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DGS Newsletter

2001 DGS Service Awards

Each year our Society recognizes individuals or groups who have made outstanding contributions in the field of genealogy and family history research. On December 10, 2001, the following awards were presented to very special individuals.

THE LLOYD DeWITT BOCKSTRUCK DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award recognized an individual's consistent and significant contributions to the field of genealogy over a period of years. This year's recipient teaches university courses in genealogy, publishes books, lectures nationally, and appeared on the PBS series "Ancestors." He serves on the Board of Trustees for the Association of Professional Genealogists and is an active board member for NEHGS. He is a past director of FGS. It is our honor to present this award to **Mr. Tony**

Burroughs. Mr. Bockstruck accepted the award on behalf of Mr. Burroughs.

DGS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes a Society member for outstanding volunteer service to DGS during the preceding year. This year's recipient is a low key individual that gives up her personal time to volunteer for any thing that is requested by the President or the DGS board. It is our honor to present this award to **Ms. Suzan Younger.**

AWARD OF MERIT

This award recognizes a Society member for outstanding contributions to the Society over a period of years. This year's recipient has been a member of the Society for several years. She served on the local arrangements committee for the FGS/DGS 1997 Conference. She has served in the following board positions: Correspondence/Mailing Director, three terms as Treasurer, Database

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Recipients of 2001 Service Awards from left: Elizabeth Perry, Lloyd Bockstruck (for Tony Burroughs), Shirley Sloat, Barbara Dossett, Suzan Younger and Mrs. Bill Benson (for her husband).

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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 first Tuesdays 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 \$25.00 per 12 months beginning with receipt of dues. Members receive 10 issues of the *DGS Newsletter* and the annual *Dallas Journal* (optional). Members may also rent audiotapes from DGS and receive discount registrations to some events.

DGS EVENTS include the Fall Conference, Beginner Computer Workshop, Lecture Series, LDS/FHC Seminar, 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 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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DGS News

The **Discovering Genealogical Sources** Lecture series ends on April 6, 2001 with an event co-sponsored by the CIG.

Dick Eastman is visiting us. He writes a weekly column for Ancestry.com on computers and genealogy. He reviews various programs that we all may want to use. The topics for the lectures are:

1. Creating your own genealogy CD-ROM disks
2. Gadgets for Genealogists
3. Writing and Distributing Genealogy Electronic Newsletters
4. How to Select a Genealogy Program

The order has not been determined, but all topics will be helpful to everyone who is already involved with computers in their genealogy, or just thinking about using one.

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Curt Witcher continues our **Discovering Genealogical Sources** Lecture series on February 9, 2002. He is the Department Manager for the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN, their equivalent of our Lloyd Bockstruck). He has a long list of accolades.

Mr. Witcher will be speaking on:

1. Historical Research Methodology: Engaging the Process to Find All the Answers
2. Who's Who Among Your Ancestors: Using Biographical Sources for Genealogical Research
3. Passenger and Immigration Research
4. Using Government Documents for Genealogical Research

The lecture will be held at Jesuit College Preparatory School in the lecture hall. Seating is limited to 240 people, so sign up in advance to insure your seat!

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President's Column

By Shari L. Degan

On behalf of the entire board, I would like to extend a Happy Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas to the entire membership. The December board meeting was canceled to give a much-needed break to the board members. The annual Awards – Christmas Party was held on December 10, 2001 at the Dallas Public Library in the O'Hare room. Spring Creek Barbecue catered the meal and two local guitarists provided the musical entertainment. I would like to thank Robin Yaklin and her committee for making this a successful event.

At the November General Membership meeting, I had notified the members that the Dallas Police Association (DPA) was needing our assistance for the "Assist the Officer Fund" since Officer Kevin James, a DPA board member, was shot and killed in the line of duty. The "Assist the Officer Fund" was established to financially assist deceased or seriously wounded officer's families. The General Membership donated \$265.75 to the fund. On behalf of the DPA, I would

like to thank everyone who donated money in the name of Officer Kevin James. The DPA has allowed DGS to use their facility for events at no cost to the Society.

On December 8, 2001, the board had the opportunity to volunteer their time to the Dallas Police Association Children's Christmas Party. The police officers were quite pleased with our enthusiasm and willingness to help the children of the officers.

The DGS dues will increase to \$25 on January 1, 2002. New membership brochures have been printed to reflect the price change.

Have you made your New Year's wish? How about becoming a DGS volunteer. DGS needs assistance with typing projects, working the volunteer desk, or becoming a board member. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Alvin Harper.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Shari, Jack, Ryan, and Bubba Degan

The Silent Auction is just around the corner. March 9 isn't that far away. We need items and services for the auction to be a success like it was last year. This is our last effort for the 1930 census fund before they are released on April 1, 2002. We're also making surname shirts for the event. See page 198 for more on the shirts. This day is going to be a fun one, so plan on attending; maybe, you'll meet a new cousin.

Contact Tresa Tatyrek at dgs@magnoliamanor-network.com or 972-539-7452 if you have questions, suggestions, or items to donate!



Errata

The December issue of the *DGS Newsletter* contained the following errors:

Computer Interest Group meeting dates are held on **first Tuesdays**, rather than on second Thursdays as listed.

Last month's calendar incorrectly listed the Surname: Silent Auction on April 6, which should be the **Dick Eastman Lecture**.

We apologize for any inconvenience these errors may have caused.

DGS Service Awards
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Coordinator, and Web site Mistress. She is a past winner of the Volunteer of the Year Award. It is our honor to present this award to **Ms. Barbara Dossett**.

PRESERVATION AWARD

This award recognizes outstanding efforts by an individual or group in the greater Dallas community in preserving our historical or archival heritage. This year's recipient is the leading activist in the preservation of Dallas County records. Whenever a preservation idea comes up, you will find her name associated. She is either chairing, working on, or organizing the project. She has served on the LDS filming project and the Dallas County Archives Project. She is a proofreader for the DGS Newsletter and is a past DGS board member. It is our honor to present this award to **Ms. Shirley Sloat**.

Ms. Heather Williams presented the



In addition to a great meal, the evening's entertainment included live music.

Dallas Public Library Volunteer of the Year Award to **Ms. Elizabeth Perry** and **Mr. William Benson**. The recipients of this award were selected by Ms. Williams. Ms. Perry is an active and dedicated volunteer of DGS. Mrs. Bill Benson accepted the award. This year's Award Committee consisted of **Robin Yaklin, Vergie Freeman, Shirley Hawn, Pat Mutzbaugh, and Suzan Powdrill**. These individuals are

careful and diligent researchers knowledgeable of the Society and the wider genealogical community. When asked to serve on the committee, they responded modestly and then stepped up to the plate with outstanding nominees. Special thanks to the committee members for their outstanding work in selecting the award members and organizing the Christmas Party.



Above: The annual DGS Service Awards meeting offers members a special event to socialize and celebrate the holiday season while honoring those special individuals who have made outstanding contributions during the year.

Right: This year's event featured dinner from Spring Creek Barbeque that was enjoyed by all.

2001 DGS Service Awards



A Lesson in Time Management

by Juliana Smith

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The meal was meatloaf. I chose it because I had the sides already made and it's one of those things where you can just put it in the oven and forget about it. Needless to say, that is exactly what I proceeded to do as I sat at my desk hitting refresh, trying in vain to access the Ellis Island database. Despite my explanation that "the crunchy crust adds texture to the meal," my daughter remains unconvinced.

This hobby (read: obsession) that we share can require a little discipline when it comes to time management. It is just too easy for me to get caught up in the past and lose track of time. I burn dinner, stay up too late, and those dust bunnies around here can get a bit too prolific!

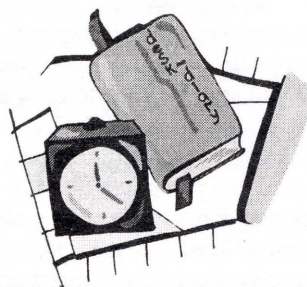
But on the other hand, I have a ton of genealogical reorganization chores ahead of me that desperately need attention. Once I get my filing done, and my research a little more organized, it will take me less time to locate what I need, and I'll become a much more effective researcher. It's Catch-22--I need to spend more time working on my genealogy to spend less time working on my genealogy. What's a family historian to do? Here are a few of the solutions I have come up with:

REMINDERS

To avoid recurrences of the "meatloaf incident" I have started setting myself reminders in Outlook. That way when I get too caught up in what I am doing on the computer, I get a little message that pops up and says, "Hey you! That

smoke you smell is your dinner burning!" or "What are you a vampire? Go to bed!" This has become my favorite feature in Outlook and a few weeks ago, as I was going over the features in the genealogical software, Legacy, I noted that it has an Alarm Center similar to the one in Outlook. The default setting says, "It's late . . . Go to bed." I love it!

There are most likely other programs with similar features, but you don't even need to go high-tech. An old-fashioned alarm clock on your desk will do the trick too. (Just make sure it has a volume control. You don't want to wake up the rest of the house just when it's time for you to go to bed!)



GET A GAME PLAN

Planning ahead can help you make better use of the time you do have for family history. This is particularly true of research trips. When you go to a facility that has the records of your ancestors, who wants to spend an hour at the computer catalog looking to see what's available? With many library catalogs online now, that can be done prior to your visit, freeing up valuable onsite time for more research.

By the same token, if you have a game plan before a night surfing the Net, it probably won't take as long to get results, and the added focus can help you get more positive results.

Some genealogical software programs now also come with tools like "To Do Lists" or "Research Logs." These tools can also be used to plan your next steps as you go along. Then when a research opportunity comes along, you're ready for it!

WORD FOR THE DAY: PRIORITIZATION

Making time can be a real challenge for me. With my family, my work, housework, yard work, pets, family history, and about a zillion other things vying for my attention, it's critical that I prioritize my schedule. I've been getting in the habit of looking at my day first thing in the morning. I make sure that the important things like family, work, and chores that need to be done get scheduled first. Then I look at allotting time for other projects. I try to schedule at least a half hour to work on organizing my family history. Sometimes it's tough, but usually by the end of the night, I can get at least that half hour in. That half hour a night can really add up. If I could do it every night, in a month's time, it would mean I have spent 15 hours working on my family history.

Sure, there are days when it doesn't happen for one reason or another, but the dream of a well-organized family history is keeping me focused and on those days when I do manage to find that time, more often than not, I'm working longer than the planned half hour. (I just need to remember to set that reminder so I'm not a wreck the next day!)

Reviewing the day ahead every morning has really helped. I'm not kidding myself in thinking that I have to stick to a schedule exactly, every day. My super powers just don't go that far. However, by realizing where my time is going, I can see where I need to make adjustments. Less important things that are eating too much time get put off for another day. Yes, the governor has just called in a reprieve for the dust bunnies behind the sofa! If you listen closely, you can probably hear them cheering.

Juliana Smith is the editor of the "Ancestry Daily News" and author of "The Ancestry Family Historian's Address Book." She has written for "Ancestry" Magazine and "Genealogical Computing."

Reviews . . .

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE

By Shirley Stertz Hawn

There is a genealogy publication called *Family Tree Magazine* that I actually read from cover to cover.

It is published six times a year and is always full of interesting, informative articles.

The August 2001 issue had a great article on the "101 Best New Web Sites", an article on how to use today's technology to preserve your photos, documents, movies and sound recordings so they will survive for future generations, one on migrating families, with wonderful web sites for finding maps to help in your search, and another titled, "Southern Exposure", with helpful web-sites and mailing lists.

Some of the articles in October included tips on "Old Handwriting", finding Native American roots, and a great one on getting the most out of RootsWeb, the granddaddy of internet genealogy.

The latest issue takes you on a tour through the newly renovated Family History Library in Salt Lake City, plus tips on making every minute count during a visit there by doing the prep work at home before going.

You can visit their website at <http://www.familytreemagazine.com> to request a complimentary copy of the magazine, visit their bookstore or order back issues. Their website has a page that enables you to type in a surname and get the soundex code, and another called the *ethnic toolbox*, which has a list of web sites, books, organizations and other resources and tips to help you get started searching your ethnic heritage. They can also be contacted at (888) 403-9002.

Family Tree Magazine can sometimes be found at bookstores, however it sells out pretty fast.

Beginner's Strategies

Tips for Organizing Your Research

By Beth Dees Applebaum

"This pastime of yours probably began innocently enough with just one sheet of paper: a pedigree chart. . . But at some point, and it's difficult to say exactly when, your one sheet of paper multiplied and divided. It added, but never subtracted. While you weren't looking, it called on all its friends for company. All of a sudden . . . you became overwhelmed with paper."
(From *Organizing Your Family History Search* by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack)

Sound familiar? I was quite certain when I read that paragraph that Ms. Carmack was specifically talking about "my" home office. I use the quotes on "my," because the office in question started out as my husband's until my research materials took over all available space. In an effort to preserve what was left of my husband's sanity, I set out last year to reorganize 18 years of research in both genealogy and Texas history.

Over the years, I've tried several different methods of keeping all the "stuff" in order. Some of these have worked better than others, but I'm sharing them with you in order to offer several alternatives for organizing all your "stuff." If you haven't yet run across a system that seems to work, you may want to try one of these.

Getting Down to Basics

So what does all this paperwork consist of? The possibilities are endless. The backbones of any genealogy research project you undertake are your pedigree charts and family group sheets. From there you add any research documentation you find: census data, vital records, land and legal documents, and so forth. Additionally, you may be

fortunate enough to have such treasures from your ancestors as photographs, letters, diaries, or oral interviews. Then there are the photos you take on research trips of cemetery markers, family home sites, or other places relevant to your research.

Systems for Organizing Your Research

There are as many ways to organize all this paper and paraphernalia as there are researchers. But the following are few of the most common methods.

First of all you need to decide how you want to retrieve this information? Do you tend to work by locality or by surname? My personal focus usually tends to be on specific surnames; therefore all of my research is organized by each specific surname. Since I tend to work on one family group at a time, this is much more efficient for me.

You can set this up in several different ways. One of the most common approaches is to sort your research into 3-ring binders. When I first began my research, I had one 3-inch binder, with index tabs for each surname. As I accumulated paperwork, I began to move many of my surnames into their own binder. When you head to a research facility, it is quite easy to just take along your notebook and have everything you need right at your fingertips. Label your index tabs for each type of document: family group sheets, census data, vital records, etc.

A word of caution here: over the years you will probably invest a lot of money in original vital records and courthouse documents. To protect these precious documents, run a master copy of each of them, and store the original in your safe deposit box, or a fireproof document box. In the event of a disaster such as fire or flood or small child armed with a lethal glass of Kool Aid, your originals will be safe. Be sure to label both your original and your master copy with the full source citation for that document. If you are not sure how to properly cite the source, pick up a copy of Elizabeth Shown Mill's *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian*. This

excellent reference tool covers most of the documents you will run across. You can make working copies from your master copy to scribble notes for future research. For example, who is this John Smith listed as surety on the marriage bond; could he be a family member?

I used plastic file crates for filing blank research forms, such as family group sheets, census forms, research calendars and correspondence logs. I kept a small supply of each of these forms in a plastic folder to take on research trips. These crates were also home to maps, genealogy magazines, and client files.

Eventually, I outgrew the binders and was forced to break up surnames into several binders. Depending on the family involved, I divided these by locality or time period. But while it was any excellent system in the beginning, it became very unwieldy as my research grew.

On to Bigger Systems

When I reorganized everything last year, I found many of the suggestions in Ms. Carmack's book to be very helpful. I invested in a used lateral filing cabinet from the Benefit Store, and broke down my notebooks into separate files, organized by surname. Each surname has one or more Pendaflex folders, which hold the file folders for each type of document. I found color-coding the file folders to be helpful as well. You could code them by document type, by maternal or paternal lines, by locality or whatever works best for you. Where documents overlap two surnames, I have placed a copy of the document under both surnames. Additionally, I have files devoted to information on localities. Maps are organized by locality as well. The files I had already organized for my blank forms simply moved into their own lateral file drawer.

The bottom drawer of the cabinet contains acid-free archival boxes for photos and mementos, again set up by surname. There are boxes to hold individually labeled oral interview tapes.

Other Options

Large accordion file folders can also be an effective method of storing your research. If you're just beginning your research, you may find that one with alphabetically labeled slots may work for you.

Cardboard document boxes can also be a useful and inexpensive method of filing your documents, and can easily be moved around if needed.

The Bottom Line

Over the past year, I've rediscovered the floor of the office, (I'd forgotten the carpet was that color), seen the surface of the desk, and been able to work much more efficiently. The current system is easy to use and easy to maintain. We carried over some of the same ideas to my husband's office materials, and he is also able to work there more efficiently.

The important thing is that whatever system you choose must work for you. It doesn't do any good to set up a system if you still can't retrieve your carefully filed documents, or if it is too difficult to maintain. Make it simple, straightforward and easy to use.

Good luck and happy hunting!

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For further information

The following are some useful references for setting up your own organization systems:

- *Organizing Your Family History Search* by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack
- *Ancestry's Guide to Research* by Johni Cerny & Arlene Eakle
- *Unpuzzling Your Past* by Emily Croom
- *The Weekend Genealogist* by Marcia Yannizze Melnyk

On the internet, be sure to check out: www.cyndislist.com/organize.htm This will direct you to some general resource sites, charts and forms to print or download, and a list of publications, software and supplies.

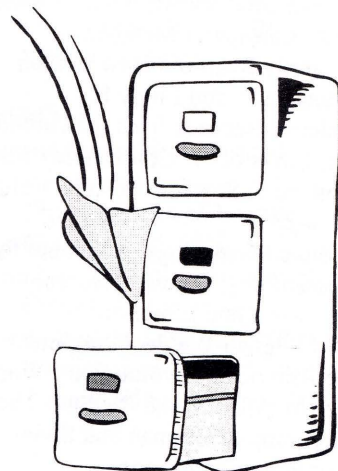
General Membership Meetings

January 28
 John Brooks
Funeral Practices through the Ages

February 25
 Lloyd Bockstruck
State Government Documents

Meetings are held in the plaza level Auditorium and East/West Rooms of the Dallas Public J. Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street in downtown Dallas. Guarded parking is available underneath the library. Guests are always welcome.

Social time is 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Business meeting and program begin at 7:00 pm.



New Acquisitions

In Genealogy at the Dallas Public Library

By Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, FNGS

Donations received include: \$25 from the Poise 'N Ivy Garden Club in honor of Lloyd Bockstruck, \$25 from the Michael Stoner DAR Chapter in honor of Geraldine Miller, \$25 from the Michael Stoner DAR Chapter in honor of Carolyn Galloway, \$4,000 from the Dallas Genealogical Society, \$25 in memory of Mae Estelle Meyers from the Thomas Poe Chapter Daughters of American Colonists, \$25 in memory of Wanda Lou Ledwell from the Thomas Poe Chapter Daughters of American Colonists, \$50 from Philip E. and Barbara L. Brown in memory of Patrick McKenna, and \$50 from the Dallas/Fort Worth Colony Mayflower Descendants in honor of Lloyd Bockstruck.

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Texas State Genealogical Society

By Shari L. Degan

Did you know that DGS is a Partner Society with TSGS? Have you heard of TSGS? The Texas State Genealogical Society was founded in 1960 in Fort Worth, Texas. It is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to the promotion and conservation of genealogical and historical resources of Texas. I had the opportunity to be elected on November 10, 2001 as District 10 Rep for the 2002 – 2004 term in Tyler, Texas. As a district representative, I will make sure that our members and the local genealogical community are aware of the benefits of TSGS.

Membership is open to any person who is researching and preserving genealogical and historical records. Membership is by calendar year and all memberships end on December 31st. Dues are payable by the 1st of January. Effective January 1, 2002, the individual membership fee will be \$20.

What are the benefits of becoming a member? Each member receives the *Stirpes* Quarterly magazine. Each quarterly has excellent articles on family histories, county records, reviews, queries, and other articles of genealogical interest. Any member can submit articles, records, or queries regarding Texas genealogical research to the *Stirpes* Editor. If you are a writer, TSGS offers an annual Writing Awards Contest.

Another membership benefit is the annual two-day state conference, which features workshops and national known speakers. The 2002 Conference will be held on November 1 – 2 in Galveston. TSGS will co-host the FGS Conference with Austin Genealogical Society in September 2004.

... a non-profit organization that is dedicated to the promotion and conservation of genealogical and historical resources of Texas.

Did you know that TSGS offers three certificate projects? The *Gone to Texas Pioneer* certificate is for individuals who are direct descendants of settlers that resided in Texas prior to 1886. The next certificate is the *West Texas Pioneer*. This is for individuals with direct or collateral descendants of settlers who resided in Texas prior to 19 February 1846. The third certificate is the *Texas First Families*. This is for individuals who are direct or collateral descendants of settlers who resided in Texas prior to 19 February 1846. Membership in TSGS and Texas residency are not required. Lineage information must be proven by primary documents. For an application or further information, send a SASE to Wanda Donaldson, 3219 Meadow Oaks Drive, Temple, TX 76502-1752.

If you would like a brochure or further information regarding TSGS, feel free to contact me at lan chop@evl.net or 972-412-5455 (evening hours).

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May 25 - June 2, 2002

What is better than doing genealogy? Doing genealogy while on a cruise to Alaska!! Join California Genealogical Society members and friends for seven days cruising the Inside Passage of Alaska. Nationally known genealogists Patricia Law Hatcher, CG, FASG and Henry Z "Hank" Jones, FASG will provide some very interesting lectures while friends and non-participating spouses enjoy the many activities aboard the *STAR PRINCESS*.



There are many cabin levels to choose from and there are opportunities to add on land packages after you disembark. **Booking with All Cruise Travel for this cruise is \$150 less per person than if you booked it on your own!!**

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Questions about genealogy only call CGS 510 663-1356 or email CGS at library@calgensoc.org Proceeds from the cruise will benefit the CGS Library.

New Members

DGS is proud to welcome the following new members:

- Carolyn Smith carolyn_smith@3com.com
- Karen R. Hamilton
- Carol Franklin
- James E. Cowgill jcowgill@flash.net
- Spouse: Avanel (Bennett) Cowgill

Record Group 45

By Shirley Stertz Hawn

Record Group 45 is an interesting group of records found at the National Archives.

This is a very large collection of Naval records consisting of 6,188 bound volumes, 1,188 boxes of loose papers plus another 196 wrappers of loose documents.

Although their preliminary description states they date from 1648 to 1910, the majority of these records date between 1775 and 1910.

Using a document compiled primarily for use by their staff, I found thirty-seven letters written by my gggrandfather to the Secretary of the Navy.

These are very short letters; accepting and requesting duty assignments. However they were microfilmed, and I now have copies of his hand written letters.

At the top of one letter, written in 1867, his commanding officer made a notation about his wife being gravely ill. In the next letter, he requested pending orders be delayed because of his wife's illness.

My gggrandmother died within a few weeks of this correspondence, and my gggrandfather reported for duty as chaplain aboard the *Merrimac* two weeks later. That small notation on a letter found in this record group, helped me fill in exciting personal information on my family.

The preliminary checklist for these naval records is published in book form, and comprises over 150 pages of document description.

This book is in the Special Military Room on the fourth floor at the National Archives in Washington D. C. There

are both army and naval records in this room, and a very knowledgeable staff to assist you.

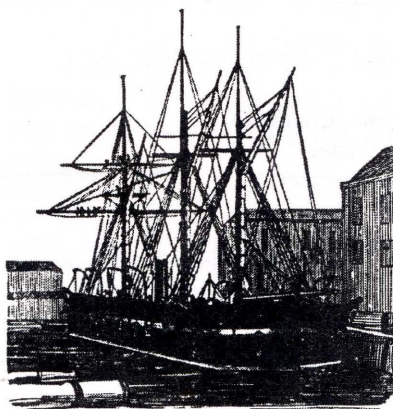
There are countless military sources available to us other than service and pension records. I have listed a few interesting ones from Record Group 45.

Letters Received Relating To Union Prisoners of War, November 1862 - July 1865.

1 Volume, 4 inches, arranged chronologically and indexed. These letters are from officers and seamen in the U.S. Navy who were prisoners of war, and from officers responsible for exchange of prisoners.

Letters Received Relating to Confederate Prisoners Of War, March 1863-July 1865,

4 Volumes, 11 inches, arranged chronologically. They are from prisoners of war, army officers in charge of prisons, U.S. marshals, commandants and blockade-runners. These volumes also list prisoners of war and printed "paroles of honor" signed by them.



List of Logs and Journals Of Vessels Of The United States Navy. The entries in this list are arranged chronologically. Unless indicated, each entry refers to a single un-indexed volume. The information in these journals vary from only statistical, to personal observations about life aboard the ship. There are 160 separate entries. They all give the name of the ship, who kept the journal, name of the commander, itinerary and dates.

Personnel Records 1798 -1890

Correspondence 1803-1890
Muster Rolls, Pay Rolls, and Rosters, 1798-1889
Registers and Indexes of Applications and Appointments 1814-1887
Registers and Indexes of Regular Officers 1798-1874
Registers of Volunteer Officers 1861-1879
Registers and Indexes of Officers' Orders 1823-1873

Naval Shore Establishments, 1814-1911

If one of your ancestors served in the Navy, and you have trouble locating him once his service was over, you might consider he had shore duty, and remained in the area where he was stationed. There are records of fifteen shore establishments; Baltimore, Boston, Gosport (Norfolk), Havana, Mare Island, Mound City, New Orleans, New York, Newport, Pensacola, Philadelphia, Portsmouth N.H., Rio Grande, Washington D.C. and the Naval Academy.

Custody of these records was given to the Archivist of the United States in 1942. The records were transferred from an agency that was established in 1882. Their history is long and complicated, as is their preliminary description and check list.

I mentioned only a few reports and files from this record group. Remember, the description of this gold mine alone, is over one hundred and fifty pages.

Hopefully, you may also find wonderful information on your naval ancestor in this little known group of records.

Queries



Trying to find that elusive branch on your family tree? A query could put you in touch with others researching the same family!

The most successful queries are straightforward and specific. Be sure to place your surnames in all caps so that they stand out. Your query should include names, dates and places to avoid confusion and encourage response.

Queries are published each month in *DGS Newsletter*. Remember when you mail your query in that the deadline for submissions is the 10th of the month for the next month's issue.

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.

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.**

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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!

A note from Rick Loessberg, Director of Planning & Development, Dallas County, dated Dec 14, 2001.

On behalf of the Dallas County Historical Commission, please find enclosed a Resolution of Appreciation for the work that you and the Records Preservation Committee recently performed.

We cannot thank you enough for organizing and for conducting an inventory of our records; we know how difficult and time-consuming this project was, and we greatly appreciate everything that was done.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Records Preservation Committee of the Dallas Genealogical Society has recently completed an inventory of the records and files held by the Dallas County Historical Commission; and
Whereas, this Committee spent countless hours reviewing, identifying, and organizing the Historical Commission's records and files; and
Whereas, this work was part of the Dallas Genealogical Society's larger effort to inventory all of the County's significant records; and
Whereas, this accomplishment will greatly assist the Historical Commission as well as citizens who conduct research on local history.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Historical Commission expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Dallas Genealogical Society and its Records Preservation Committee for its invaluable work in completing the inventory of the Historical Commission's records and files as well as the inventory of other Dallas County records.

This the 13th day of December, 2001.

Jeff Dunn, Chairman
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Bob Harris
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Martha Crowley
Janice Babineaux

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Special thanks to the committee of Alan Miller, Dava Ladyman and Shirley Sloat for their hard work on this project.

The 2001 Institute was a huge success! Next years topic has been selected.

"A Southern Perspective on the American Experience"

June 27-30, 2002

**The states being covered will be:
Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina,
South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama**

Details for the 2002 institute will be coming soon!

The Salt Lake City trip has been scheduled for July 27-Aug 3, 2002. Details and registration will be coming later.

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Check Out Family History Radio

New internet audio format will focus on family history

The popularity of family history research is growing by leaps and bounds around the world, with millions of people becoming interested in where they came from, how they got where they are, and who their ancestors are.

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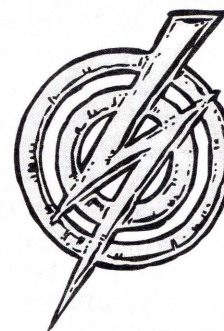
As the interest of family history work is growing by exponential numbers...so also is the amount of information available on genealogy, especially what one can find on the internet. It can be overwhelming!

Now in addition to news and information, we also want to share the emotional side of Family History, the joy of finding long lost relatives, the extra hours at the library, the scientific knowledge of DNA that could result in your family heritage saving your own

life, and help you make your own family history worth remembering. These are the things that we want to bring to you to help make your family history work a life changing experience.

We hope you'll enjoy *Family History Radio*. As we are just starting out, please be patient with us and let us know what you think. We would like nothing more than to get to know our family of listeners and look forward to your participation in this great work of Family History.

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In Response to: Researching all or Your "Family Members"

Canine Genealogy 102
Miss Natasha "Tasha"
of Magnolia Manor

My mother spends hours and hours every day behind this contraption she calls a computer. I've learned a lot by watching her work on it. I've even learned how to use it! She works long and hard hunting for her elusive ancestors and has piles of paper to show for it. Of course she won't put the paper on the floor where I can reach it (darn!). Hunting for my ancestors is an impossible task, even though I am a Siberian Husky. The vet says I'm a pure breed Siberian (of course!), but you see, I'm adopted. My parents adopted me almost eight years

ago on a cloudy cold January day. The Animal Rescue League people told my parents I was about a year old and that I probably wouldn't grow any more. I was only 27 pounds. That is small for my breed. Most Siberians weigh between 35-75 pounds.

Pedigree Unknown

My parents wish they knew who my real parents were because they would like another 'small' Siberian like me (and I'd sure like someone with four legs to play with). My mommy can't handle a really big dog and she just loves me. The only clues I have about my canine mom and dad are that my mom had to have hereditary mange mites. That is what the vet said when I got them shortly after I came to live with my new parents. The vet dipped me in some

icky stuff that made me well, but I'd sure like to know if I had siblings and where they are.

In the Mean Time

I try to help my mommy all I can. I make sure she doesn't sit behind this computer for too long. My big nose is very cool and I just love to hit her elbow so she can't type any more. I've also learned to 'talk', although I do have trouble making them understand me. I've grown to be 40 pounds. I was only 7 months old when they got me, but I'd lived a lifetime by then, so they thought I was older. I figure I'm in heaven now with people that really love me. I know that when I leave this place I will be mourned and my passing will be noted.

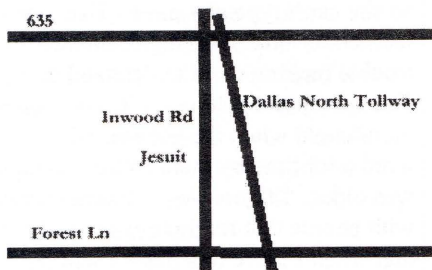
**Curt B. Witcher Lecture
Saturday, 9 February 2002**

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!

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Upcoming events (please check):

_____ Saturday, 9 Feb 2002 Curt B. Witcher
Jesuit College Preparatory School
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Editor's Corner

Okay, let's see a show of hands--who out there made New Year's Resolutions for 2001? Keep those hands up, now how many of you kept them past January 15th? March 15th? August 15th? Those of you who still have your hands up, take them and give yourself a really big pat on the back.

Last year my resolution was the reorganization of all my research materials, and was actually more an ultimatum than a resolution. When we moved into our house 8 years ago, we turned our spare bedroom into an office for my husband. By last January, my 18 years of family history and Texas history research had completely overwhelmed the space in what had become "my office." Mention "genealogy" and "office space" to my husband in the same sentence and he will giggle like Renfield. In the interest of his sanity, I had to do something drastic. I have detailed many of my reorganization strategies in the Beginner's Strategies article, "Tips for Organizing Your Research." During the year, I plan to highlight more beginners' strategies for coping with other procedures or problems. If you have suggestions on topics you'd like to see discussed, please send them to me.

DGS has some great events coming up, including our two upcoming lectures by Curt Witcher and Dick Eastman. And if you haven't had a chance to come by a DGS general meeting, try to schedule them in this year. They always begin with a social time, a nice chance to chat with other genealogists (people who actually know what you're talking about when you speak glowingly of the release of the 1930 Census) and enjoy refreshments provided by our Hospitality Committee. The social time is followed by the meeting, which features top quality speakers touching on wide variety of topics from methodology to local history. I encourage you to make a resolution to check them out this year!

Congratulations to the winners of our service awards. These hardworking individuals are part of the reason we have such a wonderfully dynamic organization. They and others like them are always there to help things along! We also want to extend special thanks to Alan Miller, Dava Ladyman and Shirley Sloat for their efforts to complete an inventory of the Dallas County Historical Society's records and files as well as an inventory of other Dallas County records. This was a tremendous undertaking that will benefit everyone!

We've included other articles in this issue to help get your research off on the right foot this year. Juliana Smith's article on time management will help you to fit in those extra research hours you need. You may find the Texas State Genealogical Association to be another great resource. Shirley Hawn's article on Record Group 45 offers yet another source for finding those illusive individuals you're determined to track down this year. Next time you're cruising the internet, you may want to check out Family History Radio, yet another new source for great ideas! Be sure to get your genealogy t-shirt order in--you'll want to show it off at the next genealogy event or family reunion you attend.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions, as well as any articles you'd like to submit. If you'd like to get more involved with the newsletter, please let me know. DGS also has other volunteer opportunities available as well. We'd love to have you!

Here's to a great 2002!

Beth Dees Applebaum

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Hospitality _____

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Work at special events _____

Present workshops _____

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DGS Calendar of Events

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 Lecture: Dick Eastman
- 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

June

- 1-Sat Board changeover

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 for the general meetings is 6:30-7:00. The business meeting and program begins at 7:00 PM.

DGS COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP meets on first Tuesdays 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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