DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

Searching for the Mayors of Dallas by Barbara A. Ware

You know how one project can lead you to another! I didn't consciously decide that I needed to know when and where the men and women who had served the city of Dallas as mayors were born or had died. This project just found me as I worked on the Oakland Cemetery project. It begged to be undertaken. The resulting list will be published in the 2002 Dallas Journal. The search for these people turned up some interesting sources.

Seven men who were at one time mayor of Dallas are buried at Oakland Cemetery. An Internet search for these men turned up two web sites: www.politicalgraveyard.com and www.findagrave.com. The first lists all the mayors of Dallas with their years of service. It also lists burial locations and information on a few of them. Not all of the Oakland burials were listed, and one individual, who had been buried at Oakland and removed to another cemetery, was incorrectly listed.

Checking the Texas/Dallas History Department of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library for information showed that a complete list was not available. Two more web sites, www.dallashistory.com and www.tsha,utexas.edu/handbook/online, gave biographies of some of the former mayors.

The next step was to check the clipping files and name card file in the Texas/Dallas History Department. Two books¹ on early Dallas history provided some information. The name card files listed articles in early vanity press books.² Genealogies³ provided information on earlier generations of one of Dallas' prominent families, the Cabells, which provided three men to be Dallas mayors.

Census records, tax records, city directories, newspaper death accounts, and Dallas County probate records, all available on microfilm, added significant information.

Some mayors can be elusive. It helped to mention this research to the DPL Genealogy Section staff. Lloyd Bockstruck provided a critical connection to George W. Guess, because another researcher had contacted him about this man. G. W. Guess' death is documented in the "City of Memphis Death Records, 1848-1901," available on the Internet at the time of the research, but currently not accessible. The *Dallas Daily Herald*⁴ gave a brief notice 16 days after his death in the form of a letter to the newspaper. He died on a steamboat in the Mississippi River.

The Texas birth and death indexes online⁵ provided dates for some recent mayors. Not only did it identify the birth date for Robert S. Folsom, but listed his middle name: Skillern. Anyone growing up in Dallas in the 1950s will remember the

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Founded in 1955, the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is the oldest continuously functioning 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 Dallas Public J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas, or its legal successor;
- to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history.

Meetings

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 Regular Meeting is the fourth Monday, September–May, unless otherwise scheduled 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

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 most special events.

DGS Special Events

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

DGS Newsletter

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The President's Column



We've had a busy and productive spring with the lecture series, silent auction, and the reopening of the

genealogy section of the DPL on the 8^{th} floor. If you haven't visited the remodeled genealogy section, plan on doing so soon. It is an awesome space!

Your board members, who are all volunteers, have been making plans for the next few years' activities. Summertime usually brings a lull in activity, but not this year. The summer institute is just around the corner, then a lock-in at the library, followed by the annual Salt Lake City Research Trip. I do hope you are able to join us for at least one of the summertime activities.

I'd like to thank the members of this year's board, many of whom are staying on to serve again next year. We welcome the return of Mel Brewer, Monette Grant, and Mary Johnson to the board for the new board year. DGS's board year is from June 1-May 31 and is comprised of an all volunteer group of individuals dedicated to making the Society the best it can be. There are also many committees that help in the operations of the society. Some of them are: the Grant Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Newsletter Committee, and the Hospitality Committee. Some of the committees are "seasonal," the rest meet year round. If you are interested in serving on one of these, or other committees, please let me know. The Society greatly appreciates all its volunteers, no matter how small the task that is performed.

To Be or Not to Be... A Volunteer By Alvin Harper

We all have known the thrill of finding a lead to an elusive ancestor on a printed source, be it an abstract of a deed book or an every name index to a county court minute book. How about those compilations of cemetery records? These things don't just show up on the library shelves. Someone, somewhere, had to do the indexing, or the abstracting, or go walk the cemetery "reading stones." Someone, somewhere, who did the grub work, not for gold or glory, but in the expectation that somewhere, someone would be helped. In short: A VOLUNTEER!

DGS has two major projects in process: abstracting WWI draft registration cards for Dallas County and comparing Oakland Cemetery interment cards with a tombstone printout. If you own a laptop with EXCEL, your help is needed. Once you have been instructed on the what, why, and how of the project, you can work at a time and place of your choosing, and at your own pace. Current plans are that the results of these projects will be published in the Dallas Journal with each volunteer being given credit for their contribution.

We all have been helped by the work of those who came before us. Now we have the opportunity to help those who will came after us.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

If you would like to participate in either, or both, of these worthy endeavors, please contact: Alvin E. Harper Volunteer Coordinator at 214-942-4095 or Barbara Ware at 972-307-8875, bware@tenet.edu

Necrology

Helen Mason Lu

It is with great sadness that we report the death of long-time Dallas Genealogical Society member Helen Mason Lu, who died on May 10 in Dallas. Helen was a life member of DGS. She served as president of the Society, 1977-1978, 1982-1983, and 1989-1990, as well as many other board and committee positions during the last three decades. Publications of DGS, such as Genealogical Data from Early Cemeteries, Index to Probate Cases of Dallas County, Marriage Records of Dallas County, and numerous others bear the name of Helen Lu as one of the compilers/editors. Among her other contributions to the genealogical community were her nine volumes of abstracts of Texas denominational newspapers, for which she donated the rights to DGS. Helen was the original compiler of the series Revolutionary War Period: Bible, Family, and Marriage Records Gleaned from Pension Applications. For many years Helen taught introductory genealogy at Brookhaven College and was a wellknown and much sought-after local and regional speaker.

Helen Lu was instrumental in helping to make DGS the respected society that it is today. She was esteemed for her knowledge of genealogy and her commitment to DGS and the genealogical community. In 1994 she was chosen as the first recipient of the DGS Award of Merit, awarded annually to the person who embodies these traits.

Helen is survived by husband Dr. J.L. Lu, daughter and son-in-law Cindy and Jerry Remington, and two grandsons.

Tresa

DGS News & Opportunities

Editor's Note



If you notice a theme running through this newsletter, you're very astute. We are on the brink of summer: a time of vacations and trips. Ten years ago, the genealogical

community believed you took the summer off, and that genealogists were not interested in seminars or programs or conventions during this time. My how times have changed. Summer is a great time to devote to studying and learning more to enhance our craft. It's also the time we like to hit the road and visit courthouses, libraries, and especially state archives. Life becomes invigorating if we can throw in the learning experience of a national conference or attend an institute.

With this in mind, this issue is focused on archives and archival research. It is focused on upcoming summer activities sponsored by DGS. It is focused on events happening locally, regionally, and nationally, such as conferences, institutes, and seminars. All these things are highlighted in this issue.

We ask for your feedback on your experiences researching on the road. Tell us where you've been and about the positive things you've found in the repositories you visited. Yes, it is another way of learning and enhancing our craft. It is called SHARING.

A special thanks to Barbara Ware for her excellent article on her experiences while searching for information on the mayors of the city of Dallas. A stated object of DGS is "to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history." She has done an excellent job in complying with this goal in her role as editor of the *Dallas Journal*.

As great as it is that summer is here, let's not forget the excellent lecture series that DGS has planned beginning in September. A lot of time and effort goes into securing these speakers, selecting their topics, locating facilities, rounding-up volunteers, and all the hundreds of other things that go into putting on a series of seminars. Read all about the DGS Lecture Series in this issue.

Finally, it's been great being the temporary editor for these last two editions of the DGS Newsletter. I enjoyed my stints years ago as editor and look forward to working with the newsletter committee and the incoming editor. Thanks for being so patient as we endeavored to bring the newsletters up-to-date.

Sammie Lee

1930 Federal Census

The most frequently asked question in the Genealogy Research Center at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library is, "Has the 1930 census arrived yet?" We are delighted to report that it is arriving daily, slowly but surely!

By the time this newsletter hits your mailbox, we hope to have it complete, but you might want to call the Library (214/670-1433) just to make sure your state of choice has arrived.

Remember, we are still purchasing the Soundex and your contributions toward this project are greatly appreciated.

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DGS Summer Learning and Research Opportunities

DGS sponsored learning and research opportunities abound this summer. Can we count on you to help support the Society by attending one or more?

Summer Institute

June 27-30 (Thursday evening to Sunday noon) brings us the outstanding annual fourday summer institute, "A Southern Perspective on the American Experience," featuring genealogical research sources and methods for Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, and Alabama. Instructors for the institute are Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, Brent Holcomb,

and Robert Scott Davis. Tuition for the institute is \$200, which includes materials, guided research, two lunches, and Sunday brunch. A \$100 deposit must be postmarked by June 20, with the balance due by June 27. Enrollment is limited to 120 students.

Send your request to the Dallas Genealogical Society, Post Office Box 12446, Dallas, Texas 75225-0446. Registration forms are available online at the Society's web page: www.dallasgenealogy.org.

Library Lock-in

Saturday, July 20 is the Library Lock-in for 100 lucky DGS members. How many times have you said, "If only I could get locked in at the Dallas Library and research all night?" Here's your chance. Participants arrive at 6:00 p.m. and are locked in until 2:00 p.m. (beginning at midnight participants may leave at each hour). This is a DGS members only event, and the fee is a very nominal \$20, which includes snacks and beverages. Genealogy staff members will be available to lend a helping hand. Registration forms are available on the Society's web page.

Trip to Salt Lake City



Pack your suitcase and genealogy bag and join us July 27–August 3 (Saturday to Saturday) for the

Society's annual trek to the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Since 1993, DGS has been escorting groups to this Mecca of genealogical research. Here's your opportunity to research in the world's largest collection of genealogical records, make new friends who share your interest in family history, and research all day uninterrupted by the demands of your family, job, telephone solicitors, and other day-to-day events.

Convenience is the name of the game on this research trip. Participants stay at the recently remodeled Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, which is located next door to the FHL, across the street from beautiful historic Temple Square, and convenient to shopping malls, restaurants, and entertainment centers. Within a short walk is the old historic Hotel Utah, now remodeled and renamed the Joseph Smith Building. Here researchers find thousands of published family histories and records submitted by genealogists from the United States and most foreign countries.

The FHL is easy to use and opens at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday; closes at 5:00 p.m. on Monday and at 10:00 p.m. the rest of the week (closed on Sunday). For more information about the FHL, go to www.familysearch.org and click on "Library." Here you can locate information about the building, the collections, the staff, the equipment, getting prepared for a visit, and dozens of other hints.

The fee for the Salt Lake City trip is \$385 for a double; \$700 for a single (DGS makes an effort to help you find a roommate, but cannot guarantee success). The trip fee includes 7 nights at the hotel, airport shuttle, Monday evening lecture, and a midweek get-together to compare notes. The trip is open to DGS members only. Nonmembers must add \$25 as a membership fee. A \$200 deposit must be postmarked by June 27 with the balance due by July 20. If a week is not enough research time, you can book extra days at \$46 double; \$92 single per night. You must schedule and pay for these nights by the July 20 deadline.

Write DGS for a registration form or go online to the Society web page: www.dallasgenealogy.org. If you have never taken this trip, it is well worth the time and money to do so. You will never regret it!

DGS Welcomes the Following New Members

Allison Kathleen Galt-Hall & Spouse: Allan Walton Hall Diane Sulak Wilson & Spouse: Eric John Wilson Marie Ann Talbott & Spouse: Richard A. Talbott Kathleen Moffett Steele

Mary Moore

DGS Learning Opportunities: Lecture Series Set for 2002-2003

The Dallas Genealogical Society believes in providing members with as much information as humanly possible to tract down those elusive ancestors. In fact, a major goal of DGS is to offer the genealogical community the unique opportunity to hear some of the best genealogical educators available. The coming season of the DGS Lecture Series is no exception. Members can experience a diverse group of speakers on an eclectic selection of topics. In addition to a day-long seminar on research in the state of Kentucky, one can find information on ancestors in the states of New York, Pennsylvania, and California gold rush ancestors. Topics include information on photographs, writing a family history, the colonial frontier, documentation, manuscript records, taxes, etc.

Seminar # 1

September 14, 2002—Harold E. Hinds, Jr., Ph.D., is a Distinguished Research Professor of History at the University of Minnesota, Morris. In addition to teaching history courses, his curriculum includes family history. He has lectured at both national and international levels. His topics are:

 Did Your Ancestors Migrate Into or Through New York? The Advantages of Research in New York



- State Census: The Top Three New York, Kansas, and Iowa
- The Family Photo Collection and Its Uses in Visualizing Your Personal Family History
- The View from the Other Side: a Historian's Perspective on Transforming Your Genealogy into a Family History

Seminar # 2

October 5, 2002—It has been said that one could be entertained and enlightened by simply listening to Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck read the telephone directory. While this may be true, it should be so much more informative listening to Lloyd's daylong lecture on research in the state of Kentucky.

Lloyd, who needs no introduction to local genealogists, will tell us about



the historical progression of Kentucky and the sources, research methodology, and other facts we need to successfully research, both here and on site.

Seminar # 3

November 2, 2002—Diane VanSkiver Gagel of Ohio is a college instructor, freelance writer, and professional genealogist. She is a nationally known lecturer and is active with the Ohio Genealogical Society. Her topics are:

 Windows on the Past: Dating Identifying, and Caring for Historic



- Photographs (2 hours)
- Finding the Inner Light: Researching Quaker Ancestors
- The Argonauts: Researching our California Gold Rush Ancestors

Seminar # 4

February 1, 2003— John T. Humphrey is director of the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Learning center in Arlington, Virginia. He has written nineteen books, including the 14-volume set on Pennsylvania births and baptisms. He has lectured at many national conferences. His topics are:

- Reconstructing Families on the Colonial Frontier
- Researching Eighteenth-Century Germans
 Researching



Pennsylvania Ancestors

Documentation: It's Essential!

Seminar # 5

April 5, 2003—Barbara Vines Little of Virginia is editor of the Virginia Genealogical Society's publications, *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy* and the VGS Newsletter. She is a nationally recognized lecturer and a NGS director. Her topics include:

- Untold Treasures: manuscript Records and Rare Books on Film
- Chancery Records: The Secrets They Hold, the Families They Reveal



- When You Can't Do it Yourself
- Taxes: Milk Them for All They're Worth

Registration

The registration fee for individual lectures is

- \$25 for DGS members
- \$30 for Nonmembers
- \$35 for walk-ins

The registration fee for all five lectures (booked together) is \$\black\$ \$110

Make checks payable to DGS. Mail to:

2002-2003 Lecture Series Dallas Genealogical Society P.O. Box 12446 Dallas, Texas 75225-0446

For a registration form or more information, go to our website: www.dallasgenealogy.org.

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Skillern's Drug Store chain. It took the clipping files to find the maiden names of Adeline Harrison and Annette Strauss: Nathanson and Greenfield, respectively.

Most 20th-century newspapers⁶ provided adequate death notices, obituaries or features when a mayor died. The Dallas newspapers of the mid-19th century, however, carried only brief notices of the deaths of individuals who lived in the city. The shooting of J. L. Smith in 1867 did receive a fair amount of coverage. His shooting was mentioned in John Henry Brown's book. The actual date was not given. Reading the weekly newspaper for 1867 yielded a notice of respect by the Tannehill Masonic Lodge and finally the article titled "Cold Blooded Murder."7 Two additional sources were a newspaper⁸ name index of early Texas newspapers and a book listing early Tannehill Masonic Lodge members.9

In addition to J. L. Smith, two other mayors of Dallas were shot. Benjamin Long was shot in a saloon as he assisted the owner with a nonpaying customer in 1877.

MURDER RAMPANT. A Desperado Kills Ben Long, Wounds Another, runs a Muck, is shot and Finally Brought to Bay, Fighting to the Last

A Tragedy Which Startled our City from Its Quiet and Threw it late a Fever Of Excitement—Full and Detailed Particulars—The Desperado At Death's Door

In 1882, James M. Thurmond was shot in court by Robert E. Cowart following an argument of a personal nature.

Phone calls to Paris Cemetery in Paris, Kentucky and Forest Park and

Glenwood Cemeteries, both in Houston, provided information on Curtis P. Smith, Robert E. Burt, and J. Waddy Tate respectively. John Waddy Tate died in Dallas. His remains were transported to Houston for burial by the Holland Masonic Lodge, but no cemetery was given in the obituary. A list of cemeteries from the 1938 Houston City Directory provided guidance as to possible locations. The first call to a Houston cemetery, Glenwood Cemetery, yielded his burial location. E-mail to the historian of Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee, also yielded additional information about George W. Guess.

A visit to the office at Sparkman-Hillcrest Cemetery and Funeral Home in Dallas provided information about mayors whose funerals they handled. A trip to a Sulphur Springs city cemetery, one Sunday afternoon, yielded nothing. Later the same day, an online genealogy help-list provided a contact in Hopkins County who had copies of the city cemetery books and confirmed the burial sought.

Look for the birth, death, burial and marriage records of all 52 mayors in the 2002 Dallas Journal.

Case Study: Thomas Emory Sherwood

Thomas E. Sherwood was mayor of Dallas from 1861 to 1862. On the 1860 Kaufman County census, his name is Thomas Sh<u>ear</u>wood. On the 1870 Dallas County census, he is listed as a 36-year- old merchant from Indiana with a wife and three children. He was the first postmaster of Farmersville, Texas in 1857.¹⁰ He is listed on the web site of the First Methodist Church of Mesquite as a minister there in 1868. On the 1880 census he is in Denton County.

Posting a query on the rootsweb database regarding the relationship of Thomas E. Sherwood to Jeremiah Sherwood of Kaufman County yielded two positive responses from Sherwood collateral line researchers. The CSA pension application filed by his widow in 1911 states that he was born May 31, 1835, in Washington County, Indiana and died April 15, 1898, in Grayson County, Texas. Extant cemetery, city directories, and tax records for Grayson County from 1895-1898 yielded only one record, a tax record for 1 horse and 1 cattle in 1896 in Precinct 23 (northeast of Whitesboro). Dallas papers surrounding the date of death provided no mention of his death.

Did he died in Grayson County or Hopkins County? Where was he buried? The unproductive Sunday trip to Sulphur Springs and the subsequent e-mail help mentioned earlier give his death year as 1897 not 1898. Checking *The Dallas Morning News* around 15 April 1897 produced the following: *SHERWOOD—Dodds, Tex., April*

11.—Rev. T. E. Sherwood, pastor of the M.E. church, south, at this place, died here yesterday evening. The remains were taken to Sulphur Springs, Tex., for burial to-day.¹¹

Case Study: Isaac C. Naylor

Isaac C. Naylor was mayor only for a brief time, between John M. Crockett and Dr. A.D. Rice in 1858. The July 31, 1858 issue of the *Dallas Herald* identified Isaac Naylor as one of the defense attorneys (with John M. Crockett, B. Warren Stone, and E. P. Nicholson) for A. M. Moore

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accused of the murder of Alexander Crockell. Prosecutors were District Attorney John C. McCoy, R. W. Lunday, and G. W. Guess.

Naylor joined the Tannehill Masonic Lodge in 1858. He appears on the 1860 Texas census in Galveston. He is listed on the 1867 Texas Voter's Registration for Lavaca County and Galveston County. The Lavaca County record (dated July 23, 1867) states he has been a resident of the state for 15 years, the county and precinct one year. The entry is struck and a note is given that he has moved to Galveston. The Galveston list states that he has lived in the state, county, and precinct 12 months. In 1870, he is listed with the E. S. Woods family as a 45-year-old PO clerk in Galveston. Also listed is his son Edward, age 10, born in Texas. It was later determined that the Henrietta Wood listed in the same family is actually Henrietta Wood Naylor. In 1880, Isaac Nailer age 56, born in PA, is listed in Galveston with his wife Henrietta, sons Edward (20), Isaac (9), and Charles (6). He is a bookkeeper for the E.S. Wood Company.

Searches of the extant city directories and tax records for Galveston lead to the conclusion that Isaac Naylor died around 1885. His wife, Henrietta, is listed in the 1886-1887 Galveston city directory and as the widow of Isaac in the 1887 Houston city directory. A trip to Houston to check available Galveston records yielded his death and burial record.¹² However, his burial was not found in names begining with "N", but in the "T"s with the "Taylors." These records gave his date of death as April 16, 1885 in Galveston at age 60 years, 9 months.

A later trip to Galveston provided a research opportunity in the Naylor papers and cemetery maps at the Rosenburg Library, but did not yield a tombstone for Isaac at the cemetery.

Notes:

¹(1)John H. Cullom, *Mayors of Dallas* (n.p. 1917). (2)John Henry Brown, *History of Dallas County*, *Texas, from 1837 to 1887 by John Henry Brown* (orig. published in Dallas in1887 by Milligan, Cornett & Farnham Printers) and John H. Cochran, *Dallas County, A Record of Its Pioneers and Progress...* (orig. published in 1928); these two major chronicles of early Dallas County are now republished together with a foreword by Sam Acheson (Dallas: Aldredge Book Store, 1966).

²Ellis A. Davis and Edwin H. Grobe (comp. and ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Texas* (Dallas: Texas Development Bureau, 1922?).

³ Alexander Brown, *Cabells and Their Kin* (Richmond, Vir.: Garrett and Massie, Inc. 1939).

⁴Dallas Daily Herald, 1 Aug 1868

⁵www.rootsweb.com. Note: the online Texas birth and marriage indexes are no longer available.

⁶Dallas Herald, Dallas Daily News, The Dallas Morning News and/or The Dallas Times Herald are available on microfilm in the Texas/Dallas History Department, 7th floor, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

⁷*The Dallas Herald*, 6 July 1867, page 2.

⁸University of Texas Newspaper Index (microfilm).

⁹James Campbell Chapter, NSDAR (comp.), Early Dallas Records: Tannehill Lodge AF & ÁM; Isaac Webb's Diary; First Presbyterian Church. ¹⁰ Walter Prescott Webb, editorin-chief, "Farmersville, TX." *The Handbook of Texas* (Austin, Tex.: Texas State Historical Association, 1952—).

¹¹The Dallas Morning News, 13 April 1897, page 6.

¹²Index to Galveston Death and Burial Records, 1800s-1910 (microfilm, Clayton Library). Galveston Co. Genealogical Society, Early Texas Death and Legal Records from Joseph Franklin's Diary and John Griffin's Sexton Records (Texas City, Tex.: The Society, c1990).



DGS wishes you a happy, fun, & safe Memorial Day weekend!



Remember, the Dallas Genealogical Society does not have regular meetings during June, July, or August. We hope you have a safe and happy summer with many successful research trips: whether it's downtown to the Genealogy Research Center in the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library or to visit your ancestor's old stomping grounds. See you at the summer events!

Summer Learning Opportunities: Local, Regional, and National

LOCAL:

Scottish Family History Symposium

The 2002 Scottish Family History Symposium sponsored by the Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games is being held Friday, June 7, 2002, at the LaQuinta Conference Center in Arlington, Texas. This year the theme is "Scottish and Scots-Irish Family History Research," presented by Dean Hunter, AG, CGRS, development specialist for the British Collection at the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The registration fee is \$40 and includes buffet lunch and snacks. A flyer is available at the Dallas Public Library or online at www.TexasScottishFestival.com.

Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games

The 16th annual festival is scheduled for June 7-9, 2002, at Maverick Stadium at the University of Texas at Arlington. Renowned for its outstanding entertainment, the Festival again features some of the top Scottish performers in the world, highland games, sports, crafts, workshops, dog shows and much more. For ticket information, schedules, and other information visit the web site at www.TexasScottishFestival.com.

Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society

For the second year, John A. Sellers, the very popular and knowledgeable Hopkins County (Texas) speaker, is conducting the annual workshop of the MHGS. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, June 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Mesquite Main Library. This year Mr. Sellers's subject is Intermediate Genealogy. Topics are

- The ABCs and Double S of Census Research
- What Are They Saying About Your Family in the Paper
- ► To Be, To Wed, To Pass
- Researching Your Ancestor's Plot of Dirt

Registration forms are available at the Dallas Public Library or from Workshop Chairman, Taylor Pendley, (972) 285-1146.

REGIONAL:

Hats Off to Genealogy Conference

The Texas Czech Genealogical Society presents this conference held July 25-27, 2002 at the Brazos Center in Bryan, Texas. The conference brochure may be viewed on their web site at www.txczgrs.org. For information contact Charlene Hurta (979)849-0348 or fhurta@brazosport.cc.tx.us.

Angelina College Genealogy Conference

The sixth annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference is being held July 26-27, 2002, on the campus of Angelina College in Lufkin, Texas. Speakers for the conference are Trevia Wooster Beverly, Emily Croom, Carolyn Ericson, Pat Gordon, Kenneth N. Hopkins, Melvin C. Johnson, Darrel L. McDonald, Donald R. Raney, and John A. Sellers. Brochures are available at the Dallas Public Library or contact the Angelina College Genealogy Coordinator at vcates@ballistic.com.



NATIONAL:

FGS Conference

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the California Genealogical Alliance have paired up this summer to present the Federation's 2002 conference, A Goldmine of Diversity. Scheduled for Wednesday-Saturday, August 7-10, 2002, the four-day event meets in Ontario, California, at the Ontario Convention center. The conference is slated to celebrate the ethnic diversity of this country since its foundation. Wednesday of an FGS conference is devoted to society management. Thursday-Friday is filled with lectures and activities to add to the genealogist's storehouse of knowledge. Tracts include a variety of lectures for the beginning, intermediate, and advanced researchers. Brochures are available at the Dallas Public Library or on the FGS web page. For further information on fees, hotels, lectures, etc., contact the society at www.fgs.org or call the FGS office toll-free at (888) FGS-1500

INSTITUTES:

Samford Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)

Samford Institute, established in 1964, is one of the oldest and most respected genealogical study courses. IGHR is being held the week of June 9-14, 2002, at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. The courses are:

- Techniques and Technology, Coordinator: Sandra Hargreaves Luebking
- Intermediate Genealogy and

Summer Learning Opportunities: Local, Regional, and National

Historical Studies, Coordinator: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

 Old South and Some Border States, Coordinator: James R. Johnson

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- Advanced Methodology and Evidence Analysis, Coordinator: Elizabeth Shown Mills
- Writing and Publishing for Genealogists, Coordinator: Helen F. M. Leary
- Understanding Land Records, Coordinator: Christine Rose
- Using Genealogical Software and Electronic Archives, Coordinator: Ken Macomber
- Irish Genealogy Research: At Home and Abroad, Coordinator: David Rencher

For a brochure contact Jean Thomason at (205) 726-2198 or online at www.samford.edu/schools/ ighr/courses.htm.

Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research

The Virginia Genealogical Society (VGS) is sponsoring its fifth Virginia Institute in Richmond, June 9-13, 2002. This study course focuses exclusively on Virginia topics and methods in two levels of instruction. The introductory course covers Virginia history, geography, and surveys of various record groups. The advanced course concentrates on the application of interpretive and analytical methods to solve research problems. Instructors include Marti Hiatt, Barbara Vines Little, Robert Young Clay, Eric Grundset, and others. VIGR is held on the campus of Roslyn, the Virginia Episcopal Diocesan Center in Richmond. Registration is limited. Contact VGS at www.vgs.org or write to VGS 5001 West Broad Street, # 115, Richmond, Virginia 23230-3023.

National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR)

The National Institute on Genealogical was founded in 1950. The Institute's program takes an indepth look at federal records of genealogical value located primarily in the Washington, D.C. area. The program is geared to experienced researchers (genealogists, historians, librarians, archivists). It is not an introductory course in genealogy, The institute is usually held during the second week of July. It fills quickly. To be placed on the mailing list now, write to National Institute on Genealogical Research, P.O. Box 14174, Washington, DC 20044-4274 or e-mail NatGenInst@juno.com.

Genealogical Institute of Mid America

The Illinois State Genealogical Society's 8th Annual Genealogical Institute of Mid-America is being held July 8-11, 2002 at the University of Illinois-Springfield Campus. The four courses are:

- Genealogical Research Methods and Sources, Part 1, Coordinator: Michael John Neill
- Genealogical Research Methods and Sources, Part 2, Coordinator: Sandra H. Luebking
- Germanic Colonists and Immigrants in North America, Coordinator: Lloyd D. Bockstruck
- Genealogy in England, Coordinator: Paul Milner
 Brochures are available at the Dallas
 Public Library or contact Sue
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Call for Papers

DGS is looking for a few good speakers!

DGS extends an invitation to all speakers interested in submitting lecture proposals for introductory subjects to be taught in beginning genealogy classes, which will be presented at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library on a regular basis. We need lectures of one-to-two hours in length on all aspects of genealogy. We are especially interested in beginning topics, including "how-to" subjects, sources, documentation, methodology, repositories, computers and the Internet, etc.

If you are interested in speaking in these beginning classes, please submit the following information:

- name, address, city/state/zip telephone number
- subject(s) and title(s) of lecture
- number of hours
- number of times you are willing to repeat your lecture
- an abstract, outline, or synopsis of your topic(s)
- a brief genealogical resume of your experience

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State Archives: Have You Checked Them Out? submitted by Tresa Tatyrek

Traveling to research on location is a must for those truly bitten by the genealogy bug. If not to do research (if you've been lucky and someone else has documented it well), then to just see where your people lived and worked for a period of time. I've traveled to many county seats and state archives. I use the Internet to learn what is available at each location. Also, a telephone call is sometimes necessary. Nothing is more disappointing than getting somewhere, only to find the records have been moved somewhere else.

State archives vary a great deal in their holdings. Some archives hold microfilm of county records, others do not. Most have rules and regulations in place for what you are allowed to bring into their research rooms. Check those rules out before you go! Some do not allow you to take anything in with you that could potentially hold books, manuscripts, or microfilm. That means no coats, purses, bags, or notebooks. They do allow you to take in laptop computers, but not in a case. This means you have to have everything you need to look for either in your head (ha), written on a few pieces of paper, or use a small personal computer that is not hard to carry. I bought a travel vest with lots of pockets to hold my phone, money, keys, glasses, and palm. It does get weighty, but it solved my problem of not having everything I need while in a research room.

I've visited the archives at Baton Rouge (Louisiana), Montgomery (Alabama), Atlanta (Georgia), Oklahoma City, Topeka (Kansas), Little Rock (Arkansas), and Jefferson City (Missouri). All of these locations except for Baton Rouge required photo identification and issued a research card. They also had the above limitations as to what you can take into the research room. Most of the research centers allow you to make your own copies of images from the microfilm. Jefferson City was the exception. You have to complete a form and their people make all copies. Topeka allowed you to make copies of microfilm, but not of any thing else. They made the copies from books and paper files. This information is not always on their information sheets or web. It is better to be prepared; you may have to wait for your copies, or they may even have to mail them to you (extra cost) if time runs out on you.

Baton Rouge holds microfilm indexes to the Louisiana death certificates, as well as the actual death certificates for deaths that were more than 50 years ago. These were my main interest as my husband's family has many people in Louisiana. They also have a collection of other materials. Their website is www.sec.state.la.us/ archives/archives/archivesindex.htm. If you are looking for parish records on microfilm, try the Shreveport Library system. They have their holdings online at www.shreve.net/~japrime/ lagenweb/shreve.htm.

The Mississippi Archives is located in Jackson. It is in a building next door to the old Capital Complex Building, which houses a museum on Mississippi history and a bookstore. The archives has books available for browsing; microfilm has to be requested a few at a time. They have plenty of viewers and you make your own copies. They have a lot of great information on their website at www.mdah.state.ms.us/ arlib/arlib index.html.

The Alabama archives is in Montgomery. It contains microfilm that has to be requested a few at a time for viewing. The collection includes county records as well as some newspapers. They have plenty of viewers and fairly good copiers. Their books are available for browsing. Their website is **www.archives.state.al.us/.**

It has been a few years since I visited and worked at the Georgia archives in Atlanta. The staff is very helpful, and they had a brief orientation and a floor plan for their facility, so it was fairly easy to locate the items I was looking for. They have many of their county records on microfilm and in books. They also have a microfilm collection of early newspapers. The website is www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/.

The Oklahoma Archives in Oklahoma City are a part of the Oklahoma Historical Society. They do not have any county records on microfilm there, but they do own a collection of photographs, biographies, and Indian documentation. They also have a collection of many early Oklahoma newspapers on microfilm, which at the time I visited was not in the Archives research room, but in another location in the same building. The number of readers was limited, and you had to sign up for them and a two-hour slot very early in the day. The same building holds the State Library where they have some county books and records. The Archives and Library are housed in a building that is also a museum. Their URL is www.ok-history.mus. ok.us/arch/arch1.html.

The Kansas State Historical Society and its facility holds the archives in Topeka. The facility holds several museums as well as the research center. They allow access to microfilm and have a great many readers. Access to their books and other materials is through request forms. Learn how to use a card catalog before you go! Their website is www.kshs.org/research/ index.htm.

I was extremely disappointed when visiting the Arkansas archives in Little Rock. Their research room does not allow you to touch the microfilm. Their staff load and unload it on the reader for you. If you are going there to look for things on microfilm, be prepared to wait

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Think Outside the Box—Go Beyond the Public Library submitted by Sammie Lee

State Archives

State archives are established by state legislatures for the purpose of collecting and preserving official records of the state government and, in some cases, statewide city and county records. In addition, they often house state and county historical records and other records contributed for retention and preservation.

State archives are charged with the responsibility to access, retain, store, catalog, and make the records available to the public, including officials or agencies that created them and academic, historical, and genealogical researchers. Archive records tend to be original, one- ofa- kind records. The earliest records date from the beginning of the state. Records in state archives do not circulate and usually do not lend to other repositories.

Size and content of the collection, as well as staffing, are dependent on the amount of public funding dedicated by the legislature. Sources are arranged differently than in libraries, usually kept by record group and description. Record groups are usually cataloged and maintained according to the official or historical activity that led to their creation and maintained in their original order.

Any or all of the following records may be located in State Archives or State Libraries:

- Executive papers
- Legislative papers
- Judicial papers
- Appeals court records
- State census records
- State military records
- Pensions issued by the state
- Militia rolls

- State land grants and records
- Tax records
- School records
- Manuscript collections
- Loose-paper manuscripts
- State law books
- Voter registration lists
- Election returns
- State medical lists
- Prison records
- Maps
- Gazetteers
- Photograph collections
- Newspaper collections
- Genealogy collections
- Early original county record books

Federal Archives

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) of the United States documents and maintains historically valuable American records from the time of the First Continental Congress to the present. Few records predate the Revolutionary War. NARA keeps only federal records, which document the permanent history of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of the Federal Government.

Records are housed in the National Archives building in Washington, D.C., in the Washington National Records Center in Suitland, Maryland, and in the regional Archives and Federal Records Centers across the United States. They are arranged to reflect their original purpose, usually just as they were kept by the agency that created them. Federal Records include:

- Federal census records
- U.S. military service records
- U.S. military pension records

- Bounty land warrants and records
- Federal land records
- Passenger and customs lists
- Naturalization records
- Passport applications
- Indian records
- Federal court records
- U.S. Government employees' personnel records
- District of Columbia records

Addresses:

 National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20403 1-866-325-7208 www.nara.gov

 Washington National Records Center
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Regional Archives:

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Manuscript collections are located in special holdings libraries, such as universities and colleges, churches, businesses, historical and genealogical societies, etc. These are private collections owned by these organizations and are usually funded by the organizations through fundraising, donations, and grants. Access is determined by the organization, the nature of the records, and the purpose for which the collection was established. Parts or all of the collection may be arranged according to the principle of provenance and filed in their original order or in the record group order that was intended when they were created.

Special rules and regulations may be in place to use and handle materials, which are housed in closed stacks. Many of the private organizations charge a fee to use the collection, except to members or employees.

To locate state and federal repositories and manuscript and private collections, use:

 Bentley, Elizabeth Petty. Genealogists Address Book. 4th ed. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1998.

Have you recently visited a state or regional archives? Have you been to the National Archives or one of its regional branches? Have you worked in a manuscript collection? Tell us about it. Share your experiences with DGS by submitting a write-up to: Newsletter Editor Dallas Genealogical Society P.O. Box 12446 Dallas, Texas 75225-0446 or to our website www.dallasgenealogy.org

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- Genealogical Abstracts from the Banner, 1893 in Clanton, Chilton County, Alabama.
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Arkansas

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- Family Histories of Monroe County, Georgia.

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- Cloud County, Kansas, Cemeteries.
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Kentucky

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- Hickman County, Ky. Deeds. Vol. VII, Aug. 1839-June 1840.
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- Cemetery Inscriptions of Lincoln Parish, Louisiana. Vols. III & V.
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- Civil Birth and Death Registers for the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1874-1918.
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- Southwest Louisiana Veterans Remember...: A 50th Anniversary Remembrance of World War II.
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- Stanly County Index to Vital Statistics: Births and Delayed Births, Deaths, 1913-1993. 3 rolls.
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- Montgomery County Index to Real Conveyances: Grantor and Grantee. 8 rolls.
- Montgomery County Record of Estates 1841-1858. 2 rolls.
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- Montgomery County Tax Levies on Land 1868, 1873-1880; List of Taxables 1843-1846; Tax List 1851-1856 & 1873; Tax Scrolls 1868-1968. 20 rolls.
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- A Listing of Entrymen on Lands in Harrison County, Ohio.

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