

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

# DGS Newsletter



## *Old Volunteers Never Die – They Just Find New Projects* By Sammie Townsend Lee

The things you can get yourself into when you volunteer! I have always thought volunteering was a good thing, especially when it comes to genealogy. You know, it's that way of "giving back" to a hobby we all love. I've done my share of genealogical volunteering in the past and may again in the future, even though I pride myself on having learned how to say a very effective "No," these days.

Recently I found myself volunteering again, this time to help with a high school reunion. Okay, I admit, I am no longer a "spring chicken." (Also, I admit, I have no idea what a spring chicken is anyway.) Just imagine my chagrin to realize that I had a fortieth high school reunion this year. How could forty years go by so fast? But, passed it had, and being at an age when one begins to feel nostalgic, I located and contacted the committee chair to volunteer to do anything the committee needed.

So what job do you think I was given? The dubious job of hunting for "lost" classmates. I informed my former classmate, Bud, that being a genealogist, I was fairly good at finding dead people, and I would give it a shot at finding live ones. A month later, I must report that it is not the easiest thing to do, but am willing to share what I learned in case you find yourself in a similar situation or are looking for living relatives. Also, if you have been in this situation, I urge you to share your secrets to success.

First I was e-mailed a list of the Justin F. Kimball High School, Dallas, Class of 1963. Those without a current address were marked as "unable to locate." The first thing I did was to compare this list of over 500 names with our Commencement program which showed 414 names.

*See page 6 for the rest of the story...*



## ***Going Forward Into the Past: A Genealogical Celebration***

The second (and last) DGS Lecture for the year 2003-2004 will occur on 7 February 2004, with guest genealogist, Henry Z "Hank" Jones.

*See page 6 for lecture details and page 2 for registration form.*

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

What a year 2003 was for the society. We've had some really good, informative presentations at all of our Society and CIG events. I want to thank Don Raney, John Wylie and Cindy Burgwin for finding and scheduling the speakers for the CIG and general meetings. They have done (and are doing) an awesome job!

At the annual Awards Banquet in December we honored some of our Life members as well as the Annual Awards of Merit, Volunteer of the Year, Distinguished Service and Heritage Awards. (see photo collage in this edition)

The new year starts off with our coveted DPL "Lock-in" (17 January) the regular January CIG, AAGIG, and Society's General Meeting. We move in to February with our second and last Lecture (7 February) with Henry Z "Hank" Jones. Exciting things right off the bat!

I mentioned previously that we were in the process of reviewing and revising our by-laws. This is something that all societies do on occasion to ensure that they still meet the needs and criteria of the society. The members of the Board of Directors generally feel that our operating year should be the same as our fiscal year, i.e., the calendar year (January – December). This is one of the changes that will be brought forth in the upcoming revision publication (February DGS Newsletter) and presentation at the March 24 Society General Meeting. We hope this change will be endorsed by the membership as we move forward toward our 50<sup>th</sup> year of existence.

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### Welcome To Our New Members

Harold Collier, Alonzo Bruce Earnest,  
Judy W. Knight, Lana Miller,  
Gayle Clemons Newkirk,  
Bobby G. Rutherford, Don W. Short,  
Susan Tidman, Carol Weldon

## DGS Lecture Registration

**Henry Z "Hank" Jones, Jr.**  
**7 February 2004**

***Going Forward Into the Past:  
A Genealogical Celebration***

New Location: The Eisemann Center, Richardson  
**Registration begins @ 8:15 a.m.**  
**Lecture begins @ 9:00 a.m.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### Lecture Fee Schedule:

\$25 for DGS members \_\_\_\_\_

\$30 for Non-members\* \_\_\_\_\_

\$35 for anyone not pre-registered\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Optional items for additional fees**

\$25 \*New Membership – see form on 19 \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 Catered box lunch (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00**

\*\*Registration must be **post-marked by Wednesday, 28 January 2004**, to be considered pre-registered.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here for an e-mail confirmation

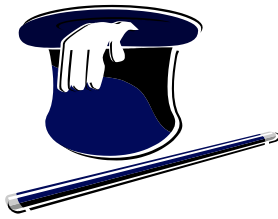
Make checks to: Dallas Genealogical Society  
*DGS cannot accept phone or credit card registrations*

**Mail to:** DGS Lecture Series  
P.O. Box 12446  
Dallas, TX 75225-0446

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

For more information:  
Website: [www.dallasgenealogy.org](http://www.dallasgenealogy.org)  
E-mail: [lectures@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:lectures@dallasgenealogy.org)  
Voice mail: 469-948-1106

***We expect to have many vendors at this event!***



### **Hats Off!**

Let's give a big hand to all our volunteers – In December 2003 alone, we had 226 hours.

These volunteers make our Eighth Floor Genealogy Section a place for real research and knowledgeable assistance!!!

We had a great turnout at the December meeting and it takes extra organization and dedication to make this free dinner happen every year! Volunteers who helped with the December Awards Banquet were: Shirley Hawn, Susan Powdrill, Alvin Harper, Cindy Burgwin, Tresa Tatyrek, Betty Erickson, Betty Jean Steinke and Dava Ladymon. Bill Deal handled registration and was the resident photographer.

Did you notice that Betty and Alan Miller had our new DGS pins (white and gold round logo) at this meeting? They will always have a couple tucked in their pockets for you to buy!

Cindy Burgwin is stepping down from the Board this Winter as she is going back to school for a while. We want to welcome Jean Larson, who is facilitating the Beginner's Workshops. We are putting out a call for an interim VP of Education. Volunteers?

### **Happenings Around DPL's 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Volunteer Desk**

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

Weekly - Friday                      3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
1st Saturday, monthly            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 Ann MAY passed away on 29 October 2003, "at home after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Always sharp as a tack – a MENSA card-carrying member, Mary Ann was a talented stained glass artist and pianist, as well as an avid genealogist and member of the Dallas Genealogical Society. She contributed to her community as a volunteer at the Dallas Public Library and Dallas Museum of Art."

*(as reported in the Dallas Morning News, November 1, 2003)  
The address we have on file is: 7215 Alexander, Dallas, TX 75214*

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## **2003-2004 DGS SOCIETY PROGRAMS**

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**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.**

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

Our monthly meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. with a program to follow.

- ❖ Come early. We begin at 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship, 6:30 p.m. is an informal Q & A session. The business meeting and program begin at 7:00 p.m.

### **Monday, January 26**

**Speaker: Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, FNGS**

**Topic: "Income Tax of the Civil War Years"**

Lloyd is digging deep for this presentation on government documents during the Civil War years.

- Income Tax
- Voter Registration for 1867
- Sundry other little-known Civil War Records

*You won't want to miss this cache of resources!*

### Monday, February 23

**Speaker: Rodney Lane Krajca**

**Topic: "Fort Worth NARA & More?"**

Rod is an Archivist (since 1995) at the Fort Worth NARA (National Archives and Records Administration, Southwest region) and is coming to share some of his knowledge on the resources available to us in our own backyard.

He is a Juris Doctor of Law, (Baylor University School of Law - 1994) and has

- Presented papers at several professional organizational meetings,
- Prepared "finding" aids to the records of the National Labor Relations Board, Quartermaster General, United States District Courts, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Customs Service, Community Services Administration and Soil Conservation Corps,
- Appraised case files from the U.S. Attorneys offices and federal courts, and
- Published National Archives microfilm publication M1657, Records of Naval Districts and Shore Establishments, "The Disappearance of Flight 19", 1945, (2002)

E-mail: [rodney.krajca@nara.gov](mailto:rodney.krajca@nara.gov)

### Monday, March 22

**Speaker: Kathy Mays Smith**

**Topic: "The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC): Backbone of Our Nation and Military, 1933-1942"**

We will also be voting on the recommended DGS By-Law changes at this meeting.

### Monday, April 26

**Speaker: Lynell Moss**

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

### Monday, May 17

**Society's Annual Meeting with presentation of new officers and thank you party**

Location: O'Hara Room Seventh Floor,

J. Erik Jonsson Library

Time: 7:00 pm for meeting

Join us at 6:30 p.m. for Q & A and refreshments

### 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, February 3

**Speaker: Patricia Law Hatcher, CG, FASG,**

**Topic: "Tables, Charts and Spreadsheets"**

Perhaps you will get an idea of how you might plot out that jumble of information on your lineage and logically make deductions that you can pursue through more research.

### Tuesday, March 2

**Speaker: Carla and Dennis Ridenour**

**Topic: "The NGS Personal Papers Digitizing Project"**

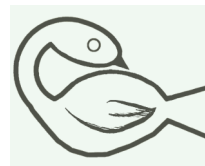
### Tuesday, April 6

**Speaker: Craig Winder**

**Topic: "PDA Software is Useful to Genealogists"**

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



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

**Monday, January 20**

**Monday, February 17**

**Wylie's Words of Wisdom**

***Is This the Perfect Software?***

Thanks to a recommendation by Gene Burris at the October DGS CIG meeting, after years of searching for the perfect piece of software, I think I found it. **GenSmarts** is like no other software I've ever seen and now I use it nearly every day.

Quoting from the publisher's website "GenSmarts uses artificial intelligence to analyze your existing genealogy file and produce research recommendations. It helps you generate and track to-do lists, print worksheets to record your search results, and plan research trips to libraries, court houses, etc.

For online research sites, GenSmarts produces links that already have your ancestors name and specifics embedded - making it much easier to perform online record lookups."

Unlike many pitches for software, this one delivers on its promise. It can read most of my databases but, for those it can't read, GenSmarts will accept a GEDCOM file and still produce its very impressive recommendations lists.

We in DGS should really love GenSmarts as it instantly finds resources in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library including call numbers.

GenSmarts needs at *least* a Pentium II, with 32MB of RAM, running Windows 95, so it should run on most computers used by DGS members. If you're not sure, come to a CIG meeting and we'll help you determine if your computer can use this new software tool.

Give it a try. Just visit [www.gensmarts.com](http://www.gensmarts.com) on the Internet and download the trial version. If it isn't worth the price of \$25, just uninstall it from your computer within 30 days and move on to other things. I have no affiliation with the GenSmarts people, and seldom get excited about new software, but this one is a winner. At least to me.

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972-206-2723

**DALLAS JOURNAL submissions  
due 15 February 2004**

**Researchers of Dallas County**  
genealogical and historical records,  
articles, and information  
are requested to make submissions.

These submissions should pertain to **Dallas County**. Maps, photos, and illustrations are welcomed. Prepare your research, finish your editing process, and submit it by 15 February 2004.

Please contact the Journal editor as soon as possible to let her know *what* you are working on — by subject and approximate length.

**Ann Melugin Williams**  
(214) 375-6043 or [Journal@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:Journal@dallasgenealogy.org)

*Thank you to those who have already contacted me  
about their submissions!*

**DGS Writing Awards Competition**



The Dallas 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 at the December 2004 dinner. Deadline for submissions is August 15, 2004. Watch for details in the brochure and on the website.



**LOOK FOR DGS NOTICES**  
on the new DGS Bulletin Board  
on DPL's 8<sup>th</sup> Floor!



**DGS LECTURE SERIES**

**7 February 2004**

**Henry Z "Hank" Jones Jr. FASG**

***Going Forward Into the Past:  
A Genealogical Celebration***

Hank, a professional genealogist since 1965, has been elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists (membership limited to 50 worldwide). He is a Charter member and former Director of The Genealogical Speakers' Guild, the author of seven books including *Psychic Roots* and the Palatine Families series. He had a 25-year acting career in motion pictures and television, including eight Walt Disney movies and numerous other films and network TV programs.

**Lecture Topics:**

- When the Sources are Wrong!
- Tracing the Origins of Early 18<sup>th</sup> Century Palatine Emigrants
- Family Traditions: How to Separate Fact from Fiction in Genealogical Research
- How *Psychic Roots* became an "Unsolved Mystery!"

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an event in the exciting new Charles W. Eisemann Center in Richardson, Texas. We promise you will enjoy the elegant setting and ambiance.

The Eisemann Center is just off N. Central Expressway (US Hwy I-75) between Campbell and Renner Roads at 2351 Performance Drive, and next to the Renaissance Hotel. See their website at [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com).

**Garage parking** will be available at reduced rates of \$4.00, but you are encouraged to take the DART Red Line to the Galatyn Park Station, adjacent to the Renaissance Hotel and the Eisemann Center.

**For lunch:** Choose to visit a restaurant in the immediate area, bring your own "brown bag" lunch or pre-order a box lunch prepared by the Appe-Teaser Catering Company. These were delicious at our previous lecture! Use the registration form to pre-order a lunch, as no extras will be available at the event.

*(see registration form on page 2)*

**Bad Weather**

In the event of an ice storm or major weather situation on a meeting night, log on to: [www.DallasGenealogy.org](http://www.DallasGenealogy.org) or listen for DGS updates on radio and TV announcements.

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**Old Volunteers Never Die...**

I discovered about 100 of the "unable to locate" names were not people who actually graduated in our class. The list had been compiled over years from a number of different sources. So, I determined to concentrate on those that I knew were graduates of the Class of '63.

How to go about this? My first stop was on the Internet at a website called Classmates.com ([www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com)) Here you can register for your high school and class year. Many former classmates had indeed registered on the Kimball 1963 page. Beware, there were people listed who did not graduate that year, but for one reason or another felt associated with that class. Registration on that site is free, but to be able to truly access the information you must pay a modest membership fee. I immediately joined and sent e-mails through the Classmates website to all those on my "unable to locate" list that they had listed.

The problem with the Classmates.com solution is that e-mails change quickly, you have no control over sending the e-mail (it is done by the website) and you don't know how many people you actually reach. Nevertheless, in the following week I was contacted by twelve "missing" classmates, all providing their current mailing addresses. This website also allows the posting of information about upcoming reunions and contact information, which I entered into their website.

Kimball High School also has an alumni web page for the years 1960-1970, which I had previously located by using [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and putting in the words "Justin F. Kimball High School AND Dallas." On this site a former student can register

for his or her class year and leave contact and personal information about their life. Some had done so and this yielded another seven or eight "missing" classmates. I also filled out the information for our upcoming reunion on this site.

My next step was to go to Yahoo's site called "People Search." This is a phone number/address service offered by the popular search engine [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com). This proved to be a very helpful tool. Most genealogists have used just such a telephone-based search engine. If you have not, once you enter a surname in People Search, you will receive a listing of addresses and phone numbers for people with this surname on your computer screen. You can narrow the list by indicating state, city, first name – there are numerous variables to qualify your search.

The thing that proved to be the most helpful to me is that once a name is entered into People Search, it is also entered into a companion search engine, on the same page, called USSearch ([www.USSearch.com](http://www.USSearch.com)). This is a pay-for-public records search database, but it can be used as a "research tool" free of charge. The definite piece of information I knew about each classmate was their age of 57/58 years old. USSearch asks for the age of the person being sought after. Many times, I was able to scroll the list looking for people with a certain name and age and was able to pick out the person I needed. The free aspect provided me with their city and state. With this information in hand, I could go back to People Search and narrow down my search responses after proving the city and state information. Often this yielded the address and phone number of the classmate. Sometimes it yielded several people of the same name. Calling these people on off-peak hours on my cell phone located many of the correct classmates and we had some great conversations.

Finding females can be a genealogist's worst nightmare. It was for me as well. It helped that I had the married surnames of many of my female classmates from their attendance at previous reunions. However, many were listed with outdated addresses. Discovering new addresses without knowing the husband's first name was an obstacle. I needed to know the full name of the spouse. This is where the Texas Marriages database proved helpful. At [www.genlookups.com/texas\\_marriages/](http://www.genlookups.com/texas_marriages/)

you can locate marriages that occurred in the state of Texas between 1966 and 2001. As most of my classmates would have been marrying about 1966 or afterwards, I was able to locate the female and whom they married in many cases.

Then once again, back to People Search, to insert the husband's name and continue the search. This yielded many lost female classmates.

In all, I identified new addresses for about fifty "unable to locate" classmates. The reunion was on Saturday, September 6, 2003. I had a ball and was gratified each time I ran into someone that I had located. My best "find" was an old friend from my school days who has been living in Albany, Georgia for the past twenty years. He and I had a great time reconnecting and remain e-mail correspondents. I now have an invitation from his wife and him to visit them in Georgia. I think I'll go!

When is your next reunion? Or perhaps you can use some of these techniques to locate a missing, living cousin?

*-- Sammie Townsend Lee*



### Holiday and Awards Party

DGS' December General Meeting was the annual. We honored some of the following special DGS Members.



*A few of our Life Members, L>R: Barbara Baylis, Michal Martin-Farmer, Laurie Wharton, Elizabeth "Pinkie" Feigl, and Adrienne Jamison*



*L > R: Marjorie Bays, Dava Ladymon (presenter), and Frances James*

**The Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award** was given to **Marjorie Bays** for her consistent and significant contribution to the field of genealogy over a period of years.

Mrs. Bays was a teacher in the Mesquite Independent School District for over twenty years before joining the staff of the Mesquite Public Library in 1976.

There she enlarged and enhanced the genealogy section of the library so that it became a major resource for professional and amateur genealogists. Through her efforts the library has received many donations of historical and genealogical information and has gained a reputation for excellence in the genealogy world. Although she has now retired from the library after 23 years, she still works diligently to promote genealogy and history through the Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society as their Library Liaison.

Marjorie recognized the need for a written, comprehensive history of the town of Mesquite, Texas, and encouraged and participated in the production of the book *A Stake in the Prairie, Mesquite, Texas*, a definitive work on the area. She compiled and edited the history of the *First Presbyterian Church, Mesquite, Texas 1881-1981*.

Mrs. Bays was Charter President of the Hiram Bennett Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and has served on the Alamo Library Committee of the DRT in San Antonio, Texas. She is an active member of the Richard Bard Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Marjorie has served the community of Mesquite for over three decades in an outstanding

manner and contributed greatly to all those families who do research in this area of Dallas County.



The **Preservation Award** was given to **Frances James**, Dallas' "Cemetery Lady." This Award is given for outstanding contributions by an individual or group in the greater Dallas community for preserving our historical or archival heritage.

Mrs. James is well-known for her work in preserving and restoring cemeteries and historical buildings in the Dallas County area. After she retired from twenty-seven years with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in 1978, she began participating in a cemetery clean-up in her neighborhood and realized what history was being destroyed by vandalism and neglect. She then began working to help save many old cemeteries, such as Freedman's Cemetery on Central Expressway and the Pioneer Cemetery in downtown Dallas. She has researched many Dallas buildings and worked to obtain Historical Markers for them, sometimes saving them from the wrecking ball. Frances speaks to many groups, sharing with them the history of our County, the cemeteries, and old buildings.

Frances James served for six years on the Dallas County Historical Commission, worked as a volunteer for the Planning Department of the City of Dallas, and is currently serving as historian on the Dallas Landmark Commission.

Mrs. James is a past president of the Dallas County Pioneers Association. She works with the Boy Scouts of America in order to help them achieve the goal of Eagle Scout by helping them to inventory and replace many grave markers. Frances leads bus tours managed by the Dallas Historical Society to many cemeteries in the Dallas area, sharing their history with all who care to learn.

### ***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.





*L > R: Mel Brewer and Shirley Hawn*

**DGS' Volunteer of the Year** was presented to **Mel Brewer**. This award recognizes a member for outstanding volunteer service to DGS during the preceding Society year.

Mel Brewer has been a member of DGS for some time. Last year he stepped up to the plate as a Board Member to utilize his extensive business background to help with some key issues. Knowledge of non-profit organizations and financial issues made his input invaluable to us.



**DGS' Award of Merit** was presented to **Shirley Hawn** to recognize her as a DGS member who has made outstanding contributions to the Society over a period of years.

Shirley Hawn has served on the DGS Board, written numerous articles for the newsletter, and is always ready to lend a hand and add a touch of class and grace to any of our events.



*Gene and Gay Bethel*

Heather Williams presented Dallas Public Library's **Award of Excellence** to **Gay and Gene Bethel** for being outstanding volunteers for the Genealogy Section of the library.



*Life Members, L>R: Betty Butler, Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, FNGS, Jane Benson, Beverly Holmes, Eddie Robinson, and Shirley Sloat*

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### Ask The Retoucher

We hope you enjoy an excerpt from Eric Curtis M. Basir's **Ask The Retoucher** column.

#### Wilber asks:

"Do you have any information from the classes you teach on Adobe Photoshop Elements? I am trying to learn how to use these programs."

#### Answer:

Yes, but my handouts are in outline fashion so they would be somewhat useless for you.

However, I require them to purchase a book called *Teach Yourself Visually Adobe Photoshop [or] Photoshop Elements* by Woolridge. It's a wonderful book. It's brief, full of diagrams and photos. It's just the basics, but perfect for beginners. You can find the book almost anywhere books are sold.

Just so you know, you can download free trials of Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Photoshop Elements at: [www.adobe.com/support/downloads/main.html](http://www.adobe.com/support/downloads/main.html)

#### Edith asks:

"What is the difference between a TIFF, BITMAP, EPS and JPG? Why would you save something as one over the other? For example, you scan in a photo or drawing into Photoshop -- what format do you save it in and why?"

### Answer:

These are all different formats to save photos or other artwork for various types of output or publication.

TIFF or TIF is a reliable format to save photos in. It retains all detail and is universally understood by graphic software programs worldwide. Although it offers a lossless compression scheme, the file size tends to be large. However, don't let large file size determine if you plan to save in .TIF. I personally recommend that everyone archive their work using this format.

Bitmap---the file format---is similar to TIF, but it's the standard file format for Windows and DOS compatible computers. Various sub-settings are offered, including a lossless compression scheme called RLE. However, unless you completely understand the difference between Indexed Color, RGB, 4-bit and 8-bit, don't change the settings. Bitmap--the image mode--is different in that it gives the photo the appearance of a heavily contrasted photocopy.

EPS is a format used for photos and drawings to be used in page layout programs for publications. The format allows fonts and crisp lines without jagged edges. This format is good for artwork created in "vector" and layout creation software.

JPG is used for photos that need to be sent through the internet or displayed on web pages. It makes files very small and fast to send. However, it compresses the detail and color, causing damage to the photo. It can be dangerous to archive photos in .JPG format. I recommend ".TIF" for archives.

Did you know some of these file format names are actually acronyms?

- TIF: Tagged Imaged File Format
- EPS: Encapsulated Postscript
- JPG: Joint Photographic Experts Group

### WORLDCONNECT TIP:

#### EXCLUDING NOTES FROM YOUR GEDCOM

**Q:** I want to submit my GEDCOM to WorldConnect but my genealogy file contains personal notes about my family members. How can I exclude these notes from my WorldConnect file?

**A:** Create your GEDCOM with the notes intact, then go to the page to submit your GEDCOM to World-Connect  
<http://worldconnect.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igmuser.cgi>

Create a user code and password, then click on the button for the Standard set-up page. There you will be prompted to provide information about what to include and how to process your file.

Item #12 on the Standard set-up page asks whether you want to include all notes, delete notes for the living, or delete all notes.

Select "all" and the notes will be removed from the publicly displayed file for ALL entries in your file.

The benefit of submitting the intact GEDCOM and allowing WorldConnect to delete the notes for you is that two copies of your GEDCOM are maintained on file - one for public display that includes only the data you have specified, and a second that is not displayed that contains all the data you submitted.

The intact version of your file is available only to you, the submitter, should you ever need to download it to replace lost data on your own computer. It is the perfect back-up.



### CAN YOU FIND OBLIGATION, MARYLAND?

Let's say you learn from an old family Bible that your ancestor was living in Obligation, Maryland, in 1872. No one living today has ever heard of the place, and you cannot find it on any contemporary map. You must find out where Obligation is/was before you can search for your forebears in county records or the federal census. What do you do next?

As Gilbert Bahn reminds us in his book, ***American Place Names of Long Ago***, place names fall out of usage for a variety of reasons. Suburban development has buried many a town or neighborhood under the "wheels" of a bulldozer. Sometimes residential land is flooded to make room for lakes or reservoirs. In such cases, many locations have either been abandoned or absorbed into other jurisdictions.

Place names come and go for other reasons, too. Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, took its

name from a popular radio program. The town of Malverne, New York, jettisoned its original calling, Skunk's Misery, in favor of a more salubrious image. No matter why place names disappear, however, genealogists must locate them in time and place before they can move on in their research. Fortunately, whether you are looking for Obligation (which happens to have been in Anne Arundel County, Maryland); Moose Meadow, Connecticut; Kismet, Tennessee, or some other pre-20th-century place name, Mr. Bahn's book is an excellent place to start.

**American Place Names of Long Ago**, in fact, is a republication of the Index to "Cram's Unrivaled Atlas of the World, as Based on the Census of 1890." Arranged by state and thereunder, alphabetically by locale, this virtual gazetteer comprises an index of over 100,000 place names of "every county, city, town, village, and post-office in the United States [showing] the population of the same according to the Census of 1890." Thus it is not only an exhaustive source of long-ago place names but also a rare repository for geographical and demographic information extracted from the lost federal census of 1890.

If your ancestor is associated with a town, body of water, or landmark known to have existed before 1890, **American Place Names of Long Ago** may be the best tool for finding that place name and, ultimately, the correct town or county in which to do your research.

[www.genealogical.com/item\\_detail.asp?ID=225](http://www.genealogical.com/item_detail.asp?ID=225)

Following is a short list of excellent regional finding aids to American place names. In addition to **American Place Names of Long Ago**, one of these directories might point you in the right direction.

Hayward's **The New England Gazetteer** contains descriptions of nearly 10,000 places---counties, towns, villages, rivers, bays, streams, islands, and so forth---scattered among this six-state region.

**A Geographic Dictionary of Massachusetts** (low in stock) This work consists of some 5,500 designations of places and topographical features, each identified in relation to a town or county or other prominent location. The entries are arranged in strict alphabetical order and are keyed to U.S. Geological Survey atlas sheets.

### ***Gazetteer of the State of New York (1860)***

French's unsurpassed GAZETTEER is a complete history and description of every county, city, town, village, and locality in New York. Information given for each locality includes founding (and founders), early settlements (and settlers), historical sketch to the time of writing, prominent and representative citizens, stories of general and local interest, and names of natural and man-made topographical features.

**Gazetteer of the State of New Jersey** (Temporarily out of print) Gordon's is the standard 19th-century gazetteer for New Jersey.

### ***A Gazetteer of Virginia and West Virginia***

This book consists of extensive alphabetical lists of Virginia and West Virginia place names (more than 12,000 altogether) and assists the researcher in pinpointing a particular ancestor in a specific locality.

### ***A Gazetteer of the State of Georgia***

Roughly half of the volume is devoted to detailed descriptions of places in Georgia---counties, towns, villages, post offices, rivers, streams, creeks, mountains, ridges, peninsulas, islands, missionary stations---many of which are no longer in use but are likely to crop up in a genealogical investigation.

To check out our complete list of atlases, gazetteers, and other geographical finding aids, please click on the following URL:

[www.genealogical.com/search\\_gen.asp?Cat\\_ID=AG](http://www.genealogical.com/search_gen.asp?Cat_ID=AG)

Reference: *Genealogy Pointers* 12/09/03 on-line edition  
**AAGIG News**

## **Lincoln High School Commits to Restoring Historical Cemetery**

*by Dr. Pamela Hill*

Jerry Chambers, Industrial Cooperative Training coordinator at Lincoln High School, says he is obsessed about what he calls the Silent Souls Project. Adjacent to this South Dallas high school is a historic cemetery, dating back to 1895, when the first enslaved African was buried there. The clean-up project is called Silent Souls because, according to Chambers, the cemetery is silent but the voices can be heard of those ancestors laid to rest crying to us to complete this [clean-up] project. The late Rev. L.B. Nelson, former pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, started a mission to clean-up the cemetery in 1965. He passed away in 1968 with the project unfinished.

Chambers is determined to complete this mission and not only clean-up the cemetery, but hopes it will be confirmed as a historic site.

The City of Dallas has estimated that there are over 2,500 burial sites in the L.B. Nelson Cemetery, as it is now called, which actually has three cemeteries on the twelve-acre property. In 1911, J.P. Starks of the People Undertaking Company purchased Woodland Hills for \$1,000.00. I. G. Pinkston was a trustee of the Glen Oaks and W. G. Bock, a white veterinarian, had Hillside, which also had a pet cemetery on the site; only a line of bushes separates the dead animals from the ancestors who are buried there.

Chambers' interest started when he wanted to know where Rev. Nelson was buried and thought that since he began the cleaning of the cemetery, he would be buried there. "As I began to track him, I found him [buried] in George Washington Carver cemetery, about 15 miles away, in Ferris, Texas. Walking through the GWC cemetery, I saw some gravesites of many of the old heroes of Dallas and I wondered why they were not buried in Woodland, Glen Oaks, or Hillside cemeteries." I began to research this.

Now, in the Freedman's cemetery, the oldest marker found was dated 1860, and only one stone found in the L.B. Nelson cemetery dates back to 1895. J.P. Starks, who owned Woodland, died in 1923.

The J.B. Nelson cemetery was not put on the [Dallas] city map until 1935. Therefore people were buried from 1895 through 1935, and many are unknown," said Chambers.

The Lincoln High School faculty and students are determined to make L.B. Nelson a historical cemetery and are trying to gain support from the Dallas community. (There are several members of our AAGIG that participate and promote this project.)

*Excerpts taken from the African-American News & Issues, October 8, 2003*



### **Hispanic Organization for Genealogy And Research**

HOGAR was privileged to be featured in the Dallas Morning News November 1, 2003, Saturday issue within the section "Texas Living." The article was researched and written by Hector Cantú, *Special Contributor*.

The title of the article, "A Fruitful Family Tree," discloses the surprises and a rich heritage that

awaited three HOGAR members, who searched for their ancestors.

Comments from Art Garza revealing "Missing Branches" are presented in the article as follows:

"With help from HOGAR, Latinos are filling in the missing branches of their family trees - finding lost relatives, uncovering family lore, and, maybe more important, discovering a sense of place and pride.

"We have teachers, doctors, retired military people," says HOGAR president Arturo Garza. "They're all just trying to trace their family history. They want to find out where they come from."

HOGAR membership includes about 60 families, says Mr. Garza. They attend conferences, exchange information with other genealogy groups and have access to a large collection of documents - such as birth and death certificates, marriage licenses and baptismal records - collected by HOGAR's senior members."



### **NEW RESOURCES for Your Favorite ♥ Valentine ♥**

#### **♥ MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL RECORDS (570,000 entries)**

The research value of this CD, with its 570,000 entries, is evident in its sweeping coverage. The majority of the books featured on this CD deal with vital records, passenger lists, censuses, and military records of a slightly later era, including the first two censuses of Massachusetts for 1790 and 1800.

[www.genealogical.com/item\\_detail.asp?ID=7526](http://www.genealogical.com/item_detail.asp?ID=7526)

#### **♥ NOTABLE BRITISH FAMILIES (550,000 entries)**

Along with an electronic search engine, or index, this Family Archive CD contains images of the pages of the most celebrated works ever published by Burke's (excepting only the various "Burke's Peerage" volumes). While most of the volumes included here deal with British lineages, at least two deal with the British origins of American families. In all, the CD names over 550,000 individuals.

[/www.genealogical.com/item\\_detail.asp?ID=7367](http://www.genealogical.com/item_detail.asp?ID=7367)



### NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY

compiled by: Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, FNGS



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#### FLORIDA

- Memoir of Do. d'Escalante Fontaneda Respecting Florida.
- Marion County, Florida: Abstracts of Deed Books A, B, & C, 1843-1848.
- \*Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Knights Key Bridge, Florida, February 1908--January 1912. Microfilm, 3 rolls.
- British Burials and Births on the Gulf Coast: Records of the Church of England in West Florida, 1768-1770.
- \*Florida Record of Commissions & Oaths in the State Militia. Microfilm, 2 rolls.
- \*Florida Mexican War Muster Rolls. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- \*Florida Confederate Muster Rolls, 1861-1865. Microfilm, 8 rolls.
- \*Florida Spanish American War Muster Rolls. Microfilm, 3 rolls.
- \*Florida Muster Rolls and Supporting Documents, 1870-1918. Microfilm, 6 rolls.
- \*Florida World War I Army Card Roster. Microfilm, 11 rolls.
- \*Florida World War I Marine Card Roster and Coast Guard Card Roster. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- \*Florida Veterans Grave Registration Cards, A-Z. Microfilm, 9 rolls.
- \*Spanish Censuses of Florida: 1783, 1786, 1793, & 1814. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- \*Florida 1867 Census: Hernando, Madison, Orange, Santa Rosa, and Franklin [partial] Counties. Microfilm, 1 roll.

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- Department of the Interior Appointment Papers: Florida 1849-1907. Surveyor General A-L. Microfilm, M1119, roll 1.
- Pioneers of Florida's First Coast.

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- Butts County, Georgia Bible Record Collection.
- Athens, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings (Southern Banner). Vol. III, 1835-1838.
- Darien, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings. Vol. III, 1891-1903.
- \*Georgia Dutch: From the Rhine and Danube to the Savannah, 1733-1783.
- \*Georgia Governors' Journals, 1789-1798: County, State and Militia Officers.
- Georgia Militia Districts.
- Nineteenth Century Maps in the Collection of the Georgia Surveyor General Department, 1800-1849.
- Cemeteries of Tatnall County, Georgia.
- Georgia Revolutionary Soldiers & Sailors, Patriots & Pioneers. 2 volumes.
- Morgan County, Georgia Deed Books A-G, 1808-1820.
- Georgia Research: A Handbook for Genealogists, Historians, Archivists, Lawyers, Librarians, and Other Researchers.
- Abstract of Estate Records, 1788-1798, Columbia County, Georgia.
- \*Georgia Gazette, 1763-1796. Microfilm, 5 rolls.
- Gazetteer of the State of Georgia.
- Cemeteries of Dawson County, Georgia.
- Walton County, Georgia Cemeteries. 2 volumes, East & West.
- 1864 Census for Re-Organizing the Georgia Militia.

### IDAHO

- Mountain Light.

### ILLINOIS

- Tazewell County, Illinois, Marriage Records Index. V. 6, 1888-1892.
- Complete Name Index to the Voters and Taxpayers of Bureau County, Illinois. 1877.
- People and Rural Schools of Shelby County, Illinois.
- Rich Township, Cook County, Illinois.
- Frankfort Township, Will County, Illinois.
- Bremen Township, Cook County, Illinois.
- Florence Township, Will County, Illinois: Starr Grove Cemetery.
- Worth Township, Cook County, Illinois.

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- Crete Township, Will County, Illinois.
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- Bloom Township, Cook County, Illinois.
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- Palos Township, Cook County, Illinois.
- Orland Township, Cook County, Illinois.
- Newsletter/Versailles Area Genealogical & Historical Society.
- Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois.
- Birth Records of Fayette County, Illinois.
- Spiritual Saga: 150 Years at Silver Creek Church.
- Birth Records of Fayette County, Illinois. Vol. 1, 1848-1878.

### KENTUCKY

- \*Kentucky Land Warrants, v. A-D, 1816-1819. Microfilm, 2 rolls.
- Old Episcopal Burying Ground.
- Williams' Paducah Directory, City Guide, and Business Mirror.
- Pulaski County Marriage Records. Book I, 1799-1850 & Book III, 1864-1886.
- McCracken County, Kentucky, Deeds. Volume 3, 13 Jan 1836 – 1 May 1837.
- Woodford County, Kentucky Will Book B, 1796-1805.
- Bullitt News, August 1904-December 1905. J. W. Barrall, Editor.
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- Hickman County, Kentucky Deeds. Volume 7, Aug. 1839-June 1840.
- \*Kentucky Land Grants: County Court Orders, 1836-1957. Microfilm. 18 rolls.
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- \*Tellico Land Grants. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- \*Grants West of the Tennessee River. Microfilm, 4 rolls.
- \*Land Grant Surveys South of Walker's Line. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- They Came to Kentucky.
- Trigg County, Kentucky. Cemeteries Full Name Index (Maupin's Trigg Cemeteries).
- Cemeteries of Calloway County: "Heart of the Jackson Purchase."
- Full Name Index, Calloway County, Kentucky Cemeteries by Judith Ann Maupin.
- Early Times in Meade County, Kentucky.

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### LOUISIANA

- Acadian Descendants. Volumes XI & XII.
- Shreveport Civil Death Records. 1874-1902.
- No Land, Only Slaves.
- Bossier Parish, Louisiana, Abstracts of Probate. 2 volumes, 1844-1875.
- Bossier Parish, Louisiana, Abstracts of Will Books A-B, 1845-1924.
- Bossier Parish, Louisiana, Abstracts: Conveyance Books.
- To Meet Us on a Blissful Shore: Collected Ouachita Parish Obituaries.
- Discrepancies within Bona Arsenault's Histoire et Genealogie des Acadiens, Volumes 2-6.
- 1880 Census of New Orleans. Vol. VIII.
- Cemetery Inscriptions of Richland Parish, Louisiana. Volume 2.
- Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northwest Louisiana.
- Early Settlers of the Florida Parishes of Louisiana.

### MARYLAND

- Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland. 6 volumes, 1702-1743.
- \*Settlers of Maryland, 1679-1783.
- Queen Anne's County, Maryland, Orphans' Court & Registrar of Wills. 3 volumes, 1763-1776.
- Annals of Sandy Spring, or, Twenty Years History of a Rural Community in Maryland.
- Charles County, Maryland Court Records. 5 volumes, 1734(5)-1743(4).
- Maryland Marriage Clues. Volume 4.
- Abstracts from the Land Records of Dorchester County, Maryland.
- Early Families of Southern Maryland. Volume 10.
- Collection of Maryland Church Records.
- Index to Administration Account Records of Frederick County, Maryland, 1750-1816.
- \*Guide to Genealogical Research in Maryland. Fifth Edition.
- \*Revolutionary Patriots of Maryland, 1775-1783: A Supplement.
- Queen Anne's County, Maryland, Marriage Licenses.
- Somerset County, Maryland Wills. Volume 6, Libers EB#4 1760-1769.
- Dorchester County, Maryland Rent Rolls. Volumes 2, 3 & 4.
- Along the Potomac River: Extracts from the Maryland Gazette, 1728-1799.
- Manumissions Book, 1832-1860. Volume 3.

- Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore. Volumes 13 & 14.
- Judgment Records of Dorchester, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties, Maryland.
- Land Grants in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, 1650-1704, South River Hundred.
- Death Certificates of Maryland...on file at the Maryland State Archives.
- Genealogical Data taken from Obituaries and Marriages...Kent County, Maryland.

### MASSACHUSETTS

- \*Ages from Court Records, 1636-1700.
- Hampden County, 1636-1936. 2 volumes.
- Birth, Marriage, and Death Register, Church Records and Epitaphs of Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1643-1850.
- Search for Missing Friends. 1 CD-ROM.
- \*Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634-1635. Volume 3.
- History of the Town of Duxbury, Massachusetts: with Genealogical Registers.
- History of Concord, Massachusetts. Volume 1, Colonial Concord.
- 1800 House: Mill Street just off Pleasant Street: an Exhibit of the Nantucket Historical Association.
- Folk Art of the American Whaleman.
- Whales and the Nantucket Whaling Museum.
- Old Mill, 1746.
- Proceedings of the Nantucket Historical Association. 1906 and 1928.
- Nantucket in the American Revolution.
- Biographical Notices of Distinguished Men in New England.
- Garb of Country New Englanders, 1790-1840.
- Mayflower Quarterly. Volume 68.
- Proprietors' Records of the Town of Lunenburg, Massachusetts.
- Vital Records of Rehoboth, 1642-1896. 2 volumes.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Farmington, New Hampshire Vital Records, 1887-1938.
- Wolfeboro, New Hampshire Vital Records, 1887-1999. 2 volumes.

**Next DGS Newsletter Deadline  
20 January 2004  
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### 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.*

#### **January 20, HOGAR de Dallas,**

**Hispanic Organization for Genealogy And Research**

Our guest speaker will be none other than **Mr.**

**Genealogy--Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, FNGS.**

We are meeting at Casa View Library, 10355 Ferguson Road @ 6:30 PM. Jerry Benavides, (214) 670-8403

#### **January 26 - Central Texas Genealogical Society**

7:00pm ~ Special Location~ We will meet at the Red Men Museum and Library (4621 Speight) where our speaker, David Lintz, will introduce us to "The Improved Order of Red Men," America's oldest fraternal organization chartered by Congress.

#### **February 10, Lancaster Genealogical Society:**

"The Crossing - A Tribute to George Washington," presented by Jim Templin.

#### **March 9, Lancaster Genealogical Society:**

"The Winniford Family of Lancaster, Texas," presented by Winn Morton.

#### **March 12-13, Oklahoma, Lawton:**

The Friends of the Oklahoma Historical Society Research Division announces its second "Native American History and Genealogy Conference." This years conference will focus on the tribes of Southwest Oklahoma. For more information please visit: [www.ok-history.mus/arch/friends.htm](http://www.ok-history.mus/arch/friends.htm) or write to OHS Research Division Friends, P.O. Box 18781, Oklahoma City, OK 73154-0781.

#### **March 16, HOGAR de Dallas**

**Hispanic Organization for Genealogy And Research**  
Dr. Ana Carolina Castillo Crimm, an associate professor at Sam Houston State University and co-author of the "Turn-of-the Century Photographs from San Diego, Texas." She will present a preview of her most recent book, *De Leon, a Tejano Family History*. We meet at Casa View Library, 10355 Ferguson Road @ 6:30 PM. Jerry Benavides, (214) 670-8403.

#### **February 23 - Central Texas Genealogical Society**

Our speaker, Donald Payton, is a foremost researcher of oral history and genealogy in the diverse communities of Dallas. We will meet at the Central Library on Austin Ave in Waco.

#### **July 22-24, 2004 (Thu – Sat) - Angelina College**

8th Annual Summer Genealogical Conference - Angelina College, Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas - A pre-conference optional workshop on Thursday followed by two days of sessions designed to appeal to participants interested in traditional, technological, or interdisciplinary approaches to genealogy.

#### **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](http://www.fgs.org), Phone: 1-888-347 1500,

E-mail: [fgs-office@fgs.org](mailto:fgs-office@fgs.org).

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#### **A little history –**

R.C. Buckner was a poet and a pastor; an editor and an orator. He used words to instill a sense of urgency and need among his fellow Texas Baptists to rise up and care for the widows and orphans of the state. His words were driven by a passion for the task and a compassion for needy souls. Perhaps no one was motivated by the words of R.C. Buckner more than Buckner himself.

His peers and contemporaries knew Buckner as a man of ceaseless energy and drive. He traveled Texas campaigning for the formation of an orphans' home, speaking at every stop. He found an ally in Texas Baptist deacons. After a series of letters, he



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called for the formation of a Texas Baptist Deacons Convention, which convened in Paris, Texas, in 1877.

At the meeting, Buckner sponsored a resolution to begin an orphans home as soon as \$2,000 could be raised. Those present that day named him the fund-raising agent for the project. Two days later, Dr. Buckner collected his first funds, \$27, when he passed a hat among "fellow brethren" visiting under the shade of an oak tree. The first dollar given was his very own. By the end of 1879 he had collected \$1,200, which he supplemented with a personal bank note. On April 9, 1879, a charter was filed with the Secretary of State and in December of the same year, Buckner rented a small cottage in East Dallas to care for the first three orphan children.

But even from those earliest days, the vision of R.C. Buckner was far beyond just the accumulation of land and the building of structures. His was a vision for helping children and families put together the broken pieces of their lives. For Dr. Buckner, that meant much more than simply housing those who were homeless.

Dr. Buckner was heavily involved in community and state affairs. In 1877, he founded the first high school in North Texas for African-Americans. He was instrumental in establishing the Dallas Humane Society and served as its president. He founded Children's Hospital in Dallas in 1894, and he was one of the driving forces behind the opening of Baptist Memorial Sanitarium, now Baylor Healthcare System, serving as president of the board from 1904-1908.

Within his own Baptist denomination, Dr. Buckner became the most prolific leader in the history of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, serving as president of the BGCT longer than any other individual in history.

Come to this free exhibit to learn more about Dr. Buckner, his dream and Dallas history.

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## REGIONAL CONTACTS

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### **Texas State Genealogical Society**

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

### **Central Texas Genealogical Society**

Contact: Anne or Diane Wilson, 254-826-3562 or at [thewilsonsisisters@earthlink.net](mailto:thewilsonsisisters@earthlink.net)

### **Dallas Historical Society**

Franklin K. Wilson, COO, P.O. Box 150038, Dallas, TX 75315-0038, [frank@dallashistory.org](mailto:frank@dallashistory.org), 214-421-4500 x105, Fax: 214-421-7500

### **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/](http://www.geocities.com/Wellesley/Garden/5215/)

### **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](mailto: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. Contact: Frances Malcolm, 817-267-1645, [gvhistsoc@hotmail.com](mailto:gvhistsoc@hotmail.com).

### **HOGAR de Dallas**

Meets the third Tuesday of most months, 6:30 PM at Casa View Library, 10355 Ferguson Road, Dallas, TX 75228. Contact: Jerry Benavides, [jgbenavide@aol.com](mailto:jgbenavide@aol.com), P.O. Box 497891, Dallas, Texas 75049-7891, or call: (972)841-9455, or fax: (214)324-4268. <http://home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas/id5.html>

### **Irving Genealogical Society**

Contact: J. D. Bayne, President, [JDBayne@Juno.com](mailto:JDBayne@Juno.com) or Mary Kay Weber, [Marykweber@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:lfilgo@swbell.net)

### **Mesquite Historical & Gen. Society**

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, Mesquite Public Library, 300 Grubb. 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. [www.rootsweb.com/~txmhgs/page1.htm](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. they begin with a short business meeting followed by their program. Contact: Debbie Kunze, VP, (817) 685-8024, [dgtipton1@juno.com](mailto: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/>

### Beginner's Workshops Facilitated by DGS



We are pleased to announce that DGS, in conjunction with the Dallas Public Library, is conducting Beginner Genealogy presentations at the 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.***

**Saturday, 13 March 2004**, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., at the Skillman/Southwestern branch library

**Thursday, 22 April 2004**, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at the Park Forest branch library  
Oak Lawn branch library is also in the planning stage.

***Invite a friend and join us!***

Contact: Education@DallasGenealogy.org

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

The Emancipation Proclamation issued by Lincoln on January 1, 1863 freed **only** the slaves in the Confederate states "then in rebellion against the Union." It did **not** apply to any slaves still in servitude **in the North**.

Source: "Encyclopedia Britannica" (1988); also Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, FNGS, DGS lecture

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## DGS Calendar of Events

### January

- 17 – Sat DGS Lock-in at DPL tonight  
20 – Tue AAGIG Meeting – Program TBD  
26 – Mon DGS Meeting – Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck  
*Income Tax of the Civil War Years*

### February

- 03 – Tue DGS CIG – Patricia Law Hatcher, CG,  
FASG, *Tables, Charts and Spreadsheets*  
07 – Sat **DGS Lecture –**  
**Henry Z “Hank” Jones, Jr., FASG,**  
*Going Forward Into the Past: A*  
*Genealogical Celebration*  
The Eisemann Center, Richardson,  
*Write up on page 312*  
*Registration form on page 308*  
17 – Tue AAGIG Meeting – Program TBD  
23 – Mon DGS Meeting – Rodney Lane Krajca,  
Archivist from the Fort Worth Branch of  
NARA

### March

- 03 – Tue DGS CIG – Carla and Dennis Ridenour  
*The NGS’ Personal Papers Digitizing*  
*Project overview*  
17 – Tue AAGIG Meeting – Program TBD  
22 – Mon **DGS Meeting – Kathy Mays Smith,**  
*The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC):*  
*Backbone of Our Nation and Military,*  
*1933-1942*

**We will also be voting on the suggested  
DGS By-Law changes at this meeting.**

### April

- 03 – Tue DGS CIG – Craig Winder  
*PDA Software is Useful to Genealogists*  
23 – Tue AAGIG Meeting – Program TBD  
26 – Mon DGS Meeting – Lynell Moss  
*The British Record Collection of the Family*  
*History Library*

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. We begin at 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship, 6:30 p.m. is an informal Q & A session. 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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