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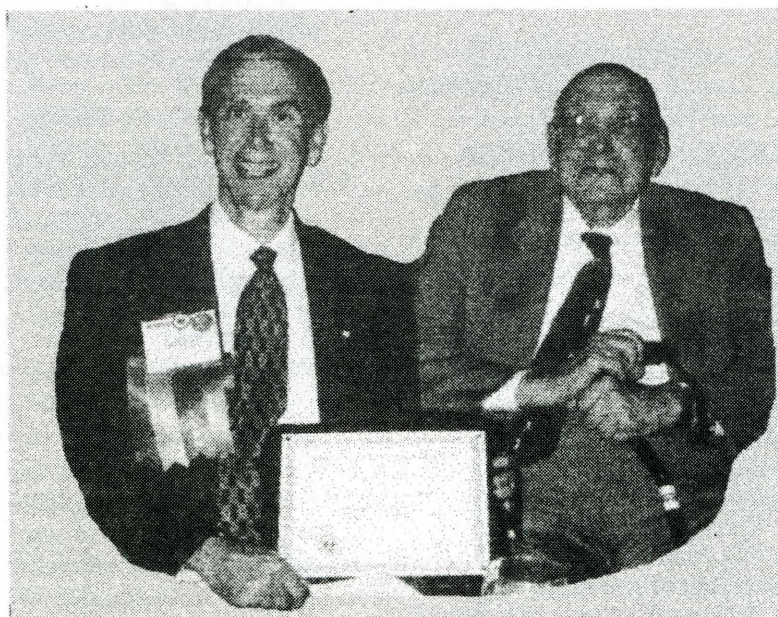
FILBY AWARD AT NGS CONFERENCE

The National Genealogical Society in cooperation with Scholarly Resources awarded a prize named in honor of P. William Filby, a nationally known librarian and author, to an outstanding genealogical librarian at the recent NGS Conference in Richmond, Virginia. The nominees were judged on contributions to patrons, reference tools or other contributions that expand the usefulness of genealogical materials, publications, and other activities that have significantly advanced genealogy.

DGS nominated Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck for this award. Evidently, the genealogical world thinks as highly of Lloyd as we do for he won the first Filby Award and received the engraved plaque to a standing ovation. Along with the recognition came a \$1000 check, which pleased Lloyd as well.

Not only did Lloyd receive the award, he was seated next to Mr. Filby himself (on the right, below), who expressed great pleasure with the recipient. DGS was there to capture the moment on film.

While this award is one of many in Lloyd's list of achievements, it is particularly significant that it is for librarianship. Under Lloyd's guidance, the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library is becoming known and acclaimed nationwide. Lloyd, DGS is very proud of you and the library.



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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 (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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Founded in 1955, the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is the oldest organization of its kind in Texas. It is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation and a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). The object of this society shall be to create, foster, and maintain interest in genealogy; to assist and support the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas, or to its legal successor; and to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history.

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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*.

DGS News and Year-End Reports

President's Message **Carole Chew Ruska**

I cannot believe that I am writing this column; I'm supposed to have time now for my own genealogy. However, I am proud to serve DGS once again as its president, and hope to make this year even better than the last.

This past year, we tried to install some patterns that I hope will become permanent (at least until they run their course). We had a Beginners Genealogy Workshop and a Beginners Computer Workshop that should continue this coming year. We anticipate adding an Intermediate Genealogy and an Intermediate Computer Workshop. These along with the Lecture Series will provide a sound educational program for our members and others.

A few bylaw changes were introduced to reflect actual practices and acknowledge the difference in the board year and the calendar year. All were approved by the membership.

A new method of tracking our finances should help us determine exactly what each office and event spent so we can accurately prepare a budget this next year. It was also voted to wait until the May bank statement is reconciled to do the financial review. Therefore, the annual gift to the library cannot be made until the first meeting in the Fall.

The Service Awards, Volunteer Recognition, and the Writing Awards were incorporated into our Christmas meeting/party. This event was well received by our membership. However, the Writing Awards were dropped until a committee can study how that activity can be improved.

The annual research trip to Salt Lake was prefaced by a seminar on using the Family History Library, which was open to anyone. It proved to be very successful, and really helped to prepare the Salt Lake researchers.

A renovation of the 8th floor slated to begin next year will result in more room for the genealogy section. DGS was asked to determine what was needed to prepare for the

21st century. A needs assessment was made and presented to the library renovation committee. At this time, no final decisions have been made, but we feel confident that many improvements will be made in the renovation. A pledge drive may be necessary to obtain all the extra equipment needed for the genealogy section.

A new concept for the institute is being tried this summer—a two and a half day event on one topic. We hope this will allow more working people to take part. While the verdict of success is still out, it seems to be well received as we are almost sold out. Hurry if you want to join us this summer at the Land, Land, and More Land Institute.

As the 1999-2000 board begins to prepare for another great year in DGS, feel free to call our voice mail, email us, or call an officer with your suggestions and opinions. The voice mail, email, and website are subject to change in the immediate future as we experienced many problems with the equipment or server during this past year. Please be alert for any changes so we will not miss your call, email, or visit to the website.

Thanks for a wonderful 1998-1999 year and hope to see you at the DGS meetings and events in 1999-2000.

Exec. VP/Fundraising **Bill Benson**

The last twelve months have been hectic, often, boring, never.

Last summer 69 attended the Institute of Genealogical Studies with John Colletta, Dr. George Switzer, Sammy Lee and Leslie Collier, and Lloyd Bockstruck. A stellar panel of instructors.

The Ninth Fall Festival at the Dallas Convention Center was attended by nearly 400 family historians. Barbara Dossett headed the effort to plan the event.

The 1998-1999 Lecture Series started on 14 November with Cyndi Howells of Internet fame introducing 450 attendees to Genealogy

on the Internet. She has since been featured in the Time magazine cover story on Genealogy in America.

Our annual trek to the Mother Lode of genealogical data at Salt Lake City was preceded by an all day workshop on 30 January filling the library auditorium to capacity to hear DGS members Kris Richins, Art Rubeck and Pat Hatcher lecture on researching in the Dallas library, in the LDS records and at the LDS library at Salt Lake City.

Lloyd Bockstruck conducted the second in the lecture series on 27 February, giving his usual factual and informative lectures on the Middle Atlantic Colonies and States. The attendance was 287.

Continuing the Library Lock In tradition sixty four DGS members spent all night Saturday 20, March at the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Library. Gretchen King coordinated the capacity attendance of 64 and Leslie Collier catered the late night meal and refreshments.

Try it next time, you'll like it. Genealogists enjoy research any time any place.

Elizabeth Shown Mills presented to 419 attendees a whole day of expert advice and instruction for skillbuilding and problem solving. As usual at the lectures there were also booksellers to provide an opportunity to buy texts. The DGS sales force is always there to sell forms, books and tote bags.

When the annual Trek to the LDS library in Salt Lake City was announced a limit was stated for the attendance. Final count grew to more than sixty who spent a productive week buried in the wealth of genealogical information that you have to see to believe. Our hard working member Kris Richins coordinated the events and acted as genealogical consultant to all who might need her professional help—for free. She didn't have a chance to do any personal research.

The Tenth Annual Regional Fall Festival of Genealogy (I like the sound of that title) is presently being planned by Don Raney and his crew. It will be 16 October at the Dallas Convention Center. A flyer is to be mailed soon. Watch for it.

All the above efforts by your society took a lot of work by numerous members. All can't be

named in this brief review of the year, but they have my sincere thanks for a job well done - and for the rather large contribution to the collection on the eighth floor made possible by the profit generated. After all, that is how we get paid for the work. The collection is one of the best and will soon be even better. See an announcement elsewhere in this issue about the Grants Project.

VP/Education & Programs Beverly Johnston Holmes

The theme for the 1998-1999 monthly meetings was "Hidden Treasures In Genealogy," and highlighted various departments in the Dallas Public Library as well as the Genealogy Dept. of our neighbor to the west, Fort Worth Public Library. Methodology and internet resources were also featured. The programs were as follows:

28 September: Ken Hopkins, "Gold in the West: Special and Unique Resources in the Ft. Worth Public Library."

26 October: Barbara Roberts Baylis, "Serendipity? Psychic Phenomena? Or Ghosts' Writing?"

28 November: Charlotte Baugh and Darlene Brimmage, "Discovering Documents: A Treasure Map to the Past."

25 January: Carol Roark, "What Will That Tell Me? Genealogical Gems for Texas Research."

22 February: Barbara Dossett, "Treasures Hiding in Supplemental Censuses."

22 March: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, "The Mother Lode: Special and Unusual Resources in the Genealogy Dept."

19 April: Heather Williams, "Historical Gems Right Next Door."

17 May: Paula Perkins Parke, "Strike It Rich! 1999 Update of Repositories on the Internet."

On 14 December we enjoyed a holiday party and presented annual service and publication awards.

A beginners' workshop, "Getting Started," was held on Saturday, 3 October in the library

auditorium and attracted 74 beginning genealogists.

Instead of an intermediate workshop in the spring, a beginners' computer workshop was held on 6 March. It was sponsored and organized by the Computer Interest Group.

Members of the Program Committee who assisted the VP-Education included Charlotte Klimaszewski, Molly Herd and Barbara Ware.

Many thanks go to the Hospitality Committee, headed by Susan Powdrill for providing refreshments at all of the meetings and workshops.

VP/Membership

Vergie L. Freeman

The 1998-99 year-end membership numbers remained about the same as they were at the beginning of the year, although the actual numbers reflect a nearly equal number of non-renewing members with new members, along with an increase in the number of life members from 70 to 72.

VP/Editor, *The Dallas Journal*

HalliePrice Garner

The 1999 Dallas Journal was mailed to the printer on May 14, 1999.

I was blessed with having a many great volunteers to help in all aspects of production of the 1999 *Dallas Journal*. They include: Terri Mulliken Allen, Selenda Billington, Gerri Brannan, Barbara Dossett, Mary Ann Fournier, Wynn Fournier, Hallie Price Garner, Shirley Stertz Hawn, Sohnie Hill, Judy Gilreath Johns, Dava Beisecker Ladymon, Alan Miller, Karen Avery Miller, Jim Monaghan, Art Rubeck, Clifford V. Slagle, Shirley Sloat, Sheila McLean Stough, Elizabeth Nelson Thurmond, and Barbara Ware.

We had a wide range of articles, including Bible records, narratives, and abstractions of original records, as well as a first person account of Sam Houston and Santa Anna at San Jacinto, that we believe has not been previously published. The Yegua Notch-Cutters, Ware and Williamson-Hambrick Bible Records, McBrayer Bible Record, Dallas County Divorces in Court Records 1881-1900, World War I Draft Card Files (part I), second year, Index to Dallas

Countians Honored by Employers in Advertisements in World War I Book *History of Texas World War I Heroes*, Abstract of Delayed Birth Certificate Register No.1 for Dallas Co., Texas, and

Two Remembrances of Texas Revolution: Letters Recollecting His Experiences from Sherwood Y. Reams.

Unfortunately, I was not able to include all of the material that I had in this year's *Journal* because of the need to stay under one pound. I especially regretted being unable to include all of the Dallas County divorces abstracts, but those from 1901-1905 should be able to be completed next year.

An innovation the Board decided to try this year was to have the Journal go only to those who requested it because so many people don't have Dallas County families.

Next year's editor, Shari Deegan, is experienced in assembling computer-generated records and should be an excellent editor.

VP/Editor, *DGS Newsletter*

Jill M. Clerk

Ten issues were created and sent out to members between June of 1998 and May of 1999. Most of the newsletters were 20 pages in length, with a few having just sixteen pages depending upon number of events planned, and articles submitted.

In looking back over the past year as newsletter editor, I can see that other than society announcements on workshops and other activities, articles geared toward beginning genealogists outnumbered those intended for more advanced family researchers. If you consider yourself an "intermediate" or beyond, I would challenge you to write and send in material to Cheryl for future publication consideration.

A reader survey was sent out in February and about ten percent of you (110) responded. Questions 24-33 pertained to personal information about the membership. Here are the results from the back page of the survey. Please note that couples were not counted separately unless they responded that way. Only one response per survey was counted. The responses to each question will not always add up to 110 as some did not respond to all

questions. A summary of this section is at the end of my report. The remaining survey results will be in the next issue of the *DGS Newsletter*.

24. Only one responder confessed to not being a member! Fifteen people wrote that they could not remember how long they had been members of DGS. Twelve had been members for just **one year** or less; 23 have been members for **2-3 years**; two said **four years**; twelve people have been members for **five years**; three have been members for **six years**; four people have been members for **seven years**; four have also been members for **eight years**; 16 said they'd been members for **ten years**; one person for **12 years**; two people have been members for **15 years**; four have been members for **20 or more years**, not including the two who said they'd been DGS members for **30 years**, and another who joined about **40 years** ago!

25. Of those who answered 23 people belong to **no other genealogical society** but DGS. Twenty-one members said that they belonged to **one** other society. Twenty-five said they belonged to **two** other societies. Twelve people belong to **three** other genealogical societies. Nine people belong to **four**, plus DGS. Seven of our members belong to **five** other societies. Three people said they belonged to **six**, and three said that they were members of **seven** other genealogical societies. Five people claimed they belonged to **eight** genealogical societies and DGS. Four people are members of **ten** or more genealogical societies as well as DGS!

26. Concerning the frequency of attendance at DGS meetings and other functions, eighteen people said that they **never** attend. (Often this is due to distance from Dallas or not wanting to go downtown at night.) Twenty-three people listed "**rarely**" or "**seldom**." Three said they attend meetings and functions just **once or twice** annually, and another seven members said they attend an average of **2-3** times per year. Three people attend **3-4** times per year, and another six answered "**quarterly**." Ten responded "**occasionally**" in answer to the question about attending DGS meetings/functions. Twenty-four said that they attend "**regularly**" or "**monthly**."

27. In response to the question, "How often do you do family research at the Dallas Library?" ten replied that they **never** have; eight said "**rarely**." Three people said they hadn't been to

the 8th floor in several years. Ten replied that they researched at the library **once or twice a year**. Eleven people said they did family research there "**occasionally**," and five "**quarterly**" or **3-4 times** a year. Four said that they do this about six times a year, and another five said that they research at the DPL "**regularly**." Fifteen people responded that they are up there about **once a month**, and ten said "**twice a month**" or **every other week**. Finally, five people claimed that they do research at the library "**frequently**," and another 17 said that they are on the 8th floor working on their family trees **weekly**.

When asked the same about the LDS Family History Center, a whopping 44 people said that they have **never** been to the FHC to do research. Two people said they'd been there once for this purpose, and another 19 said they'd been there **seldom or rarely**. Nine members said they visited their local FHC **one or twice annually**, while eleven said they went **occasionally**. Three people go **several times a year** and two go **monthly**. Just two said they go "**often**" or "**lots**" and two more said "**weekly**."

The third part of this question had to do with frequency of research at the regional office of the National Archives in Ft. Worth. Forty-nine people have **never** visited the archives. Three people said they had not been there in several years, and six said they'd been there **once or twice**. Twenty members said they'd been to the Ft. Worth location of the N.A. "**rarely**" or "**seldom**." Twelve replied that they go there to do research **once or twice a year**. Two said "**occasionally**" and three, "**quarterly**." One person stated that they visit this location about **every other month**, and three more said that they go there on a **monthly** basis.

28. Of those who responded 25 were **male**, and 77, **female**.

29. The following indicates the age ranges of those who responded: Under 18 yrs. - **0**; 18 to 30 - **2**; 30 to 40 - **7**; 40 to 50 - **9**; 50 to 60 - **30**; 60 to 70 - **29**; 70 to 80 - **28**; over 80 yrs. of age - **5**. (One woman mentioned that she was 92!)

30. The question: "Do your reside in Dallas County?" The answers: 71 - **yes**; 37 - **no**.

31. In reply to the question, "Do you have Texas roots?" **70** said they do, and **39** said they don't.

32. Most of the readers who responded have never served DGS as a committee or board member. **90** said "no" and **14** said "yes" when asked about volunteering on the **board**. (This includes some current members, no doubt!) **Eighty-five** replied in the negative about helping out in a **committee** position, while **13** took the time to respond in the affirmative!

33. Finally, those surveyed were given the opportunity to list their favorite program that DGS sponsors. Some responded with more than one favorite. Here are their replies:

Lecture Series - 36
Fall Workshops/Conference - 12
Seminars - 5
Contribution to Library Resources - 4
Summer Institute - 4
Lock In- 3
Monthly meetings/programs - 2
Salt Lake Trip - 2
Computer SIG - 2
Lloyd's lectures - 1
Writing Awards - 1
Beginner's Workshops - 1
Research Methods - 1
Classes - 1
Newsletter - 1

Obviously women were more inclined to voice their opinions by way of this survey. It is also easy to see that the majority of those who responded, and most likely our membership in general, is over fifty years of age. What may prove helpful to the society in the future are the numbers that show the percentage of participants who do their family research at the downtown library, attend DGS functions on a regular basis, and belong to other genealogical societies. From another perspective, it may be worthwhile to run a couple of helpful articles about what is available at the LDS FHC, as well as the National Archives, and how to do research there.

Several members named the other genealogical, historical, and family associations to which they belong. Many of these are out-of-state organizations and shows that DGS members have learned the wisdom of joining a society close to the stomping grounds of ancestral families. A good proportion of participants do not have Texas roots or reside in Dallas County so it makes sense that they

receive newsletters, quarterlies, and journals from other societies.

Recording Secretary Susan Younger

I want to thank the DGS membership for the opportunity to serve on the board as recording secretary. It has been a busy year, but I've learned so much about the Society and the wonderful people associated with the organization and the Dallas Public Library. It takes an unending source of volunteers to conduct the business, educational and publication activities of an organization of this size and complexity. More importantly, it takes a supportive membership.

During the past year, the secretary's office has processed hundreds of pieces of mail from the DGS membership, other libraries and societies, genealogical-related businesses and fellow genealogists from all over the United States. Most of the mail is from renewing or new members, with event registration a runner up for the bulk of the mail.

There are two volunteers I want to recognize and thank for their invaluable assistance in processing the correspondence. Mary Ruth McKenney has picked up the mail, opened, sorted and copied it on a weekly basis. Cindy Stamps assisted DGS by picking up the messages from the DGS voice mail each day. She referred each of the calls to the board member responsible for the subject of the inquiry. Both ladies have expended a great deal of personal time in assisting me and we owe them a special "Thank you" for their time and efforts on behalf of DGS. I also want to thank Selenda Billington and Essie Adams for turning over a well-organized process at the last board change.

I look forward to next year's term and hope to meet more of the members and put the names and faces together. I'll see you at the Monday business meetings and at all of the events scheduled for the next year.

Treasurer
Judy Gilreath Johns

Year End Budget Report 99-99

	Projected	vs.	Actual
Income Total	\$ 92,145.00		\$137,141.22
Expenses Total	<u>- 74,329.00</u>		<u>-105,161.86</u>
Net Profit	<u>\$ 17,8167.00</u>		<u>\$ 31,979.36</u>

Sales
Everett & Betty Erikson

The Sales Department took in approximately \$11,000 between September 1998 and mid May 1999. This came from sales at the volunteer's desk, special events and mail orders. New items added this year included Lloyd's much anticipated book and three styles of tote bags.

Special Interest Groups
Helen J. Wilson

The Dallas Genealogical Society currently supports two Special Interest Groups (SIG). A third group, the Latin American Interest Group, chose this fall to function independent of the Society. Two other groups were suggested during the year — a Daytime Study Group and a Youth Group. No one came forward to volunteer to help establish and maintain the Daytime Study Group. A youth group would require adequate sponsorship of adults to function successfully. This issue should be examined in the near future by next year's board.

The African American Interest Group (AAIG), led by Emille Betterson, Emma Harrell and Vergie Freeman, met the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Dallas Public Library. Average attendance monthly was 15-18 members and guests. AAIG, chaired by Stacy Bennett and an able staff of volunteers, conducted an African American Workshop for Beginners August 15, 1998. About 40 registrants and volunteers attended. Leah Parker, Donald Payton, Leslie Smith Collier, Vergie Freeman and Lloyd Bockstruck presented the program. The digitizing of the Death Certificates from the E. J.

Crawford Undertaking Company was completed and sent for publication just before the end of the board year. Several members, including Donald Payton, have been working with exposing genealogy to local churches.

The Computer Interest Group (CIG) started the year led by Gene Burris who later resigned because of work commitments and was replaced by Cheryl Mann. The CIG met monthly the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Dallas Public Library. The meeting dates were plagued with bad weather but averaged 15 to 20 in attendance. The black box was used creatively to review software and present demonstrations, including connecting to the internet. Every program featured audience participation and responses. The CIG, chaired by Kris Richins, using Cheryl Mann and Helen Wilson as speakers presented "Getting Started, A Beginners Workshop in Computer Genealogy" March 6, 1999. Over 135 paid participants attended as well as half a dozen volunteers.

The director Helen J. Wilson investigated the spending of gift monies on a consolidated computer setup. Desired equipment was not readily available. Because of this and a concern for security problems no new CD's were purchased or installed. The acquisition of a "jukebox" structure, large hard drive for storage of CD's, or computer pods will be under investigation as the renovations to the eighth floor proceed.

The computer equipment was upgraded to Win95, using software licensed to the Dallas Public Library. Steven Smiley of the library staff applied a protective program called Fortress for the first two computers. The library took over maintenance of these computers and printer by May 1999. The printer is still having problems. This upgrading of software and icons have met with favorable user and librarian response. In addition, two computers and printers were donated this year and have been utilized by the Dallas Genealogical Society Board and Dallas Public Library staff this year.

The FAX and Voice Mail outgoing messages were regularly changed and incoming messages regularly monitored on 214-670-7932. Thank you, Cindy Stamps. The home page now has a registered Domain Name: dallasgenealogy.org.

The surname database, stored in a computer behind the volunteer desk, was updated by Database Coordinator Barbara Dossett. The computer setup was also revised and printer fixed.

Volunteers, including David Hankinson, Helen J. Wilson, Charles Lancaster, Jerry Fillebrown and Kris Richins, helped librarians on the computers used by patrons. Many thanks for their loyalty and the additional technological help provided to Helen J. Wilson by Kris and Keith Richins as machines were upgraded and kept in service.

Mailing

Rudy & Jo Ann Stanislav

A total of 20 mailings were handled during the 1998-99 term. These mailings consisted of newsletters, journal, workshops and lectures. Altogether 34,881 pieces of mail weighing 3308 pounds were mailed.

Most correspondence was through e-mail and most requested researchers in the Dallas area.

It has been a real learning experience for us and our job was made easier by Barbara Dossett who trained us and was always there for us when we needed her. She even ran over and picked up a mailing we were in the middle of when our granddaughter was about to be born so that we could get to Round Rock.

Publications

Sheila White Huckaby

During the last two years, DGS has published in parallel track various materials in both paper and electronic format - specifically the Internet. By pursuing publishing in this manner, DGS research material is available worldwide. Yet, by publishing in paper, and placing hard-bound books in key libraries, materials are archived in a traditional manner. This method also facilitates citation to a library reference, rather than the Internet - which by its nature is transient.

Two books published by DGS in paper are: "Family Tree Weekly Newspaper Columns from The Dallas Morning News - 1991-1996," by Dorothy Roberts; and "Early Cemeteries: Volume 4," by Helen Lu and Adriene Jamieson.

Family Tree is a compilation of Lloyd Bockstruck's Saturday column in the "Dallas Morning News." The fourth volume of cemeteries is comprised exclusively of the Oak Cliff cemetery. The cemetery is also to be published on the GenWeb.

DGS is also in the process of publishing marriage books and other cemetery records to the GenWeb project on the Internet.

Publicity

Kim Carney

No report submitted.

Volunteer Coordinator

Susan Powdrill

This has been another banner year for DGS volunteers! We provided in excess of 3,500 hours of service on the 8th floor desk. In addition, several special projects such as the Dallas County Records Inventory, Cemetery Project, Journal and typing slips to send books to the bindery added approximately 1,000 more. An enviable record by any standards!

There are several time slots which need to be filled on the volunteer desk on weekends as well as other opportunities to serve in the coming year. If you have some time you can spare and would like to get more involved and meet some really neat people please contact me at powdrill@flash.net or leave a message on the society voice mail.

I look forward to working with all of you again next year!

Database Coordinator

Barbara Dossett

Registrations:

<i>June:</i>		
	Membership	126
<i>July:</i>		
	Membership	94
	IGS	60
<i>August:</i>		
	Membership	54
<i>September:</i>		
	Membership	114
	Fall Workshop	426

<i>October:</i>	
Membership	84
Beginner's Workshop	79
<i>November:</i>	
Membership	66
Lecture Cyndi Howell	451
<i>December:</i>	
Membership	91
<i>January:</i>	
Membership	173
LDS Seminar	196
<i>February:</i>	
Membership	180
Lecture Lloyd Bockstruck	325
<i>March:</i>	
Membership	153
Computer Workshop	161
Lock In	70
<i>April:</i>	
Membership	114
Lecture Elizabeth Shown Mills	419
Salt Lake Trip	60
<i>May:</i>	
Membership	26
Journal Cards	310
Total Registrations:	3,832

New Members	
Green cards	140
Pink cards	10
<i>January:</i>	
Newsletter	1,315
Lecture Series	2,987
LDS Seminar	137
Salt Lake City	56
Publicity	95
<i>February:</i>	
Newsletter	1,218
New members	30
Beginning Computer Wksp.	2,600
Salt Lake	62
Publicity	98
Land Institute	2,860
Green cards	251
Pink cards	45
<i>March:</i>	
Newsletter	1,327
Lecture Series	2,877
<i>April:</i>	
Newsletter	1,318
New Members	22
Green cards	86
Journal cards	1,162
<i>May:</i>	
New Members	8
Green cards	86
Pink cards	18
Total Labels:	35,623

Labels

<i>June:</i>	
Fall Workshop	2,645
Newsletter	1,262
New Members	6
Green cards	59
Pink cards	42
<i>July:</i>	
Journal	1,222
Newsletter	1,289
New Members	6
Green cards	86
Pink cards	25
<i>August:</i>	
<i>September:</i>	
Newsletter	1,294
New Members	27
Lecture Series	2,712
Publicity	117
Green cards	87
Pink cards	53
<i>October:</i>	
Newsletter	1,293
<i>November:</i>	
New Members	32
LDS Seminar	2,970
Green cards	102
Pink cards	35
<i>December:</i>	
Newsletter	1,204

INFO BITS!

What *are* all those initials after the names of the genealogists we look to for leadership and advice?

- AG:** Accredited Genealogist
- CGRS:** Certified Genealogical Records Specialist
- CG:** Certified Genealogist
- CGL:** Certified Genealogical Lecturer
- FASG:** Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists
- FNGS:** Fellow of the National Genealogical Society
- FUGA:** Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association
- MLS:** Master of Library Sciences

1999 DALLAS JOURNAL

In April, the board decided to ask the membership if they wanted to receive the Journal, and to return a card stating so by 15 May. Because of the time lag, many did not receive the card until almost or after the deadline. There was also confusion over why we were asking this since the Journal is supposed to come with a membership. After receiving more than 300 cards, it was determined that insufficient notice and explanation resulted in confusion and uneasiness in our membership. Therefore, the new board voted to send the 1999 Journal to all members.

However, the problem remains in that many members do not wish to receive the Journal since it has only Dallas County records and they have no ancestors to research in Dallas County. As new membership forms and renewal cards are printed, you will be asked if you want to receive the Journal. If you do simply check YES; if you do not want to receive it check NO. We intend to run reminders in the Newsletter until the end of the year. The 2000 Journal will then be mailed to only those who wish to receive it, and have indicated this on their membership or renewal form. If you sent back the card this year, it will be noted on your membership and you will always receive the Journal.

As explanation, the publishing, printing, and mailing of the Journal are a big expense in the DGS budget. While we budget for this, any money saved can be added to the annual gift. We are not trying to take away anything you are entitled to, but if you do not want it, that money can be put to better use. We are sorry for any confusion this year, but intend to advertise and remind heavily so everyone will understand in 2000. We encourage those who do not need the Journal to donate it to a smaller library or one in the area of your ancestors that we may not receive it. We hate to see good records go undiscovered. Thank you for your cooperation.

IF THEY BUILD IT, WE WILL FILL IT

Several years ago the Genealogy Section in the Dallas Library looked like a microfilm storeroom with film boxes on every horizontal surface. Then the U.S. county records vanished into the reserve area. The collection just simply outgrew the available space. The Dallas Genealogical Society mounted a "Capital Expansion Campaign" and proceeded to raise \$150,000 and gave the library enough capacity to make "Bring Back The Books", our rallying cry. All genealogists have enjoyed the results since.

Now the City of Dallas is embarking on its own reworking of the eighth floor of the library. In case you haven't noticed, it has been getting crowded again. The DGS board has voted unanimously to do our own embarking. There is now a Grants and Gifts Committee at work starting a program of seeking private and individual financial support for the Genealogy Section. The DGS goal is to fill the shelves with books; jam the microfilm cabinets full of the films you need for research; take advantage of the presently exploding electronic technology by providing a state of the art computer system, and again fill it with all those CD's we've been reading about. If family history warrants a cover story in *Time* magazine, and the recently started LDS internet site was swamped the first day with 500 hits per second, it follows that the time is ripe for our effort.

The *ad hoc* committee that will establish the program consists of Barbara Ware, Leslie Collier, and Bill Benson, chair. You are urged to share with them any contacts with foundations, companies or individuals that might be sources of help in the program. This time the word isn't "Bring Back the Books" rather—"If They Build It, We Will Fill It."

Urban Legends, Viruses, Internet Hoaxes and Web Rumors

How many Neiman-Marcus cookie recipe e-mails have you received in the last year? How about messages offering free trips to Disneyland? What is the latest virus report?

If you have e-mail, a seemingly endless array of messages warning about computer viruses and infected AIDS needles arrive at your mailbox on a regular basis. In the spirit of good friendship and caring, you pass these messages along to friends, family and co-workers without taking any further action, confident that you have done our part to protect the world, truth, justice and the American way. However, most of these messages are simply something dreamed up by pranksters somewhere in the world who are playing the 21st century equivalent of telephone pranks. So how do you know what is real? And what is this virus thing all about anyway?

Computer viruses come in several varieties but all share something in common - simply opening an e-mail will NOT affect or infect your computer. You must run a program or open an attachment that will run a program for files to be placed on your hard drive that will cause you problems later. So to begin with, any message that tells you your hard drive can be destroyed by simply opening a message with a particular message line must be a hoax.

Viruses work by copying themselves to your hard drive and imbedding themselves in other program code - in effect altering the directions that the machine uses to run itself. Before e-mail, this occurred primarily by "sneaker net" - by copying files from a diskette onto your hard drive from an infected diskette given to you by friends, family, co-workers or even some software companies. These days, infection is often by a file with a .exe or .com extension, and lately, .zip, contained as an attachment in an e-mail. Some viruses simply insert themselves into other code and change the machine's operating instructions. Other forms called trojans hide out and pretend to be one thing while doing something else. The one most in the news recently is a macro virus - a small program that copies itself into Microsoft Word or Excel and then can perform actions - including sending out massive amounts of e-mail to those folk in your e-mail address list.

The best way to protect yourself against these problems is education. Virus protection software is certainly valuable and does its share - but if you don't understand what a virus is or what the program is supposed to be doing, you may well not be using it correctly. For example, failure to update these detection programs on a regular basis renders them next to useless.

There are many Internet sites which help you decide if a warning message is legitimate and if a particular virus warning is worthy of passing along. Take a few minutes to check one out when you receive a warning by e-mail and learn what viruses are and how they work - and how to prevent them from taking over your machine. Some sites offer basic information; others are more technically oriented - find one you like, bookmark it, and check it often - especially when you get a warning e-mail.

One popular variety of hoax message has to do with the "collection" of a certain number of e-mail message forwardings. While the counting of message forwardings is probably in development somewhere, it doesn't yet exist. Any message promising free entrance to Disneyland or X cents being contributed to someone for medical care is simply a hoax - it just isn't possible to count how many times a message gets forwarded. And besides which, did you ever think about how it would get back to whoever is supposed to be doing the counting?

Rumored kidney gatherings and AIDS needle warnings are fantasy as well. If it isn't on the front page of the paper or headlining on the evening news, be suspicious!

The about.com site gives the fascinating history of many hoax viruses and rumors. Use the Internet for what it does best - providing with information!

Cyndi's List has a great list of links at: www.cyndislist.com/internet.htm#Viruses

Other sites that may help:

antivirus.about.com/
www.nai.com/
www.mcafee.com
www.sophos.co.uk/virusinfo/
www.virusbtn.com/

STERN NARA Gift Fund

-- From Judy Johns

(Taken from the FGS Forum, Winter 1998)

The Malcolm H. Stern NARA Gift Fund has, since 1983, financed the creation of finding aids and the microfilming of valuable research materials now preserved in the National Archives in Washington, DC. These microform copies, produced without government funding, are distributed to the National Archives Regions for use by researchers throughout the country. They are also made available through any Family History Center in the world. Funding comes from genealogical and historical societies collecting a sum (one dollar or more) from each of their members, then sending the full amount in one check to the FGS Business Office. Selection of filming projects is in large part based on recommendations received from contributors. There are also special projects supported by designated contributions.

---War of 1812 "Million Dollar" Project. The filming of the War of 1812 pension and bounty-land warrant records will include both indexed and unindexed files. In addition to veterans of the War of 1812, a number of Revolutionary War veterans appear in these records.

---United States Colored Troop (USCT) Project. This project is to film the Compiled Service Records of African American soldiers who served in the Union Army. The project coincides with the dedication in Washington, DC, of a monument to these men whose efforts have remained largely unknown.

---Sultana Disaster. The Talbert and Leota Abrams Foundation (MI) has established this fund to film records that document the explosion of the steamer Sultana on the Mississippi River near Memphis, TN while carrying federal troops newly released from Confederate prisons. Among the collection are lists of dead and survivors.

Please give your contribution to your local society, Dallas Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446 and designate to which fund it is to be credited: (1) War of 1812; (2) USCT; (3) General Fund; (4) Other.

Book on Post Oak Community to be Published

Johnie Lee of Detroit, Texas has been working on a book about the history of Post Oak, which today lies in Lamar and Red River Counties. Scheduled for release this summer, it will tell the stories of over 300 families who settled there in the last century; their origins, schools, churches, stores, and more. Many of the descendants of these later went on to make their homes in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. The book will be over 300 pages long and contain plenty of photographs. For more information contact johnie_lee@hotmail.com or write Rt. 2, Box 377, Detroit, TX 75432.



New Book on VA Family has a Texas Connection

The Scotts of Southwest Virginia: the James and Rachel Scott Family and Other Important Scott Lines by Rev. LaVern "Pike" Thomas and Kay Lee Wrage Gunn is a newly published genealogy in three volumes. Thomas and Gunn, experienced genealogists with over fifty years experience between them, have traced this southwest Virginia family's descendants to almost every state in the nation. Among those discussed are James Scott's daughter, Esther (b. 1776) who married Hezekiah Bonham (b. 1775). Several of their grandchildren settled in East Texas in the mid-1800s around Maud, New Boston, and Huntsville. For further details e-mail pthomas@gcstation.net or write to Rev. Pike Thomas, 522 E. Flournoy Lucas Rd., Shreveport, LA 71115-3802.

The Family History Show

KRLD Radio 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. Sundays
(sometimes delayed by Texas Rangers game)

July 11:

Joan Kirchmann Mitchell, PhD, Former director, Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research, Samford University, Birmingham AL; charter member, Genealogical Speakers Guild; member, Assoc. of Professional Genealogists, Ala. Genealogical Society and others; specialist in family health history; speaker, lecturer

Richard S. Jones, District VP, Texas Society, SAR; member of numerous lineage and genealogical societies; 41 year researcher

July 18:

Martis "Marty" D. Ramage, Jr., Editor, *Northeast Mississippi Historical and Genealogical Society Quarterly*; Board of Trustees, Miss. Department of Archives & History; author of the genealogy, *Our Ramage Family* (1986); past president, Miss. Society, SAR; member, The Bourland Society, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Military Order of the Stars and Bars, and more. Distant cousin of Michael Matthews.

Edward F. Butler, Sr., On-line genealogy columnist, *San Antonio Express News*; retired Federal Judge.

July 25:

Eric G. Grundset, Library director, NSDAR Library, DAR; past 1st vice-president, NGS; governor at large, Virginia Genealogical Society; speaker, lecturer.

Mary McCampbell Bell, CALS, CGL, Former secretary, NGS; former trustee, Board for Certification of Genealogists and Association of Professional Genealogists; formerly on staff, NSDAR; nationally known speaker and lecturer specializing in Virginia and Southern research methodology, land platting, migration, manuscript collections, and lineage organizations.

August 1 and 8:

Repeat Broadcast

August 15:

Audrae Mathis, Board of directors, Blair County Genealogical Society; member, NGS, Federation of Genealogical Societies, Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, and Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society; historian, Eskridge Family Association; treasurer, McCraw Family Association; former board of directors, GENTECH; speaker, lecturer, instructor of genealogy.

William B. Dow, President/CEO, Micro-Comp Consulting; board of directors, GENTECH, Inc.; member, Association of Professional Genealogists Speakers Guild, Western New York Genealogical Society, NGS and others; national speaker, lecturer; 15+ year researcher.

August 22:

John F. Whitaker, Co-founder, Automated Archives, Inc.; past director, Utah Genealogical Association; past president, Automated Research, Inc.; speaker, lecturer

August 29:

Ken Hopkins, Manager, Genealogy & Local History Department, Fort Worth Public Library; past librarian at Texas State Library, Oklahoma State University, and University of Arkansas.

Terri Bradshaw O'Neill, Past president, Mid-Cities TX Genealogical Society; instructor of genealogy; member, NGS, NSDAR; speaker, lecturer.

September 5:

To Be Announced

September 12:

Charles A. Sherrill, Director of Public Services, Tennessee State Library & Archives; former head reference librarian, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland OH; author, publisher, lecturer.

September 19:

Conley L. Edwards, State archivist, Library of Virginia; author of numerous articles on historical and genealogical topics; speaker, lecturer.

September 26:

Richard Eastman, Publisher, "Eastman's OnLine Genealogy Newsletter"; manager, "Genealogy Forum" on CompuServe; editor, "Genealogical Computing Magazine"; author, *Your Roots: Total Genealogy Planning on Your Computer*; 20+ year researcher; popular national lecturer.



Dallas County Records Project

Lois Dillard, the Dallas County Records Manager, is leaving the county to work for the city. She will be missed, but the agreement she created that was approved by the Dallas County Commissioners will continue in effect — any county records which are to be destroyed will first be offered to the DPL, with the DGS Records Preservation Committee consulted to identify those which are of historical importance. No records will be destroyed without our knowledge. DGS wrote a letter to the County Commissioners encouraging them to replace her position with an equally qualified professional who understands the records management challenge and process. Shirley Sloat, Records Preservation Committee Chair, and Carole Kuska witnessed the proclamation (Lois is in the light jacket in picture) and spoke on behalf of Ms. Dillard and the cooperative effort between the county and DGS to preserve valuable records.

Records at the County Archives facility on Harry Hines have been evaluated with all identified historically valuable records transferred to the newer Record Storage Facility, where the committee sorted, identified, and arranged them according to the state Records Retention Schedule ID.

Once the County Clerk's records have been inventoried, the committee will move to the new Record Storage Facility to inventory the remainder of the county records, which should be bar-coded as they are shipped to the facility. It is anticipated the inventory itself will take another 3-4 months, followed by manipulation of the computerized data in preparation for the publication of the inventory results.

Many thanks to Shirley and her committee of Dava Ladymon, Alan Miller, and Kathy Williston, for the hard, hot, and dirty work that this project involves. In the future, we will have many valuable Dallas County records to publish in the *Dallas Journal* because of their efforts.



Fall Festival of Genealogy

16 October 1999

Just a reminder to let you know that the Fall Festival of Genealogy is coming again this year to the Dallas Convention Center. Brochures will arrive in August, but mark your calendars and save that date. You won't want to miss this year's programs. Full details will be in the next issue of the *DGS Newsletter*. Six tracks with four lectures each will be offered, but you are free to choose any lecture at any hour.

Fall Foliage – Lloyd Bockstruck

The Genealogy Collection at the Dallas Public Library

Virginia & North Carolina to Tennessee

Virginia & North Carolina to South Carolina, Georgia

Names, Names, Names

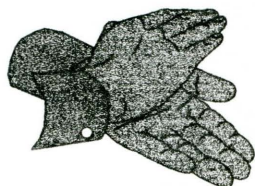
Reaping the Harvest – Primary Records

Idiosyncrasies of the Marriage Register

Getting the Most out of Deed Research

Court Records from a Paralegal's View

Mysteries of Death Certificates Revealed



THANK YOU!

Dallas Genealogical Society wishes to thank these members for their donations in this Society Year 1998-99.

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Sharpening the Tools – Methodology

So, You think Southern Research is Impossible

Remember the Ladies

Deadly Mistakes Beginners Make

Hot Damn, It's True! Proof by Analysis

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Your generosity helps DGS support the genealogy section of the Dallas Public Library and to collect, preserve, copy and index information relating to Dallas County.

DGS has two new life members this year:

Mrs. Jack D. Allen, Richardson

Richard Mulberry, Dallas

Professional Researchers Questionnaire

It is time to update the Dallas Genealogical Society's list of DGS members who perform genealogical research for a fee in time for the year 2000! The list is sent by DGS to persons requesting information about professional researchers in our area. To have your name and services included on this list, please complete the following questionnaire and **return to DGS at P. O. Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446 on or before September 1, 1999** for inclusion in the October 1999 *DGS Newsletter*.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Webpage: _____

1. Please state the number of years you have been working as a genealogical researcher.

- Your own research
 As a professional researcher

2. Professional Memberships

- Certified by Board for Certification of Genealogists Cert. No.: _____
 Member of the Association for Professional Genealogists
 Other: _____

3. Please list localities in which you specialize:

4. Please check types of research you will perform:

- A. All types of research
 B. Record searches
 C. Courthouse research

- D. 20th Century research
 E. Newspapers/Obituaries
 F. Multi-generation lineages
 G. Lineage Papers
 H. Compile family histories/genealogies for publication
 I. Adoption research
 J. Ethnic research
 K. Heraldry
 L. Other: _____

5. Please check repositories/areas where you will research:

- M. Dallas Public Library
 N. Fort Worth Regional Branch of the National Archives
 O. Texas State Library & Archives, Austin
 P. Family History Library, Salt Lake City
 Q. Local LDS Family History Centers
 R. Dallas County Courthouse
 S. University Libraries: _____
 T. Cemeteries
 U. Other: _____

6. Please indicate whether you prepare written reports for clients:

- V. Yes
 W. No

7. Please indicate how you generally charge for research:

- X. Hourly fee
 Y. Set fee
 Z. Negotiable

GENHUMOR

Abbott and Costello Meet Windows 95
(for those among us who are computer-challenged,
here is one reason why!)

Costello: Hey, Abbott!

Abbott: Yes, Lou?

Costello: I just got my first computer.

Abbott: That's great Lou. What did you get?

Costello: A Pentium II-266, with 40 Megs of RAM, a 2.1 Gig hard drive, and a 24X CD-ROM.

Abbott: That's terrific, Lou.

Costello: But I don't know what any of it means!!

Abbott: You will in time.

Costello: That's exactly why I am here to see you.

Abbott: Oh?

Costello: I heard that you are a real computer expert.

Abbott: Well, I don't know-

Costello: Yes-sir-ee. You know your stuff. And you're going to train me.

Abbott: Really?

Costello: Uh huh. And I am here for my first lesson.

Abbott: O.K. Lou. What do want to know?

Costello: I am having no problem turning it on, but I heard that you should be very careful how you turn it off.

Abbott: That's true.

Costello: So, here I am working on my new computer and I want to turn it off. What do I do?

Abbott: Well, first you press the Start button, and then-

Costello: No, I told you, I want to turn it off.

Abbott: I know, you press the Start button-

Costello: Wait a second. I want to turn it Off. I know how to start it. So tell me what to do.

Abbott: I did.

Costello: When?

Abbott: When I told you to press the Start button.

Costello: Why should I press the Start button?

Abbott: To shut off the computer.

Costello: I press Start to stop.

Abbott: Well Start doesn't actually stop the computer.

Costello: I knew it! So what do I press?

Abbott: Start.

Costello: Start what?

Abbott: Start button.

Costello: Start button to do what?

Abbott: Shut down.

Costello: You don't have to get rude!

Abbott: No, no, no! That's not what I meant.

Costello: Then say what you mean.

Abbott: To shut down the computer, press-

Costello: Don't say, "Start!"

Abbott: Then what do you want me to say?

Costello: Look, if I want to turn off the computer, I am willing to press the Stop button, the End button and Cease and Desist button, but no one in their right mind presses the Start to Stop.

Abbott: But that's what you do.

Costello: And you probably Go at Stop signs, and Stop at green lights.

Abbott: Don't be ridiculous.

Costello: I'M being ridiculous? Well. I think it's about time we started this conversation.

Abbott: What are you talking about?

Costello: I am starting this conversation right now. Good-bye.

DGS Membership Application or Renewal

Name: _____
 Spouse: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip Code: _____
 Home Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____
 E-Mail: _____



The above information will be used to publish a membership roster. Please specify what you do not want published.

Check one: New Member _____ Renewal _____ For Renewals only: DGS Journal Receive _____ OR exchange _____

Annual Membership, per individual or couple \$ 20 _____
 (spouse's name must be on application for membership benefits)
 Annual Sustaining Membership (\$30 is tax deductible) \$ 50 _____
 Annual Patron Membership (\$80 is tax deductible) \$100 _____
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 Contribution to Special Funds (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____
 Check # _____ Date _____ TOTAL _____

Make check payable to DGS: Mail to: Dallas Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446.

Surname Exchange: Each member may submit up to 8 surnames & localities to be used in a DGS database for exchange with other researchers. By submitting, you agree to having your name, address, phone, and surnames available for use by others.

Surname	State	County	Country	Earliest Date in Locality	Latest Date in Locality
<i>Example: Johnson</i>	TX	Tarrant	USA	1860	1950

Volunteer Opportunities: Willing to work for DGS? If so, please check all the areas where you could volunteer. Thanks!
 _____ Hospitality _____ Computer/Data Entry _____ Newsletter _____ Board/Committees
 _____ Work @ Special Events _____ Present Workshops _____ Library Work _____ Other (please specify _____)

DGS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- 4 **Independence Day - Remember your ancestors who helped make it so!**
- 22-25 **The Land, Land, & More Land! Institute**
Downtown at the Dallas Public Library.
Register today - there are a few seats left!

AUGUST

- 7 **DGS Board Meeting (9:00 am -4:00 pm)**
Center for Community Cooperation
Live Oak Street
- 11-14 **FGS - St. Louis, Missouri**

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **Professional Researcher's Questionnaire Due!**
- 14 **DGS Board Meeting**
Location, TBA

- 18 **Beginning Genealogy Workshop**
Check out the Beginning Computer Workshop in Oct.-take both and get a discount!
- 27 **DGS Meeting**
Dallas Public Library Auditorium
Topic TBA, 6:30 pm/coffee, 7 pm/meeting

OCTOBER

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