

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

DGS Newsletter

GET READY, GET SET, GO!

by Tresa Tatyrek

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah is the Mecca for the family historian. The Library holdings include information the Mormons have gathered from all over the World. Many genealogists' efforts to preserve their work and heritage are also housed there. First-time visitors can be a little overwhelmed by the vastness of the information or, because they have gone prepared, be enthralled with what they find in their quest.

GET READY

Preparation is everything in obtaining outstanding results in researching your family surnames. The results are not always what you expect or want, but they do move you further along in your quest. Preparing for a trip to Salt Lake City is like many research trips. You pick your dates to go, make hotel reservations (and there are a few to choose from that have special rates for genealogists), and figure out how you're going to get there whether by air or highway.* That is the easy part. The hard part is deciding what family line(s) you want to pursue while you are there.

First, you need to exhaust all the information available to you in your local area. You don't want to waste your time and money in Salt Lake City doing things you could do at home. The library recommends that you learn all you can about your family from home and family sources. Interview and correspond with family members, especially your older relatives. Find additional information at cemeteries, historical societies, and local record offices. Learn about family history resources at local public and academic libraries. Bring with you any information that links you to ancestors who lived before 1930. Information on people living in the 20th century is difficult to obtain due to privacy restrictions. Then, search for work done by others using the resources available to you in your local area or on the Internet. If they are still living, contact them for additional tips on items to look for and locations to look in. Make a visit to your local Family History Center. The volunteers there can assist you in your preparation. A list of the centers is available at:

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHC/frameset_fhc.asp.

*Going with a group gives you several advantages on planning and having someone to eat with, bounce ideas off of, and share your findings.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By the time you read this issue of the Newsletter, spring will have officially arrived.

And, along with the sight of daffodils, redbud trees budding out, and robins on their way back north comes the overwhelming thought of spring cleaning.

Now that I'm so involved with genealogical research and associated activities, cleaning house is very low on my priority list. But as I look around my office, suddenly I'm struck by the novel idea of a genealogical spring cleaning!

I must admit that, for me, finding new information about my ancestors is much more fun than processing it. But I can't throw away any of my notes and copies until I've really finished extracting every ounce of good information. The result—boxes and trays and file folders and stacks of paper on every available flat surface. And then there's the really big box of hanging file folders with the results of last year's Salt Lake City research trip!

Does this sound familiar? We rush to add names and dates to our computer database but wait "until there is more time" to complete the analysis and conclusion stage of our research.

How about a spring resolution to do a genealogical cleanup? Just tackle one stack at a time:

- process it,
- add appropriate information, *including sources*, to your research findings,
- consider scanning originals,
- file the material you simply must keep,
- and, wonder of wonders, toss the rest!

One stack a week or one stack a month—you're still making progress.

I'd like to bet that, in this review and analysis of the material you already have, you will find some clue that puts you closer to toppling a brick wall. Let me know.

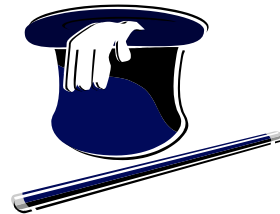
Happy (spring) cleaning!

Shirley

Welcome To Our New Members



Juanita A. Presson Dodd
 Marty Hiter
 Ila Johnson
 James & Dorothy Pritchett
 Terry & Marvin Reep
 Kathy Steglich



HATS OFF!

Kudos to Susan Morris, our Director for Volunteers, and her employer, Citigroup, for making the purchase of the new digital projector possible. Citigroup donated \$1500 over the past three years to the technology fund for this important item that we use at most DGS meetings. This donation by Citigroup acknowledges Susan's personal DGS volunteer effort.

**HAPPENINGS AROUND
DPL'S 8TH FLOOR VOLUNTEER DESK**

Volunteer Coordinator, Susan Morris, is looking for a few good volunteers for shifts at the Volunteer Desk:

3 rd Sunday Afternoon	1 to 5 p.m.
Every Friday Afternoon	3 to 5 p.m.
2 nd Saturday Afternoon	1 to 3 p.m.

Special benefits of working at the Volunteer Desk – you get free parking for working your shift no matter how long you stay at the Library, you get to meet wonderful genealogists, and you support the librarians all at the same time. So come and join us!

Reward Programs to Benefit DGS

There are little ways that you can help DGS every time you spend money on certain items or in certain

places. Grocers Tom Thumb and Kroger are two of those places. If you have a Reward Card at Tom Thumb, every time you use it a small percentage will go to the Society if you have DGS listed as the non-profit organization you would like the benefit to go to. We have a similar set up with Kroger. There is a special card that they will scan for us to get that benefit. Those cards are available from our VP of Membership.

If you are thinking about getting a subscription for ancestry.com or upgrading your existing one, click through the links from the affiliate page at www.dallasgenealogy.org and the Society will get a small percentage of your purchase. It costs you nothing more, but the Society will benefit from the sale. If anyone has any other places that the Society should look into for these types of benefits, please let us know at: webmaster@dallasgenealogy.org.

- Tresa Tatyrek

2005 DGS SOCIETY PROGRAMS

DGS General and Special Interest Group meetings are held at the 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.

By popular demand, we're resuming the brief open question and answer session before General DGS meetings. At 6:30, Lloyd Bockstruck (or substitute) will host a discussion where members and visitors can ask any genealogically-related question. We expect that, in any group of Dallas genealogists, most questions can be answered by someone in that group. Come to the auditorium 30 minutes before the meeting, after stopping off in the East Room for refreshments, and see what you can learn and share. Please, no food or drinks in the auditorium.

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

Monday, April 25

Speaker: Lynell Moss

Topic: Research Evaluation and Analysis

Lynell is a sixth generation Dallasite, started her genealogical research in 1968 and began working in the first LDS Branch Genealogical Library that opened in Dallas in 1969. She served in the Plano Family History Center starting in 1990 and as the Director since 1997. She has taught family history classes for over ten years. Her family history research has produced a database linking over 33,000 individuals. She has also extracted several records, some of which are available online (four of which are on DGS's website).

Monday, May 23

Speaker: Don Raney

Topic: Wills and the Probate Process

If your ancestor was testate (died with a will), his heirs presented his will to the probate court and requested appointment of an executor. If your ancestor was intestate (died without a will), the principal heir usually petitioned the court to appoint an administrator. The probate court assigns an identifying number to the estate and a probate packet is created for the court. The probate packet will contain the will, letters testamentary, inventory of the estate, list of beneficiaries, records of public sale, deeds, invoices, receipts and a final accounting of the disposition of the estate.

You should begin your search for probate records in the county where your ancestor died and usually owned property. In most jurisdictions, all of the probate records will be in one series of court books and the probate records may be intermingled with other court records. The older probate records in some counties have been abstracted and published. The best sources for published probate records are county libraries, the home pages for individual counties on USGenWeb, the LDS Library online card catalog, PERSI, and the online card catalog for the appropriate state libraries.

Monday, June 27

Speaker: Patricia Law Hatcher, CG FASG

Title: Understanding Colonial Research

If our research goes well, at some point we may find ourselves crossing a significant research

boundary, from doing federal research (after the Revolution) to doing colonial research (before the Revolution). When crossing this research boundary, there are significant variances, especially in understanding the records and the environment in which they were created.

Patricia Law Hatcher, CG, FASG, Dallas, Texas, is a professional genealogist specializing in problem solving whose articles have appeared in over a dozen publications. She is the author of numerous books including "Locating Your Roots - Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records", "Producing a Quality Family History" and "Abstracts of Revolutionary Patriots". She is also the editor of the Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine, a consulting editor to Newbury Street Press, a consulting editor to the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, and a consulting editor to the Maine Genealogist. Her off-migrating ancestors lived in all of the original colonies prior to 1800 and 17 other states - presenting her with highly varied research problems and forcing her to acquire techniques and tools that help solve tough problems.



**COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP (CIG)
MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY**

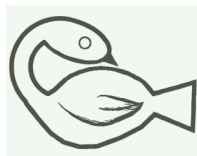
OUR PURPOSE: Explore the use and expand our knowledge of computer technology as we search, collect, manage, and publish information related to genealogy.

**Tuesday, May 3
Speaker: Tresa Tatyrek**

Topic: Prepping for an Archives Research Trip
Researching in State Archives (or any archives) can produce rewarding results if you do a little homework via the net before you make the trip. Tresa will address how and what to look for on the Internet. The example Archive will be the Tennessee State Archives in Nashville since the National Genealogical Society Conference is being held there this year, June 1-4, 2005.

**Tuesday, June 7
Speaker: Representative from the Texas
General Land Office (GLO)
Topic: Save Texas History**

**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, April 19 and Tuesday, May 17
Speaker: TBD
Topic: TBD**

Liaison to DGS: Lois Lilly, AAGIG@dallasgenealogy.org

Alvin (Harper) Sez:
"Newbies approach research exuberant with optimism; old-timers settle for readable microfilm."



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO EXTRACT NEWSPAPERS

The *Dallas Journal* can use help. We need volunteers for several projects, including a new project of extracting early Dallas newspapers for births, marriages, and deaths. Transcribers are also wanted for donated family Bible records. We will also require editors and proof-readers.

The *Journal* can still use more material related to genealogy in Dallas County. The deadline for submissions is July 1. If you think you might have something of interest to Dallas County researchers, or if you would like to work on an assigned project, please contact editor Ann Williams at 214-375-6043 or journal@dallasgenealogy.org.



**DGS
INTERNET
WORKSHOPS**

We are conducting hands-on computer classes at the J. Erik Jonsson Central 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 \$5 for DGS members 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

- ◆ Rootswab.com, the databases
__ May 12 @ 1:00 p.m. -or- __ May 14 @ 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ USGenWeb.com
__ Jun. 9 @ 1:00 p.m. -or- __ Jun. 11 @ 9:30 a.m.

Total \$ _____.00 (\$5 X __ sessions – 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:
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PO Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446

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

**Saturdays are especially popular,
so register early!**

Tresa will be glad to take people with her if they want to meet at Grapevine Mills for any of the workshops. There are two identical sessions on each topic, one on Thursday and one on Saturday. For the Thursday sessions, she leaves for downtown between 9-9:15 and researches before the class; on Saturdays, she leaves 8-8:15. She can stay downtown afterwards, but usually doesn't. Contact her at: 972-539-7452.

**2005 Institute
"GENEALOGY FOR GOD'S SAKE"**

The 2005 Institute entitled, "Genealogy for God's Sake: Church Records – The Preeminent Source" is scheduled for August 4-7. The speakers will be Dr. George K. Schweitzer and Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck, FNGS. The Institute will cover the origins of church denominations and church records. Some of the denominations, religions, and churches to be covered will be Congregational, German, Jewish, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Anglican, Huguenot, Methodist, Quakers, and others. Registration at the Institute will include a special Saturday evening lock-in at the Dallas Public library. Check the next newsletter for a schedule and registration form or see the DGS website after April 1st.

- Jeri Steele

Brookhaven College for Spring, 2005

American Genealogy, Part II: Apr 14 - May 12, Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
Instructor: Sammie Townsend Lee of the Dallas Public Library 214-670-1433.

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 College for Summer, 2005

Internet Genealogy: July 19, 21, 26, 28, & August 2, 4. (Tuesdays & Thursdays), 1:30 p.m. - 3:50 p.m., 6 sessions over 3 weeks.
Instructor: Glenn Kinkade, 214-349-3808, glennkinkade@comcast.net

Intermediate Legacy Family Tree: July 19, 21, 26, 28, & August 2, 4. (Tuesdays & Thursdays), 9:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m., 6 sessions over 3 weeks.
Instructor: Glenn Kinkade, 214-349-3808, glennkinkade@comcast.net

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.



Richland College for Spring 2005

Schedule of Genealogy Classes by Don Raney, 972-278-3381,

donraney@comcast.net

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 free for residents of Dallas County over age 65.

EMILY CROOM UNPUZZLED THE AUDIENCE WITH STYLE AND GRACE!

Lecturer and writer Emily Croom entertained and enlightened over 125 attendees at the March 5th Seminar. Emily's use of case studies and research examples helped to clarify the many methodology suggestions that she had. If you missed her lectures, you can find Emily's books: *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* at her website: <http://www.unpuzzling.com> or at many bookstores. She also teaches a genealogy course at Barnes and Noble University online: <http://university.barnesandnoble.com/>.

No endeavor the size of the DGS seminars operates without volunteers. The outstanding crew of volunteers that helped to make Emily Croom's seminar an outstanding success for our attendees included: Janet Branstetter, Mel Brewer, Gene Burris, Bill Deal, Elizabeth Diehl, Bill Dow, Marti Fox, Sharon Henry, Bobbie Jean Hooser, Alan & Betty Miller, Ed Millis, Susan Morris, Frances Quigley, Betty Jean Steinke, Shirley Sloat, Jeri Steele, Tresa Tatyrek, and John & Barbara Wylie.

Reported by: Jeri Steele
Exec/VP Fundraising

So Why Lock Up the Birth Records?

From Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter of 27 Feb 2005.

It seems that every week we hear of one more situation in which some politician or bureaucrat is trying to restrict access to public domain vital records. Everybody is trying to lock out everyone, including genealogists. Our right to access to public domain birth, marriage, and death information is being threatened constantly under the guise of "preventing identity theft."

Balderdash! (That's as strong a word as I will use in this family-oriented publication.)

I am sure that the politicians love the limelight back home when they can brag that they have taken action to "prevent identity theft." Heck, nobody is in favor of identity theft, right? Therefore, just proclaiming to have taken some token action under the smoke screen of "preventing identity theft" is sure to win a few more votes in the next election.

"Facts? What facts? Don't bother me with facts, I've got a re-election campaign to win."

Well, now a new study has provided genealogists with some hard facts. These facts should serve as pinpricks to any inflated claims of preventing something that never existed. A new survey of 4,000 consumers, about 500 of whom were identity theft victims, was recently conducted by Javelin Research and the Better Business Bureau for CheckFree, Visa, and Wells Fargo Bank. This study is based on cold, hard facts, not the rhetoric or conjecture of someone who makes pronouncements not grounded in reality.

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According to the people who were victims of identity theft, here are the eight most common sources:

- Lost or stolen wallet: 29%
- Fraud that occurs during an in-store or telephone transaction: 12.9%
- Corrupt employees: 9%
- Stolen mail: 8%
- Spyware on the computer: 5%
- Sifting through garbage: 2.6%
- Computer viruses: 2.2%
- "Phishing" through fraudulent e-mail: 1.7%

Take a close look at the above. Please note the rating for "obtained a record from the vital records department." Do you see it? I don't.

The full report is quite lengthy. Here are a few other random facts extracted from the Better Business Bureau's announcement:

Among cases where the perpetrator's identity is known, half of all identity fraud is committed by a friend, family member, relative, neighbor or in-home employee - someone known by the victim.

A wide variety of metrics confirm that identity fraud problems are NOT worsening. In fact, the total number of victims is declining. The number of identity fraud victims dropped from 10.1 million in 2003 to 9.3 million in 2004.

The median value of identity fraud crimes remained unchanged at \$750; however, most identity fraud victims incurred no out-of-pocket costs.

You can read the full report on the Better Business Bureau's web site at:
<http://www.bbb.org/alerts/article.asp?ID=565>.

The next time someone claims that access to public records needs to be restricted in order to "reduce identity theft," let's ask an embarrassing question: "Show me some proof." Then, in the awkward silence that follows, let's ask that person to read the facts as proven by the Javelin Research and the Better Business Bureau report.

Here's a bit of advice to politicians and bureaucrats: please focus on real issues where there is a demonstrated need. Otherwise, someone may just deflate your balloon. My thanks to Peter Parkhurst for alerting me to the results of this new study.

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- Dick Eastman



50 YEARS AGO

When DGS was born in 1955, the first president was John Plath Green, a prominent attorney who was active in his city, his schools and his church. An East Dallas native, he graduated from Forest Avenue High School, the University of Texas at Austin, and served in World War II. In addition to his service as a trustee and vice-president of the Dallas Public Library, he served on the Dallas School Board and was president for several years. Other areas in which he was active were the Metropolitan Advisory Committee, president of both South and East Dallas Chambers of Commerce, State Bar of Texas, Dallas Bar Association, Dallas County Heritage Society, Dallas Historical Society, East Dallas Kiwanis and the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. John died in 1984, and his widow, Marguerite, an honorary life member of DGS, died in 2004. Our Society is indebted to our forward-looking citizens.

**"Soldiers Never Die Until They Are Forgotten
...Tomb Guards Never Forget"**

by Shirley Stertz Hawn

Across the Potomac from our nation's capitol lies Arlington National Cemetery. When a burial is necessary, the coffin is draped with our flag...a lone bugle sounds Taps...the traditional three volleys are fired, and another hero is laid to rest.

The greatest admirals and generals, and the humblest soldiers and sailors are laid to rest here with equal honor...for in death...all men are equal.

In front of a white marble amphitheater is the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This shrine is the symbol of our respect for thousands of unknown soldiers who have given their lives for our freedom.

The land for Arlington Cemetery and home to our honored war dead once belonged to Mary Custis and Robert E. Lee. It might have remained a private estate had Lee accepted the offer to

command the army being formed to stop Southern states from seceding.

Lee, however, couldn't forsake his Virginia heritage and he and Mary left Arlington House in April, 1861. The estate was taken by the federal government when Lee's wife didn't appear in person to pay \$92.07 in taxes.

Although the Union Army quickly moved in to make it their headquarters, they didn't officially take over the property until 1862 and it wasn't designated as a military cemetery until June 15, 1864. The first soldier buried there was Private William Christman of the 67th Pennsylvania Infantry.

Soon there were interments of casualties from the battles of Bristol Station, Bull Run and Chantilly, in addition to the wounded who died in area hospitals. Burials continued throughout the war and included servicemen from numerous battles. Over five hundred Southern soldiers are buried there. However, most of the Confederate soldiers died in Washington after the war.

The Lee family continued to petition the government for the return of their family estate. Finally, the Supreme Court handed down a decision which charged the federal government with trespassing on private property. This caused concern that graves would have to be transferred to a new site. However, in 1883, General Lee's eldest son accepted payment from the government, and Arlington National Cemetery, as we now know it, was established.

Well, not exactly as we know it now. It hasn't always had the prestige it enjoys today. When it was established, those buried there were, mostly, soldiers whose families couldn't afford to bring them home, unknown soldiers, and open fields with rows of dilapidated graves.

The cemetery now covers six hundred acres, and has over 150,000 American veterans, two presidents, generals, astronauts, entertainers, and sports figures buried there.

The tomb of the Unknown Soldier is guarded day and night by soldiers who are hand picked and rigorously trained. They come from every walk of life and every state in the union. They refer to themselves as SENTINELS.

There has been a sentinel on duty in front of the Tomb every minute of every day since 1937. The guard is changed every thirty minutes during the summer, and every hour in the winter. When the cemetery is closed, the guard changes every 2 hours.

It takes 21 steps for the guard to walk across in front of the Tomb. This alludes to the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary, the "21 gun salute." The sentinel always carries his rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. There are quarters under the steps of the amphitheater at the cemetery where the sentinels stay during their 24-hour shifts.

After they serve two years, sentinels are given a wreath pin signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 525 presently worn. They have a "Society of the Honor Guard Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" and they have a Sentinel's Creed.

They are dedicated men and women who truly care. It is said, "Soldiers never die until they are forgotten." Tomb Guards never forget. They pledge to protect and honor the memory of all who are laid to rest at this monument to our unknown heroes...those men and women who have given their lives for our country.

And we must remember: it is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech...and it is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag.

Since the American Revolution, over one million men and women have died, serving our country.

100,000 Book Challenge Idea

Mother's Day and Father's Day are soon approaching. If you already have all the "things" you want or need, why not suggest to your family members that they give a gift in your honor to the Genealogy Section 100,000 Book Challenge. It's tax-deductible to them and can result in a new book with your name on a bookplate attesting to their love and respect for you. Future researchers will thank you all. (See form on page 71.)

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Next, utilize the **library card catalog** feature at www.familysearch.org to find the book, CD-ROM, microfilm, and microfiche numbers you need to obtain records. Films listed in the catalog as "Vault" films may take up to three days to retrieve. Before your visit, you can request the microfilms you need by e-mail by completing the form at: http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHL/frame_set_library.asp?PAGE=Email_fhl.asp or by fax: 801-240-1924.

You can search by place or surname. Once you find an item you want to look at on your visit to the library, you can either print the information directly from the web page or add it to a 'to do' list in a spreadsheet or however you keep track of your research. Remember that many of the records are handwritten, are in chronological rather than alphabetical order, and are not indexed. Allow plenty of time at the library when searching these types of records.

Use Place Search to find catalog entries for records from a place where your ancestor lived. Click on the **Place Search** button on the card catalog webpage:

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frame_set_fhlc.asp. In the "Place" field, type the name of the place you are seeking. In the second box that says "Part of (optional)," type the more broad area; i.e., Dallas in the "Place" box and Texas in the "Part of" box. These boxes are not case sensitive. Do not use abbreviations for the states or countries.

Click on the search button and you will see a list of areas that match your search request. Select the one that fits your needs by clicking on the name of the correct match. A window will open to show categories of items they have for that area. Review the list and select which record group you are interested in researching. Click on the link and the new window will show you what records they have. Select one of those links to find out if it is a book, microfilm or fiche, or CD. Click on additional buttons and links to find out more about the source. On the window that provides you with the most information on obtaining the article, you can click on a link for a printable version, if that is the way you are going to take your search lists with you. To

return to the search window, you have to use your browser's back button.

Surname Search is for finding catalog entries for family histories and other compiled works that include a specific surname. The Subject Search is used to find catalog entries for subject. These subjects are based on Library of Congress subject headings. Keyword Search allows you to search by a specific word or group of words. If you are seeking a specific book, you can use Title Search to find catalog entries that have a certain word or combinations of words in the title. For a specific author's work use the Author Search feature. These last two work well if you have a sourced family history and you are trying to verify the records. The source might have additional information that you need to know. Learn your way around the catalog; it is an invaluable tool.

- Tresa Tatyrek

(continued next month with "GET SET" and "GO!")

SPANISH HERITAGE

HOGAR de Dallas, the Hispanic Organization for Genealogy And Research was founded July 27, 1998. There were several cofounders who are still members: Roberto and Irma Vela, Jerry and Gloria Benavides, and Drs. Jesse and Dorina Thomas, Ruben Rios, Frank Moreno, Fred Alaniz and Heriberto de Leon.

The objective of HOGAR as a non-profit organization is to research ancestral records, conduct genealogy workshops, promote Hispanic Heritage Month, publish results of research/translation, and translate Spanish historical and biographical data.

Some of the family histories on their website cover the following families: Nicolas Ayala's Ancestors, Kinship of Gloria Benavides, José Casimiro Hinojosa, Pablo de La Garza, Francisco de Escamilla, Juan Diego Longoria, Miguel Elizaldea Elizondo, Diego Valdez Flores, José Anastacio Flores, Pablo Gonzales, Joseph Martinez Guajardo, and Jesus Vela.

<http://home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas/id12.html>

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Did you know that in addition to our own great Dallas Public Library resources, Corpus Christi also has an excellent genealogy department as part of their library? Although they have resources from all over the world, those who are researching South Texas can find a mountain of information for the southern part of Texas.



FROM OUR READERS

Thanks to Marti Fox for forwarding this email:

Dear friends of the Archives of the Texas General Land Office -

It is with great pride that I announce the latest edition of our quarterly newsletter, Saving Texas History. Here's the newsletter:
<http://www.glo.state.tx.us/archives/pdfs/newsletters/volume2/Newsletter-num1vol2.pdf>

My very best and long live the Alamo!

Jerry C. Drake, M.A.
Director, Archives & Records,
Texas General Land Office

Note: We look forward to welcoming a GLO Representative at the June 7th CIG meeting on "Save Texas History."

MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE!

Regarding the 100,000 Book Challenge, **Texas Instruments** employees and retirees may double their gifts to the Dallas Public Library through the TI Foundation. The gift must be \$50 or greater, and accompanied by the Texas Instruments Foundation Arts and Cultural Matching Gift Program form. The form may be downloaded from the TI Alumni Association website, www.tialumni.org. Click on "Matching Gifts" under "News." Download the "Arts and Cultural Gifts" form. The TI Foundation will also mail forms to you if you call them at 214-480-3221. It's a great way for all you TI-ers and former TI-ers to stretch your bucks and make twice the impact on the DGS Book Challenge.

The **Citigroup Foundation*** will match, dollar for dollar, each full-time salaried employee's

contributions to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. The gift must be an actual donation (not a pledge) of \$50 or greater (maximum \$1,000 for the calendar year), and accompanied by the Citigroup Matching Gifts form, both to be sent directly to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. An authorized DPL representative will complete its portion of the form and send it to the Citigroup Matching Gifts Program. The Citigroup Matching Gift will be sent to the DPL directly. Matches are paid out to organizations quarterly. For Citigroup Matching Gifts information, see website: <http://www.easymatch.com/citi> or phone: 1-866-545-9207 or e-mail: citi@easymatch.com.

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WYLIE'S WORDS OF WISDOM

At the March Computer Interest Group (CIG) meeting, 52 DGS members were treated to an excellent presentation on Safe Computing by Stan Simmons, PC consultant. Stan really knew his stuff. I've been giving a similar talk for years, yet learned a lot from Stan. Having said this, I think there is a consideration that we genealogists who are also home computer users need to consider.

Threats that Stan outlined are like water, they follow the path of least resistance. No one can protect a home computer from a concentrated attack by a determined hacker. But why would such a person care about a genealogist's computer. The answer is they don't. They're just looking for unprotected computers to infect or take-over. If you have the essential protections that Stan outlined, the "nasties" will simply go elsewhere. The odds are on your side if you're informed and cautious.

The same appears to be true about identity theft. Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter recently carried a story about a study conducted by the Better Business Bureau. [See story on pages 66 & 67.] Among the various ways that identities were stolen, access to public records isn't even mentioned. In fact, online identity theft was much less common than older more traditional methods. That's why the article was titled: *New Research Shows That Identity Theft Is More Prevalent Offline with Paper than Online.*

I'm not suggesting that DGS members neglect to protect their online files and identity; it's just that we need to keep these measures in perspective. A knowledgeable, careful computer user can expect

to be in the category below a tenth of a percent of people who are victims of fraud, theft, viruses and computer takeovers.

- John V. Wylie

**Dallas Genealogical Society's 50th Anniversary
100,000 Book Challenge**

This year the Dallas Genealogical Society is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a push to significantly expand the resources available in the Genealogical Section of Dallas' J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. Our special project for this golden year is a campaign to increase the number of books from 95,641 volumes at the end of 2004 to 100,000 volumes at the end of 2005.

The Genealogy Section of the downtown library is already the beneficiary of all the Society's fund-raising efforts, but the Society needs help to reach this extraordinary goal.

We have budgeted \$30,000 to purchase books this year. But, at an average book cost of \$35.00, the money needed to purchase 4,359 books (to achieve the 100,000 volume goal) is \$152,565. Approximately 2,000 books a year are obtained through the normal acquisition process (including gifts from our Society), but extraordinary help is needed to achieve the remaining 2,359 volumes.

Several fund-raisers are planned, but we also need donations from individuals who share our goal of increasing the holdings of our library's excellent genealogical collection. We also seek donations from companies or organizations (civic, social, lineage, ethnic) whose donations will help build additional local and national respect for our Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section, already rated among the top 10 publicly-funded genealogy collections in America.

How can you help?

DONATE MONEY DIRECTLY TO THE GENEALOGY SECTION OF THE DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Your tax-deductible donation will be acknowledged by the library, and special bookplates will be placed in the book(s) purchased with your donation. Future researchers will remember your generosity!

You can also donate books from your genealogical collection. If you are ready to "down-size" your personal collection, you can contact us at 214-349-4718 or e-mail us at Books@dallasgenealogy.org with questions about how to do this. When appropriate, DGS may be able to provide a volunteer to help you.

Shirley Sloat, DGS President

The Dallas Genealogical Society's 50th Anniversary 100,000 Book Challenge

Donor's Name: _____

Donor's Address: _____

(Optional) bookplate information: In honor of or in memory of (circle one): _____

May we add your name to a donor list to be published by DGS? yes/no: (circle one)

Make check payable to: Genealogy Section, DPL and mail to: The Genealogy Section, Dallas Public Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, Texas 75201

NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY

compiled by: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, FNGS



The following contributions have been made to the Genealogy Section.

**indicates a major acquisition.*

DONATIONS

The following donations have been made to the Genealogy Section:

- \$10,000 from the General Levi Casey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution
- \$50 from Adrienne B. Jamieson in memory of William F. Jacoby, Jr.
- \$1,000 [donor's name withheld at request]
- \$50 from William C. Schaefer
- \$150 from Alexis and Steven Spiritas & Family in honor of Joe Spiritas
- \$20 anonymous
- \$1,000 from Betty Jean Steinke
- \$50 from June M. Bristol
- \$50 from Alvin E. Harper in honor of Tresa Tatyrek
- \$200 from Bobbie W. Ross in memory of Vera Higgins McCranie and son, Hugh McCranie

UNITED STATES

- Homes of our Ancestors.
- Sketches of the Lives of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence.
- Family Names and their Story.
- Plain Folk of the Old South.
- Annual Report of the American Historical Association. 1909.
- Genealogie & Heraldique. Volumes 28 & 29.
- Writing the Family Narrative.
- *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index. Supplement. 2005.
- Papal Genealogy: the Families and Descendants of the Popes.
- Encyclopedia of the Confederacy. 4 volumes.
- Ramble Among Surnames.
- One Hundred and Sixty Allied Families.

FLORIDA

- Heritage of Jackson County, Florida.
- Heritage of Okaloosa County, Florida.
- Heritage of Escambia County, Florida.
- Heritage of Santa Rosa County, Florida.

GEORGIA

- Register of Land Lottery of Georgia 1827; Appling County Tax Digest 1851; Election returns for Georgia Congressional and Presidential Electors Appearing in the Georgia Executive Minutes 1830-1847; Memorials of Quit Rents, Book B, 1772-1776; Register of Military Commissions, 1841-1862. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- Chatham County Letters of Administrations Book B, 1777-1778; Conveyances to Rights to Draws in Future Land Lotteries 1819-1821; aliens not subject to military duty 1862-1864; petitions for citizenship (minor) 1904-1906; Richmond County tax digest 1822, 1825, 1830, 1831, and 1834. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- Georgia Colonial Wills Book A, 1754-1772; Records of the Georgia Annual
- Conference of the Associated Methodist Churches First Meeting Camp Ground, Newton County, July 21, 1830; Reinhard College Board of Trustees Minutes, Volumes 1-3, 1914-1970. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- Neighborhood Mint: Dahlonga in the Age of Jackson.
- *Colonial Records of Georgia, 1755-1829. Microfilm, 32 rolls.
- Removal of the Cherokee Indians from Georgia.
- Stories of Georgia.

ILLINOIS

- Virginia, Illinois, 1836 -1986: Selected Writings: Published in the Sesquicentennial Year of Our Hometown.
- Obituaries and Death Related Items Abstracted from Clayton Enterprise Newspaper of Clayton, Adams County, Illinois, 1879-1900.

KENTUCKY

- Laurel County, Kentucky: Marriage Index, 1826-1937. 2 volumes.
- Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Kentucky: Soldiers of the War of 1812.
- History of Maysville and Mason County, Kentucky.

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MASSACHUSETTS

- Pilgrim Fathers.
- Old Nantucket, the Faraway Island.
- History of Salem, Massachusetts. Volume II, 1638-1670.
- Nantucket: The Life of an Island.
- History of Nantucket: County, Island, and Town.
- Pilgrim Way.
- Mayflower Miracle: the Pilgrims' own Story of the Founding of America.
- Nantucket in the Nineteenth Century: 180 photographs and Illustrations.

NORTH DAKOTA

- 1900 Census, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Roulette (i.e., Rolette), N. D.
- Turtle Mountain Chippewa: 1936 Annuity Rolls.

OHIO

- Historical Collections of Harrison County, in the State of Ohio...
- Historical Sketch of Farmers' College. Microfilm.
- Pioneer Folks in Medina County, Ohio. 4 volumes.
- Family Research in Monroe County, Ohio. Vols. 8-10.

OKLAHOMA

- Only the Names Remain. Volume 3.
- *Extract of the Rejected Applications of the Guion Miller Roll of the Eastern Cherokee. Volumes 2 and 3.
- Heavener, Indian Territory: Our Proud Heritage. 1896-1996: Heavener (LeFlore County) Oklahoma and Surrounding Communities.

PENNSYLVANIA

- *Blunston Licenses and their Background.
- Master Index to the Emigrants Documented in the Published Works of Annette K. Burgert, F.A.S.G, F.G.S.P.
- Biographical and Portrait Cyclopeda of Chester County, Pennsylvania.
- 1955 Year Book. (Sons of the American Revolution).
- Trinity Lutheran Church of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Parts 1-4.
- Washington County, Pennsylvania: Frontier Rangers, 1781-1782.
- Mercer County, Pennsylvania: Archives. 4 volumes.

- Records, Beam German Reformed Church.
- Taverns and Stagecoaches of New England.
- Index of Surnames Appearing in the Hazleton Semi-Weekly, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Part 2.
- Marriages and Deaths from the Newspapers of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. 1831 - 1840.
- Pennsylvania Births, Lancaster County. 1723 - 1777.

RHODE ISLAND

- Early Records of the Town of Providence. Volume XX.
- Historical Discourse on the Civil and Religious Affairs of the Colony of Rhode Island.

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Register of St. Philip's Parish, Charles Town, or Charleston, South Carolina. 1754-1810.
- Register of St. Philip's Parish, Charles Town, South Carolina. 1720-1758.
- Transactions of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina. Number 108.
- Ederington's History of Fairfield County, South Carolina.

TENNESSEE

- Early Sales and Ownership of Lots in Lawrenceburg: Lawrence County, Tennessee.
- Official Publication of Atchley Funeral Home Records, Sevierville, Tennessee. 2 volumes.
- Jackson County Chancery/Circuit Court Loose Records 1839-1915. Microfilm, 21 rolls.
- *Middle Tennessee's Forgotten Children: Apprentices from 1784 to 1902.

TEXAS

- From Blinky to Blue-John: a Word Atlas of Northeast Texas.
- Our Land, Our Lives: a Pictorial History of McLennan County, Texas.
- Down in the Cross Timbers.
- Through the Years: a History of Crosby County, Texas.
- History of Milam County, Texas.
- History of Young County, Texas.
- Historic Liberty County.
- Palo Pinto Story.
- Federation of Genealogical Societies, Texas State Genealogical Society. 2004 Syllabus.
- Texas Batteries, Battalions, Regiments, Commanders, and Field Officers, Confederate States Army, 1861-1865.
- Texas Cemeteries.

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VERMONT

- Heads of Families at the Second Census of the United States taken in the year 1800: Vermont.

VIRGINIA

- Amelia County, Virginia Court Orders, Volumes 1-15. Microfilm, 5 rolls.
- Old Homes and History Around Fredericksburg; the Northern Neck and the Southside, Stafford and Spotsylvania Counties and Battle Sketches.
- Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, Antiquary.
- Fielding Lewis and the Washington Family.
- Old Free State. Volumes 1 & 2.
- Fairfax County Minute Book 1763-1765. Microfilm, 1 roll.
- Bruton Parish Church Restored and its Historic Environment.
- Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia. 1786 to 1850.
- Abstracts of Louisa County, Virginia Will Books, 1743-1801.
- Marriage and Death Notices of Wheeling, Western Virginia and the Tri-State Area. 2 volumes.

WEST VIRGINIA

- Sims Index to Land Grants in West Virginia.
- Hancock County, West Virginia: Births, 1857-1896; and Deaths, 1865-1899.

GENEALOGIES & BIOGRAPHIES

- Fannie's Diaries: The Diaries of Frances Minerva Smith.
- Letters from Home: The Letters and Lives of Ludlow St. Clair Smyth and Lucie Webb Laws.
- Descendants of Jeffery and John Staple of Weymouth, Massachusetts, circa 1638.
- My House and I; a Chronicle of Nantucket. (Starbuck).
- William Strother Society, Inc. Welcomes You to the Tenth Biennial.
- Tarkingtons of Tennessee.
- Selective, Comparative and Composite Genealogy of the Thayer (Paternal Lineage).
- Turner-Strong and Allied Families.
- Wagner Family Odyssey: From Germany to Russia to America.
- Wagner Family Odyssey. Supplement.
- Genealogical and Encyclopedic History of the Wheeler Family in America.
- Whitford Family of Eastern North Carolina.
- Pioneers, Patriots, and Planters: A Historic

Narrative of a Woolfolk Family.

- Diaries of S. S. Wright of New Haven, Vermont.
- Wright Family Birth Records 1853 to 1896 and Marriage Records 1782 to 1900.
- Memoir, Billie Ruth Pirtle Yenny, 1924-; a Child of the Great Depression.

GREAT BRITAIN

- Eastern Sussex Settlement Certificates, 1670-1832.
- Genealogy of the Existing British Peerage 1838.
- Original Lists of Persons of Quality.
- Catholic Missions and Registers 1700-1880. Volume 5.
- English Genealogy.
- Estate and Household Accounts of William Worsley, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, 1479-1497.
- Practical Guide for the Genealogist in England.
- National Genealogical Directory. 1982-83-1988; 1990-1993.
- Family Roots: Discovering the Past in the Public Record Office.
- History of Lancashire: with Maps and Pictures.
- Family History and Local History in England.

IRELAND

- Royal Roots-Republican Inheritance: the Survival of the Office of Arms.

ITALY

- Italians to America. Vols. 17 & 18, April 1901-March 1902.

SCOTLAND

- Sprouston & Lempitlaw.
- Greening Peerage of Scotland.
- Book of Crests.
- As God Is My Witness: the Presbyterian Kirk, the Covenanters & the Ulster Scots.

REGIONAL and NATIONAL EVENTS

Do you have information about an upcoming Genealogy event? Remit to: Happi McQuirk, DGS Newsletter Editor, 90 days prior to event.

newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org.

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

April 16 - Dallas Historical Society: Fair Park Murals And Blues-Heritage Tour Of Deep Ellum.

This combined bus & walking tour explores the mythology, folklore, and cultural origins of Deep Ellum from the early days through its creation as a bohemian village to its future as an urban oasis for creative community living. Join Deep Ellum entrepreneur Brandt Wood, who will lead the tour. From its beginnings in 1886 to its transformation in 1936 for the Texas Centennial Exposition, Fair Park has undergone some dramatic changes in its architecture and has seen its share of illustrious visitors. Come travel back in time as Dallas historian Steven Butler takes us on a walking tour of the "Historic Heart" of the park, where so much of Fair Park's colorful history has been concentrated. *See Regional Contacts for more information.*

April 19 – Pecan Plantation Gen. Group

Happi McQuirk will present *Heritage Albums: Bringing Your Family Tree to Life*, Pecan Plantation clubhouse, Granbury, Texas, 10 a.m. Contact Micki Burleson, Program Chairman, (817) 578-3673, mickiburleson@charter.net.

April 23 – Family Tree Maker Workshop

This series of programs will review the various uses of this program and related software program that can help a researcher. Tresa is taking a new lineage and building her research data storage and retrieval system. Grapevine Public Library, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Tresa Tatyrek at 972-539-7452, genealogy@magnoliamanor-network.com. Donations accepted.

April 26 – Collin County Gen. Society

Troubleshooting session, Gladys Harrington Public Library Plano, 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Contact: Aurora at 972-517-4004, aurora@chancy.org or go on-line <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txcolcgs/cal.htm>

April 26 – Texins Genealogy Club

"Digitizing and Repairing Old Photos" presented by Happi McQuirk. Contact: Jeri Steele: steele@PioneerInfo.com or 214-567-6289.

April 29-30 - Family Tree Maker Workshop

Day one will be on data entry and research, Day two on reports, charts, books. The schedule is on webpage: <http://home.comcast.net/~magnolia-manor-genealogy/ftm.htm>. If you are interested, please make reservations for the workshop by contacting Tresa Tatyrek at 972-539-7452, genealogy@magnoliamanor-network.com. Place TBD. From 9:30-5:30 on both days.

April 30 - Dallas Historical Society: Downtown Dallas Tour

Does downtown intimidate you? When you drive through, are you so busy watching the traffic lights, pedestrians, and one-way street signs that you don't have time to look up at the buildings? Climb aboard and be guided as you learn about the heart of the city. Our first stop: Dealey Plaza, where the city began. We'll go inside the Old Red Courthouse. A few blocks away, we'll go inside the Texas Cable News building and the Belo building to view historic murals depicting the rich heritage of Texas. After lunch, and a brief walk amid the Skyscrapers we'll explore Pioneer Cemetery, where many of the founders of Dallas are buried, and get an up-close view of the bronze cattle crossing the stream in Pioneer Plaza. Along the way we'll drive by the Farmers Market, Old City Park, the remains of "Theater Row," and we'll explore the Arts District, the State-Thomas neighborhood. Historian and author Dr. Michael V. Hazel will be the tour guide. *See Regional Contacts for more information.*

May 5 - Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

"Pig in A Poke—Misleading, Misunderstood, and Misused Resources: I Found Her!! ... but is the source right?" Speaker: John Vincent Wylie

May 7, 2005 – Dallas Historical Society Cemetery Tour

History is recorded not only in documents and buildings, but it is also etched in stone. Led by Frances James, affectionately known as the "Cemetery Lady," this tour provides a different look at Dallas history. Because Frances picks different cemeteries for each tour, each tour is different! Participants will visit cemeteries in various parts of the city, some dating back to the mid-1800s. They all supply vast amounts of historical information and give us a glimpse of the people who created the foundations for the city, as it exists today. Tours focus on historic cemeteries (such as Oakland &

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Greenwood and various Dallas pioneer family cemeteries) located throughout Dallas County. <http://dallashistory.org/activities/tours.htm>

May 9 – Grapevine Namedroppers

Shirley Apley will discuss "The ideas David Hackett Fischer put forth in his book, *Albion's Seed*."

Contact: Frances Malcolm: 817-267-1645, gvhistsoc@hotmail.com.

May 14 - Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

This Saturday is the Society's Spring Workshop, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., featuring Suzanne Bettac, "Researching Your German Ancestors" It will be held at Legacy Church of Christ, 8801 Mid-Cities Blvd., N. Richland Hills, TX. MCGS Members: \$20.00, Non-Members: \$22.00. Registrations after May 7: \$25.00. Questions? Contact Jane Aronhalt at 817-285-9945 or 817-229-7726.

May 21 – Family Tree Maker Workshop

This ongoing series of programs reviews the various uses of Family Tree Maker, MS WORD, MS EXCEL, a photo editor, and, of course, the Internet to conduct and document research. Grapevine Public Library. 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Tresa Tatyrek at 972-539-7452, genealogy@magnoliamanor-network.com. Donations accepted.

May 17 – HOGAR

Elections are held yearly during the month of May. A nominating committee collects and secures the permission of the candidates. A ballot of the candidates is distributed among HOGAR members. Voting can take place via proxy, faxing the ballot to the indicated fax or mailing the ballot to the indicated address to arrive before May 15, so at the General meeting the new officers can be announced after the ballots are counted. Mail to: HOGAR de Dallas, P.O. Box 497891, Dallas, Texas 75049-7891. We meet at the Casa View Branch Library, 10355 Ferguson Road (intersection of Ferguson and Joaquin/Gus Thomason), Dallas, Library - 214-670-8403. Contact Art Garza, AGarza0972@aol.com, 972-841-9455, or our website: <http://home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas/index.html>

May 30 - The Legend of Bonnie and Clyde Tour (Monday, Memorial Day)

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. 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

June 1-4 – National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference

The 27th Conference in the States and NGS GENTECH 2005 will be in Nashville, Tennessee. More information: http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/nashville_cfp.htm

June 2 - Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

"DNA." Speaker: Al Weeks

June 3 - Scottish Family History Symposium

The 2005 Scottish Family History Symposium sponsored by the Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games will be held Friday, June 3, 2005, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the LaQuinta Conference Center in Arlington, Texas.

The theme of this year's Symposium is "Researching Your Scots-Irish Ancestors" and will feature internationally acclaimed speakers from the Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast, Northern Ireland. Dr. Brian Trainor is currently Research Director for the Foundation and formerly director of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland. Finan Mullan is the Executive Director of the Foundation and also director of Irish Genealogy Limited and the Irish Family History Foundation.

Lectures will include Introduction to Scots-Irish Family History Research, Scottish and Scots-Irish Research, The Story of the Scots-Irish: Ulster Emigration to America before 1800, Introduction to Researching in Scotland (comparing and contrasting patterns of emigration from Ireland and Scotland 1600-1900), and Protestant Church Records Available for Research in Ireland. For further information call 1-800-363-SCOT (7268).

June 16 - 18, 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. We have a number of members of the International Association of Obituarists in England, Germany, France, Ireland, Bulgaria, Austria, and Israel, among others; and, we are looking forward to

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meeting where it will be easier for them to join us. We are expecting a good group of our members from Canada, Australia, Mexico and the United States to make the trip as well. Our host will be Tim Bullamore, a Councillor for the Town of Bath and an obituary writer for several publications including *The Times* (London.) Other co-hosts will include Andrew McKie, Obituaries Editor, *The Daily Telegraph* (London;) Nigel Starck, University of South Australia; Patrick Cornish, Obituaries Editor, *The West Australian*; and Carolyn Gilbert, founder, International Association of Obituarists. Watch for updates on: <http://www.obitpage.com/>

June 25 – Family Tree Maker Workshop

This ongoing series of programs reviews the various uses of Family Tree Maker, MS WORD, MS EXCEL, a photo editor, and, of course, the Internet to conduct and document research. Grapevine Public Library. 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Tresa Tatyrek at 972-539-7452, genealogy@magnoliamanor-network.com. Donations accepted.

September 2-4 – HOGAR Conference

“Don Tomás Sánchez” will be the highlight this Labor Day Weekend in Laredo, Texas. This event will be hosted by the Villa San Agustin de Laredo Genealogical Society, José G. Treviño, President, Mirta A. Barrera and Sanjuanita Martínez-Hunter, Ph.D. are the Co-Chairwomen. We are also celebrating Laredo’s 250th Anniversary. More info on the 26th Annual Conference can be found at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas/id10.html>

September 7-10 – Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference

The Federation sponsors a national conference each year for genealogists of all levels of experience. This year FGS and the Utah Genealogical Association are pleased to announce the FGS/UGA Conference to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. More information: <http://www.fgs.org/fgs-conference.htm>

September 10 - East Texas Gen. Society

Our annual seminar for 2005 will feature Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS. For more information, contact: scottfitzgerald@tyler.net

Texas State Genealogical Society

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

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. We also offer a troubleshooting session on the fourth Tuesday of each month - same place and time.

Dallas Historical Society

Saturday adventure tours depart the Hall of State, located in Fair Park, at 9:00 A.M. and return at approximately 2:00 p.m. 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 K. Wilson, COO, at 214-421-4500 x105 or email frank@dallashistory.org for more information or to make your reservation. See additional listings on: <http://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.

Ellis County Genealogical Society

Meets 1st Monday of month at 7:00 p.m. at the Women’s Building in Waxahachie. The president is Sylvia Smith.

Family Tree Maker Interest Group

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

REGIONAL CONTACTS

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, gvhistosoc@hotmail.com.

HOGAR de Dallas

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of September, November, January, March, and May, at Casa View Branch Library, 10355 Ferguson Road (intersection of Ferguson and Joaquin/Gus Thomason), Dallas, Library - 214-670-8403. Program: 6:30 p.m. a 30-minute socialization gathering and meeting activities start at 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Contact: Art Garza, AGarza0972@aol.com, 972-841-9455. Our website is: <http://home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas/index.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. Contact Lela Evans at 972-227-1080 ext. 20, or LelaE@lancastertxlib.org.

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

Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

Meets the first Thursday of each month at the Eules 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: Martha Pasley, Programs Director, mwpsasley@comcast.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/>

Pecan Plantation Genealogy Group

Meets at the Pecan Plantation clubhouse in Granbury, Texas during the months of September through May on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact Micki Burleson, Program Chairman, 817-578-3673, mickiburleson@charter.net.

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.

Did You Know...? by Bill Deal

On April 14, 1865 Abraham Lincoln was shot (and died the next morning)—but he was only one of three men scheduled to die that terrible night. The others were Vice President Andrew Johnson and the Secretary of State, William Seward. Seward very nearly died from a knife attack inside his home a few blocks away from Ford's Theater. Johnson's would-be attacker "got cold feet" and fled the city.

Source: "April 1865, The Month That Saved America" by Jay Winik (2001)

Help with Salt Lake City Trip

If you've previously attended one of the DGS research trips to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, and would like to help with the planning for the 2006 trip, please contact John Wylie, VP for Education at: education@dallasgenealogy.org.

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DGS Calendar of Events

April

- 19 – Tue AAGIG – TBD
25 – Mon DGS Meeting – Lynell Moss, *Research, Evaluation, and Analysis*

May

- 03 – Tue CIG – Tresa Tatyrek, *Preparing to do Archive Research*
17 – Tue AAGIG – TBD
23 – Mon DGS Meeting – Don Raney, *Wills and the Probate Process*

See pages 63-64 for more information on events.

June

- 07 – Tue CIG – Texas GLO Representative, *Save Texas History Program*
AAGIG on Summer Break
27 – Mon DGS Meeting – Patricia Law Hatcher, *Understanding Colonial Research*

July

- 12 – Tue CIG – AI Weeks, *DNA Testing for Genealogy (second Tuesday)*
AAGIG on Summer Break
25 – Mon DGS Meeting – Barb Wylie, *Handwriting*

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 entered from 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.
- ❖ Computer Interest Group (CIG) usually meets on the first Tuesday beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ African American Genealogy Interest Group (AAGIG) meets on the third Tuesday. Social time begins at 6:00 p.m. Business meeting & program begin at 6:30 p.m.

Bad Weather: To find out whether a DGS meeting has been cancelled in the event of an ice storm or major weather situation on a meeting night, log on to: www.DallasGenealogy.org or call the genealogy section of the library at 214-670-1433.

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