

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

DGS Newsletter

My Grandma Was a Witch, Now What Do You Think About That?

by Jane Rouff Power

How many of us grew up listening to the Smothers Brothers sing this charming little ditty?

“My old man’s a sailor
What do you think about that?
He wears a sailor’s collar,
He wears a sailor’s hat.
He wears a sailor’s raincoat,
He wears a sailor’s shoes,
And every Saturday evening,
He reads the Sailor’s News.”

And now that we are genealogists, don’t we wish we knew a little more about the lives and times of our ancestors? We can guess about the clothes they wore and how they got their news. We can speculate about their everyday lives. How did they get their shoes? Homemade? A day-long trip into town to see the cobbler? Did they even have raincoats? Or did they just use another layer of clothing to protect themselves from the elements? Did work stop on Saturday evening long enough to enjoy the news? Could these folks read?

Sometimes, we are so caught up in “the facts, ma’am, nothing but the facts,” we may forget to find out about the daily grind of our ancestors. Our goal is to just fill in those blanks on the family group sheets and pedigree charts and then move on to the next generation.

Enter the world of Lineage and Heritage Societies. If you have not explored this world, now might be the time. There are very well known groups such as Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of Confederate Veterans. And then many, many lesser known groups to honor your ancestors. (See the Hereditary Society Community at: www.hereditary.us/)

Joining a lineage society is helpful to the genealogist in several ways. First and foremost, you are honoring the memory of your ancestor. Next, submitting your application and proof is a way to express your conclusions.
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The final lecture of our 2005 Lecture Series on methodology is over. The room was packed to capacity as DGS members and friends gathered to hear Dr. Tom Jones talk about the genealogical standard and what it should mean to us. His talks went from "easier" to more challenging as the day progressed, and at 3:45, when the last lecture was nearly over, I glanced around the room and saw the entire audience still totally engrossed with the stimulating ideas being presented.

I thought to myself: what a great place to be at this particular moment in time. And what a great bunch of people we have in DGS! You are serious researchers, not dilettantes. You support bringing experts to Dallas, you support our excellent J. Erik Jonsson library, and you support each other as you cope with research challenges. And perhaps most importantly, you share with each other the joy (and occasional pain) experienced as we pursue our common passion. Thank you for all you do for DGS.

Thanks, too, to all the volunteers whose work resulted in an outstanding Lecture Series and to those of you were able to participate in at least one of them. In a twist of the old "no good deed shall go unpunished" adage, we can show that "no good deed shall go unrewarded" by rewarding ourselves with yet another opportunity—to hear the dynamic duo of Dr. George Schweitzer and Lloyd Bockstruck who will bring church records to life at our August Institute.

Shirley

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

I [Susan Morris] would like to thank Alfreda Antoine for agreeing to work at the Volunteer Desk on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Last month Janet Branstetter began working on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 3-5pm. After her first shift, Janet called me and said she would work the 1-3pm shift as well. Thank you Janet!!!

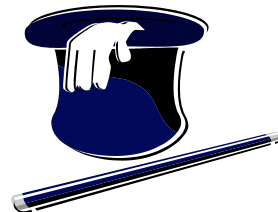
The only open shift currently is every Friday from 3-5pm. If anyone is interested in helping out on the Volunteer Desk, please email me at Volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org or call me at (214) 942-4051.

Thank you to all the DGS volunteers for your support.

Welcome To Our New Members



Sandra M. Childers, Joe P. Connelly, Janet Van Heyst, G. Darrow Hooper, Wayne and Peggy W. James, Pamela Marshall, Carwin Y. and Susan L. Peterson, David and Edna Shauf, Rodney G. Smith, Robert G. Tidwell, Susan Tillman, Dr. Jimmie L. Webb, Rev. Robert B. and Charlotte Y. Winters



HATS OFF!

Heartfelt thanks go to Marti Fox for her on-going help with the DGS Newsletter. She has been a huge support to Newsletter Editor, Happi McQuirk, during her mother's serious illnesses and long stays in the hospital. Happi says she couldn't have done it without Marti's help – at least, not without going over the edge! Marti, you're the best.



LOST, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Maxine Cox, 88, born April 20, 1916, in Quinlan, Texas, to Oscar Owen and Beulah Hibbitt Smith, passed away on January 26, 2005 in Dallas, Texas. She is preceded in death by her sisters, Geraldine "Gerry" Jamison and Jowilla Smith. Maxine is survived by her sister, Mary K. Allee and a cousin, Jowilla Sharp. Funeral Services [were] held January 29, 2005 at Sparkman-Hillcrest, Rev. Bynum Akins officiating. Interment ... at Hillcrest Memorial Park. 7405 W. Northwest Hwy. Dallas.

–The Dallas Morning News Record #: 13930513-1

**2005
DGS SOCIETY PROGRAMS**

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

DGS GENERAL MEETING

USUALLY MEETS ON THE FOURTH MONDAY

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

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

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

Monday, June 27

Speaker: Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG

Title: Understanding Colonial Research

If our research goes well, at some point we may find ourselves crossing a significant research boundary, from doing federal research (after the Revolution) to doing colonial research (before the Revolution). When crossing this research boundary, there are significant variances, especially in understanding the records and the environment in which they were created.

Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG, Dallas, Texas, is a professional genealogist specializing in problem solving whose articles have appeared in over a dozen publications. She is the author of numerous books including *Locating Your Roots: Discover*

Your Ancestors Using Land Records, Producing a Quality Family History, and Abstracts of Revolutionary Patriots. She is also the editor of the *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*, a consulting editor to Newbury Street Press, a consulting editor to the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, and a consulting editor to the *Maine Genealogist*. Her oft-migrating ancestors lived in all of the original colonies prior to 1800 and 17 other states, presenting her with highly varied research problems and forcing her to acquire techniques and tools that help solve tough problems.

Monday: July 25

Speaker: Barbara Brixey Wylie

Title: Curlicues & Chicken Scratch: Reading Yesterday's Handwriting

Penmanship styles, shortcuts and dialect sometimes make old documents look like chicken-scratch—but these tips will help you read that handwriting.

Barbara Brixey Wylie's lecturing experience includes FGS, NGS, GENTECH, and more than a hundred state, regional and local audiences. She was Conference Chair for GENTECH97 and served a three-year term on the GENTECH Board of Directors. Her articles have been published in *Heritage Quest*, *Genealogical Computing*, *Stirpes*, *Journal of the Missouri State Genealogical Society*, *DGS Newsletter*, *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, and *Dragon Fly Teacher's Companion*. Recently she has been helping write *First United Methodist Church, Grand Prairie, Texas: 125 Years of Service in the Heart of the City*, which will be published in October 2005. (See johnwylie.com for more info.)



**2005 DGS Summer Institute
GENEALOGY FOR GOD'S SAKE:
CHURCH RECORDS –
THE PREEMINENT SOURCE**

The 2005 DGS Summer Institute is scheduled for August 4 through 7. The speakers will be: Dr. George K. Schweitzer and Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS. The Institute will cover the origins of church denominations and church records. Some of the denominations, religions, and churches to be covered will be Congregational, German, Jewish, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Anglican, Huguenot, Methodist, Quakers, and others.

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The event begins at 6:00 p.m. Thursday at the Library; please dine beforehand. A complimentary lunch will be provided daily. Break-time refreshments will be offered on Friday and Saturday. A brunch will be served prior to the final lecture on Sunday. At the conclusion of each day, you will be on your own for the evening meal. Registration at the Institute will include a special Saturday evening lock-in at the Dallas Public library for Institute attendees only, from 6:00–9:00 p.m.

The Institute location will be the J. Erik Jonsson Dallas Public Library, Downtown Central Branch. Underground garage parking at the library will be available for a reduced fee of \$2.00 per day. The garage is entered from Wood Street, a one-way street heading east. The DPL Genealogy Section is rated among the nation's top 10 public library facilities.

- Jeri Steele

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: July 30, 2005
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Place: J. Erik Jonsson Public Library
8th Floor Genealogy section
Meals: Light supper & snacks included
Cost: \$25.00 per person,
This is a “Members Only” event

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

For more information and registration form, see the DGS website: dallasgenealogy.org/lockin.htm.

Registration must be received by 22 July 2005.

AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP (AAGIG) MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY



Summer Break.

The AAGIG promotes the study of Black genealogy and provides information through educational programs on tracing African-American roots. AAGIG is on

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, July 12 (SECOND Tuesday)

Speaker: Al Weeks, DGS-DNA Project Chair
Title: “Genealogy Starts with GENE”

DNA testing is stepping to the forefront of genealogy. Over 50,000 people around the world have now had their DNA tests for genealogical purposes. New cousins have been discovered, although the “most recent common ancestor” (MCRA) may not have been specifically identified. Males of over 1,000 surnames (including spelling variants) have compared their Y-chromosome test results and have often found other males with a common male line ancestor, sometimes with different surname spelling variants, occasionally with very different surnames. Both males and females have discovered more about their female ancestral line.

Al will explain what DNA really is, what DNA tests are useful for genealogical purposes, what the test results tell you, and what they do not tell you. DGS

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members can order DNA tests for themselves or a "surrogate" at a discounted rate from Family Tree DNA. DNA test results could open up a whole new area of ancestral research, or might confirm or refute some prior research. Bring your own DNA testing stories, questions, and comments.



DGS INTERNET WORKSHOPS

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

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

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DGS Internet Workshop Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Select Topics and Date

- ◆ USGenWeb.com (note date change)
__ Jun. 23 @ 1:00 p.m. -or- __ Jun. 25 @ 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Heritage Quest
__ July 14 @ 1:00 p.m. -or- __ July 16 @ 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:
Dallas Genealogical Society
PO Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446

For more information see the DGS website:
www.dallasgenealogy.org/workshops/internet.htm

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

Brookhaven College for Summer, 2005

Internet Genealogy: July 19, 21, 26, 28, & August 2, 4. (Tuesdays & Thursdays), 1:30 p.m. - 3:50 p.m., 6 sessions over 3 weeks.

Instructor: Glenn Kinkade, 214-349-3808,
glennkinkade@comcast.net

Intermediate Legacy Family Tree: July 19, 21, 26, 28, & August 2, 4. (Tuesdays & Thursdays), 9:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m., 6 sessions over 3 weeks.

Instructor: Glenn Kinkade, 214-349-3808,
glennkinkade@comcast.net

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

Note: If you are 65 years of age or older and reside in Dallas County, or own property in Dallas County, tuition is waived for up to six credit hours per semester. You pay only for textbooks.

Mountain View Community College for Summer and Fall, 2005

Genealogy Using Computers: 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. This class is taught by John and Barb Wylie at **Mountain View College**, Wednesdays 2-4pm or 7-9pm from 15 Jun to 6 July 2005 and from 21 Sep to 26 October for \$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.



Richland College for Summer 2005

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

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Genealogy Level II, Friday 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
July 8 thru August 5, 2005 (No class on 22 July)

Genealogy Level I, Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.,
August 7 thru August 28, 2005

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

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

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

The Journal Needs YOU!

Yes, the 2005 *Dallas Journal* can
still use help.



We could use:

- one or two more volunteers to extract the F and G World War I Draft Cards, (before July 1)
- copy editors, (before Oct. 1)
- proof-readers, (before Oct. 1) and
- indexers. (before Oct. 1)

We will even teach you to index using Word! You
might just want that skill when you publish your
family history.

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

Get Ready, Get Set, GO! [Salt Lake City]

*By Tresa Tatyrek
(continued from the April issue)*

Get Set

There are some climate differences for most of us
that you need to be prepared for. The air is dryer

and atmosphere lighter. Take lip and body
protection and eye and nose drops to keep you
safe from the dryness of the air. Pack clothing that
is comfortable for sitting in for long periods. You
will sit behind those microfilm readers entranced for a
great deal of your visit! Take a distinctive
lightweight jacket or sweater to place on your chair
to help you locate your other belongings in the
library. The library can be hot or cold, so go
prepared for both.

Time tends to slip away from you. Take something
like a timer to remind you to get up out of your
chair. If you have favorite munchies, take some
with you. No eating or drinking is allowed in the
library except on the first floor in the break room.
There are some vending machines there. They
have juice in some of them, but no soft drinks,
coffee, or tea.

For those of you who are technology oriented and
are planning on taking your laptop computer, make
sure it has everything on it that you need. Many of
the hotels now have high-speed Internet so take
the appropriate connectors with you. Make backup
CD's of your software and databases to take with
you in case you have a crashed drive. Make a
backup of everything before you leave and leave it
at home.

Luggage should be lightweight and have wheels.
Don't kill yourself carrying heavy bags! Take a
rolling bag to cart your research to, in, and from the
library. It will save your neck, back, and shoulders.

The library copy machines use money cards, so
there is no need to haul weighty coins around. You
"buy" the initial card, PUT YOUR NAME ON IT, and
add additional money to the card as you need it. If
you find a great deal on microfilm, you can buy a
burnable CD and use the library's microfilm
scanner equipment to put digital images on it from
the microfilm.

Lastly, go to: http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHL/frameset_library.asp?PAGE=library_floorplan.asp and check out the five floor plans of the library. The library does remodel and change things so, even if you have gone before, check the layout so you don't get waylaid the first day you are there.

GO!

Most will travel by air. Security is an issue that will
always be there. Be aware before you even go to

the airport and place any sharp objects in your checked luggage. Don't wear a lot of jewelry or clothing with metal on or in it. If you are taking a laptop computer, it has to come out of the bag and go through the security conveyor in a bucket. Find a roll-on computer bag that is easy to get your unit in and out of easily. If you have trouble with airlines and long walks, ask the flight attendants for assistance. Wheelchairs are available for those who know they walk slower and have trouble with inclines. Those people can also board early, before everyone else. Just ask!

The family history library has the following rules:

- Please maintain a quiet atmosphere for research. Cellular phones should be used only in the public telephone areas.
- Do not leave personal belongings unattended. The library is not responsible for items that are lost or stolen.
- If you plan to vacate a microfilm reader for more than 60 minutes or a computer for more than 15 minutes, please take your material with you. Library Attendants or Security officers may clear the work station if demand is high.
- Please handle the equipment, books, and other materials carefully.
- Please re-file each microfilm and return books to the red shelves in the row from which they came.
- When using photocopy equipment, please limit yourself to five copies when others are waiting.
- Food and drinks are permitted only in the main floor snack room.
- Children under twelve must be accompanied by an adult.
- Please observe all posted instructions.
- Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building or on the grounds.

Salt Lake City has many sites and other experiences besides the library. Don't spend all your time at the library. Remember to take breaks and drink a lot of water. You'll find more because you will stay fresh and alert. Next to last tidbit: get a pass from the volunteers at the information desk in the library to go to the lunchroom of the church employees across the square. They serve very reasonably priced lunches. Thursday is prime rib. Yum!

Get excited, get ready, get set, then GO!

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

**My Grandma Was a Witch,
Now What Do You Think About That?**

*by Jane Routt Power
(continued from front page)*

Your proof process is critiqued; the end result is approved; and you come away a better genealogist knowing someone else agrees with you. The majority of registrars for lineage societies are well qualified genealogists and you have benefited from a peer review. If you are questioned by a registrar, strengthen your stand by building your case. Explaining the facts so someone else can reach your conclusion reinforces your research.

There are benefits to the genealogical community at large as well. Your documentation may be kept for future researchers' use, giving access to family papers (Bible records, diaries, scrapbooks, etc.) previously unavailable. The documentation you use is a great way to share your results and increase your accuracy.

Lineage and Heritage Societies come in many guises. You may wish to honor a whaler or pirate/privateer. You may find you have a Confederate prisoner of war incarcerated at Point Lookout. Was your ancestor one who suffered at Valley Forge? Do you prefer a "one name" association of all the descendants of a particular family or location? From the Crusades to World War II, joining one of these societies, large or small, will help you find more about the daily life of your ancestor, to put flesh on those bones.

And the final benefit: as you are pulling proof for application to a lineage society, it is a given you will also be organizing your files as you search for the evidence you need to submit your application!

My Old Men and Women were pump makers, authors, coopers, attorneys, tanners, maltsters, merchants, shipwrights, tailors, brewers, physicians, glovers, soldiers, planters, wheelwrights, Huguenots, Quakers, judges, clergymen, governors, founders, patriots, innkeepers and accused as witches. Now, what do you think about that?

GUILD OF COLONIAL ARTISANS AND TRADESMEN

1607-1783

Karen Avery Miller

As avid genealogists, we search and gather facts (and inadvertently some fiction) on our ancestors to fill our files and ultimately our minds with reminders of where our ancestors came from. A way to take this process a step further is to consider joining hereditary societies that verify and validate your hard work, and then record and preserve your lineage with all intent and purposes for posterity. If you don't have the time or inclination to write your own family history book, consider joining a lineage society that publishes—a short cut that results with your lineage in print.

It's been said that there is a lineage society for almost every conceivable type of ancestor, and this is not far from the truth. A new hereditary society has debuted on the national scene and surprisingly many of its founders are closely tied to DGS. The *Guild of Colonial Artisans and Tradesmen 1607-1783* was founded 6 May 2004 and recently held its first annual meeting in Washington D.C., 14 April 2005. The Guild honors those ancestors who were accomplished in the field of art and those who crafted or traded items. Yes, the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, as well as, the blacksmith, the carpenter, the poet, and a wide variety of other crafts and trades that our Colonial ancestors practiced. Men and women, 18 years of age or older, who can prove lineal descent from an artisan or tradesman between the dates of the founding of Jamestowne 6 May 1607 to the Treaty of Paris, 13 September 1783 are eligible for membership.

What's the connection to DGS? Five of the twelve Guild founding officers and/or advisory council members are also DGS members: Karen Miller, Guild Founder & President General, and Barbara Baylis, Guild 1st Vice President General, are both past DGS Presidents; Laurie Wharton, Guild 2nd Vice President General, and Lloyd Bockstruck, a member of the Guild Advisory Council, are both past and present DGS board members, respectively; and, Mary Reid Warner, Guild Treasurer General, is a past member and was a Co-Founder (as was Barbara Baylis) of the Genealogical Institute of Texas (GIT) which was the

forerunner of the DGS Summer Institute. They have all experienced the many years of excellent genealogical programs and seminars that DGS has offered—many of which have assisted them in their research for qualified ancestors for various hereditary society memberships, including the Guild.

For more information on the Guild, visit the website guildcolonialartsandtrades.org or contact Karen Miller at guildpresgen@yahoo.com. Search your genealogical records; there were many ancestors who were skilled craftsmen and artisans or tradesmen from the North and the South. Wills and inventories are great sources, as well as, tax lists, county histories, and even deeds. Lineage societies are a wonderful way to remember and honor your ancestor and a great way for your descendants to find "you" someday.



Founding Board (from left): Laurie Wharton, Barbara Baylis, Karen Miller, Karen McClendon (Recording Secretary), Mary Reid Warner, Jane Power (Registrar), Nell White (Chaplain General). Not pictured, Al' Louise Ramp (Corresponding Secretary).

100,000 BOOK CHALLENGE REPORT

You've all heard about the DGS 50th Anniversary 100,000 Book Challenge. To celebrate, we want to increase the number of books in the Genealogy section from 95,641 in January, 2005 to 100,000 by the end of the year.

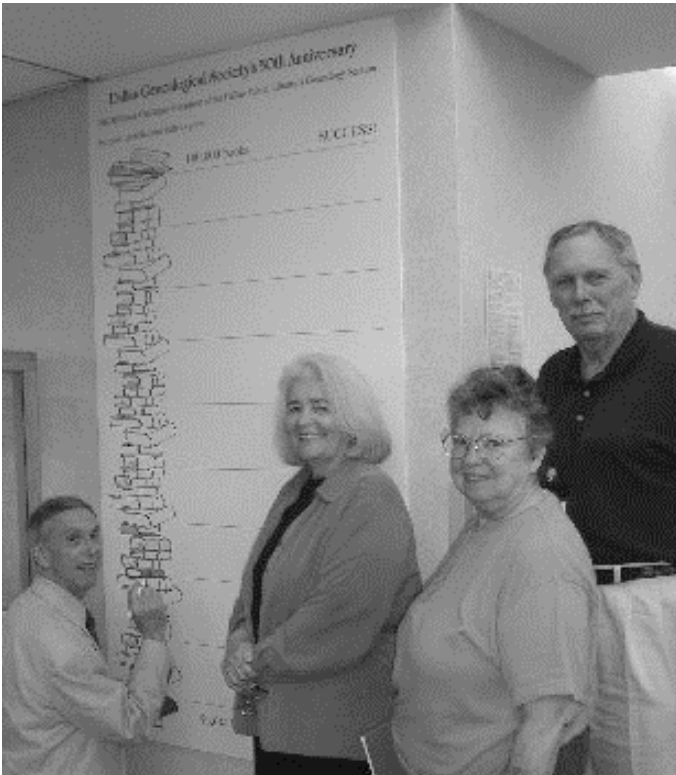
There are three ways you can participate in this challenge:

1) Make a monetary donation directly to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, mailing it to The Genealogy Section, Dallas Public Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, Texas 75201, and including information about what you'd like in the bookplates for books purchased with your

donation. The official donation form was printed in last month's Newsletter and is also available on the DGS website www.dallasgenealogy.org, as well as at the Volunteer Desk on the 8th floor of the Library.

2) Donate actual books directly to the Genealogy Section. In his DMN article of 24 April, Lloyd suggested the following types of materials—from any location and any time period—city directories, rosters of alumni from schools (not yearbooks), directories of honorary or social or professional or church or lineage organizations, histories of towns or counties, and family genealogies.

3) Make a donation either with a check or with an actual book directly to the Dallas Genealogical Society as part of the Honor Your Ancestor Program. Using the form available on the website or at DGS activities or the volunteer desk to indicate the name of an ancestor you wish to honor, specify his or her birth and/or death information. Your honored ancestor donation will be announced at a General meeting, and the information will be transferred to a bookplate when the Society transfers a group of donations to the Genealogy Section.



Lloyd Bockstruck coloring in Progress poster as (from left) Shirley Sloat, Frances Quigley, and Grover Livingston look on.

Here are the standings;

01 January	95,641
25 March	96,587
20 May	97,146

Only 2,854 to go! Good work, everyone!

Honor Your Ancestors Progress Report

As of 10 May 2005, the Honor Your Ancestor Program has raised \$2,660. Contributors and their honored ancestors include:

Barbara Ware (Barb309@aol.com) honored her:
Grandmother, Lydia Pardue Strode Russell.
Born on 10 Mar 1867 in Collin County, Texas, died in Farmersville, Texas, on 22 Feb 1957.
Grandfather, Robert Leslie Hight, born 1883 Arkansas, died 1963 in Texas.
Great-Grandmother, Sarah Louisa Elizabeth Visage Ware, born 1846 in Georgia, died 1915 in Texas. Web Page at <http://hometown.aol.com/gonetotex/Visage/>
Great-Grandfather, Joseph Campbell Ware.
Born on 11 Apr 1835 in Stewart Co, Georgia, died in Coleman County, TX, on 9 Apr 1904.

Bobbie Jean Hooser (bobbiejhooser@comcast.net) honored her:
Maternal Grandfather, Thomas Merion Davis, born 26 Jul 1887, died 15 Jan 1944
Mother, Marion Cavell Davis Fagg, born 29 Aug 1918, died 15 Jul 1997
Father, Robert Paul Armstrong, born 23 Apr 1920, died 22 Aug 1968
Maternal Grandmother, Bertha Demoss Davis, born 13 Dec 1881, died 8 Mar 1968.

Patrick McKinney (patmck@sbcglobal.net) honored his:
Father, Roald Yost McKinney, born 1912 in Arkansas, died 1990 in Arkansas
Mother, Clara Maxine Sturdivant, born 1920 in Arkansas, died 1984 in Arkansas

Jimmie L. Webb honored her:
Mother, Martha Washington Harbin McGowen, born 1919

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Grandfather, William Monroe Harbin, born 1888, died 1985

If you would like to see your ancestors honored here, submission forms are available at DGS Activities, at the DGS Volunteer Desk in the Genealogy Section of DPL, and on the DGS website. Indicate on the form the name of an ancestor you wish to honor, specifying his or her birth and/or death information. You can also leave a voice mail message at 469-948-1106 or email honoring@dallasgenealogy.org.



Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck Receives National Award

Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS, was honored by the National Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America at the Society Luncheon in Washington D. C. in April, 2005 with their highest award presented to a citizen of national stature in his field of expertise, who has made a noteworthy contribution in one of the fields to which this Society is dedicated.

Some of the objects of the Society are to teach reverent regard for the names, history, character, deeds, and heroism of the founders of this country and of their descendants in order to inculcate patriotism in the present and succeeding generations, and to commemorate events of the history of the Colonies and of the Republic. Other objectives are to discover and preserve family records and history, otherwise unwritten and unknown, of the first Colonists, their ancestors, and descendants.

Members of this Society must descend in an unbroken paternal line of either father or mother from an ancestor who settled in any of the colonies now included in the United States of America during the period from the settlement of Jamestown, May 13, 1607 to May 13, 1687, provided that, in this unbroken line, there is an intermediate ancestor who, by personal service in a civil or military capacity or by other acts proving his unflinching loyalty, assisted in establishing American independence during the Revolutionary Period, 1775 to 1784.

The Northeast Texas Chapter felt Lloyd Bockstruck (a member of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America) was unquestionably worthy of this accolade; Registrar Barbara Baylis wrote the nominating letter. Antoinette Segraves, National Chairman, Special Awards, and her committee agreed overwhelmingly that he would be a distinguished recipient.



From left: Antoinette J. Segraves, Special Awards, National Chairman; Mary Carolyn Trent, Treasurer and Patricia Martin, President, Northeast Texas Chapter; Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS; Barbara Baylis, Registrar and Karen Miller, Northeast Texas Chapter; Ellen Thorson, National President.



FROM OUR READERS

Thanks to Gene Burris for forwarding this email containing these interesting sites:

England + Wales Population by Surname:
taliesin-arlein.net/names/

Surname Frequency US in the 1990 Census:
census.gov/genealogy/www/freqnames.html

—from "Facts & Genes"
familytreeDNA.com/facts_genes.asp

SPANISH HERITAGE

On behalf of Gloria and HOGAR, we thank you for your continued support of HOGAR, its goals, and especially its Annual Journal. Again, we need your help and are asking for your contributions to continue publishing a quality journal that includes your genealogical family trees, stories, queries, articles, and extracts. Submissions in English or Spanish are acceptable. We are aware of the many

hours you have spent in your research efforts and greatly appreciate any information contributed for publication in the journal.

We plan to have the journal completed no later than the first part of August so we can send the journal to the members as they renew their membership in August, and have it ready for this year's Texas Hispanic Genealogical conference to be held in Laredo, Texas, on September 2-4, 2005.

Based on the feedback we have received, the information published in HOGAR de Dallas journals has helped many of our "primos" and friends in their genealogy research. We know that your efforts and contributions are always helpful and appreciated.

Once again, Gloria Benavides is our journal chairperson. If you would like to contribute to this year's HOGAR de Dallas journal, please contact us at our email: jgbenavide@aol.com. You do not have to be a member to participate. We look for Spanish heritage, not just from Texas: **Stories and Lineages of Families, History and Heritage, Extractions, and Queries**. We will accept, for consideration, **any** and **all** Dallas Co, and Texas, and Spanish Heritage submissions. We plan to accept any submission received by **email** or **postmarked** as of 4 July 2005 (Independence Day).

– Jerry Benavides

<http://home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas/id1.html>

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

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. collections.ic.gc.ca/blackloyalists/

In Motion: The African-American Migration Experience – This site underscores and explains the extraordinary diversity of African Americans living in the United States today. Many origins are taken as separate links for ease in research and timelines. Lots of graphics and "bells and whistles" make this site harder to navigate and require time for pages to upload. inmotioname.org/home.cfm

African American Family Histories and Related Works in the Library of Congress – The 183 English-language books in this research guide were cataloged during the period 1973–1997, and cover topics ranging from abolitionists, American Loyalists, and revolutionaries, to masters and slaves, freedmen, Civil War soldiers, and Cherokee Indians. They also have an alpha Index to Family Histories on the right of the front page. loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib_guid/aframer/

SCOTLAND'S FIRST GENEALOGY HOTEL AND PERFECT RETREAT

Dalmunzie, a stunning Highland laird's mansion, was purchased and updated by Scott and Brianna Poole, and the James Graham Library was added. This hotel offers support for guests tracing their ancestors. It is hidden in north Perthshire, perfectly situated between Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Inverness. This might be a great retreat for hard-working genealogists to lay their head. From: Visit Scotland Spring 2005 newsletter (courtesy of Marti Fox).

"Texas is a state of mind. Texas is an obsession. Above all, Texas is a nation in every sense of the word."

--John Steinbeck

NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY

compiled by: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, FNGS



The following contributions have been made to the Genealogy Section.

**indicates a major acquisition.*

DONATIONS

The following donations have been made to the Genealogy Section:

- \$25 in memory of Mary Lou Markley from Jodie Wyatt
- \$100 from Gene Wilkinson
- \$50 in memory of Patrick Riggins from Alexis and Steven Spiritas and Family
- \$25 in memory of Robert Walker McKellar from Linda and John Cummings
- \$100 in honor of Lloyd Bockstruck from Charlotte Klimaszewski
- \$50 in honor of Lloyd Bockstruck from the Cross Timbers Genealogical Society
- \$25 from Thomas L. Tefft
- \$300 from the City of Farmers Branch in honor of Lloyd Bockstruck
- \$300 from the Daughters of the Republic of Texas
- \$2,000 from Richard Bland in memory of Janette Bland
- \$25 from the Texas Society of the Dames of the Court of Honor
- \$100 from the Denton County Genealogical Society in honor of Lloyd Bockstruck
- \$1,000 in memory of Jane W. VanWinkle from Richard VanWinkle
- \$1,000 from Ed Mellis
- \$50 name withheld at donor's request
- \$150 from Laurel Sloat Martin and Bill Martin honoring Shirley Sloat
- \$50 from Martha K. Fox honoring Mary-Anne Foster Fox
- \$75 from Jay Sloat honoring Shirley Sloat
- \$100 from Susan K. Mellis in memory of Mary Ruth Mellis
- \$100 from Shelby R. Henson honoring Robin Taylor

- \$5,000 name withheld at donor's request
- \$100 from Bill Jaymes Chandler in memory of Maggie Mae Williams
- \$350 from Helen J. Sanford
- 250 from Ken and Patricia Sloat honoring Shirley Sloat

UNITED STATES

- *American Loyalist Claims. Microfilm, 189 rolls.
- Denizations and Naturalizations in the British Colonies in America, 1607-1775.
- Notable Native Americans.
- How to do Everything with your Genealogy.
- Census Secrets of the Rich and Famous.
- Yearbook of German American Studies.
- Handy Book for Genealogists. 7th Edition.

ALABAMA

- Heritage of Monroe County, Alabama.
- Heritage of Dallas County, Alabama.
- Heritage of Bullock County, Alabama.
- Evergreen--and Evergreen shall be its Name.

ARKANSAS

- Historical and Genealogical Abstracts from Randolph County, Arkansas Newspapers of... 5 volumes, 1911-1916.
- Logan County, Arkansas, Marriage Records, 1877-1924.

CALIFORNIA

- Index to Vital Data in Local Newspapers of Sonoma County, California. Volume 3.
- Newspaper Extracts from the Marin Journal.
- Searching in California: a Reference Guide to Public and Private Records.
- Index to Naturalization Records in Sonoma County, California. Volume 2.

CONNECTICUT

- History of Windham County, Connecticut. Volume 2.
- Jewish Cemeteries of Five Counties of Connecticut. Volume 2.
- Legend of Dudleytown (Connecticut).
- Windham County, Connecticut County Court Records, 1732-1736.
- Annals and Family Records of Winchester, Connecticut.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- National Intelligencer and Washington Advertiser Newspaper Abstracts.
- National Intelligencer Newspaper Abstracts,

RESOURCES and AREA EVENTS

- Special Edition: the Civil War Years. 2 volumes.
- Freedman's Savings and Trust Company. 2 volumes, 1870-1871, 1871.
- District of Columbia Marriage Records Index.

GEORGIA

- Fayette County, Georgia Probate Records. Volume 2, 1845-1897.
- Columbus, Georgia Newspaper Clippings (Columbus Enquirer).
- DeKalb County, Georgia Probate Records.
- Gwinnett County, Georgia 1890 Tax Digest with Land Lots.
- Georgian Database.

ILLINOIS

- Morgan County, Illinois: the Twentieth Century.
- Galena and its Lead Mines.
- History of Brown County, Illinois, 1880-1970.
- Schuyler and Brown Counties, Illinois, 1686-1882.
- Hudson Colony.

INDIANA

- History of Daviess County, Indiana. 2 volumes.
- Early Life and Times in Boone County, Indiana.
- Local History and Genealogy Abstracts from Marion, Indiana Newspapers...
- Lincoln Trail Through Indiana.

LOUISIANA

- Louisiana 1860 Agricultural Census. 2 volumes.
- Men Who Built Fort Claiborne in Natchitoches, Louisiana.
- French Superior Council Records of Louisiana, 1717-1763.
- Partial Census of the Louisiana/Missouri Territory for 1810.

MAINE

- Fabius M. Ray's Story of Westbrook.
- Vital Records of North Berwick, Maine, 1892-2002.
- History of the Town of Industry, Franklin County, Maine. 2 volumes.
- Vital Records of St. George, Maine.
- Maine Families of 1790.
- Sands, Spindles and Steeples: a History of Saco, Maine.
- Vital Records of Acton, Maine, 1830-1893.
- Vital Records of Gray, Maine to the Year of 1930.
- Maine Cemeteries.

MARYLAND

- Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Volumes 15 and 17-18.
- Reminiscences of Baltimore.

- Land Grants in the Middle Neck Hundred of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, 1650-1704.
- Carroll County Cemeteries. Volumes 4-6.
- A Closer Look at St. John's Parish Register, 1701-1801.
- Frederick County, Maryland Wills, 1744-1794.
- Abstracts of Marriages and Deaths in the (Baltimore) American and Commercial Daily Advertiser, 1831-1836.

MASSACHUSETTS

- History of Nantucket.
- Vital Records of Hubbardston, Massachusetts, to the end of the year 1849.
- Vital Records of Dracut, Massachusetts, to the year 1850.
- Vital Records of Dudley, Massachusetts, to the end of the year 1849.
- Vital Records of Athol, Massachusetts, to the end of the year 1849.
- Historic Homes and Institutions and Genealogical and Personal Memoirs of Worcester County, Massachusetts.

NEW YORK

- Introduction to Historic Resources in Washington County, N.Y.
- Our Ancestors of Albany County, New York.
- Revolutionary War Veterans, Chenango County, New York. Volumes 1-4.
- Obituaries, Death Notices, and Genealogical Gleanings from the Saugerties Telegraph. Volume 4, 1871-1879.
- Bibliography of New York State Communities.
- Aid to Finding Addresses in the 1890 New York City Police Census.

OHIO

- WPA Guide to Cincinnati.
- History of Guernsey County, Ohio.
- Mount Calvary Cemetery.
- Irish Immigrants in the Naturalization Records of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, 1820-1900.
- Probate Birth Records, Wood County, Ohio. Volume 1, 1867-1880.
- Wood County, Ohio Marriage Records.
- Deed Abstracts, Belmont County, Ohio. Volume G (1817-1820).
- Medina County, Ohio Civil War Veterans.
- Medina County Gazette Happenings.

PENNSYLVANIA

- Allegheny Co., Pennsylvania Archives. Volumes VIII-XII.

RESOURCES and AREA EVENTS

- Pennsylvania Herald and York General Advertiser. Book 1, 1789-1793.
- Armstrong Democrat and Sentinel, Published in Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Penna.: Genealogical Abstracts. Volume 2, January 1892-December 1894.
- Marriages and Deaths from the Cambria Tribune, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Volumes 1-3 and 5.
- Abstracts of Deeds, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Volumes 3 and 4.
- History of the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps.

TEXAS

- *Texas Birth Records, 1903-1909. Microfilm.
- Austin Avenue Legacy: 100 Years with the Waco-McLennan County Library.
- Texas 1850 Agricultural Census. 2 volumes.
- Deaths in Central Texas. 1945-1954.
- Rains County (Texas) Leader. 1917.
- Century of Faith: the Story of the Diocese of Dallas.
- Bulldog Farewell: Senior Publication, North Dallas High School Class of May, 1957.
- Sons of the American Revolution: Texas Society Roster of Members, March 31, 1994.
- Sons of the American Revolution: Texas Society Roster of Members...June 30, 1977.
- 1850-1860 Census of Henderson County, Texas: Including Slave Schedule and 1846 Tax List.
- Zpravy ze Zivota Nasich Krajanu v Texasu Predevsim z Obce Verovice.

VIRGINIA

- Land Office Caveats 23 Nov. 1779-26 Sept. 1923. Microfilm, 4 rolls.
- *Old Military and Importation Warrants: Land Bounty Certificates, French and Indian War; index; Loyal Company Account Book Aug. 8, 1791-Nov. 9, 1807; List of Plats and Certificates Delivered to Kentucky Oct. 23, 1779-May 30, 1792; Composition Fee Book Apr. 6, 1786-Apr. 26, 1794;
- Records of Grants by the Governor to the United States, 1874-1886, 1888, 1908. Microfilm, 2 rolls.

GENEALOGIES AND BIOGRAPHIES

- Echoes of the Conquistadores. (Aguirre).
- Some Descendants of William Allcock Tobacco Inspector of Caroline Co., Va and Other Alcock Families.
- Batner, Boatner, Bothner, Botner, Bottner, Butner: a One Name Study. Volume 1.
- Burcham, Householder, Green and Stewart, 1430 to 1995.
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- Burcham, Householder, Green and Stewart, 1430 to 1995. 2003 Supplement.

CANADA

- St. Andrews R. C. Parish...: Births, Deaths, Marriages... Volumes 1, 4-6.
- King's Daughters and Founding Mothers: the Filles du Roi, 1663-1673.
- Early History of Nasagaweya.
- Parish and Town Guide to the Province of Quebec.
- Nassagaweya Centennial, 1850-1950.
- Le Regiment de Carignan, 1665-1668: Essai d'Identification des Soldats.

CZECH REPUBLIC

- Cteni o Hodslavicich: sbornik k 200. vyroci narozeni Frantiska Palackeho.
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FRANCE

- Acts of French Royal Administration: a Calendar for Canada, Guiana, Louisiana and the West Indies: 1540-1790.

MEXICO

- Nuestras Raices: Matrimonios Ramos Arizpe Coahuila, 1850-1899.
- Nuestras Raices: Bautismos Ramos Arizpe Coahuila. 2 volumes., 1840-1899.
- Fundadores de Linares.

PHILIPPINES

- Bolomen.

SCANDINAVIA

- Norden; a Guide to Scandinavian Genealogical Research in a Digital World.

REGIONAL and NATIONAL EVENTS

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

newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org.

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

June 13 – Grapevine Namedroppers

Round Table Discussion on “Misplaced Records.”
10:00 a.m. in the Grapevine Public Library program room, 1201 Municipal Way. Contact Tresa Tatyrek: grapevine@magnoliamanor-network.com or 972-539-7452.

June 16 – 150th Anniversary of La Reunion

The Dallas County Pioneer Association will be sponsoring the 150th Anniversary of La Reunion at 6:00 PM in Central Park located at 3000 Swiss Ave. Admission is free. There will be a live play, members dressed in La Reunion costumes, displays by various historic organizations in addition to demonstrations of early crafts and trades. Plans are also underway for a photo display of colony members. The photo panel was originally made for the 100th anniversary in 1955. All Dallas County historic groups are asked to participate. Contact Jim Foster at: 214-943-7529 or jfoster@paramountalarm.com.

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

To be held in Bath, England. This will be our first conference in Europe and it holds great promise. We have a number of members of the International Association of Obituarists in England, Germany, France, Ireland, Bulgaria, Austria, and Israel, among others; and, we are looking forward to meeting where it will be easier for them to join us. We are expecting a good group of our members from Canada, Australia, Mexico and the United States to make the trip as well. Our host will be Tim Bullamore, a Councillor for the Town of Bath and an obituary writer for several publications including *The Times* (London.) Other co-hosts will include Andrew McKie, Obituaries Editor, *The Daily Telegraph* (London;) Nigel Starck, University of South Australia; Patrick Cornish, Obituaries Editor, *The West Australian*; and Carolyn Gilbert, founder, International Association of Obituarists. Watch for updates on: obitpage.com/

June 25 – Family Tree Maker Workshop

This ongoing series of programs reviews the various uses of Family Tree Maker, MS WORD, MS EXCEL, a photo editor, and, of course, the Internet to conduct and document research. Grapevine Public Library. Note: This workshop will be at 1:00 p.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. due to scheduling conflicts. Contact: Tresa Tatyrek at

972-539-7452, genealogy@magnoliamanor-network.com. Donations accepted.

June 28 – Texins Genealogy Club

Happi McQuirk will present *Heritage Albums: Bringing Your Family Tree to Life*. 7:00 p.m. Contact: Jeri Steele: steele@PioneerInfo.com or 214-567-6289.

July 7 and 8 – 2 day Family Tree Maker Workshop

Four to five 1-hour sessions Thursday and Friday at Tresa's house. Reservations required, a \$25 fee per person. She will have a few computers/laptops for people to use, but if you have your own, you are encouraged to bring it to work on. (You learn it better by actually doing it!) Day 1 will be on data entry and working a family. Day 2 will be on using reports, charts and other features. Reserve a seat by e-mail to Tresa Tatyrek and please include your name and a phone number: genealogy@magnoliamanor-network.com.

July 11 – Grapevine Namedroppers

Tresa Tatyrek will present “Migration.” 10:00 a.m. in the Grapevine Public Library program room, 1201 Municipal Way. Contact Tresa Tatyrek: grapevine@magnoliamanor-network.com or 972-539-7452.

July 23 – Family Tree Maker Workshop

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

July 28 – Village Academy at Old City Park

Genealogy 101: Barbara and John Wylie will teach a two hour course for beginners. Price: \$8. The Director, Melissa Prycer is also offering DGS members \$2 off any other course taught at the Village Academy in July and August. Our members should use the discount code “DGS” to get the reduced fee. Details and registration forms are at oldcitypark.org.

August 8 – Grapevine Namedroppers

Bruce Pastusek “Civil War.” 10:00 a.m. in the Grapevine Public Library program room, 1201 Municipal Way. Contact Tresa Tatyrek:

grapevine@magnoliamanor-network.com or 972-539-7452.

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: <http://www.fgs.org/fgs-conference.htm>

September 10 - East Texas Gen. Society

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

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 genealogy@magnoliamanor-network.com. 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: 972-539-7452, grapevine@magnoliamanor-network.com.

REGIONAL CONTACTS

Texas State Genealogical Society

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

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

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 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.

Dr. Thomas Jones Seminar Well Attended

The Thomas Jones, Ph.D.CGSM, CGLSM seminar was close to capacity for the auditorium with attendance of around 170. Comments by attendees were very favorable on his topics and presentation. The seminar committee tried out a new layout for the East-West room which worked very well to accommodate the walk-in registrants and still give everyone room to have their morning coffee and doughnuts.

Dr. Jones started the day with his lecture "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Genealogists." This lecture challenged us all to improve our genealogy research habits to be more effective and efficient. Among his references are the websites for standards published by the National Genealogical Society (NGS): "Standards for Sound Genealogical Research" and "Standards for Sharing Information with Others." Also on that website is another guideline that serious or aspiring professional genealogists might want to see: "Guidelines for Genealogical Self-Improvement and Growth" – all can be found at: ngsgenealogy.org/.

The second lecture for the day was "Five Ways to Prove Who Your Ancestor Was," using the "Genealogical Proof Standard" bcgcertification.org. Dr. Jones showed how to reliably evaluate genealogical evidence using a test of the Four C's: Closeness, Credibility, Causality, and Corroboration. He stressed that the proof needed to include a resolution of any conflicting evidence found.

The afternoon started with Tom giving us “Five Proven Techniques for Finding Your Ancestor’s European Origins.” He emphasized that finding an ancestor’s origins starts in North American records, and includes resolving identity problems (same name, different location).

The Seminar’s last lecture was entitled, “Organizing Evidence to Overcome Record Shortages.” Tom advocated, when missing vital records, you gather other records that did survive, such as, tax records, church records, newspapers, and land records. Then, he showed how a thorough analysis of those records could possibly provide the missing information.

At the conclusion of the Seminar was an excellent question and answer time. One question that was asked might be of interest to all the members. He was asked, “What books should be on a serious genealogist’s bookshelf?” Some of the books he mentioned were:

- *Board for Certification of Genealogists. The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual.* Orem, Utah: Ancestry, 2000.
- Greenwood, Val D., AG. *The Researcher’s Guide to American Genealogy.* Third edition. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2000.
- Eichholz, Alice, Ph.D., CG, ed. *Ancestry’s Red Book.*
- Mills, Elizabeth Shown, CG, CGL, FASG. *Evidence! Citation and Analysis for the Family Historian.* Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing co., 1997. [Note: This book is currently being revised...JJS]
- *The Chicago Manual of Style: The Essential Guide for Writers, Editors, and Publishers.* 14th edition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.1993.

One of Dr. Jones' suggestions was that we should test the effectiveness of our research by asking others to review our evidence and conclusions. This process helps the presenter to get the facts well organized for presentation. He further suggested that we could form a small information study group to do this. Do we have a volunteer to organize this? Or you could bring one of your brick wall situations to a General meeting where, prior to

the formal meeting, we solicit questions from the audience. The premise is that someone in the group may offer a pertinent suggestion that might break your research log-jam.

Reported by: Jeri Steele
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Did You Know...? by Bill Deal

Just thirty-eight months after Appomattox, a Northern newspaper of renown—“*The New York Herald*”—in its fervent desire to counter the Republicans’ nomination of Ulysses S. Grant, actually threw its editorial weight behind Robert E. Lee for President. Though doomed to failure, since Lee was not then a US citizen, “the action spoke volumes for the special place Lee was coming to hold among his former enemies.”

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

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DGS Calendar of Events

June

07 – Tue CIG – Texas GLO Representative, *Save Texas History Program*

❖ AAGIG on Summer Break

27 – Mon DGS Meeting – Patricia Law Hatcher, *Understanding Colonial Research*

July

12 – Tue CIG – AI Weeks, *Genealogy Starts With GENE (second Tuesday)*

❖ AAGIG on Summer Break

25 – Mon DGS Meeting – Barbara Brixey Wylie, *Curlicues & Chicken Scratch: Reading Yesterday's Handwriting*

August

02 – Tue CIG – TBD

4-7 – 2005 Institute, *Genealogy for God's Sake: Church Records – The Preeminent Source*

❖ AAGIG on Summer Break

22 – Mon DGS Meeting – Sammie Townsend Lee, *Newspapers*

See pages 83-85 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.
- ❖ 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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