

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

DGS Newsletter



"A Southern Perspective on the American Experience" 19-22 June 2003

"A Southerner's Perspective on the South"

by Bill Deal

My side lost! I've finally come to terms with that. It took a long time. All those years growing up in Alabama—by chance, I found out much later, in a county that was pro-Union at the start of the Civil War—and not really understanding the snide rivalry between "yankees and southerners." Nor could I understand the welcome into my home of the loving black "mammy" who helped raise my younger sister and me and the "Whites Only" signs in the train station. But I went along with it because, when you're eight or nine years old, that's what you do.

All that changed so many years later when I discovered the initial thrill of researching my family's history in a public library. I'm not a genealogist any more than I am a golfer. But I love the game of golf, and I love to mentally travel in the misty footsteps of my ancestral past.

The *Southern Institute*, put on by the DGS, affords me my best opportunity to turn more pages of the past, in a much shorter time, than I could on my own. Just as last year's *Institute* gave me so many little-known references to explore in Virginia, Georgia and Alabama—the trail my family followed over the last two hundred plus years—this year's program promises to help me extend that knowledge in the adjacent southern states. And if you are like me, you drink in the information from such programs, knowing it will uncover a future mystery!

And I take grateful refuge in the knowledge that my country—though bloodied by terrible conflicts of the past, including a disastrous civil war—has emerged from all of this adversity with a clearer understanding of our many differences. We are a better nation for it; a nation with many faces and colors and backgrounds. This wonderful American resolve is our walking stick through the global terrors of the modern world.

God Bless America—all of 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' 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 to the editor, Marti Fox, <deal1Fox1@aol.com>, or mailed to the Society address listed above. 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

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 optional annual *Dallas Journal*. Members receive discount registrations to some events.

(Membership Form - see page 213)

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This year is almost up. We are winding it up with the thank-you party at the general meeting on the 19th of May. Come and join us to celebrate the year's experiences and share your 'finds' with others. Also, meet the new and returning Board Members for the 2003-2004 year and help us 'kick-off' our summer events.

We have the Summer Institute on 19-22 June (see pages 200-3), a Library Lock-in on 26 July (see page 204), and a CIG sponsored "Scanning" workshop on 2 August (see page 205). Attendance at all these events is limited, so early registration is strongly encouraged. I hope you will join us for some of them during the summer if you aren't gallivanting around the countryside hunting for ancestors somewhere else.

My traveling has been somewhat curtailed while I've been on the board. I do plan on attending the NGS Conference in Pittsburgh, 28-31 May 2003 and staying in the area to do some personal research (I don't want to waste the travel expense to get up there). Wandering around digging for treasures is a wonderful way to add to your family history. You never know what records, stories, photos, or people you may find!

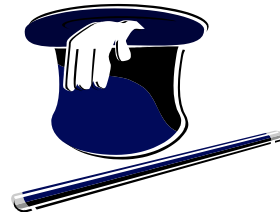
Tresa

**The Dallas Genealogical Society
2003-4 BOARD**

Come meet them on
Monday, May 19*
for our Society's
**Installation of Officers
and Spring Social**

*May 26 is Memorial Day

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
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Hats Off!

From the Volunteer Desk: Bill Lancaster had surgery on April 7th and is now at home recuperating. We hope to see you back soon.

Susan Holman is working the Wednesday night shift from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM through the summer. Susan is a Training Coordinator with DISD and teaches computer classes during the school year.

Joan and George Smith will be making their annual pilgrimage to Alaska this summer. Have a great vacation!

DGS Summer Institute

**"A Southern Perspective
on the American Experience - Part 2"
19-22 June 2003**

The states being covered are:
Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri,
Tennessee, and Kentucky
Limited to 120 people

See pages 200-203 for more details

New Members

**A warm Dallas "welcome"
to our new members!**

Patty McKinley
Janet Cottle
Donna Bohannon
Anna Houston Price
Cinderette Ricker McDaniel

**Cheryl Lee Mann
In Memorium**

Cheryl Lee Mann, a long-time DGS member and former Newsletter Editor, after fighting cancer, passed away peacefully on April 8 surrounded by her loving family. Cheryl and her mother Lola, attended one of our Salt Lake City research trips and she was an active member of our Society, helping with our CIG meetings and communication.

Cheryl was a graduate of East Texas State University in Commerce in 1975, having received a Bachelors Degree in Music Education. Cheryl was an inspirational writer who touched the hearts of many. An employee of Godwin Gruber law firm, and a member of Women of Vision International, Toastmasters International, and the Dallas Genealogical Society. Survived by her mother Lola Mann, sister and brother-in-law Nadara "Sam" and Jeff Feldman, brother and sister-in-law Ed and Carol Mann, 6 nieces, 2 nephews, 3 great-nephews, numerous other relatives and a host of friends. Memorial services were held on Friday, April 11 at 1:00pm at Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel.

Obit published in the Dallas Morning News on 4/9/2003

\$ \$ Tom Thumb Reward Card \$ \$

Did you know that you could support DGS every time you use your Reward Card? Ask the store's service desk to have "DGS 4253"

appended to your card's charity savings list and they will donate a portion of your benefit to DGS.

**2003-2004
DGS SOCIETY PROGRAMS**

**Regular DGS meetings
and Special Interest Group meetings
are held at
Dallas' J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young Street
in the Plaza level auditorium,
unless otherwise noted.**

***The DGS General Membership
and Special Interest Groups
take the summer off
to enjoy our families,
pursue our personal genealogy and prepare
an interesting slate of programs for the
upcoming year.***

***We resume our regularly scheduled meetings
in September.***

**DGS General Membership Meetings
Meet on the Fourth Monday**

Reserve these dates on your Fall calendar:

**September 22
October 27
November 24
December 8**

We are trying something new just prior to each month's meeting and program...a **roundtable discussion, from 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM**, in the auditorium.

- Have a challenge? Come ask the audience to offer a solution.
- Found a solution to your brick wall? Share your success -- it might help someone else!

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JULY 2003**



For Members Only

**Salt Lake City
Research Trip**

12 October - 19 October 2003

Cost per person, excluding airfare, is:

Double occupancy \$400

Single occupancy \$720

We stay at the Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel which is located:

- Next door to the Family History Library
- Across the street from the LDS Church History Museum
- Across the street from Crossroads Plaza (shopping mall and cinemas)
- Across the street from ZCMI Center (contains the two largest shopping malls in the city)
- Across the street from Temple Square (Mormon Temple, Museum, Mormon Tabernacle Choir)

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

**SPECIAL SESSION
AUG 2**

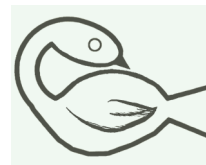
“Scanning” workshop presented by Jeri Steele and William Dow at the J. Erik Jonsson Library Main Auditorium, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm (two 2-hour sessions with a lunch break) Cost: \$10.00 per person. Lunch not included. See registration form on page 205.

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Also, reserve these dates on your Fall calendar:

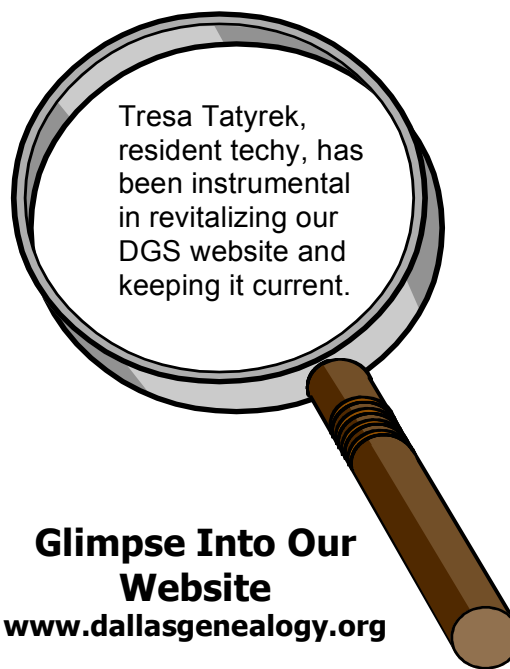
**September 2
October 7
November 4
December 2**

**African American
Genealogy Interest Group (AAGIG)
Meet on the Third Tuesday**



Reserve these dates on your Fall calendar:

**September 16
October 21
November 18
December 16**



Tresa Tatyrek, resident techy, has been instrumental in revitalizing our DGS website and keeping it current.

**Glimpse Into Our
Website**
www.dallasgenealogy.org

DID YOU KNOW...? compiled by Bill Deal

Our national anthem, “The Star-Spangled Banner,” was originally titled “Defense of Fort M’Henry” by its author, Francis Scott Key, in September 1814.

Source: “U.S. News & World Report,” July 2002

DGS Summer Institute

"A Southern Perspective on the American Experience - Part 2" 19-22 June 2003

The Summer Institute is an intense three and one half days of learning about some of the southern states from nationally known experts. The Institute starts Thursday, 19 June 2003 with registration at 6:00 p.m., followed by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck's overview of Arkansas.

On subsequent days:

- Lloyd will discuss Mississippi,
- Robert de Berardinis will speak on Louisiana,
- Charles Sherrill will discuss research in Tennessee,
- and Dr. George Schweitzer will speak to participants about Missouri and Kentucky.

Saturday night is a private research evening in the Eighth Floor Genealogy Section of DPL – just for Institute attendees.

Sunday brunch will be served at the Aristocrat Hotel of Dallas, followed by lectures on the state of Missouri.

Space is limited to 120 pre-registered participants.

No registrations (by mail or walk-in) accepted after 13 June 2003. (This is so we can print and compile the handout notebooks.)

Total Registration Fee \$200.00

(Includes notebook, guided research, Friday lunch, Saturday lunch and Sunday brunch)

Deposit \$100 (Must be postmarked by 7 June)

Refund requests, received in writing, (less a \$25 handling fee) will be honored up to 27 May 2003. No refunds will be made after that date.

Balance of \$100 due at registration on 19 June

DGS Summer Institute Speakers

Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck Arkansas & Mississippi

Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, M.S. (European History), M.S. (Library Science), FNGS, is currently supervisor of the Genealogy Section of the J. Erik Jonsson Public Library, in Dallas, TX. As of Feb 2003, he has been involved with the Dallas Public Library for some 31 years! He shares his genealogical expertise with readers of the Dallas Morning News in his weekly column, *Family Tree*.

He was a teaching assistant in the Department of History of Southern Illinois University from 1967 to 1969. From 1969 to 1971, he served in the Missionary Journeyman Program of the Southern Baptist Convention with assignment to the Baptist Mission of East Africa where he was a teacher and librarian in the Mombasa (Kenya) Baptist High School. He was a graduate assistant in the School of Library Science at the University of Illinois 1970-71. He has been on the faculty of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University in Birmingham, AL since 1974 and was the first recipient of the Institute's Outstanding Alumnus Award. He formerly served as an instructor of genealogy at Southern Methodist University.

He received the Award of Merit from the National Genealogical Society in 1982 and was named a Fellow of the Society in 1993. In 1999, he was named the first recipient of the Filby Prize for Genealogical Librarianship. His biography is featured in *Who's Who in America*.

Lloyd is a widely read author and a sought-after lecturer and we, in the Dallas area, enjoy sharing his expertise on a regular basis.

He is the author of:

- **Virginia's Colonial Soldiers**
- **Genealogical Research in Texas,**
- **Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants**
Awarded by State Governments.

Related, taped lectures:

- **Westward Ho: Kentucky from the Ohio River Valley and the Cumberland Gap to the Jackson Purchase**
- **Dallas Public Library Resources for Genealogists**
- **Solving Problems in Kentucky and Tennessee**
- **Sources and Services at Public and Academic Libraries: South & Southwest**

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Robert de Berardinis
Louisiana

Robert de Berardinis is a 13th-generation native Louisianan, a descendant of one of the pioneers of Iberville's first trip establishing Fort Maurepas as well as a descendant of one of the French pioneers of the establishment of Port Royal, Acadia in 1605.

As he seeks his certification in genealogy, de Berardinis specializes in French language genealogy and history.

Robert will speak about French Colonial Louisiana this April at the Louisiana Purchase Bi-centennial Genealogical Conference in Baton Rouge.

de Berardinis has edited one book in print:

- **French Superior Council Records of Louisiana: 1717–1763;**
An Index to Abstracts in the Louisiana Historical Quarterly, Marion McCarley, comp., Robert de Berardinis, ed.

He has three other books being published:

- **French Officials, Officers, and Soldiers, 1710–1770**
Translations of selected civil and military records of the French Province of Louisiana
- **An Analytical Calendar and Index to the Civil and Military Records of the French Province of Louisiana**

- **Listes civiles et militaires de l'île française de St-Christophe dans les Antilles, 1665–1702 — Civil and Military Records of the French Island of St. Christophe in the Caribbean, 1665–1702.**
(French-English dual-language book)

de Berardinis has authored more than 70 articles in various state and national genealogical publications, including several in the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, one in France, and nine book introductions. Additionally, Robert has an article revising French colonial history accepted for publication by a state historical journal. Robert is also currently serving a second term as a director of Clayton Library Friends, Houston, TX.

Charles A. Sherrill
Tennessee

Charles A. Sherrill (M.A., M.L.S.) is currently Director of the Brentwood Library near Nashville. For seven years prior, he was Director of Public Services for the Tennessee State Library & Archives. His education includes master's degrees in History and Library Science from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sherrill has been active in genealogical research and publishing since he was a teenager. He began his career at Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was Head Reference Librarian. As director of the Cleveland (Tenn.) Public Library for nine years, Sherrill edited a series of genealogical publications about Bradley County.

Additional works include two family genealogies, and editing:

- **Tennessee's Confederate Widows and their Families**
- **Tennessee Convicts, Tennesseans in Court: 2,500 Early Settlers Found in Supreme Court Reports --** A collection of penitentiary records

Among his works are books on several Tennessee counties, particularly Grundy County where most of his ancestors lived.

**Dr. George K. Schweitzer
Kentucky & Missouri**

Dr. Schweitzer is Alumni Distinguished Professor at the University of Tennessee and holds BA, MS, and Ph.D. degrees in Chemistry, an M.A. in the History of Religion, a Ph.D. in History of Science, and an Sc.D. (Doctor of Science) in Philosophy of Science. He is Phi Beta Kappa and is listed in *Who's Who in America*. He has authored 220 publications including 19 genealogical guidebooks.

Professor Schweitzer uses historical reenactment to teach genealogy and has traced many of his ancestral lines back to the early 1500s. He is a fascinating and enthralling speaker. He has lectured to over 200 genealogical and historical societies in the United States, Canada, England, and Germany.

Some of his research publications include:

- **Handbook of Genealogical Sources**
A 252-paged book describing all major and minor sources of genealogical information, with precise and detailed instructions for obtaining data on your ancestors from them.
- **Kentucky Genealogical Research**
A 167-paged book containing 1191 sources for tracing your KY ancestor along, with detailed instructions.
- **Missouri Genealogical Research**
A 235-paged book containing 1342 sources for tracing your MO ancestor, with detailed instructions.
- **Tennessee Genealogical Research**
A 132-paged book containing 1073 sources for tracing your TN ancestor, with detailed instructions.

Other areas of his genealogical research include: Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and Germany. He has also published resource books to help find ancestors: Civil War Genealogy, Revolutionary War Genealogy and War of 1812 Genealogy.

Dr. George K. Schweitzer
Tel 1-865-690-7831
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Eastern Time

**A Southern Perspective
on the American Experience Institute**

Limited to 120 people

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Attendees are expected to make their own hotel reservation. If you need assistance in finding a roommate, we will try to assist. (Not guaranteed).

_____ Yes, I need assistance
Male ___ Female ___ Smoke ___ Non-Smoke ___

Registration Fee \$200.00

(Includes notebook, guided evening of research, Friday & Saturday lunches, Sunday brunch)

Deposit \$100 (Must be postmarked by 7 June)

Balance Due \$100 (Due at registration 19 June)

Please make checks payable to:
Dallas Genealogical Society.
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**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
Aristocrat Hotel of Dallas**

1933 Main Street, Dallas, TX 75201
214-741-7700 or 800-231-4235

The Aristocrat Hotel has been chosen for its proximity to the J. Erik Jonsson Library. It is a renovated, historic hotel in downtown Dallas with several amenities. Room availability is limited.

The Dallas Genealogical Society has made the following group rate arrangements:

Standard, Single room = \$79 per night
Standard, Double/Double room = \$89 per night

**"A Southern Perspective
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| TIME | SESSION TITLE | INSTRUCTOR |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Thursday 19 June 2003 | | |
| Dallas Public Library | | |
| 6:00 PM-6:30 PM | Registration Opens | DGS Board |
| 6:30 PM-9:00 PM | Welcome address | |
| | Arkansas Research | Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck |
| Friday 20 June 2003 | | |
| Dallas Public Library | | |
| 9:00 AM-9:30 AM | Daily Introductions | |
| 9:30 AM-12:00 N | Louisiana Research | Robert de Berardinis |
| 12:00 N-1:30 PM | Lunch provided | |
| 1:30 PM-2:30 PM | Louisiana Research | Robert de Berardinis |
| 3:00 PM-5:30 PM | Mississippi Research | Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck |
| | Dinner – on your own | |
| Saturday 21 June 2003 | | |
| Dallas Public Library | | |
| 9:00 AM-9:30 AM | Daily Introductions | |
| 9:30 AM-12:00 N | Tennessee Research | Charles Sherrill |
| 12:00 N-1:30 PM | Lunch provided | |
| 1:30 PM-4:00 PM | Kentucky Research | Dr. George Schweitzer |
| 4:00 PM-6:00 PM | Dinner – on your own | |
| 6:00 PM-9:00 PM | Library Research & Exercises | Exclusive to Institute attendees |
| Sunday 22 June 2003 | | |
| Aristocrat Hotel | | |
| 9:00 AM-10:00 AM | Brunch provided | |
| 10:00 AM-12:15 PM | Missouri Research | Dr. George Schweitzer |
| 12:15 PM-12:30 PM | Closing remarks | |

Joy Dunaway found this tidbit to share with our readers:

TIPS FROM READERS: NAMELESS FACES

Compiled by: Dale Harman of Cobourg,
Ontario, Canada
daleharman@sympatico.ca

I have come across many people who have old photographs but no information about them. The pictures should be treasures, but have little value unless the people in them are identified.

Here is what I always suggest:

1. Photocopy the pictures so that there is space to write on the photocopies.
2. Keep the first set of photocopies to use as originals to minimize any damage and then store your photographs away again.
3. Number the pictures on the photocopies.
4. Make copies of your original photocopies and mail them to your relatives but keep the original photocopies handy.
5. Ask them to mark up the photocopies and send them back or to describe them by number. (The first method works best, but some people will want to keep the photocopies.)
6. Ask if they recognize the people, place, occasion, and/or the approximate date as that can provide valuable clues.

Often old family photographs are divided up between children and grandchildren. Some other relative might have a similar photograph that is labeled or may recognize someone in one of your photographs.

Follow up with a phone call. When you talk to someone they can tell you what photograph they are looking at by the number.

If you offer copies of original photographs for a reasonable cost, or free, you are more likely to get a positive response. You may be offering a treasure to someone else and in return be gaining a treasure yourself.



Library Lock-In

B B B

**Saturday, July 26
6:00 PM – 2:00 AM**

Ever wish you didn't have to wait for a microfiche reader or needed some personal counseling on a research problem?

DGS has organized a special "members only" evening of research on the Eighth Floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Public Library. A lot of quality research gets done in addition to some commiserating on how to get beyond that "wall," and bragging about a great find!

You can stay as long as your eyes will hold out (2:00 AM) or leave as early as 10:00 PM.

This event requires you to pre-register for security reasons and registration must be received by July 19. We are limited to 100 participants.

Picnic dinner included in registration fee of \$25.00 per person

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Registration Fee: \$25.00

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Computer Interest Group (CIG)

SPECIAL WORKSHOP – “SCANNING”

Saturday, August 2

“Scanning” workshop presented by Jeri Steele and William Dow at the J. Erik Jonsson Library Main Auditorium, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Two 2-hour sessions with a lunch break. Limited to 120 people.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Register by July 15, 2003

Registration Fee: \$10.00

optional resource book

A Few Scanning Tips, by Wayne Fulton - \$17.87

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The resource book used for the workshop is: *A Few Scanning Tips* by Wayne Fulton. His web site is: <http://www.scantips.com>. If you pre-order the book, it is available at a DGS discounted rate of \$16.50 + 8.25% tax = \$17.87. When you sign-up for the workshop let us know if you want the book and add this amount to the total of your check. Pre-ordered books will be delivered and distributed at the workshop on August 2, 2003.

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**WEBSITE WATCHES OVER
TEXAS LEGISLATURE!!!**

Submitted by Mic Barnette

As the Texas Liaison for the Joint National Genealogical Society/Federation of Genealogical Societies (NGS & FGS) Records Preservation and Access committee, Mic Barnette of Houston has created both a website, <http://micbarnette.bravepages.com> and e-mail list to aid Texas genealogists to lobby and keep an eye on the Texas Legislature and other public records offices.

Legislation in the State of Texas Marches On

Below is a quick update of Texas legislation as of Saturday May 3, 2003. At this time none of the bills being watched have been passed into law but several are imminent and should be watched carefully. Bills in committee and on the floor of the legislature often take quirky turns and do not necessarily become law with the same text or intent in which they start out.

DD 214/ Military Discharge Legislation

Of the eight (8) bills initially filed in the Texas Legislature concerning DD 214/Military Discharges one has emerged as the probable final bill that will be considered by the legislature for voting.

HB 545, initially sponsored by Rep Wohlgemuth, is now also sponsored by representatives Flores, Hupp, Uresti, Berman and others.

A coalition of veterans groups in the state asked the legislature to close public access to DD 214/military discharges. At issue was the valid fear by veterans that identity thieves would access their records and steal their identity.

HB 545 sends the veterans a mixed bag. It makes DD214's or other military discharge records confidential after September 1, 2003, but not the records filed previous to that date. It allows veterans who filed their DD 214s previous to September 1, 2003 to request a county clerk to destroy the record.

The DD 214s containing social security numbers which were the impetus for the bill in the beginning are those for veterans who left the service between 1966 and January 2002. HB 545 leaves those DD 214s open and closes newly recorded records that have no social security numbers on them. The

good news for those veterans with 1966-Jan 2002 DD 214s is that veterans may ask the county clerk to destroy their record. What the veterans in that category should really do is request the record be extracted and destroyed, and refile a new copy with the social security number redacted, or obliterated, so it is unreadable.

DD 214s filed after September 1, 2003 will be confidential for 75 years. When it is considered the average veteran filing a DD 214 will be anywhere from 25 to 50 years of age, the document will be closed until the veteran is 100 to 125 years of age. This time span is well in excess of the average "confidentiality time frame" of a person at 70-75 years of age.

SB 174 Marriage Applications

Senator Jane Nelson is the sponsor of this bill, intended to **protect the social security numbers of applicants for a marriage license**. Assuming it passes, it is scheduled to be effective September 1, 2003.

This bill started out attempting to close marriage applications to the public because they contain social security numbers. A new section has been added to the text stating that when someone orders a copy of a marriage license application, the county clerk is instructed to redact or take the social security number off the document. This additional text makes the bill satisfactory to the applicant and to the genealogist. A great move on Senator Nelson's part.

SB 861/ HB 1778

These two companion bills, one from the House and one from the Senate, seek to **extend the period of confidentiality of birth records in Texas** from 50 years to 75 years. The bills make no changes to death records or to the indexes for birth or death. They also allow for the agreement between the Genealogical Society of Utah and the State of Texas to remain in force whereby the GSU may microfilm birth records after 50 years of confidentiality. There is nothing in the bill saying the GSU has to release the microfilm at a date later than 50 years.

I have not seen the agreement between the GSU and the State of Texas. It would be nice to hear from someone knowledgeable of the agreement for some background.

IDENTITY THEFT THREATENS ACCESS TO RECORDS

The largest threat to genealogical records access today is Identity Theft and the most coveted prize of identity thieves is the social security number. To curb acquisition of social security numbers by persons with ill-intent, legislatures across the nation are trying to pass laws closing record groups that contain social security numbers. In many cases the social security number has no purpose on documents other than intrusiveness.

Two bills, **S 228 and HR 637**, both referred to as the ***Social Security Misuse Prevention Act***, are being introduced in the United States Senate and House of Representatives to limit the use of social security numbers by governmental agencies as well as public and private entities. It also sets stringent penalties for the illegal use of such numbers. Readers are invited to read the complete forty-page bill at <http://www.netcoalition.com/bills/index.phtml?rindex=96&issue=privacy&issueTitle=Privacy> .

Helpful, Heuristic, Holistic Hints for the Hurried, Harried, Harassed, Helpless, Hopeless, and Hapless By Alvin Harper

1. On any visit to any courthouse, the clerk who knows the least about genealogy will be the one who insists on helping you.
2. At the public library, when you find the perfect source listed in the card catalog, but can't find it on the shelf, don't bother asking for staff assistance – they won't be able to find it either.
3. The State Archives will always close for summer inventory the day before you arrive; and will re-open the day after you leave.
4. When visiting 19th-century cemeteries, the number of your ancestors buried in unmarked graves is a geometric function of how many miles you had to travel to get there.
 - a. The number doubles if access to the cemetery involves 4-wheel drive.
 - b. The number triples if access involves pack mules and Sherpa guides.

5. Letters to genealogical columns elicit responses that fall into one of two categories:
 - a. Phone calls from beginners who can't help you, but would love to have one copy of everything in your files; or
 - b. Personalized post cards from Beatrice Bailey.
6. Late Aunt Dropsia kept a family journal in which she recorded her observations and thoughts about significant family events, as well as, dates of birth, death, and marriage of a wide range of family members. This journal would be of incalculable value in compiling a family history. However, it is in the possession of Cousin Lugnut who refuses to let anybody see it, because someone once told him, "WOW!! That's valuable stuff. Publish it and you could retire rich."
7. Uncle Trogbottle, who absolutely refused to answer your letters and who would, under no circumstances, return your phone calls, will be first in line to get his FREE copy of the family history.
8. There is not now, nor has there ever been, nor will there ever be, a quick, easy, painless, short-cut way to compile a genealogy: so, get up off your lazy duff and get to grubbin'!
9. Aunt Zinia swears on a stack of Bibles that the family arrived in North Carolina in 1670. Start your research in South Carolina circa 1760.

The following donations have been received:

In Memory of Helen Anthony

- \$100 from Lois Hudgins
- \$35 from Lloyd Bockstruck

In Memory of Monette L. Grant

- \$30 from Alvin E. Harper
- \$30 from Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck
- \$25 from Terri B. O'Neill
- \$100 from Shari Degan
- \$100 from the Dallas Genealogical Society

Other

- \$30 from Alvin E. Harper in memory of Early Owen Collum
- \$100 from Chad Edmondson
- \$50 from James J. Lee in memory of Mrs. James K. Peden
- \$100 from Clara Lewis
- \$25 from the Michael Stoner Chapter DAR in honor of Dr. Paul Pepe
- \$100 from Roberta C. Barr in honor of the Barr and Whitham Families
- \$50 from the Junior Garden Study Club in honor of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck
- \$25 from Mrs. C. A. Gibson
- \$50 from the White Oak Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, in honor of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck
- \$200 from the Huguenot Society of Texas
- \$50 from the Col. Cole Digges Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century, in honor of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck
- \$100 from the Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia, Texas Society, in honor of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck
- \$50 from Barbara Baylis in memory of Alice Clark

UNITED STATES

- Chippewa Half-Breeds of Lake Superior.
- Early Narratives of the Northwest, 1634-1699.
- Black Roots: A Beginner's Guide to Tracing the African American Family.
- Catalog of the Seimes Microfilm Collection, DAR Library.
- United Daughters of the Confederacy; Patriot Ancestor Album.
- Sons and Daughters of the Colonial and Antebellum Bench and Bar, 1565-1861: Register of Ancestors.
- Directory of Traditional Anglican and Episcopal Parishes.
- Osage Indian Bands and Clans.

NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY

compiled by: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, FNGS



The following contributions have been made to the Genealogy Section:

(*Those with an asterisk indicate sources of major significance)

- Colonial Trilogy VII.
- Shaking Your Family Tree: a Basic Guide to Tracing Your Family's Genealogy.
- Names of Irish Passengers to America with Dates, Ports & Ships' Names.
- Tracing Ancestors among the Five Civilized Tribes: Southeastern Indians prior to Removal.
- Discovering your Jewish Ancestors.
- Irish-Scots and the Scots-Irish.
- Who Sailed on the Titanic?
- Where Once We Walked: a Guide to the Jewish Communities Destroyed in the Holocaust.
- Amana Colonies.
- Membership Roster. Order of the Crown of Charlemagne in the United States of America.
- U. S. World War I Posters: from the Collection of the Smithsonian Institution's Division of Political History.
- Presidents: A Pictorial Guide to the Presidents Birthplaces, Homes, and Burial Sites.
- Index to the Cherokee Rolls.
- What to Say in Your Genealogical Letters: Do's [sic] and Don'ts [sic] in Genealogical Correspondence.
- American Genealogical-Biographical Index to American Genealogical, Biographical, and Local History Materials. Index, S13, Daton-Emmons.

ALABAMA

- *1921 Census of Confederate Veterans. Microfilm, 5 rolls.
- *1867 Alabama Voter Registration Lists. Microfilm, 11 rolls.
- Sesquicentennial Fayette County Broadcaster.

ARIZONA

- Who's Who in Arizona. Vol. 1.

ARKANSAS

- Arkansas Coal Miners: Biographies Written by Their Descendants.
- Trimble Campground Church: the First 150 Years.

CALIFORNIA

- Western Placer County and Lincoln According to History.
- Envoy. 1969.

DELAWARE

- Little Known History of Newark, Delaware and Its Environs.
- Cemetery Records of Sussex County, Delaware, 1926-1930.
- New Castle County, Delaware Land Records, 1728-1731 & 1734-1738.
- Genealogical Abstracts from Biographical and Genealogical History of the State of Delaware.
- Delaware Marriages and Deaths from the Delaware Gazette, 1875-1879.

GEORGIA

- Georgia 1910 Soundex, rolls 1-7.
- Georgia Sources for Family history.
- Milton County, Georgia Cemeteries: Present Day Northern Fulton County.
- Columbus, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings (Columbus Enquirer). Vol. 7, 1850-52.
- Hancock county, Georgia, Newspaper Abstracts: Hancock Advertiser, 1826-1830.
- Fulton County, Georgia Marriage Records, 1854-1902.
- Macon County, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings (Weekly Telegraph).
- Oglethorpe County, Georgia, Abstracts of Wills, 1794-1903.
- Driving Tour of Forsyth, Georgia and Monroe County.
- Darien, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings. Volume 2, 1879-1890.
- Historical Collections of the Georgia Chapters Daughters of the American Revolution.
- Index to the 1830 Census of Georgia.
- 1840 Index to Georgia Census.
- Deeds of Franklin County, Georgia 1784-1826.

NORTH CAROLINA

- Guide to North Carolina Highway Markers.
- *Swiss Palatines to New Bern.
- Lincoln County, NC Tax List, 1837.
- Randolph County, NC Land Entries, 1779, 1780, & 1783-1801.
- Abstracts of Land Entries: Randolph County, NC, 1801-1833.
- Surry County, North Carolina, Deeds: Books D, E, and F, 1779-1797.
- Federal Census, Cleveland County, North Carolina, 1860.

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- Burke County, North Carolina, Land Records and Important Miscellaneous Records. 2 volumes.
- Enslaved Ancestors Abstracted from Deed Books, Granville County, North Carolina. V.2, 1746-1828.
- Tar Heel Tales.

TEXAS

- *Texas Ranger Service Records: Loyalty Rangers. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- *Texas Ranger Service Records: Regular Rangers. Microfilm, 2 rolls.
- *Texas Ranger Service Records: Special Rangers. Microfilm, 7 rolls.
- Early Texas Birth Records, 1838-1878.
- Sons of the Republic of Texas.
- Rockwall County History.
- Archer County Marriage Records 1881-1937. Microfilm, 2 rolls.
- Austin County Marriage Records 1824-1920. Microfilm, 3 roll.
- Bell County Marriage Records 1850-1917. Microfilm, 10 rolls.
- Brown County Marriage Records 1880-1932. Microfilm, 5 rolls.
- Burnet County Marriage Records 1851-1907. Microfilm, 2 rolls.
- Clay County Marriage Records 1874-1940. Microfilm, 4 rolls.

VIRGINIA

- Historic Homes of the South-West Mountains, Virginia.
- War Recollections of the Confederate Veterans of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 1861-1865.
- Apprentices, Poor Children and Bastards: Loudoun County, Virginia, 1757-1850.
- Annotated Abstracts of Southampton County, VA, Deed Book 1, 1749-1753.
- Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills, Conveyances, Book A.
- Lodge of Washington: A History of the Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22, A. F. and A. M. of Alexandria, Va. 1783-1876.

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DALLAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOURS

Tours depart Fair Park's Hall of State building at 9:00 A.M. and return at 2:00 P.M.

Contact: Franklin K. Wilson, COO,
P.O. Box 150038, Dallas, TX 75315-0038
<frank@dallashistory.org>
214.421.4500 x 105, Fax: 214.421.7500

LEGEND OF BONNIE & CLYDE a walking tour with John Neal Phillips Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2003

Uncover the lives of those famous outlaw lovers from Dallas, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow. This action-packed adventure includes stops in West Dallas, Oak Cliff, Dallas, Irving, and Lancaster. They include the site of a 1934 bank robbery at R.P. Henry and Sons Bank, and the location of an attempted ambush of Bonnie and Clyde at Esters Road and Highway 183. Participants will visit a "safe house" where a gunfight broke out between Clyde Barrow and six officers in 1933, the site of the Barrow's Star Service station as well as the graves of both Bonnie & Clyde. The tour will be led by local author John Neal Phillips, who published *Running with Bonnie and Clyde: The Ten Fast Years of Ralph Fults*.

EAST AND SOUTH DALLAS HISTORY LESSON with Darwin Payne

Saturday, June 7, 2003

McCommas Bluff and Bryan Springs – two undeveloped highlights within the city limits of Dallas makes this "Frank's Favorite." The tour begins with a journey through Fair Park, discovering the largest group of Art Deco buildings in the nation. Next, a drive through the streets surrounding Fair Park reveal the historic homes on South Boulevard. Then on to Bryan Springs, located on White Rock Creek, where John Neely Bryan and his wife Margaret lived for several years and where Margaret's father settled in 1842. Next stop, McCommas Bluff, a site where in the 1890's steamboats of partygoers would take daylong excursions from Dallas. Lunch is in the Historic Lakewood District of Dallas. After lunch, spend the afternoon discovering little-known areas in East Dallas, including magnificent Swiss Avenue,

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historic Munger Place and the charming Lakewood area.

Tours depart Fair Park's Hall of State building at 9:00 A.M. and return at 2:00 P.M. Lunch is included in the price of \$35 for annual DHS contributors & \$45 for everyone else.

REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

May 28-31 – Nat'l. Genealogical Society

Moving a Nation Westward, in Pittsburgh, PA
Conference Registration: Patty Stephenson, NGS,
4527 17th St. N, Arlington, VA 22207-2399; (703)
525-0050 x119; <stephenson@ngsgenealogy.org>

June 5-7 – Int'l Association of Obituarists

Fifth Great Obituary Writer's Conference in Las Vegas, NM (near Santa Fe), <www.ObitPage.com>
Carolyn Gilbert, 214-696-9499, <carolyn4@idt.net>

June 6 – 2003 Scottish Family History Symposium

Scottish immigration to America
Speaker: renowned genealogist and historian David Dobson of St. Andrews, Scotland, considered the foremost expert on the Scottish diaspora and the author of numerous books on the subject. Location: LaQuinta Conf. Center, Arlington, TX, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$45. Call (800) 650-1918 or visit <www.texasscottishfestival.com>

June 9 - Grapevine Namedroppers

Leon Wilson, *Locating Your Ancestor's Land*

June 10 – Lancaster Genealogical Society

Kelvin Meyers, *How to Find Your Scandalous Ancestors*

June 14 – Mesquite Hist. & Gen. Society

The Spring Workshop will be held at the Mesquite Library, 301 West Grubb Drive, Mesquite, Texas. Sammie Lee will present a Beginners/Intermediate Research Workshop. Registration: \$15.00, limited seating. Registration at 9:00 a.m., Program from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact person: Sue Hart, <SueHart643@aol.com>

June 19-22 – Dallas Genealogical Society

Southern Perspective Institute, covering Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.

July 8 – Lancaster Genealogical Society

Dr. Darrell Beauchamp, *The Pierce Collections Museum at Navarro College*

July 14 - Grapevine Namedroppers

Round Table Discussion

July 24-26 – Angelina College Services

Our 7th Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference in Lufkin, TX, <www.angelina.cc.tx.us/comserv/personal_dev_new.htm>, 936-633-5206, or E-mail <sreyes@angelina.edu>

August 2 – Dallas Genealogical Society

The Computer Interest group is hosting a Scanning workshop at the J. Erik Jonsson Public Library Main Auditorium. Presented by Jeri Steele and William Dow. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (2 Two-hour sessions with a lunch break) Cost \$10.00 per person. Lunch not included. Workbook: *A Few Scanning Tips*, by Wayne Fulton is recommended.

August 12 – Lancaster Gen. Society

Lela Evans, *Does DNA Have a Place in Genealogical Research?*

September 3-6 - FGS 2003 Conference,

Countdown to Discovery: A World of Hidden Treasures, Renaissance Orlando Resort, Orlando, FL, (888) 347-1500, <www.fgs.org>

REGIONAL CONTACTS



Texas State Genealogical Society

Our District 10 elected representative is: Debbie Kunze, (817) 685-8024, <dgtipton@juno.com>



Carrollton Chapter of the DAR

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Newman Smith High School. Contact: Karen McClendon, <kem58@mac.com>



Central Texas Genealogical Society

Contact: Anne or Diane Wilson, (254) 826-3562 or at <thewilsonsisisters@attglobal.net>



Dallas Historical Society

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Grapevine Namedroppers

Meets the second Monday of the month, all year round, in the Grapevine Public Library program room at 10:00 AM. Address: 1201 Municipal Way, Grapevine, TX 76051, call 817-410-3400.



Irving Genealogical Society

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



Lancaster Genealogical Society

Regular meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Lancaster Veteran's Memorial Library at 7:00 p.m.
Contact: Lana Henslee Filgo, <lfilgo@swbell.net>



Mesquite Historical & Gen. Society

Regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 Grubb, Mesquite, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
<<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txmhgs/page1.htm>>



Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

Meets the first Thursday of each month at the Euless Public Library. Social at 6:30 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. we begin with a short business meeting followed by our program. Contact: Debbie Kunze, VP, (817) 685-8024, <dgtipton@juno.com>



North Texas PC Users Group

Meets the third Saturday of each month at North Lake College in Irving. Check out the schedule and much more at our web site.
<<http://www.ntpcug.org/>>

"A Spouse's Eye View"

"To the willing but uninitiated spouse, the archives can be a real trip"

by Ernest Williams

I never really understood my wife's (Ann Melugin Williams) interest in genealogy. She is almost a fanatic. But on a recent trip with her. . . well, I still don't understand it. However, my experience might help you know what to expect in a similar situation.

We were going to vacation with her cousin on the beach south of Mobile, Ala. My wife planned the *whole* trip around spending a morning in the Mississippi State Archives — *coming and going!*

The first morning in Jackson was kinda [sic] rainy, and I didn't see a whole lot that I wanted to do in Jackson. So she invited me to go with her to the archives. I assured her that I had no idea what to do there. She said it would be fine, that I could be her "extra set of eyes." (I have to admit I was a little curious about why people spend hours in libraries and wondered what they really do there.) So, virgin as I was, I went along.

Getting into that place was sorta [sic] like getting into Fort Knox! From the outside it doesn't look that tough, but they have all these rules about what you can take into the research area: no purses, briefcases, umbrellas, pens or pencils (!), food, drink. . . they wouldn't even let her take in her DGS passport thing. You can take in a wallet that you can put in your pocket, and they let her take her hard candy for coughing fits. They let us take in legal pads and some loose papers. But let me tell you — on the way out, they go through that stuff.

They give you a locker, and you can put all your personal stuff in it and pocket the key.

Then you have to apply for a researcher's card. It costs \$5, and they have to see your driver's license. Oh, be sure you know your Social Security number because you'll need it a lot. Of course, after you get your card, you then have a researcher number. I never could remember that one.

One of the staff members took us on a little tour of the rooms. The first room had lots of books and some files. Now my wife is not weird — oh, she's kinda [sic] nuts about cemeteries, but her whole family is. But when she saw the files, she got this

fiery gleam in her eyes. Then in the next room she saw drawers and drawers full of microfilm. The look on her face scared me.

It was here that the man explained the Soundex System. (My wife said she already knew all that, but she let him go on so I could learn it.) The Soundex is something else. First you have to pick a letter and then some numbers, something about M or N, S and C, and you're *not allowed to use verbs!* I'm glad she took all the Soundex research.

The Mississippi state budget must be in worse shape than Texas'. They furnish pencils, but you should see them! On each study table, there's a little box with short, stubby, blunt pencils. My advice to you is look around. Sometimes you see a long pencil. If it's unattended, get it. If you want your pencil sharpened, you have to give it to a staff person, and they take it back somewhere to another room and sharpen it for you. (Between you and me, I can think of a lot of ways they could improve efficiency here.)

Besides all the books, files, and microfilm in the two rooms we could work in, they have all these files and microfilm back in the safe or somewhere. To get something there, you have to look in a special notebook and get a title and a number. Then you fill out a blue form (or yellow or green — if you don't use the right color, they don't have to get it for you, but the nice man who was helping us would anyway). You need all the stuff about the file or microfilm, *your researcher number*, who your great-grandmothers were (not really, I made that up), and I forget what else. It must be filled out properly.

Then you put it in the right box. Then you wait until the staff person gets several and goes back to find the stuff, and you wait some more. I noticed that my wife didn't wait. She would go and start looking at something else.

She had given me an assignment. She picked out three books and made me a list of the names to look for in the books. I found some of the last names, but the first names weren't what she wanted. However, she patted me on the head and told me I had done good and that I should write down the names with the page number, book title, author, publisher, and copyright date—*just in case she wanted them later!*

Since the right names weren't in the first three books, I thought the folks must have died, so I looked in several cemetery books in various random counties for the names I was researching. Some of the counties were in Mississippi and some were in Alabama, and I have no idea what part of either of the states these books focused on. I found a lot of names but—you guessed it—they had the wrong first names. I didn't bother to copy the page number et al. Just let her look them up herself if she wants the documentation.

After I finished that, I guess I really had done well because she gave me a question for the staff member to help me find the answer to. You know, like "find Zadock McVay in the 1870 census." They had a book, but he wasn't in it -- probably in jail in another state.

It's amazing how much stuff I had looked at and found nothing. I finally went to other book shelves—it was a really big room. I started selecting books by the condition of their binding. The ones well worn probably didn't have my names. Someone else would have found them already, so I specialized in the books that had a good back, they were more likely to have my undiscovered names.

Why do people like to do this?

Meanwhile my wife was bouncing off the ceiling. She'd found the Confederate Army records for her Littleton ancestor and made copies for everybody. (Oh, yes, you can take money in. Quarters are best.)

She had allotted three hours for research, and then we had to get on the road. Guess what! She wasn't ready to leave at three hours. "Let me look at just this one other reel," she begged. How could I refuse? We'd all be happier if she looked at just one more.

Our visit to the archives on the return trip was much like this one although she didn't get as excited as she did over the Confederate records. This time we already had our researcher cards. I just waved mine under the guard's nose and signed in. I've still got it. I show it around at work. After all, I'm licensed to do research in the Mississippi State Archives for the next five years!

DGS Membership Application or Renewal

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New Member _____ Renewal _____

Want to receive the annual Dallas Journal? Yes _ No _

I wish my Contact information to be included in the upcoming Membership Directory. Yes _ No _

The information below is used to publish a membership directory. Please identify any information you do not wish published.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Annual Membership Options

- Membership, per individual or couple \$25
- Foreign Membership \$30
- Sustaining Membership (\$30 is tax deductible) \$50
- Annual Patron Membership (\$80 is tax deductible) \$100
- Life Membership, per individual, 65 years or under \$500
- Life Membership, per individual, over 65 years \$300

Special Funds Contributions

- Contribution to DGS Library Gift \$ _____
- Scholarship \$ _____
- Endowment \$ _____
- NARA \$ _____

Check # _____ Date _____ Total \$ _____
Make check payable to: DGS

Mail to: DGS Membership
P. O. Box 12446, Dallas TX 75225-0446

HOW DO I...

Submit my 4-generation GEDCOM to the (DGS) Society?

To whom do I send it?

Member Volunteer Opportunities

Are you willing to work for our DGS success? Please check all the areas where you would like to contribute.

Thanks!

- Hospitality
- Newsletter
- Computer/Data Entry
- Work at special events
- Board/Committees
- Present Workshops
- Library Work
- Other _____

Optional

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.

Be as detailed as possible on dates and places to help others find YOU. If submitting in GEDCOM format, please use the following format:

All Dates: Day/Month/Year.

Places: City/Town, County name and County spelled out, State, US postal code, if in US.

Names: First name, then last name in all 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.

ANSWER:

Submit Generation Charts or GEDCOMs to:

DGS "Pedigrees"

PO Box 12446

Dallas, TX 75225-0446

or e-mail to: <dgs@magnoliamanor-network.com>

DGS Calendar of Events

May

- 19 – Mon DGS Meeting – Spring Social & Installation of new DGS Board
- 20 – Tue AAGIG Meeting – Lee Gee Bilal, first African-American Dallas Police Officer, and genealogy researcher

June

- 19-22 DGS' Summer Institute
"A Southern Perspective, on the American Experience - Part 2"
Covering AR, MS, LA, KY & TN
Limited enrollment. Registration must be postmarked by June 7.

The Society, CIG, and AAGIG take a summer break & resume regularly scheduled monthly meetings in September

July

- 26 – Sat DGS Library Lock-in – Members only

August

- 2 - Sat Special Workshop – "Scanning"
by Jeri Steele and William Dow
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

September

The Society, CIG and AAGIG resume their regular monthly meetings

Regular (DGS) and special interest group meetings are held on the Plaza level, in the Auditorium and East/West Rooms of the 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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