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Twenty Members Enjoy Week at Salt Lake Library

By Ann Melugin Williams

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.
- Imagine a whole week to do research, eat, and sleep. A genealogist's dream.
- Imagine searching dozens of rolls of microfilm and dozens of books and coming up with five or six possible fourth cousins twice removed on your mother's side. That's right—the nightmare.

But wait! There was one lawsuit that might just take you back two generations or more in the Gregory line if you can get the testimony from the county.

That was my experience on the Dallas Genealogical Society trip to Salt Lake City, but others made wonderful finds—five or six generations of a family.

Twenty of us took the trip October 17-24. We had Dallas area researchers visiting the Family History Library for the first time—Connie Perdue, Nancy Worden, and Mary Moore, but most of the group went last year. Twenty is a good size group -- You can always find somebody to eat lunch with, but you aren't falling all over each other in the library.

Leaders for the trip were Tresa Tatyrek, DGS President, and Shirley Sloat, DGS Vice-president, Fundraising. One of our members, Alan Miller, presented a copy of his new book, *Apprenticeships in Middle Tennessee,* to the Family History Library.

We didn't think it would be possible, but we found this library improved since last year. The family history books have been moved from the Joseph Smith Building to the first floor of the library. The idea was to keep those pesky tourists who want only to look at family histories on the first floor and out of the hair of us real researchers. It works well.

The other United States and Canadian books have been moved to the third floor of the library, where the administrative offices used to be. You can usually find a nice table with lots of space for sorting on the third floor.

After a day or two, you find your favorite place or places to work, and you feel right at home in the library.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The magic of researching in Salt Lake City closed out our extra special activities for the 2004 year. Every member of the group came away with new information and new knowledge. I was reminded by one member that I always find something because I go well-prepared and this year was no exception. I forayed my way in to German and British research for a short period of time and found what I sought very quickly as well as my usual happy findings in the US film.

The December General meeting, per the new By-laws will also be our annual business meeting. We will be kicking off our 50th year celebration as well as presenting the Writing and Service Awards and installing new officers. I hope to see many of you there.

2005 holds some special treats on top of the regular meetings as we celebrate our 50th year. Three lectures are planned for the spring starting in February. Most will be on methodology and the slate of speakers is superb. The Beginners Internet Workshops will start again in February and run through July. Keep an eye out for information on the Institute which is still in the planning stages, but I can tell you it will be a success, as was this past year's event.

This will be the last of my columns to you as my tenure as President is coming to an end. The Society By-laws wisely limit the time a person can serve on our Board. This is to encourage new volunteers to get involved as well as to allow for change to occur in a positive way. Every new volunteer brings new and fresh ideas to the table.

I want to thank all the people who said yes and no when I asked them for help. I think both answers are acceptable when a person's time is involved.

There are a great many people who are dedicated to making the Dallas Genealogical Society the wonderful organization that it is! These dedicated people will continue to support our Society along with new members, in the years to come. I've enjoyed working with and getting to know a lot of great people, many who have become my friends.

I wish all of you luck in finding the ancestors you seek so that you may experience the exuberant feeling of success as you get to know your family.

Tresa

Welcome To Our New Members

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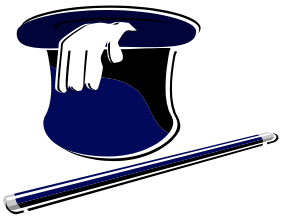
Sharon A. Henry
Bill Woodward



HATS OFF!

Sometimes there are people behind the scenes who make all the difference in the world to the successful daily function of an organization.

Mary Ruth McKenny's function as mail administrator is priceless! She did a yeoman's job keeping up with registration for our various events this year as well as retrieving the mountain of correspondence and distributing it to the correct recipient and entering membership data in the database.

Does the DGS Membership know how to make Lloyd smile? *We sure do!* DGS donated $8,000 to the Dallas Public Library, designated toward purchasing resources for the 8th Floor Genealogy section of the library.

Tresa Tatyrek made the presentation at the October General Meeting. Let's all smile!

HAPPENINGS AROUND DPL'S 8TH FLOOR VOLUNTEER DESK

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

1st & 4th Fridays	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Every Friday	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
2nd Saturday	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy working with great Genealogy Department staff and helping others with their research.

To take advantage of these volunteer opportunities, please call Susan at 214-942-4051 (evenings) or email: Volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org.

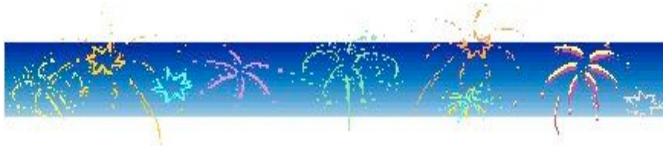
2004-2005 DGS SOCIETY PROGRAMS

DGS General 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 MEETING
USUALLY MEETS ON THE FOURTH MONDAY

Our monthly meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. with our speaker presentation to follow about 7:30 p.m.

- *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, December 13
Annual Awards Dinner & Holiday Celebration
This year is very special, as we are beginning the celebration of DGS' 50th Anniversary. During this evening, we will recognize several outstanding contributors to Dallas genealogy, install new officers, and recognize the winners of the 2004 DGS Writing Awards. There will be time to visit with new friends and old during the reception (6:00 p.m.), followed by dinner at (7:00 p.m.), all in the O'Hara Room on the 7th Floor.

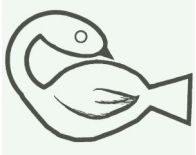
This is a complimentary, members-only dinner, but requires advance registration. If you plan on attending, either call 469-948-1106 and leave a message or send an email to:
celebrate@dallasgenealogy.org

Monday, January 24
Speaker: Eldin Edgin
Topic: What to Do When the Records Conflict
His presentation includes examples of conflicting data from census records, tombstones, family Bibles, family traditions and other sources. Included are guidelines for analysis and resolution (where possible) of the conflicts.

Eldon J. Edgin has been an amateur genealogist for over 40 years. He discovered the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library in the early 1960's as a result of an article in The Dallas Times Herald and has been a frequent patron ever since.

He has made several trips to the LDS Library in Salt Lake City and to many county courthouses and state archives. He has done research in several Southern states, particularly with census, land, probate, tax, cemetery, and church records.

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:

Tuesday, December 21
Holiday Celebration--meet and greet new members, and make plans for the upcoming year.
Tuesday, January 18
Tuesday, February 15

Liaison to DGS: Lois Lilly
AAGIG@dallasgenealogy.org

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, December 7
Speaker: Marti Fox
Topic: "Who Better to Write Your Obituary?"
Who knows your family best? You, the genealogist, of course. And so, why have you not written your obituary? Tonight we will delve into the good and the bad, using real examples, and get you thinking about putting your own together…not leaving it to chance and emotion at your passing.
and
Speaker: John Wylie
Topic: "File Management" and "How to Download and Install Software"
Using real world examples, this talk and handout takes the genealogist step by step through proven methods for organizing files so they can be located and used effectively. It also demonstrates how to download software off the Web and install it on a Windows based system.

Tuesday, January 4
Speaker: Don Raney
Topic: "Techniques to Solve Difficult Ancestor Problems"
I have just worked up a new program for my Students at Richland College. It consists of two step-by-step examples of how I was able to start with an ancestor in the early 1900's and work the line back for over 100 years, through three states, to the 1700's.

All of the research was done on the Internet. I used Ancestry, Heritage Quest, and Family Search for the census searches; the BLM site for federal land records; many county GenWeb sites for local marriage, probate, and land records; several RootsWeb e-mail archives; and occasionally a Google search to find missing data. I presented the problem to my advanced students to demonstrate the research techniques that will work to solve the difficult ancestor problems.

Don Raney, 972-278-3381, donraney@comcast.net

Tuesday, February 1
Speaker: Diane Bentley
Topic: "Okay, I Wrote My Family Story…How will I ever get it indexed?"

DGS LOCK-IN

Did you know that the library lock-in was originated by Sammie Lee as a thank-you to the volunteers who helped stage the very successful national FGS conference held in Dallas in 1997?

This well-received event blossomed into a semi-annual event open to all our members.

When:	January 22, 2005
Time:	6:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Place:	J. Erik Jonsson Public Library 8th Floor Genealogy section
Meals:	Light supper & snacks included
Cost:	$25.00 per person, This is a "Members Only" event

Make check payable to: DGS
and mail to: DGS - Lock-in
PO Box 12446
Dallas, TX 75225-0446

For more information see the DGS website: www.dallasgenealogy.org

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Cover story continued…

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Front row: Marylin Hay, Nancy Worden, Betty Miller, Shirley Sloat, and Ann Williams. Second row: Lana Filgo, Alan Miller, Betty Jean Steinke, Dava Ladymon, and Emily Ouren. Third row: Idonna Coffelt, Cindy Stamps, Linda McCormick, Shirley Hawn, and Liz Thurmond. Back row: Connie Perdue, Cathy Fleming, Mary Moore, Tresa Tatyrek, and Doris Aubel.

Several of us spent time in the international area, in the basement. Alan worked on his most recent immigrant, tracing him back to the Rhineland and uncovering three sets of grandparents. Cathie Fleming continued work on her Norwegian ancestors, and Betty Jean Steinke traced her immigrant ancestor back to Germany without leaving the States.

Betty Jean's great-great-great-grandfather, Franz Link II, left Darmstadt in 1846 according to the passenger record that she had. He turned up in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1850. Thanks to the knowledgeable library staff, Betty Jean discovered the German Auswandererkartei—the "leaving record"—and found that he actually left the village of Seligenstadt in 1846. Darmstadt was the region, not the town. Furthermore, she was able to get his ancestry back 95 years to 1751. "I had been working on this family for years," she said. "And the library staff was able not only to translate the German for me but also to *read* the old German script in paragraphs. None of the information was in nice tables—it was all in paragraphs."

Betty Jean highly recommends that people with German immigrants who came to Texas look at the Auswandererkartei in Austin. These are called German Immigrant Contracts, and they are found in the General Land Office records at the Texas State Library and Archives Building. She also recommends the book *A New Land Beckoned* by Chester W. and Ethel H. Geue, which can be found at the Dallas Public Library.

Most of us concentrated on the American colonies and the United States.

After working a couple of days on the Nelson family, Liz Thurmond decided to "put my brick wall on hold for about the next 10 years." Instead she switched to her female Warren line in Kentucky, which she hadn't known about for long. She found several deeds and an 1863 estate inventory with specific information on all the kids.

Lana Filgo, president of the Lancaster Genealogical Society, found maps platted with all the owners' names. She also happened upon a will witnessed by John Ladymon.

Dava Ladymon was happy to see this because it put the Ladymon family in the colonies earlier than she had known about. She then traced the Ladymons back to the 1400s in England. She researched her Armytrader (yes, that's a real surname) line in Accomack County, Virginia. The family was believed to be French Huguenots, but she found them in England. She discovered another Revolutionary War soldier that she didn't know about.

Shirley Hawn worked on her Smoot line. When she said, "Smoot," I sat up straight and repeated, "Smoot?" One of my female ancestors is thought to have been a Smoot, but no one has been able to prove it. Shirley gave me a lead from a family history that sends me to a new county in Tennessee to look for Elizabeth Smoot.

Tresa Tatyrek looked at a roll of "Real Estate Records" in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and found them to be real estate at probate. In one of these records, she identified all the family members of one family she was researching.

Shirley Sloat worked in New York, and Emily Ouren was back and forth across the Kentucky-Tennessee line, looking for Wrights. She'd never expected to find the Kentucky family in Tennessee, but they were "right near" the border and had parceled out kids on both sides of the line.

I exhausted Spartanburg County, South Carolina probate records looking for my Bannisters. Then Tresa told me I should check land records before probate records. I still didn't make a connection. So I took a tip from Liz and switched to the Gregory family on Day 3. That's when I found the lawsuit that I need to follow up on in Union Co., South Carolina. But I know that I exhausted the county records at the Family History Library.

"I didn't make any new giant revelations but I found some interesting wills and maybe one new lead," said Connie Perdue. "I thoroughly enjoyed the trip but just barely scratched the surface of what I could research there." One mistake Connie said she made was to spend about a day on an un-indexed roll of microfilm. It's better to start with film that's indexed in the interest of saving time. Also it's better to concentrate on the items that you can't order from home, such as books and films that are stored in the vault. Connie enjoyed getting to use the computers for online databases and found some of the seminars helpful in locating materials.
"I would definitely make the trip again," she said.

After the library closed on Saturday night, we got together and pooled our left-over snacks and drinks. We'd had fun, and we knew that most of us would pile our research on our bedroom/office floors until we "got around to it."

But this time Shirley Hawn challenged us to get together in six months and report on our analysis of our new records. We committed to a dinner meeting in six months. What pressure! I don't know about the rest, but I'm going to do it. Now I'd better get that letter off to the Union Co. courthouse.

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SAVE TEXAS HISTORY!

by Patricia Carr Biczynski

Here's your chance! The Texas General Land Office (GLO) is asking Texans to adopt old documents and maps by contributing to the conservation of the more than 35 million papers residing in its archives.

"If your ancestors received land grants during Texas' early years, please sign up to "adopt" your forebear's original grant document. Restoration of most files will cost approximately $100 to have the paper de-acidified and tears repaired. A certificate showing your adoption will be placed in the file so genealogical researchers of the future will have one more link to your family's history."

My ancestor, Abram Trigg Smith, received a Robertson County 3rd Class land grant of 640 acres in 1839, which was located some years later in Ellis County. He also bought "a soldier's claim" from a Texas revolutionary. The latter was granted in the other fellow's name, but patented in Abram's name. It was located in southernmost Dallas County, close to the Ellis County border, and it fronted on the Trinity River. These documents I want to preserve.

The General Land Office has a similar "Adopt-A-Map" program. There's no requirement that you adopt an entire map; you can contribute toward the preservation of any map on its list.

Again, I found that Abram T. Smith spent one whole week in April 1839 as a chain carrier for a Milam County survey crew headed by George Erath. Abram, together with his brother, Thomas Ingles Smith, ranged up and down Spring Creek in what is now Burleson County, just west of the Brazos River. I'm not sure those maps survived the Milam County 1874 fire but, as funds permit, I'd love to see at least one of the eight survey maps preserved.

What GLO would like to do is scan its maps, put them on the Internet for public use and retire the originals. For a list of adoptable maps, consult the GLO web site at http://www.glo.state.tx.us, and look under Archives & Records. But first, the maps need to be conserved.

This seems like a wonderful project for genealogical and legacy groups to support. I like to

contribute to efforts and organizations that have a multiplier effect. The thought that some other Smith descendant 150 years hence could look at Abram's patent documents comforts me so much that I am putting a request in my obituary that funds go to GLO for my family maps and papers instead of "a charity of your choice."

The contact person at GLO is Susan Dorsey, 512-463-5274, or susan.dorsey@glo.state.tx.us . For an overview of the entire program, the web site is www.savetexashistory.org.

FROM OUR READERS

Digital History Site
by the University of Houston

http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu
This is a new find for me…and if you are looking for new sources of documented ethnic history, this might be the place to read up!

Click on one of the sections listed below under Ethnic Culture on the left panel of the Home Page.

- Asian-American Voices
- Enslaved Voices
- Mexican American Voices
- Native American Voices

Submitted by: Marti Fox

E-Mail Aliases:
Use the Internet to Your Advantage

You can locate great material and people if you leave your messages in the right places on the Internet and use an e-mail address that will always be with you.

For-a-monthly-fee Internet Service Providers (ISP) come and go (such as AOL, Comcast, SBCGlobal, ATT, etc.) In addition, you want to sign up for a free email address. Use this special email address for mail lists, posting queries, and placing information/links on WebPages. By doing this, you insure that whether it is a month from now or ten years from now when someone reads your message, they will still be able to connect with you.

There are several places that provide free this service. (www.yahoo.com and www.mail.com) You read your mail through their web mail access. You can print off the message, respond to the message, or forward it to yourself (at your current for-pay email address) if it is something pertinent that you want to keep in your email files. You can pay a little extra at any of the free sites and have the mail forwarded to your current e-mail address and update it if you change your ISP.

To sign up, go to one of the providers of this free service and click on their sign-in or sign-up links and complete the form(s). Make sure you record your user name, password, and any other pertinent information you will need to access the account. Then post a test query and email to ensure it works. You may not get any answers or responses right away, but when you do, it will be worth it.

Submitted by: Tresa Tatyrek
DGS President, 2002-4

Genealogists, Abstractors, Transcribers

The *Dallas Journal* needs you!

Have you made a great discovery? a medium-size or small discovery? If it involves people in Dallas County, have you considered writing it up for the *Dallas Journal?* Maybe you found a will or a lawsuit that solved a problem that you'd been working on for five years. Maybe you used the tax or deed records to identify your ancestor among the 200 John Smiths in Dallas.

Have you abstracted or transcribed records related to Dallas County? The *Journal* needs family Bible records, letters, diaries, and other personal records as well as censuses of institutions or tax lists.

Would you be willing to help on a group project for the *Journal?* We especially need volunteers with laptop computers to continue the extraction of the World War I Draft Registration records. We also have donated family Bible records and obituaries to be transcribed.

If you think you might have something of interest to Dallas County researchers, or if you would like to work on an assigned project for the next *Journal,* please contact editor Ann Williams at 214-375-6043 or journal@dallasgenealogy.org.

SPANISH HERITAGE

Somos Primos Newsletter

The SHHAR monthly, on-line newsletter, *Somos Primos,* contains some current, but mostly historical articles on the Hispanic culture's movement into North America. http://www.somosprimos.com

CHAPAS Surname –
Partial extract from BLASONES Y APELLIDOS, 828-page book by Fernando Muñoz Altea
In its second edition, the book can be ordered from blasones@mail.com or at: P.O. Box 11232, El Paso, Texas 79995 or by contacting Armando Montes, AMontes@Mail.com

Juan Bautista Chapa

- Born 1631 in Arbisola, a small village outside Genoa, Italy. Parents, Bartolome Schiapapria and Batestina Badi. Very literate middle class family, owned a vineyard.
- Studied for the priesthood in Spain for two years.
- At 18 years old Chapa emigrated[sic] to New Spain.
- Meets Captain Alonso De Leon, who chronicled 50 years of colonization activities of Nuevo Leon, starting date 1577. He found no governmental interest in publishing.
- Chapa served in a clerical position under De Leon and also performed ranch and administrative work. .
- Appointed as Secretary to the State of Nuevo Leon in 1662 by Governor Zavala.
- Chapa served an uninterrupted forty years under nine governors.
- He held the office of second-in-command in governmental and war matters.
- Chapa rode out on all expeditions. He made detailed maps and pinpointed major land features with observed longitude and latitude. He kept meticulous records, adding 60 years and multiple generations to the work of Alonso De Leon.
- He did not identify himself in any way. "…and if I remain unknown, they will not have a target to shoot at."
- 219 years later, in 1909, his manuscript, Historia del Nuevo Reino de León, is published and credit is given to an Unknown Author.
- 1961 Chapa identified through the work of Israel Cavazos Garza, Historian for the State Nuevo Leon.
- 1990 Cavazos Garza prepared a more exhaustive study of the autor anónimo in which he stresses the value of Chapa's work which covers about forty Texas counties.

Editor: My ggggggggrandfather, direct descendant of Bartolomé Schiapapria y de Batestina Badi.

Juan Bautista Chapa/ Beatriz Olivares de Trevino, 1653
Jose Maria Chapa/Josepha Gallardo Sanchez
Augustin Javier Chapa/Antonia Margarita Guajardo
Joseph Javier Chapa/Josepha Garza
Jose Antonio Chapa/Maria Encarnacion Barrera
Jose Dionicio Chapa/Prima Feliciana Flores
Jose Anestacio Chapa/Teodora Sanchez
Alberto Chapa is my maternal grandfather

Editor**:** The 1915 photo in the *Somos Primos,* November edition, is of his maternal grandparents, Alberto and Petra Chapa plus 15 aunts and uncles, complete with birth dates and some death dates. The photo was taken in Sabinas Hidalgo, Mexico, a small town, about 70 miles from the border city of Laredo.

Bonnie (editor), put her work skills (retrieving medical records for lawyers and insurance companies) into gathering information from family members. Her husband is Ruben Chapa, the oldest of the children of Christobal Chapa and Esperanza Jimenez Chapa.

These families start in Alice, Texas and now live in Missouri, Colorado, Texas, Arizona, and Illinois.

This article is quite extensive and even gives the surnames of those who have entered into the Chapa Family Clan, by generation – Immigrants, First Generation US residents/citizens, and Second Generation US residents/citizens. Worth reading and perhaps buying the book.

A special gift for a special man! The SLC researchers' group found a 'book' necktie. Shirley Sloat presented this fun gift to Lloyd at the October General meeting.

DGS INTERNET WORKSHOPS

We are conducting hands-on computer classes at the J. Erik Jonsson Library in the computer training room on L1, called the Gates Room. We can enroll up to 16 students per one hour session, with a minimum of 10 students. These workshops are for DGS members only at $5 per session ($10 for non-members).

Thursday sessions will be at 1:00 p.m.
Saturday sessions will be at 9:30 a.m.

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DGS Internet Workshop Registration

Name _____

Address _____

_____

Phone _____

Email _____

Select Topics *and* Date

- HeritageQuest
  __ Dec. 2@ 1:00p.m. -or- __ Dec. 4@ 9:30a.m.
- No classes in January
- FamilySearch.org, the card catalog
  __ Feb.10@ 1:00p.m.-or- __ Feb.12@ 9:30a.m.
- FamilySearch.org, their search engines and databases
  __ Mar.10@ 1:00p.m.-or- __ Mar.12@ 9:30a.m.

Total $ _____.00 ($5 X ___ session – members)
Total $ _____.00 ($10 X ___ sessions - non-members)
We will let you know in advance if the class makes.

Make check payable to DGS and mail to:
Dallas Genealogical Society
PO Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446

For more information see the DGS website:
www.dallasgenealogy.org

Saturdays are especially popular, so register early!

While in Salt Lake, Alan Miller donated his latest abstract, "Middle Tennessee's Forgotten Children: Apprentices 1784-1902" to the Family History Library and Raymond Hinkle, a FHL volunteer, accepted the gift. Alan has also presented Lloyd and the DPL with a copy. Also pictured behind: Shirley Sloat, Liz Thurmond, Betty Jean Steinke, and Tresa Tatyrek.

Richland College for Spring 2005

Schedule of Genealogy Classes by Don Raney, 972-278-3381, donraney@comcast.net

Genealogy Level I: 21 Jan-11 Feb, Fridays, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Genealogy Level I: 20 Feb-13 Mar, Sundays, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Genealogy Level II: 18 Feb-11 Mar, Fridays, 12:30p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Genealogy Level III: 1 Apr-29 Apr, Fridays, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
The Master Genealogist: 1 Apr-29 Apr, Fridays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 n

Call the Richland Emeritus Office at 972-238-6958 for registration information. Tuition is $30.00 but classes are bfor residents of Dallas Co. over age 65.

Mountain View College for Spring 2005

Classes by John & Barb Wylie 972-206-2723 or mvc@johnwylie.com

Building Genealogical Skills: starting 2 Feb for six weeks, Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 n
Genealogy: Using a Computer – 2 Feb for six weeks, Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Visit www.mvc.dcccd.edu or call 214-860-8600 for information on these classes. Reduced rates are available for Emeritus registrants.

Brookhaven College for Spring 2005

The instructor is Sammie Townsend Lee of the Dallas Public Library (214/670-1433)

American Genealogy, Part I: Jan 27-Apr 7, Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 Noon, This course will introduce you to American records and sources for the beginning genealogist.
American Genealogy, Part II: Apr 14- May 12, Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
Course continues discussing and working with genealogical methodology, organization, and researching in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library (includes a trip to the collection).

Brookhaven Contact Information: Deborah (972/860-4807) or Janice (972/860-4698)
Note: If you are 65 years of age or older and reside in Dallas County, or own property in Dallas County, tuition is waived for up to six credit hours per semester. You pay only for textbooks.

Front row L>R: Holly Hervey, Shirley Sloat, Sammie Lee, Bill Deal, John Wylie.
Partial second Row L>R: Willie Malone, Charlotte Klimaszewski, _____.
Third row, L>R: Karen Brown(?), Linda McCormick, Dava Ladymon, Barbara Wylie, Bobbie Hooser, David Ladymon,
Fourth row, L>R: Shirley Hawn, Elizabeth Thurmond, Jean Larson, Pat Biczynski, Sue Smith, Adrienne Jamieson, Nathan White, Marti Fox.
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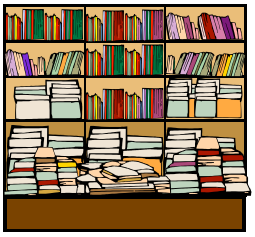

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National Archives to go Digital

http://www.archives.gov/media_desk/press_releases/nr04-74.html
Sent by George Gause, ggause@panam.edu

The National Archives will award contracts of greater than $20 million to begin building the Electronic Records Archives (ERA). ERA will be a comprehensive, systematic and dynamic means for preserving virtually any kind of electronic record, free from dependence on any specific hardware or software. The project, encompassing several petabytes (one million gigabytes) of data, is scheduled to open by 2007, and is expected to be completed by 2011.

UNITED STATES

- Tracing Ancestors among the Five Civilized Tribes: Southeastern Indians prior to Removal.
- Discovering your Jewish Ancestors.
- Irish-Scots and the Scots-Irish.
- Sons and Daughters of the Colonial and Antebellum Bench and Bar, 1565-1861. Roster.
- Who Sailed on the Titanic?
- Where Once We Walked: a Guide to the Jewish Communities Destroyed in the Holocaust.
- Membership Roster. Order of the Crown of Charlemagne in the United States of America.
- U. S. World War I Posters: from the Collection of the Smithsonian Institution's Division of Political History.
- Presidents: A Pictorial Guide to the Presidents' Birthplaces, Homes, and Burial Sites.
- Index to the Cherokee Rolls.
- What to Say in Your Genealogical Letters: Do's [sic] and Don'ts [sic] in Genealogical Correspondence.
- American Genealogical-Biographical Index to American Genealogical, Biographical, and Local History Materials. Index, S13, Daton-Emmons.

ALABAMA

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

ARIZONA

- Who's Who in Arizona. Volume 1.

ARKANSAS

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

GEORGIA

- Driving Tour of Forsyth, Georgia and Monroe County.
- Darien, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings. Volume 2, 1879-1890.
- Historical Collections of the Georgia Chapters Daughters of the American Revolution.
- Index to the 1830 Census of Georgia.
- 1840 Index to Georgia Census.
- Deeds of Franklin County, Georgia 1784-1826.

IDAHO

- *Idaho 1910 Census Index. 2 volumes.

ILLINOIS

- Marriage Records, Sangamon County, Illinois. 1900-1904.
- Land Where My Fathers Died.
- Illustrated Freeport, 1896.

INDIANA

- Cemeteries in Delaware County, Indiana.
- Muncie and Delaware County: An Historical Sketch.
- Abstracts of the Records of the Society of Friends in Indiana. 2 volumes.

NEBRASKA

- History of the Dutch Settlement in Lancaster County, Nebraska.

NEVADA

- Boulder City Cemetery, Boulder City, Clark County, Nevada: 1942 to June 2000. 2 volumes.
- *Nevada Divorces, 1868-1922. March 2001 edition. Microfiche, 52.
- *Nevada Marriages, 1868-1926. March 2002 edition. Microfiche, 468.

MAINE

- Records of Lewiston, Maine. 2 volumes.

MARYLAND

- Queen Anne's County Maryland Land Records. 1701-1825. 24 volumes.
- Worcester County, Maryland, Orphans Court Proceedings. Volume 1, 1777-1800 and Volume 2, 1800-1816.
- These Honored Dead: A Roster of over 2500 Maryland Union Soldiers Buried in National Cemeteries.
- Judgment Records of Dorchester, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties, Maryland.
- Queen Anne Remembers: Tombstones of Queen Anne's County, Maryland. Volume 2 and Addendum.
- Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

MISSISSIPPI

- Index to Naturalization Records in Mississippi Courts, 1798-1906. Microfilm, 1 roll.

MISSOURI

- Gentry County, Missouri Death Notices from Area Newspapers. 1913-1915.
- Final Adjustments of Private Land Claims in Missouri, 1832.
- Camp Jackson: History of the Missouri Volunteer Militia of St. Louis.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Sketches of Successful New Hampshire Men.

NEW JERSEY

- Notices from New Jersey Newspapers.
- *Revolutionary War Manuscripts New Jersey, Numbers 1-10811. Microfilm, 30 rolls.

NEW MEXICO

- Land Title Study.
- Genealogical Resources in New Mexico.

OHIO

- Will Abstracts, Belmont County, Ohio: Volumes A, B, and C; 1810-1827.
- Death Records Transcribed from the Bellaire Health Department, Bellaire, Belmont County, Ohio. Volumes 1 & 2; 1904-1975.
- Tombstone Inscriptions for the Cemeteries in Washington Township, Defiance County, Ohio.
- Tombstone Inscriptions for the Cemeteries in Tiffin Township, Defiance County, Ohio.

OKLAHOMA

- Broken Arrow: The First Hundred Years.
- 1900 Chickasaw Nation Census: McClain County, Oklahoma.
- 1900 Chickasaw Nation Census: Grady County, Oklahoma area.
- 1900 Chickasaw Nation Census: Stephens County, Oklahoma area.
- Chickasaw Nation Census: 1900 Garvin County.
- Court Records, Blue County, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, CTN 26. Books 1-3.
- 1885 Census, Choctaw Nation, Apukshunnubbee District, Boktoklo County, Towson County.

PENNSYLVANIA

- *Cumberland County Tax Lists, 1752-1850. Microfilm, 18 rolls.
- Catalogue of Clerics in Allegheny County, PA: up to the Year 1910.
- *Index to Registration of Deaths City of Philadelphia, 1803-1860. Microfilm, 14 rolls.

- *Supreme Court Eastern District Divorce Papers, 1786-1815. Microfilm, 6 rolls, includes Escheats 1796-1822.
- *Eastern District Coroner's Inquisitions; 1751, 1768-1790, & 1792-1796. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- *Supreme Court General Motions 1750-1837 & Divorce Docket 1800-1805.
- Commissioners of Indian Trade Accounts 1758-1761; Indian Trade Licenses, 1765-1771; Governor's Accounts. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Church Records of the 18th Century.
- Newberry and Fairview Townships, York County, Pennsylvania.
- Revolutionary War Veterans.
- Harrold Zion Lutheran Church, Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Part 4, 1881-1944.

RHODE ISLAND

- Owners and Occupants of the Lots, Houses, and Shops in the Town of Providence, Rhode Island, in 1798.
- Old Cemetery at Block Island, Rhode Island.
- Hillside Cemetery, Tiverton, Rhode Island.
- More Early Records of the Town of Warwick, Rhode Island.
- Early Records of the Town of Portsmouth.
- First Roster of Members. The Order of the First Families of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, 1636-1647.
- Ste-Anne's Church, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.
- Marriages of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Natick, Rhode Island, 1875-1989.

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Loyalists in the Siege of Fort Ninety-six.
- Huguenot Crosses of South Carolina.
- Guide to South Carolina Genealogical Research and Records.
- Church Cemeteries Laurens County, South Carolina. Volume 1.
- Abstracts of Early Records of Laurens County, South Carolina, 1785-1820.
- South Carolina's Confederate Pensioners in 1901.
- Commanders at Kings Mountain.

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Jerauld County Graves Registration Project as Completed by the Works Projects Administration.

TENNESSEE

- *Tennessee Delayed Certificates of Birth prior to 1900. Microfilm, 118 rolls.
- Anderson County, Tennessee: Pictorial History.
- Occupant Entry, Shelby County, Tennessee.
- Tennessee Settlers and Their Descendants.
- Carroll County, Tennessee Wills. Volumes 3-5.
- DeKalb County, Tennessee Chancery Court Records, 1844-1892.
- Washington County, Tennessee Deeds, 1775-1800.
- Tulip Grove: Neighbor to the Hermitage.
- Hermitage: The Home of General Andrew Jackson.
- 1830 Census, East Tennessee.
- 1830 Census, Middle Tennessee.
- Tennessee Civil War Veterans Questionnaires. Volumes 1-5.

TEXAS

- *Texas Ranger Service Records: Loyalty Rangers. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- *Texas Ranger Service Records: Regular Rangers. Microfilm, 2 rolls.
- *Texas Ranger Service Records: Special Rangers. Microfilm, 7 rolls.
- Early Texas Birth Records, 1838-1878.
- Sons of the Republic of Texas.
- Archer County Marriage Records 1881-1937. Microfilm, 2 rolls.
- Austin County Marriage Records 1824-1920. Microfilm, 3 rolls.
- Bell County Marriage Records 1850-1917. Microfilm, 10 rolls.
- Brown County Marriage Records 1880-1932. Microfilm, 5 rolls.
- Burnet County Marriage Records 1851-1907. Microfilm, 2 rolls.
- Clay County Marriage Records 1874-1940. Microfilm, 4 rolls.
- Erath County Marriage Records 1869-1911. Microfilm, 5 rolls.
- Falls County Marriage Records 1854-1917. Microfilm, 8 rolls.
- Gonzales County Marriage Records 1892-1921. Microfilm, 7 rolls.
- Grayson County Marriage Records 1846-1904. Microfilm, 12 rolls.

GENEALOGIES & BIOGRAPHIES

- Family of Jesse Harper, 1755-1849. 2 volumes.
- Ancestors and Descendants 1630-2000, John Hammer of Prussia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania and Randolph County, North Carolina.
- Five Generations of the Family of Burr Harrison of Virginia, 1650-1800.
- Echoes of Spring Creek. (Hawkins).
- Bright Memories. (Frank Henley).
- Herndons of the American Revolution. Parts VI & VII and Part X.
- Hilley Cousins. 2 volumes and Addenda.
- Hoffman Family Heritage Book.
- Holt Family.
- Descendants of Joseph Howard and Rachel Rector Howard. 2 volumes.
- Thomas Sr. and Lucy Hunt and Their Children and Descendants, 1787-2002.
- Always on the Stretch: An Imus Family History.
- This was Frank James.
- Jesse James, the Outlaw.
- Jesse James, the Real Story.
- William C. Kenner Family of Kinsley, Kansas.
- John Hugh Kirkpatrick: Patriot and Pioneer.
- Descendants of Jacob Krabill (Krayenbul) and Fanny Miller, 1803-1989.
- Ancestry and Descendants of Major Samuel Lane.
- Lane Family: Descendants of Maj. Samuel Lane. 4 volumes.
- Maximilian Leech (1763-1815) of Blockley and Kingsessing.
- Abraham Lemaster (1638-1722) of Charles Co., Maryland and His Descendants. Volumes 3 & 4.
- Levengood Story.
- Judge John Livingston and His Roots.
- Johannes Georg Lutz, 1706-1756, and His Descendants.
- Thistle and the Bee. Clan MacInnes Society. 1999.
- I Had a Thousand Relatives. (McQueen).
- John Mallet, the Huguenot, and his Descendants, 1694-1894.
- Family History with Name Origin and Lineage Line. (Martin).
- Mayfield Book: Family Tree.
- Means Family of America.
- Morelands of Southern Maryland.
- Newsom [Newsome] Family Genealogy and History.
- Newton Genealogy.
- Nutt/McNutt.
- Pedens of Southwest Virginia and Southcentral Kentucky.

GERMANY

- Encyclopedia of German-American Genealogical Research.
- Social History of Hesse: Roman Times to 1900.
- Deutsche Wappenrolle. Volume 67.
- Church History of Ostfriesland: from Past to Present.
- Genealogisches Handbuch des Adels. Volumes 130 and 132.
- Ancestors in German Archives: a Guide to Family History Sources.

GREAT BRITAIN

- Essex Census Index 1851, Witham. 1 microfiche.
- Essex Census Index 1851, Saffron Walden. 2 microfiche.
- Essex Census Index 1851, Maldon. 2 microfiche.
- Essex Census Index 1851, Halstead. 2 microfiche.
- Essex Census Index 1851, Chelmsford. 1 microfiche.
- Essex Census Index 1851, Billericay. 1 microfiche.
- Essex Monumental Inscriptions, Southend-On-Sea: St. John the Baptist. 1 microfiche.
- Essex Monumental Inscriptions, Little Wakering: St. Mary the Virgin. 1 microfiche.
- Essex Monumental Inscriptions, Eastwood: St. Lawrence and All Saints. 2 microfiche.
- Parish Census Listings, 1797-1831. 3 microfiche.
- Accounts of the Manor and Hundred of Macclesfield, Cheshire, Michaelmas 1361 to Michaelmas 1362.
- Heraldry in National Trust Houses.

LATIN AMERICA

- Scots in Latin America.

MEXICO

- Mexican-American Genealogical Research: Following the Paper Trail to Mexico.
- Spain's Patriots of Northwestern New Spain from South of the U.S. Border in Its 1779-1783 War with England during the American Revolution.
- Baptismal Records of the Presidial Company of San Antonio Bucareli de la Babia, Coahuila,

Mexico, 1789-1823.
- Grants of Lands by Spanish Royal Decree: 1767 and 1784: Porciones in Zapata County and Revilla/Ciudad Guerrero Jurisdiction.

SCOTLAND
- People of Keithall, Kinkell, and Kintore, 1696.

REGIONAL and 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: dallasgenealogy.org/outsidelinks/societylinks.htm, and a revised community calendar: http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/calendar.htm

December 2 - Mid-Cities Genealogical Society
Our program for December will feature Granny "G" and her presentation of "Cynthia Ann Parker, A Love Story." We will have our holiday meal at that time, also.

December 4 – Lancaster Genealogical Society
Annual Christmas Party – Covered Dish Dinner and Cut-Throat Bingo

December 13 – Grapevine Name Droppers
Annual Christmas Party – Show and Tell to share interesting articles and stories. Frances Malcolm: 817-267-1645, gvhistsoc@hotmail.com

December 18 – Family Tree Maker SIG
FTM Reports – using them to your advantage. Taught by Tresa Tatyrek, 10:00 a.m. Donations.

January 6 - Mid-Cities Genealogical Society
Our speaker will be Jane Aronhalt, who will speak on "Clues to Family Health History."

March 19, 2005 – Hot Springs Village Genealogical Society, Arkansas
This year's Family History Workshop will feature Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, FNGS who will speak on:
- British Isles Research,
- The Pennsylvania Dutch,
- Identifying the Maiden Names of Females, and
- Pitfalls of Genealogical Research

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Fee: $20 if postmarked by Feb. 12, $25 after Feb. 12. For details contact; Dennis Zymboly, 501-922-9340 or Email: dzrz@cox-internet.com

Spring 2005 - The Seventh Annual Great Obituary Writers' Conference
To be held in Bath, England. This will be our first conference in Europe and it holds great promise. Watch for updates on: http://www.obitpage.com/

June 1-4, 2005 - NGS Conference
The 27th Conference in the States and NGS GENTECH 2005 will be in Nashville, Tennessee.

September 2005 - HOGAR
The Twenty-sixth Annual Hispanic State Genealogical Conference in Laredo, Texas. Laredo was founded on May 15, 1755 and will be celebrating its 250th Anniversary during 2005.

Sept. 7-10, 2005 – FGS/UGA Conference
Reminders of the Past: Visions for the Future to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

September 10 - East Texas Gen. Society
Our annual seminar for 2005 will feature Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, FNGS. For more information, contact: scottfitzgerald@tyler.net

REGIONAL CONTACTS

Texas State Genealogical Society
Our District 10 elected representative is: Debbie Kunze, 972-906-1972, dgtipton@sbcglobal.net.

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 at thewilsonsisters@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 9:00 p.m.
Contact: Aurora@chancy.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/

Duncanville Genealogical Society
Meeting days have been changed to the second Thursday of the month, at 7:00 p.m., Duncanville Public Library, 201 James Collins Blvd. Contact: Marge Dellert, Newsletter Editor, margegen@charter.net
There will be no meeting in December, July, or August.

East Texas Genealogical Society
Regular meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month starting at 2 p.m. at the Tyler Public Library. Contact: scottfitzgerald@tyler.net for program details.

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. 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.

Family Tree Maker Interest Group
A North Texas Special Interest Group that focuses on learning new techniques for maximizing your use of the Family Tree Maker program. Grapevine Library Presentation room, Grapevine, Texas. 10:00 a.m.-11:00a.m., open to the public. Contact Tresa Tatyrek at genealogy@magnoliamanor-network.com. 972-539-7452, Donations.

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 and 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, 972-906-1972, dgtipton@sbcglobal.net.

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/

Texins 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.

December 4 – The Legend of Bonnie and Clyde Tour
Uncover the lives of those famous outlaw lovers from Dallas as we travel into West Dallas, Oak Cliff, Dallas and the now modern ambush highways of Irving. See the last remaining building in Dallas where Bonnie worked as a young "porcelain-skinned" waitress; where Clyde was hustled away daily by the "laws;" a "safe house" where a gunfight broke out between Clyde Barrow and six officers in 1933; the site of the Barrow's Star Service station; the location of the attempted ambush of Bonnie and Clyde at Esters Road and Highway 183; and both their graves.

The tour will be led by local author, John Neal Phillips, who published, *Running with Bonnie and Clyde: The Ten Fast Years of Ralph Fults.*
Contact Frank Wilson at: 214.421.4500 x105 or email: frank@dallashistory.org

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December 11 – East & South Dallas Historic Discovery Journey
Explore with us! This journey begins in Fair Park--and discusses how the 1936 Centennial put Dallas not only on the Texas Map, but on the world's stage. Next, a meandering through the streets

surrounding Fair Park reveals the historic homes on South Boulevard (Stanley Marcus, Aaron Spelling). Then on to Bryan Springs, located in the White Rock Creek Forest, where John Neely Bryan and his wife Margaret lived for several years and where Margaret's father settled in 1842. Next stop, McCommas Bluff, a site where in the 1890's steamboats of partygoers would take daylong excursions from Dallas. Discover the origins of "Scyene Rd" and "Military Parkway" and "Tenison Parkway" and "Belle Starr" the many little communities that are now engulfed in "Big D". Lunch in the Historic Lakewood District of Dallas.

After lunch at the "Dixie House", spend the afternoon discovering little-known areas in East Dallas, including magnificent Swiss Avenue, historic Munger Place, and the charming Lakewood area--the best way to fill a gap in your Dallas history!

Tour led by well known author and historian Dr. Darwin Payne.

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These adventures in leisure depart the Hall of State, located in Fair Park, (except for the Deep Ellum Tour) at 9:00 A.M. and return at 2:00 P.M.(allow 1/2 hour either way)*** Lunch is included in the ticket price of $35 for DHS contributors, $45 for those who aren't yet doing so! Payment at the time of requesting your reservation ensures a seat on the bus. Call Frank at 214-421-4500 x105 or email frank@dallashistory.org for more information or to make your reservation.

DID YOU KNOW…? *compiled by Bill Deal*

From the autumn of 1865 until his death in October 1870, Robert E. Lee served as (non-teaching) president of Washington College—now known as Washington and Lee University, in Lexington, VA. For most of this time, the threat of an indictment for treason hung over his head.

*Source: "Lee * The Last Years" by Charles Bracelen Flood (1981).*

SPRING 2005 LECTURE SERIES

A key emphasis for the three DGS Spring 2005 Lecture series will be on methodology tips and techniques.

Each is a day-long session held from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in the first floor auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Public Library.

You may use the same form to register and pay for one or all three lectures at the same time.

February 5, 2005:
Claire Mire Bettag, CGRS, CGL

Genealogy: Sources and Methods

- Federal Land Records at the National Archives
- NARA Records and Information at Your Fingertips
- French Resources in the United States
- Assumptions in Genealogical Research: Your Own Worst Enemy

Ms. Bettag is a professional genealogist based in Washington, D.C., and certified since 1997. She has lectured at the National Archives, the Institute on Genealogical and Historic Research, FGS and NGS national conferences, and Louisiana and other genealogical societies and repositories.

A contributing author of *Professional Genealogy*, she has also written for the *NGS Quarterly*, *APG Quarterly,* and various Louisiana publications, winning the NGSQ "Award for Excellence" in 2000. Currently Co-Editor of the *NGS Quarterly*, she is also a Trustee of the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG), and a Director of the National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR).

Her academic credentials include a B.A. (French; Spanish minor), University of Southwestern Louisiana; Fulbright Fellow, University of Toulouse, France; M.A. (French: Woodrow Wilson Fellow), Columbia University.

March 5, 2005:
Emily Croom, BA & MA degrees (history), BA (music)

Unpuzzling Your Past

- Their Place in Time: Broadening the Perspective Beyond Dates and Places
- Likely, Logical, and Convincing: Resolving Conflicting Evidence
- You're Known by the Company You Keep: Cluster Genealogy, an Essential Tool for Research
- Scaling the Brick Wall

An avid genealogist for more than thirty years, Ms. Croom, a Houston resident, is a member of NGS, the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), and several local and state genealogical societies. She has taught history and music and is currently teaching genealogy in live and online classes.

She has written a number of family histories and books on genealogical research, including the popular *Unpuzzling Your Past, The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook, The Sleuth Book for Genealogists,* and *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your African-American Ancestors.*

April 2, 2005:
Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL

Five Ways to Prove Who Your Ancestor Was

- Seven Habits of Highly Effective Genealogists
- Five Ways to Prove Who Your Ancestor Was (Some Reliable and Others Not Reliable)
- Five Proven Techniques for Finding Your Ancestor's European Origins
- Organizing Evidence to Overcome Record Shortages

During the NGS Conference (21 May 2004), Dr. Jones received the 2004 Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award of Merit by the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) for his leadership role in raising the standards for genealogical research

The Fairfax, Virginia, resident is widely known for his lectures and articles on using case studies to demonstrate genealogical problem-solving and using the Genealogical Proof Standard, a method to evaluate the credibility of research conclusions.

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$35 for anyone not pre-registered*

Optional hot lunches will be available @ $10 each, but must be ordered with pre-registration.

*Registration must be postmarked by the Wednesday ten days prior to the lecture to be "pre-registered."

Saturday, 5 Feb 2005—Claire Bettag	$ _____
Optional lunch @ $10	$ _____
Saturday, 5 Mar 2005—Emily Croom	$ _____
Optional lunch @ $10	$ _____
Saturday, 2 Apr 2005—Thomas Jones	$ _____
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Voice mail: 469-948-1106

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Founded in 1955, the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is the oldest, continuously functioning organization of its kind in Texas. It is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation and a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). We have over 900 members.

The object of this society shall be: to create, foster, and maintain interest in genealogy; to assist and support the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas, or its legal successor; and to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history.

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DGS Calendar of Events

December

07 – Tue DGS CIG – Marti Fox, *Who Better to Write Your Obituary* and John Wylie, *File Management* and *How to Download and Install Software*

13 – Mon and DGS Meeting – Annual Awards Dinner Presentations…plus come kick-off **DGS' 50th Anniversary**!

21 – Tue AAGIG CIG – Holiday Celebration and 2005 Planning meeting

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January

04 – Tue DGS CIG – Don Raney, *Research Techniques to Solve Difficult Ancestor Problems*

18 – Tue AAGIG CIG – TBD

22 – Sat DGS Lock-in at DPL, 8th Floor

24 – Mon DGS Meeting – Eldin Edgin, *What to Do When the Records Conflict*

February

01 – Tue DGS CIG – Diane Bentley, *Okay, I Wrote My Family Story…How Will I Ever Get It Indexed? (WORD)*

05 – Sat DGS Lecture Series
Claire Mire Bettag, **CGRS, CGL**
Genealogy: Sources and Methods
See page 197 for more details!

15 – Tue AAGIG CIG - TBD

21 – Mon DGS Meeting – William "Bill" Dow, Jr., *My Liles Who Fell Through the Cracks*

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 Meeting 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 usually* meets on the first Tuesday beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- AAGIG meets on the third Tuesday. Social time begins at 6:00 p.m. Business meeting & program begin at 6:30 p.m.

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