

DGS Newsletter

THE PROSPECTOR

by Robin Yaklin

A few months ago I stood in the sweltering late afternoon July heat and watched as the moving van pulled out of my mother's narrow, curving driveway, fearful that our neighbor's landscaping was in grave danger. A few back and forth maneuvers later, the driver managed the tight turn without doing damage and was grinding gears up the hill.

Mother, anxious to begin her new life adventure, gave me a quick hug and hopped behind the wheel of her car. She was down the road before I realized I would be the last member of my family to leave the home where my sisters and I spent our childhood. Locking up, for good, would be my job. I hadn't lived in this house since I married, and yet, I wanted to spend just a few more minutes gazing out the kitchen window into dappled sunshine and a view I had loved so much. I wanted to visit each room one last time.

Little did I know, that decision would send me twice to New Mexico. As I walked through each room I wrote in my journal a few memories and, being the practical person that I am, checked each closet and drawer for things left behind. The movers had been thorough. I found nothing until I opened the last door—the one to the closet under the stairs. And there they were. A stack of four boxes—a small white one from Sanger Brothers, a brown-striped, dress-sized gift box from Joske's, another faded and yellowed from Andrea's, a shop for fashionable youngsters once located in Preston Royal Village, and one dark blue with polka dots.

I paused, stunned at the sight. Without looking inside I knew their contents. There, left behind, were mother's family pictures and treasures. My mother is the only child of Charles Stewart and Bessie Roberts. The boxes contained all she had of her family.

As children we were not allowed to look into the boxes unless Mother was with us to help. You could tell how precious these items were to her by how carefully she unfolded the handkerchief and paused as the memories came back before she would tell us about the person who had owned it.

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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 J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas, or its legal successor; and to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history.

MEETINGS

Regular meetings and special interest group meetings are held in the plaza level auditorium and East/West Rooms of Dallas's J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, in downtown Dallas. Secured, underground parking available beneath the library.

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: Usually meets the fourth Monday of each month, September – May. There are exceptions due to holidays and scheduling conflicts. Social time is 6:30-7:00 p.m. for refreshments and to meet fellow genealogists. The business meeting and program begin at 7:00 p.m.

DGS COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP (CIG): Meets on the first Tuesday of each month, September – May, in the library auditorium. There are exceptions due to holidays. Open Forum question & answer time is 6:30-7:00 p.m. The educational program begins at 7:00 p.m. We cover topics that range from introductions to Genealogy products to organizational systems to "How to get it in print".

DGS AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTEREST GROUP: Meets on the third Tuesday of each month, September – May, in the Library Auditorium beginning at 6:30 PM.

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

DGS ANNUAL EVENTS: include a Summer Institute, Lecture Series, a Library Lock-in, a Salt Lake City Research Trip, and other workshops as needed. (Fees vary)

DGS NEWSLETTER

The *DGS Newsletter* is published periodically throughout the year. We use articles that include things of genealogical nature. They do not have to apply to Dallas Co, TX. All articles and correspondence for this publication should be E-mailed (or mailed to the society address listed above and a copy sent to the newsletter editor, Marti Fox, deal1fox1@aol.com). Please put your phone number on ALL correspondence in case we have questions. You will receive confirmation of your submittal.

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The Dallas Journal, an annual publication, is a benefit of membership (for those who choose to receive it). The journal contains genealogical and historical records, articles, and information pertaining to the cities and towns of Dallas County, the State of Texas, and local areas relating to Dallas County. Each volume is every-name indexed.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

Individuals, libraries, or societies may apply for membership. Dues are \$25.00 for twelve (12) consecutive months, with membership beginning the month of payment. New member dues and renewals should be mailed to: Dallas Genealogical Society, Attn: VP Membership, PO Box 12446, Dallas, TX, 75225-0446. Members in good standing receive the *DGS Newsletter* and the *Dallas Journal* (annually). Members receive discount registrations to some events. (*Membership Form - see page 117*)

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I want to invite you to join our Society and participate in our interesting line-up of fall activities, lectures and workshops! Your Board and society volunteers have worked hard to offer our members a variety of educational offerings.

The Lecture Series has started. We welcomed Harold E. Hinds and his wife Elizabeth for the first presentation in September. She is an art history buff, so they stayed a few extra days to visit some of the area's fantastic museums. We are so fortunate to have, not just genealogical treasures in our area but art and other historical treasures as well. I have lived in this area for quite a few years and have never taken the time to stop and check out the many galleries and museums in our own backyard.

Lloyd's lecture on Kentucky was next, and as always, information filled. OH, my head hurts with all this information that is being poured into it. Now, I need to start using some of these lessons and skills I'm learning from attending all these lectures.

Diane VanSkiver Gagel will be here 2 November for her day of lectures highlighting Quaker and California Gold Rush ancestor research.

We have our new workshop series, hosted by the DGS Computer Interest group, although not just focusing on the computer aspects of research. There is more information later in the newsletter on these events scheduled for 19 October and 16 November.

We are pleased to announce that we are trying some new things with our newsletter...like inserting a photograph or two!

Join us for some or all of our events! I hope to see you at some of them.

Tresa Tatyrek

**Wonderful News!
The Library is to Remain Open
on Monday Nights!**

The City of Dallas was looking for ways to cut the city's budget. One item listed on the "proposed" budget was to close the Dallas Public Library on Monday nights. It did NOT happen!

Our regular monthly DGS meetings will resume on the **Fourth Monday of each month** – beginning 25 November 2002!

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?



Diane VanSkiver Gagel
Saturday, 2 November 2002
(held at the J. Erik Jonsson Public Library)

Diane is a college instructor, freelance writer, and professional genealogist. She has her Masters in American Studies and has been a speaker at several NGS and FGS Conferences as well as Ohio Genealogical Society Conferences. Ms. Gagel is currently the First Vice President of The Ohio Genealogical Society

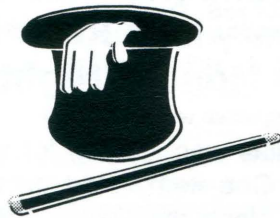
See the write-up on Page 106 for further details!

**LECTURE SERIES
REGISTRATION FORM
ON PAGE 107**

Are you an Aspiring Writer?

Did you know it is time to start thinking about the Texas State Genealogy Society Annual Writing contest?

The TSGS makes their announcement after the first of each year – but no time like the present to get things in order and work toward a deadline to get a written piece done!



HATS OFF!

Our membership is approaching the 1200 mark. Thanks go to Shari Degan for diligently working on the renewal process.

We have an incredible number of dedicated volunteers that sit at the desk on the 8th floor and work events that are bringing in new members.

**2002-2003
DGS SOCIETY PROGRAMS**

**General Membership Meetings
Meets on the Fourth Monday**

The following is a recap of our **Monday** night programs to date, so mark those calendars!

Monday, November 25

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck will highlight November's general meeting by reviewing some of the special collections in the genealogy section of the library and how to use them.

Monday, December 9

DGS celebrates the holidays and hosts the annual Awards Banquet. Are you planning on attending? **We need your RSVP!** We need a head count for the food service (Spring Creek Barbecue).

RSVP with name and phone number to only ONE of the following:

- E-mail: info@dallasgenealogy.org
- Voice mail: 469-948-1106
- Mail: PO Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446
- Sign-up: at the November General Meeting

January 27

The New Year will start with DGS members Suzan Younger and Barbara Ware giving a lively discussion on how they are surveying the tombstones at Oakland Cemetery.

February 24

The DPL archivist, Allison Baker, will be talking to us about the collection on the seventh floor.

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**Regular DGS meetings
and Special Interest Group meetings
are held at
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in the Plaza level auditorium
unless otherwise noted.**



DID YOU NOTICE?

Our Society is missing a Board Member?

Your Board moved forward and many have chipped in to ensure education holds a top priority for our Society. BUT...we "are" looking for a person to fill the VP for Education slot.

VP of Education is a two-year term, but one of the easier ones on the Board, especially as most of the planning has been done for this year and some of 2003-4. This VP is responsible for recruiting speakers for the general monthly meetings, overseeing the December Awards Banquet, and our May social gathering.

The programs for the general meetings this year have already been planned and speakers obtained. All that remains is the planning of the December Awards Banquet, the May gathering, and attending the monthly Board meetings.



**Interested in being Vice President – or -
assisting on the Nomination committee?**



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New Members

A warm Dallas "welcome" to our new members!

Robin Young Gilliam
Deborah Parsons Franklin
Priscilla Mowinkel
Ellen Ewald
Pat Gallagher & Ed Adams
Ronald C. Hall
Jennifer Shipley

**Computer Interest Group (CIG)
Meets on the First Tuesday**

The following are highlights of upcoming programs:

November 5

Glenn Kinkade will spur us forward with "*Search and Ye Shall Find.*"

When you use search engines to find information about your ancestors, do you receive too many results? No results? Results that are not relevant?

If your objective is to find a small number of sites with relevant information about your ancestors, then you need to learn how to use search engines. In this powerpoint-enhanced lecture you will learn:

- How search engines work
- Which are the best for finding genealogical information
- Simple and sophisticated search techniques that will improve your chances of finding what you are looking (demonstrated)
- How to perform advanced searches using wild cards, case-sensitive keywords, truncation, and Boolean operators to find information about that elusive ancestor of yours.

December 3

Our organization's President, Tresa Tatyrek, will present, "*Navigating the DGS Website.*" Everyone can benefit from the information on the site and its Internet links – it is a "work-in-progress!"

January 7

Bill Deal will explain "Internet Myths and Hoaxes," with the intention of clarifying some true evils, allaying fears and discussing good practices.

While there are several DGS members that are skilled professionals from the computer industry, the majority of our members are more casual, home-taught users of the Internet – perhaps buying our first computers "after" we became genealogists.

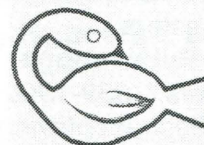
The computer-driven Internet offers amazing research possibilities, practically without leaving home.

But the Internet also feeds us fear of "losing control of our own machines," of being the victim of viruses, Trojan horses, and other malicious acts that threaten our hard-earned research efforts, as well as our credit card accounts.

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**African American
Genealogy Interest Group
(AAGIG)**



Meets on the Third Tuesday

The DGS/AAGIG promotes the study of Black genealogy and provides information through educational programs on tracing African-American roots.

Mark your calendars to attend these fall programs! Meetings are held in the Dallas Public Library Auditorium beginning at 6:00 p.m. The following are dates for upcoming programs:

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**2002-2003
LECTURE DETAILS**

**Developing
Genealogical Skills**



**Diane VanSkiver Gagel
2 November 2002**

Diane is a college instructor, freelance writer, and professional genealogist. She has her Masters in American Studies and has been a speaker at several NGS and FGS Conferences as well as Ohio Genealogical Society Conferences. Ms. Gagel is currently the First Vice President of The Ohio Genealogical Society

Program

- 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

Publications

- *Ohio Photographers, 1839-1900*
- *Windows on the Past: Identifying, Dating, and Preserving Photographs*

**John T. Humphrey
1 February 2003**

John is an award-winning author and the Director of the NGS Learning Center in Arlington, VA. He has written numerous articles and has authored nineteen books. His principal genealogical publication is the 14-volume set of Pennsylvania Births. Mr. Humphrey lectures at genealogical conferences throughout the US. He has appeared on national television and public radio where he has discussed various aspects of genealogy.

Topics:

- Reconstructing Families on the Colonial Frontier
- Researching Eighteenth-Century Germans
- Researching Pennsylvania Ancestors
- Documentation, it's essential!

**Barbara Vines Little
5 April 2003**

Barbara has been a professional researcher since 1982. She is currently serving as a director of NGS. In the past she has served in a variety of board positions for the Virginia Genealogical Society and Orange County Historical Society. She is editor of the Virginia Genealogical Society's quarterly *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy* and the *Virginia Genealogical Society's Newsletter*. Her dedication and work in the genealogical field has awarded her with the *NGS Quarterly Award for Excellence* in 2001, *NGS Distinguished Service Award* in 1999, *First-Place NGS Newsletter Competition* (as co-editor) in 1995 and 1996, and made her an *Honorary Life Member*, Virginia Genealogical Society in 2000.

Publications:

Orange Co, Virginia, Tithables, 1734-1782
Frederick Co, Virginia, Militia, 1756-1761
Orange Co, Va., Order Book 1, 1734-9: Part 1

Topics:

- Untold Treasures: Manuscript Records and Rare Books on Film - Hidden on the shelves in the microform area of university libraries are microfilm/fiche copies of manuscript records and rare books from major research repositories. This lecture explores this rich resource.
- Chancery Records: The Secrets They Hold; The Families They Reveal - Chancery records frequently deal with inheritance—with who gets what. In the process of determining this they will often provide the researcher with detailed lists of family members and their place of residence. This lecture discusses how to find these non-indexed loose records and how to interpret the information in them.

- When You Can't Do It Yourself - Discusses how to select a professional researcher. What information you need to provide and what you should expect in return. Examples are drawn from the speaker's fifteen years of experience working for or hiring other researchers.
- Taxes: Milk Them for All They're Worth! - Most often used as a substitute census, tax lists, when interpreted properly, can provide a wealth of information on individuals, their occupations, families, lifestyles and antecedents.



Lecture Series Registration

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ / ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

_____ Saturday, 1 February 2003 John T. Humphrey

_____ Saturday, 5 April 2003 Barbara Vines Little

Registration Fee for one lecture:

\$25 for DGS members

\$30 for Non-members

\$35 for anyone not pre-registered

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

Make checks to: Dallas Genealogical Society

Mail to: DGS 2002 Fall Lecture Series

P.O. Box 12446

Dallas, TX 75225-0446

For more information or on-line registration, visit our website:

www.dallasgenealogy.org

Then click on "Lecture Series."

Lecture Locations

These events are held in the auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Public Library, unless otherwise noted. Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Space is limited to 170 people. Parking is available on L2 of the library. Vendors will be set up in the library foyer.



Not just the 1930 Census

DGS wants to complete those missing Soundex indexes along with the 1930 index. Keep dropping those nickels into Barbara's pickle jar! Look for her "famous" jar at all DGS events!

Accessing the 1930 Census web site:

<http://1930census.archives.gov/beginSearch.asp>

DID YOU KNOW...? compiled by Bill Deal

One of Grant's generals, present during the surrender at Appomattox, would later gain Army fame (and a severely receding hairline) to rival Grant's—at a place called the Little Bighorn. His name was George Armstrong Custer.

Source: "The Civil War" by Robert Paul Jordan (1969), painting on pp. 200-201

Harper's Helpful, Heuristic, Holistic Hints for the Hurried, Harried Harassed, Helpless, Hopeless, and Hapless

By Alvin Harper

1. Genealogy would be a whole lot more fun if you didn't have to prove everything.
2. If you find it in print, it's probably wrong; if you find it in print a second time, it's definitely wrong.
3. Never trust a published genealogy that starts "this is the result of decades of painstaking research, consulting all the best and foremost genealogical authorities."
4. Never trust a published genealogy starting with "this is the result of weeks of assiduous research, examining all the relevant primary documents."

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THE PROSPECTOR

How could they have been left under the stairs? Those were the words that ran through my head over and over as I placed them into my car. Driving home I argued with myself. My practical adult side knew taking them to mother's new home and the confusion of unpacking would be a mistake. They are safe with you so enjoy looking at them tonight and for the next few weeks, I reasoned. But that inner voice chimed in. You know, the one that prattles on when sometimes you don't want its opinion at all. And for a moment I was a child peeking into forbidden boxes -- committing a child's crime.

Thank goodness for time and maturity. Logic won and I opened them that night. I looked over each picture until the wee hours of the morning. Unfolded the handkerchief and scarf. Turned the postcards. Ran my hand over the leather Mason's apron. Fascinated at the mystery of each new piece. Frustrated when they were without owners or names.

And, then came the second surprise of the day. In a pale blue and brittle envelope was a letter from **George Barney Nichols**, my mother's uncle on her mother's side. Surely it had been there all along, but I could not remember seeing it in years past. Perhaps a letter wasn't of much interest when there were pictures of hardscrabble countrywomen in long dresses and men with handlebar mustaches to draw our attention away.

This time was different. I looked at the pictures and other memorabilia with the mind of a genealogist. I opened the letter with anxious hands. Here was the handwriting of a weathered frontier prospector—a colorful and enigmatic ancestor. Now I would know more of his story.

George Barney Nichols could write. He lived in or near Roswell, New Mexico, and he longed for his sister to visit. Why, I wondered, did George feel so estranged from his family?

"He would just appear after years of absence at our door," mother said. He would float between our house and other relatives' homes, staying for weeks until his presence became irritating.

When she describes his long white hair and beard, her eyes lose focus and turn inward to that place where childhood memories stay. She said he was old when she was a child and she loved to sit on his lap listening to him talk.

On one of his visits, mother overheard a private adult discussion. George Barney told his sisters he had committed a crime. The story goes that George Barney forged his mother's signature in order to sell land she owned in New Mexico. He pleaded with his sisters to wait until he died before they did anything about it. I knew both sisters. They were deeply religious and believed in turning the other cheek. And that was the end of that. His sisters let the matter rest forever, and so, what was an old man's confession became just an interesting story -- a point of speculation at family gatherings.

Now I began to wonder. Did he really cheat his sisters of their inheritance? Mother was almost certain he had been truthful. But how accurate is a child's view? He was a spinner of wild-west tales with a youngster on his lap to entertain. In his world, desperate Indians escaped the reservation. The arroyos and canyons of New Mexico were dangerous and his sure-footed mule was dependable on rough mountain trails.

When I was a child, my grandfather entertained me with these stories, although I didn't realize until that night the old prospector had been their author. That was when I resolved to solve the mystery.

Yes, George Barney committed a crime, although it wasn't forgery. Years after his mother's death, he swore in the Chavez County, New Mexico, court that he was the only living heir of Martha Nichols, deceased. He sold 640 acres of tree-less, sun-baked desert that his mother and her husband, George, obtained under the Homestead Acts, to Bob Crosby, a famous rodeo cowboy of the day, whose ranch lay just to the north of our almost inheritance.

If my grandmother felt cheated or held a grudge about the incident, she certainly never mentioned it to me and I knew her well. But then she didn't talk about her brother either. I'll add the official documents to my files. They are a nice complement to our stories of George Barney Nichols and a single letter placed in a box of memories and almost lost last July. — Robin Yaklin

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22 July 2002 (S.T.L.)

Why are some references missing? The 8th Floor has a number of countries with limited resources and lack of space on this Shelf Call list prohibits us from listing all of them. At the 8th Floor Reference Desk we advise people, who inquire, that there may be materials on their country and to consult the card catalog - countries are filed alphabetically within their continent, i.e., Latin/South America, Europe, etc.

"Visiting County Court Houses"

Deadline was October 1

We received several submissions from industrious road warriors! We look forward to sharing these resources with you on the Eighth Floor soon, as well as highlighting our winner and his/her list in the December edition of the newsletter.

**NEW DGS WORKSHOP SERIES
FOR
VARIOUS EXPERIENCE LEVELS**

Facilitated by the DGS CIG



We are pleased to announce our new Saturday workshops in the McDermott rooms on the 8th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Public Library. DGS is conducting them with the help of Salt Lake City's Heritage Consulting & Services.

The next workshop is November 16th, which will cover the **Federal and State Censuses**.

Subsequent workshops will be held the third Saturday of January, February, March and April.

These workshops are designed to help the beginner and also the advanced genealogist. We will indicate the experience level for each session.

The sessions will be \$25.00 each. This fee includes a CD of the presentation you attend, as well as some hands on help on the 8th Floor after the classroom session.

These workshops will be limited to the first 20 people that sign up. The first time slot will be 9:30 a.m. and, if we have enough registrants, another one may be scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on the same day. We will let you know what time we can confirm a session for you.

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**Dallas Area Historical "Personalities"
in the Census**

The following are famous and/or infamous personalities who either lived in or directly influenced the Dallas/Fort Worth communities during their lifetime. The bios and the census information are excerpts from a book entitled, **Census Secrets of the Rich and Famous**, by Richard S. Jones of Dallas, and Kim Morton of Houston, Texas. The actual census and bios of these and over two hundred other celebrities may be obtained through the Ancestry.com web site.

Lucille Wood Smith

Born October 31, 1912, Lucille Wood Smith, later christened Frances Octavia, was the daughter of Walter Hillman Smith, a cotton farmer and hardware store owner, and his wife Bettie Sue Wood.

The family moved to Ellis County before 1920, then shortly after to Arkansas. It was while living in Arkansas Frances eloped at the age of 14 with her boyfriend Thomas Fox. A mother at 15, Frances and Thomas moved to Memphis where she occasionally sung on the radio.

In Memphis, Frances divorced and remarried the same year to August Johns. Adopting the stage name, Marian Lee, she sang on the radio until, in 1935, she divorced August and, in 1936, ***moved to Dallas, Texas.***

While in Dallas, Frances found success as a radio singer, and on September 20, 1937, Frances Johns married Robert Dale Butts in the Christian Church on Greenville Avenue in Dallas. Officiating at the services was Dr. Paul Dougherty (Dallas County Marriage License 11496).

Frances and Robert shortly thereafter moved to Chicago where her career took off. A local radio station manager recommended Marian change her name. The story is told that the Chicago station manager suggested Frances take the first name of Dale, after a beautiful actress of the silent film era, Dale Winter. (This author wonders about the similarity of Robert Butts' middle name and Frances' choice of the name, Dale.) For a surname the manager suggested Evans, as it "would roll easily from the lips of announcers".

Thus, from whatever source, Dale Evans made her debut. Dale landed movie contracts with Paramount Studios, 20th Century Fox and Republic Studios. In 1946, Dale divorced Robert and on News Years Eve, 1947, Dale Evans married Leonard Franklin Slye, i.e. Roy Rogers.

Dale Evans in the U.S. Census:
1920, Italy, Ellis Co., Texas,
Sup. Dist. 329, ED 154, Page No. 6B

John Henry Holliday

John Henry Holliday was born August 14, 1851, in Griffin, Georgia. Born into a very upstanding family, John was enrolled in dental school in 1870, where he received his Doctor of Dental Surgery on March 1, 1872.

John Henry immediately opened a practice in Atlanta, Georgia, but not long after, Holliday contracted tuberculosis. The prognosis gave him only a few months to live but this might be extended if he moved to a dry climate.

Holliday followed the advice and moved west. The constant cough made it nearly impossible for him to practice dentistry, so to make ends meet, Holliday sharpened his natural talent for gambling. Realizing a gambler had to be able to protect himself, Holliday simultaneously honed his skills with a gun and knife.

By 1875, Holliday was a seasoned professional gambler and in that year killed a man in Dallas, Texas. Within three years, Holliday had been in a half dozen gun fights, killed three men and was on the run.

Taking flight to Ft. Griffin, Texas, Holliday met Wyatt Earp and helped in capturing a fleeing criminal from Dodge City. Wyatt and "Doc", as he was nicknamed, became good friends and met up again in Dodge City where Doc had escaped with the help of his prostitute girlfriend, "Big Nose" Kate, after killing yet another man in Ft. Griffin.

In Dodge City, Doc again helped Earp stand-off twenty drunken cowboys, and ultimately, in the early 1880s, followed Earp to Tombstone, Arizona, where they gained fame for their shootout at the OK Corral.

With his health worsening, Doc moved to Colorado, and on November 8, 1887, awoke from fifty-seven days of delirium, asked for drink of whiskey, downed it, said, "This is funny," and died.

Doc Holiday in the U.S. Census:
1860, Griffin, Spalding Co., Georgia,
Page No. 2.

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On the Census, the ED number had a prefix number on it. I suspect that the prefix number is the identifying number of the county, as Henrico's prefix was 44; Halifax's prefix was 42. I scrolled through until I found ED 44-4, then started looking for sheet 59 with no success. It took a while of searching to realize that the number 59 referred to the **family number**, rather than the sheet. The volume number is superfluous; it appears nowhere on the Census pages, though it probably is shown at the beginning of the microfilm roll.

Why John L. Bradshaw was omitted from the Soundex is a mystery. I found his family easily enough just where I expected to find them: in Halifax County, Virginia, the Black Walnut Magisterial District, ED [42]-10, only one page away from the Bradshaw I had found on the Soundex. He was enumerated in his own household under the name of Bradshaw, John L. so there appears to be no reason for his omission from the Soundex.

Research Tip

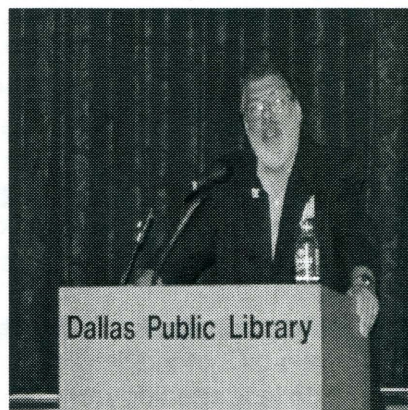
1930 Census/Soundex
by Terri Bradshaw O'Neill

One of the states that already has a Soundex for the 1930 census is Virginia. While recently doing some census research at the National Archives Branch in Fort Worth, I availed myself of the Soundex for the state of Virginia. I looked for the Claude L. Bradshaw family in Henrico County, and the John L. Bradshaw family in Halifax County. I quickly found Claude L. Bradshaw in Henrico, and took down the information on the Soundex card, i.e., **Enumeration District** number, sheet number and volume number. Then I went on to search for John L. Bradshaw, but he was not listed in the Soundex. There were, however, several other Bradshaw relatives listed in Halifax County, Virginia, so I took down the information from their cards. I then proceeded to the **Census rolls**. The information given on the Soundex card bears little resemblance to the corresponding identifying information on the Census.

On the Soundex card for Claude L. Bradshaw in Henrico County, the Enumeration District number was given as 4, the sheet number was 59, and the volume was 29.

The important fact to remember is that the sheet number given on the Soundex is actually the family number on the Census.

Harold Hinds was Here!



September 2002

Harold shared a lifetime of experience on researching in New York State, encouraged us to formalize our research by sharing tips and ideas on how to make our research meaningful to your family as well as others, by putting a historical perspective into your writing, and how to utilize

family photographs to add depth to your family history.

Professor Hinds enlightened us with anecdotes that were both amusing and poignant which are characteristics of a great speaker. He held our interest and dispensed knowledge without making the tasks seem so overwhelming that we would never do them.

October 1 – our DGS Computer Interest Group (CIG) was treated to some of Barbara's secrets to genealogy success!

Speaker Barbara Dossett gave a delightful, entertaining and practical lecture on "Time-Lining Those Difficult Ancestors." The formula is easy and what a great way to really see those "gaps" in your research and evaluate where to make your next move. Now you know what piece of data you need to get past your "brick wall." When you create a timeline, you have a concise direction to writing and publishing your family history.

*** HOLIDAY PARTY ***

Monday, December 9 – RSVP ASAP

DGS celebrates the holidays and hosts the annual Awards Banquet.

Are you planning on attending? **We need your RSVP!** We need a head count for the food service (Spring Creek Barbecue).

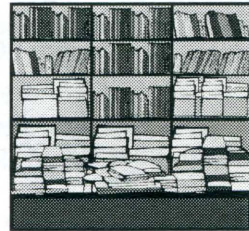
RSVP with name and phone number to only ONE of the following:

- E-mail: info@dallasgenealogy.org
- Voice mail: 469-948-1106
- Mail: PO Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446
- Sign-up: at the November General Meeting

I'm putting out the word...**We need to borrow a portable, piano keyboard** for the musicians. Pass the word along so we can find one among the members instead of renting. *Thanks! Robin Yaklin*
E-mail me at: robinyaklin@sbcglobal.net

NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY

compiled by: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, FNGS



Monetary donations received include:

- \$30 in memory of Edith Glancy, from Lloyd Bockstruck
- \$30 in honor of Lea Markoff, from Alvin E. Harper
- \$100 from Sam Whitten
- \$100 in memory of Patrick McKenna and Helen Mason Lu, from Barbara Baylis
- \$100 from Susan L. Younger
- \$500 in memory of John Arthur Thompson, from Mary Thompson

An asterisk [] indicates a major resource work.*

UNITED STATES

- Directory of Family Associations, fourth edition.
- Short History of the English Colonies in America.
- Frank Leslie's Illustrated Family Almanac for 1889.
- Locating Union & Confederate Records: a Guide to the Most Commonly used Civil War Records of the National Archives and Family History Library.
- *Enumeration District Maps for the Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930. Microfilm, 36 rolls.
- *Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served with the United States Colored Troops. Microfilm, rolls 1-13.
- Naval Pensioners of the United States, 1800-1851.
- African Muslim Names: Images and Identities.
- Yearbook of German American Studies. Vol. 36.
- American Genealogical-Biographical Index to American Genealogical Biographical and Local History Materials. Supplementary vol. XI, Clapp-Cook.
- U. S. Military and Naval Installations 1910 Census Index.
- Search: a Handbook for Adoptees and Birthparents, third edition.
- Genealogy Online, sixth edition.

ALABAMA

- Gordon, Alabama: Pioneer Riverboat Town.
- Monroe & Conecuh County, Alabama Marriages, 1833-1880.

ALASKA

- *Alaska 1900 Census Index.
- *Alaska 1910 Census Index.

ARKANSAS

- Marriages Sebastian County, Arkansas, Ft. Smith District, 1886-1895.

CONNECTICUT

- On the Green: Old Center Cemetery in North Haven, Connecticut, 1723-1882.
- Manual of the Congregational Church, Windham, Connecticut, 1894 & 1915.
- Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records, Volume 44, 47, 48, 49, & 50.
- History of Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut: from the Settlement of the Town in 1639 to 1818.
- Old Houses of the Ancient Town of Norwich, 1660-1800. (2 volumes)
- Litchfield and Morris Inscriptions.
- *Connecticut 1910 Census Index. (4 volumes)

DELAWARE

- *Delaware 1910 Census Index.
- Land Records of Sussex County, Delaware, 1722-1731: Deed Book F No. 6.
- Land Records of Sussex County, Delaware, 1782-1789: Deed Book N No. 13.
- Souls in Heaven, Names in Stone: Kent County, Delaware Cemetery Records. (2 volumes)

GEORGIA

- Families of Southeastern Georgia.
- Lincoln County Cemeteries.
- Georgia Land Surveying History and Law.
- Cemeteries of Telfair County, Georgia.
- Cemeteries of Jefferson County, Georgia, 1794-2000.

ILLINOIS

- Obituaries from Greenville Advocate, Greenville, Illinois, Vol. 1911-1919.
- Bond County Naturalization Intent.
- Kent for a Century and a Quarter, 1827-1952.
- Illustrated Atlas of Lake County, IL.

INDIANA

- *Indiana 1910 Census Index. (6 volumes)

IOWA

- German Settlers of Iowa.

KANSAS

- Wabaunsee County Cemeteries. (2 volumes)
- Tombstone Readings of Sedgwick County, Kansas, Vol. 3.

KENTUCKY

- Adair County, Kentucky History.
- Nicholas County, Kentucky Records.

LOUISIANA

- Tombstones of Tangipahoa: A Survey of Community, Church & Family Cemeteries in Rural Tangipahoa Parish, 1800-2000.
- Marriages & Deaths from "The Caucasian", Shreveport, Louisiana, 1903-1913.

MAINE

- Handbook History of the Town of York: from Early Times to the Present.

MARYLAND

- Tales of Old Maryland: History and Romance on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.
- Early Harford Countians: Individuals Living in Harford County, Maryland, in Its Formative Years. Vol. 3, Supplement.
- Somerset County, Maryland, Wills. (4 volumes)
- Worcester County, Maryland Land Records, 1789-1791 and 1798-1800.
- Somerset County, Maryland Rent Rolls, 1662-1772, Vol. 1-6.
- Worcester County, Maryland Wills, MH#27 (Part II).
- Baltimore City Birth Records, 1865-1894.
- Prince George's County, Maryland Land Records, 1696-1702.
- St. Thomas Parish Baptisms: Owings Mills, Maryland, 1732-1995.
- Talbot County, Maryland Wills, Liber #3 1777-1784.
- Somerset County Court Land Records. 1753-1759.
- Dorchester County, Maryland Rent Rolls. Vol. 1, 1659-1772.
- Queen Anne's County, Maryland, Orphans' Court & Registrar of Wills.

GENERAL DGS NEWS

- These Honored Dead; A Roster of Over 2500 Maryland Union Soldiers Buried in National Cemeteries.
- Colonial Maryland Soldiers and Sailors, 1634-1734.

MASSACHUSETTS

- History of the Town of Plymouth with a Sketch of the Origin and Growth of Separatism.

MICHIGAN

- Orangeville Baptist Church, 1853-1910: the Early Years in Barry County, Michigan.
- History of Branch County, Michigan.
- Michigan, Oakland County, Brandon and Groveland Township Cemeteries.

MINNESOTA

- Transcription of St. Joseph Cemetery, Sand Creek Township, Scott County, Minnesota.

MISSISSIPPI

- Attala County, Mississippi Pioneers.
- Resource Records of Pike/Walthall Counties, Mississippi, 1798-1910.
- Harrison County, Mississippi: W.P.A. Manuscript.
- Building of "Longwood": "Longwood" Natchez, Mississippi.
- Majesty of Natchez.

MISSOURI

- DeKalb County, Missouri Death Notices from Area Newspapers. (3 volumes)
- DeKalb County, Missouri Marriages, 1845-1880.
- Worth County, Missouri Probate Index, 1861-1911
- Worth County, Missouri Death Notices from Area Newspapers, 1907-1910.
- Audrain County, Missouri Marriages, Volume 5.
- Callaway County, Missouri, Marriages.
- Boone County, Missouri, Marriages.
- Barry County Marriage Records 1837-1886. Microfilm. (2 rolls)
- Barry County Marriage Wills, v. B-E, 1853-1923. Microfilm. (2 rolls)
- Barry County Abstract and Index of Deeds, v. 1-3, 1870-1887. (Microfilm, 1 roll)
- Jasper County Deeds, A. A-D, 1841-1858. (Microfilm, 2 rolls)
- Jasper County Circuit Court Records, v. A, 1841-1860. (Microfilm, 1 roll)
- Jasper County Probate Minutes, v. A-B, 1841-1855. (Microfilm, 1 roll)

- Jasper County Wills, v. A-C, 1842-1901. (Microfilm, 1 roll)
- Novinger, Adair County, Missouri: the People, the Town, and the Surrounding Communities.
- Political History of Jackson County: Biographical Sketches of Men Who have Helped to Make It.
- Nodaway County, Missouri Civil War and World War 1 Memorial.
- Montgomery County, Missouri Marriages.

NEBRASKA

- Platte County, Nebraska, Marriages. Books 24 & 26.
- Index to Selected Information from 1905 Lincoln Evening News.
- Lancaster County Probate Records, 1884-1897.

NEVADA

- *Nevada 1910 Census Index.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Exeter & Hampton, New Hampshire Census & Business Directory, 1908.

NEW JERSEY

- Sussex County, New Jersey Deed Abstracts. Volumes A - H.
- Memorials of Methodism in New Jersey.

NEW MEXICO

- *New Mexico 1910 Census Index.

NEW YORK

- Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue.
- Gazetteer and Business Directory of Ulster County, N.Y. for 1871-2.
- Chronicles of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow.
- Genealogical Gleanings Outside Jefferson and Surrounding New York Counties in the New York Reformer, 1850-1861.
- Legends of the Shawangunk (Shon-gum) and Its Environs.
- Pioneer History of Orleans County, New York.
- Permanent New Yorkers: a Biographical Guide to the Cemeteries of New York.

OKLAHOMA

- ...of Days Past.
- Marriage Index, McClain County, Oklahoma, 1907-1929.

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These lines from "Sally was a Good Old Gal" typify the volunteers of DGS, especially those who respond to calls for help on short notice.

Such was the case at the September Lecture. Because of other commitments, several Board Members were not able to work at the Lecture. The

Member Volunteer Opportunities

Willing to work toward our DGS success? Please check all the areas where you could volunteer.

Thanks!

- Hospitality
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Submit a **four-generation pedigree chart(s)** for publication and/or to be placed in a surname database.

Submission can be in written or GEDCOM format. The chart does not have to include you the member, but should include your ancestors.

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Names: First name, then last name in capital letters.

Include your name, address, phone and, if you have one, an e-mail address. These will be included in our new Member Pedigree Chart Publication, unless you specifically request something not be published.

following volunteers came through:

Shirley Hawn helped bag forms for the Sales Table
Tom Clark helped set up tables in the vendors' area
Shirley Sloat, Jemmy Phipps and Robin Yaklin helped man the DGS Sales tables

And don't forget Pat and Jim Stone and Elizabeth Deihl, who valiantly stood their post at the hospitality table in Spite of sub-Arctic temperatures!

Thank You to All!

DGS Calendar of Events

November

- 02 – Sat Diane VanStiver Gagel lecture
05 – Tue CIG Meeting – Glenn Kinkade
"Search and Ye Shall Find"
16 – Sat Federal and State Census workshop
19 – Tue AAGIG Meeting – TBD
25 – Mon DGS Meeting – Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck
DPL's Eighth Floor Special Collections

December

- 03 – Tue CIG Meeting – Tresa Tatyrek
"Navigating Our DGS Web Site"
09 – Mon DGS Meeting – Holiday/Awards Party
17 – Tue AAGIG Meeting - TBD

January 2003

- 01 – Wed **Happy New Year!**
07 – Tue CIG Meeting – Bill Deal
"Internet Myths & Hoaxes"
19 – Sat Workshop – Topic TBD
21 – Tue AAGIG Meeting – TBD
27 – Mon DGS Meeting
Susan Younger and Barbara Ware
"Oakland Cemetery Inventory"

Regular (DGS) and special interest group meetings are held on the plaza level, in the Auditorium and East/West Rooms of Dallas' J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. 1515 Young Street, in downtown Dallas. Underground parking is off Wood Street.

- ❖ DGS General membership usually meets on the fourth Monday. There is time for meeting fellow genealogists and enjoying refreshments from 6:30-7:00 p.m.. The business meeting and program begin at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ CIG meets on the first Tuesday beginning at 6:30 p.m.
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