] The Dallas Quarterly, v. 40. 1 fiche.
- [TX] The Dallas Journal, v. 41-43. 3 fiche.
- [VA] James City County Personal Property Tax Lists 1782-1861. 3 rolls.
- [VA] Loudoun County Personal Property Tax Lists 1782-1850. 6 rolls.
- [VA] Louisa County Personal Property Tax Lists 1782-1850. 4 rolls.
- [VA] Rockingham County Personal Property Tax Lists 1848-1861. 8 rolls.
- **[VA]** Stafford County Personal Property Tax Lists 1783-1820, 1846-1861. 4 rolls.
- [WV] Jackson County Personal Property Tax Lists 1831-1850. 2 rolls.
- **[WV]** Lewis County Personal Property Tax Lists 1817-1850. 2 rolls.
- [WV] Logan County Personal Property Tax Lists 1824-1840, 1842-1850. 1 roll.
- [UK] American Half Pay. 1 roll.
- [UK] A List of General and Staff Officers on the Establishment in North America, 1755-1782. 1 roll.
- [UK] List of Officers of His Majesty's Foreign Corps. 1 roll.
- [UK] Officers of the British American Forces Placed on Half Pay and Allowances at the Conclusion of the American War, 1783. 1 roll.
- [IR] The Royal Irish Constabulary Index, 1816-1921. 15 fiche.



## **QUERIES**



As we close out the 20th century, more people are taking an active interest in genealogy. This is evidenced by the abundance of genealogy websites and query boards online where internet users can share surnames, and excerpts of their family tree data. You don't have to be a websurfer to have your surnames listed here, however! Just write or type out your queries and send them to: *Queries*, DGS, PO Box 12466, Dallas TX 75225-0446. If you are a DGS member, then your submission is free! If you've made a new year's resolution to join the Dallas Genealogical Society, then why not use the form on the next page to sign

up today! (Otherwise it will cost you . . . \$3.00 for each query.) Please note: Your queries do not have to be Texas-related, and the DGS Newsletter editor reserves the right to edit queries for space and clarity.

### DAVIS, LOCHRIDGE

Searching for parents and siblings of Mariah C. Davis, born 4 Apr. 1806 in VA and died 23 June 1876 in Maury Co., TN. She married John Weems Lochridge on 14 Mar. 1832 in Maury Co. He was a son of James and Ann Lochridge III. Children of John Weems and Mariah C. (Davis) Lochridge include William James, Susan Ann, Mary Jane, Wesley David, John Henry, Maria Elizabeth and Rebecca Frances Lochridge.

Daphna Lochridge, 6119 Menger Ave., Dallas, TX 75227; e-mail -- daphna@flash.net

## SYERS, HILL (?) HARNED

Looking for parents and siblings of George William Syers, born ca. 1800 in MD, probably Allegheny County. He first married 25 Oct. 1819 in Crawford Co. PA, Elizabeth (Betsy) Harned whose family is well documented. His second wife was Charlotte, surname unknown, and they married ca. 1835. Marriage dates in an IGI file indicate that an Alexander M. Syers and Christiana Hill may be the parents of George as they were wed in MD, 4 Sept. 1797. If you have any information pertaining to the Syers surname, especially ideas about George William's parentage, please contact me.

Jill M. Clark, 434 Beard Dr., Cedar Hill, TX 75104; e-mail jilliemae@aol.com

1999 DGS Fall Festival of Genealogy: CALL FOR PAPERS! Now is the time to start planning for the 16 October annual regional workshop. The Dallas Genealogical Society invites prosective speakers to submit up to four lecture topics on diskette or hard copy. Please consult last month's DGS Newsletter for guidelines or contact Barbara Baylis by e-mail (brbaylis@aol.com) or fax (214.348.1164) for details. The event will be held at the Dallas Convention Center and each presentation should be an hour long. Lecturers will receive \$50 for each lecture chosen. Don't delay! The submission deadline is the first of April.

Upcoming schedule of guests on Michael Matthew's Family History Show (simulcast on KRLD 1080 AM as well as other Texas State Network radio stations, AND the internet on Sunday nights at 10:06 -- midnight).

7 Feb. -- Thomas Jay Kemp and William B. Dow

14 Feb. -- Greer Kendall, Denis Ledoux, and Sharon Rowley Zambrzycki

21 Feb. -- David E. Rencher and Sherlene Rogers Baab

28 Feb. -- Jonathan R. Stayer, Terri Bradshaw O'Neill

7 Mar. -- Lynn Morrow and Leslie Smith Collier

14 Mar. -- David E. Rencher and Jane Routt Power

21 Mar. -- Carole C. Callard and Jeri J. Steele

28 Mar. -- Bette Butcher Topp and Marty D. Ramage

Website at: http://www.familyhistory.flash.net

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## **DGS Calendar of Events**

## **FEBRUARY**

- 10 DGS Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Computer Interest Group meeting
- 16 African American Interest Group meeting
- 22 DGS Meeting: Treasures Hiding in Supplemental Censuses (Barbara Dossett) 7:00 p.m. See article on front page.
- 27 2nd in Lecture Series: Mid-Atlantic States (Lloyd D. Bockstruck) at Hockaday School (new location!) See first page for more info. and inside for registration form.

Beginners Workshop in Computer Genealogy



Saturday 6 March 1999
Dallas Public Library Auditorium

Watch for brochure in mail and at library

#### MARCH

- 6 Beginning Computer Workshop
- 10 DGS Board meeting
- 11 CIG meeting
- 16 AAIG meeting
- 20 Library Lock-In (members only)
  See registration form in this issue!
- 22 DGS Meeting: Special & Unusual
  Resources in the Genealogy Department
  (Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck) 7:00 p.m.

### **APRIL**

- 3rd in Lecture Series; Elizabeth Shown Mills and Skillbuilding at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas
- 14 DGS Board meeting
- 15 CIG meeting
- 20 AAIG meeting
- 26 DGS meeting: 7:00 p.m. Dallas Library
- 29 Salt Lake City Trip (see Jan. newsletter)

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