

Newsletter

2002 DGS Summer Institute: Help is on the Way!

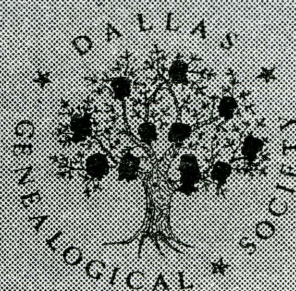
What are the three most dreaded words in genealogy? Some researchers might argue for *The Courthouse Burned*. Others would understandably cast their votes for *No Vital Records*. Still others would say *Lost Census Records* tops their list. All three of these phrases can strike fear in the heart of the diligent researcher. Yet, all pale in comparison with the three words so many of us Texans confront: *RESEARCHING SOUTHERN ANCESTORS!*

While it is true that we love our Southern Ancestors, we also know they are sometimes difficult to locate. Why? Ancestors who migrated as frequently as every decade. Record losses or records not mandated in the first place. Ancestors who had a dogged distrust of outsiders asking questions. These problems often make Southern research more complex than, say, Mid-western or New England research. So, what's a Southern researcher to do. Today shout Hallelujah! Help is on the way in the form of an intense three and a half days of learning about some of the Southern states from nationally known experts.

The 2002 DGS Summer Institute, *A Southern Perspective on the American Experience*, is being held 27-30 June at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, and we are delighted to present three masters in Southern research for this experience. Imagine being taught the secrets of Southern research by three men so very knowledgeable in the subject. First, we have our own Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, a master of all things genealogical, but especially the records of both the upper and lower South. Put him with Brent Holcomb, a master of research in the Carolinas and obscure records about the deep South. Add to this mix Robert Scott Davis, a master of Georgia research and Southern history. Any one of these men would be worth the price of admission alone, but all three guarantee a whole new understanding of "researching Southern ancestors."

The tuition for the institute is \$200, which includes classes, notebooks, handouts, evening research sessions in the Genealogy Research Center of the Dallas Public Library, lunch on Friday and Saturday, and brunch on Sunday. Space is limited to 120 students. **Pre-registration is required and must be received by 20 June 2002.** No walk-in registrations will be taken.

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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 usually meets the fourth Mondays September–May. There are exceptions due to holidays and scheduling conflicts. Social time is 6:30-7:00 P.M. for refreshments and visiting with fellow genealogists. The business meeting and program begins at 7:00 P.M.

DGS COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP meets on first Tuesdays in the Library Auditorium beginning at 6:30 P.M.

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

All DGS and Special Interest Group meetings are free and open to the public.

MEMBERSHIP is \$25.00 per 12 months beginning with receipt of dues. Members receive the *DGS Newsletter* and the annual *Dallas Journal* (optional). Members receive discount registrations to some events.

DGS EVENTS include a Summer Institute, Lecture Series, Library Lock-in, and Salt Lake City Research Trip.

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The object of this society shall be to create, foster, and maintain interest in genealogy; to assist and support the genealogy section of the Dallas Public J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas, or its legal successor; and to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history.

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The Presidents Column



I'd like to take a few moments of your time to say thank you to all of those people that volunteer for various society needs. We have put together a great team of proof-readers for the newsletter, brochures, and other publications that we are doing. If you see Shirley Sloat, Ed Millis, Alan Miller, Shirley Hawn, Marti Fox, and Sammie Lee, let them know you appreciate the time they have given to the society.

A BIG THANK YOU goes to Ed Millis and Barbara Dossett for taking on revising the DGS forms. Barbara is working on the census extraction forms. She started with the 1930 and is working her way through them all. Ed has worked first on the forms that needed 1930 added to them. The Census History and Census Locator were done first and now the Individual Data Document has been completed. They are available through the mail, at the Dallas J. Erik Jonsson Public Library, and at all DGS events. Keep an eye out for others to be revised!

Another group of volunteers mans the volunteer desk on the eighth floor of the library as you enter the genealogy section. Alvin Harper organizes them. He has done an outstanding job of keeping the desk manned while Volunteer Coordinator as well as finding people to do other society needs.

The activities of DGS do slow down a bit during the summer, but we still have things going on. This year the summer institute is June 27-30, and we have the benefit of three great educators on the states of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. If

you have people in any of these states, you won't want to miss these three and a half days of finding out how and where to look in them for your ancestors. A much requested library lock-in is scheduled for July 20. The annual trip to Salt Lake is July 27-August 3. It is a Saturday-to-Saturday sojourn to the treasure troves of the Family History Center located there.

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Library Honors Volunteers

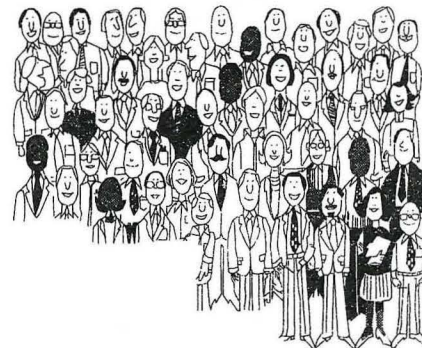
During Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 21-27, 2002, the Dallas Public Library (DPL) recognized two of our most dedicated DGS members: Alvin E. Harper, the DGS volunteer coordinator, and Elizabeth Perry, the 2000-2001 recipient of the DPL Award of Excellence presented in recognition for volunteer service to the Genealogy Section. Heather Williams, Manager of the History, Social Sciences, and Genealogy Divisions, presented each with a certificate in recognition of their outstanding commitment to volunteer service to the Dallas Public Library.

Ms. Williams complimented Mr. Harper on a successful job keeping the Genealogy Research Center volunteer desk staffed daily by dedicated DGS members. Ms. Williams stated, "All Library volunteers are special, but our DGS volunteers are wonderful. I don't know what we would do without them." Her praise was echoed by Lois Hudgins of the Genealogy staff, who called the DGS volunteers conscientious and enthusiastic. "The DGS volunteers are great supporters

of DPL," said Ms. Hudgins, the DPL liaison with the DGS volunteers.

According to Mr. Harper, DGS has nearly forty active volunteers on his roster, but always needs more. Permanent staffers of the volunteer desk receive all the benefits of being a DPL volunteer. These include free parking on the volunteer day, a free library card for those who do not live in the city of Dallas, and extended check-out privileges for circulating materials. Volunteers are expected to greet patrons entering the Genealogy Research Center with a friendly smile, a courteous word, and a request to sign the register. They present the benefits of the Dallas Genealogical Society in a positive way. It is a great way to get involved with DGS and DPL. It is also a motivation to make yourself go to the library at least once a week, serve two to four hours on the volunteer desk, and spend the rest of the day doing genealogical research.

Think about getting involved. When you're ready, contact Alvin Harper. He will be glad to hear from you, and you'll be glad you volunteered some time back to your favorite hobby.



Volunteers: A Gift to the Community

It's party time at DGS & We have a reason to celebrate!

What: . . . **May General Meeting**
When: **Monday, May 20**
Time: **6:30–8:30 P.M.**
Where: **O'Hara Room**
7th Floor
J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young Street, Dallas

The Dallas Genealogical Society is turning the May meeting into a party. What are we celebrating?

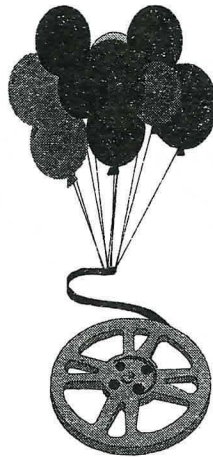
That evening DGS is making a formal presentation of the 1930 United States census microfilm to the Dallas Public Library. Through the receipt of grant monies, individual donations, and Barbara Dossett's "pickle jar," we have been able to purchase all of the 1930 census microfilm, plus the Soundex for Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia. Come join us as we present this very special gift to the Library.

New DGS Officers to be Installed

Also, at the May 20 regular meeting, we are celebrating volunteerism by installing the new 2002–2003 DGS Board of Directors. Come help us honor these very special DGS members who have agreed to donate a little free time and a lot of commitment to our Society.

And Then, the PARTY!

We said it would be a party and what's a party without a special "census" cake and other light refreshments. It's a time to visit with all your genealogy friends and support DGS. Come join us. We'll save you a seat!



The 1930 Census!!!

What: **AAGIG Meeting**
When: **Tuesday, May 21**
Time: **6:00 P.M.**
Where: **Auditorium**
J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young Street, Dallas

The DGS African American Genealogy Special Interest Group is having an informal "question and answer" focus meeting, presented by the AAGIG members themselves. This promises to be a special meeting of members helping each other through an exchange of ideas, information, and individual knowledge. Also scheduled is a viewing of the movie, *The Eyes of Texas*, which features DGS member Eva McMillian's Family.

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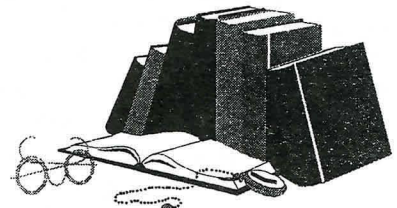
The Dallas Genealogical Society does not have general meetings in the summer months (June, July, August). We hope you will participate in the special events planned for you throughout the summer.

DGS Writing Awards Competition 2002 By Stacey L. Bennett

The Dallas Genealogical Society sponsors an annual Writing Competition. The purpose of the writing competition is to: 1) inspire genealogists to write, 2) promote high quality research and reporting, and 3) recognize efforts of those contributing to this important phase of genealogy. Genealogists are encouraged to submit writings in the following four categories:

- Category I—
Family History
- Category II—
Articles or Books of Historical or Genealogical Interest
- Category III—
Family Stories, Memories, Character Sketches
- Category IV—
Book of Compiled Material (abstracted from original records): Church, Court, Census, Cemetery

The entry fee for non-DGS members is \$10 per entry (DGS members may participate free). All entries must be received by DGS no later than August 15, 2002. All entries become the property of DGS and are donated to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. The author shall retain all publication rights. Exemplary work in various divisions and categories will receive awards at the DGS Awards Ceremony on December 9, 2002. Entry forms and competition rules will be mailed to all DGS members and other local genealogy chapters in May.



DGS Research Opportunities

"The Library Will Close in 15 Minutes..."

Don't you just hate it when the library makes that announcement? Chances are, you researched all day and, five minutes before that loud speaker came on, you found new clues to pursue. If only they would just lock you in and let you research all night.

Okay, you guessed it. Once again, *it's Library Lock-in time*. On Saturday, July 20, 2002, the Genealogy Research Center of the Dallas Public Library is staying open from 6:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. for 100 lucky DGS members to research til they drop. The fee is only \$20 and includes a light dinner and snacks. As usual, staff members will be on hand to assist.

To submit your reservation:

- ▶ go to the DGS web page
- ▶ www.dallasgenealogy.org
- ▶ click on "Calendar"
- ▶ go to the date
- ▶ click on "Library Lock-in"
- ▶ Or call the Society for a form to be mailed to you —
Voice Mail: (469) 948-1106

Remember: The lock-in is for members only and limited to the first 100 who send in reservations. This is always a fun event, and it is tailor-made for genealogical researchers. Don't delay. Make your plans to attend today.

Dallas Library Reopens 8th Floor Collections

The renovated 8th floor has reopened and it is beautiful. The remodeled "Genealogy Research Center" is expanded and easier than ever to use. If you haven't been yet, go. It's a *must see!*

Research Trip to Salt Lake City

Family researchers never have a problem figuring out how to combine a summer vacation and genealogical research trip. After all, so many courthouses, so little time.

Well then, how would you like to visit multiple courthouses every day for a week? Can't be done? Sure it can. How? By spending your summer vacation researching in the vast collection of the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The newly-remodeled FHL owns the largest collection of genealogical materials in the world. At last count, the FHL has some 300,000 books, over 2.2 million rolls of microfilm, and nearly 750,000 microfiche. This includes court records from every state and most foreign counties, making that "courthouse research" a snap!



Join DGS for the week-long Salt Lake City Research Trip. Scheduled for July 27– August 3, 2002, this annual tour is shaping up to be one of our best yet. Both seasoned veterans and first timers love this trip. Won't you join us?

This trip is limited to 60 DGS members. The tour fee for the trip is \$385 for a double and \$700 for a single. Our tour hotel is the Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel (www.plaza-hotel.com), conveniently located next door to the FHL. The tour fee includes a seven night stay (Saturday–Friday), shuttle to and from the airport, a Monday evening lecture on collections at the FHL, and a mid-week mixer.

Reservations for the trip must be made by mail and postmarked by June 15. A \$200 deposit must be received by June 27 (checks only please). The balance is due on or before May 20.

To help you get prepared, tour participants will meet briefly at the J. Erik Jonsson Library on July 20 to discuss specific trip plans, luggage tags, roommates, etc. If you need tips for how to prepare and what to take, contact us at info@dallasgenealogy.org. We'll be delighted to help.

For more information, consult the DGS web page.

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Please send a \$100 deposit by 20 June to reserve a space with balance due on or before 27 June. Written refund requests will be honored up to June 5, 2002 (minus a \$25 handling fee). No refunds will be considered after that date.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Aristocrat Hotel for out-of-town conference participants. It is a renovated historic hotel in downtown Dallas just blocks from the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. The hotel is not included in the tuition price and participants must make their own reservations. Be sure to mention Dallas Genealogical Society for following special rates: Standard room—\$79/night; Double Room—\$89/night. Contact the hotel by calling 214.741.7700 or 800.231.4235.

If you have not received a brochure or would like another for a friend, please go to the DGS web page or contact our voice mail.

John Moore, Esq. (1745-1828) of New York City, wrote three versions of his memoirs, the second of which I am currently transcribing and simultaneously trying to verify some of the statements made in the memoirs. Briefly, John Moore was a civil servant in the British government in New York City before and during the Revolutionary War. He was a deputy collector of the Customs Department, deputy secretary of the Naval Office, and clerk of the Commissary Department, among other assignments. At the time of the American Patriot occupation of New York (1776), John Moore was charged with the preservation and protection of the Seals of Office until such time as the British returned to the City. In April 1776, John Moore and his family fled to the West Point estate of his uncle, Stephen Moore who had removed his family to North Carolina. John Moore returned to New York City in October of 1776 and remained in his various offices until just before the British Evacuation in November 1783.

Serendipity #1 (and solid research)

Barbara Ware took a research trip to England in July, 2001. I asked her to get the address of the Royal Archives at Windsor Castle, so that I could write to confirm a story that one of the Moore clan who stayed in England, Maj. Charles Moore, had been the Governor of the Military Knights of Windsor for 22 years at the time of his death. I was not even sure there was such an organization as the Military Knights of Windsor, but Barbara quickly confirmed that there was. It was a very small group of pensioners from the British Army who lived in the lower ward of Windsor and participated in ceremonial events. She found that the date of his death, which I had supplied her from my information,

was incorrect. He died in 1865 rather than 1856. She found his military records, his will and probate, got a copy of his death certificate, copied the 1851 census showing that he was born in Sellindge, Kent, copied material on the history of the Military Knights, and generally wrapped up that family legend in a neat little package. Then she proceeded to Windsor Castle to attend Sunday services at St George's Chapel and met some of the present day Knights, who, in full regalia, file into the Chapel in solemn procession to take their honored place for the services. Barbara also photographed the Monumental Inscription of Maj. Charles Moore and his wife Margaret at St George's Chapel, the lower ward where the Knights reside, and a very distinguished looking present day Knight.

Serendipity #2

After transcribing John Moore's memoirs entitled *Leisure Hours Employment*, I was determined to find proof of one of his statements: that at the time of the Revolutionary War, his grandparent's mansion at the corner of Front and Moore streets was serving as the Custom House; and he was working and living in the house in which he was born. The house was built by his grandfather, Col. John Moore and was being rented to the British government by his grandmother, Frances Lambert Moore. The house was destroyed in the fire of 1776. I had looked at many sources in an effort to confirm this statement, including *The Iconography of Manhattan* and several Loyalist claims abstracts. I asked Lloyd Bockstruck, supervisor of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, if there were any sources that I had missed. He got a recently published book for me called *American Migrations* by Peter Wilson Coldham, By its title, I would

not have thought this book to be about Loyalist claims, but it definitely was. There was a claim by Frances Moore for the destruction of the Custom House and several other buildings, as well as a claim for loss of rent of the Custom House, which was the main source of support for her and her two maiden daughters. Another family legend confirmed.

Serendipity #3

In the course of transcribing "Leisure Hours Employment", I was very familiar with the many names of people with whom John Moore was associated, acquainted and worked. As I was reading the newspaper recently, I came across an unusual article written by a retired cardiologist and visiting scholar in history at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Gordon Bendersky. He had written an analysis of *Watson and the Shark*, painted in 1778 by John Singleton Copley. Briefly, his analysis addressed the symbolism and allegory of the painting, but also the pathology of the subject. The painting is based on a real event of a shark attack on a 14-year-old boy in Havana harbor in 1749. The boy was bitten on the right foot and dragged underwater approximately 100 feet, twice. When the boy was rescued, he had to have the remainder of his leg amputated below the knee. The doctor's analysis of the event finds that the boy's survival was miraculous given the trauma of the attack, the near drowning, the massive loss of blood, the exposure to salt water, the amputation and post operative infection probability, which would have made the mortality possibility approach 99 percent. The boy's name was Brook Watson and that rang an immediate bell. The article stated that the boy not only survived but went on to become a director of the Bank of

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Did you know???

That the way URLs and E-mail addresses end can tell you something?

- ▶ If they end in .mil it is supposed to be a military site.
- ▶ If they end in .net it is supposed to be an Internet infrastructure activity.
- ▶ If they end in .biz it is supposed to be for a business.
- ▶ If they end in .name it is supposed to be an individuals' name.
- ▶ If they end in .pro it is supposed to be a professional person like a doctor or lawyer.
- ▶ If they end in .museum it is supposed to be a museum.

These are just a few recognized URL endings, but now, since anyone can 'buy' their own domain name URL addresses may not always what they appear to be.

Domain levels- countries

.ac — Ascension Island
 .ad — Andorra
 .ae — United Arab Emirates
 .af — Afghanistan
 .ag — Antigua and Barbuda
 .ai — Anguilla
 .al — Albania
 .am — Armenia
 .an — Netherlands Antilles
 .ao — Angola
 .aq — Antarctica
 .ar — Argentina
 .as — American Samoa
 .at — Austria
 .au — Australia
 .aw — Aruba
 .az — Azerbaijan
 .ba — Bosnia and Herzegovina
 .bb — Barbados
 .bd — Bangladesh
 .be — Belgium
 .bf — Burkina Faso
 .bg — Bulgaria
 .bh — Bahrain
 .bi — Burundi
 .bj — Benin

.bm — Bermuda
 .bn — Brunei Darussalam
 .bo — Bolivia
 .br — Brazil
 .bs — Bahamas
 .bt — Bhutan
 .bv — Bouvet Island
 .bw — Botswana
 .by — Belarus
 .bz — Belize
 .ca — Canada
 .cc — Cocos (Keeling) Islands
 .cd — Congo, Democratic Republic of the
 .cf — Central African Republic
 .cg — Congo, Republic of
 .ch — Switzerland
 .ci — Cote d'Ivoire
 .ck — Cook Islands
 .cl — Chile
 .cm — Cameroon
 .cn — China
 .co — Colombia
 .cr — Costa Rica
 .cu — Cuba
 .cv — Cap Verde
 .cx — Christmas Island
 .cy — Cyprus
 .cz — Czech Republic
 .de — Germany
 .dj — Djibouti
 .dk — Denmark
 .dm — Dominica
 .do — Dominican Republic
 .dz — Algeria
 .ec — Ecuador
 .ee — Estonia
 .eg — Egypt
 .eh — Western Sahara
 .er — Eritrea
 .es — Spain
 .et — Ethiopia
 .fi — Finland
 .fj — Fiji
 .fk — Falkland Islands (Malvina)
 .fm — Micronesia, Federal State of
 .of — Faroe Islands
 .fr — France
 .ga — Gabon
 .gd — Grenada
 .ge — Georgia
 .gf — French Guiana
 .gg — Guernsey
 .gh — Ghana

.gi — Gibraltar
 .gl — Greenland
 .gm — Gambia
 .gn — Guinea
 .gp — Guadeloupe
 .gq — Equatorial Guinea
 .gr — Greece
 .gs — South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
 .gt — Guatemala
 .gu — Guam
 .gw — Guinea-Bissau
 .gy — Guyana
 .hk — Hong Kong
 .hm — Heard and McDonald Islands
 .hn — Honduras
 .hr — Croatia/Hrvatska
 .ht — Haiti
 .hu — Hungary
 .id — Indonesia
 .ie — Ireland
 .il — Israel
 .im — Isle of Man
 .in — India
 .io — British Indian Ocean Territory
 .iq — Iraq
 .ir — Iran (Islamic Republic of)
 .is — Iceland
 .it — Italy
 .je — Jersey
 .jm — Jamaica
 .jo — Jordan
 .jp — Japan
 .ke — Kenya
 .kg — Kyrgyzstan
 .kh — Cambodia
 .ki — Kiribati
 .km — Comoros
 .kn — Saint Kitts and Nevis
 .kp — Korea, Democratic People's Republic
 .kr — Korea, Republic of
 .kw — Kuwait
 .ky — Cayman Islands
 .kz — Kazakhstan
 .la — Lao People's Democratic Republic
 .lb — Lebanon
 .lc — Saint Lucia
 .li — Liechtenstein
 .lk — Sri Lanka
 .lr — Liberia

Computer/Internet: Clues About URLs, submitted by Tresa Tatyrek

.ls	— Lesotho	.qa	— Qatar	.vi	— Virgin Islands (USA)
.lt	— Lithuania	.re	— Reunion Island	.vn	— Vietnam
.lu	— Luxembourg	.ro	— Romania	.vu	— Vanuatu
.lv	— Latvia	.ru	— Russian Federation	.wf	— Wallis and Futuna Islands
.ly	— Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	.rw	— Rwanda	.ws	— Western Samoa
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.mt	— Malta	.sr	— Suriname		
.mu	— Mauritius	.st	— Sao Tome and Principe		
.mv	— Maldives	.sv	— El Salvador		
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.mx	— Mexico	.sz	— Swaziland		
.my	— Malaysia	.tc	— Turks and Caicos Islands		
.mz	— Mozambique	.td	— Chad		
.na	— Namibia	.tf	— French Southern Territories		
.nc	— New Caledonia	.tg	— Togo		
.ne	— Niger	.th	— Thailand		
.nf	— Norfolk Island	.tj	— Tajikistan		
.ng	— Nigeria	.tk	— Tokelau		
.ni	— Nicaragua	.tm	— Turkmenistan		
.nl	— Netherlands	.tn	— Tunisia		
.no	— Norway	.to	— Tonga		
.np	— Nepal	.tp	— East Timor		
.nr	— Nauru	.tr	— Turkey		
.nu	— Niue	.tt	— Trinidad and Tobago		
.nz	— New Zealand	.tv	— Tuvalu		
.om	— Oman	.tw	— Taiwan		
.pa	— Panama	.tz	— Tanzania		
.pe	— Peru	.ua	— Ukraine		
.pf	— French Polynesia	.ug	— Uganda		
.pg	— Papua New Guinea	.uk	— United Kingdom		
.ph	— Philippines	.um	— US Minor Outlying Islands		
.pk	— Pakistan	.us	— United States		
.pl	— Poland	.uy	— Uruguay		
.pm	— St. Pierre and Miquelon	.uz	— Uzbekistan		
.pn	— Pitcairn Island	.va	— Holy See (City Vatican State)		
.pr	— Puerto Rico	.vc	— Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		
.ps	— Palestinian Territories	.ve	— Venezuela		
.pt	— Portugal	.vg	— Virgin Islands (British)		
.pw	— Palau				
.py	— Paraguay				

GLO Records Available Again on the Internet

Recently, the Bureau of Land Management had to close much of its web site due to a lawsuit. We are delighted to report the site is back up and running and the General Land Office Records are once again available for genealogists. This site may help you discover your ancestor's post-1820 federal land records. It is a source of information on the initial transfer of land titles from the government to individuals in the Federal Land States. Find it at www.glorerecords.blm.gov/.

[Memoirs, continued from page 18]

England, a member of Parliament and the Lord Mayor of London. John Moore's memoirs remembered him as his superior in the Commissary Department in 1782-3. Brook Watson had stayed with John Moore upon his arrival in New York City until accommodations could be found for him. In later years, Brook Watson as Lord Mayor tried to obtain a position for his former employee, in the Consul General's department, but his efforts were not successful. Perhaps delicacy prevented John Moore mentioning in his memoirs the fact that Brook Watson had a peg leg.

Beginners Corner: Vital Statistics, A to Z, submitted by Sammie Lee

As genealogists, we know there are three things we must document on each of our ancestors: birth, marriage, and death. We are constantly trying to determine a date of birth for an ancestor. We are happiest when we discover a definite date of birth provided by a certified state birth certificate or a county birth register. When these are not available, we will settle for almost anything that documents the birth date or shows he was born "about" a certain date based on ascertaining an age for him on a document. It is equally gratifying when we can place his birth in a particular locality.

Likewise, we seek a record of marriage that joins him in holy matrimony to our female ancestor providing us with an all-important MAIDEN name, as well as date and location. It's a real bonus when we also get information on their ages, parents, place of birth, and other information sometimes found when marriage applications exist.

When an ancestor dies, that is often when the really good data is discovered. If we're lucky, we find a death certificate or death register, but we may really strike gold when we locate an estate package. Other times we determine he died "about" a certain date, maybe based upon finding his widow in the next census and establishing a death date as being "after" the last official record he made (perhaps a deed or tax record).

For most of us doing U.S. research, we soon discover statewide birth and death certificates are twentieth-century documents. Pre-1900 county birth registers are found primarily in the Midwest and usually begin from the mid to late 1860s. Then again, you might find the odd state law that mandated births be recorded for a brief time. It's only when you discover a New England ancestor that you find these records date from the beginning of the various towns.

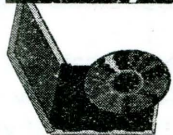
An official marriage record is usually easier to find and record, because it is

a county court document; that is, if the courthouse didn't burn or blow away in a tornado or hurricane. If you are unfortunate enough to have an ancestor who married in Pennsylvania, New York, South Carolina, or a few others, you probably will not find an official marriage record even if the records go back to the beginning of the county. No law was passed mandating them, so usually no records exist.

The plain truth is we may never find a definite birth, marriage, or death date for him, but we can usually get within the ball park. Listed below are more than fifty records that show us ways to discover all-important vital record information. Some are ones we might think about; other more obscure.

For general information on each state's vital record history, use *Ancestry's Redbook*. For information about some of the more obscure records, read *Hidden Sources*. Both of these books may give you new insight into finding your ancestors.

A	F	Medical Records	School Records	Y
Alien Registrations	Fraternal Org.	Military Records	Sexton Records	Yearbooks
Applications	Freedman's Bureau	Mortality Schedules	Social Security Death	Z
Apprenticeship	G	Mortuary Records	Index	Zillion
B	Guardianship Papers	N	Social Security	(an indeterminately
Bible Records	H	Naturalization Records	Records	large number), which
Birth Certificates &	Heritage/Lineage	Newspaper Articles	State Censuses	is what we hope you
Registers	Society Papers	O	T	locate when searching
Bankruptcies	Homestead Records	Obituaries &	Tax Records	for vital records!
C	Hospital Records	Necrologies	Tombstone	
Cemetery Records	I	Occupational Records	Inscriptions	Resource List:
Censuses	Insurance Policies &	Orphan Records	U	Eichholz, Alice, ed.
Church Records	Records	P	Union Records	<i>Ancestry's Redbook:</i>
City Directories	J	Passports	V	<i>American State,</i>
Coroner's Inquests	Journals & Diaries	Pensions/Pay Lists	Vanity Records (Mug	<i>County & Town</i>
Court Records	K	Probate Records	Books)	<i>Sources</i> . Orem, Utah:
D	Keepsakes/Heirlooms	Q	Voter Registration	Ancestry, 1992.
Death Certificates &	L	Questionnaires &	W	
Registers	Letters	Narratives (i.e.,	W.P.A. Records	
Delayed/Probated	Licenses	Oklahoma Pioneer	X	Pfeiffer, Laura Szucs.
Birth Records	M	Histories, Slave	Oops, the only thing	<i>Hidden Sources:</i>
Draft Registrations	Manuscript Collections	Narratives)	we could come up	<i>Family History in</i>
E	Marriage Licenses,	R	with is Xerox, so copy	<i>Unlikely Places</i> . Orem,
Employment Records	Registers, Bonds, &	Railroad Records	those records when	Utah: Ancestry, 2000.
	Applications	S	you locate them.	



Computer Configurations in the Genealogy Research Center of the Dallas Public Library (DPL)

The Genealogy Collection has eight computers for genealogical use. Each computer has a number, such as PCGC01, meaning "Central Genealogy Collection # 1." Here is a list to help you determine what is on each computer.

PCGC01—PCGC04 (First row of computers with green STAR):

These four computers have the full DPL Catalog and selected genealogy Internet databases: Ancestry, Family Search, My Family, Rootsweb, etc.

PCGC05 & PCGC06 (Second row of computers with blue STAR):

These two computers have full Internet access and DPL Catalog.

PCGC07— PCGC12 (Third and fourth row of computers with pink STAR):

These six computers contain the data bases, indexes, and records on Compact Disk installed on the CD server donated by the Dallas Genealogical Society. All six contain the data bases and indexes developed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS), known as the FamilySearch™ products, which includes:

- Australian Vital Records, 1788-1905
- British Isles 1851 Census
- Family Search Part 1, containing
 - ✓ Ancestral File
 - ✓ International Genealogical Index
 - ✓ Social Security Death Index
 - ✓ U.S. Military Index
 - ✓ Family History Library Catalog
- Family Search Part II
 - ✓ 1880 U. S. Census
 - ✓ 1881 British Census
 - ✓ Mormon Immigration Index
 - ✓ Vital Records Indexes

Additionally, the following computers are loaded with the products as shown:

PCGC09:

- Vital Records
- Death Records
 - ✓ Idaho Death Indexes 1900-1950
- Marriage Indexes, Part I
 - ✓ AL, 1800-1900
 - ✓ AL, GA, SC, 1641-1944
 - ✓ AR, 1779-1992, 1850-1900
 - ✓ AR, CA, IA, LA, MN, MO, OR, TX, 1728-1850
 - ✓ AR, MS, MO, TX 1766-1981
 - ✓ AZ, CA, ID, NV, 1850-1951
 - ✓ AZ, CO, NE, MN, OR, WA, 1727-1900
 - ✓ CT, 1635-1860
 - ✓ DC, DE, MD, VA, 1740-1900
 - ✓ GA, 1851, 1900
 - ✓ IA, 1851, 1900
 - ✓ IL, 1851, 1900
 - ✓ IL, IN, 1720-1926
 - ✓ IL, IN, KY, OH, TN, 1720-1926
 - ✓ IN, 1851-1900
 - ✓ KY, 1851, 1900
 - ✓ KY, NC, TN, VA, WV, 1728-1850
- Marriage Indexes, Part II
 - ✓ LA, 1718-1925
 - ✓ MA, 1633-1850
 - ✓ MD, NC, VA, 1624-1915
 - ✓ ME, 1743-1891
 - ✓ MI, WI, 1830-1900
 - ✓ MO, 1851-1900
 - ✓ MS, 1800-1900 & FL, 1823-1900
 - ✓ NC, 1850-1900
 - ✓ NJ, 1680-1900
 - ✓ NY, 1600s-1800s
 - ✓ NY, 1639-1916
 - ✓ NY, 1740s-1880s
 - ✓ OH, 1789-1850
 - ✓ OH, 1851-1900
 - ✓ TN, 1851-1900
 - ✓ TX, 1850-1900
 - ✓ WV, 1863-1900

PCGC10:

- Periodicals
 - ✓ *The American Genealogist (TAG) Name Index*, Vols. 9-41
 - ✓ *The American Genealogist (TAG) Consolidated Subject Index*
 - ✓ *Footprints* (Fort Worth Genealogical Society), 1957-1997
 - ✓ *Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin*, Vols. 1-38
 - ✓ *NGS Quarterly*, (National Genealogical Society), Vols. 1-85, Disk 1 & Disk 2
 - ✓ *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*, Vols. 1-39, Disk 1 & Disk 2
- PERSI 2000 (The Periodical Source Index)

PCGC11:

- International
 - ✓ Flax Growers Bounty List, 1796
 - ✓ Index to the Tithe Applotment Books, 1823-1838
- Minorities
 - ✓ Freeman's Bank Records
 - ✓ Native American Collection
- Passenger Records
 - ✓ Passengers Lists, NY 1820-1850

PCGC12

- 1900 Census Indexes for CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT
- Military Records:
 - ✓ Federal Pensioners' Roll of 1883
 - ✓ SAR Patriot Index 1999
- General Land Office (GLO) Records
 - ✓ Pre 1908 Homestead and Cash Entry Patents for AL, AR, FL, MI, MN, MS, OH, WI
- Georgia Salt List, 1862-1864
- Index to the 1867 Voters Registration of Texas

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Board/Committees |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer/Data Entry | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work at special events | Other _____ |

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By submitting, you agree to have your name, address, phone, and surnames available for use by others. Attach extra surnames to this application form.

Surname	State/ Country	County/ Province	Time Frame
Ex: Jones	TX	Dallas	1850-1900
Ex: Slezak	Moravia	Spalov	1750-1850

2002 DGS Calendar of Events

May

- 07 (Tues.) — CIG Meeting, *Write Personal Story*
- 11 (Sat.) — Board Meeting
- 15-18 — NGS Conference, Wisconsin
- 20 (Mon.) — General Meeting, 1930 Census Party
- 21 (Tues.) — AAGIG Meeting, *The Eyes of Texas*

June

- 27-30 — Summer Institute

July/August

- 20 (Sat.) — Library Lock-in
- 27 Jul- — Salt Lake City Research Trip
- 03 Aug

September

- 03 (Tues.) — CIG Meeting
- 14 (Sat.) — Seminar: Harold E. Hinds
- 17 (Tues.) — AAGIG Meeting
- 23 (Mon.) — General Meeting

October

- 01 (Tues.) — CIG Meeting
- 05 (Sat.) — Seminar: Lloyd D. Bockstruck
- 15 (Tues.) — AAGIG Meeting
- 28 (Mon.) — General Meeting

November

- 02 (Sat.) — Seminar: Diane Gagel
- 05 (Tues.) — CIG Meeting
- 19 (Tues.) — AAGIG Meeting
- 25 (Mon.) — General Meeting

December

- 03 (Tues.) — CIG Meeting
- 09 (Mon.) — General Meeting/Christmas Party
- 17 (Tues.) — 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.

- ★ General meetings have a social time from 6:30-7:00 P.M. for refreshments and meeting fellow genealogists. The business meeting and program begins at 7:00 P.M.
- ★ CIG meets on first Tuesdays in the Library Auditorium beginning at 6:30 P.M.
- ★ AAGIG meets third Tuesdays in the Library Auditorium beginning at 6:30 P.M.

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