

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

DGS Newsletter

Women as Revolutionary Patriots: Elizabeth Harper By: Patricia Hasbrouck Martin

For those of us who have ever tried to find the necessary “proofs” for various lineage societies, we know that finding proof of service for a woman during the Revolutionary War is a daunting, if not improbable, task. With a handful of clues and a couple of family references, the average genealogist just couldn’t resist a good challenge. So it was for me several years ago.

Elizabeth Bartholomew was born 13 February 1749, Bethlehem, Hunterdon County, New Jersey and was married to Alexander Harper on 30 July 1771, in Wooster, Tyron (later to become Ostego) County, New York. During the Revolutionary War, her husband served as lieutenant in 1777 and was later promoted to Captain in the Tryon County, New York Militia. Alexander was captured by the Tories and Indians under Captain Brandt in 1780 and held prisoner for three years, taken first to Fort Niagara where he was held briefly as prisoner, then transported to Montreal, then Fort Chambly and later possibly place on a prison ship off Quebec City, Quebec. The story of his running the gauntlet and escaping capture only to end up in an English prison is one that could certainly inspire a novel or two.

In fact, much of the Harper family ended up serving during the war in some capacity. Alexander’s father, John Harper, Sr. is also known for making a valiant and desperate horseback ride out of Fort Schoharie to get additional troops to fight against the British and Indian forces who were threatening to take the Fort.

It seemed only right that the wife of so valiant a man would be loyal to the cause and might have provided some type of verifiable “service” during the war. In a variety of family sources, I had seen statements by family authors referring to the “patriotic service of Elizabeth Bartholomew and the women of Fort Schoharie who made bread and delivered meals to the soldiers during the most intense fighting.”

One family source specifically credited Elizabeth for “making bullets for the soldiers” and “encouraging the men not to give up” when the British fired
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By the time you read this issue of the Newsletter, we will have completed our remaining scheduled fund-raising events for the year. The semi-annual Lock-in, held each July and January, is always a fun event at which, almost without fail, at least one researcher has found the answer to a long-sought problem.

And of course I consider the annual Institute to be "the jewel in the crown" of our DGS events. Three and a half days of entertaining and educational genealogical presentations is my idea of fun.

However, don't forget that we still have our regularly scheduled monthly meetings, both the General Meetings and those of the Computer Interest Group and the African-American Interest Group. These too can prove to be sources of useful tips and techniques as well as a good opportunity to meet with other genealogists.

One of the goals of DGS is "to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history." This can be logically extended to a concern for appropriate access to public records, whether in Dallas County or outside it. We have opportunities as researchers on the both the local and national level to encourage appropriate record access and sharing.

The US Senate Judicial Committee is currently considering some positive improvements to the Freedom of Information Act, and we will watch any progress with interest. Responsible researching and respect for original records and encouragement for their "caretakers" on our part will increase the chances for future researchers to utilize important data.

Our 100,000 Book Challenge is slowing down – we're almost ¾ of the way through the year but just slightly over half the way toward our goal. The count of catalogued books in the Genealogy Section as of July 22 was 97,637, leaving 2,363 to go. If you haven't yet responded with either a financial donation or a gift of actual books/membership-type directories, please consider doing

so. This project celebrates the 50th anniversary of our Society, and future researchers will thank you.

Shirley

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

Volunteer hours for the month of June 2005 were 279. Volunteer hours for the month of July 2005 were 416 1/2. Year-to-date volunteer hours are 2,762 1/4. Thank you to all of you who volunteer your time to both the Society and to the library.

–Susan Morris

Welcome To Our New Members



- Gregory A. Biggs
- Joan White Crittenden
- Linda Crosson
- J.A. (John) Lanagan
- Anna Houston Price
- Brooks Snyder



HATS OFF!

DGS has many active and energetic members. It is always hard to choose which of them to honor for all their gifts of time and energy. This month, though, it is time to make long-overdue mention of some of the many contributions made by former DGS President, Tresa Tatyrek, who was the DGS nominee for FGS' 2005 Ruth C. Bishop Family History Living Volunteer, Hall of Honor. The list of her accomplishments, however, is too long for this space so a list of the categories into which they fall will have to suffice: Leadership, Technology, Communication, Education, Community Outreach, Volunteerism, Travel Coordinator, Fundraising, and Sales. Through many new projects, Tresa has blessed DGS with her personal touch, fostering unity and participation in almost every DGS activity over the last four plus years. Many thanks, Tresa, for helping to make DGS the dynamic organization that it is now.

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LOST, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

MARJORIE NELL LEWIS YOUNG, age 79, of Grand Prairie, died Wednesday August 18, 2004 at an Arlington hospital. She was a DGS Life Member. Graveside funeral services were held Saturday, August 21 at Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood, Texas. She was born in Hubbard, Texas on December 24, 1924 the daughter of the late James and Eva Winn Lewis. She married Dale Linly Young in Arlington on December 18, 1942. She was a member of the Turnpike Church of Christ in Grand Prairie. Survivors Include: 2 Daughters: Dawnelle and Alan Simpson of Ft. Worth, Dannette and Richard Heeth of Grand Prairie, 2 Sisters: Alice Sexton; and Jimmie Morris both of Arlington. 4 Granddaughters. Preceded in death by: Husband: Dale Linly Young, parents, 1 Sister: Jo Reynolds. Davis Morris Funeral Home Brownwood, TX.

everyone is invited to the informal Q & A session.

Monday: August 22
Speaker: Sammie Lee
Title: *Extra! Extra! Read All About It!*
Newspapers: *The Great American Source*

- Advertisements and notes placed by ancestors
- Announcements of births, marriages, and deaths
- Legal notices
- Lists
- News, stories, and gossip
- Obituaries
- Photos

These are just a few of the items that may be in early newspapers concerning our ancestors. Additionally, newspapers are valuable sources for social and historical happenings in the locality where the ancestor resided. Sammie's lecture attempts to shed some light on newspapers as a genealogical source and how to obtain these valuable records for your genealogy files.

Sammie Townsend Lee is a fifteen-year veteran staff member of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. She also teaches genealogy at Brookhaven Community College.

Monday: September 26
Speaker: Jim Nyfeler
Title: *Sources at NEHGS (New England Historic Genealogical Society)*

Jim Nyfeler originally inherited sketchy records that his father had assembled on his Losee family of New York. Jim only became interested in the family history fifteen years ago when he inherited a box of pictures from his grandmother. In the subsequent years, Jim has done extensive research in New York state and New England on one family. He has traveled to Switzerland and, with the aid of family members living there, documented the family before its immigration to the US. Finally, one branch of his family spent many years in Virginia and his wife's family immigrated to Virginia from Scotland. His memberships include the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society and the Friends of the Virginia State Archives, among others.

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DGS SOCIETY PROGRAMS

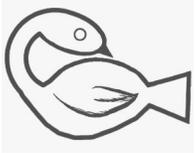
DGS General and Special Interest Group meetings are held at the Dallas J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young Street
in the Plaza level auditorium,
unless otherwise noted.

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.

You are welcome to attend 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. After stopping off in the East Room for refreshments, 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.*



**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. AAGIG is on Summer Break until September 20.

Tuesday, September 20
Speaker: TBD
Topic: TBD

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

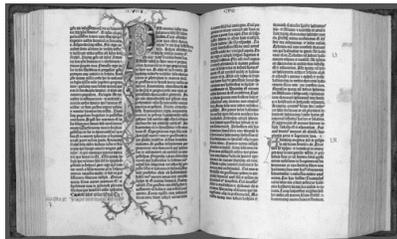


**COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP (CIG)
MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY, 6:30 P.M.**

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

Tuesday, September 13 (SECOND Tuesday)
Speaker: Lloyd Bockstruck
Topic: Two Different Worlds We Live In

Genealogy in the Gutenberg galaxy! From the 16th century to the 21st: learn what kinds of things are still best researched the old-fashioned way and what is working well with the new technology and the Internet.



Tuesday, October 4
Speaker: Tresa Tatyrek

Topic: Managing Email

Tresa will discuss a variety of e-mail programs, both web and computer based; management of incoming and outgoing e-mail; and setting up or creating e-mail aliases that will include how to buy your own domain name.

Save this date!

The next DGS Research Trip to Salt Lake City will happen 30 April to 6 May 2006. Watch this Newsletter for details.

**Brookhaven College
for Fall, 2005**

American Genealogy, Part I: October 5 – November 30, Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

This course will introduce you to American records and sources for the beginning genealogist.

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

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.

**Mountain View Community College
for Fall, 2005**

Genealogy Using Computers: September 21 to October 26, Wednesdays 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. or 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Learn family history basics in a hands-on computer setting. Develop fundamental research techniques, explore online resources for genealogical research and learn how to separate the good stuff from the garbage.

Instructors are: John and Barb Wylie. Cost \$30.

Visit www.mountainviewcollege.edu or call 214-860-8614 for information. You can also call John or Barb Wylie at 972-206-2723 or email wylie@johnwylie.com for particulars.

Tarrant County College, Northeast Campus for Fall, 2005

Tarrant County College has a Senior Education Program for seniors 55 and over. Seniors may take as many classes as they want for a \$20 registration fee. Computer classes are an additional \$10 per class. Genealogists will be interested to know that Northeast Campus will offer Beginning Genealogy, Online Genealogy and Genealogy on the PC (Family Tree Maker 2005) beginning in September. Many other computer and special interest classes are offered. The Catalogs will be available the week of July 18th. Registration begins August 3rd. For more information or to request a catalog, call the Continuing Education Office 817-515-6657 or contact Valerie Philips vjphilips@comcast.net.



\$1,000 Donated to Library through DGS

At the General Meeting of the Dallas Genealogical Society on 27 June 2005, Lois Lilly, AAGIG Liaison to DGS, and Donald Payton, also of AAGIG, presented a check for \$1,000 to Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck to benefit the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section. This donation will be applied to book purchases for our 50th Anniversary 100,000 Book Challenge.

The check was originally paid directly to DGS by the Blue Skies Environmental Education Fund Grant Program, connected with Green Mountain Energy who made an alternative energy presentation to the AAGIG fundraiser meeting held May 17 at the Southside Grill.



Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck (right) receiving \$1,000 from Donald Payton (left) and Lois Lilly.

Going to FGS in Salt Lake City?

The DGS dinner was so much fun at the 2004 Austin FGS. Let's plan to get the North Texas attendees together sometime during the SLC conference (September 7–10, 2005). Contact Gene Burris, DGS' FGS delegate, gaburris@swbell.net, or 972-270-1802, and we will keep you in the loop.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE

AAGIG Web Resources

Black Loyalists : Our History, Our People - This site explores an untold story of Canada's history: how Canada became the home of the first settlements of free blacks outside Africa, the Black Loyalist in America...This site is broken down into easy-to-follow or direct underlined links for ease in finding something about a certain related topic. This is not a name research site, rather a documentary of the period 1775-1794. *This Digital Collection was produced under contract to Canada's Digital Collections Program, Industry Canada.* <http://collections.ic.gc.ca/blackloyalists/>

In Motion: The African-American Migration Experience - *In Motion: The African-American Migration Experience underscores and explains the extraordinary diversity of African Americans living in the United States today. Many origins taken as separate links for ease in research and a timeline* <http://www.inmotionaame.org/home.cfm>

SPANISH HERITAGE

Greetings to all HOGAR members, "primas," "primos" and friends:

We are proud to announce the completion of our 300-page HOGAR 2005 Journal and it looks great. Again, our special thanks go to the many "primos" and friends, who graciously submitted and

unselfishly shared their family histories, stories, trees, photos and their research and extraction work with HOGAR members and friends.

The HOGAR 2005 Journal includes works contributed by: John D. Inclán, Dahlia Guajardo Palacios, Anita Rivas Medellin, Leonor Silva Urrutia, Dorina Alaniz Thomas, Gloria H. Benavides, Bernadette Inclán, Janet Paulos Khashab, Araceli Guadalupe Cerda Chavana, Sulema Riojas Ramos, Raúl Mitre Valle, Irma Longoria Cavazos, Teresa Longoria, Fred Alaniz, Érika Zamora, Uvaldo García, Rosemary Galván Walsh and Jerry Benavides. You will find these individuals in Santa Catarina and Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, California, Colorado, and in Edinburg, Galveston, McAllen, Laredo, Allen, Mesquite and Dallas, Texas.

We are aware of the many hours they have spent in their research efforts, and we greatly appreciate the information contributed for publication. The data contributed will help our many "primos" and friends in their genealogy research.

HOGAR members who pay their dues will receive their journals next month or at the September Laredo conference. Nonmembers will be able to obtain their copy for a \$30.00 donation.

Cariñosamente,

Gloria and Jerry Benavides,
HOGAR Publicity, Chairs

(If you haven't, please visit our web site: home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas/id1.html)



Dear Friends of the Archives of the Texas General Land Office:

This quarter we have a very exciting newsletter to present to you! In this very informative edition we are focusing our attention on the jewel of our archival holdings: the GLO's "Spanish Collection." Featuring some of the oldest and most fascinating documents on file anywhere in the state, this edition of our "Saving Texas History" newsletter spotlights the importance of this collection and its impact of the history of Texas.

www.glo.state.tx.us/archives/pdfs/newsletters/volume2/Newsletter-num2vol2.pdf

Secondly, we want to share with you the latest exhibit in our online virtual museum. This time around we focus on the history of the various buildings our agency has occupied. Few people realize it, but in the 1840's, the potential location of the GLO actually caused the citizens of Austin to rise up in armed rebellion in order to keep the agency and its papers headquartered in the newly minted capital. The story of the GLO's many homes is as fascinating as the documents contained within our collection.

www.glo.state.tx.us/archives/virtmuseum/museum1.html

Please enjoy our latest newsletter and the Virtual Museum exhibit. As always, I thank you for your continued support and patronage.

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FROM OUR READERS

From Betty Jean Steinke:

The web site for Castle Gardens should be a good one for our members. www.castlegarden.org/

CastleGarden.org offers free access to an extraordinary database of information on 10 million immigrants from 1830 through 1892, the year Ellis Island opened. Over 73 million Americans can trace their ancestors to this early immigration period.

Castle Garden, today known as Castle Clinton National Monument, is the major landmark within The Battery, the 23-acre waterfront park at the tip of Manhattan. From 1855 to 1890, the Castle was America's first official immigration center, a pioneering collaboration of New York State and New York City.

CastleGarden.org is an invaluable resource for educators, scholars, students, family historians, and the interested public. Currently, the site hosts

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10 million records, and support is needed to complete the digitization of the remaining 2 million records, beginning in 1820, from the original ship manifests.

The Battery remains one of the oldest public open spaces in continuous use in New York City. American Indians fished from its banks, and the first Dutch settlers built a low, stonewall with cannons, a battery to protect the harbor and New Amsterdam. The transformations of The Battery and that of the Castle tell the history of New York and, by association, the growth and development of our nation.



From D. A. Sharpe:

Thought you might be interested in this free genealogical newsletter: *MyTrees.com Newsletter*.

This newsletter may assist you in discovering new tools and techniques for doing genealogy research. We have invited noted genealogists from the research community to write articles and share ideas that can help you in finding your family history. We hope you find this newsletter a valuable resource.

To subscribe, go to MyTrees.com

**Next DGS Newsletter
is September, 2005!**

**Submissions must be made by August 15, 2005
to advertise September – November events!
Email Happi at: newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org**

Visit with the Franklin County, Texas Genealogical Society in Mt. Vernon

In May of 2004, while traveling to Memphis, Ed Millis and I stopped briefly in the small East Texas town of Mt. Vernon, the seat of Franklin County. As we toured the town square, we “happened upon” a wonderful group of genealogists manning their very active storefront headquarters. We were impressed that their organization, the Fannin County Genealogical Society, founded only seven years

ago, had already produced many publications and were actively setting up facilities to store historical documents from Franklin County and its predecessor, Titus County.

Their library was small but growing and, when we asked what DGS publications they had, we were told that they had a broken set of our Newsletters, but that their librarian, while cataloging them, had read them and liked them so much that she had joined our Society!

Upon returning to Dallas, we put out a call through our DGS Newsletter for items that could be sent to the Franklin County Society as a “care package.” Several current and ex-Society members responded with boxes and bags of publications, both from DGS and other societies. I sorted through all of the items and distributed some items to our DPL library, and some to the Lancaster library, ending up with four-plus large boxes of items for the Franklin County group, which we delivered to them in June.

The President, Chris Skelly, and Librarian, Kirleen Hiatt, were waiting eagerly for our arrival and were very, very pleased with all the “goodies.” In a thank-you note, they said it was like Christmas as they were opening and going through all the books and periodicals.

Many, many thanks to Henrietta Cragon, Ineta Branham, and Mrs. Elaine Nichols Ragan (whose late husband was born near Mt. Vernon), all of whom contributed so generously to this cause.

– Shirley Sloat



Kirleen Hiatt (left), librarian, Shirley Sloat (center), Chris Skelly (right), President of the Franklin County Genealogical Society.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

**NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY
IN THE WORKS.**

The Society is planning on publishing its membership directory soon. This will be a members only directory and sold to only our current members.

We need your updated contact information! If you have changed your e-mail or phone number recently or wish any of your information to NOT be published in this directory please drop us a note at the PO Box or e-mail us the information at: directory@dallasgenealogy.org.

We'd also like to know if you would be interested in purchasing one of these directories. If you think you would, let us know at the above e-mail address or at P.O. Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446.

The deadline for the receipt of this information is 1 October 2005.

**Women as Revolutionary Patriots:
Elizabeth Harper**

**By: Patricia Hasbrouck Martin
(continued from Front Cover)**

upon the Fort's flag. Although these family papers were interesting clues, they were not considered to be "primary sources." No matter how much I wanted to insist, the stories were, at best, folklore until some true primary source might be found to prove that Elizabeth was actually at the Fort during the Revolution or that she assisted in some way. There was the challenge.

The History of Delaware County by W.W. Munsell, 1797-1880, states that "Colonel (John, Sr.) Harper with his family and many of his neighbors went to (Fort) Schoharie." This reference helped my hypothesis that most of the family, possibly including his daughter-in-law, must have fled to the Fort for protection from the Indians. Additional

resources from Delaware County, the State of New York, *History of the Western Reserve* and *Women of the Western Reserve*, echoed the same story with some even mentioning Elizabeth, although never outright making the connection either to the Fort or to her service.

In addition, an extract from *The Pioneer Women of the West* by Elizabeth Fries Ellet, 1852, p. 254-266 had this reference:

"The exposed situation of that portion of country, and the frequent visits of Indians and Tories, made it necessary for the Whig families to seek the protection of Fort Schoharie. Mrs. Harper repaired thither with her family, including the aged parents of her husband. In times of comparative security, she lived at the distance of about a mile from the fort. Here, when there was a sudden alarm, she would herself harness her horses to the wagon, and placing in it her children and the old people, would drive with all speed to the fort, remaining within its walls until the danger was over, and then returning to her occupations on the farm. As peril became more frequent or imminent, the old people were removed to a place of greater security, while Mrs. Harper, with her four children and a lad they had taken to bring up, remained at home. One night they were startled by the sound of the alarm-gun. The mother took the youngest child in her arms, another on her back, and bidding the two elder hold fast to her clothes, set off to escape to the fort; the lad running closely behind her, and calling to her in great terror not to leave him. The fugitives reached the fort in safety, and for the present Mrs. Harper concluded to take up her abode there. She would not, however, consent to live in idleness, supported by the labor of others, but undertook, as her special charge, the bread-baking for the whole garrison, which she did for six months. During her stay the fort sustained a siege from a party of Tories and Indians, commanded by British officers. Messengers were dispatched to the nearest posts for relief; but while this was slow in arriving, the commanding officer, in opposition to the wishes of all his men, determined on a capitulation, and ordered a flag of truce to be hoisted for that purpose. The announcement of his intention created a disaffection which soon amounted almost to rebellion. The women, among whom Mrs. Harper was a leading spirit, had on that day been busily occupied from early dawn in making cartridges, preparing ammunition, and serving rations to the wearied soldiers. They heartily sympathized in the

determination expressed not to surrender without another effort to repel the besiegers."

"One of the men declared his willingness to fire upon the flag which had been ordered to be hoisted, provided the women would conceal him. This they readily agreed to do, and as often as the flag was run up it was fired at, while the commander was unable to discover the author of this expression of contempt for his authority. The delay consequent on this act of insubordination and the displeasure of the soldiers, prevented the capitulation being carried into effect, till the arrival of reinforcements caused the enemy to retreat."



Postcard of Old Fort Schoharie, New York

Most of us are quite familiar with the available "sources" for the Revolutionary War records: pension records, newspapers, personal journals, and various county and other historical accounts. But, how often do we remember to check the more formal papers that are collected and compiled after a war is finished?

Imagine my surprise when, after years of research (with the help of another Harper cousin, Julie Noble), it was the Daughters of the American Revolution who suggested checking a unique source. There, in the massive collection of the papers of Governor George Clinton, who served as Governor of New York for two decades and as the Fourth Vice-President of the United States, 1805–1812, the second to serve under Thomas Jefferson, a tiny love letter was found.

[*Public Papers* (ed. by H. Hastings and J. A. Holden, 10 vol., 1899–1914); E. W. Spaulding, *His Excellency George Clinton* (1938, reproduced 1964) and *New York in the Critical Period, 1783–1789* (1932, reproduced 1960).]

Perhaps the letter had made it into that massive tomb of papers because Captain Alexander Harper had sent the letter through "official channels" in order to make sure of its delivery to his beloved wife at Fort Schoharie. In any case, there was the proof – from the British prison in Niagara where he had been taken after being captured by Captain Brandt on April 2, 1780, Captain Harper remarked how proud he was of her for assisting the soldiers by making bullets and providing meals, and he asked that she pass along his regards to "Father and Mother." Captain Harper remained in that deplorable prison for three years, but wrote several times to his wife who was still living with his family at Fort Schoharie.

Imagine, that one love letter, that might otherwise be easily overlooked in a 10-volume set of correspondence and public documents, became the single source that finally proved the "patriotic service" of Elizabeth Bartholomew Harper. I contend that it indirectly also shows the service of his or her "Mother" who was then obviously living at the same Fort. The Harper family documents I had reviewed also claimed that "all the women of the fort" were participating in these patriotic activities. Now, all I have to do is prove which woman he was referring to as "Mother." Then, another woman would receive recognition for their contributions to the Revolutionary War.

Elizabeth and Alexander later moved to Harpersfield, Ohio, where he died in 1798 and she followed at the age of 84 in 1833. Certainly, she made a contribution to the Revolutionary War and also to the settlement of the Western Reserve of Ohio by her fortitude, her tenacity, and her vigilance to duty.

Donna Cuillard, Harper Family Genealogist, after much research, found the obituary for Elizabeth Harper which was printed in the August 24, 1833 *Ashtabula Sentinel* and reprinted it in the November, 2001 *Harper Family Newsletter*.

"Meanwhile his wife and children fled with their friends and neighbors to Middle Fort at Schoharie for safety. Soon after their retreat into this fortress it was besieged, stormed and well nigh taken. Having no prospect but that of an immediate and indiscriminate massacre, the garrison fought, although under a timid commander, with great bravery. While the truly Spartan band of women, among whom were Mrs. Harper and a younger sister, encouraged and inspired them to hold onto

the last extremity, being themselves actively employed in furnishing them with such refreshments as could be hastily taken, preparing their cartridges, and rendering every assistance in their power.”

“The battle having proceeded for a long time, the disheartened commander ordered the garrison to cease firing. This being understood by the enemy as a prelude to the surrender of the fort, they ceased their fire also, and raised their triumphal flag. This being done, a soldier in the quarter where the women were, was instigated to fire upon the flag.”

“The commander hastily approached and charged them with having broken his orders, and sharply reprimanding them retired. Immediately, however, the fire of the flag was repeated a second and a third time, upon which it was hauled down and the siege raised, when the garrison, unknown to any but the females, were reduced to one round of ammunition.”

“Thus by means of these females, the garrison, and themselves and little ones were preserved by Providence from savage massacre or cruel captivity, fates which had befallen many of their friends.”

“From this fortress Mrs. Harper with her children and friends, removed to New Lebanon on the eastern border of New York, as a temporary place of safety. Hither the husband, released from captivity, returned to his family and was joyfully received by them and their friends.”

The located obituary stands as yet another source by which this service was substantiated since it was written most closely to the incidents surrounding the war. Once again showing the importance and significance of collateral sources.

Every effort should be made by our genealogical community to document the service of Women of the Revolutionary War and other wars so that the complete story can be told to future generations. But remember, sometimes the biggest source – the one you might even think would be so obvious you don't check it – may have the proof you've waited years to discover!

Patricia Martin is a genealogist and member of several lineage societies which include: National

Society Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society Daughters of Founders & Patriots of America, National Society Daughters of American Colonists, National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, National Society Sons & Daughters of the Pilgrims. (Note: Assistance for this article was also provided by Donna Cuillard, California, and Rick Harper, Colorado, of the Harper Family Association.)

One website that takes you through all the Harper Descendants is maintained by Rick Harper: www.newmediamarkets.com/jamesharper/

Miracle Tuesdays in Salt Lake City By Tresa Tatyrek

Tuesdays are, for me, special days in Salt Lake City. As you know, I go to the genealogists' Mecca prepared.

My first trip was no exception. I had my lists to work through. That first trip I decided to try one more time to locate my Cornelius Massey's parents. I had made a trip to the county in Kansas that he married in and was frustrated because each set of records were in a different place.

The DGS group had all arrived in Salt Lake City by Sunday evening and those newbies (me included) were given a tour of the library and some handouts for utilizing the resources there on Monday morning. I diligently worked my lists throughout that first day and was almost finished with everything by Tuesday morning (I take much longer lists now). Then, I found it. I found a probate record in that Kansas County that had my Cornelius's name on it! It was a record giving him the guardianship of his brother Henry.¹

I continued to look through all the film that had probate records on them for the county. I looked at everything that was for a Massey and found a probate record that had my Massey ancestor (Cornelius Marion) included in it and WOW, I had his parents, plus siblings that I thought I knew (Henry and Minerva). Cornelius had always been an elusive hunt, now I had the family pretty much locked down. The day was a Tuesday.

The next time I went to Salt Lake City I decided to try and find my husband's Hendrix line. There was a story that the family had left Weakly County, Tennessee for Arkansas where the parents died within a few years of each other shortly after they arrived. No one knew where in Arkansas. Some of the children were found back in Tennessee with one of their uncles in the 1870 and 1880 census. They were all in White County, Arkansas in the 1900 census so that is where I decided to look for the Hendrix family from 1858 up to 1870.² I started looking in deeds, no luck. Then I started on all the various probate documents, and I located a Thomas Hendrix in them.

The documents never named his children or wife, but they did give his death date. I combed the tax records next and found him on the 1859 (no land) and 1860 (with land) lists and his estate on the 1861-1863, Priscilla (his widow) on 1864 and then records got obscure (the war). There was a record of land being sold in the probate records, but that record was never in the deed books, nor how he came into possession of the land.

I found all this on a Tuesday and felt I had 'found' the family. The 1860 census for White County had been extracted, but the family was not listed, so I couldn't really be sure. I have since done a page-by-page reading of that census and located the family. Thomas Hendrix died in the December of 1860 after the census and taxes were done.

As you do research and share information, you will be told of wonderful documents that will prove your lines but no one can tell you how to get a copy. That was the case on the Massey family (yes, another generation back). There was/is supposed to be a will that Mathew Massey left in Randolph County, Indiana. I'd found references to it in probate records, but couldn't locate an actual copy on microfilm. On this trip, I decided to work into it – what I would call sideways – to prove the parents of William.

It wasn't under the Massey name in the index, that I knew. His widow remarried to a Thompson, so I looked under Thompson and found her in the index. I didn't find the will but I found a guardianship record where Mary Thompson formerly Mary Massey and widow of Mathew Massey was getting her dower real estate by right and named the children Sylvester C, William M., Betsey, and Jane

as Mathew Massey's heirs at law. This was found on a Tuesday.

South Carolina research is a little different (all states are different) but I had never seen a record book called a Real Estate Book. I had been told there were records for one of my husband's Rollins ancestors that named all the children. I had looked without success on several trips but had decided to give it one more try on this trip.

And, guess what day it was when I found the record in the Real Estate Record Book? Tuesday! This is four years in a row that Tuesday has brought me the information I sought. (The Real Estate Record Book is a probate record of the real estate distribution of a deceased person). I dubbed Tuesday as the Miracle Day at the Salt Lake City Library for me.

The last miracle Tuesday (actually there were two in the last trip). The second one made an easy hand search for a family in Ireland in the 1901 census now that could have taken me a long time to search that film for the family in question. I found them on the 1901 and the 1911 census in less than two hours. That was a miracle. Hand looking a census record roll usually takes hours and hours.

The first Tuesday of the trip brought me my Smith gggg grandparents. I'd been looking for the proof for several trips, and this time, on Tuesday, I found it. I'm sure much of the library heard my squeal of delight at what the record held. I mean with names like Smith and Brown, there are some really tough times to work through. Yup, my Brown ancestor married a Smith and both are not easy to work. Following up on the Smith document has brought me closer to finding my gggg grandparents Brown. You see, I had "lost" the father Brown in the 1860 census. The family without him was intact in Illinois. They were back all together in 1870. I found my Brown living next door to his sister-in-law, with another Brown family, so now I have some siblings to look for parents. Guess what I'm going to be doing the next Tuesday I'm in Salt Lake City?

¹ There were 3 Massey children on the 1870 census, two in Kansas and one in Arkansas. C. Massey was in Arkansas, Henry and Minerva Massey were in Kansas.

² There was a deed for Hendrix selling land to his brother-in-law in 1858.

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- St. Mary's County Registrar of Wills.
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- History of Clarksburg, King's Valley, Purdum, Browningsville, and Lewisdale.
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newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org.

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

August 20 – Family Tree Maker Interest Group

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, www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/ftmgrou.htm. Donations accepted.

August 23 – Texins Genealogy Club

Tresa Tatyrek will present *Tracing a Wilson Family Tree: How to research Common Surnames*. 7:00 p.m. Contact: Jeri Steele: steele@PioneerInfo.com or 214-567-6289.

August 27 –Grand Prairie Genealogical Soc.

A Day With Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact Program Chairman, Sallyann Hoernke. Email: sallyannhoernke@hotmail.com.

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: 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. For more information: 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

September 12 – Grapevine Namedroppers

AI Weeks, *DNA: Genealogy Starts with "GENE."* 10:00 a.m. in the Grapevine Public Library program room, 1201 Municipal Way. Contact Tresa Tatyrek: www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/grapevine.htm or 972-539-7452.

September 13 – Lancaster Genealogical Society

Betsy Mills will speak on *Dating Old Photographs* at 7:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library. Contact Lela Evans, 972-227-1080 or email lelae@lancastertxlib.org.

September 22 – Family Tree Maker Interest Group

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September 24 – Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society

Emily Croom will present the MHGS Fall Workshop at the Mimosa Lane Baptist Church. Topics will be:

Genealogy in the Urban South; The Other Half of the Story: Researching Female Ancestors; Old Dominion Research: Our Virginia Ancestors; and, Sifting Through the Ashes: Research in "Burned Counties." Contact David Ladymon for additional information, at dladymon@flash.net

October 1 – Texins Genealogy Club

Introduction to Genealogy Workshop: how to trace your ancestral roots. Speakers will be: Don Raney, Jeri J. Steele, and William B. Dow, Jr. Topics to be covered are: *Getting Started Researching: Sources and Resources; Making Sense of the Census; Internet Research – A Case Study to Identify the Ancestors of Anna Miller from Claiborne Parish, LA; Wills and the Probate Process; and, Obituaries There Is More To 'Em Than Meets the Eye.* 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Texins Activity Center. Cost including lunch: \$25.00 per person postmarked before 9/24/05; \$30 at the door (call for lunch reservation). For Further Information call Roy Long: 972-234-3437, e-mail: roygenea@aol.com

October 10 – Grapevine Namedroppers

Darlene Hathaway, *Census Records – Coppell LSD.* 10:00 a.m. in the Grapevine Public Library program room, 1201 Municipal Way. Contact Tresa Tatyrek: www.magnoliananorgenealogy.com/grapevine.htm or 972-539-7452.

October 11 – Lancaster Genealogical Society

Covered Dish Dinner Celebration of our 29th Year. Installation of Officers. 7:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library. Contact Lela Evans, 972-227-1080 or email lelaev@lancastertxlib.org.

October 31 – Ft. Worth Genealogical Society

Program: Halloween Party: *Come as Your Favorite Ancestor and Let that Ancestor Speak.* 6:30 pm: Coffee served. General Meeting: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Fort Worth Public Library – Central, Chappell Meeting Room, 500 West Third, Fort Worth, Texas. Contact Ginia Brown, vbrown111@sbcglobal.net.

REGIONAL CONTACTS

Texas State Genealogical Society

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Arlington Genealogical Society

Contact Judy Matlock - hmatlock@airmail.net.

Collin County Genealogical Society

Meets 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. Offers 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: 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. Contact: Ina Walker, inagran@aol.com.

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 www.magnoliananorgenealogy.com/ftmggroup.htm. Donations accepted.

Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Contact Ginia Brown, vbrown111@sbcglobal.net.

Genealogy Friends of Plano Library

Contact Jean Funk, jeano25@aol.com.

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 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. Tresa Tatyrek: www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/grapevine.htm or 972-539-7452

Greater Dallas Chapter of the DAR

Meets alternate 3rd Tuesdays or Saturdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. For more information, e-mail gddar@sbcglobal.net or visit our website at: www.texasdar.org/chapters/GreaterDallas/

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: 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: Dreanna Belden, dreanna@comcast.net.

Lamar County Genealogical Society

Contact Ron Brothers, rbrother@1starnet.com.

Lancaster Genealogical Society

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Lancaster Veteran's Memorial Library, located at 1600 Veterans Memorial Parkway, 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. rootsweb.com/~txmhgs/page1.htm. Contact: Dava Ladymon, dladymon@flash.net.

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: Lorann Lustfield, norannl@sbcglobal.net.

North Collin County Genealogical Society

Contact: Paula Perkins, lansup@ix.netcom.com.

North Texas PC Users Group

Meets the third Saturday of each month at North Lake College in Irving. Check out the schedule and much more at our web site: 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

Meets 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.

Tri-County/Roots Seekers Gen. Society

Contact: Jynelle Caffey - JCaffey259@aol.com.

Did You Know...? by Bill Deal

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August

22 – Mon DGS General – Sammie Townsend Lee,
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September

13 – Tue CIG – (second Tuesday) – Lloyd deWitt
Bockstruck, *Two Different Worlds We Live In*
20 – Tue – AAGIG – TBD
26 – Mon DGS General – Jim Nyfeler, *Sources at
NEHGS*

October

4 – Tue CIG – Tresa Tatyrek, *Managing Email*
18 – Tue – AAGIG – TBD
24 – Mon DGS General – Charlotte Winters – An
African American Family

See pages 123-124 for more information on events.

DGS General 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. Business meeting/Q&A at 6:30 p.m., Program at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ African American Genealogy Interest Group (AAGIG) meets on the third Tuesday (except in the summer). Social time begins at 6:00 p.m. Business meeting & program begin at 6:30 p.m.

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