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DGS Newsletter

Dallas Genealogical Society Census Update

By Barbara Dossett

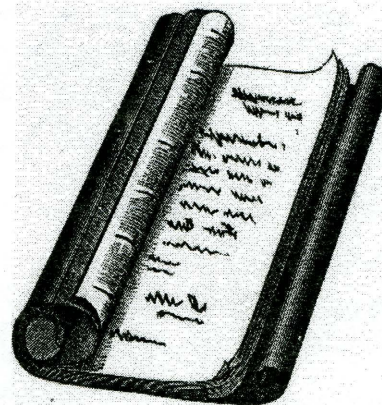
The Dallas Genealogical Society began raising funds in March 2001 to purchase microfilm of the 1930 Federal Census which will be released on April 1, 2002. The total amount needed to purchase the entire 1930 census is \$90,712 for 2668 rolls of microfilm.

The society has raised \$7719.58 through individual donations, as well as from passing my famous pickle jar. This amount also includes the credit from the 2000-01 Board year gift. At the October monthly meeting the membership reviewed the \$10,000 in the renovation fund. The current amount of this fund is now \$10,470. The membership voted to add this money to the 1930 Census fund. As a result the fund now stands at \$18,189.58. We have raised 20% of the needed funds! In addition, the grant committee under Carole Ruska recently submitted three grant requests, which could mean additional money in the census fund coffers. Let's keep those fingers crossed!

In the meantime, tax season is right around the corner. If you haven't completed your donations, think of DGS. Your donation could help us pick up an additional county or two!

It may seem like a lot of money still needed to purchase the complete census, but look how far we've come in six

months. To add a bit of friendly competition to the fundraising, our friends in Houston are trying to raise



money to purchase the census for their library. We may not have gotten the Olympics in Dallas, but a little spirited fundraising competition for the 1930 Census might be more fun for those of us with genealogy in mind.

"Houston, you may have a problem."

United We Stand

By Shirley Stertz Hawn

In 1813, when the British were planning an attack on Baltimore, the commander of Fort McHenry asked for a flag so large that the British would have no trouble seeing it.

Mary Pickersgill and her thirteen-year-old daughter Caroline used 400 yards of fabric to make the flag. It measured 30 by 42 feet had fifteen stars, eight red stripes and seven white stripes.

The flag was ready to meet the enemy on September 13, 1814, as they began their attack on Fort McHenry, Maryland.

Nearly 1,500 bombshells were fired by

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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 audiotapes, 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. Effective January 2002, membership dues will increase to \$25. Members receive 10 issues of the *DGS Newsletter* and the annual *Dallas Journal* (optional). Members may also rent audiotapes 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.

Newsletter: The *DGS Newsletter* is published periodically. All articles and correspondence for the *DGS Newsletter* should be mailed to the society address listed above, or to P.O. Box 260373, Plano, Texas 75026-0373, and sent to the attention of the newsletter editor. Articles appearing in the *DGS Newsletter* may be reprinted only upon receipt of written permission from the author. Credit should be given to the author & acknowledgment given the *DGS Newsletter* as the source. Letters requesting reprint permission should be sent to the newsletter editor. The *DGS Newsletter* is printed by Arrow Reprographics, Inc., 102 Northlake Shopping Center, E. Northwest Hwy., Dallas, TX 75238 © *Dallas Genealogical Society* [ISSN 1091-3130].

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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President's Column

By Shari L. Degan

I would like to apologize to our members for the delay of the October Newsletter. Ms. Mann was hospitalized for a period of time, which caused a delay in the production of the Newsletter. The Executive Committee met in October to discuss the conditions set forth by the Nomination Committee regarding the appointment of Ms. Mann. Effective immediately, Ms. Beth Dees Applebaum is the new Newsletter Editor. If you have any articles or ideas for the Newsletter, please email Beth.

An internal theft occurred within the Society by a former board member. This former board member has paid the Society in the full amount after a threat of legal action. This individual has been permanently banned from the Society. Also, this individual's name has been removed from the Professional's Research List. After this incident, a long time member and professional researcher approached the Society regarding a theft a service by the former board member. After this incident, DGS has tightened all aspects regarding the finances. I want to reiterate to everyone that I do not tolerate stealing and severe action will be taken against any member that commits a theft against the Society.

The "Researching in Tennessee" Lecture, featuring Lloyd Bockstruck, was a huge success! DGS had one of its best days in Sales with a lot of innovative thinking by Bill Deal and Barbara Dossett. These two individuals moved a lot of overstock book material by the lunch time hour. I want to thank all the board members for assisting with registration, hospitality, and Sales. For those individuals requesting any extra syllabus, the Society is completely sold out.

At the October General Meeting, the membership voted to move the \$10,000 that was set aside for the current renovation on the eighth floor to the 1930 Census Fund. The board and membership feel that any monies raised should be put forth in the purchasing of genealogical material.

DGS is participating in the Texas State Genealogical Society's Conference in Tyler on November 9 – 10, 2001. The Texas State Genealogical Society awarded first place honors to "The Dallas Journal" in the writing awards competition. I will be accepting the award on behalf of the Society. Congratulations to Barbara Ware for taking first place!

On behalf of the DGS Board, I want to extend a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

DGS News

Our **Spring Lecture Series** starts with **Curt Witcher** on February 9. Mr. Witcher is the Department Manager for the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN and Curator of that institution's Rare and Fine Book Collection. He will be speaking on: **Historical Research Methodology: Engaging the Process to Find All the Answers, Passenger and Immigration Research, Using Government Documents for Genealogical Research, and Who's Who Among Your Ancestors: Using Biographical Sources for Genealogical Research.** To find out more about Mr. Witcher and the lecture topics please visit our website at: www.dallasgenealogy.org and watch for the spring lecture brochure due out soon!

The **Silent Auction/Surname Party**, scheduled for March 9, will follow a revised lecture schedule. We are planning two hours of free lectures for the morning and after lunch the auction. A revised schedule will be published in the next newsletter. If you have a service or item to contribute for the auction, please contact Tresa Tatyrek at tresa@home.com or 972-539-7452. The items do not have to be genealogical in nature. The best items last year, after some of the services, were baby blankets! If you have a duplicate book or CD that you have in your collection, those make great items.

Dallas Genealogical Society has a NEW phone number for its voice mail. The new number is 469-948-1106. Messages will be picked up several times a week and sent to the appropriate person to return the call.

Join us for the DGS Annual Holiday Meeting and Service Awards Ceremony

10 December 2001
Dallas Public Library
6:30 pm-Social Time
7:30 pm-Awards Ceremony
Program

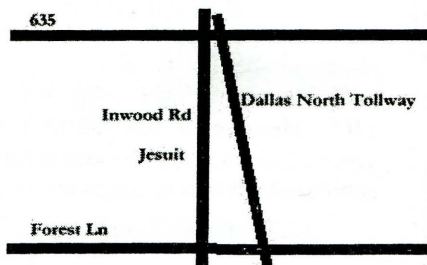
**Curt B. Witcher Lecture
Saturday, 9 February 2002**

Jesuit College Preparatory School--
Lecture Hall
12345 Inwood Road, Dallas

You won't want to miss our February lecture by Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA. Mr. Witcher is the Department Manager for the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is a Past President of Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and President of National Genealogical Society (NGS), as well as a noted author and lecturer. He is also volunteer coordinator of the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors (CWSS) Names Index Project. Mr. Witcher received his BA in History and English, and his MLS in Library and Information Science from Indiana University. He is co-editor of the 1987 through 1998 editions of the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) published by ACPL. He was a research consultant for the PBS Series *Ancestors*. In 1995, he was distinguished as a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Society.

This lecture will be in the Lecture Hall of Jesuit College Preparatory School. Seating is limited to 240, so get your reservations in early!

Jesuit is located on the west side of Inwood between Forest Lane and I-635.



Lecture Series Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Registration Fee for one lecture:

\$25 for DGS members

\$30 for Non-members

\$35 for anyone not pre-registered

Registration must be received by the Saturday one-week prior to lecture to be pre-registered.

Upcoming events (please check):

_____ Saturday, 9 Feb 2002 Curt B. Witcher
Jesuit College Preparatory School
Lecture Hall--Seating limited to 240
12345 Inwood Road
Dallas, TX 75244

_____ Saturday, 6 Apr 2002 Dick Eastman
Location to be announced

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

**Please make checks payable to:
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DGS cannot accept phone or credit card
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Texas Sanborn Maps Online

By Barbara A. Ware

The Sanborn Mapping Company made detailed maps of many cities during the late 1800s and 1900s. The maps were created to determine the fire insurance risk for specific structures in a town. As such, there is often no detail about open spaces or names of owners. But, the maps may give names of business, type of business, street names, property boundaries, as well as building outline, dimensions, construction materials and function. Comparing maps from various years shows the growth of the town.

The Texas/Dallas History Department of the Dallas Public Library is providing the Sanborn Maps for Texas cities online. From Abernathy and Abilene to Yorktown and Ysleta, there are more than 400 Texas towns available. The actual year available varies by city or town. Maps as early as 1885 and as late as 1952 are available. Library patrons may use the computers in any part of the library by connecting to the Texas/Dallas History page <http://dallaslibrary.org/CTX/ctx.htm>. This page will also connect you to the maps from your home computer.

I was able to download to a .pdf file of the 1892 maps of Farmersville, Texas where my great grandparents lived.

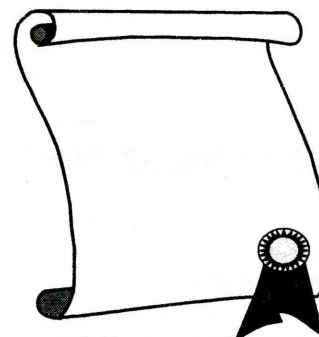
Comparing the 1892, 1895 and 1927 maps gave me a good idea about the growth of the town during the time my grandmother's youth and adulthood. In 1892 Lydia Strode Russell, my great grandmother, had the choice of seven grocery stores, three drug stores, three dry goods stores, a general store, a stationary store, a photographer, a butcher, a confectioner's shop and a bank. These were all around the "town square," although it wasn't square.

Comparing the 1892, 1895 and 1927 maps gave me a good idea about the growth of the town during the time my grandmother's youth and adulthood.

Her husband, Elijah Daniel Russell, might have frequented the one barber shop, three hardware stores (one that sold liquor and another stoves), a wheelwright, a carpenter, a carriage painting shop, a printer and two agricultural implement stores. The Masonic lodge was located above the photography and barbershops. The town also boasted a lumberyard, the Exchange Hotel, a boarding hotel, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, and a cotton gin. It received rail service from the East Line & Red River Rail Road and from the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Rail Road. Even though it is not labeled with their name, the Russell Brothers' Livery is draw on the map.

The .pdf maps printed very well with both my laser and inkjet printers on 8.5x11 paper. The maps can also be printed from the screen. The .pdf files are scalable so that you are able to see detail on your screen that might be too small in the printed version. The original maps were often in color with each color representing a type of material from which a building was constructed, for example yellow indicated a frame building, red a brick building, blue a stone building and so on. The online version is not colored.

When I saw these at GenTech, I was impressed but concerned about the speed of the Internet connection. Now that we have them available through the Dallas Public Library, I have had no speed problems in accessing the maps. In a quick search of the Internet I found one other Sanborn online map site: Fredericksburg, VA <http://www.historypoint.org/sanborn/index.asp> which has digitized maps from 1886, 1891, 1896, 1907, 1912.



Dallas Genealogical Society Gift Report

By Barbara Dossett

At the recent DGS monthly meeting the Gift Committee Report was presented to the membership. For the year 2000-2001 the board had made gifts in the following matter: The new bylaw savings \$25,000.00, City Directory donation \$7000.00, Earlier library donations 865.20, Renovation monies

\$10,000.00, NARA Donation \$1090.00, the Endowment Donation \$1150.00, Bill Benson Memorial #381.51, AAIG Fundraising \$519.70, and Adopt-a-state for \$771.28. The last three amounts were presented to Lloyd Bockstruck at the meeting by Vergie Freeman for AAIG, Shirley Sloat for the Bill Benson Memorial, and Barbara Ware for the Adopt-a-State program. There was a balance of unused funds in the amount of \$1414.62. This amount was applied to the Census fund.

Tom Thumb Reward Card

You can make a donation to the Dallas Genealogical Society every time you buy milk! Just give the Tom Thumb cashier DGS' code #4253, and every time you use your Tom Thumb Reward card DGS will benefit. Last year members donated over \$1,200 through this program!

Educational Opportunities

Free Genealogy Courses Offered at Richland College

Richland College, Spring 2002 Emeritus Program, invites senior citizens to enroll in their spring semester Genealogy classes on the Richland College Campus. If you are a resident of Dallas County and over 65 years of age, you are eligible for a waiver of tuition.

For additional information on registering for these courses contact;

Breinne Roche at 972-238-6958 or Mitzi Werther at 972-238-6393.

For a complete listing of Emeritus Courses available at Richland College, log on to the Richland Emeritus website at:

www.rlc.dcccd.edu/emergitus.htm and click on Credit Classes.

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Beginning Genealogy

Section 8211 - January 11 through February 15

Section 8212 - April 5 through May 10
Six classes on Fridays, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
(One credit hour) Instructor: Don Raney

A Beginner's Guide to Researching Your Family History. The text for this course is: *The Complete Beginner's Guide to Genealogy, the Internet, and Your Genealogy Computer Program*, by Karen Clifford.

This course will introduce you to the search for your ancestors by using basic forms to record family information and by lectures on research in library records, census records, vital records, courthouse records, tax records and land records.

Classroom instruction will be combined with hands-on computer practice. Students will receive instructions on how to search for Internet sites where information on their ancestors may be found.

Instruction will be provided on recording family information in The

Master Genealogist (TMG) computer program, and the program will be used to print out various genealogy reports on their family.

Intermediate Genealogy

Section 8219 - April 5 through May 10
Six classes on Fridays, 9:30 to 12:00 a.m.

(One credit hour) Instructor: Don Raney

An Intermediate Guide to Researching Your Family History. This course will continue the lessons that were started in Beginning Genealogy and use the same text.

The student will expand their research techniques by using "The Research Cycle" to solve genealogy problems. They will develop skills in constructing a time line for better analysis of their genealogical problems and goal setting to attack the next problem.

Lectures will cover genealogy research on the Internet, census records, LDS Family History Centers, National Archives and researching state and federal land records.

Website Helps Find Dates

By Barbara A. Ware

Have you ever read a newspaper clipping like this one from *Clippings of Claiborne Parish Louisiana Newspapers, vol. 1?*

**CLAIBORNE GUARDIAN— 13
March 1878 — Wednesday**

Mrs. W. C. CONNOR died last Sunday night leaving a husband and two little children. She was the daughter of Dr. M. A. CORNELINS (sic) and was born at Henderson, Rusk County in 1855. She was married to MR. CONNOR in 1870. (from Dallas, Texas, Commercial, 23rd instant). She has many friends in Claiborne.

When did she die? My Palm™ Desktop calendar only goes to 1915. The website for CalendarHome.com solved the problem with the free "The Thousand Year Calendar" (www.CalendarHome.com/tyc/).



According to the information on the site, you can even select when th calendar changed from Julian to Gregorian, October of 1582 (Italy, Spain, Portugal, and Poland) or September of 1752 (England and British Colonies).

The Dallas newspaper was issued on the 23rd instant, which would be February 23rd since the Claiborne paper was issued March 13th. The "instant" means the same month; the "ultimate" (ult) means the previous month. The Sunday before the 23rd is 17 February 1878. By the way W. C. Connor was mayor of Dallas 1887-94.

'Tis He Who Has Endured

By Shirley Stertz Hawn

'Tisn't he who has stood and looked on, that can tell you what slavery is – 'tis he who has endured.

John Little spoke these words in 1855, when he was a fugitive slave living in Canada.

At the Library of Congress in Washington D.C., there is a group of records called the *Slave Narrative Collection*. These are stories of former slaves, who were interviewed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in the 1930's, and also include interviews recorded before the Civil War.

The narratives give a diverse and fascinating depiction of life in bondage, as well as a first person account of post-emancipation life.

There are over two thousand interviews gathered from seventeen states in the collection, and these can be read on-line at the Library of Congress website, <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml>

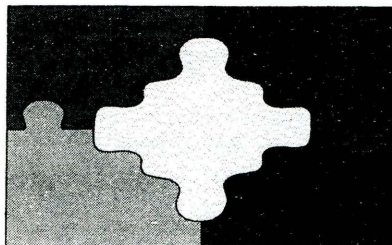
Although there are five hundred pictures of former slaves in the collection, only two hundred are available on the website.

The *Slave Narrative Collection* can be searched on-line in several ways:

- Keyword
- Narrator
- Volume
- Browse all by state
- Browse photographs by subject

These narratives have been microfilmed and are also available if you visit the Library of Congress.

The sources listed below can also help in your search for slave ancestors and can be useful in placing them in an historical context.



Bibliographic Checklist of African-American Newspapers, by Barbara K. Henritze – A list of approximately 5,500 African-American newspapers that have been identified in all major bibliographic sources. The book is searchable by geographic region, title, and time period.

Black Roots by Tony Burroughs

Finding a Place Called Home: A Guide to African-American Genealogy and Historical Identity. New York: Random House, 1999.

African American Genealogical Sourcebook, by Paula K Byers, Gales Research, Inc. Detroit: 1995.

Buffalo Soldiers at San Juan Hill 1898
<http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/documents/spanam/bssjh/bs-sjh.htm>

Web Sources for Military History
<http://tiger.uic.edu/~rjensen/military.html>

African American Mailing Lists
http://www.rootsweb.com/~jfuller/gen_mail_african.html

The Roots of American Slavery – A Bibliographical Essay by Philip J. Schwarz

<http://www.stratfordhall.org/schwarz.htm>. This is an essay on the history of slavery that includes many valuable

sources for the researcher looking for slave ancestors.

From Slavery to Freedom: The African-American Pamphlet Collection, 1824-1909

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aapchtml/aapchome.html>. These pamphlets are from the Rare Book and Special Collections Division of the Library of Congress.

There are 397 pamphlets, consisting of approximately eleven thousand pages. Most were written by African-American authors, and were published between 1824 and 1909.

First-Person Narratives of the American South, 1860-1920
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/ncuhtml/fpnashome.html>

African-American History and Culture

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/mss/guide/african.html>

Africans in America
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/home.html>. This website tells the story of America's journey through slavery.

There is a link called the *Resource Bank Index*, which is divided into three parts: *People & Events*, *Historical Documents and Modern Voices*. Each of these sections has over seventy-five links to stories of former slaves, images, documents and biographies.

The Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society has a great website. There are links to **Event Calendar**, **Special Projects**, **AAHGS News**, **AAHGS Journal**, and **Membership Information**. There is also a link to local chapters. There are seventeen state chapters, but unfortunately, Texas doesn't have one.

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New Acquisitions
in Genealogy at the Dallas Public Library

By Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, FNGS

Donations have been made by the following:

\$20 from David Allen Navorska, \$50 from the Col. Cole Digges Chapter Colonial Dames XVII Century in memory of Wanda Lou Ledwell and Helen McKisick Freeland, \$500 from Lloyd Bockstruck in honor of the DGS Board, \$771 from the Dallas Genealogical Society; \$519.70 from the African American Interest Group of DGS, \$382.51 in memory of William Benson from the Dallas Genealogical Society, \$25 from the Col. Cole Digges Chapter Colonial Dames XVII Century in memory of Wanda Lou Ledwell, \$50 from the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims in honor of Lloyd Bockstruck, \$50 from Mary Beadles in honor of Lloyd Bockstruck.

UNITED STATES

- Lineage Book/National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists. volumes 27, 30, 32, 33.
- Family Names and Family History. Genealogy Online.
- Genealogy Basics Online: A Step-By-Step Introduction to Finding Your Ancestors through the Internet.
- Circulating Library Catalog for the New England Historic Genealogical Society. 2 volumes. Vol. 1 Genealogies, vol.2 Histories and Research Aids.
- Goode's World Atlas. 18th Edition.
- Bibliography: Recommendations for a Core Genealogical Collection Including National & Regional Titles, Journals, CD-ROMs and Internet Sources.
- Plain Women: Gender and Ritual in the Old Order River Brethren.
- A. K. A.: (Also Known As).

Digging for Family Roots: a Beginner's Guide to African American Genealogical Research.

ARIZONA

- Arizona Territorial Marriages, Yuma County, 1864-1912.
- Western Navajo Reservation Navajo, Hopi, and Paiute Indians Birth and Death Rolls, 1925-1933.
- 1932 Hopi and Navajo Native American Census: With Birth and Death Rolls. 2 volumes.

ARKANSAS

- Black Slaves & Early Freedmen of Hempstead County, Arkansas 1819-1850.

CALIFORNIA

- Solano County, California, Will Book 1 1856-1876.
- 1000 California Place Names: Their Origin and Meaning.
- Index to the 1890 Great Register of Solano County, California.

DELAWARE

- Deaths, American Expeditionary Force, W.W. I, 1917, 1918, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Freedman's Savings and Trust Company: Depositor Signature Card Entries for Washington, D. C., 1870-1871.

FLORIDA

- Seminole of Florida Indian Census 1930-1940 With Birth and Death Records, 1930-1938.

GEORGIA

- Deaths, American Expeditionary Force, W.W. I, 1917, 1918, Georgia.
- Confederate Veterans and Widows Pensions, Paulding County, Georgia.
- Georgia's Governors' Journals 1789-1798: County, State and Militia Officers.
- Columbus, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings (Columbus Enquirer). v.6, 1847-1849.

Index of Marriages, Hall County, Georgia, 1819 to 1900.

IDAHO

- Deaths, American Expeditionary Force, W.W. I, 1917, 1918, Idaho.

ILLINOIS

- Dispatch/News. Series 16, vols. 7, 1, 2, & 3.

INDIANA

- Blackford County Pioneers, Blackford County, Indiana.
- Grace Lawn Cemetery, Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana.

KENTUCKY

- Graves County, Kentucky Cemeteries.
- History of No Creek, Ohio County, Kentucky; with a Genealogy and Biographical Section.
- Trigg County, Kentucky: Misc. Historical Clippings. Vol. 1, 1861-1891.

LOUISIANA

- Spain's Louisiana Patriots in its 1779-1783 War with England during the American Revolution. Part Six.
- Winston De Ville: An Annotated Bibliography of Genealogical and Other Writings, 1959-1999.

MAINE

- Deaths, American Expeditionary Force, W.W. I, 1917, 1918, Maine.

MASSACHUSETTS

- The Mayflower Descendant. Vols. 12-16.
- Search for the Passengers of the Mary & John 1630. Vol. 27. New Ancestral Discoveries-Part 3.
- Milton Cemetery: a Catalogue of the Proprietors of Lots, Together with a Record of Ancient Inscriptions on all Tablets in the Cemetery Prior to and including A. D. 1800: A. D. 1687-A. D. 1800.
- Three Hundred Colonial Ancestors and War Service: Their Part in Making American History from 495 to 1934.

MICHIGAN

Michigan Biographies: Including Members of Congress, Elective State Officers, Justices of the Supreme Court, Members of the Michigan Legislature, Board of Regents of the University of Michigan, State Board of Agriculture and State Board of Education. 2 vols.
Deaths, American Expeditionary Force, W.W. I, 1917, 1918, Michigan.

MINNESOTA

Deaths, American Expeditionary Force, W.W. I, 1917, 1918, Minnesota.

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi, The Biloxi Herald: Newspaper Items, 1888-1891.
Mississippi Choctaws Indian Census With Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1933-1939.
Choctaw of Mississippi Indian Census, 1929-1932, with Birth and Death Records, 1924-1932.
History and Families of Kossuth, Mississippi.
The Woodville Republican, Mississippi's Oldest Existing Newspaper. Vol. 6: January 5, 1884-December 26, 1891.

MISSOURI

A to Z Missouri: The Dictionary of Missouri Place Names.
St. Louis City Coroner's Records, 1846-30 March, 1900.

NEBRASKA

Deaths, American Expeditionary Force, W.W. I, 1917, 1918, Nebraska.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Castle, New Hampshire Vital Records, 1891-1997.
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Update on a History of the Spences of Texas and Beyond.

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Long Trail Winding: The Personal History of Morris Alma Thurston.

Mary (Thornborough) Turner and Family in Tennessee 1783-1805/1807.

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'Tis He Who Has Endured

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There is an e-mail link for each state to make it easy to correspond with the area where your ancestors lived.

The Links on the **Web Resources** page are categorized. There is a separate listing for **Internet Resources, U.S. Federal Agencies, National Genealogical and Historical Organizations, and State Resources**. Each state has a link to existing **State Archives, Libraries, and Historical Societies**. Wouldn't it be great if Dallas had a local chapter of the **Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society!** The website for the national headquarters is <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mdaahgs/>

There is so much material to research, it is a difficult to choose which sources to mention. However, one that shouldn't be overlooked is *The Guide to African -*

American and African Primary Sources at Harvard University. This guide provides an inventory of materials found in the twenty-two Harvard libraries and museums. There are maps, photographs, diaries and letters, manuscripts, artifacts, and works of art.

A source that gives tips on locating an African-American slave ancestor when the names of the slave owner is not known, is a book by Mary L. Jackson Fears, titled *Slave Ancestry Research - It's Something Else*. Lloyd Bockstruck reviewed it in 1995, and said the book "is a Model for others, with innumerable hints and guidelines that can be applied to slave ancestral research".

The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands was established in March 1865. The purpose of the bureau was to supervise all relief activities concerning the refugees and freedmen. This organization is also known as the **Freedmen's Bureau**, and you can visit their website and search

for information on-line. <http://www.freedmensbureau.com/>

The Freedman's Bank Records witapproximately 480,000 names of people and families who used the bank can be searched. The collection covers a time period from about 1864 to 1871. There is a CD-ROM for sale from the Family History Department of the LDS Church that documents these records.

There are many collections compiled over the years by churches and private organizations that have enormous value for telling the story of African Americans.

However, there are many records still in the hands of private owners that need to be documented, and man that are vulnerable to deterioration, neglect or loss. As these records and historically significant stories are found and studied, more and more information will become available to researchers and will be preserved for future generations.

Have You Researched All Of Your "Family Members?"

Canine Genealogy 101

*Cill O'Laough Cill Dara "Bubba"
Degan, Canine Good Citizen/CD*

Every month, my owner spends time researching her ancestors and trying to jump over the proverbial brick wall but have you really taken a long hard look at the pedigree of your beloved pet? Do you know the medical history of your faithful companion's ancestors? Have you spent any time researching the burial grounds for your ancestor's pets? The family pet is a significant part of the family and should not be neglected in genealogical research. Otherwise, I might decide to eat another family group sheet or the treasured family photographs!

Canine Pedigrees

I remember the day when my adopted family drove to Lindale, Texas and the breeder stated that I, the "chosen" one, was pure bred. How do you really determine that the little fur ball is pure? A respectful breeder will present the new owner with the registration paperwork from either the American Kennel Club or the United Kennel Club. These two institutions provide, at a small cost, a Four - Generation Pedigree Chart. The Pedigree Chart reflects the following information: Name of Dog, Registration Number, Birth Date, Colors/Markings, and Breeder. The Pedigree Chart will reflect any titles earned by any of the ancestors. My pedigree chart shows my ancestors with CD and CDX Obedience titles. One day, I may decide not to run out of the show ring or visit the judge so that I can earn my CDX Obedience title.

If you are not totally convinced about the Canine Pedigree Chart and want to verify parentage, the American Kennel Club offers DNA Genotyping. The only thing that worries me about this test is that long cotton stick swabbing my mouth. I wonder why humans have to track my heritage this way....

The pedigree chart is only one significant tool in canine genealogy. Have you considered doing a family group sheet? Have you ever asked the breeder how many pups were in the litter? It is important to find out any information regarding littermates to see if any of the puppies have medical problems. I inherited the dreaded food allergies but my littermates haven't any medical problems.

Other Factors

Another important factor in developing a canine family group sheet is for future family reunions. I had the "Luck of the Irish" on Memorial Day weekend. As I was waiting patiently observing master level dogs run in Agility, my sister Peaches and her adopted mom, emerged from the crowd. I discovered that we look like twins but we are totally opposite in personality. Believe it or not, Peaches is the outgoing one and I am the shy one.

And in the End

There comes a time in life that I must leave this earth. I know that when I was a young pup that my life was threatened several times due to my eating of socks, shoes, and a bullet. Don't even ask how I got a hold of the bullet! That is a sore subject with my family. According to my veterinarian, the average life expectancy of a dog is 13 years. It is the owner's responsibility to record the date of death. There are not any

agencies that register death records. It appears that humans have several burial options available but faithful companions do not. Have you made any plans for your pet? Oakland Cemetery in Dallas has a pet cemetery with a horse, chimpanzee, and several canines of the families of Dallas. I visited Oakland Cemetery and found the burial grounds quite tranquil. Another pet cemetery option is Pet Rest in Sachse. If a pet cemetery isn't feasible, then consider the backyard or a favorite location in the country. Cremation services are available in the Dallas area. Remember to walk the family estate to see if any of your ancestors left any burial markers for their pets.

Some of My Best Friends . . .

Some of my best friends are of the Heinz 57 flavor and come from an adoption agency or were found on the side of the road. That is a genealogical nightmare research problem that I don't even want to tackle at this time.



Ulster Historical Foundation 12th Annual Family History Conference

The Ulster Historical Foundation is pleased to announce details of their 12th Annual Family History Conference entitled: *Landlords, Tenants & Tithes*, for the year 2002. The conference will run from the 24th September to the 1st October 2002.

While the historical context provides the framework for the conference, this is primarily a genealogical event with the central purpose as always to give delegates hands-on experience of research in the main archives of both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

While concentrating on the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), Belfast and the National Archives in Dublin delegates will have ample opportunity to visit other noteworthy repositories like the National Library of Ireland, the Registry of Deeds, the Linenhall Library and Presbyterian Historical Society.

The conference will be held between three venues this year: Belfast, Enniskillen and Dublin. The hotels that will accommodate the conference are 3 to 4 star standard. The programme will include a range of tours, social events and entertainment, all included at no extra cost.

Other events include:

Scottish Tour - 1st - 6th October 2002
This tour combines research in the major archives and repositories in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Fortwilliam, with a wide programme of tours, activities and evening entertainment. Enabling delegates to pursue their Ulster/Scottish ancestry while enjoying all the comforts and activities of a touring holiday. This tour has limited spaces available, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Pre-Conference Workshop - 24th September 2002
Includes an introductory tour of PRONI planned for Tuesday 24th September between 9.00am and 4.30pm. This workshop will be a practical course and an ideal introduction (or refresher) course for those with limited experience of family history research in Ireland. Delegates will also have the opportunity to discuss how to begin their research with UHF's team of researchers.

More information can be found at www.ancestryireland.com/index.htm?conferenceIntro.htm or by email at enquiry@uhf.org.uk for a brochure.

New Publication due in early 2002
History of the Irish Parliament 1692-1800 Commons, Constituencies and Statutes. This major six-volume work is the outcome of decades of dedicated research, masterminded and edited by E M Johnston-Liik. An invaluable reference work of huge importance it will include biographies of some 2,300 MPs; constituency histories; the statutes of parliament and a political survey. Volumes will be slipcased in pairs and are only sold as a set.

Retail Price £450 including P+P.
Request a brochure now for information on our Pre-Publication Subscription offer.

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Queries



SNIDER, PRUITT

Searching for proof of parents of Marinda SNIDER, who married John Martin PRUITT 24 Feb 1850 in Dallas County, Texas. Could her parents be Joseph and Mary (Henry) SNIDER? All went to Vernon County, Missouri area 1850-51. Pruitts came back to Dallas in 1860s.

Looking for Bible records, as well as pictures of the family. Will pay costs for postage, film and developing.

Does anyone know the connection between Solomon PRUITT of Madison County, Illinois and William PRUITT of Dallas as evidenced by deed K213?

Nancy E. Howell
2343 Simpson
Fresno, CA 93705-3634

WANN, REYNOLDS

Looking for parents of Elizabeth WANN born ca. 1826 probably in Alabama who married Robert REYNOLDS son of Hardin REYNOLDS. Their daughter Elmira Jane REYNOLDS married Rev. Sam DEES. She died in Dallas in 1935. The family is found in Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas.

L.C. Dees
P.O. Box 260373
Plano, Texas 75026-0373

Queries may be submitted either by email to dgsnewsletter@aol.com, or mailed to: **Queries, DGS Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 260373 Plano, Texas 75026-0373**. Submissions are free for DGS members, and \$3 per query for non-members. The editor reserves the right to edit queries for space and clarity.

Editor's Corner

First and foremost, I want to thank Shari Degan and the rest of the DGS Board for their confidence in me. I'm really looking forward to working with everyone, and I hope the publication we produce will continue to be a quality one. I have been overwhelmed by the generous support of the board and membership while this issue was in production. Thanks to all of you for your guidance as well as for the articles you provided.

This month's issue is presented in a new format, which I hope will be well received. There is only one thing missing--and that's you! I need your ideas, suggestions and comments, but most of all I need your articles. Please feel free to submit articles on genealogy related subjects; perhaps your solution will help someone else with their brick wall. I'd also love to hear about "hidden treasures," places where you've unexpectedly run across valuable information. If you know something about the history of a local community, tell us about it. Local history can provide valuable clues when we are trying to reconstruct our ancestors daily lives.

To encourage your participation, we are instituting a new writing award. We will honor the best submission to *DGS Newsletter* each quarter with a free admission to one of our popular lectures. You may submit articles by email to dgsnewsletter@aol.com or by mail to: DGS Editor, P.O. Box 260373, Plano, Texas 75026-0373.

This holiday season is a time when many of us are able to spend time with family and friends. As you gather with your loved ones, it is a wonderful time to gather stories about the family. This season, be sure you record these treasures. Besides occasionally providing research clues, they are the golden moments for those of us who are the keepers of the family's history. If you haven't done it already, be sure to make note of your thoughts and feelings about our nation's tragedy on September 11 and all that has followed. In my own home, I have not only recorded my own feelings, but those of my children. Among other things in this collection, I have pictures drawn by my 8-year-old and notes from my conversation with my older son at college in Chicago. From coffee with a neighbor the other day, I have notes on what he witnessed at Pearl Harbor and his feelings about current events. Then there are the unexpected wonders. For example, an internet "cousin" just sent me a marvelous account of our respective ancestors and some "wild adventures" in Dallas in the 1900s. Okay, they weren't that wild to us, but they were to two young men from a small farming community in East Texas at the turn of the century! It's wonderful to add these accounts to the basic BMDB information we collect on our families, giving us a much richer look at their lives. But don't forget that it is an ongoing process--what you record about the events of today will become the treasures of your families' future.

So share the memories and create new ones; carefully copy the old pictures and be sure to take lots of new ones; share tears, laughter, fun and, of course, the food. And this year, hug them all a little tighter and hold them a little closer in your heart. Happy holidays!

Beth Dees Applebaum

Document Preservation

The following list of sources was pulled from the Ancestry.com website and contains a valuable list of articles and websites with information on preserving your family history items. This information is copyright 1998-2001 by Myfamily.com Inc. and its subsidiaries and is reprinted with permission.

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("Along Those Lines . . ." 4/14/2000)

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Restoration, Preservation, and Disposal of Home Sources

(Excerpt from *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*, edited by Loretto D. Szucs and Sandra H. Luebking, Chapter 1, "The

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Outside Resources

National Archives and Records

Administration,

Archives and Preservation Resources

<http://www.nara.gov/arch/>

National Trust for Historic Preservation

<http://www.nthp.org/>

National Center for Preservation

<http://www.ncptt.nps.gov/index2.stm>

Virtual Cemetery Research

By Dick Eastman

The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2001 by Richard W. Eastman. It is published here with the permission of the author.

When the courthouse burned, where did we turn for genealogy information? At the cemetery! Tombstones are literally "etched in stone." They often provide information when paper records have disappeared or been destroyed. Cemeteries can be excellent sources of genealogical information. Using tombstones, you can find an individual's birth and death dates, information that may not be available elsewhere. One of the best ways to find death information on an ancestor is to look at his or her gravestone. It will usually provide basic data, such as birth and death date, but there may also be a personal inscription that gives you insight into his or her personality. Sometimes a tombstone or nearby markers will give a clue about military service. You may discover epitaphs that give you insight into the individual's sense of humor or ideas about death, or even the way other people felt about him or her.

Want to look for an ancestor's tombstone even though you lack the time or money to travel to the burial location? Take a look at Genealogy.com's Virtual Cemetery Project. The Virtual Cemetery is a fully searchable online collection of tombstone photographs from around the world. Members of the Genealogy.com community contributed all of the tombstone photographs in this collection.

I decided to look for tombstones with the same last name as my own. I clicked on "Search for a Tombstone" to display the search page. This page allows you to search on any combination of the following details:

- First Name
- Middle Name

- Last Name
- Birth Date
- Birth Place
- Death Date
- Place of Death
- Cemetery Name
- Cemetery Location

The Virtual Cemetery allows you to search on any of this information that could have been entered by the person who posted the picture. Keep in mind that not every picture will have all of the information; unknown information is simply left blank. One advantage to searching on any item is that you don't need to know the name of a person to look for their gravestone. For example, if you know that your ancestors were generally from around Salisbury, Maryland, you could type that information into the Cemetery Location field on the search page — you may even find some family you didn't know existed.

You may even find some family you didn't know existed . . .

I entered "Eastman" into the Last Name field and then clicked on "Search the Virtual Cemetery." Two entries were listed in the displayed search results. I decided to first look at the tombstone of Ezekial Eastman of Rumney, New Hampshire. I clicked on his name, and almost immediately a picture of his tombstone appeared. I was able to read his name, date of birth, and date of death. Even better, his wife, Abigail, is also listed on the same tombstone with her dates of birth and death.

This is great stuff. I was able to look at tombstones without leaving home! As powerful a tool as the Virtual Cemetery is, you can make it even more valuable for other genealogists. You can contribute photographs you have taken of your ancestors' tombstones. Even better, you might talk your local genealogy society or historical society

into photographing all the tombstones in your town or county and contributing those photographs to the Virtual Cemetery. All you need is an inexpensive digital camera and some time.

Contributing photographs to the Virtual Cemetery is easy. From the Welcome page, just click Contribute a Tombstone. Then you go through five steps:

Step 1: Enter information about the person whose tombstone you're adding, as much of it as you have. There are fields for first, middle, and last name; birth date and place; and death date and place.

Step 2: Choose the photo you want to add by clicking the Browse button and searching your hard drive. Photos should be in .gif or .jpg format and cannot be larger than 300KB. You can also type in the inscription that's on the tombstone.

Step 3: Enter the name of the person's spouse, if you know it.

Step 4: Enter the cemetery's name and location.

Step 5: Choose how much of your contact information to include. This information comes from your user registration — you can choose to have your e-mail, mailing address, telephone, or no information listed by checking or unchecking the appropriate boxes.

Once you've entered all of your information, just click Contribute Tombstone Photo Now, and you're finished. Once the photo has finished uploading, your completed page will display in the browser.

Today, the Virtual Cemetery contains photographs of only a tiny percentage of all the tombstones in existence.

However, if enough genealogists contribute photographs, that could change.

To search Genealogy.com's Virtual Cemetery, or to contribute your own photographs, go to:

http://www.genealogy.com/vcem_welcome.html

Don't miss Dick Eastman at the DGS April Lecture. Registration form is available on page 164. Details about this upcoming event will be included in future newsletters.

Professional Researchers Questionnaire

It is time to update the Dallas Genealogical Society's list of DGS members who perform genealogical research for a fee. If you submitted this questionnaire to DGS a few months ago, please resubmit it. The list is sent by DGS to persons requesting information about professional researchers in our area. To have your name and services included on the list, and on the DGS Internet page for professionals, please complete the following questionnaire and return to **DGS at P. O. Box 12446, Dallas TX 75225-0446** or e-mail responses to: info@dallasgenealogy.org.

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: _____
Web page: _____

- _____ D. Twentieth 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: _____

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

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 Center
- _____ R. Dallas County Court House
- _____ 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

GENTECH 2002:

Family History at the Speed of Light

Register now for GENTECH 2002 in Boston! 25-26 January 2002. Give yourself a Christmas present with a discount and register before December 31 - see <http://gentech.org> for detailed program, speakers and registration info.

Here are just a few reasons you should attend--

Conveniently located in downtown Boston, the Sheraton Hotel 1-800-325-3535 <www.sheraton.com> and Hynes Convention Center are a quick and convenient shuttle ride from the airport. Travel arrangements may be booked through Association Travel Concepts 1-800-458-9383

www.assntravel.com. You'll have plenty of time for fun activities.

Host society, NEHGS will be open for conference attendees on Sunday, January 27th from 10-5 and is open until 9pm on Thursday night. <www.NewEnglandAncestors.org> The Massachusetts Historical Society is just a few blocks away <<http://masshist.org/>> Nearby Boston Public Library is open evenings until 9:00 Monday through Thursday. <www.BPL.org>

Dr. Bryan Sykes, author of the critically acclaimed *Seven Daughters of Eve* will be the banquet speaker. It is a presentation you won't want to miss. For more information on the program and to sign up for an e-newsletter see www.gentech.org

There are LOTS more reasons for attending GENTECH!

Family History at the Speed of Light - GENTECH is THE conference for technology and genealogy.

Genetics Sessions

We are very fortunate this year to have an outstanding group of presenters on the subject of the interactions of genetics and genealogy.

Exhibit Hall

Exhibitors from across the United States and United Kingdom will fill Exhibit Hall B in the Hynes Convention Center.

Boston -- The Hub of Genealogy, Technology, and History!

Special trips to Old Sturbridge Village, Symphony Hall, Samuel Adams Brewery, New England Historic Genealogical Society Library, Boston by Sea Tour, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Archives, and the American Antiquarian Society, Literary Trail of Greater Boston, Salem MA - Peabody-Essex Museum, Phillips Library, and the House of the Seven Gables, Innovation Odyssey Tour -- a moving drama about Boston breakthroughs that changed the world! ... and more ...

Tech Session, Thursday Evening - Error Rates and Data Entry Standards - Brian Donovan
GENTECH Banquet, Friday Evening - The Tsar and I - Dr. Bryan Sykes

Librarians' Day Thursday, 24 January 2002
What You Can Do When Your IT Person Isn't Looking: Computer Tactics for the Genealogy Librarian - Chad Leinaweaver
Automated Databases: Judging Subscription Websites for Value - Mary Ellen Grogan
Box Lunch (included in Registration Fee)

The Ideal Library Website for the Genealogical Researcher - Cyndi Howells
Going Beyond Researching Online in Family History - Alice Eichholz
What Do You Do? A forum for sharing genealogical stories from the trenches - informal forum
Reception, Massachusetts Historical Society



Friday Program 25 January 2002

Plenary Session
Collecting Data from the Internet: What Do You Trust? - Liz Kelley Kerstens
NGS on the Web - Russ Henderson
XML Authoring - Robert Charles Anderson
Molecular Genealogy: Welding the World Together Link by Link - Scott Woodward
Mapping Software for Genealogists - Pamela B. Porter

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I Found It Online: Separating Fact from Fiction - Rhonda McClure
Using FamilySearch.org - Alan Mann
Electronic Publishing for Irish Records: The Story So Far - Brian Donovan
The A-B-C's of Mr. Jefferson's Y - Joan Mitchell
Geographic Information System (GIS) and Genealogy - Jake Gehring

NEHGS Luncheon Genealogical Treasures Waiting For Us - Henry B. Hoff

The Great URL Hunt - Cyndi Howells
History in the Electronic Age: Digital Projects at the Massachusetts Historical Society - Fabiszewski, Lawson, Heywood
Before You Publish: What Every Genealogist Needs to Know About Copyright - Sharon Carmack
Surnames, Genes, and Genealogy - Bryan Sykes
Platting a New England Town: The Case of Concord, Mass - Brian Donahue
Following Up: Turning Internet Databases into Real Sources - Birdie Monk Holsclaw
NEHGS Online: Finding Your Family Electronically - Michael J. Leclerc
Designing a Publication - Pamela B. Porter
Using Genetic Technology to Assess Genealogical Lineages - Thomas Roderick
Web Mapping Research Tools - Ed McNierney
Integrating Off! and On-line Sources: Case Studies - Michael Neill
Building a Community Website: Boston FamilyHistory.com - Maureen Taylor
Book, CD or Web? Which Medium Fits Which Publication - D. Brenton Simons
Panel Discussion on Genetics and Genealogy - Joan Mitchell, Thomas Roderick, Bryan Sykes, Scott Woodward
Searching the Internet: A Locality

Approach - Alan Mann
Saturday Program 26 January 2002
The Internet: A Virtual Canvas for Your Ancestry - Rhonda McClure
Tables, Charts, & Spreadsheets - Patricia Law Hatcher
The Future of the Past: Is Technology Answering our SOS Beacons? - Curt Witcher
Tips for Scanning Documents onto CDs - John Wilbanks
Family History in a Connected Community - Alice Eichholz
Evaluating Web Resources - Sandra Clunies
Word Processing Tricks for Genealogists - Pamela Boyer Porter
Data Transfer Tools and Protocols - Bob Velke

Digital Cameras -- Uses and Limitations - Richard Wilson
Strategies for the Generation and Interpretation of Molecular Genealogical Data - Scott Woodward

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GENTECH Luncheon - What a Tangled Web We Weave - Cyndi Howells
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More Than Names on the 'Net: Building a Context Online - Amy J. Crow
Organizing and Time Management - Liz Kelley Kerstens
A Tour of the Genealogical Data Model - John Wilbanks
Improving the Quality of Genealogical Documents - Tony Burroughs

Dues increase

Effective 1 January 2002, the Dallas Genealogical Society will increase its annual membership dues from \$20 to \$25. This increase, the first in many years, is needed to cover increased costs. Early renewals at the \$20 rate will be accepted until 31 December 2001.

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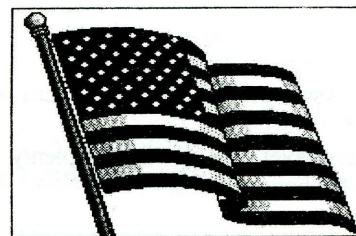
United We Stand . . .

the British, and their rockets lit the night sky with arcs of red flames for over twenty-four hours.

Then . . . silence. A long and eerie stillness settled over the night.

Frances Scott Key, a lawyer from Georgetown was in Baltimore to negotiate the release of a doctor being held by the British.

He watched the battle, and we can only imagine what was going through his mind, as he waited in the darkness to learn the outcome. As dawn broke over Fort McHenry, there was a glorious sight.



The Flag was still there.

Frances Scott Key, who was also an amateur poet, was so inspired by the night sky, brilliant with rocket flares and the sight of the great flag blowing in the breeze at dawn, he composed a poem on the back of a letter he had in his pocket. His brother-in-law made copies of the poem and circulated them around Baltimore under the title, "Defense of Fort M'Henry". Later it was set to music and sung as "*The Star-Spangled Banner*."

It wasn't until 1931, that this beautiful song was adopted as our national anthem. Now, 187 years later, our flag and national anthem have once again been a symbol for us to show the world our strength and unity as a great nation. *Thank you, Mary and Carol Pickersgill and Francis Scott Key.*

DGS Membership Application or Renewal

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Do you want to receive *Journal*? YES _____ NO _____

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ E-mail address _____

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

Annual Membership, per individual or couple *\$20 _____
 (spouse's name must be on application for membership benefits)
 *Dues increase \$25 after 31 December 2001

Foreign Membership \$30 _____

Annual Sustaining Membership (\$30 is tax deductible) \$50 _____

Annual Patron Membership (\$80 is tax deductible) \$100 _____

Life Membership, per individual, under 65 years old \$500 _____

Life Membership, per individual, over 65 years old \$300 _____

Contribution to DGS Annual Library Gift \$ _____

Special Funds Contribution: (1) Endowment \$ _____; (2) NARA \$ _____

Check # _____ Date _____ **TOTAL** _____

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

Surname Exchange: Each member may submit unlimited surnames & localities to be used in a DGS database for exchange with other researchers. By submitting, you agree to having your name, address, phone, surnames available for use by others. Attach extra surnames to this application form. The database is on the volunteer computer in the library genealogy section.

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

Volunteer Opportunities:

Willing to work for DGS? If so, please check all the areas where you could volunteer.

Hospitality _____ Computer/Data Entry _____

Board/Committees _____ Library work _____

Newsletter _____ Work at special events _____

DGS Calendar of Events

December

- 4-Tue CIG Meeting
- 10-Mon Service Awards/Christmas Party
- 18-Tue AAGIG Christmas Party

January

- 8-Tue CIG Meeting
- 9-Wed Board Meeting
- 15-Tue AAGIG Meeting
- 25-Fri GenTech Conference/Boston
- 26-Sat GenTech Conference/Boston
- 28-Mon General Meeting

February

- 5-Tue CIG Meeting
- 9-Sat Lecture: Curt Witcher/Jesuit
- 13-Wed Board Meeting
- 19-Tue AAGIG Meeting
- 25- Mon General Meeting

March

- 5-Tue CIG Meeting
- 9-Sat Surname: Silent Auction
- 13-Wed Board Meeting
- 19-Tue AAGIG Meeting
- 25- Mon General Meeting

April

- 2-Tue CIG Meeting
- 6-Sat Surname: Silent Auction
- 10-Wed Board Meeting
- 16-Tue AAGIG Meeting
- 29- Mon General Meeting

May

- 7-Tue CIG Meeting
- 11-Sat Board Meeting
- 15-18 NGS Conference: Wisconsin
- 20-Mon General Meeting
- 21-Tue AAGIG Meeting

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. Social time is 6:30-7:00. 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.

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