

DGS Newsletter

MYSTERY SOLVED!

By Caroleen Hensgen

FLASH:

Two genealogical mysteries have been solved after twenty-five years of constant searching:

- The place of Granddaddy Hensgen's birth.
- The three year discrepancy from the date of his birth, as we always knew it in "1854," and the receiving of his Naturalization Papers in St. Louis in 1872 when he was just "18" instead of the legal age of twenty-one.

PRELUDE:

Our five trips to Europe looking for his birth record gave us precious few clues and no solutions. As one reads the genealogical narration of the Hensgen history, it is clear that we did make contact with a Hensgen family in Bliesbruck, Lorraine, France and when the family chart was completed, this family and others in this town were confirmed relatives and we had the documents to prove it.

As very young children, after World War I, our family lived in the "big white house" on Salome Street with our Hensgen grandparents. We knew Grandmother Zwart was born in Keokuk, Iowa, of Dutch ancestry with a three hundred year history taken from "The [Family] Bible." These memories we had heard a million times from her, so proud she was of the many stories of her ancestors. Then there was Granddaddy Hensgen! The only tidbit of information we ever got from him was that he was "from Nancy, France" and of his French ancestry he was very patriotic. He also mentioned "Alsace-Lorraine." But where was he born? These early childhood memories were vivid but of little meaning to me at age seven.

INFORMATION GATHERED:

From the many original documents we had amassed, the following information had been confirmed about our Grandfather, Emile Charles Hensgen:

- His father, Gaspard Hensgen, was born in 1812 in Bliesbruck, Lorraine, France, as were three generations before him.

See page 65 for more information



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Spring has sprung! I hope you have had a fruitful winter and that the hustle and bustle of the holiday season has finally slowed down. DGS has many projects as we move forward with the planning of next year.

I mentioned some of them in my last message. We have Lock-Ins scheduled for 24 July 2004 and 22 January 2005. Yes, 2005! That will make a great kick-off for our 50th year. This summer we will continue to have our monthly General Business Meetings and programs, as will the Computer Interest Group--no summer hiatus. We hope to see you at some of them.

August will shine with the annual DGS Summer Institute. Fall will bring our annual trek to Salt Lake City, and the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Austin, TX. For those of you who live close enough in Texas to attend the conference in Austin, I encourage you to do so. You will meet many others who share your passion of hunting for ancestors as well as learning from the experts at different sessions--for beginners to advanced genealogists. No matter how many sessions I attend there is always more to learn to help me break down those brick walls. DGS will have a booth and sponsor a luncheon on Saturday.

There are many genealogical related events going on in our area. Check out the DGS calendar at:
www.dallasgenealogy.org/calendar.htm

We are trying to put links to all the happenings in our area. If you have any information, send the link to: webmaster@dallasgenealogy.org.

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LOST MEMBER!

Her mail is being returned to us and we do not have a new address. Do you?

Madilyn L. Coen Crane

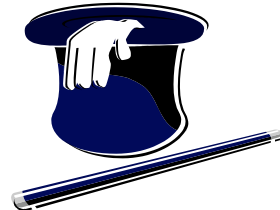
Membership@DallasGenealogy.org or 972-418-9776

Welcome To Our New Members

Shirley Black, Ves Box, Jr., Don L. Brewer,
Judy Glick, Patricia G. Miller,
James Parsons, Jane Power, Lauri Wiss

Sometimes a member takes a genealogical break, but we are glad to welcome back

Gerene Bovermann, Carol Gallant,
Johnny Koonce, Gretchen King,
Kim Kozelski, Marsha Leach,
Jennifer Mitten, and Diana White



Hats Off!

Mel Brewer, Shirley Sloat, Jerry Fillebrown, Rose Alyce Beasley, and Carole Ruska, the 2003-4 DGS Bylaws review committee, did an outstanding job preparing the suggested revisions for presentation to our membership. We appreciate their dedication and expertise.

The revised ByLaws passed, unanimously, on March 22 at the General Business Meeting!
See: www.dallasgenealogy.org/bylaws.htm for a copy.

**Happenings Around
DPL's 8th Floor Volunteer Desk**

Susan has two openings for volunteers to assist on DPL's Eighth Floor:

Weekly - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Weekly - Friday 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The "perks" are a free library parking pass for the underground lot, working with great Genealogy Department staff, answering questions and helping others with their research and maybe even working in a little of your own family research.

Contact: Susan Morris @ 214-942-4051 or volunteers@DallasGenealogy.org.

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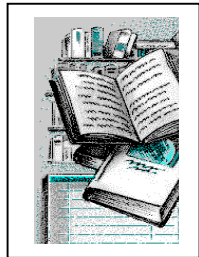
Lost, but not Forgotten

Mary Elizabeth "Mae Lizzie" Riek

She died in her home on December 25, 2003, age 79, after fighting ALS. She was a graduate of North Dallas High School, a professional skater with Dot Franey's Ice Review and a 45-year member of the Neiman Marcus organization. She was the great-granddaughter of a Mayor of Dallas, Benjamin Long.

Mae's work in genealogy traced her family lineage back to Europe. She authored several sections of historical books and documents on the history of Dallas, and she often wrote articles of her memories for *The White Rocker*. She was a member of the Dallas County Pioneer Association and a past member of DGS.

Source: The White Rocker, January 22, 2004



**DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
WRITING AWARDS COMPETITION 2004**

The Dallas Genealogical Society Writing Awards Competition is a biennial event meant to:

- Inspire genealogists to write
- Promote high quality research and reporting, and
- Recognize efforts of those contributing to this important phase of genealogy.

Exemplary work in various divisions and categories will receive awards at the DGS Awards Ceremony in December 2004. See: www.dallasgenealogy.org/writing/writing.htm

**2003-2004
DGS SOCIETY PROGRAMS**

Regular DGS 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.

DGS General Membership Meets on the Fourth Monday

Our monthly meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. with our speaker presentation to follow.

❖ *Come early. We begin at 6:00 p.m. with refreshments and fellowship, and at 6:30 p.m. everyone is invited to an informal Q & A session.*

Monday, April 26

Speaker: Lynell Moss & Jeanette Hurst

Topic: "The British Record Collection of the Family History Library"

Learn about the core collection of English records at the Family History Library as well as tips and tools for understanding and accessing them.

Lynell Moss is a sixth generation Dallasite, who began genealogical research in 1968 and started working in the first Branch Genealogical Library which opened in Dallas in 1969. In 1990, she commenced service in the Plano Family History Center and became the Director in 1997. She has taught family history classes for over ten years. Her family history research has produced a database linking over 33,000 individuals. She has also extracted many records, some of which are available online (four of which are on DGS' website).

Jeanette Hurst holds a Master's Degree in Medieval Studies from the University of Notre Dame, a PhD from Cornell University in Medieval History, and currently teaches at the University of Dallas. She loves working with primary sources from all time periods. For the past five years, she has been tracing her English ancestors who immigrated to the United States after joining the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is a fifth generation member of the LDS Church.

Monday, May 17

(Fourth Monday is Memorial Day)

Speaker: Brad Johnson

Topic: "From the Alamo to Appomattox: Texans at War"

Over the last 10 years, Brad has found himself in great demand all over the state as a speaker on Texas' role in the War Between the States, the Texas Revolution, and Republic. His program

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highlights the fighting spirit and cultural background of some of Texas' most famous (and not so famous) historical personalities.

Brad Johnson was born and raised in Temple, Texas, graduated from Texas Tech University, is a long time resident of Dallas County, and an employee of United Parcel Service (UPS). Currently a member of the DGS along with wife Karla McDonald Johnson, they are both proprietors of Texas Dreams, a company dedicated to the history and heritage of the men and women of Texas. It includes fine art prints, etchings, books, calendars, note cards, T-shirts, and memorabilia of all kinds.

Monday, June 28

Speaker: Alvin Harper

Topic: "Land Research with a Shot of Urban"

Have you ever driven by an old house or through an old neighborhood and wondered, "How long has that been there?" The answer, my friend, is not "Blowin' in the Wind." The question can be answered by searching the self-same records that we, as genealogists, use on a regular basis to establish our ancestral connections.

In this case study, the expert researcher will show how he stumbled and bumbled his way to prove a neighborhood tradition, to determine the age of a house, and to solve a question that arose in the process. Emphasis will be placed on sources in and for Dallas County.

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



OUR PURPOSE: Explore the use and expand our knowledge of computer technology as we search, collect, manage, and publish information related to genealogy.

Tuesday, May 4

Speaker: CIG Panel

Topic: "How to Select Genealogical Software"

A panel of three CIG members will outline and discuss factors genealogists might consider when selecting their next genealogical software. John Wylie will moderate and questions from the audience are encouraged.

Tuesday, June 1

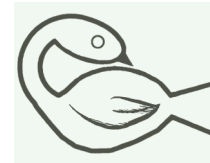
Speaker: Al Weeks

Topic: "Google Your Genealogical Research"

Al will review the background of Google's search capability. He will show and discuss examples of Internet search techniques using Google and other search "engines."

Al Weeks has been working with computers for almost 50 years and has been a part-time amateur genealogist for even longer. He holds a BS & MS in computer science, and an MBA degree. As a retiree, he is now pursuing genealogical research quite seriously, but not yet professionally.

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



The AAGIG promotes the study of Black genealogy and provides information through educational programs on tracing African-American roots. Reserve these dates on your calendar:

AAGIG Meeting Review

The 17 February meeting was enlightening with a presentation by Dr. LaTrese Adkins. She spoke on African American Funerary Practices and how many of them tie back to African origins. Dr. Adkins is a graduate of Lincoln High School and has been involved with a new group called Silent Souls as a way to give back to the community from which she came. This group has been established

to preserve and restore the L. Butler Nelson Cemetery in South Dallas. The AAGIG members are going to also be involved in this project which will include inventorying the cemetery. DGS makes the commitment to place that information on its web pages for easy access to everyone. Anyone interested in helping with this project should contact Jerry Chambers, 972-925-7600.

Tuesday, April 20

Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Hamilton

Dr. Hamilton is an African-American Studies professor at Southern Methodist University and one of America's foremost authorities on the life and times of Booker T. Washington. He will share information about Mr. Washington's impact on American history.

Tuesday, May 18

This is their end-of-year meeting. There will be a lively general research discussion and plans will be made for their fall programs.

DGS Summer Institute

**"The Colonial Research
in the Fifteen Colonies"**

An intense look into the early migration and developmental stages of the people who colonized early America and the events that shaped their lives and consequently our own.

12-15 August 2004

Instructors:

**Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, FNGS
and
Dr. George Schweitzer**

Watch our website:
www.dallasgenealogy.org/institute/institute.htm

Limited to 120 people

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Mystery Solved!

- His mother, Catherine Stemmer, was born in Hoenheim, Alsace, France in 1819.

- His parents were married in Strasburg, Alsace, on 20 February 1845. In this same record it shows that Gaspard was a toll collector for the ships on the Rhine at Strasburg.
- Their first child, Charles Pierre, was born there on 29 November 1845. After 1870, he was legally obliged to "Germanize" his name to Peter Carl, when Otto von Bismarck dominated France.
- The family had not been found in Strasburg from that time until their reappearance in 1872 in Bliesbruck when Gaspard died.
- A "Sale of Property" in "Document One" of 1876 states that Catherine Stemmer, widow of Gaspard Hensgen sold part of the family property to the Palatinate Railroad. The tracks are still there and they run parallel to and south of "Rue Principale" or Main Street in Bliesbruck. In this same document her oldest child Peter Carl is living in Batilly, France near Metz, Alsace; her second child Emile Charles (Granddaddy) is living in America, and her daughter Mary Margaret is still a minor.
- Catherine Stemmer died in 1882, as recorded in "Document Two," and the property was auctioned off with Peter Carl as the executor of the property. It still shows that Emile Charles was in America, but now Mary Margaret was married to Edward Krause. This last final tidbit ultimately gave the answer to our search for Granddaddy's birth place, but not until years later.

Note: Granddaddy was "disinherited" because an [American] immigrant could not own any property in Europe at that time.

SOLUTION TO THE FIRST MYSTERY

In "Genealogy 101" students are told to go the direct line of research but when facing a solid brick wall with no results, one should go "co-laterally." This means that one should give up on the one person you are researching and go after the siblings for possible clues. Peter Carl Hensgen was searched vigorously -- records led me from Ste. Menhould to Jonchery-Sur-Vesle near Sedan, France.

In Metz on our last trip in 1991, I asked the concierge at our hotel if he would make a phone call to a Hensgen in Jonchery, whom I found in a phone book, to make an introduction and open the

path to further correspondence. After several bits of correspondence, we determined that this lady was not familiar with the family history but she referred me to "her cousin" in Longuyon, Alsace, who was doing Hensgen genealogy for the whole of Alsace-Lorraine. She and another "cousin" from the surrounding area were unable to aide in my search, so I moved on...for the time being.

At the beginning of the year 2000, twenty-five years after we started this search, I decided to get reels of Bliesbruck documents from the Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City, Utah. It felt like a futile attempt because we already had three hundred years of documents gathered directly from the mayor's office in Bliesbruck. What else could one expect to find?

After getting the FHL referral numbers off the Internet, I ordered three reels to look for my "needle in the haystack."

Why not go after Mary Margaret Bombardier (formally Krause)? All I knew were the references to her in the documents noted above in relation to her mother's activities. As children, we heard that Uncle Emile, Granddaddy's son, had visited Mary Margaret in Nancy, France, before he came home from WWI. It struck me that if she was a minor in Bliesbruck in 1876 (Document One), and married to Edward Krause by 1882 (Document Two), then maybe she was married in the Parish Church. Eureka! I found her marriage certificate for 26 August 1880—still nothing about Granddaddy.

My genealogy friend, Betty Jean Steinke, with whom I always go to the Dallas Public Library said, "Hold everything, here are some more pages." There were six [pages] attached to her marriage document: pages from each parent giving permission; legal documents approving the marriage; and her birth certificate to be presented to her parish priest to validate her stance in the Church. It showed Mary was born in Eschau, just seven miles south of Strasburg, 2 April 1858. This might mean that Granddaddy was born either in Strasburg or Eschau! Now to order the reels from the Parish Church in Eschau -- FHL had the reel for 1858!

On May 30, 2000 at the Dallas Public Library, as we viewed the reel, we saw again the copy of her

birth certificate. Now all I had to do was back up to 1854 for Granddaddy - but no, not a sign of him anytime that year. Again I was frustrated, so I thought to myself that as long as I have the reel why not go back to 1846, the year after Charles Pierre was born, to see if Catherine had any other children who might have died early in life. Year 1846-47-48-49-50-51! 15 OCTOBER 1851 - THERE WAS GRANDDADDY! Not 1854, but 1851!

SOLUTION TO THE SECOND MYSTERY

A find like the one above makes genealogical enthusiasts, who usually look "so dead," come alive. So many fellow genealogists came up to share my joy. Lois [Hudgins], the DPL Librarian, asked me if I had any idea why there had always been this variation in a birth year. This "1854" discrepancy even appeared on Granddaddy's death certificate in St. Louis. She asked me why my Grandfather came over to the USA and I said the only thing we were ever told was that his mother said she had given one boy to the army and did not want to give a second. It was evident that the Franco-Prussion War of 1870 was imminent.

Lois mused for a few seconds and then asked me out of the blue if I ever thought that maybe his mother might have said something like this to him, "Son, I want you to go to St. Louis in America (1868?) to live with your Ravold cousins and you must remember you are only 14 [years old] until you get to St. Louis!" This was our answer, thanks to Lois--had he been 17 (his real age) he never would have gotten out of the country because he would have been eligible for the draft.

This find also clarified that he had not fibbed to get his Naturalization Papers because he was really 21, not 18 as we were led to believe.

Two long-standing problems were solved in one hour after twenty-five years of searching!

Caroleen Hensgen

**Next DGS Newsletter Deadline
20 April 2004
for the May/June issue**

 Dear Friends of DGS:

I recently found a passage I think most genealogists will agree with. It is:

The Caliph*, Umar 1 ibnu I-Khattab, is quoted as saying to the Arabs: "Learn your genealogies and don't be like the natives of Mesopotamia who, if asked about their origin, [would] reply; 'I come from such and such village.'"

In other words, descent is what honorably defines identity, not being a peasant tied to a village.

**Caliph -- The person acting in Muhammad's place after his death, i.e. the leader of Islam (sunni).*

Source: *The Multiple Identities of the Middle East*, by Bernard Lewis, Random House, Inc., 1998.
Submitted by W.A. Kernaghan, Dallas, TX, May 2002

**PLANO TEXAS
FAMILY HISTORY MUSEUM**

If you cannot make it to the Salt Lake City Family History Center, you will be glad to know that we have several Family History branches in the Dallas area.

The Plano branch (972-867-6479) is open:
Tuesday & Thursday
9:15 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday
9:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday
9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Closed: Monday, Saturday and Sunday



Archaic Medical Terms



by Dick Eastman et al

Family Records and Death Certificates might say that great-aunt Millie suffered from "Green fever" while great-great-uncle Bert died of "natural decay." What are these diseases? Are they really exotic medical conditions of yesterday? Or are they old names for something we know today? A website will tell you.

This Web site provides definitions for old medical terminology, including folk and slang terms and symbols and abbreviations. It has been created by Paul Smith, an UK based medical doctor. Terms with accompanying definitions are arranged alphabetically and include hyperlinks to other terms where available. The definitions vary in length from single sentences to more lengthy explanations. Where the author is in some doubt as to accuracy of the definition, this is indicated. The site also includes definitions of terms used when describing disease outbreaks and a timeline of epidemics occurring in the UK and US from 1350 to 1942. Definitions and explanations are also provided for poisons, UK medical qualifications and occupational diseases and conditions named after hobbies and sports. A section on the process of death registration in the UK has been added and further sections on UK birth certificates and marriage certificates are in development. The site makes use of HTML frames.

http://www.paul_smith.doctors.org.uk/ArchaicMedicalTerms.htm

- Trench Fever, ship fever, or jail fever – all names for typhus, based on where people tend to catch it – crowded and dirty places where body lice thrive
- Marsh fever or jungle fever – terms for malaria, which is transmitted by mosquito bites
- Daster - a correspondent suggested that this term described a child with Down syndrome, although I cannot find a source. It may derive from dastard, which originally meant fool rather than coward (as in dastardly). It could be that the word is dafter. Many confuse f and s in old documents
- Grocer's itch – a skin complaint caused by mites found in flour and sugar
- Whiteblood – leukemia
- Green fever – anemia
- Suffocated breast pang – angina
- Ablepsia, ablepsy, and abopsia – blindness
- Grog blossoms – pimples on the nose
- Scrivener's palsy – writer's cramp
- Milk leg – deep vein thrombosis in the thigh, seen after childbirth. Doctors used to think it was milk being misdirected down the leg
- Phossy jaw – a nasty disease that people working in match factories were prone to get – the phosphorus in the matches ate away at the jawbones

- Vapours - a lay term that is in modern use in the UK, although the more elderly members of society generally use it. It means fainting, hysteria or panic attack, especially in adolescent and young adult women. The current term used by younger people is "throw a wobbler"
- Varicella - Chickenpox

Oh yes, great-great-uncle Bert's death by "natural decay?" This term really means "old age."



FGS Conference 2004

Legends Live Forever: Researching the Past for Future Generations

**Austin, Texas
September 8-11, 2004**

To be held at the Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas.

Co-sponsored by NSGS
and the
Austin Genealogical Society

For more information:

www.fgs.org
Phone: 1-888-347 1500
E-mail: fgs-office@fgs.org

DGS is sponsoring the Saturday luncheon (changed) and Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG, will be our featured speaker, addressing the topic

Pat Tells All - Who Did What for Whom

It is about cooperation in genealogy and being appreciative of those who've done work like publishing abstracts. She also wants to touch on volunteering and networking and how we often experience a research breakthrough because of these outside connections. She has lots of fun and interesting stories to share from over the years.

Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, FNGS, is also making a Thursday presentation, *Talking Texas*, on behalf of the TSGS.

She Did What ??

by Shirley Stertz Hawn

Sara Emma Edmonds is known as "the woman with a black face." During the War Between the States, she not only impersonated a man and joined the Union Army, she was also a very successful spy.

Emma was born in Nova Scotia, and had a very difficult childhood. Her father resented that she wasn't a boy, and treated her so abusively she eventually fled to the United States.

This became her country, and she wanted to defend it. As the first call for Union enlistments went out, Emma cropped her hair, donned a man's suit, and called herself "Frank Thompson." After four tries, she finally realized her dream. She was accepted into the Union Army. At that time, the military didn't require medical examinations, just a few questions to be answered.

On April 25, 1861, Emma Edmonds, now known as Frank, became a male nurse in the Second Volunteers of the United States Army. After training in Washington D.C., she joined McClellan's campaign in Virginia.

Although she was very successful in her masquerade as a male nurse, she wanted to do more. Following the capture of a Union agent in Richmond, Private Frank Thompson volunteered to fill the position. To prepare herself for the work, Emma/Frank, studied local geography, armaments and military strategy. During her interview for the position, McClellan's staff was so impressed, they gave her the job.

She needed a disguise, and decided to enter Confederate territory as a black man. She dressed in men's clothes, darkened her skin, donned a black wig, chose the name "Cuff," and went on her first mission.

When she reached the Confederate line, she was assigned to work on ramparts being built to strengthen the Southern position from Union attack.

After the first day, she convinced a fellow slave who worked in the kitchen to swap jobs with her. Here, she overheard conversations about the size of the army, military strategies, weapons, troop morale,

and even learned about the “Quaker guns”, which are logs painted black to look like cannons.

When Emma returned to her own camp, she had a personal conversation with General McClellan, who was very pleased with the information she gathered.

Another time, she infiltrated the Confederate lines as Bridget O’Shea, an Irish peddler woman. She went into Confederate camps, sold her wares and gathered information. On the way back to the Union line, she was wounded in the arm. Fortunately, her new best friend, a beautiful horse named Rebel, which she stole from the Confederates, managed to outrun the enemy and get her back to her own camp.

Although Emma made many forays behind enemy lines, she returned to hospital duty after each assignment. She eventually became ill with malaria and, afraid her disguise would be discovered, left camp to enter a private hospital.

After her recovery, she planned to rejoin her unit, and was devastated to learn she was listed as a deserter. With the last of her money, she took a train to Washington and worked as a nurse until the end of the war.

She later wrote her memoirs, titled “Nurse and Spy in the Union Army,” and gave all the profits to the United States War Relief Fund.

Emma went back to Canada and married. She eventually returned to the United States and raised three sons, who all enlisted in the army “just like Mama did.”

However, she continued to brood over being branded a deserter and finally petitioned for a full review of her case.

On March 28, 1884, the House of Representatives passed “House Bill Number 5335” validating the case of Sarah E. Edmonds, now Sarah E. Seelye, alias Franklin Thompson.

On July 5th 1884, a special act of Congress granted her an honorable discharge from the army, plus a bonus and veteran’s pension of twelve dollars a month.

Emma spent her later years in LaPorte, Texas, and is buried in the military section of Washington Cemetery in Houston, Texas.

In honor of her duty and devotion to her country, she is the only female member of an organization formed by Union veterans, “The Grand Army of the Republic.”



During the War Between the States, at least 400 women disguised themselves as men and served in the military of both the North and the South.

Those who served as spies, couriers, or informers thought the war was the most exciting time of their lives. And those who chose to help in this way risked everything -- reputation, fortune, and their lives.

There are many wonderful stories about the roles women played during the Civil War and many records available to search.

Elizabeth Van Lew ran a very successful operation out of her home in Richmond, Virginia, and managed to place several spies in the home of Jefferson Davis.

Harriet Wood used the name Pauline Cushman, was sentenced to hang, and was rescued just in time by Union troops.

Harriet Tubman was a conductor on the underground railroad

Dr. Mary E. Walker was a union surgeon who spied for Sherman during his march to Atlanta. She was the only female to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Don’t forget those who worked as nurses, hospital matrons, laundresses, patternmakers, seamstresses and postmistresses. They left pay records.

The genealogy section at the Dallas Public Library has two volumes of research aides that are invaluable for ancestor searching during this time.

- *Guide to Federal Archives Relating to the Civil War*, by Kenneth W. Munden and Henry Putney Beers. R 016.9737 M965g.

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- *Guide to the Archives of the Government of the Confederate States of America*, R 016.9737 B415g.

January Lock-in Success

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More Fun at the July 24 Lock-in



Put this date on your calendars!

Trips? Trips?

Anyone Want to Go on a Research Trip?

During last year's Summer Institute several trips were suggested, in addition to our annual trek to Salt Lake City (17-24 October 2004). One was to visit the Clayton Library in Houston and the other to Louisiana to do Louisiana research. If there is enough interest, the Society will coordinate these excursions. If interest is limited, we will put those interested in touch with each other so that a small group can organize their own caravan. Send a note if you are interested to the DGS mail address or E-mail to: trips@dallasgenealogy.org.

NGS HAPPENINGS

There is only sketchy information coming out on the National Genealogical Society's recent changes. See Eastman's On-line Genealogical Newsletter for some limited detail.

<http://eogn.com/newsletter/#UpdateTurmoilatNGS>

Little Known Texas Facts!

Source: Unknown

Nobody asked for them, but here are some little known Texas facts. I know ya'll just can't wait to read them!

- Beaumont to El Paso: 742 miles
Beaumont to Chicago: 770 miles
- El Paso is closer to California than to Dallas.

- World's first rodeo was in Pecos... July 4, 1883.
- The Flagship Hotel in Galveston is the only hotel in North America built over water.
- The Heisman Memorial Trophy was named after John William Heisman who was the first full-time coach for Rice University, Houston.
- Brazoria County has more species of birds than any other area in North America.
- Aransas Wildlife Refuge is the winter home of North America's only remaining flock of whooping cranes.
- Jalapeno jelly originated in Lake Jackson in 1978.
- The worst natural disaster in U.S. history was in 1900, and caused by a hurricane in which over 8,000 lives were lost on Galveston Island.
- The first word spoken from the moon, July 20, 1969, was "Houston."
- Laredo is the world's largest inland port.
- Tyler Municipal Rose Garden is the world's largest rose garden, with over 38,000 bushes with 500 varieties on 22 acres.
- King Ranch is larger than Rhode Island.
- Tropical Storm Claudette brought a U.S. rainfall record of 43" in 24 hours in and around Alvin in July 1979.
- Texas is the only state to enter the U.S. by TREATY, instead of by annexation. (This allows the Texas flag to fly at the same height as the US flag.)
- A live oak tree near Fulton is estimated to be 1500 years old.
- Caddo Lake is the only natural lake in the state.
- The Capitol Dome in Austin is the only dome in the U.S. which is taller than the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. (by 7 feet).

GENERAL DGS NEWS

- Texas has had six capital cities:
 1. Washington-on-the-Brazos
 2. Harrisburg
 3. Galveston
 4. Velasco
 5. West Columbia
 6. Austin
- The name Texas comes from the Hasini Indian word "tejas" meaning friends. Tejas is not Mexican for Texas.
- The State animal is the armadillo. *
- The first domed stadium in the U.S. was the Astrodome in Houston.
- Dr Pepper was invented in Waco in 1885. There is no period after Dr in Dr Pepper.

**An interesting bit of trivia about the armadillo is they always have four babies! They have one egg which splits into four and they either have four males or four females. Well... I thought it was interesting anyway!*

AMERICAN BY BIRTH...TEXAN BY THE GRACE OF GOD!

Copy Cards Only!

Did you know that DPL's Eighth Floor has gone to plastic Copy Cards? No longer can you put coins in the machine. Not to worry, the cards are for sale from the Eighth Floor and all Information Desks.

From a recent edition of "Up Front" the weekly e-zine of NGS.

The NGS Family Papers Collection

NGS recently created a mobile team that will visit other genealogical societies to digitize documents for the Family Papers Collection and demonstrate the methods for copying documents, photographs, and other items of genealogical interest so that the society members can continue to participate in the FPC. Dennis and Carla Ridenour became members of the mobile team and relish the opportunity to combine their interest in genealogy with

photography, writing, and travel, and are currently planning the itinerary for a spring/summer road trip.

Our first major stop was an extended visit with the Dallas Genealogical Society. Please contact us at **UpFront@NGSgenealogy.org** if you have questions, want to know where we are going after Dallas, or think your cousin's society might be interested in participating in the future.

Carla Ridenour

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

Here is a website that I find very helpful for California research: <http://www.vitalsearch-ca.com>. It has vital record indexes: birth 1905-1995; death 1905-1999; marriage 1950-1985; and some city directories. On this website, you can be a Premium Search Member or use their GuestPass, either way need to sign up for a password. They have gotten better about the pop-up ads, but there are a lot.

Carol Weldon

DID YOU KNOW...? compiled by Bill Deal

It has been an outstanding year for DGS programs? At our 2003 DGS monthly Business meetings,

- We had a total of 492 members & guests
- We averaged 61.5 members and guests per meeting
- We enjoyed eight meetings (1 canceled due to ice storm)
- We showed our highest attendance in April with 88 members & guests

Source: Our new database and the monthly sign-in sheets. Numbers may even be higher since I do not think everyone signs in every month!



Have you been to:

<http://www.fgs.org/fgs-calendar.asp> ?

This site is a great resource for conferences throughout the US.



This is My Library

“This is My Library,” a three-year campaign to promote the Dallas Public Library, will have its **Grand Kick-off on Saturday, 17 April**, at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

It will be a full day of programs and fun, highlighting the resources and services available through out the Central Library. During the following week, events will be held at all library locations in celebration of National Library Week.

The Dallas Genealogical Society is pleased to be a part of this event. On the 17th of April, members of the Society will give one-hour presentations explaining what genealogy is and how to get started. Society members will also be available on the 8th floor to guide beginners and others unfamiliar with the nationally renowned Dallas Public Library Genealogy Department.

The genealogy presentations will be given in the McDermott Room, on the 8th floor at the following times: 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:00 p.m..

For further information: Alvin Harper at 214-942-4095 (no answering machine)

NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY

compiled by: Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, FNGS



The following contributions have been made to the Genealogy Section.

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- \$100 from Mary Markley
- \$25 from the Dallas/Fort Worth Colony Mayflower Society in memory of Alice Clark, Past Colony

- Governor
- \$1,500 from the Robert and Elizabeth Bybee Foundation
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- \$40 from Barbara Dossett
- \$15 from Mary Johnson
- \$500 from the LaRoche Chapter, Huguenot Society of Texas
- \$150 from Heloise Ridgway in honor of Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck

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

GEORGIA

- Washington County, Georgia Marriage Record Books A-M 1828-1938.
- Savannah City Directories, 1867, 1870, & 1871-72. Microfilm.
- Elbert County: Dove's Creek Baptist Church Minutes, 1829-1844, 1846-1875. Microfilm.
- Elbert County Superior Court Minutes, 1822-1827. Microfilm.
- Elbert County Deed Book T, 1822-1824. Microfilm.
- Elbert County Plat Books 1, 2, & 4, 1791-1860. Microfilm.
- Elbert County Deed Book D, 1796-1797 and 1818-1819. Microfilm.
- Elbert County Deed Book X, 1835-1844. Microfilm.
- Elbert County Deed Book A-C, 1791-1796; Book F, 1799-1800; Book H, 1802-1803; Book L, 1808-1810; Book M, 1809-1810; Books O & Q; Book S, 1820-1822; Book U, 1824-1828; Book G, 1801-1802; Book J, 1803-1806; Book P, 1813-1816; Book V, 1828-1831, Book W, 1831-1835; Book Y, 1839-1842. Microfilm.
- Elbert County Inferior Court Miscellaneous Records, 1797-1801. Microfilm.
- Morgan County, Georgia Deed Books A-F, 1806-1818, and Index to Deeds. Microfilm, 6 rolls.
- Morgan County Map 1897. Microfilm.
- Morgan County Ordinary Minutes, 1808-1821, 1808-1826, 1808-1834. Microfilm, 3 rolls.
- Morgan County: Madison Hotel Account Book, 1823-1826. Microfilm.
- Bibb County: Macon First Baptist Church, Women's Missionary Union Minutes, 1906-1912. Microfilm, 1 roll.

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- Jasper County: Calvary Methodist Church, Mount Zion Methodist Church Record Book 1856-1883. Microfilm.
- 32nd Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry, Company I. Microfilm.
- Lincoln County: New Hope Baptist Church Minutes, 1831-1866. Microfilm.
- Sixty Years of the Life of a Country Village Baptist Church, Dahlonega, Georgia, 1838-1897. Microfilm.
- Lumpkin County and Her Public Schools. Microfilm.
- Land Lottery: Grants Sales of Fractional Lots: Wilkinson, Baldwin, and Wayne Counties. Microfilm.
- Deed Book A, 1794-1796; Book B, 1795-1798; Book C, 1798-1800; Book D, 1800-1806; Book F, 1809-1810; Book G, 1810-1812; Book H, 1812-1815; Book I, 1816-1818; Book S, 1851-1854; Book N, 1810-1812; 1807 Land Lottery; 1800 Census; 1820 Land Lottery; 1860 Tax Digest. Microfilm.
- Vans Creek Baptist Church Minutes, 1785-1893, Elbert County. Microfilm.
- Camden County: Woodbine Lodge No. 326, Minutes 1895-1928. Microfilm.
- Laurens County, Georgia Newspaper Clippings. Volume 1, 1878-1902.
- Fulton County, Georgia Marriage Records, 1866-1902 (Colored Books A-G).
- *Yazoo Land Company: House of Representatives Document 110, Eighth Congress, Second Session, 1805.
- Morgan County, Georgia Inferior Court for Ordinary Purposes, 1808-1834 and Will Books A & B, 1808-1830.
- Oglethorpe County, Georgia Inferior and Ordinary Court Records, 1794-1920.
- Houston County, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings. Volume 2, 1884-1891.
- Jackson County Georgia Marriage Records, 1805-1910.
- Some Early Tax Digests of Georgia.

MAINE

- My Name is Wells: I am the Town: A History of the Town of Wells, Maine on the Occasion of Its 350th Anniversary of Incorporation.
- Vital Records of Thomaston, Maine.
- Maine Family Index, 1900-1912. Volume 11.

MARYLAND

- St. Mary's County, Maryland Registrar of Wills.
- Talbot County, Maryland, Inventories, 1777-1797.
- Settlers of Colonial Calvert County, Maryland.
- Frederick County Wills. 1748-1776.
- Dorchester County, Maryland, Wills.
- Prince George's County Wills.
- St. Mary's Catholic Church Records, 1818-1900, Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland.
- White Servitude in Maryland, 1634-1820.
- Land Office Rent Rolls: Anne Arundel County.
- Maryland Bible Records. 2 volumes.
- Kent County, Maryland, Court Land Records.
- Charles County, Maryland Inventories, 1791-1797.
- Revolutionary Patriots of Maryland, 1775-1783: Second Supplement.
- Land Office, Kent County, Maryland, Rent Rolls. 3 volumes.
- Talbot County, Maryland, Land Records.
- Bastardy Cases in Baltimore County, Maryland, 1673-1783.

MINNESOTA

- Saint Wenceslaus Cemetery and Czech National Cemetery Inventory, New Prague, Minnesota.

MISSISSIPPI

- Winston Signal: A Newspaper Published in Winston County, Mississippi during the Years of 1882, 1885, 1886, 1889 and Some Issues of 1890.
- Index to the Choctaw & Mississippi Choctaw Rolls.
- Magnolia Connection. 1996-1997.

MISSOURI

- Index to 104 Years of Funerals, 1886-1990, in Warrensburg, Missouri at Cheatham, McMeekin, and Sweeney-Phillips Funeral Homes.
- Brauning-Holdren Funeral Home: an Index to Funerals, 1947-1991.
- Continuing the History of Lafayette County. 2 volumes.

NEBRASKA

- History of Omaha from the Pioneer Days to the Present Time.
- History of Richardson County, Nebraska: Its People, Industries and Institutions. 2 volumes.
- Gage County, Nebraska, History.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

- 7th New Hampshire Company K, Orders, 1816-1863, 1863-1864. Microfilm.
- St. Augustin, Manchester, New Hampshire Baptisms, 1871 to 1993. 2 volumes.
- St. Augustin, Manchester, New Hampshire Burials, 1887 to 1993. 2 volumes.
- St. Augustin, Manchester, New Hampshire Marriages, 1871 to 1993.
- Franklin, New Hampshire Marriages, 1884-1937, Baptisms, 1884-1921, & Marginal Notations from Baptismal Records of St. Paul's Parish.
- Town Reports, Allenstown, New Hampshire, Marriages 1888 to 1995.
- Infant Jesus, Nashua, New Hampshire, Baptisms, 1909 to 1994.
- Saint Georges, Manchester, New Hampshire Baptisms. April, 1890 to December, 1996. 2 volumes.
- Saint Joseph, Laconia, New Hampshire, Baptisms, 1871 to 1993.
- Saint Joseph, Laconia, New Hampshire, Burials, 1900 to 1993.
- Allenstown, New Hampshire, Deaths 1888 to 1995.
- St. Georges, Manchester, New Hampshire, Marriages, 1890 to 1975.
- Ste. Marie, Manchester, New Hampshire, Marriages, 1880 to 1973.
- Burials & Marriages, Infant Jesus, Nashua, New Hampshire: Burials, 1909-1994; Marriages, Jan. 1977-Dec. 1994.
- Saint Edmond, Manchester, New Hampshire: Marriages, 1916 to 1992; Burials, 1918 to 1992.
- St. Edmond, Manchester, New Hampshire: Baptisms, 1915 to 1992.
- Blessed Sacrament, Manchester, New Hampshire. 2 volumes.
- St. Joseph, Salem, New Hampshire Baptisms: January 1911 to December 1997.
- Marriages, Saint Joseph, Salem, New Hampshire: September, 1910 to December, 1997.

NEW JERSEY

- New Jersey Graveyard and Gravestone Inscriptions Locators: Monmouth County.
- Hunterdon County Court of Common Pleas Minute Books, Volumes 1-37; 1714-1908. Microfilm, 12 rolls.
- New Jersey Bible Records. 2 volumes.
- Early Church Records of Somerset County, New Jersey.

- Calendar of New Jersey Wills. Volumes 6-11.

NEW MEXICO

- *Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Columbus, New Mexico, 1917-1954. Microfilm. 2 rolls.

NEW YORK

- Our Lady of the Assumption, Rotterdam, New York. 3 volumes.
- Notre Dame des Victoires, Whitehall, New York, Burials, January, 1860 to December, 1997.
- Notre Dame des Victoires, Whitehall, New York, Marriages, 1843 to December, 1997.
- Notre Dame des Victoires, Whitehall, New York, Baptisms. November, 1844 to December, 1997. 2 volumes.
- Notre Dame de Lourdes, Schuylerville, New York. Marriages, June 1889 to December 2001.
- Notre Dame de Lourdes, Schuylerville, New York. Baptisms, May 1889 to January 2002.
- Notre Dame de Lourdes, Schuylerville, New York. Burials, May 1890 to January 2002.
- Genessee County, New York, Deeds, 1838-1839.
- *Military Returns, 1775-1783. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- *Report on Petitions for Bounty Lands for Revolutionary War Service. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- *Transcript of Reports Regarding Claims for Revolutionary War Service, 1783-1822. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- *Revolutionary War Accounts and Claims, 1775-1783. Microfilm, 42 rolls.
- Guide to Records Relating to the Revolutionary War held in the New York State Archives: Draft.
- [The] Fighting 69th: A History.

NORTH CAROLINA

- Heritage of Macon County, North Carolina. Volume 2.
- Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: North Carolina.
- Record of Accounts and Inventories of Hertford County, North Carolina.
- Iredell County, North Carolina Deed Abstracts.
- History of Watauga County, North Carolina: with Sketches of Prominent Families.
- Iredell County, North Carolina, Deed Abstracts. Books Y & Z, 1846-1856.
- Iredell County, North Carolina Cemeteries. 7 volumes.
- Newspaper Transcripts from the Landmark, Statesville, North Carolina. Volumes 1 & 3.

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- Cemetery Records of Martin County, North Carolina. Volume 1, Bear Grass Township.
- Newspaper Death Notices from the Enterprise, Mooresville, North Carolina, 1904-1925.
- J. L. Laxton's Old Treasury Book, Burke County, North Carolina, 1875-1878.
- Villainy Often Goes Unpunished: Indian Records from the North Carolina General Assembly Sessions, 1675-1789.
- Obituaries from the Elizabeth City Independent, Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, North Carolina. Volume 1, 1919-1922.
- Granville County, North Carolina, Original Wills. Volume 1, 1749-1810.
- Place Name Index to North Carolina Land Entries 1778-1795.
- Abstracts of Deeds, Anson County, NC. Books Q, R, T, & U.
- Newspaper Death Notices from the Landmark, Statesville, North Carolina.
- Abstracts of Deeds, New Hanover Co., North Carolina. Books C, D, & E.
- Alexander County, North Carolina Deed Abstracts.
- Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery Inscriptions and Obituaries, 1909-June 30, 1996: a Memorial.
- Afro-American Death Notices from Eastern North Carolina Newspapers, 1860-1948.
- Cowart's Index to Marriages, Transylvania Co., North Carolina, 1861-1945.
- Dimmit County Court Minutes 1881-1916 & Index 1881-1968. Microfilm.
- Frio County Marriages, 1871-1923; Probate Minutes 1871-1916. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- Cemetery Record of Henderson County, Texas. 4 volumes and index.
- Hood County Marriages, 1891-1922. Microfilm.
- Henderson County Marriages, 1847-1941. Microfilm.
- Henderson County Deaths, 1958-1963. Microfilm.
- Henderson County Deed Books, Volumes 1-3, 1838-1890; Index to Deeds 1838-1885. Microfilm.
- Hill County Marriages, 1873-1917, 1882-1898, 1924-1928; Marriage Affidavits, 1909-1937. Microfilm, 13 rolls.
- Houston County Marriages, 1903-1917. Microfilm, 2 rolls.
- Lampasas County Probate Birth Records 1874-1959; Delayed Birth Records, 1874-1985; Death Records, 1903-1909; Marriage Records, 1873-1886. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- Lavaca County Marriage Records, 1901-1913. Microfilm, 2 rolls.
- Deaths in Print: Lavaca County Newspapers.
- Lee County General Index to Probate Minutes, 1917-1938; Index to Marriage Licenses, 1874-1971; Marriage Records, 1874-1906; Index to Deaths, 1903-1985. Microfilm, 6 rolls.
- Leon County Marriage Records, 1885-1935; Probate Minutes; General Index to Marriages, Volumes A-M. Microfilm, 5 rolls.
- Liberty County Marriages, 1901-1919. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- Maverick County Marriage Records, 1871-1917. Microfilm, 2 rolls.
- McLennan County Marriage Records, 1850-1916. Microfilm, 15 rolls.
- Medina County Marriage Records, 1848-1917. Microfilm, 3 rolls.
- Navarro County Marriage Records, 1846-1911; Freedmen's Marriages; Probate Minutes, 1883-1886; Miscellaneous Records, 1846-1874; Corsicana Death Records, 1924-1928; Death Certificates, 1832-1933. Microfilm. 16 rolls.
- Newton County Marriage Records, 1846-1923. Microfilm, 3 rolls.
- Parker County Marriage Records, 1874-1935. Microfilm, 7 rolls.
- Marriage Records for Red River County, Texas.
- Travis County Marriages, Volumes 1-20, 1840-1916. Microfilm.

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- Texas Round Up.
- Bastrop County Marriages, Bride & Groom Indexes, 1851-1974. Microfilm, 4 rolls.
- Bastrop County Marriages, 1851-1932. Volumes A-O. Microfilm 12 rolls.
- Bastrop County Deed Books, 1886-1887. Volumes 9 & 10. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- Bexar County Marriages, 1896-1910. Volumes N-Z. Microfilm, 8 rolls.
- Bexar County Marriages, 1910-1934. Volumes 1-34. Microfilm.
- 1901 Parish Census of San Fernando Cathedral, Located in [Bexar County] San Antonio, Texas.
- Calhoun County Marriages, 1846-1912. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- Personal History of Dallas County, Texas. Journal. Volume 6. (HOGAR de Dallas).
- Denton County Marriages, 1886-1905. Microfilm, 3 rolls.
- Dimmit County Marriages 1881-1914. Microfilm.

REGIONAL & NATIONAL Events

Do you have information about a Genealogy event?
Remit to: Marti Fox, DGS Newsletter Editor,
newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org
Information should be sent 90 days prior to event.

Also, we have society links on our website:
www.dallasgenealogy.org/outsidelinks/societylinks.
htm, and a revised community calendar:
http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/calendar.htm

April 14 – Collin County Genealogical Society
Our speaker will be David Schulz, Executive Director of the Old Red Courthouse and Chief Administrative and Marketing Officer of the campaign to establish the Museum of Dallas History at Old Red.

April 17 - Dallas Historical Society
Following in the Steps of Lee Harvey Oswald, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Contact: frank@dallashistory.org or 214-421-4500

April 24 - Dallas Historical Society
Deep Ellum, Heritage and Blues tour, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Contact: frank@dallashistory.org or 214-421-4500

April 24 – FamilyTree Maker Workshops
This is a Special Interest group that focuses on learning new techniques for maximizing your use of the FamilyTree Maker program. Contact Tresa at 972-539-7452

April 26 - Central Texas Genealogical Society
Our speaker will be professional genealogist, Richard L. Hooverson and the topic will be *Banns, Bonds, and Brands: Vital Record Substitutes*. We meet at the Central Library on Austin Ave, Waco at 7:00 p.m.

May 1 - Dallas Historical Society
A Journey of Discovery through East and South Dallas, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Contact: frank@dallashistory.org or 214-421-4500

May 8 - Dallas Historical Society
The Cemetery tour, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Contact: frank@dallashistory.org or 214-421-4500

May 10 – Grapevine Name Droppers
Debbie Kirt will speak on *Immigration*. Frances Malcolm: 817-267-1645, gvhistoc@hotmail.com.

May 11 - Lancaster Genealogical Society
America at Sea - Privateering & Other Naval Records, presented by Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, FNGS.

May 12 – Collin County Genealogy Society
Mic Barnette, well-known writer, lecturer, and former book store owner, will speak on *DNA and Genealogy*. We will meet at the Gladys Harrington Library, 1501 E. 18th St., Plano, 7:00 p.m. in the large meeting room. No pre-registration is necessary. Everyone is welcome. For questions, call Cindy Stamps, 972-231-4190.

May 13 - Mesquite Historical & Gen. Society
Marie Crossley will present *How to Find and Research Church Records*. Marie is a member of the Richard Bard Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a very experienced genealogist. Contact Linda Felts: FeltsL@NMAC.COM

May 15 – FamilyTree Maker Workshops
North Texas Special Interest group that focuses on learning new techniques for maximizing your use of the FamilyTree Maker. Contact Tresa at 972-539-7452

May 19* – Irving Genealogical Society
We are meeting with the Irving Archives and the Irving Library. Our guest speaker is Joseph Rice, the author of *The History of Irving*. *Not our usual date to meet.

May 19-22 - 2004 NGS Annual Conference
The Genealogical & Historical Council of Sacramento Valley, California invites you to discover gold as you join the rush to Sacramento for *A Golden Prospect*.
http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/

May 22 - Dallas Historical Society
Amid the Skyscrapers of Downtown Dallas, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Contact: frank@dallashistory.org or 214-421-4500

May 25 - Texans Genealogy Club
Judy Binder speaking on *Danube Swabian*, They were German Catholics that migrated to Romania and elsewhere in Europe. At the end of WW II, since they were German, all their lands were seized and they made their way to the US.

June 3-5 - The Sixth Annual Great Obituary Writers' Conference
To be held in our adopted home, The Historic Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas, New Mexico (Santa Fe area). The Plaza reservation number is 1.800.328.1882. Conference registration may be made by phone 214-696-9499 or by printing out the registration form on the Events Page. http://www.obitpage.com/

June 4 – Scottish Family History Symposium
The 2004 Symposium, sponsored by the Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games, will be held at the LaQuinta Conference Center in Arlington, Texas. This year's theme *Researching Your Scottish Ancestors from a Distance* will emphasize the use of computer and

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Internet technology. There will also be a lecture on research of the Scotch-Irish. The speaker is David Webster, of Scotland, author of the article, "Breaking the 1855 Barrier." www.texascottishfestival.com

June 8 - Lancaster Genealogical Society

Jane Routt Power will present "Colonial Mail."

June 26 - Walker Co. Genealogical Society

The 4th Annual Texas Genealogy & Family History Fair in Huntsville, Texas, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Walker County Fair Grounds, 4 miles west of Huntsville on State Highway 30. For information: www.wcgen.com/fair.htm

September 8-11 - FGS Conference 2004

Legends Live Forever: Researching the Past for Future Generations, Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas. Co-sponsored by NSGS and Austin Genealogical Society. Info: www.fgs.org, Phone: 1-888-347 1500, E-mail: fgs-office@fgs.org.

REGIONAL CONTACTS

Texas State Genealogical Society

Our District 10 elected representative is: Debbie Kunze, 1 (817) 685-8024, dgtipton1@juno.com

Central Texas Genealogical Society

We meet at the Central Library on Austin Ave, Waco at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Carol Anne or Diane Wilson, 254-826-3562 or thewilsonsisisters@earthlink.net. For more information: www.rootsweb.com/~txctgs

Collin County Genealogical Society

We meet the second Wednesday of the month at the Gladys Harrington Public Library, 1501 East 18th Street, Plano, Texas, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00p.m. Aurora@chancey.org or call: 972-517-4004.

Dallas Historical Society

Saturday tours are \$35 for DHS members, \$45 for non-members and include lunch. Franklin K. Wilson, COO, frank@dallashistory.org, 214-421-4500 x105, Fax: 214-421-7500. See listing on: www.dallashistory.org/

Grand Prairie Genealogical Society

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901 Conover Drive. Contact: Sallyann Hoernke, GPGS@comcast.net or <http://home.comcast.net/~gpgs/index.html>

Grapevine Namedroppers

Meets the second Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m., all year round, in the Grapevine Public Library program

room, 1201 Municipal Way. Frances Malcolm: 817-267-1645, gvhistsoc@hotmail.com.

FamilyTree Maker Workshops

A North Texas Special Interest Group that focuses on learning new techniques for maximizing your use of the Family TreeMaker program. Grapevine Library Presentation room, Grapevine, TX at 10:00 am, open to the public, Contact Tresa Tatyrek at 972-539-7452, genealogy@magnoliamanor-network.com.

HOGAR de Dallas

Meets the third Tuesday of most months, 6:30 p.m. at Casa View Library, 10355 Ferguson Road (Ferguson and Joaquín), Dallas, TX 75228. Contact: Jerry Benavides, Jgbenavide@aol.com, P.O. Box 497891, Dallas, Texas 75049-7891, or call: (972)841-9455, <http://home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas/id5.html>

Irving Genealogical Society

Meets the third Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Irving Public Library. Contact: Mary Kay Weber, President, MaryKWeber@aol.com

Lancaster Genealogical Society

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Lancaster Veteran's Memorial Library at 7:00 p.m., Lana Henslee Filgo, lfilgo@swbell.net, 972-227-1080

Mesquite Historical & Genealogical Society

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, Mesquite Public Library, 300 Grubb. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 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. they begin with a short business meeting followed by their program. Contact: Debbie Kunze, VP, (817) 685-8024, dgtipton1@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/>

Peters Colony Chapter of the DAR

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, October-May, at 7:00 p.m. at Newman Smith High School, Carrollton. Info: www.geocities.com/Wellesley/Garden/5215/

Texans Genealogy Club

We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Texins Building on the TI North Campus at 7:00 p.m. For security access information contact Jeri Steele: steele@PioneerInfo.com or 214-567-6289.

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Call: 972/238-6958 or 972/238-6972 for an appt.
TUITION WAIVER available if you are 65 years of age or older, and reside in Dallas County (or own property in Dallas County, subject to ad valorem taxation), and have lived in Texas 1 year; tuition is waived for up to six college credit hours per semester. You pay for textbooks only.

Continuing Education for Older Adults

NON-CREDIT CLASSES:

Register only through the Continuing Education Dept. by phone at: 972-238-6144, by mail, or in person.

GENEALOGY CLASSES

Bonham Hall, Room B-005 - Don Raney

All genealogy classes are one credit hour each. All his classes are repeated during the summer and fall semesters. See catalog for details or contact Don at: donraney@comcast.net

**Beginner's Workshops
Facilitated by DGS**



DGS, in conjunction with the Dallas Public Library, is conducting Beginner Genealogy presentations at satellite libraries. These presentations entitled "Genealogy - What is it and How do I Get Started?" run 1.5 – 2.0 hours and cover the basics of getting started in genealogy research.

The presentations are free of charge.

Monday, 19 April 2004, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Oak Lawn branch library.

Thursday, 22 April 2004, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at the Park Forest branch library

Invite a friend and join us!

Contact: begin@dallasgenealogy.org

SALT LAKE CITY RESEARCH TRIP

October 17-24, 2004

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

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If you need assistance in finding a roommate, we will help, but can't guarantee to find one.

____ Yes, need assistance

If answer is yes, complete the following:

____ Male ____ Female

____ Smoking ____ Non-Smoking

Per Person Registration Fees

____ Double room \$400.00*

share with _____

____ Single room \$720.00*

(*Does not include airfare)

____ DGS new member fee \$25.00 per year

(you must be a member to join us on this trip!)

Total fees enclosed = \$ _____

Deposit: \$300.00 per person (Must be postmarked by 13 September 2004)

OPTION: You can make payments in \$50.00 increments from now until 13 September making the total deposit equal \$300.00 per person.

SAVE THIS DATE: Saturday, 9 October 2004

Balance of Registration fees due at the SLC trip Orientation meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Refunds may be made minus \$25.00 handling fee, if requested in writing and postmarked by 30 August 2004.

Please make checks payable to:

Dallas Genealogical Society

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

Do not send certified or registered mail, as we are unable to retrieve it.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership, per individual or couple | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Membership | \$30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Patron Membership | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership, per individual, 65 years or under | \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership, per individual, over 65 years | \$300 |
| | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contribution to DGS Library Gift | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NARA | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contribution to Technology Fund | \$ _____ |

Check # _____ Date _____ Total \$ _____

DGS Calendar of Events

April

- 19 – Mon Beginner's Workshop at the Oak Lawn branch library, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- 20 – Tue DGS AAGIG Meeting – Dr. Kenneth Hamilton. He will discuss his research on the life of Booker T. Washington
- 22 – Thu Beginner's Workshop at the Park Forrest branch library, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- 26 – Mon DGS Meeting – Lynell Moss & Jeanette Hurst present, *The British Record Collection of the Family History Library*

May

- 04 – Tue DGS CIG – CIG Panel
How to Select Genealogical Software
- 18 – Tue DGS AAGIG Meeting –
General research discussion and planning session for fall meetings
- 24 – Mon DGS Meeting – Society's Annual Meeting
Brad Johnson will present *From the Alamo to Appomattox*

DGS goes to year-round programming this summer!

June

- 01 – Tue DGS CIG – AI Weeks
Google Your Genealogical Research
- 18 – Tue DGS AAGIG Meeting – No meeting
- 28 – Mon DGS Meeting – Alvin Harper
Land Research with a Shot of Urban

The DGS Summer Institute

August 12-15 (Thursday-Sunday)

"The Colonial Experience in the 15 Colonies"

Speakers: Dr. George Schweitzer and

Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, FNGS

J. Erik Jonsson Public Library in downtown Dallas

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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 Business Meeting usually takes place on the fourth Monday. We begin at 6:00 p.m. with refreshments and fellowship, 6:30 p.m. is an informal Q & A session, and the business meeting and program begin at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ CIG meets on the first Tuesday beginning at 6:30 p.m. – We are planning year-around meetings this year.
- ❖ 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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