

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

DGS Newsletter



Installation of 2005 Board at 50th Anniversary Banquet



Incoming and continuing Board for 2005 (from left): Shirley Sloat, President; John Wylie, VP, Education & Programs; Ann Melugin Williams, VP/Editor, The Dallas Journal; Marti Fox, Director/Publications; Happi McQuirk, VP/Editor, DGS Newsletter; Grover Livingston, Treasurer; Patricia Biczynski, Recording Secretary; Alan and Betty Miller, Directors/Sales; Jeri Steele, Exec. VP/Fundraising; Betty Jean Steinke, Director/Mailing; Susan Morris, Volunteer Coordinator; Frances Quigley, Director/Publicity; Sharon Henry, VP, Membership.



Outgoing Board (from left): Betty Jean Steinke, Director/Mailing; Mel Brewer, Director/Publicity; Betty and Alan Miller, Directors/Sales; Ann Melugin Williams, VP/Editor, The Dallas Journal; Susan Morris, Volunteer Coordinator; Ed Millis, Director/Publications; Bill Deal, VP, Membership; Grover Livingston, Treasurer; John Wylie, VP, Education & Programs; Shirley Sloat, Exec. VP/Fundraising; Marti Fox, VP/Editor, Newsletter; Tresa Tatyrek, President. *Not shown: Patricia Haynes, Recording Secretary.*

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Here we are, starting the new year, 2005. This is the first time a newly elected Board takes its place at the same time as the calendar year-end, and we are busy getting ourselves organized to provide the leadership that this highly-respected Dallas Genealogical Society deserves.

Leadership requires foresight and dedication—it also requires input from the members of the organization. Should you come up with an idea that you believe would benefit the organization, please convey it to any one of the Board members listed at the back of this Newsletter. Our phone numbers and e-mail addresses are there, and we would like to hear from you.

Last year's Board, led by retiring President Tresa Tatyrek, was a splendid one, and it is my belief that this new Board will be equally effective. We all have the opportunity to do something memorable to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our organization, and are exploring some very interesting challenges that could prove to be both profitable and fun. You'll hear more about this as we collect sufficient facts to be able to make concrete proposals to the membership.

I hope that this year will also be a good one for projects that carry out an important part of our DGS goal—"to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history." We will be collecting solid facts on existing and proposed projects and no doubt will be offering interesting opportunities for member participation.

As various projects go forward, we will be reporting on their progress so that we can all share the pleasure that comes with making a significant historical contribution to our community.

Let me also offer a reminder to encourage you to register for any or all of the three Spring Lecture Series events. Methodology, the common theme, should be of interest to all of us, no matter what our level of expertise. And, of course, the January 22

(6:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.) members-only Lock-in is a rare experience that is both educational and fun. Registration forms are available in this Newsletter, online at www.dallasgenealogy.org or on the 8th floor of the genealogy section of the downtown J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

Shirley

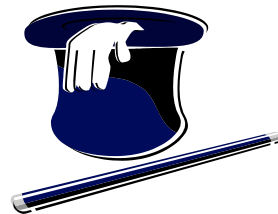
Welcome To Our New Members



Elizabeth Kutz

Debbie McMahon

Albert Parker Weeks—to Life Membership



HATS OFF!

It takes a lot of people and organization to put on our Annual Awards Banquet, especially for our 50th Anniversary Celebration, including: Elizabeth Deihl, Shirley Hawn, Bobbie Jean Hooser, Betty Miller, Susan Morris, Don Raney, Sue Smith, Tresa Tatyrek, and Ann Williams. A delicious buffet was catered by Spring Creek Barbeque.

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

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

Every Friday afternoon from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
2nd Saturday of the month from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

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

**2005
DGS SOCIETY PROGRAMS**

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

**DGS GENERAL MEETING
USUALLY MEETS ON THE FOURTH MONDAY**

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

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

**Monday, January 24
Speaker: Eldin Edgin**

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

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

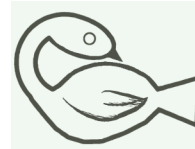
He has made several trips to the LDS Library in Salt Lake City and to many county courthouses and state archives. He has done research in several Southern states, particularly with census, land, probate, tax, cemetery, and church records.

**Monday, February 28
Speaker: William "Bill" Dow Jr.
Topic: My Liles Who Fell Through the Cracks**
Bill Dow has combined 30 years of computer skills with six years of law enforcement experience to

combine computers and other high-tech equipment with investigative techniques and record keeping. He says that this makes his quest for kinfolk both efficient and FUN, not to mention addictive.

**Monday, March 28
Speaker: Glenn Kinkade
Topic: Indirect Evidence**

**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, January 18
Tuesday, February 15**

Liaison to DGS: Lois Lilly
AAGIG@dallasgenealogy.org

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



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

**Tuesday, February 1
Speaker: Diane Bentley
Topic: "Okay, I Wrote My Family Story...How will I ever get it indexed?"**
Diane will take the mystery out of beginning indexing in MS WORD. Every family history writer and abstractor will love this topic.

GENERAL DGS NEWS

Diane Bentley is owner of Excellence in Computing, a software application training service. She has been developing and implementing software training programs since 1980. Her clientele includes companies from legal, engineering, government, airline, jewelry, manufacturing, sales, hospital, pharmaceutical, and petroleum environments. Diane has been Leader of the Microsoft Word SIG and co-Leader of the WordPerfect SIG for the North Texas PC Users Group since 2001, and is a member of the Legal Technology Association.

March 1, 2005

Speaker: Stan Simmons

Topic: "Keeping Your Computer Safe - Software and Spyware"

DGS LOCK-IN

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



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

When: January 22, 2005

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Place: J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
8th Floor Genealogy section

Meals: Light supper & snacks included

Cost: \$25.00 per person,
This is a "Members Only" event

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

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

SPANISH HERITAGE

Somos Primos Newsletter

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



NEXT DGS Newsletter is February, 2005!

Submissions must be made by January 15, 2005 to advertise March – May events!
Email Happi: newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org



FROM OUR READERS

New Genealogy Site on the Web:

This site, Genealogy Software Review, is a tool that helps you better assess your genealogy software needs so that you can make an educated decision about which solution will work for you. Take time to review this comprehensive report of the top 13 genealogy programs in the marketplace:

<http://www.genealogy-software-review.com>

Submitted by: Glenn Kinkade



This website was posted on the Association of Professional Genealogists mailing list as a place to look for unclaimed money seized by states:

unclaimed.org/mainframe.asp?VisitorType=owner

I have found several cousins and one sibling that have some money that the state was going to claim. So please take time to search for your name and circulate this list to others. Some are dividends not claimed and others are dormant bank accounts which the state will seize if you have no activity for a while.

Submitted by: Jeri Steele

WANNA BE PUBLISHED?

The *Dallas Journal* can help you reach that goal!

The 2005 *Journal* is seeking transcripts, abstracts, manuscripts, photos, illustrations, and other material related to genealogy in Dallas County. Maybe you have a will, a lawsuit, tax or deed records, or even a family Bible that would help other genealogists.

Have you abstracted or transcribed records related to Dallas County? Would you be willing to help on a group project for the *Journal*? See the separate announcement on transcribing World War I Draft Registration records (see page 13). We also need people to transcribe donated family Bible records and obituaries made to the Dallas Public Library, Genealogy section.

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



Richland College for Spring 2005

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

donraney@comcast.net

Genealogy Level I: 21 Jan-11 Feb, Fridays, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Genealogy Level I: 20 Feb-13 Mar, Sundays, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Genealogy Level II: 18 Feb-11 Mar, Fridays, 12:30p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Genealogy Level III: 1 Apr-29 Apr, Fridays, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Master Genealogist: 1 Apr-29 Apr, Fridays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 n

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

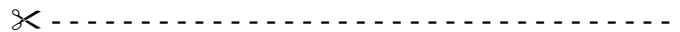
**DGS
INTERNET
WORKSHOPS**



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 for DGS members only at \$5 per session (\$10 for non-members).

Thursday sessions will be at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday sessions will be at 9:30 a.m.



DGS Internet Workshop Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Select Topics and Date

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

Mountain View College for Spring 2005

Discover Your Ancestors, Discover Yourself!

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

61501 Building Genealogical Skills: a 12-hour course starting 2 Feb for six weeks, Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon.

Want to research your ancestry but don't know how to start? Started but hit a brick wall? Develop good genealogical research skills that will reveal your family's history. This course includes discussion of real-world research problems presented by students.

65902 Genealogy Using Computers: a 12-hour course starting 2 Feb for six weeks, Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

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

Visit www.mvc.dcccd.edu or call (214) 860-8600 for details and to register. Fees vary with age and residency. Reduced rates are available for Emeritus (over 65) registrants.

Brookhaven College for Spring, 2005

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

American Genealogy, Part I: Jan 27-Apr 7, Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 Noon.

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

American Genealogy, Part II: Apr 14- May 12, Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Course continues discussing and working with genealogical methodology, organization, and researching in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library (includes a trip to the collection).

Brookhaven Contact Information: DeBorah (972) 860-4807 or Janice (972) 860-4698.

Note: If you are 65 years of age or older and reside in Dallas County, or own property in Dallas County, tuition is waived for up to six

credit hours per semester. You pay only for textbooks.

WRITING AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

At the 50th Anniversary Banquet on December 13th, the Dallas Genealogical Society Writing Awards were presented (photos will appear in the February issue). The competition is a biennial event meant to:

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

**DIVISION I
FAMILY HISTORY**

CATEGORY 1: Less than 10,000 words
No entries

CATEGORY 2: More than 10,000 words

First Place: Marge Stockton: *Hendrens, Dunhams, and their Kin, The Paternal Ancestors of Stacy Mae Hendren Stockton*

Honorable Mention: Dwight Albert Sharpe: *Felix Benedict Dixon, A San Augustine County, Texas Pioneer and a Republic of Texas Citizen*

Honorable Mention: Marilyn Thomas: *Mercedee*

**DIVISION II
ARTICLES OR BOOKS OF HISTORICAL
OR GENEALOGICAL INTEREST**

First Place: Terri Bradshaw O'Neill: *William Bradshaw of Orange and Alamance Counties, North Carolina: A Case Study*

Honorable Mention: Rosemary M. Schoolfield: *Lewis McClain, Georgia Pioneer – An Overview*

Honorable Mention: Mary Noel Peters Wood: *An Ordinary Hero, My Dad – Joseph Franklin Peters, M.D. 1909-1980*

**DIVISION III
FAMILY STORIES, MEMORIES,
CHARACTER SKETCHES**

First Place: Anna Rose Barry: *Meet the Barry Family in Rosita, Colorado*

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Honorable Mention: Lela Evans: *Mitchel Wilburn McCarley*

Honorable Mention: Philip Jones, Jr.: *The Toliver Family Trees*

DIVISION IV BOOK OF COMPILED MATERIAL CHURCH, COURT, CENSUS, CEMETERY ABSTRACTED FROM ORIGINAL RECORDS

First Place: Judy Allen Knight: *Historic W.V.S. Allen Cemetery, Tarrant County, Texas*

Honorable Mention: Alan Miller: *Middle Tennessee's Forgotten Children, Apprentices from 1784 to 1902*

Honorable Mention: Ed Millis: *Trinity Farm and El Rancho Grande Cemetery Burials*

Honorable Mention: Peggy Sutherlin: *1880 Upshur County, Texas Census*

Honorable Mention: Barbara Kerfoot Smyth Turner: *Letters from Home: The Letters and Lives of Ludlow St. Claire Smyth and Lucie Webb Laws,*

Honorable Mention: Laurie G. Wharton: *Diaries of S. S. Wright of New Haven, Vermont, Written in the Vermont Register & Farmers' Almanacs 1857-1899*

LIBRARY AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Award of Excellence



Heather Williams, representing the Dallas Public Library, presented the Award of Excellence to Tresa Tatyrek (on the left of left photo: for developing and teaching courses on the Internet, using the Gates Lab) and Elizabeth Deihl (on the left of right photo: for 1083 hours of volunteer service) as recognition for excellence in volunteer service which has directly benefited the Genealogy Section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

DGS ANNUAL AWARDS

Volunteer of the Year Award

Shirley Hawn announced the Volunteer of the Year Award for Alvin Harper (*in absentia*) for his many years of outstanding volunteer service, saying he is always willing to lend a hand. From sitting at the volunteer desk, to writing for the newsletter, helping with registrations, lifting, lugging, carrying, he has helped with anything and everything when needed.

Award of Merit



This award was presented to Gene Burris of the DGS Computer Interest Group for his outstanding contributions to the Society over a period of years.

Distinguished Service Award



Lloyd Bockstruck (right) presented DGS' Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award to John Wylie, CG, for consistently and selflessly contributing to the field of genealogy.

Heritage Preservation Award



Carole C. Ruska, Barbara Ware, and Suzan Younger (from left) were jointly honored with the Heritage Preservation Award to recognize an individual, individuals, or group in the greater Dallas

community for outstanding contributions especially in the field of historical or archival preservation.

**Annual Reports
June 2003 through December 2004**

**President
Tresa Tatyrek**

We had a bumpy start without a VP of Education. Cindy Burgwin filled the role for a short while until she decided to return to school to work on a degree in History. She did an outstanding job of lining up our general meeting speakers from September 2003 to May 2004 and doing final touches for the Awards Banquet in December 2003. Frances Chantillis filled the role for a short period and lined up speakers for our "test" to meet all year round without a hiatus during the summer months. She arranged for the speakers through May 2005. John Wylie returned to the DGS Board as VP of Education and continued to be active in the Computer Interest Group.

In July 2003, we had a Lock-in, then the second half of the Southern Perspective Institute finishing up the two-year series. We decided to experiment with having the lecture series in places other than the library. It was a good experiment, but with the added expenses of those places and an insignificant increase in attendance, we will be returning to the Central Dallas Public Library facilities. The three 2005 Lecture series will concentrate on methodology. The 2004 Institute on Colonial Research was a huge success with 110% attendance allowed. We have thought of another really broad topic for 2005 that we hope will be similarly well received. Two more lock-ins were held during 2004, setting the pattern for what we expect will be January and July events each year.

We returned to the education arena with Beginner's Workshops at several of the branch libraries, as well as, at the Central library. Six Beginner's Internet workshops were added in the summer of 2004. They were well received and will be repeated starting in February 2005. These classes utilize an unused space in the library that has computers for each participant.

The Society took researchers to Salt Lake City in October 2003 and 2004. The groups were small, but we all became family, having a really good, sharing, fun time. Everyone found something to add to their family research or at least had tales to tell.

Major Bylaws revisions were approved by the membership in March 2004. Additionally, updates were done to the membership database and other technology related arenas to make it easier for the volunteers on the Board and a few committees to do their jobs. Many of you are not aware that this society has had more members than the Texas State Society for years. We move a great deal of money in and out of our accounts as we have events, publish the newsletter and journal, as well as make donations to the genealogy collection of the Dallas Public Library. It is a small business venture that is being run by volunteers!

Over the past year and a half, we have provided funds to purchase books and microfilm and will continue to do so. The incoming board will be putting together some goals to accomplish for the year 2005 and future years.

DGS is fifty years old. We've planned some special things for 2005 in order to celebrate!

**Executive VP, Fundraising
Shirley Sloat**

Our fundraising events were educational, entertaining, well-attended, and profitable this year. Many thanks to all whose participation made this possible, helping DGS add more material to the collections of the genealogical section of our wonderful Dallas Public Library. This year's financial reporting of our fundraising events was made much clearer, thanks to the leadership of our former Treasurer, Jerry Fillebrown, who helped us create procedures such that we could more accurately track all the expenses and income associated with a specific activity. Also, lest we set the bar higher than it should be because of our extended Board year, our net profits from fundraising activities included two Institute events, instead of the usual one, and three Lock-ins, instead of two.

Lectures:
Because of many non-DGS genealogical events occurring in 2003-2004, a decision was made to

have only two lectures, both to be staged off-site at venues that could hold a large audience and spanning Dallas County. Although the two lectures were excellent, financial results were disappointing; future lectures will be held at the DPL with its seating capacity of 176.

Oct 25, 2003

Speaker: Lloyd Bockstruck—Texas, the Lone Star State

Location: Cedar Valley Junior College, Lancaster, Texas. Registration: 171

Income: \$5,542.75, less Expenses: \$2,829.47 =
Net Profit: \$2,713.28

Feb 07, 2004

Speaker: Hank Jones—Going Forward Into the Past – a Genealogical Celebration

Location: The Eisemann Center, Richardson, Texas. Registration: 204

Income: \$6,450.34 less Expenses: \$5,029.34 =
Net Profit: \$1,421.00

Lock-ins:

July 2003

Income: \$1,400 less Expenses: \$709.79 =
Net Profit \$690.21

Jan 17, 2004 Registration: 67

Income: \$1,675.00 less Expenses: \$760.98 =
Net Profit: \$914.02

July 24, 2004 Registration: 57 (55 attended)

Income: \$1,725.00 less Expenses: \$333.95 =
Net Profit: \$1,391.05

Institute: July 19-22, 2003

Topic: *A Southern Perspective on the American Experience*

Speakers: Lloyd Bockstruck, Robert de Berardinis, Charles A. Sherrill, Dr. George Schweitzer

Registration: 91
Income: \$17,808.53 less Expenses: \$9,213.41 =
Net Profit: \$8,595.12

Institute: Aug 12-15, 2004

Topic: *The Colonial Experience*

Speakers: Lloyd Bockstruck and Dr. George Schweitzer

Registration: 140 (a sell-out!)
Income: \$27,330.00 less Expenses: \$9,554.17 =
Net Profit: \$17,775.83

Salt Lake City Research Trips:

Oct 5-12, 2003. Registration: 18

Income: \$7,936.00 less Expenses: \$6,760.61 =
Net Profit: \$1,175.39

Oct 17-24, 2004. Registration: 20

Income: \$9,162.00* less Expenses: \$7,043.06 =
Net Profit: \$2,118.94

*includes \$500 from SLC hotel Raffle proceeds

TOTAL NET PROFIT from 18 months of Fundraising Activities: \$36,794.84

If we were to report based on the two twelve month periods, Jan-Dec, for 2003 and 2004, the numbers would be:

Total net profit for 2003 \$17,898
Total net profit for 2004 \$26,537

**VP, Education and Programs
John Wylie**

Upon the resignation of Frances Chantilis, I was appointed in June 2004 by the Board to complete her term. Since this occurred at the same time that the business year was changed, her term was 18 months, 7 of which I filled.

The first new Education initiative after I took this job was introduced by the DGS President: the very successful Beginning Internet Genealogy series which she teaches in the DPL Gates Lab. This program will continue in 2005.

In November, the Board approved DGS offering discounted Family Tree DNA testing as a membership perk. Details will be announced in early 2005.

During my term, I completed digitizing the DPL meeting room requests. All requests are now prepared on the computer and tracked in an Excel database. In the fullness of time, this task may be accomplished within the DGS VPN database.

Late in 2004, we replaced our six-year-old digital projector which was fading fast, with a new state-of-the-art, more powerful one. This 2200 lumen unit will meet our needs in large auditoriums...hopefully, for the next five years.

Future plans for Educations and Programs include:

- Initiating a speaker education program, starting with a roundtable discussion in January on using PowerPoint. If that succeeds, more training will be scheduled.
- Forming a German Studies Group, probably by hosting a one-day seminar in the fall of 2005 and using those attending that as the basis for the new group.
- Initiating a DGS Imaging Project. This project would digitize private documents of DGS members so that they can be preserved, shared with friends and family and, within limits, published on the Internet.
- Replacing some of the current DGS plaques that hang in the DPL Genealogy section. They were damaged in storage and lack room to add new awardees.

VP, Membership Bill Deal

The last 18 months have brought changes to our economy and I think to our membership—in June 2003, we started with 936 members and as of December 31, 2004, we have 897 members. We know of 8 that "Are Gone, But Not Forgotten": Gene Bethel, Jeanette B. Bland, Charles Callaway, Hance Hamilton, William F. Jacoby, Jr., Helen D. O'Neal, Rex A. Pointer, and Mike Slattery.

We had 130 new or very late renewals over the last 18 months. We averaged 7 new members per month—and unbelievable growth in January and July 2004 with 16 and 17 new members, respectively.

We lost 161 member renewals in the last 18 months, but look forward to their return in the future when they are ready to research again. In an effort to keep contact, we started sending out a semi-annual reminder letter to previous DGS members who have taken a hiatus from genealogy.

From August 2003 - August 2004, we sent out a DGS Survey with each membership renewal form. We will be sharing the statistical information in the Newsletter as we celebrate DGS' 50th Anniversary. Thank you for taking time to share your information.

VP/Editor, The Dallas Journal Ann M. Williams

I had a wonderful team for The Dallas Journal, 2004: Susan Holman, Ed Millis, Shirley Sloat, Betty

Jean Steinke, Tresa Tatyrek, and Barbara Ware. We also appreciated Gerri Brannan as our reference librarian for checking facts. We brought the Journal in on time (early June) and under budget.

I am now seeking submissions for the 2005 issue. I have Mel Brewer's article on his brother-in-law. This is a wonderful follow-up to the listing of World War II deaths in the last issue. I have several family Bible records and Gerri Brannan's World War I deaths, Korean War deaths, and Vietnam War deaths from Dallas Co. However, we can use more material.

I would like to continue publishing the World War I Draft Registrations, but I need some volunteers to do this.

With the change of the DGS year, we may want to consider a change in the Journal publication as well. Because the 2006 Journal editor will take office in December 2005, maybe the Journal should come out in November or December. We can discuss this with the new board.

VP/Editor, DGS Newsletter Marti Fox

A great team of editors, writers, and columnists have kept 15 issues of the DGS Newsletter (over the last 18 months) interesting and informative. I heard that in the olden days, we had a challenge finding writers and contributors—and I am happy to say that since September 2002, shortly after I began my tenure, that just has not been so. We have consistently filled our maximum of 20 pages. I am proud of our efforts on your behalf.

The cost of printing 20 black and white pages on 28# stock with a saddle stitch binding has been \$0.71 per issue, per person, including courtesy delivery to our VP, Mailings, Betty Jean Steinke. We thank Ed Millis for negotiating with Texas Legal Copies, Dallas, to keep our printing costs down.

I hope that broadening our focus to include American Indian, African American, and Hispanic American articles and resources has also encouraged new researchers to join DGS and they will step up to the plate and contribute to expand these offerings in our Newsletter and Journal.

GENERAL DGS NEWS

It has been a pleasure to serve with everyone on this Board and our Newsletter staff. I am pleased to pass my editorship to Happi McQuirk, who has the technical know-how, creativity, and interest in genealogy that will keep our Newsletter an education and information source.

Treasurer Grover Livingston

The financial strength of the Society improved during 2004 in almost every category compared to operations for 2003.

The Total Assets for 2004 are \$109,248 compared to \$95,902 for 2003. Liquid Assets reflected in "Checking and Savings" improved from \$89,434 in 2003 to \$103,051 for 2004.

Membership Dues Income rose slightly in 2004 to \$22,470 from \$21,560 in 2003.

Net income from Fundraising is up about 50% from \$17,898 in 2003 to \$26,537 for 2004.

Donations, however, were down about \$5000 in 2004. Donations in 2004 were \$14,690 compared to \$19,552 in 2003.

Recording Secretary Patricia Haynes

No report.

Directors of Sales Betty and Alan Miller

During the past year and one-half, DGS continued to operate sales tables at all DGS events, as well as, the FGS meeting in Austin and selected other meetings. We also increased efforts to sell to libraries and genealogical societies, with some success. Most mail sales to individuals came from the Internet site, which Tresa Tatyrek was careful to keep updated. Sales for the 18-month period totaled \$7,863.84, of which about half were sales at events and the remainder split about equally between mail and desk sales at the Library.

Plans for 2005 will include further attempts to encourage sales to other libraries having significant genealogical sections as well as continuing and, perhaps, increasing our desk sales by volunteers at the Dallas Library. We expect to continue to

operate sales tables at DGS and other events, as they offer our most concentrated sales opportunity.

Director of Mailing Betty Jean Steinke

Due to the change in By-laws, the board year this report covers is 18 months. This position handles the mass mailings for DGS and answers the voice message center. Many of the phone calls are inquiries about the local cemeteries. I wish to thank Adrienne Jamieson and Barbara Ware for their help. Also, I'd like to thank Shirley Sloat for her book on Dallas County Research.

Number of Mailings	23
Number of Pieces	24,244
Brochures	6,028
Newsletters	15,574
Journals	1,575
FGS	1,067

Director of Publications Ed Millis

DGS kept the presses rolling in the 18 months of the 2003-2004 Board of Directors. The printing totaled over 610,000 pages for the 39 jobs submitted. The DGS Newsletter should be especially cited, as Marti Fox corralled, roped, and hog-tied 332 pages of interesting genealogical news for the members and friends, and had them published in a beautifully formatted and printed form at a cost-effective price. Also, kudos to Ann Williams for her great job on the Dallas Journal. It, too, was a thing of interest and beauty. It's been a pleasure and an honor to serve with everyone on this board. Best wishes to Marti, the new Publications Director.

Director of Publicity Mel Brewer

Activities:

- 22 Jul 2003 Mailed 540 Salt Lake City brochures to 108 societies and libraries, and delivered 200 brochures to Dallas Public Library.
- 28 Aug 2003 Mailed 468 Bockstruck Lecture brochures to 117 societies and libraries, and delivered 180 brochures to Dallas Public Library.
- 28 Aug 2003 Sent news release to Dallas Morning News re: Beginner Workshops.

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- 9 Dec 2003 Mailed 480 Hank Jones Lecture brochures to 120 societies and libraries, and delivered 200 brochures to Dallas Public Library, and mailed 37 press releases to area newspapers.
- 4 Feb 2004 Paid for 1,500 flyers printed by John Wylie related to the NGS Family Photo scanning event. Also sent press releases to 37 area newspapers.
- 8 Mar 2004 Paid for the DGS booth at the NGS Conference in Austin, Texas
- 18 Mar 2004 Mailed 360 Writing Awards brochures to 120 societies and libraries, and delivered 300 brochures to Dallas Public Library.
- 18 Mar 2004 Sent press releases to 37 area newspapers concerning Writing Awards.
- 24 May 2004 Mailed 480 Institute brochures to 120 societies and libraries, and delivered 200 brochures to Dallas Public Library.
- 10 Dec 2004 Mailed 480 2005 Lecture Series brochures to 120 societies and libraries, and delivered 200 brochures to Dallas Public Library.

Note: Brochures for 2004 Salt Lake City trip were distributed at the Dallas Public Library.

Expenses:

Mailings, charged to various events	\$285.54
Booth at FGS Conference (special charge)	195.00
Budget items, supplies	<u>242.20</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$722.74</u>

Director, Volunteer Coordinator Susan Morris

Dallas Genealogical Society members posted a total of 3,530 volunteer hours in 2004. Various members worked at the Volunteer Desk on the 8th Floor, read cemetery cards for the Oakland Cemetery Project, as well as, walked the cemetery and participated through the Board of Directors meetings, the lecture series and lock-ins.

I provided the hospitality for the Hank Jones Seminar on February 7, 2004, ably assisted by Elizabeth Deihl. Donuts, coffee, cold drinks, snacks and water were made available throughout the day for the attendees of this lecture. This event was the

first for me, and I soon realized that the hardest part of Hospitality for the lectures series is the setup and take down.

Pat and Jim Stone retired in May 2004 as Hospitality Chairpersons, and Bobbie Jean Hooser ably stepped into this position in August 2004.

The Summer Lock-In was held in July 2004. Hospitality provided cold drinks, chips, snacks, and candy. Shirley Sloat brought in the subs, and Marti Fox provided a delicious fruit salad for the attendees.

I continue to work at the Volunteer Desk on Monday nights from 7-9pm and served on the 2004 Nominating Committee. In addition to these activities, I continue to recruit volunteers for open shifts at the Volunteer Desk as well as calling substitutes to fill in at the Volunteer Desk when needed.

Thank you to all of the volunteers for making 2004 a banner year.

Parliamentarian Rose Alyce Beasley

I have enjoyed the time I have served as Parliamentarian for DGS. It's been very interesting to closely observe how much time and effort the board members put into advancing the cause of genealogy in general and the Dallas Public Library Genealogy section in particular. The society is lucky to have dedicated people who take on this challenge and, as a result, enhance our sources for genealogical research. I am grateful for the opportunity to have experienced this. Good luck to Liz Thurmond, an able lady who will take over this position.

Mail Administrator Mary Ruth McKenney

No report.

Computer Interest Group (CIG) Gene Burris

What a year it has been for the Computer Interest Group! This was the first year for us to have twelve monthly meetings, instead of nine. The three 2004 summer meetings had 183 attend with an average of 61 per meeting. We had 654 attend the twelve

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monthly meeting with an average of 54.5 per meeting. We had a high attendance of 81 and a low of 25. I would like to thank the attendees for participating in our meetings.

- 02 Sep 2003 Beau Sharbrough—How to Select and Use Digital Cameras. 63
- 07 Oct 2003 Don Raney—Using DNA Testing to Identify Your Ancestor. 37
- 04 Nov 2003 Glenn Kinkade—Using Mailing Lists for Genealogical Research 64
- 02 Dec 2003 John Wylie—Migration with a Technology Twist. 41
- 06 Jan 2004 Bill Dow—Second Site and other Software for publishing your Genealogy on the web. 40
- 03 Feb 2004 Patricia Law Hatcher, CG, FASG—Tables, Charts and Spreadsheets. 72
- 02 Mar 2004 Carla & Dennis Ridenour—The NGS Personal Papers Digitizing Project. 81
- 06 Apr 2004 Craig Winder—PDA Software useful to Genealogists. 43
- 04 May 2004 CIG Panel—How to select Genealogical Software. 60
- 01 Jun 2004 AI Weeks – Google. 67
- 06 Jul 2004 CIG Panel—Family Tree Maker. 43
- 03 Aug 2004 John Wylie—Texshare: finding your people at this productive site. Jeri Steele—Document Numbering System. Bill Dow—iMatch photo indexing tool. 73
- 14 Sep 2004 Beau Sharbrough—Digital Imaging restoration. 53 (2nd Tuesday because of FGS in Austin, 08-11 Sep)
- 05 Oct 2004 Happi McQuirk—Heritage Albums: Bringing your family tree to life. 50
- 09 Nov 2004 Glenn Kinkade—Some small easy to use Utility applications. 25 (2nd Tuesday because of Presidential election)
- 07 Dec 2004 Marti Fox—Who better to write your obituary? John Wylie—File Management. 47.

African American Genealogy Interest Group (AAGIG) Lois Lilly

No report.



Volunteers Needed!!

The World War I Draft Records need a few good volunteers. The Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library has nine rolls of World War I draft records for Dallas County. DGS members have been working over several years to make these records available in printed form and on the Internet. Many other societies across the U.S. have already provided their county's records.

We need volunteers, who have laptop computers and Excel software, to transcribe District 1 (last names D to G, P to S) for publication in the 2005 Journal.

If you are available to help with this project, please contact Ann M. Williams for additional information. (214) 275-6043 or melugin708@sbcglobal.net.

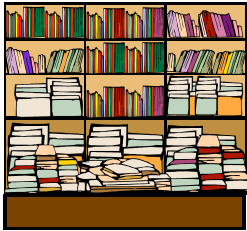
Outstanding Service



At the DGS 50th Anniversary Banquet, Shirley Sloot presented a special Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing President, Tresa Tatyrek. The Society has been enriched by her—as Leader, Educator, Mentor, Mediator, Researcher, and Friend.

NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY

compiled by: Lloyd de Witt 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:

- \$100 in honor of Lloyd Bockstruck from the Huguenot Society of Manakin -- Texas Branch.
- \$50 in honor of Lloyd Bockstruck from the Collin County Genealogical Society.

UNITED STATES

- Complete Civil War.
- Gazetteer of North America and the West Indies 1833. CD-ROM.
- Quaker Biographies Published in 1916: Several Illustrations. CD-ROM.
- One Way to Write Your Personal Story.
- Catalogue of Revolutionary War Pensions and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application Files; American Revolutionary Service Records and General Index.
- Mathew Brady's illustrated History of the Civil War, 1861-1865 and the Causes up to the Great Conflict.
- Doctors in Blue: the Medical History of the Union Army in the Civil War.
- Ancestral Roots of Certain American Colonists who came to America Before 1700.
- Scottish Surnames of Colonial America.
- Executive Mansions and Capitols of America.

ALABAMA

- Tracing Your Alabama Past.
- Chambers County, Alabama, Nineteenth Century Records.
- Index to 1860-1868 Marriage Book. (Shelby County, Alabama).
- Heritage of Pike County, Alabama.

ARKANSAS

- Newspaper History of Cave City, Arkansas. 1877-1929.
- Polk County, Arkansas, 1870 Census.
- Polk County, Arkansas, 1880 Federal Census.
- Polk County, Arkansas, 1890 "Census".
- Polk County, Arkansas, Pension Records, 1901-1904,
- Polk County, Arkansas, Tombstone Records.
- Taproots in Fertile Soil.

CALIFORNIA

- Across the Sierras in Winter.
- Portuguese Pioneers of the Sacramento Area.

COLORADO

- Ancestral Data.

CONNECTICUT

- Story of the Early Settlers of Stamford, Connecticut, 1641-1700.

GEORGIA

- Cherokee Ration Books, 1836, 1837, 1838: New Echota.

INDIANA

- Indiana Stonecarver: the Story of Thomas R. Reding.
- History of Wayne County, Indiana, from its first Settlement to Present Time.
- 1820 Federal Census for Indiana.
- 1830 Federal Population Census for Indiana.
- Indiana Source Book. Volume 4, with index.
- Indiana Sources for Genealogical Research in the Indiana State Library.
- History of Indianapolis and Marion County, Indiana.
- Indiana Land Entries. Volumes 1 & 2, Part 1.

KANSAS

- Washburn Alumni Directory.
- History of Shawnee County, Kansas, and Representative Citizens.
- History of Republic County, Kansas.

KENTUCKY

- Atlas of Henry and Shelby Counties, Kentucky.
- Southeast Laurel County, Kentucky, Cemeteries.
- 13th Census of the United States, 1910, Laurel County, Kentucky.
- Northeast Cemeteries of Laurel County, Kentucky.
- Northwest Cemeteries of Laurel County, Kentucky.

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- London Area Cemeteries, Laurel County, Kentucky.

LOUISIANA

- "No Land, Only Slaves": Slave Conveyances Abstracted from the Deed Books of Bienville Parish, Louisiana.
- "No Land, Only Slaves": Slave Conveyances Abstracted from the Deed Books of Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.
- "No Land, Only Slaves": Slave Conveyances Abstracted from the Deed Books of Bossier Parish, Louisiana.
- Student Telephone Directory. 1975-76. (Tulane).

MARYLAND

- Index of Maryland Colonial Wills, 1634-1777.
- Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Volumes 15 & 16.
- St. Thomas Parish Marriages: Owings Mills, Maryland, 1738-1995.

MASSACHUSETTS

- Nantucket Lands and Landowners. No. 3.
- Massachusetts Vital Records. Duxbury, 1661-1907. 52 microfiche.
- Massachusetts Vital Records. Lincoln, 1732-1915. 135 microfiche.
- Circulating Library Catalog for the New England Historic Genealogical Society. 2 volumes.

MISSISSIPPI

- Early Settlers of Mississippi as taken from Land Claims in the Mississippi Territory.
- Cemetery and Bible Records. Volume 24.
- Index to the Twenty-Four Volumes of Cemetery and Bible Records.
- Corrections & Supplemental Index to McBee's Natchez Court Records, 1767-1805.

MISSOURI

- Callaway County, Missouri. Volume 11.
- 800 Missouri Families. 5 volumes.
- Missouri Heartlands: Family Records.
- Lawrence County, Missouri, Marriage Record Book. Volumes 3-12.

OHIO

- Preble County, Ohio, Marriage Records. Volume 1, 1808-1830.
- Hamilton County, Ohio, Burial Records. Volume 16.

IRELAND

- Registers of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Dublin, 1619-1699.
- Richard Griffith and His Valuations of Ireland.

ROMANIA

- Romanians in the United States and Canada.

SCOTLAND

- Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry. Third Edition.
- Naming and Numbering of Scottish Regiments of Foot Cavalry & Militia.
- Ships from Scotland to America, 1628-1828.

REGIONAL and NATIONAL EVENTS

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

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

January 22 – Family Tree Maker Workshop

We are going to start over! This year Tresa Tatyrek is going to start with a new family file and progress through data entry and sourcing. Since the Grapevine Public Library's Presentation Room has Internet capability, the year will be sessions building one on the other on how to do research by using Family Tree Maker, Word, Excel, a photo editor, and, of course, the Internet. Grapevine Public Library located at 1201 Municipal Way, Grapevine, TX. Sessions run 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Tresa Tatyrek at 972-539-7452, genealogy@magnoliamanor-network.com. Donations accepted.

February 3 - Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

Speaker, Jari Emmons, will present "Cite Your Sources or Please Bless This Mess."

February 19 - McKinney Memorial Library

Saturday's program, *Getting the Most Out of Heritage Quest – using Texshare to find their ancestors*. This program is hosted by the Genealogy Section and will be taught by CIG members, John and Barb Wylie at 3:00 p.m. at the McKinney Memorial Public Library, in the Dulaney Room, 101 E. Hunt Street, McKinney, TX.

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Contact Tracy E. Luscombe, Genealogy Librarian, 972-547-7343 or tluscombe@mckinneytexas.org. The program and parking are free!

February 26 – Family Tree Maker Workshop

Topic: *Continuation of/building on January 22 research*
Grapevine Public Library located at 1201 Municipal Way, Grapevine, TX. Sessions run 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Tresa Tatyrek at 972-539-7452, genealogy@magnoliamanor-network.com. Donations accepted.

March 3 - Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

Faye Chisham will speak on "The Civil War" (possibly in period dress).

March 19, 2005 – Hot Springs Village Genealogical Society, Arkansas

This year's Family History Workshop will feature Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, FNGS, who will speak on:

- British Isles Research,
- The Pennsylvania Dutch,
- Identifying the Maiden Names of Females, and
- Pitfalls of Genealogical Research.

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

March 21 – Brookhaven College

Beginning Legacy Family Tree by Glenn Kinkade.
March 21, 23, 28, 30, & April 4 (Mon. & Wed.)
1:30 - 4:10 p.m., 5 sessions over 3 weeks
For a course catalog or to enroll call Janice Groeneman at (972) 860-4698. Classes are free for Dallas County residents age 65 or over. Contact Glenn at 214-349-3808, glennkinkade@comcast.net

June 1-4, 2005 - NGS Conference

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

June 16-18, 2005 - The Seventh Annual Great Obituary Writers' Conference

To be held in the UNESCO site of Bath, England. Obituarist Tim Bullamore of Bath has attended the 5th and 6th Great Obit Writers' Conferences in New Mexico and will serve as our local host. See details on: <http://www.obitpage.com/>

September 2005 - HOGAR

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

Sept. 7-10, 2005 – FGS/UGA Conference

Reminders of the Past: Visions for the Future to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

REGIONAL CONTACTS

Texas State Genealogical Society

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

Central Texas Genealogical Society

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

Collin County Genealogical Society

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

Dallas Historical Society

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

Duncanville Genealogical Society

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

East Texas Genealogical Society

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

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. Fourth Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m.-11:00a.m. Open to the public. Contact Tresa Tatyrek at 972-539-7452 or genealogy@magnoliamanor-network.com. Donations accepted.

Grand Prairie Genealogical Society

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

Grapevine Namedroppers

Meets the second Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m., all year round, in the Grapevine Public Library program room, 1201 Municipal Way. Frances Malcolm: 817-267-1645, gvhistsoc@hotmail.com.

HOGAR de Dallas

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

Irving Genealogical Society

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

Lancaster Genealogical Society

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

Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, Mesquite Public Library, 300 Grubb. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. www.rootsweb.com/~txmhgs/page1.htm

Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

Meets the first Thursday of each month at the Euless Public Library. Social at 6:30 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. They begin with a short business meeting followed by their program. Contact: Debbie Kunze, VP, 972-906-1972, dgtipton@sbcglobal.net.

North Texas PC Users Group

Meets the third Saturday of each month at North Lake College in Irving. Check out the schedule and much more at our web site: <http://www.ntpcug.org/>

Peters Colony Chapter of the DAR

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

Texins Genealogy Club

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

SPRING 2005 LECTURE SERIES

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

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

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

February 5, 2005:

Claire Mire Bettag, CGRS, CGL



Genealogy: Sources and Methods

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

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

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

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

March 5, 2005:

Emily Croom, BA & MA degrees (history), BA (music)

Unpuzzling Your Past

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

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

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

April 2, 2005:

Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL

Five Ways to Prove Who Your Ancestor Was

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

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

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

DGS Lecture Registration

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Registration Fee for each Lecture:

- \$25 for pre-registered DGS members
- \$30 for pre-registered non-members
- \$35 for anyone not pre-registered*

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

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

Saturday, 5 Feb 2005—Claire Bettag	\$ _____
Optional lunch @ \$10	\$ _____
Saturday, 5 Mar 2005—Emily Croom	\$ _____
Optional lunch @ \$10	\$ _____
Saturday, 2 Apr 2005—Thomas Jones	\$ _____
Optional lunch @ \$10	\$ _____

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Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ .00

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Make checks to: Dallas Genealogical Society

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P.O. Box 12446
Dallas, TX 75225-0446

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

For more information:

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

DGS NEWSLETTER

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New Member ____ Renewal ____

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- 18 – Tue AAGIG CIG – TBD
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24 – Mon DGS Meeting – Eldin Edgin, *What to Do When the Records Conflict*

February

- 01 – Tue DGS CIG – Diane Bentley, *Okay, I Wrote My Family Story...How Will I Ever Get It Indexed?* (WORD)
05 – Sat DGS Lecture Series:
Claire Mire Bettag
Genealogy: Sources and Methods
See page 17 for more details!
15 – Tue AAGIG CIG - TBD

- 28 – Mon DGS Meeting – William “Bill” Dow, Jr.,
My Liles Who Fell Through the Cracks

March

- 01 – Tue DGS CIG – Stan Simmons, *Keeping Your Computer Safe - Software and Spyware*
05 – Sat DGS Lecture Series:
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Unpuzzling Your Past
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15 – Tue AAGIG CIG - TBD
28 – Mon DGS Meeting – Glenn Kinkade, *Indirect Evidence*

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