

# DGS NEWSLETTER



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2001-2002 Lecture Series

**TONY BURROUGHS**

Saturday, 29 Sept. 2001

## Discovering Genealogical Sources

The first seminar in our 2001/2002 Lecture Series features a local favorite – Tony Burroughs. Tony is internationally known as a genealogist, author, teacher and lecturer. He contributed to the PBS Ancestors series, and has received the Distinguished Service Award from NGS and is co-author of the *African-American Genealogical Sourcebook*.

With 20 years practicing genealogy, Tony has spent countless hours in libraries, archives and county courthouses. He lectures widely around the country and has given workshops in over a dozen cities. A graduate of the National Institute of Genealogical Research in Washington, DC and the Institute of Genealogy and History at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. He has served on the boards of NEHGS, APG, GenTech and FGS among others.

His credentials are impressive and well-rounded, and that should be enough to elicit your attendance at this workshop. In addition to that, and maybe even more importantly in the long run, he is a highly entertaining and engaging speaker and his lectures could never be considered mundane or dull. Give yourself a real treat and join us for this fabulous program! Registration information is included within this issue on page 98. The location for the lecture has great seating and parking, but you may want to reserve your spot early on for what promises to be a very popular program!

### THE NATURE OF GENEALOGY

A successful genealogist is not one who knows all the records. The Nature of Genealogy dictates researchers must be adept at why records are created, what they were created for, how and when to use them, how they interrelate to the circumstances of their ancestors, and how to execute a successful strategy. Understanding history, research, repositories, theory development, results analysis and publishing findings. It is woven around a case study discovering a new ancestor by an experienced genealogist.

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An examination of the challenges, preparation, methods and sources for researching enslaved African Americans.

### LOCATING SLEEPY HOLLOW OR ANYWHERE ELSE YOUR ANCESTORS LIVED

Strategies for locating hard to find towns that may not longer exist. It begins with basic sources, progresses to more advance sources, and concludes with high tech sources.

### CREATING ORDER OUT OF CHAOS

Have you searched every courthouse, library and archive and still haven't solved your riddle? Sometimes the pieces are there, we just need to look at them different.

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Regular meetings and special interest group meetings are held in the plaza level Auditorium and East/West Rooms of the Dallas Public J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, in downtown Dallas. Guarded parking available underneath the library.

DGS meets **fourth Mondays** September – May. December meeting is second Monday. Social time is 6:30-7:00 for meeting fellow genealogists, renting audio tapes, and refreshments. The business meeting and program begins at 7:00 PM.

DGS COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP meets on **second Thursdays** in the Library Auditorium beginning at 6:30 PM.

DGS AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTEREST GROUP meets **third Tuesdays** in the Library Auditorium beginning at 6:30 PM.

All DGS and SIG meetings are free and open to the public.

**MEMBERSHIP** is \$20.00 per 12 months beginning with receipt of dues. Members receive 10 issues of the *DGS Newsletter* and the annual *Dallas Journal* (optional). Members may also rent audio tapes from DGS and receive discount registrations to some events.

**DGS EVENTS** include the Fall Conference, Beginner Genealogy Workshop, Beginner Computer Workshop, Lecture Series, LDS/FHC Seminar, and Salt Lake City Research Trip.

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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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### Membership

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 ANNUAL REPORTS

## Shari Degán

President, DGS, 2000-2001

The 2000 – 2001 Board Year has finally come to a close. The board worked really hard in preparing successful events for the membership. This was also a strange year in that the board had to encounter a tragedy, multiple deaths in a short period of time, and a budget problem. The board was able to at least solve future budget problems by passing a new bylaw.

The year started off with the Library Lock-In in August. Subway and Frito-Lay Co. donated food items for this event. On September 30, 2000, Lloyd Bockstruck presented a lecture on researching in Arkansas and Missouri at the Lovers Lane Methodist Church. The Fall Conference occurred on October 30, 2001 at the Dallas Convention Center. The Society experienced a low turnout at the conference. The board voted to suspend this event for next year due to the low turnout and high rental costs. On December 11, 2000, Robin Yaklin and her committee did an outstanding job in the presentation of the annual Service Awards and Christmas Party at the Dallas Public Library. Spring Creek Barbecue catered this event and everyone enjoyed the entertainment.

The Writing Awards Competition Awards were handed out at the Service Awards and Christmas Party. I want to personally apologize to everyone that entered the competition. The writers were to receive critiques on their literary work. The Chairman told the board that this would be done. As of today, this request has not been fulfilled. There will be changes in the way the Writing Awards will be handled in the future to prevent this from happening again.

DGS rang in the New Year with the Family History Center Seminar. The event was held at the Dallas Police Association. Guest speakers were Barbara Dossett, Kris Richins and Sheila Stough.

On March 10, 2001, Mr. William Dollarhide conducted a Scots-Irish and Genealogical Organization Techniques lecture at the East Dallas

Christian Church. From March 11- 18, 2001, DGS members traveled to Salt Lake City. The DGS sponsors for this event were Office Depot, Office Max, Staples, and luggagetags.com.

A new event was offered to membership on March 31, 2001 at the Dallas Police Association. The Surname-Silent Auction was a huge success due to the hard work of Tresa Tatyrek. The money was applied towards the purchase of the 1930 Census. The D.P.A. donated the building, Honey Baked Hams donated the meat and Walmart supplied the condiments and drinks.

On April 28, 2001, Pat Hatcher and Paula Parke presented the "Getting Your Ducks in a Row" lecture at the Harvey Hotel. I would like to commend both lecturers for stepping in on short notice.

Robin Yaklin presented unique and interesting speakers to membership this year. Bookmarks were not made for the second half of the year due to the multiple dates given to DGS regarding the start date of the renovation project. The money saved will be applied towards the end of the year gift.

DGS had the opportunity to participate in the following genealogical and library events: Mid-Cities Seminar, GENTECH, the Texas State Genealogical Society's Annual Conference, and the 100-Year Library Anniversary.

The Dallas Public Library started the renovation on the eighth floor. The collection has been moved to the fourth floor. It is projected that the renovation project will conclude at the end of November. A special thank you for the following members that assisted in the move: Alvin Harper, George Hedick, Donny Perry, and Chuck Snakard.

The Society has scheduled the Washington D.C. Institute for July 19 – 22, 2001 at the Dallas Public Library. Dr. John Colletta and Mr. Lloyd Bockstruck are the lecturers. Sheila Stough was appointed by the President to chair the Institute. There is still plenty of spaces available for this event.



The brochure for the upcoming lecture series, "Discovering Genealogical Sources," has been mailed out to the membership. DGS will present Tony Burroughs on September 29, 2001, Lloyd Bockstruck on October 20, 2001, Curt Witcher on February 9, 2002, and Dick Eastman on April 6, 2002. The prices for the lecture series were lowered at the request of membership.

I would like to personally commend Alvin Harper for volunteering to take the Volunteer Coordinator's Position during a difficult time. Mr. Harper was able to fill positions at the volunteer desk, recruit volunteers for the library anniversary party and the renovation move.

I would like to personally commend Kris Richins for volunteering to take over the Executive Vice President of Fundraising in March. Ms. Richins was able to assist and organize the last two lectures when the elected Executive Vice President of Fundraising failed to do her job.

On behalf of the 2000-2001 Board, I would like to thank all of our volunteers and sponsors for making this a successful year. If you would like to be a volunteer or be a sponsor, please contact Alvin Harper.

Everyone have a safe summer and we will see you in September.

### **Kris Richins**

**Executive Vice President, Appointed**

During the time that Sharon Morrow was in the position of Executive Vice President the following events were handled.

DGS Military Institute was held with Lloyd Bockstruck and George Schweitzer instructing. One hundred people attend the 4-day event and the society benefited by raising \$12,102.84. Carole Ruska was chairman.

The Fall Conference was held at the Dallas Convention Center. The instruction was good, but attendance was poor with only 210 people attending. The Society lost \$925.06 on this event. The syllabus was done by Adrienne Jamieson. The only reason that this event worked so well and people had fun was because of the hard work of

Barbara Baylis who made sure we had speakers. Don Raney did setup with Shari Degan and also worked with the vendors to make sure their needs were met.

Lloyd Bockstruck gave a wonderful lecture that was attended by 162 people and the society earned \$5,090.16.

The Library Lock-in had 66 people in attendance with \$1,202.79 being added to the society funds.

The Society had its first Surname party and thanks to Madam President, Tresa Tatyrek and Cheryl Mann, it was a total success! Shari was able to get the ham and soda pop donated. Tresa worked on getting everything ready for the auction of donated items. Cheryl did everything else to make sure this would work. Great team work. I was not yet acting Vice President, but I know that it is on my schedule of events for next year's activities.

William Dollarhide's seminar was a wonderful training opportunity for me. I was asked to be over this activity 10 days before the event. Scheduling with the church was done 8 days before the event. The syllabus was not yet done nor had the speaker's info been forward to me from the Vice President. That was a great time. I learned how the vendor's tables need to be done; for the record it was not the way I planned. I also learned how to handle difficult people all in the same day! We had 249 people attend and total income of \$8,318.96.

I was appointed to finish the year as Executive Vice President at this time.

Pat Law Hatcher and Paula Parkes did a wonderful job for the society. It must be noted that Leslie Collier was the scheduled speaker and we were unable to get a signed contract. Therefore, Dallas Genealogy Society had no choice but to select different speakers. Pat Hatcher and Paula Parke were asked to substitute for Leslie and they gladly accepted the invitation. I believe that we must know how lucky we are, to have this high of caliber of speakers in our area. We also found out that no location had been scheduled to hold the event. We did not find this out until the end of March. Shari Degan, President was able to place



the seminar at the Harvey Hotel after many phone calls, as the major meeting places were already booked.

It should also be noted that when you try and find a location 6 weeks before the event the cost is high. It is my recommendation that future Executive Vice Presidents find their locations as soon as they know the date of the event. Don't wait! The seminar had 178 people in attendance. The vendors were in a better mood this time.

I am looking forward to next year already, and being part of DGS (Discovering Genealogical Sources).

### **Robin Yankin**

**Vice President, Education, 2000-2001**

This year we had the following speakers at our monthly meetings:

Judge John Sholden, Justice of the Peace, spoke about records that are kept by the Justices and challenges associated with maintaining those records in storage or at the their office. He shared with us the Medical Examiner's record for President John F. Kennedy that has been kept in his office to date and requested help with finding it a proper home.

Alice Smith, MD and Pathologist, spoke about tuberculosis and helped us understand this disease from an historical perspective so that as genealogists we could better interpret our ancestors' records and think creatively about where to look for information about a person afflicted with it.

Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck, Librarian and genealogist, pointed us to some of the exciting books and records that have been added to the Tennessee collection in the library.

Helen Lu, genealogist, shared her wit and practical experience in finding and recording information about cemeteries, including how to identify those pesky poisonous plants that make the trip home very uncomfortable.

Joseph McKnight, JD and professor SMU, assured us you really can find the law associated with our ancestors' records and helped us map a plan to research it.

Don Raney, genealogist, took us down the migration trails of our ancestors so that we can understand where they may have migrated from, what counties they passed through (great for narrowing down where to look) and what their method of transportation may have been.

Shari Degan, genealogist, police officer and DGS President, showed us how spicy and exciting police records can be. She helped us understand how we may find the associates of relatives involved in official affairs and perhaps understand our family "black sheep" just a little better. These may prove to be like court minutes/records. You can't read just one! Their too interesting.

Donald Payton, genealogist, as of the writing of this report has not made his presentation on the Miller family of Dallas, but the rumor from folks who have heard him speak is that he will be very entertaining and will help us take a look at a prominent Dallas family and their household including the slaves.

Our 2000 Service Awards Banquet was a fantastic success and many compliments were received for the entertainment and food. The banquet was held on the 7th floor of the library in the Texas Collection meeting rooms. And, in keeping with the "Texas" surroundings we had a 12-string classical guitarist playing carols and other appropriate theme music. The dinner was catered by Spring Creek Barbeque and came in under budget. The award recipients were: Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award -- David Rencher, Director of the Family History Library (Salt Lake City, UT) The Preservation Award -- Preservation Dallas Volunteer of the Year -- Susan Powdrill, Hospitality and Volunteer Desk Award of Merit -- Karen Miller, Past DGS President As luck would have it, a few of the DGS members were in Salt Lake City for some researching and holiday relaxation and fun and were able to surprise David Rencher and present his award in person on behalf of the society.

Plans are underway for next year. We plan to debut a new topic by one of our own professional researchers; bring to the society speakers from outside the genealogical community who are doing research similar to ours; and we plan to hear from another unusual record keeper. All in all, this year debuted speakers from new areas to expand our



horizons and move us past the usual genealogical records--a little "out of the box" thinking--and gave some of the Society's outstanding researchers a forum to showcase their talents whether it was doing research; planning a celebration or avoiding unfriendly plant material. Don't forget Helen Lu's tips on recording cemetery information and remember to study her flora notes before plunging into that overgrown field to find great-grandmother's grave. Have a wonderful summer and may you find at least one hiding ancestor!

**Barbara Brown**  
**Vice-President Membership**

As the June 2000-May 2001 year comes to a close my two years as Vice President-Membership also ends. It has been a privilege to serve on the board. During this past year 94 new members have been welcomed to our society. Packets containing printed announcements and newsletters were presented to them. Membership as of May 2001.

Regular membership	966
Life membership	70
Library/Society membership	12
Total membership	1048
New membership	94
Overall change from last year	- 41

It was previously reported that the membership was 1483. This number was incorrect due to an honest mistake made by the data coordinator.

**Barbara Ware**  
**Vice President, Dallas Journal**

No report is available.

**Cheryl Mann**  
**Vice President, Newsletter**

Editing the newsletter for this past year has been a real pleasure. We have published 10 issues and the quality of the articles and submissions have helped make it one of the best society newsletters around.

An attempt to start up a regular Ask Lloyd column enjoyed a limited success because not enough entries were submitted, and we hope to revive that idea in the coming year.

A new feature this year was the Newsletter Editor's columns on Oral Histories. Kris Richins, Executive Vice President, suggested that this next year's columns feature information on Family Reunions, which is an excellent follow-up subject. Family Reunion columns will begin appearing in the July/August issue.

Gathering information and items of interest is always a challenge for a publication of this size. The members and board members have gone well above the call of duty in helping me to gather interesting informative articles this year, and a number of them have researched and written columns that have enriched and entertained us all, and I hope this coming year will add to this trend and make next year's newsletter an even better publication. Thank you to all who gave of your time and talents with such generosity.

**Edith Smith**  
**Recording Secretary**

No report available.

**Phyllis McCauley**  
**Treasurer**

Dallas Genealogical Society 2000 - 2001  
 Balance Sheet As of May 31, 2001

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Bank America	43,219.38
Beal Bank	29,656.74
Guaranty Fed Bank	36,986.57
Total Checking/Savings	109,862.69
Total Current Assets	109,862.69

Other Assets

Equipment	6,456.17
Total Other Assets	6,456.17
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>116,318.86</b>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities



Outgoing Board Liabilities	9,362.96
Funds	29,656.74
Total Other Current Liabilities	39,019.70
Total Current Liabilities	39,019.70
Total Liabilities	39,019.70
Equity	
Retained Earnings	41,398.03
Net Income	35,901.13
Total Equity	77,299.16
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>116,318.86</b>

**Profit & Loss**

June 2000 through May 2001

**Ordinary Income/Expense Income**

Fundraising	66,929.14
Miscellaneous Income	3.18
Total Income	66,932.32

**Expense**

Events Expense	35,938.35
Oper Exp	22,449.18
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00
Total Expense	58,387.53
Net Ordinary Income	8,544.79

**Other Income/Expense**

**Other Income**

Contributions, Gifts, Grants	30,239.51
Membership/Dues	19,193.00
Guaranty Bank CD Interest	986.57
Sales (Publ Charts)	8,499.14
Hospitality	194.84
FHLL Income	4,168.00
Total Other Income	63,281.06

**Other Expense**

Donations to DPL	25,865.20
Donations Other	1,090.00
FHLL Expense	3,887.50
Sales Expense	3,932.02
Other Expenses	1,150.00
Total Other Expense	35,924.72
Net Other Income	27,356.34
Net Income	35,901.13

**Betty Jean Steinke**

Sales Director

Sales was present as a vendor at all DGS functions and several other Texas workshops in the area, including the GenTech 2001 national conference held at the Mesquite Convention Center. The Volunteer Desk sales are very steady. Thanks

to all the volunteers! Sales for the eleven months ending April 30<sup>th</sup> total \$8,466.98.

Added to the DGS list of publications were three of Dr. George Schweitzer's books, *Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War*. Also sold were 64 copies of John Colletta's new book, *Only a Few Bones*.

**David Ladymon**

Mailing Director

Another great year for DGS! And plenty of mailings to our members during the 2000/2001 year. When the final newsletter and the 2001 Journal go into the mail, your society will have sent out approximately 11,152 DGS Newsletters and 14,063 mailers for our various Workshops and Lectures. We also sent the 2000 Journal for 990 and the 2001 Journal for 934, making a grand total of approximately 25,120 items mailed this year at a cost of almost \$4,300.00. We also answered an estimated 200 e-mail requests for information coming through the DGS website.

Again this year it was done with a lot of help from other members. My bride Dava Ladymon took care of most of the e-mail correspondence and lots of the labeling. Our President Shari Degan along with Cheryl Mann and Suzan Younger helped with the addressing of the Journal and several of the Newsletters, including the September issue when I was in the hospital.

My special thanks to all of the DGS members who sent cards, phone calls and prayers during my illness. These aided me in a speedy recovery.

Thank you for the opportunity of being able to serve as the Director of Correspondence/Mailings for the past year.

**Adrienne Jamieson**

Publications Director

The focus this year has been to continue working on the cemetery project, that is, inventorying Dallas County cemeteries. Work is being done on Cemetery Book 6 which includes cemeteries in Eastern Dallas County. The project to publish Dallas County records on the DGS Web Page is ongoing and will continue.



**Monette Grant**  
Publicity Director

I have mailed brochures and letters to the societies and libraries on the mailing list as well as newspapers and other publications throughout the year. Some of the publications printed the information and some did not. I expect to have one more mailing before the board year is up. When I am notified that the brochures are ready I will get with the incoming Publicity Directors and we will do the mailing.

**Alvin Harper**  
Volunteer Coordinator

Juanita Hogue started the year as the elected volunteer coordinator. After her unfortunate automobile accident, Alvin Harper was asked to assume the position by President Degan. Fortunately for all concerned, Juanita had done an excellent job of filling out the volunteer desk roster. Her efforts are very much appreciated.

In addition to the over 3000 hours. contributed in the year 2000, DGS volunteers have, in the first four months of 2001, given approximately 1300 hours to the library. Also, our volunteers put in 82 hours at the DGS booth for the Library's Centennial Celebration. The African American Genealogy Interest Group gave 36 of those hours.

The long awaited, much anticipated 8<sup>th</sup> floor move has started. To date DGS volunteers have given 24 hours to this project. We expect to add to that by a considerable amount.

These results can only be ascribed to the hard work and commitment of dedicated volunteers. Thank you all! I look forward to working with each and everyone in the coming year.

**Gene Burris**  
Liaison, Computer Interest Group

The attendance for 2000/2001: Total, 332; High 61, Low 22

The CIG had programs on Genealogy Software; Genealogy Research on the Internet; GenTech's Genealogy Data Model; Using Family Search online; Digital Imaging Cameras, Scanners &

Software; Using Powerpoint; Publishing on the Internet; Publishing (books); and Using a Spreadsheet in Genealogy.

The CIG's 2000-2001 operating budget was \$700.00 and was used in the following way:

Expenses	Budget	Actual	Difference
Speaker Fees	450.00	450.00	0.00
Handouts	200.00	51.64	204.29
Misc.	50.00	0.00	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>700.00</b>	<b>501.64</b>	<b>254.29</b>

This has been a very good year for the CIG.

**Vergie Freeman**  
Liaison, African American Genealogy Interest Group

The African American Genealogy Interest Group-AAGIG- (formerly African American Interest Group) of the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) has had a very successful year. Our 2000-2001 officers were:

Position	Name	Term
President	Donald Payton	2001
	Emille Betterson	2000
Vice President	Stacey Bennett	2001
	Alana Taylor	2000
Treasurer	Vergie Freeman	2000/2001
Secretary	Open	2001
	Charlotte Settle	2000

AAGIG met every third Tuesday of the month from September through May. Its 2000-2001 programs consisted of the following:

Month	Speaker, Topic
September 19:	Donald Payton, Miller Family History
October 17:	George Keaton Black North Dallas
November 21:	Working Meeting Go to Genealogy Dept. (8th Floor) to do research
December 19:	Holiday Gathering Membership Drive
January 16:	Vergie H. Freeman, Genealogy From An African American Perspective
February 20:	Sammi Townsend Lee Researching Genealogy on the Internet
March 20:	Working Meeting
April 17:	Lloyd Bockstruck African American Genealogical Resources in the Genealogy Collections of the DPL
May 19:	Fund Raiser Tour of Black Dallas

There was an average of 13 members and guests who attended the meetings on a monthly basis.



The above programs, with the exception of May's program, took place at the Dallas Public Library (downtown Dallas ) in the auditorium on the 1st floor. Sign in was from 6:00pm to 6:30pm. Program started at 6:30pm.

AAGIG's 2000-2001 operating budget was \$400.00 and was used in the following way:

Expenses	Budget	Actual	Difference
Speaker Fees	225.00	175.00	50.00
Postage	25.00	9.90	15.10
Printing Fee	50.00	125.00	(75.00)
Hospitality	50.00	13.20	36.80
Misc. (cards, etc.)	50.00	3.89	46.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>326.99</b>	<b>73.01</b>

AAGIG sponsored two fund raisers for the 2000-2001 term: (1) The Tour of Black Dallas (tour date May 19, 2001) which was a "tour of historic sites as it related to the heritage and history of African Americans in the Dallas area" and (2) Sale of polo shirts with AAGIG 's name and Sankofa Bird logo. Other events AAGIG was involved in: Gentech Conference (February 2-3, 2001) - some members served as volunteers to assist the renown speaker Mr. Tony Burroughs; Dallas Public Library Centennial Fest (April 21-22, 2001). At the DPL Centennial Fest, sixty-one (61) fellow genealogists signed up for AAGIG to notify them of future AAGIG meetings and events. For the 2001-2002 term AAGIG will be cosponsors with DGS in bringing Tony Burroughs to Dallas on Saturday, September 29, 2001. More information on this is forthcoming.

AAGIG's regular meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month from September through May. Unless otherwise indicated, the meetings will take place at the Dallas Public Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, Texas. Please contact Vergie Freeman at [vergiehf@flash.net](mailto:vergiehf@flash.net) if you have any questions.

### Betty Erikson Adopt A State

A total of \$339.75 was collected for Arkansas in the Adopt A State project. Nine counties were adopted. The jar was displayed at the four Lecture Series events and the Silent Auction. The results, by event, follow:

September 30 Lecture		
Elizabeth Thurmond	Arkansas and Deshay	\$ 30.00
Barbara Ware	Washington County	30.00
Betty Erikson	Arkansas Territory	30.00
Miscellaneous		<u>7.75</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$127.75</b>

October 28 Lecture		
Barbara Dossett	Uncommitted	30.00
Miscellaneous		10.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 40.00</b>

March 10 Lecture		
Willard Morrison	Scott County	\$ 30.00
Betty Erikson	Randolph County	30.00
Miscellaneous	Arkansas & Missouri combined	8.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 68.00</b>

April 28 Lecture		
Stephen E. Reid	Arkansas, Izard & Stone	90.00
Miscellaneous		11.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$101.00</b>

March 31 Silent Auction		
Miscellaneous		\$ 3.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>3.00</b>

**Total from All Events** **\$339.75**

## In Memorium

Once again, we are mourning a DGS member. Norma Maxine Todd Cansler, past DGS President and DGS life member, passed away April 25, 2001 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Norma Cansler was also a member of the Jane Douglas Chapter of the DAR. She was born near Dallas and grew up near Hutchins. She retired from the Dallas Public School system and was a life-long member of East Dallas Christian Church.

She is survived by her husband and son. Interment was at Laurel Land Cemetery on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

To register a change of address, e-mail, or other member information, please notify [info@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:info@dallasgenealogy.org).



## I Dream of Genie

Let's pretend. Each of us has a magic genealogy wand which will grant one genealogy wish. Do you have a dream that you would wave your wand and bring about for others? Wouldn't it be fun to have a genealogy magazine that had articles about events that had been recorded first hand, papers that had been saved from destruction, and the daily life of a particular era recorded in modern language with attention to detail? Maybe you would like to go to an old family cemetery and catalog the tombstones before they disappear in a tornado!

This next year, I'd love to publish I Dream of Genie wishes from you. If you have a particular genealogical fantasy of something you would recreate in the past, write it up and send it to me at [dgsnews@hotmail.com](mailto:dgsnews@hotmail.com). Most of you have wonderful imaginations and have some very creative and even funny ideas of what you would conjure up! In the message line, note that it is for "I Dream of Genie."

I have my dream (it's my idea, so I get to go first!). I would like a time machine that could go back to about 1900, find the 1890 census, get it placed somewhere that it would be protected from flood and fire and human foibles, and then come back home and be the first in the library the next morning ... Then maybe that great-grandmother who was dropped off by a passing flying saucer (Desmond Walls Allen's theory, not mine, but I like it!), would be proven to have been born and living with her somewhere out there.

Now, that isn't all that imaginative as ideas go. Some of you can top it with both originality and cleverness. What would you save for the world and what do you see it would do for other's research? What doors would be opened and what connections would be restored? Would you rescue records from your favorite Southern county courthouse before Sherman and his boys got to town with their Bic lighters? Would you ride from plantation to plantation and collect the records from the plantation offices to preserve the history of the slaves?

Would you be present at a famous event so you could chronicle the names actions and words of the participants? Or would you stand on the corner at Dealey Plaza, watching the bridge for a second shooter?

See your name and idea in print, right here, preserved for all time. Maybe, when I get my time machine, I could sell time to civilians like you (current DGS members would receive their usual discount from the \$20 million general public charge, of course), and you could travel back and fulfill your own dream!

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## NEW TOASTMASTERS GROUP FORMING

Cheryl Mann is in the process of forming a new Toastmasters group that will concentrate on training new family history lecturers and is open to anyone who is a lecturer, always dreamed of being one, or simply loves family history.

Cheryl will be hosting a get acquainted meeting in the early fall – so if you have not contacted her but are interested, you have plenty of time to give it some thought. Several people have expressed an interest – a great start!

And if you would like to take advantage of our genealogical summer break, you are invited to attend one of the meetings of Cheryl's group, which meets on the third Sunday of the month at Juan's Cantina, Beltline and 75 from 1 to 3 p.m., with members gathering about 12:30 p.m. to order lunch. Guests are always welcome – and your company would be most enjoyed! If you would like to attend a meeting this summer, you may contact Cheryl at the address below for further details or directions or just to ask her to save you a chair!

Toastmasters is a wonderful, supportive organization that supports people in overcome the fear of being in front of a room and the worry of getting tongue-tied by providing frequent opportunities to speak for from 3 to 15 minutes and offers manuals and mentoring to give you every assistance in getting trained.

If you are interested in attending a demonstration meeting, or would like to attend a regular Toastmasters meeting to see what they are like, please contact Cheryl at [manncl@earthlink.net](mailto:manncl@earthlink.net).



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Deposit: \$100.00  
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Balance Due at Registration July 19, 2001

The Ramada Inn Hotel has been chosen due to its convenient location to the J. Erik Jonsson Library. Daily free hotel shuttle service will be provided to and from the Library. Attendees are also welcome to drive – parking is available, both at the hotel (free) and in the underground garage of the downtown library. Mention DGS when making your hotel reservation to be assured of the group discount rate of \$79.00 per night, plus applicable taxes. Room availability is limited, reserve now.

Ramada Plaza Hotel  
1011 South Akard, Dallas, TX 75215  
(214) 421-1083  
(214) 428-6827 (fax)

### Class Schedule:

Thursday, July 19:

6 p.m.: Registration at DPL Auditorium

7 p.m. – 8:45: Welcome by DGS, Overview of Washington

Friday, July 20:

9 a.m. – 7 p.m.: Libraries, Archives and Public Record Offices: Understand Resources; The DAR Library; The Library of Congress; Lesser Known Repositories in Washington, D.C.

Saturday, July 21:

9:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.: Our National Archives: The Astounding Institution and How to Use it; National Archives Treasures (records on passenger arrivals, federal courts, naturalization, non-population censuses, federal land records, passport applications, Civil War income tax records); Military Records (includes service pension, bounty land); library research

Sunday, July 22:

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.: Brunch at Ramada Hotel

10 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.: Library of Virginia and Virginia Historical Society; Is Any Body There? Tracking Ancestral Remains; Closing

## Registration

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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Attendees are expected to make their own hotel reservations. If you need assistance in finding a roommate, we will try to assist (not guaranteed).

\_\_\_\_ Yes, need assistance.

\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_ Smoking \_\_\_\_ Non-Smoking

Registration Fee \$200.00

(includes notebook, guided research, Friday & Saturday lunches, Sunday brunch)

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## Genealogy: The marriage of a jigsaw puzzle to a dungeon & dragons game.

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# 1880 United States Census on CD-ROM

*Editor's Note: The production of the 1880 Census in CD form at a price that is affordable by almost anyone is a miracle for us all in the genealogical world. I am sure this is a trend that will continue and other censuses will appear in short order. The LDS Church has provided us all with many blessings in this field. Several members of DGS have obtained copies already; I have had reports that this product is wonderful – but I'm not telling who has a copy until I get a chance to see it first! It seems to me that the biggest problem involved with these products will be the truss you will need to lift a notebook filled with these CDs. The 1880 set contains a total of 56 CDs. But what a way to go.*

*Mr. Eastman's review and commentary on this new tool is the best I have seen on this product – and one of the best I've seen on any genealogical resource. It is obvious that he is excited to see this happening, simply from the length of the review. It's a great time to be doing research. With the index system available on this set, you can find many of the names you have been trying to decipher on that microfilm and have the hard part of the work done for you. Keep in mind, however, that this is a transcribed version – and not only is some of the information not included – as noted in Mr. Eastman's review – but these are NOT original records and should be used only for a little enlightenment in your hunt. And as always is the case with transcribed records, names can be misread or misinterpreted or even missed.*

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This week I had the opportunity to use a monumental new database; the 1880 United States Census Records as produced by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormons). This huge offering fills 56 CD-ROM disks. No, that is not a typo error. This census database really does fill FIFTY-SIX CD-ROM disks. The 1880 census contains information about 50 million individuals. The disks are packaged in a nice-looking, three-ring binder. While one CD-ROM disk only weighs a half-ounce or so, the combined binder plus all the 1880 census disks weighs a total of several pounds. This is a big database!

The release of the 1880 United States Census is a major announcement for several reasons. First, the availability of this resource on CD-ROM is news by itself. Next, this new resource contains a complete,

nationwide index. The 1880 census has never been indexed before. In order to find a listed person, you had to already know where he or she lived at that time. If you have ancestors with unknown locations at that time, you probably were unable to find their census listings until now. Even if you knew they lived in a big city, finding their entries in the 1880 census was a tedious task until the release of this new CD-ROM tool.

The 1880 United States Census Records CD-ROM set contains transcribed records, not original images. That is, hundreds of volunteers spent hundreds of thousands of hours reading census records on microfilm and then typing pertinent information into the database. These transcribed records contain the following information about each person: \* Last name\* First name, often including middle name or initials\* Age\* Sex\* Race\* Marital status\* Occupation\* Relationship to the head of household \* State or country of birth\* Father's state or country of birth\* Mother's state or country of birth\* National Archives microfilm number and page\* Family History Library microfilm number. Keep in mind that the above items are only a subset of the original records. The following information appears in the original 1880 U.S. Census records but is not on the CD-ROM version:

- \* The street name and house number in cities
- \* Whether or not an individual was married within the year
- \* The number of months an individual was unemployed during the census year
- \* Whether or not an individual was sick or temporarily disabled so as not able to function normally, and if so, the nature of the illness
- \* Whether an individual was blind, deaf, dumb, idiotic, insane, maimed, crippled, bedridden, or otherwise permanently disabled
- \* Whether or not an individual attended school within the year (although the CD-ROM version does often list an occupation of "student" or "attends school").
- \* Whether or not an individual can read and write



As always, you will want to use the transcribed records on CD-ROM as a guide to the original records. Once you find a record on CD-ROM, you will want to view the original record on microfilm to obtain the rest of the details. Each record on CD lists the microfilm number and page number of the original record. You can view these microfilms in many libraries or rent them for about \$3.00 each through a local Family History Center near you.

Installation of this CD-ROM set was simple. One of the CD-ROM disks contains the Windows software that you first install. The software is called Family History Resource File Viewer version 4.0 and apparently is based upon Folio Views, a product of the Folio Corporation. The software requires a Pentium processor (or equivalent), Windows 95, 98 or NT 4.0; 8 megabytes of RAM minimum (16 megabytes recommended); a CD-ROM drive (4-speed or faster recommended), 8 megabytes of hard disk space and a VGA monitor with 256-color-capable video card. While Windows 2000 was not listed as a supported operating system, I installed the software on my Windows 2000 Pro system, and everything appeared to function perfectly. The entire software installation took a minute or so to complete.

I have been told that Macintosh owners have successfully installed and used this software by using a 32-bit Windows emulator on their Macs. While you probably can do the same, keep in mind that such operation is not guaranteed or supported by the software producers.

There is no manual included within the CD-ROM package, and I didn't feel that I needed one. Operation was intuitive most of the time. When I had a question, I pressed F1 or clicked on "Help" and was soon able to find the answer in the built-in help files.

I first started by looking for one ancestor and found him quickly. Very conveniently, he was listed on Disk #1 of this 56-disk set. Admittedly, I had found him before in the census records that I had viewed on microfilm, so I simply verified the data I already had. Everything on CD-ROM matched my earlier notes.

I then moved on to other families. I searched and searched for this person and that. Next, I started looking for information that I know is of interest to

a few of my friends. I then looked for still others. The next thing I knew, I had spent six hours using this database. These CD-ROM disks are addictive!

When searching for names, be sure to check for variant spellings. For instance, my grandfather, Mike Deabay, and his father, Andrew Deabay, were both listed with a last name of Debeay. I have seen the microfilms of the original census records and know that the enumerator (census taker) wrote it with a space in the name -- "De Beay" -- although that space wasn't shown on the CD-ROM transcriptions. I also know that my grandfather could not read or write and wasn't sure how to spell his own name. I doubt if his father could read or write either. In 1880, many people could not read or write. My other French-Canadian great-grandparents were listed with a last name of "Tareo" whereas it is spelled Theriault in church documents I have found. At least both names are pronounced the same. I would assume that the census takers had to guess at the spelling of many such names.

Such variations are common in census records, and the genealogist will always want to try various spellings. Luckily, this is easy to do in the 1880 U.S. Census CD-ROM disks as you can search by wild cards. That is, you can search for "d\*b\*y" will find all occurrences of Deabay, Debeay and De Beay as well as Debey, Danbury, Darby, Deboy, Derby and many more.

You can even use wildcard on the first letter of a last name. For instance, census takers have been known to use the letter K instead of C or V instead of D. In addition, transcription errors creep in when the census taker's handwriting is difficult to read or the ink has faded. The Letter R may be mistaken for a K or something similar; For example, the Rencher family may be listed as Kencher. You can easily find many spelling variations with wild card searches.

You can also use the Boolean operators AND, OR and NOT. For instance, you can specify a search for all the men with first names of John or James but without the middle name of William.

In other instances, you may not even need to specify a name. If you do not know great-grandmother's maiden name but do know her first name was Ida and that she was born in



Massachusetts in 1868, you can specify a search of all the females named Ida born in that state and in that year. You can search by any combination of the following criteria:

\* Gender\* Year of birth and you may specify plus or minus 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 years\* Race\* State or country of birthplace\* Residence in 1880 by any of the following:  
o Region of the country (such as New England or Mid-Atlantic states)  
o State  
o County  
City or Town

Historians may find this CD-ROM collection to be a helpful tool as well. Anyone doing a study of a certain race in a certain location can use these CD's to speed their research. For example, one could identify all Black families in Michigan by searching for all families in that state with the Race field entered as "Black." Other race entries listed are Asian, Mexican, Mulatto, Native American, and White.

The Nationwide Index is especially useful when you have no idea where an ancestor lived in 1880. It won't help much on common names like Smith or Johnson; however, if you are fortunate enough to have ancestors with less-common surnames, you may find this resource to be the most valuable of all. You may be able to locate their 1880 residence quickly and easily, something that would have been impossible before.

Another great feature of the 1880 U.S. Census database is the ability to quickly find neighbors. All you do is first locate the household of the individual you are looking for, and then click on the Neighbors tab. Voila! A list of neighbors appears. Scrolling up will show all households that were listed before the person's home. Scrolling down will show all households listed after your person's home.

I found this to be very useful for finding relatives. One of my great-grandfathers had a family with the same surname living nearby, a family I am not familiar with. I now will do some research on this other family to see how they fit into the family tree.

Neighboring households were not always listed consistently in the census index. Each census taker recorded households in a way that was most convenient at the time. A census taker may have worked on one side of the street for several blocks

before crossing the street and working his way down the other side. Another census taker may have crisscrossed his way back and forth, working his way in the same direction across town. The information on the CDs does not include street addresses, so you cannot know what path a census taker followed in any given case from the CDs alone. You will need to view the referenced microfilm to decipher the pattern the census taker used to enumerate an area if you want to determine the position of these "neighbors."

Individual records are easily printed. I also found that I could cut-and-paste records from the CD-ROM into other Windows programs, such as the word processor I used to write this newsletter. Even better, you may export data (up to 100 records at a time) in either GEDCOM format or as text files in RTF format. Any modern genealogy program can read the GEDCOM files so that data can be directly imported into a genealogy database. I suggest you only import into an empty database, never directly import into your primary genealogy database. Almost any modern word processor can read the RTF files as text that looks almost identical to the data displayed on the screen. For example, I found it easy to create a file of all the EASTMAN entries in Penobscot County, Maine.

As you move around in this database, looking for different family names in different parts of the country, you can expect to swap a lot of CD-ROM disks in and out of your computer. One CD-ROM disk can hold 550 to 650 megabytes of data, depending upon formatting. Therefore, the 56 CD-ROM disks in this set probably hold about 33 gigabytes of data. That's 33,000 megabytes, or 33,000,000,000 bytes. Those of you who have a DVD drive might hope for a version on DVD, but keep in mind that DVD disks have just started to appear in the past 2 or 3 years. Such disks commonly hold 4 gigabytes of data each, and some of the newer designs will hold as much as 16 gigabytes each. I suspect the Family History Department will offer this CD-ROM set on DVD disks within a few years, as soon as DVD drives become more common in American households. However, don't look for a DVD version this year.

The 1880 U.S. Census and Nationwide Index is a great resource for many genealogists and one that



should become very popular soon. I suspect the Family History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will sell many thousands of copies of this huge collection of CD-ROM disks. If you have ancestors living in the U.S. in 1880, you want this collection!

OK, here is the best part: This set of 56 CD-ROM disks, including software, sells for \$49.00. That low price even includes the postage for shipment to a U.S. address. A high-quality genealogy resource that sells for less than a dollar per CD-ROM disk is bound to be very popular.

To order your own copy of the 1880 U.S. Census on CD-ROM, go to <http://www.familysearch.org>, click on "Order/Download Products" and then click on "Software Products." Continue to follow the menus until you find the 1880 Census listed for \$49.00. You will note that the order form is on a secure Web server, so you can safely enter your credit card number and other personal information.

## PAF Companion 5.0

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Personal Ancestral File for Windows is one of the most popular genealogy programs in the world. There are two good reasons for this: it does all the basic functions of a genealogy program and it is free. You can't beat free. Personal Ancestral File for Windows is available at [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org).

As good as PAF is, one must realize that it still is a rather basic program. It doesn't have all the "bells and whistles" of the higher-priced and more powerful programs. As a result, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints released PAF Companion in 1997. This commercial program adds numerous new reports to the basic PAF program. Each new version of Personal Ancestral File for Windows has soon been followed by a matching release of PAF Companion. This week I had the chance to use the new PAF Companion version 5.0. It is designed for PAF version 5.0 and 5.1 but also works well with PAF versions 3 and 4.

PAF Companion adds the following reports that are not in the basic PAF program:

- Family Group Record—A printed version of family group view in LDS format.
- Standard Family Group—A variable format that will print all user-defined events. This is a new feature added to PAF Companion 5.0.
- Kinship—Print all relatives of an individual with their relationship(s).
- Hourglass Chart—A box chart that prints both ancestors and descendants for an individual. This is a new feature added to PAF Companion 5.0.
- Pedigree Chart—Traditional LDS pedigree chart of an individual's ancestors.
- Ancestor Chart—A box chart of an individual's ancestors.
- Fan Chart—A unique "fan" presentation of an individual's ancestors. You can also print a full circle or quarter circle chart.
- Ahnentafel—An individual's ancestors prepared in a book format together with an index. Different from the other charts and reports, the Ahnentafel is output directly to your word processor for further editing and printing.
- Descendant Chart—A box chart of an individual's descendants.
- Outline Descendant—An outline report of an individual's descendants indented by generation. This is a useful summary report because only one line per person is printed.
- Register—An individual's descendants prepared in a book format together with an index. Like the Ahnentafel, the Register report is output directly to your



word processor for further editing and printing.

Many options are available for customizing these reports to suit your particular needs. New in version 5.0 is the option for including photos on several of these charts. Another special option is "Cousin Smart," which ensures that common ancestors or descendants for two distant cousins who marry are not repeated on the same chart or report, thereby saving space and paper on the printed reports.

I like the capability to print on any size of paper. Large wall charts can be created by taping many pages together or by printing on a large-scale plotter. These charts and reports can be produced on printers supported by Windows, including ink jet, laser, and even dot matrix printers. If you really want to impress people at the next family reunion, walk in with a wall chart that hangs ten feet high and twenty feet wide or something similar. You can print this on your own printer and then tape the sheets together. However, you can also go first class by "printing" the output to a file on diskette and then taking that diskette to a Kinko's store or similar service that will print the output onto a large, multi-color plotter.

The Register and Ahnentafel reports are automatically output to the word processor of your choice. From there you can perform additional editing, such as adding graphics to your report before printing. Register reports are close to the "de facto" standard for publishing genealogy books. You can automatically create a book with all the basic information and then use your favorite word processor to add personal commentary, pictures, maps, and other enhancements. Currently supported word processors include WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Works, Lotus Ami Pro, and Microsoft WordPad.

Installation of PAF Companion version 5.0 required less than a minute. I inserted the CD-ROM disk and followed the on-screen prompts, and it was completed almost immediately. You can launch the program independently or from within PAF version 4.0 or 5.0.

I spent some time experimenting with the various reports and found them all to be visually pleasing. I especially liked the hourglass report. I printed one with myself in the middle at the "narrow part" of the hourglass. This printed as a "horizontal hourglass" with my ancestors to the left of my name and my children to the right. In my case, this required four sheets of standard paper, which I then taped together into one large chart. The number of sheets of paper required obviously will depend upon the number of generations selected. The number of pages is displayed before you click on "Print" so you never receive the "surprise" of unexpectedly having to supply a ream of paper.

Another feature of PAF Companion is unique: I do not think I have seen its "Compare" feature in any other genealogy program. This automated feature of PAF Companion finds individuals in the Pedigree Resource File (PRF) on CD-ROM who may match those in your PAF database. The Pedigree Resource File (PRF) on CD-ROM is a huge collection of genealogy files contributed by private individuals around the world. You can use the Compare feature to quickly and easily find others who are researching the same individuals in your database. Note that you must have the Pedigree Resource File Master Index for Discs one through fifteen or newer in order to use this feature. The results are presented in a WordPad document that you can print or save for later use.

PAF Companion version 5.0 requires:

- Pentium processor (or higher)
- Windows 95/98/ME/NT 4.0
- VGA monitor with 256-color-capable video card
- Ten megabytes of hard-disk space
- CD-ROM drive (4X minimum recommended)

In short, if your Windows system can run PAF, it also can run PAF Companion. While I noted that Windows 2000 was not a supported operation system, I installed PAF Companion on Windows



2000 Pro and it worked fine for me. I did not experience any difficulties.

PAF Companion for Windows version 5.0 sells for the rather modest price of \$13.50 (U.S. funds). If you use Personal Ancestral File for Windows, you need the Companion. Also, if you use a different genealogy program but would like to add some of the reports or the "Compare Feature," you can always download a free copy of Personal Ancestral File. You then export your data from your present program in GEDCOM format, import it into PAF and then purchase PAF Companion to add the features you want. The total cost will be \$13.50.

For more information about PAF Companion 5.0 for Windows, or to purchase it online via a secure Web site, go to: [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org), click on "Order/Download Products" and then on "Software Products."

### **You know you are a genealogist when your Christmas list includes:**

1. Winning the lottery so you can build a genealogical library in your small town that will rival any in existence – and has every record, book and microfilm you need to do your research – and you get first chance at them.
2. A microfilm reader you can't find room for in your office anyway.
3. A gift certificate for professional research help – even though you will never spend it because you are determined that great-grandmother was born somewhere and you are going to find her, if it is the last thing you ever do, and you will never let a professional have the fun of finding her, even if it would get you back another generation.
4. The new LDS 1880 Census on CD – and the truss you will need to carry it around with you.
5. Gift certificates for your local pizza or Chinese delivery that will allow you to eat off your lap while entering your new findings in your database so you can have the satisfaction of proving to your cousin at the family Christmas party that you have at least 13 more records than she has.

## **"Top Ten Ways to Tell You're a Genealogist"**

10. You talk about towns no one has ever heard of.
9. You take a trip to Salt Lake City in winter and don't ski.
8. You read EVERY Roots-L Posting.
7. You never leave home without \$4 in quarters.
6. You call ATMs "stamp machines".
5. You've memorized the counties, their seats, and their addresses for three states.
4. You KNOW that people who have been dead for 200 years are laughing at you.
3. You visit cemeteries carrying food and cosmetics.
2. You check out office supply stores "just looking".
1. You've changed computer programs three times this year.

Found at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/3634/Genealogist.htm>

### **The Genealogist's Census Serenity Prayer**

God grant me the serenity  
to accept that the 1890 census cannot  
be recreated by a psychic medium,  
the courage to keep looking through the  
censuses I do have to use,  
and the wisdom to reread it at least  
three times before I give up looking!

--Cheryl Mann



**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Tony Burroughs**

**29 September 2001**

**Christian Church C.M.E.**

**14120 Noel Road**

**Dallas, TX**

**LOCATION**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday 6 Apr 2002  
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