DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

# DGS Newsletter

# DGS Salt Lake Research Trip Treasures to be Found

submitted by Shirley R. Sloat

The annual DGS trip to Salt Lake City on July 27-Aug 3 was a big success. This year's group was smaller than usual – 17 participants – with many from outside the Dallas area. In attendance (listed in alphabetical order, not necessarily in order of enthusiasm) were Doris Aubel, Jeanne Branom (Commerce), Idonna Coffett (Kerrville), Barbara Dossett, Bob and Joy Dunaway, Catherine Fleming (the Colony), Betty Fritts (Hunt), Helen Grater, Marilyn Jo Hamilton (Henrietta), Jo Hill (Tuttle, OK), Clara Mills (Wichita Falls), Elizabeth Perry, Shirley Sloat, Jim and Pat Stone, and Tresa Tatyrek.

Everyone had a wonderful time, with the following comments indicating the various types of experiences and "finds" which happen each time our group goes to this wonderful treasure-trove of genealogical information.

The main research library closes on Monday evening and this year, because our group was small, instead of having the usual pizza party we were able to indulge ourselves in a very lovely dinner, on the top floor of the magnificent Joseph Smith Building. The historic, old Hotel Utah houses among other things, the collection of family history books. After the dinner, many in the group stopped in to make a quick pass to begin working with these family history resources - and the fun began.

While wandering through the stacks, Betty Fritts spied a book on her Sullivans which was a crucial find in extending her line at least three generations.

And Shirley Sloat, on her way to some books on a Wallace line, glanced over to see several books on the Waters surname. Idly selecting one of them, she discovered a brand new book, published in 2002, *The Waters Families in Maryland*, which contained a vast amount of beautifully documented information about her husband's Waters ancestors. Since she hadn't expected to research that evening, she didn't even have a pencil or paper, but good fortune struck again, and this newly published book



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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 100)

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#### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Surprise! We had to sneak in an extra edition of the DGS Newsletter. We just had so much great news to share!

The end of summer flurries...the City of Dallas' budget crunch and the Society's member activities mean last minute notifications and updates for our members!

We mentioned some changes in the last newsletter...there are more changes coming.

Our general meeting for October will move to the fourth Tuesday of the month (October 22) as a preemptive measure should the library begin closing on Monday nights...The closing will not be finalized until after the last of the budget meetings to be held on September 25.

If our general meeting date changes for November and the remainder of the year, we will have it printed in the October newsletter and on the DGS web page.

I would like to announce, that on July 24 my husband found out that he has been chosen as one of a group of ten people to travel to Alcatel's Next Generation Network development facility in Antwerp, Belgium. This is a one-year assignment where he will go on-site as an expert to train engineers producing Alcatel's new line of telecommunications products. We are both very excited at this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel to and tour Europe and, of course, do genealogical research in the countries of origin for several of our family lines.

Due to the complexities involved in obtaining Belgium work permits and residency visas for the entire group, at this time, there are no firm dates set for our US departure. Tentatively, our departure date is near the end of October. I anticipate being out of the country no more than four to six weeks total between now and December 31, 2002. I will return during the Thanksgiving and Christmas

holiday season and as a result will be available during this time period. We have not yet set a date for my return to Europe next year.

I have discussed this situation with our Board and at this time they see no reason to seek a presidential candidate. I would like to assure the members of DGS that I intend to continue to fulfill my obligations as President of DGS as long as the board feels it appropriate for me to continue to do so. I will keep the board informed of our family's plans, well in advance of any changes in my situation, so that any necessary decisions can be made in an orderly and timely manner.

I would like to thank those of you that have supported me during this exciting time and I would also like to state that I expect to complete the projects we have set in motion during my term as president. I am enthusiastic about the prospects for the future of DGS and I feel that these projects are important to securing that future.

DGS is an ever-growing, changing society, with a very stable goal. That goal is 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.

Tresa Tatyrek

# The City of Dallas' Financial Crisis Might Affect DGS Programs

The City of Dallas is looking for ways to cut the city's budget. One item listed on the "proposed" budget is to close the Dallas Public Library on Monday nights. Should this come to pass, this would, of course, mean the DGS regular meeting will have to be moved to another evening. This would take effect October 1. We have changed the October meeting to Tuesday, October 22 to avoid last minute confusion. Keep your eye on the DGS web page for further news regarding the dates of meetings for the remainder of the year!

#### **DID YOU NOTICE????**

Our Society is missing a Board Member?

Your Board has moved forward and many have chipped in to ensure that education holds a top priority for our Society. BUT...We are looking for a person to fill the VP for Education slot. We have invited several members...but no takers! This position is one of the easier ones on the Board, especially as most of the planning has been done for this year. This person is responsible for obtaining speakers for the general monthly meetings, overseeing the December Awards Banquet, and the 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.

If you are interested in this position or assisting on the Nomination committee, contact:

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#### RESEARCH HINTS

Your family patriarch has passed away and you think his widow has remarried...but you cannot find any record? Try the surrounding counties!

Sometimes I♥ve is just across the County Line!















Use a light blue colored pencil to write notes on documents that you don't want to share. The color doesn't reproduce if you need to make a copy of the document.













#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need a few people to do a short-term project. The project is one that needs to be done by the end of October.

In order for DGS to actively pursue making Lloyd's Wish List a reality, we need to research which materials are available for purchase and which items the library already owns in each and every county of the following states:

> Maryland, Virginia North Carolina, South Carolina Georgia, Alabama Mississippi, Louisiana Florida, Missouri Arkansas, Tennessee Texas, Kentucky Oklahoma, Kansas

Notebooks with worksheets, by state, will be placed at the volunteer desk. This is where YOU can sign up for counties that you want to research. Each county will have a sheet that will have instructions as to likely places to look for information.

If you choose counties you are doing research in already, you will be the first to find out what is and is not available for sale by these counties AND what the Dallas Public library already owns! You will probably discover some resources that you did not know about.

The ending result of this project is to produce a solid game plan to systematically acquire these materials for our library. (We're also going to make the results available on the web pages. It will make a great research tool if we can manage to keep it up to date!)

Sign up at the volunteer desk today!



Check out the New **National & Regional Genealogy News Briefs** in our DGS Newsletter

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#### TREASURES TO BE FOUND

included a web address that allowed her to go to one of the FHL computers and order the full book, which was delivered to her home a day after the end of the trip!

Idonna Coffett reported her discoveries varied from stupendous to zero on a daily basis, with the star result being a 55 page application for a Revolutionary War widow's pension made by her 91-year old, 4<sup>th</sup> great grandmother who traveled from Fredericksburgh, Ontario, Canada to New York in 1848 to pursue her claim for her husband's service. She persisted through one rejection after another until an old man was found in his upper 80's who had served under her husband, and various people attested to this witness's veracity, and that some of them had attended her wedding in 1774! She won!

Tresa Tatyrek reported a pleasant surprise; purely by chance, in the main library she ran face-to-face into some cousins, with whom she had tried and failed to meet during our previous year's trip. Because there is so much information in the Salt Lake FHL archives, there are many alternatives when hunting for specific information. For her, persistence paid off as she found proof of the existence of various pieces of data, which will be useful when dealing with county clerks who may not think a record exists.

Shirley Sloat noticed a big change in the library this year — many tables and chairs had been replaced by banks of computers, almost all with Internet access as well as direct connections to various LDS databases and bevies of CD-ROMs. Electronic access to data is becoming as important as retrieving microfilm or books from shelves, and is being made very user-friendly. One other happy conclusion made by Shirley, based on conversations with FHL library staffers, is that our J. Erik Jonsson Dallas Public Library is very highly regarded. In fact, we received requests from LDS missionaries to do some quick lookups for information that we have in Dallas that is *not* in Salt Lake City...Imagine that!

Joy Dunaway found many items not available elsewhere, and she enjoyed the professional,

preparation lectures by George Ott, that made our research in the library much more efficient.

Pat and Jim Stone report having a blast "looking up the dead," finding maiden names which yielded yet another generation for research; they also found a letter of intent for naturalization which yielded important information, as well as other "surprising and interesting" info on other family members.

Marilyn Hamilton (of Henrietta, TX) was very enthusiastic about the research opportunities and made a connection with Jo Hill with a common Shackelford line, which will be very useful to both of them. She says she is looking forward to attending some of our Dallas meetings and hearing our different topics. She and the other participants issued a big Thank You to everyone who worked so hard to put the trip together.

Jo Hill (of Tuttle, OK) talked about the expectations of a "first timer" to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City (see the August 2002 DGS Newsletter) and there is no question that she will join the group trip again.

Clara Mills (of Wichita Falls) thanks the DGS for making it possible for her to join in "their well-organized and very beneficial research trip to SLC." It was a very fruitful trip for her as she attacked two of her "brick walls," which she says now have gaping holes in them – and an ancestor previously thought to be an orphan is now associated with a living mother. She praised Tresa Tatyrek for a well-planned trip, and Shirley Sloat and Elizabeth Perry for their welcomed research advice.

In summary, going to the FHL in Salt Lake City with a group is a special experience. We become family for those few days and share and help each other. There is a camaraderie that just can't be beat. We look forward to next year's trip, October 12-19, 2003, and we hope you'll join us!

#### **New Members**

A warm Dallas "welcome" to our new members!
Stephanie L. & Gene G. Hartmen
Reginald A. & Belinda B. Johnson

Denice Partridge & Clifford L. Lutz Carolie Smith & Leslie John Martin



We have several special projects going that require some really special volunteers. Some of our volunteers are:

Suzan Younger Alvin Harper Stacey Bennett Yolanda Davis Barbara Ware Peggy Schuster Charmaine Price Gloria Vaughn

What would we do without these fantastic folks? "Thanks" to our great librarians:

Lloyd Bockstruck
Julio Blankenbeckler
Gerri Brannan
Ed Boehringer
Carolyn Combs
Richard Glancy
David Hardin

Lois Hudgins
Adrienne Jamieson
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# 2002-2003 DGS SOCIETY PROGRAMS

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

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

# \*\* October 22 - Tuesday \*\*

Cary Newsom, from Texas Legal Documents, has agreed to speak on how to get ready to publish, discussing the ins and outs of what a printer will do and won't do for you, as well as ways to reduce your costs.

## **November 25 —** subject to change

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.

#### **December 9**

DGS celebrates the holidays and hosts the annual Awards Banquet

# **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.

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and Special Interest Group meetings
are held at
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1515 Young Street
in the Plaza level auditorium
unless otherwise noted.

# African American Genealogy Interest Group (AAGIG)



# **Meets on the Third Tuesday**

#### **Our Mission Statement**

- Educate the African American community on the importance of researching their family history.
- Extracting records (birth, death, marriage, slave records, slave owners, will and deed records, newspaper and obituaries) to assist in African American research.
- Promote African American resources found in the Dallas Public Library.

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:

October 15 November 19 December 17

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

The following are highlights of upcoming programs:

#### October 1

Speaker, Barbara Dossett, will focus on "Time-Lining Those Difficult Ancestors."

A time-line for an ancestor can be a useful tool for the genealogy researcher. Our ancestors did not live to create one record after another. Your ancestors created many kinds of 'records' at the same time on different levels. They could be paying their taxes and developing census information at the same time. As researchers dissect these records, we often find similar information contained within them. Information from one type of record can fill in the blanks on another type if we expand the definition of a 'record.'

Barbara will teach us how to analyze and combine our records to create the "quilt" of an ancestor's life.

Barbara Dossett owns and operates her own bookkeeping business, The Taxpayer Service. Barbara has been in this business for almost twenty-five years, and she has been doing genealogy research for seventeen years. She has given many presentations to local genealogy societies in the region.

Barbara is a member of DAR and the First Family of Texas; she currently serves as Treasurer of DGS.

#### **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!"

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# **DID YOU KNOW...?** compiled by Bill Deal

The War of 1812 represents <u>almost</u> the last time there were "foreign strikes on the U.S. mainland." The <u>last</u> time was 186 years later, on September 11, 2001.

Source: "US News & World Report," July 2002.

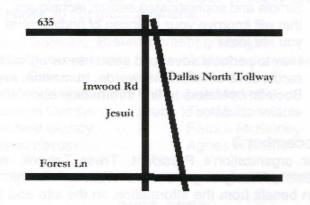
## 2002-2003 LECTURE DETAILS

# Developing Genealogical Skills



# Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck 5 October 2002

(to be held at the Jesuit Preparatory School in the Auditorium)



# Researching Kentucky

The key to understanding genealogical research in the Blue Grass state lies in its geography. Situated in Trans-Appalachia above the Cumberland Gap and south of the Ohio River, Kentucky was the first state carved out of the west to join the Union as the 15th state in 1792. Settlers poured westward after the Revolutionary War, and Kentucky was their destination. Although it occupied an area between the northern and southern tribes, it was free of Indian settlement. In fact, the word, Kentucky, means "bloody land" due to the contest for control between the Indians of the North and those in the South.

Created as a part of Virginia, Kentucky followed the record keeping practices of the Old Dominion. The first settlers came to the area seeking their bounty lands after the French and Indian War in 1763. A

host of others followed as Virginia awarded its Revolutionary War veterans similar prizes after independence.

Kentucky was the crossroads for settlers from Maryland and Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the Carolinas. Its fertile blue grass region drew people to the west in search of virgin and inexpensive land. It was the crossroads to those headed to the Old Northwest and, still later, the Old Southwest. As the nation expanded across the Mississippi River, those who had sojourned in Kentucky continued their westward expansion.

Unlike the other western state of Tennessee, Kentucky enjoys a far better survival rate of its records and is a rich ancestral mother lode for exploration. The phrase, "My old Kentucky home", takes on added meaning to Americans backtracking their forebears to the eastern seaboard.

Its noted statesman and jurist, Henry Clay, is the ancestor of Justice Sarah Day O'Connor of the Supreme Court. Similar connections in one's own ancestry, even if they do not provide a link to figures in American history, will find forbears residing in the same vicinity of other notables, such as the backwoodsman, Daniel Boone.

The hunters of the west with their long barrels do not take their name from their firearms. Rather it arises from the fact that they were gone a long time on their hunting expeditions.

The border state of Kentucky belongs to both the north and the south, so Americans with colonial ancestry are surely tethered to its past.

# 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

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

# Barbara Vines Little 5 April 2003

- 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!

#### **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.

For a registration form see:

#### www.dallasgenealogy.org

Registration Fee for one lecture: \$25.00 for DGS members, \$30.00 for Non-members \$35.00 for anyone not pre-registered

# **DID YOU KNOW...?** compiled by Bill Deal

"Lord willin' and the creek don't rise," a common expression in the 1800's had nothing to do with flooding waters. It referred to any uprisings by members of the Creek Indian Nation being a probable impediment to overland travel.

Source: Lloyd Bockstruck DGS lecture.



We love to see him smile...

Lloyd that is!

Because if he is smiling, then that means we can bring smiles to you too!

How? Just allocate funds towards acquisitions!

At our August 24 DGS Board meeting, Barbara Dossett presented a tentative list of possible acquisitions that we should consider and vote to fund...especially since the City of Dallas is in financial straits and little support will come from that pocketbook over the next year or two.

We reviewed, we discussed, and we voted to fund the following:

Complete the **Texas Death Certificate** series – 1903–1972 estimated @ \$7,000.00 Purchase some **Republic of Texas records** 

estimated @ \$4,000.00

Funds to replace lost or misplaced records estimated @ \$1,000.00

Set aside document **Binding** "seed money" estimated @ \$3,000.00

Purchase and complete the T1224 Enumeration
District Descriptions from 1830-1930
estimated @ \$1,200.00

Finish the Census **Population Schedule rolls** – 1790-1920 – need 16 more

estimated @ \$ 400.00
Begin "seed money" fund to acquire **new records** 

estimated @ \$2,000.00 Research obtaining the license to load **Ancestry** onto one or more 8<sup>th</sup> Floor computers

estimated @ \$ .00

New Resources...



This makes us ALL Smile!



# Not just the 1930 Census

While we have been diligently working on acquiring all of the 1930 Census and Soundex, there are some of us who remembered that the library did not own all the Soundex for 1900, 1910, and 1920. Alvin and his team of volunteers have been doing inventory of what the library already owns so that DGS can complete those missing Soundex indexes along with the 1930 index. Keep dropping those nickels into Barbara's jar of pickles! Look for her jar at all DGS events!

Accessing the 1930 Census web site: http://1930census.archives.gov/beginSearch.asp

# NEW DGS WORKSHOPS FOR VARIOUS EXPERIENCE LEVELS

Facilitated by the DGS CIG



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

The first workshop on October 19 will be on **Family History Basics**. November 16<sup>th</sup> workshop will be on the **Federal and State Census**.

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 first two sessions will be \$25.00 each. This fee includes a CD of the presentation attended, as well as some hands on help on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor.

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.

Come spend the day doing research before or after your workshop!



## **Workshop Registration Form**

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# **Genealogical Lessons** in Pursuit of My Wilsons

(Research Resource Ideas for OK, MO, TN, VA, DC, & NC)

When I was younger, I often spent my vacation time with my mother's parents. I took my grandmother places. Most of the time it was in and around Oklahoma and Missouri. When my older sister and her husband moved to Virginia we made a trip to visit them. From their home you could catch a bus and use the public transit system to go many places in Washington, DC -- all the monuments and the Smithsonian Museums and the surrounding area. On the flight to Virginia, I expected to do a little reading and visiting on the way.

I never expected my **grandmother** to say, "While we are in Washington, I want you to find out the name of my grandmother. She died when I was young, but I remember Mama going to take care of her before she died. She was sick. I also want to find out more about my grandfather Wilson. He died when my mother was about 9-years old and she never really knew him. I have this piece of paper that says he got a wooden leg because of service in the war."

I asked her where she expected me to 'find' that information. I'd always been interested in family stories, but I had done nothing more complicated than listening and recording some of them. She explained that she had been reading about it and that I should be able to find the information at the **National Archives**.

My mind was awhirl, wondering how in the world I was going to accomplish this quest?

We spent the first day after our arrival touring some of the Smithsonian Museums. I picked up the book "Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives" and read it all that night and next day. I learned about Census Records and the Soundex. I also tried to get my grandmother to give me more information. All she could add was that the family was in Missouri. She did not know which county. The trip to the National Archives was very enlightening. I worked up the Soundex codes for grandparents, surnames of my great (Chambers, Tatyrek, and Wilson).

Armed with this information and a small bit of knowledge learned from the book, I managed to 'find' her mother on the 1900 census along with one of her uncles, and they were in the household of, you guessed it, her grandmother.

My grandmother knew that HER grandmother had remarried to a McDonald and that her mother had a half sister named LuLu. This information allowed me to match up the census information so that I could be sure I had the right family. Thus, I found my grandmother's grandmother's name: Savilla.

Of course, this wasn't all of what my grandmother wanted to know. She had that piece of paper with the name James P. Wilson on it. Do you know how many James Wilsons there were in Missouri on the 1880 Soundex? Way too many, and I didn't know what to do. I did go on to find my great grandparents on the Tatyrek and Chambers sides.

Family lore told that the Chambers one was supposed to be from France and married a Cherokee. Well, he wasn't born in France and neither was his father. His wife may have been part Cherokee, but I don't know if that question will ever be answered.

Grandma was a little disappointed that we didn't find more. Her mind was already a bit befuddled as she mixed up dates and couldn't really focus on the questions I was asking. I know now that I didn't ask the right ones.

I quit working on the family history, as none of my aunts or uncles were interested enough to help me even a little and I was just getting through college and starting to support myself.

Ten years later when Grandma had a stroke that left her partially disabled, one of my aunts that stayed and cared for her periodically, asked her to identify people in the family pictures. Now there are a few that aren't labeled, but most are. This aunt also recorded family information on my grandfather's side and put it in book form. Most of her work was from family discussions and information gathered at reunions.

Another aunt, who communicated with her mother's siblings, did research on my Grandmother's side.

She also had contact with some of the Wilson cousins.

Another ten years passed and I got the genealogy 'bug' again. I got all the information from my two aunts and began hunting the census for James Wilson. I had learned a little by then and decided to **manually scan** the 1880 census in Texas Co, MO. (I had figured out that was the place to look.) I was going to look at every Wilson until I found one with a wife Savilla and children Ragain, Arthur, James, Henderson, and Newton. I finally found them! Savilla had married JOHN, not James Wilson. The order of the children wasn't what my aunt thought they should have been, but all the names were right.

A trip to the **Dallas Public Library** to **search the card catalog** for books on Texas Co, MO proved fruitful. I found "Texas County Cemeteries, Vol. 2, Roubidoux, Upton, and Morris Townships" that had Savilla McDonald in it. She was in the same cemetery as two of her sons and their spouses.

A trip to Missouri was already in the works. My aunt who had all the connections there for my grandfather's side wanted me to meet every living person she knew and **tour the cemeteries** where many of the deceased ones were located. We took ten rolls of film of the tombstones. After finally finding the cemetery, we took pictures of the Wilson headstones. (Now I use a **GPS** and get close, then **ask directions**).

The aunt who had been working on my grandmother's side just 'knew' her mother's mother was a Rice. I didn't have time to get the **death** certificate before our trip to Missouri for Savilla, but I did have it for my great grandmother, Phoebe Wilson. Her mother's maiden name wasn't legible, but it wasn't Rice.

Returning home with a lot of information that didn't fit together sent me to the library once again. I also ordered that missing Rice death certificate. Savilla died in 1915 and Missouri had her death certificate! She was a Peveler. I found in "Texas County, MO Marriage Records 1847-1876" a date for John Wilson and Savilla Peveler's marriage. I called and got a copy of that record as well as those of all the other people with the Peveler (or one of its possible spellings) surname.

You would think that would be the end of the guest, I mean looking for a John Wilson, good grief! Quite by chance, while looking through the Texas County, Missouri, 1860 census for Savilla's dad, Peter, I stumbled across a H. M. Wilson family with a sons James, John, and daughter Mary. Oh, my, there was a John that was the age my John should have been, and a James. Remember that pesky piece of paper my grandma had. All the children were born in Tennessee, so I looked for this family on the 1850 Tennessee census. I found them in Gibson County, TN. The family included an Aaron and Mary, who were too old to be the children of the couple. Next-door was another Wilson family. This was J. M. Wilson. Unfortunately, initials were used on these census records, too, which was a disappointment.

I went back to the cemetery books of Texas County, Missouri to search for the Wilson surname, checking any that matched the names and dates off of the census records. I found a Josiah M. Wilson and wife Mary that matched up with the ones on the 1850 and later census records. So I had one of the brothers' names.

The next real 'find' was on the Internet at: http://www.glorecords.blm.gov/

I was so excited when I found this site. It has land records for many of the public land office states from the 1820s to the early 1900s. I found Josiah in Texas County, Missouri. There were too many of the Wilson surname to do a general search so I decided to look by accession number. I used one number beyond Josiah's accession number. The first number I typed in pulled a Henderson M. Wilson. I knew I had my name. Henderson was the name of one of my great grandmother's brothers. The name is repeated in the line.

I searched the Tennessee marriage records for Josiah and Henderson marriages to Mary and Jane respectively. I located records in Marshall County, Tennessee for Josiah marrying a Mary Reed and Henderson marrying a Jane Patton.

More hunting in Texas County, Missouri produced a land record where the property mentioned above was sold by Henderson's wife, Jane, and their children; John Wilson, his wife Savilla, daughter Mary and her husband James R. B. Wade. The deed records also included Josiah's will, as well

as **guardianship records** for John's children after he died.

The probate records of Texas County, Missouri were said to be not available. Death times for John and his father, Henderson, were narrowed down with the use of **personal and property tax records** of Texas County, Missouri, located at the county court house.

I've tracked down some of Mary and James Wade's descendants as well as some of Josiah's. I've written letters to people that have submitted data to the ancestral files of the Family History Centers to find some of them. Others I've located by writing every one with that last name in an area I knew they were located.

Figuring out the parents of Henderson, Josiah, Aaron and Mary proved to be a daunting task. Many tried before me. We all felt that they belonged in the family of Robert and Eleanor Caruthers Wilson. This was a family that had several sons, plus the dad fought in the Revolutionary War.

I looked at **every record** I could get my hands on for Marshall, Williamson, and Bedford Counties in Tennessee. There are a lot of records.

I looked at every Wilson on the Tennessee 1820, 1830, and 1840 census records available for those counties. The 1840 Marshall County, Tennessee census had a HM Wilson with a blank count next door to a Samuel D Wilson with a blank count. A few pages before that entry is a Samuel D Wilson that had children with the correct ages for the known siblings on the 1850 census of Gibson County, Tennessee.

That was not enough. There were no land records or probate records for Samuel. No records showed the name Henderson in them. Some had Josiah, but then there were three or four Josiah's in Marshall County, all at the same time.

Tax records came to the rescue. I located Henderson on the Marshall County, TN one for 1839. The same district contained Samuel D., Aaron C., Josiah, Josiah F. Samuel D. and Henderson did not own property. The 1840's tax record had the same people minus Samuel D.

In 1842, Josiah M. was added to the Wilson given names. I went back to my notes and searched the will of Josiah. I'd looked at it long ago and dismissed it because it didn't have Henderson's name on it. Now, I was looking at it in a new light. I was looking for Samuel now. Samuel died in 1840, sometime between or during the census taking and tax time.

Josiah's will was written in October of 1840 and proved in court in 1851. This will has verbiage in it that implies that Samuel, his son, was dead at the writing because Josiah, was or had already paid debts of his son Samuel, and made plans for paying more out of Samuel's share of Josiah's estate if they remained at Josiah's death.

Josiah is on the Marshall County, Tennessee Census in 1850 and was 82. He was born in North Carolina. Josiah gave a **deposition** for one of his sister-in-law's **pension request** for her husband's Revolutionary War service. This deposition gives the names of his brothers and his parents. They were from Mecklenburg County, North Carolina where Robert and Eleanor both left wills.

I have, after all these years, found my Wilson ancestors. The next leg will have to wait a few years. I'm off to break through other brick walls!

by Tresa Tatyrek

#### Deadline....October 1

# "Visiting County Court Houses"

Where have you been going all these years? How many county seats have you visited in the **past five** (5) years? The winning genealogist with the most county seats will receive \$25.00 worth of DGS forms (your choice) and have their list published in the DGS Newsletter.

Here is a sample format for your submission:

#### Louisiana

Columbia, Caldwell Parish, Harrisonburg, Catahoula Parish

Submit your county list by October 1, 2002.

Mail your submission to: DGS County Lists, P.O.

Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446 –or- e-mail to: info@dallasgenealogy.org. Be sure and include your name, address and phone number.

# Regional & National Genealogical Events



# **Texas State Genealogical Society**

District 10 has a newly elected representative!

Debbie Kunze (817) 685-8024 dgtipton@juno.com

# Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society

This society's regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, except July, August and September, at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 Grubb, Mesquite, Texas. Meetings are 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information see their web page at:

http://www.rootsweb.com/~txmhgs/page1.htm

#### **TSGS Annual Conference**



Our 42nd annual conference will be held this year in at the Hotel Galvez in Galveston on **November 1- 2, 2002**. We would like you to join us in this year's activities.

The price of the conference depends on membership in TSGS. Members of DGS are offered the same rate as an individual member of TSGS since DGS is a partner society. The fee for the Friday & Saturday lectures, including a Friday night banquet and a Saturday lunch is \$70.00 per person. (See registration form for cost related to

only attending part of the TSGS Conference.)

There are several copies of the Registration Form and Conference Itinerary (white) at the Dallas Public Library, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Volunteer's Desk.

Our TSGS Conference speakers are:

John Phillip Colletta, Ph.D. Kem Morton Martha Everman Jones, Ph.D. Albert Seguin Gonzales J. B. Kline Victor Lang

We will have a large selection of vendors offering genealogy resources and items for sale.

Hotel reservations for the Hotel Galvez can be made by calling (409) 765-7721 and identify yourself as a part of the TSGS Group to receive our special rate of \$99.00 single/double plus tax, per night. Rooms will be held until October 1, 2002. After this date reservations will be on a space available basis.

Questions?

Contact Debbie Kunze, TSGS District 10 Rep., (817) 685-8024 or dgtipton@juno.com.

# **Irving Genealogical Society**



#### Seminar 12 October 2002

Speaker: John Sellers
"The Sweet Sixteen" (Grandparents, that is!)

Held at:

First Baptist Church

403 South Main Street, Irving

Registration Fee: \$20 in advance

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Barbara Lancaster Tsirigotis, VP BLTLan@attbi.com

# **Grapevine Namedroppers**

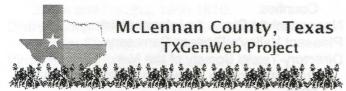
We meet the second Monday of the month all year round in the Grapevine Library program room at 1201 Municipal Way, Grapevine, TX 76051, call 817-410-3400.

Our Fall line-up thus far is:

October 14 - Darlene Hathaway
County Histories and Gazeteers

November 11 - Terri O'Neill Civil Registration Records of Scotland

# **Central Texas Genealogical Society**



Contact: Anne or Diane Wilson (254) 826-3562 or thewilsonsisters@attglobal.net

# Mid-Cities Genealogical Society



We meet the first Thursday of each month at the Euless Public Library on Ector St. We have a social time with refreshments at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. we begin with a short business meeting followed by our program.

Our programs thus far are as follows:

October 3 - Kimberly Wells
Librarian in the Genealogy Dept. of the FWPL,
Lessor Known Resources
at the Ft. Worth Public Library

November 7 - Karen Martinez
Owner of Metro Blueline
Scanning and Saving those Valuable Photos

Questions?

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Mid-Cities Genealogical Society
Vice-President
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#### **North Texas PC Users Group**



The North Texas PC Users Group is THE place for Dallas/Ft. Worth computer users to beef up their techno-smarts. We offer in-person and online forums, an excellent training library, and an online Newsletter.

We meet the third Saturday of each month at North Lake College in Irving. Each Saturday we offer multiple sessions that give participants a variety of topics to choose from. They include, but are not limited to: The Master Genealogist, General Genealogy, and Microsoft Word. Check out the schedule and much more at our web site. http://www.ntpcug.org/

Deadline....October 1

"Visiting County Court Houses"

#### LLOYD'S WISH LIST



#### **Microfilm**

To complete the records listed below for the following states:

# Oklahoma (incl. Indian Territory) Kansas and Florida

Tax Records, Probate/Will Records, Deeds, Court Minutes, Marriage records

#### **Books**

Any books containing records and information on counties in:

Maryland, Virginia, Alabama,
North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia,
Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana,
Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee,
Arkansas, Kansas, Texas,

Oklahoma (including the Indian Territory)

The J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Genealogy section – we have a few references for of the states listed in our current holdings on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, but they are not complete. Check the web site card catalog to see what holdings are already available at:

# http://dallaslibrary.org/

or visit the card catalog on the library's 8th floor.

Our mid-range goal is to make the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library the best for Southern Research. Once that's accomplished, we will expand that goal into other areas of the country.

## **NEW ACQUISITONS IN GENEALOGY**

compiled by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS

#### TEXAS

Ancestor Lineage of Members Texas Society, National Society Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century.

Daughters of Dallas: A History of Greater Dallas through the Voices and Deeds of Its Women.

Centennial Story of Texas Baptists.

Wills & Inventories of Bexar County, Texas; 1742-1899.

Hunt County, Texas, Funeral Home Records. Vols. 2 & 3.

Live Oak County, Texas, Marriage Records, 1857-1926: Book 1 through 4 with Bride and Groom Indices.

History of Cayuga and Cross Roads, Texas and Related Areas in Anderson and Henderson Counties.

Nacogdoches Story: An Informal History. Pleasant Valley's Pioneer Cemetery.

Directory-Texas Society of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. 1990 & 1996.

Dallas Social Directory. 1998.

Historical List of Justices of the Peace, Dallas County, Texas, 1846-Current.

Secret Ledger of an Early Texas Doctor.

#### **VERMONT**

Pawlet for One Hundred Years.

#### VIRGINIA

Free Blacks of Lynchburg, Virginia, 1805-1865. Scott County, Virginia Cemetery Records. V.6. Ye Meetg Hous Smal.

Prince Edward County. Virginia Publick Claims. Page County, VA Marriages 1907-39. 3vols. Surry County, Isle of Wight County: Families & History.

Husbands and Wives Associated with Early Alexandria, Virginia and the Surrounding Area. Skeletons in the Closet.

Lunenburg County, Virginia Will Book 12, 1841-1846.

Middleburg Cemeteries Loudoun County, Virginia. His Story of Petsworth Baptist Church: And Other Mid-Tidewater Baptist Churches.

Virginia Baptist Register.

#### **VIRGINIA** - continued

Alexandria, Virginia 1808 Census: Wards One, Two, Three, and Four.

Northampton County, Virginia, Orders & Wills. 1683-1710.

Being of Sound Mind...An Index to the Probate Records in the Fauquier County, Virginia Clerk's Loose Papers and Superior and Circuit Court Records 1759-1919.

Colonial Yorktown's Main Street and Military Entrenchments.

Yorktown Campaign and the Surrender of Cornwallis, 1781.

Fauquier County, Virginia's Clerk's Loose Papers: a Guide to the Records, 1759-1919.

Clarke County, Virginia Will Book Abstracts: Books A-I, 1836-1904 and 1A-3C, 1841-1913.

Prince William County, Virginia General Index to Wills. 1734-1951.

Northumberland County, Virginia, Church Record of Births and Deaths, 1650-1810.

District Court Order Book Abstracts of Prince William County, Virginia. 2 Vols.

Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War: McAllister's Data.

#### WASHINGTON

\*Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Seattle, Washington, 1909-1954. Microfilm, 5 rolls.

#### **WEST VIRGINIA**

\*Naturalization Petitions of the U.S. District Court for the District of West Virginia, Wheeling, 1856-1867. Microfilm, M641, 2 rolls.

Brooke County Birth Records 1853-1897. Books 1 & 2.

Brooke County Archives.

Brooke County Birth Records, 1889-1905.

Doddridge County Cemeteries.

Brooke County Death Records. 2 volumes.

Brooke County Marriage Records. 2 volumes.

Foster/Reasner Funeral Home Records. 2 volumes.

1930 West Virginia Soundex. Microfilm,

#### **GENEALOGIES AND BIOGRAPHIES**

Medieval English Ancestors of Robert Abell.
Adair History and Genealogy
Adamson and Related Families: Tennessee to

Missouri to Kansas and Texas and Beyond. Compilation of History of the Barner Family. Volumes 1 & 2.

Blairs of Balthayock and Their Cadets 1150-1850. Borders Families.

Heavens Are Weeping: The Diaries of George Richard Browder, 1852-1886.

Brownson/Brunson: England to the Colonies and Westward.

Richard Church and His Descendants for Four Generations.

Cobb, Hayes, Halm & King Ancestors. Francis Cooke of the Mayflower and His Descendants for Four Generations.

The Creek's [sic].

Moses S. Curtis, Descendants and Ancestors: Including Blackman, Hurd, Hinman, Foote, Goodrich, Kimberly, Stiles, Smith, Tuttle, and Others.

Charles Dahlgren of Natchez: the Civil War and Dynastic Decline.

Genealogical Table (Ahnenpass). (Dauster Family). Country Cousins: Descendants of Samuel Dean.

Dewitt-Duett: Roots and Shoots.

Reminiscences of an Orange County Lawyer and Judge.

John Gant of Colonial Virginia & North Carolina: His Ancestors and Descendants.

Descendants of William Riley Holden and Jane R. Gustin.

From Essex, England to the Sunny Southern U.S.A: A Harris Family Journey.

Descendants of John Houser 1709-1763.

Hudnall Family-Gram.

Arthur Jordan: The Moses of an American Family. Kinney Tales & Trails: Lewes, Kalamazoo, Astoria, 1675-2000.

John Kraus, His Ancestors and Descendants 400 Years.

Pilgrimage Conducted June 20-30, 1937, by Lewis A. Warren, D.D., LL.D.: on the 300th Anniversary of the Lincolns' Landing in America..

Richard and Elizabeth Long and Allied Families. From Viking Glory: Notes on the McCorkle Family in Scotland and America.

McHenry, 1715-1975: Allied Families.

Moore Family Records.

Rebel Wife in Texas: The Diary and Letters of Elizabeth Scott Neblett, 1852-1864.

Thomas Nelson and The Revolution in Virginia.

Ostrander: A Genealogical Record.

History of the Phillips Family.

John Pou III and His Descendants, 1788-1988.

Prater, Prather, Prator, Praytor in America 1620-1800.

Praters in Wiltshire, 1480-1670.

Texas Rabbs.

Descendants of Austin (Augustine) Richardson.

Scotch-Irish Origins of General James Robertson.

Roten and Related Southern Families.

Memoirs of James N. Smith.

Letters from Home: The Letters and Lives of Ludlow St. Clair Smyth and Lucie Webb Laws.

History of Rebecca (Ryan) Schaeffer (1789-1854) and Jonas Schaeffer (1787-1850) and Their Descendants.

Slagle Trails and Descendants of Jacob Slagle ca. 1740's-1800.

Ancestry of the Children of Robert Croll Stevens and Jane Eleanor (Knauss) Stevens.

Tucker Echoes.

Van Dyke Family: A Glimpse of the Dutch Settlement of New Jersey.

Early Ward Families of Southern Maryland. V.4. Whisnants through the Ages.

Simon Willard and His Clocks.

#### CANADA

Index to the 1901 Census, District of Alberta.

Poor, Ignorant Children: Irish Famine Orphans in Saint John, New Brunswick.

Census of the Red River Settlement.

1900 Scrip: Censuses for the Years 1886-1902, 1906. 2 volumes.

Marriages Registers of Upper Canada/Canada West. Vols. 16 & 17.

St. Columban's Mission/Parish, Cornwall, Ontario: Part 1, 24 Nov. 1834-27 Dec. 1859: Births, Marriages, Deaths, Confirmations.

Good Regiment: The Carignan-Salieres Regiment in Canada 1665-1668.

Cemeteries of Tyendinaga Township, Hastings County. Vols. 3, 5-7.

1838 Census Index of Annapolis County, Nova Scotia.

1838 Census Index of Digby County, Nova Scotia.
Bruce County Marriages: Marriage Registrations for Bruce County, Ontario from 1869 to 1873.

Parish Registers of Births, Marriages, Deaths of St. Regis, 1784-1830: Roman Catholic Mission (Early Jesuit). 2 vols. Pt.1, 1784-1803, Pt. 2, 1831-1879.

Parish Registers of Deaths of St. Raphaels, Glengarry, Ontario.

Marriage Registers of Upper Canada/Canada West., Vols. 1-10.

Methodist Baptisms for Northern York County, Ontario, 1842-1896.

Cemeteries of Tyendinaga Township, Hastings County., Vols. 1-2, & 8.

New England Planters in the Maritime Provinces of Canada, 1759-1800.

Waterloo County to 1972: An Annotated Bibliography of Regional History.

Rear of Leeds & Lansdowne: the Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier, 1796-1996.

People of Glengarry: Highlanders in Transition, 1745-1820.

Births, Marriages & Deaths: Abstracts from the Renfrew Mercury, 3 volumes.

Les Mariages des Isles-De-La-Madeline, P. Q., 1793-1900.

McCabe List: Early Irish in the Ottawa Valley. Smiths Falls: A Social History of the Men and Women in a Rideau Canal Community, 1794-1994.

Lanark, Perth, and Richmond: Military Settlements, Vol. 2.

General Register from Niagara South Registry Office #59, Welland, Ontario. Vol. 2.

Lambton County Marriages: Marriage Registrations for Lambton County, Ontario from 1869 to 1873.

Perth County Marriages: Marriage Registrations for Perth County, Ontario from 1869 to 1872.

Grey County Marriages: Marriage Registrations for Grey County, Ontario from 1869 to 1873.

Middlesex County Marriages: Marriage Registrations for Middlesex County, Ontario from 1869 to 1872. 2 volumes.

Deaths, Burials, and Probate of Nova Scotians, 1749-1799: from Primary Sources. Vols. 1 & 2.

Pioneers of the Eastern Townships (Lower Canada/Quebec).

Story of Renfrew: from the Coming of the First Settlers about 1820 to 1928.

History of Elderslie Township, 1851-1977.

Amherstburg, 1796-1996: The New Town on the Garrison Grounds.

Lanark Era: Births, Marriages, and Deaths. 2 volumes.

Caledonia: Along the Grand River. Fergus: A Scottish Town by Birthright. Genealogical Research in Nova Scotia.

From Pathway to Skyway Revisited: the Story of Burlington.

Front of South Fredericksburgh.

Merrickville, Jewel on the Rideau: A History and Guide.

Pioneer History of the County of Lanark.

Vital Records of Upper Canada/Canada West. Vol. 1. Parts 1 &2.

Once Upon a Little Town...Grimsby, 1876-1976. South Elmsley in the Making, 1783-1983.

Burlington: The Growing Years.

Oakville, A Small Town: 1900-1930.

Oak Heights Neighbours, 1800-1950.

Brockville: The River City.

Mount Pleasant Cemetery: An Illustrated Guide.

1838 Census Index of Hants & Kings Counties, Nova Scotia.

Talbot Regime, or the First Half Century of the Talbot Settlement.

History of Perth County to 1967.

Beyond the Atlantic Roar: A Study of the Nova Scotia Scots.

Pictonians at Home and Abroad.

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A Royal Heritage: Genealogy and History from Charlemagne and William the Conqueror to the Present.

Parish Register of Beverly St. Mary, 1561-1638. Kings Sutton Northampton-shire Churchwardens'

Accounts 1636-1700.

Clandestine Marriages in the Chapel and Rules of the Fleet Prison 1680-1754.

Burke's Landed Gentry of Great Britain: Together with Members of the Titled and Non-Titles Contemporary Establishment. V.1 The Kingdom in Scotland.

Norfolk Hearth Tax Exemption Certificates 1670-1674, Vol. 65

#### **GERMANY**

Nineteenth Century Emigrants from Baden-Wurttemberg. Volume 2.

In Search of Your German Roots. 4th Edition.

Blatter fur Frankische Familienkunde. Band 22/23-1999/2000.

Europaische Stammftafelen, Neue Folge, Band 20 & 21.

#### **IRELAND**

A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Irish Ancestors: How to Find and Record Your Unique Heritage.

#### **MEXICO**

Apellidos de Tam., N. Leon, Coah. y Texas.

#### SCOTLAND

Settlements of Western Perthshire: Land and Society North of the Highland Line, 1480-1851. Kirkyard of Forglen.

Kirkyards of Chapel of Garioch & Logie-Durno.

Kirkyard of Inverkeithny.

Index to Surnames in 1851 Census for Banffshire.

Kirkyard of Marykirk.

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

By Alvin Harper

- The world is divided into two types of people: those who are into genealogy and those who are normal. Neither understands the other.
- 2. Genealogists fall into one of four groups:
  - direct lineal descendants of William, the Conqueror,
  - direct lineal descendants of Robert, the Bruce,
  - > direct lineal descendants of Brian Boru,
  - direct lineal descendants of Attila, the Hun.

Guess which group has no known members!

3. No matter when you started, you started ten years too late.

Watch for more words of wisdom from Alvin!

## **DGS Calendar of Events**

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01 – Tue "Count your Counties" contest deadline

CIG Meeting – Barbara Dossett

"Time-Lining Those Difficult Ancestors"

05 – Sat Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck lecture

15 - Tue AAGIG Meeting

19 – Sat Beginners' Family History workshop

22 - Mon DGS Meeting\* - Cary Newsom

"Publishing - The Ins & Outs"

#### 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** DGS Meeting – Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

DPL's Eighth Floor Special Collections

#### December

03 – Tue CIG Meeting – Tresa Tatyrekj

"Navigating Our DGS Web Site"

09 - Mon DGS Meeting - Holiday/Awards Party

17 - Tue AAGIG Meeting

#### January 2003

01 – Wed Happy New Year! 07 – Tue CIG Meeting – Bill Deal

"Internet Hoaxes & Myths"

19 – Sat Workshop – "TBD" 21 – Tue AAGIG Meeting

21 – Tue AAGIG Meeting 27 – Mon DGS Meeting

> Susan Younger and Barbara Ware "Oakland Cemetery Inventory"

## \*Note the Change in the date of the DGS General Meeting - October 22, 2002

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.
- ❖ AAGIG meets on the third Tuesday. Social time begins at 6:00 p.m. Business meeting & program begin at 6:30 p.m.

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