

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

# DGS Newsletter

## DNA and Bastardy Bonds: The Search Ends by Jerry Turecky

The General Assembly of North Carolina mandated, early in the life of the State, that a system be devised to protect the counties of the State from being responsible for the support of children born out of wedlock. Thus, came the term "Bastardy Bonds." When a questionable pregnancy of a woman or birth of a child was brought to the attention of the court, a warrant was issued and the woman brought into Court. She was examined under oath and asked to declare the name of the child's father. The father was then served a warrant and required to post bond. If she refused to post bond or name the child's father, she was often sent to jail. Her father or some other party could post the bond.

Henry C. Paden, Jr., *Bastardy Cases in Harford County, Maryland, 1744-1844* presents 348 bastardy cases, over the span of 70 years in his book. He remarks that women in an earlier time who bore children out of wedlock were degraded and cloaked in familial shame and societal disgrace which they wore for life. This burden was also brought to bear on their illegitimate child or children who subsequently endured mistreatment.

Mr. Paden reminds us that then, as now, the lower and middle classes were treated differently than those who bore illegitimate children of the upper class. The terminology "bastard or illegitimate child" was used to label a child born to a lower or middle class woman while a child of the upper class was somewhat protected and was referred to as a *natural son or daughter*.

It is hard to imagine that, in the early to mid-1700's, punishment for this crime was for an unwed mother to pay a fine or receive 10 to 15 lashes on her bare back until the blood came forth at the public whipping post. After being fined and/or whipped and publicly humiliated, she was ordered to pay court costs which ranged from 30 shillings to 3 pounds. If she was an indentured servant, her child would be sold (usually to the master) and her indenture period of time would be extended seven additional years. The father of the child was oftentimes not named and received, if any, no more than a small fine and to certify to the court that he would pay for the care of the child until it reached the age of seven.

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**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

The months of November and December will be busy ones for our Society.

As you read this issue of the newsletter, the Awards Committee made up of Alvin Harper, Alan Miller, Liz Thurmond, and Ann Williams is in the process of selecting winners of the four annual DGS awards to be presented at our December annual meeting/banquet. Contact them either directly or via e-mail sent to [Awards@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:Awards@dallasgenealogy.org) if you have suggestions for deserving recipients.

You will be electing your new DGS Board at the November 28th General Meeting. Besides taking care of this important business, you will be able to enjoy our own Lloyd Bockstruck as the evening speaker.

Our annual banquet/officer installation/awards presentation meeting will be Monday, December 12. This is the one General Meeting limited to members and special guests only. Please RSVP via e-mail to [celebrate@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:celebrate@dallasgenealogy.org) or by calling 214-349-4718, so that complimentary banquet preparations are appropriate.

By the time you receive your next newsletter, we will have completed celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of our society which had its first meeting in January 1955. We hope that we will have succeeded in our major challenge – to increase the number of books in the DPL Genealogy Section to 100,000 by the end of the year. The total in early November was 99,076 – 924 to go!

Make the holiday season easy for your family members who are struggling to find just the right gift for you. Suggest books for the DPL Genealogy Section! Donations will allow Lloyd to place more orders into the acquisition pipeline. Because books are not counted until they have been catalogued (and there are a LOT already in process), we may not know the final results of our campaign until mid-February, but it is important to keep the pipeline full.

And now that I've mentioned the various activities that will keep us all busy throughout the rest of the year, let's not forget the Thanksgiving holiday. Let me share some of the DGS-related things I am thankful for:

- Our outstanding Dallas Public Library genealogy collection
- The people who have built and maintained the collection and assist those who use it
- Lloyd Bockstruck whose grand vision guides the acquisitions
- The library staff at all levels who make utilizing these resources such a joy
- The DGS Board of Directors and members who organize and stage the various events which not only help to educate us but raise the money so that we are able to donate to the Genealogy Section.

And, last but not least:

- The good relationships and experiences I have been fortunate to share along the way.

*Thanks to every one of you!*

*Shirley*

**Welcome To Our New Members**



Jack Allen, Elaine Gilbert Bent, John Byrns, Geraldine Davidson, Judith Fitzgerald, Sandra and Jim Fuller, Gladys C. Hickman, Sadi Ann and Marvin Cecil Kennedy, Jim Pearce, Susan Perez, Marilyn Reid, Tracy L. Roston, Suzanne Sellers, Jo M. and James L. Stallbohm

**HAPPENINGS AROUND  
DPL'S 8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR VOLUNTEER DESK**

Volunteer hours for October were 389 1/4. Total volunteer hours for 2005 are 4,000 1/4.

Open position at the Volunteer Desk: Wednesday morning 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in becoming a regular volunteer on the 8th floor and could work on Wednesday morning, please contact me at 214.942.4051 after 6PM or email me at [Volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:Volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org).

*Susan Morris*



**HATS OFF!**

Thanks to Betty Butler, Laurie Wharton and Pinky Feigl for substituting at the Volunteer Desk during the months of September, October and November.

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**2005–2006  
DGS SOCIETY PROGRAMS**

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**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.

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

At 6:30, Lloyd Bockstruck (or substitute) hosts a pre-meeting discussion where members and visitors can ask any genealogically-related question. We expect that, in any group of Dallas genealogists, most questions can be answered by someone in that group. After stopping off in the East Room for refreshments, see what you can learn and share. Please, no food or drinks in the auditorium.

**Monday: November 28**  
**Speaker: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck**  
**Topic: Old Legal Terms**

**Monday: December 12**  
**Topic: Annual Awards Banquet and Presentations**  
Members and special guests only.

Place: J. Erik Jonsson Public Library, O'Hara Room on the 7th Floor.

Time: 6:00 p.m. Social Time

6:45 p.m. Awards Banquet and Presentation

RSVP: [celebrate@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:celebrate@dallasgenealogy.org)

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration ends!



**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.

**Tuesday, November 15**

**Speaker: Frances James, the "Cemetery Lady"**

**Topic: "Lay Down Body..."**

Dallas' "Cemetery Lady," Frances James will grace AAGIG with a special presentation about the history etched in Dallas County stone. She is familiar with many cemeteries in various parts of the city, some dating back to the mid-1800s. They all supply vast amounts of historical information and give us a glimpse of the people who created the foundations for the city and county, as it exists today.

**Tuesday, December 20**

**Topic: Holiday Party**

Liaison to DGS: Lois Lilly, [AAGIG@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:AAGIG@dallasgenealogy.org)



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

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

**Tuesday, December 6**

**Speaker: Robert Souda & Friends**

**Topic: Computer Clean-up**

Tonight we will share key annual housecleaning chores to keep your computer running efficiently during the coming year with a chance for the audience to ask general questions of our panel.

**Tuesday, January 3**

**Speaker: Becky Volding McLaughlin**

**Topic: Producing documentary-type stories on DVD**

There is a big event coming up and you want to share some of your historical research – this may be a family reunion, anniversary celebration or even a class reunion.

You have scanned or downloaded many pictures and documents and organized them into clearly marked file folders on your computer. You even have some family history written to go with these treasures. How do you get it all put together in one place? Tonight Becky will show us a step-by-step process, using Pinnacle Studio 9 software to create a DVD, including transitions, titles, text, music, voice, and sound effects.

Becky's dad, Merle Volding, wanted to record his family's history on DVD and several genealogists encouraged him to share his knowledge and write a How-to book, when he figured it out. After testing many products on the market designed for the MAC, he found success with iMovie and wrote "Family History DVD" for MAC users. Becky was not a MAC user and also wanted to create a family history DVD and after many a software trial came up with the Pinnacle Studio software. She modeled dad's How-to guide for the PC version and will share the process. Both guides are very user friendly and tested by novices – friends and the whole family! [www.familyhistoryondvd.com/](http://www.familyhistoryondvd.com/)

**Awards Banquet - December 12**

**6:00 PM – Social**

**6:45 PM – Dinner and Presentations**

**RSVP: [celebrate@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:celebrate@dallasgenealogy.org)**

**This is a free celebration for our members.**

**DGS LOCK-IN**



Did you ever want to spend the night researching in the library? A Lock-In allows you to stay in the library researching until 2:00 a.m.! This is a semi-annual event open to all our members.

- When: January 28, 2006
- Time: 6:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.
- Place: J. Erik Jonsson Central Library  
8<sup>th</sup> 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

Check here for an e-mail confirmation

For more information see the  
DGS website: [www.dallasgenealogy.org](http://www.dallasgenealogy.org)

**I Thought I was Helping!**

On DPL's 8th floor there are brown racks at the end of the stacks for books you pull and read through. I always thought the purpose was to have the staff ensure that the books were re-filed properly.

*Well, guess what?* The librarians also use this process to count the number of books used by the patrons of each section. Then the city uses these numbers to determine staffing and funding for each section.

So, when I was politely trying to help, by re-filing my resources, I was really not helping the Genealogy section's cause at all.

*So cut it out!* Do NOT replace the books in the stacks...put them in the brown racks for the staff to count as resources used.

**2006 Spring Lecture Series**

**February 4, 2006**

**Speaker: Karen Clifford, AG, FUGA**

**Internet and Genealogical Methodology Seminar**



Karen Clifford, is a professional Accredited Genealogist, a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association (UGA), President/CEO, Genealogy Research Associates, Inc. [www.GRAonline.com](http://www.GRAonline.com); and a Distance Education Instructor (online teacher) in Genealogy at Monterey Peninsula College, CA [www.MPC.edu](http://www.MPC.edu). She has authored 5 college textbooks on genealogy and credentialing in genealogy; served as 1st Vice Chair of the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists; served 10 yrs on the Board of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS); recipient of the FGS Distinguished Service Award; three-time Director for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy; founding President of the Monterey County (California) Genealogy Society; former President of UGA; and served 22 years in Family History Centers as staff trainer, accessions coordinator, and director.

**Topics:**

**Methods & Sources for Successful Online Research**

What to do *before* you go online. Online and electronic sources to pave the way for ancestral searching. Focus on *what* exactly you are in need of: going beyond surname searches. Uses a southern states case study. This topic is especially for those new to the Internet but not to genealogy.

**Connecting One Person to Another**

How does one build a family tree? What connects one person to another into a unique identifiable being beyond names on the Internet. The purpose of this presentation is to put the pieces together for those wishing to understand the process and how to find the glue that links them together.

**When Surname Searching Doesn't Work**

Onomastics, phonetics, misspelled words, misunderstanding, ink blots, torn papers, burned courthouses, record destruction, or records not kept in the first place all can result in the same

frustrations. But there really are other avenues for success--even online for those who have already tried without success to find their ancestor.

**Helping You Save Time, Money, and Find the Answers**

Whether you use PAF, Legacy, Ancestral Quest, Reunion, or another genealogy computer program, your program can not only aid in your general organizational processes but also your paper filing and research chores.

**Solving Difficult Southern States Research Problems Using the Internet**

Each region in the United State has unique records due to their founding governments, the traditions of their settlers, their topography, and other environmental conditions. Solving difficult problems in the south requires more than an understanding of the Internet. Learn how to use a combination of regional information, online sources available for the area, and advanced research techniques to solve problems.

**March 4, 2006**

**Speaker: Gladys Friedman Paulin, CG<sup>SM</sup>**

**Immigration and Urban Research Seminar**



Gladys Friedman Paulin is a graduate of Cornell University; her genealogical education includes courses at the National Institute for Genealogical Research and the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. Gladys is the editor of *OnBoard!*, the Newsletter of the Board for Certification of Genealogists and a trustee of the National Institute of Genealogical Research Alumni Association. She has served as vice president of the Genealogical Speakers Guild, president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Orlando, director of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS), and treasurer of the Central Florida Genealogical Society. Gladys is active in the Association of Professional Genealogists and is a Life Member of the National Genealogical Society; She also belongs to the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors, the Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc. (New York), the American Jewish Historical Society and the Southern Jewish Historical Society.

Gladys has spoken to many local societies and at state and national conferences including: Federation of Genealogical Societies, National

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Genealogical Society, International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies, Florida and Ohio state conferences. Gladys also has written articles published in *Avotaynu*, *The International Review of Jewish Genealogy*, *Archival Anecdotes*, and several local society newsletters. Her book reviews have appeared in the National Genealogical Society Quarterly and she has published a surname newsletter, *Minovitz Minutes*, for over 10 years to a circulation of over 650 households in fourteen countries.

### Topics:

- The Immigrant Experience, 1620-1920
- The Ship's List: Genealogical Information on the Immigrant Manifest
- Lost in the City? Researching Urban Ancestors
- Beyond the Names: Mining that City Directory

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### 2006 Lecture Series Registration

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE \_\_\_\_\_ / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

#### Registration Fee for each lecture:

\$25 for pre-registered DGS member\*  
\$30 for pre-registered non-member\*  
\$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, 4 Feb 2006—Karen Clifford \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Optional lunch @ \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday, 4 Mar 2006—Gladys Paulin \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Optional lunch @ \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Check here for an e-mail confirmation

Make checks to: Dallas Genealogical Society  
Mail to: DGS 2006 Lecture Series  
P.O. Box 12446  
Dallas, TX 75225-0446

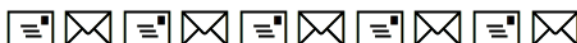


### FROM OUR READERS:

From the Desk of Marti Fox, DGS Publications Director and CIG Program Chair:

The **Library of Congress** is daunting to me - whether on-line or on-site in Washington, D.C. Tried both modes and have been frustrated each time. But today I found a link under "Global Gateway" > "Portals to the World" that will take me to resources throughout the world. Easy to navigate and might bring you to some new international resources.

[http://www.governmentguide.com/govsite.adp?bread=\\*Main&url=http%3A//www.governmentguide.com/ams/clickThruRedirect.adp%3F55076483%2C16920155%2Chttp%3A//lcweb.loc.gov/](http://www.governmentguide.com/govsite.adp?bread=*Main&url=http%3A//www.governmentguide.com/ams/clickThruRedirect.adp%3F55076483%2C16920155%2Chttp%3A//lcweb.loc.gov/)



### Using Subject Lines Correctly

By Susan C. Hopkins in Urbana, Illinois, USA  
A follow-up to Peter Savage's Nov. 2 tip on cold contact e-mails being filtered out deserves an addition. We should all look at the subject line to see if it looks like one that is genealogy related. And, vice versa, it would help the contact at the other end if we create good subject lines.

To me it looks like one version of the Nigerian scam when only a surname is in the subject line, especially if it is not a major name in my work. I've posted multiple trees and multiple notes on message boards over time and I don't recall all the surnames let alone what tree they are from.

Just received one last week with the subject line "Poethig." I was tired and I almost pressed the delete key. It turned out to be a response to a three-year-old message board posting when I was looking to return a book to someone related to the author. The name wasn't even in one of my trees -- almost didn't open it.

So, one strategy to get an e-mail message read by someone you've never corresponded with before -- put "GENEALOGY plus more info" in the **subject line** to catch their attention.

*Peter Savage and Susan C Hopkins hit the nail on the head in their articles in Rootsweb's Ezine, Nov 2 & 9 editions. The Subject line of EVERY email needs to be clear and concise to avoid the recipient deleting a valuable correspondence and to retrieve it easily out of Saved Email files...Marti Fox*

**Salt Lake City Research Trip**

**30 April through 7 May 2006**

The Dallas Genealogical Society's annual research trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City will be from 30 April through 7 May 2006. If you've been there, you know it's a productive week of research and fun with friends. If you have never researched at the Family History Library, you'll have DGS friends and professional staff to help you learn the ropes.

Registrants will receive an information packet in February, can attend free pre-trip preparation training in March and an ice-breaker gathering at the (DPL Main) Library shortly before the trip.

Final payment must be postmarked by 1 April.

**Our hotel, the Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel:**

- Is next door to the Family History Library
- Is adjacent to LDS Temple Square
- Has its own restaurant
- Is within walking distance of many more
- Provides free shuttle service to and from the airport

**Our trip price — \$400 Double \$720 Single — covers:**

- 7 nights (Sun-Sat) at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel
- Shuttle to and from airport
- Sunday night gathering where a Salt Lake City researcher will bring us up-to-date on recent renovations and share his expertise using the FHL.
- Monday evening group dinner
- Mid-week get-together with food.

(The fee doesn't cover airfare and meals.)

If you want to take advantage of American Airlines special group rate, use code A7246AL.)

**For members only**

**Not a member? Join for \$25!**

**Salt Lake City Research Trip  
30 April -7 May 2006**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Registration fee:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00  
(Double \$400 Single \$720)

**# Extra nights** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00  
(\$46 double, \$92 single)

**DGS Membership @ \$25:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

**Deposit – minimum of \$300** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00  
(Must be post-marked by 15 Feb 2006)

**Balance (Due by 1 April 2006)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

If you need assistance, we will try to help:

- Need assistance finding a roommate
- Need help preparing for FHL Research
- Questions? Email [slc@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:slc@dallasgenealogy.org) and we'll get you an answer.

Please make checks payable to:  
Dallas Genealogical Society

Check here for an e-mail confirmation

and mail by 15 Feb 2006 to:  
**DGS Salt Lake City Trip  
PO Box 12446  
Dallas, TX 75225-0446**

*A written request (e-mail ok) for a refund less \$25 handling fee must be postmarked by 1 April 2006.*

**Goblins, Ghosts, and Graveyards**  
by Glenn Kinkade

The candy is gone, the trick-or-treaters are home, and the witches have flown away; but it's not too late to look for your elusive ancestor in a graveyard. The best part – you don't have to bundle up in warm clothing, worry about rain, wind, and sleet, or use \$3 a gallon gasoline to drive to the cemetery.

You can search for your ancestor's grave at home using the free web-site: [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com). Find

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a Grave" volunteers have recorded over 8 million graves and several thousand more are added each day.

The easy-to-use search screen allows you to enter First name, Middle Name, Last Name, Birth and Death dates, and State. Birth and death dates can be entered as an exact year (1877) or before (before 1850) or after (after 1875). One nice feature is the ability to search for the married name or maiden name of female ancestors.

When you find a grave, the name of the interred, birth date, death date, cemetery, county, and state will be displayed. Frequently, biographical information has been recorded and tombstone pictures and inscriptions are included with the grave information. The username of the individual that submitted the information is shown for each grave. If you have questions about a grave or cemetery you can contact the submitter by email.

After you have found your ancestors, why don't you become a volunteer and submit information on gravesites of your ancestors that are not included in the database? It's easy. Just register at: [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com), check to make sure the person you are adding is not already in the database, and add your ancestor to the database. Some researcher, somewhere, will be glad you did.

Happy hunting!

### NOVEMBER IS FAMILY HEALTH HISTORY MONTH IN THE US

Thanksgiving (November 24) has been designated as National Family History Day and November is Family Health History month in the US. Families are encouraged to discuss family history and illnesses and conditions that are prevalent among family members at family gatherings -- and to record that information.

Health care professionals have known for a long time that common diseases -- heart disease, cancer, and diabetes -- and even rare diseases -- like hemophilia, cystic fibrosis, and sickle cell anemia -- can run in families. Tracing the illnesses suffered by your parents, grandparents, and other blood relatives can help your doctor predict the

disorders to which you may be at risk and take action to keep you and your family healthy.

Most genealogy software programs have places to enter medical history information and reports that will display that information as well. Take a few minutes and talk with your family about health history and record it for future generations.

For more information see:

<http://www.hhs.gov/familyhistory/>

*Source: RootsWeb Review: RootsWeb's Weekly E-zine, 9 November 2005, Vol. 8, No. 45*

*Here are some ideas to get your family involved in **National Family History Month activities** from the Minnkota Genealogy Society website, Grand Forks, North Dakota*

- ◆ Write a biographical sketch and share it with your family.
- ◆ Share someone's life story.
- ◆ Share a story from your youth with a child.
- ◆ Record the history of your family heirlooms.
- ◆ Record the origin of things and stories about how you came to have them.
- ◆ Create an heirloom - such as a cross-stitch, embroidery, crocheted blankets.
- ◆ Take photos of items and make a scrapbook.
- ◆ Cook up some family recipes. Such recipes can be recorded with any stories that go with them.
- ◆ Make copies of family photos. Scan them into a computer and print them out.
- ◆ Pass out copies of family trees.
- ◆ Write a letter and spread some good will.
- ◆ Send a thank you note to clerks and librarians that have been helpful in your search efforts.

### THANK THE BRITISH by Shirley Stertz Hawn

As we approach another Thanksgiving Day, we have many things to thank England for: sending a shipload of Pilgrims this way, taxing our tea, and then, having the grace to lose the war.

I have nothing against England, I'm just glad it all turned out exactly as it did. I like being an



American. I like living in America. I like visiting England.

What does all this mean to us today? I think it means that from the beginning, we were a strong dedicated country, filled with proud, hardworking people. In the earliest days of this country, our ancestors made many sacrifices to ensure we kept our liberty and independence. Is it time for us to again think about what sacrifices have been made to preserve our liberties? To preserve the principles this country was built on?

We, as genealogists, are proud of our heritage. We have honored our ancestors by learning all we can about them. Hopefully, we can help others be proud of their heritage, and want to protect it, so the sacrifice of our forefathers won't be for naught.

I started this narrative by mentioning an English ship filled with Pilgrims. Some have said the *Mayflower* was a creaking old boat. That's all the more reason to be proud of, and thankful for her 102 passengers, who sailed about 2 miles per hour (24 miles per day) for 66 days, heading for the unknown. They didn't know what they would find when they got here, but they were prepared to build a new life and prepared to defend it.

We must continue to perpetuate the appreciation and respect of the men and women of yesteryear. We must be prepared to support, whatever it takes, and to maintain the freedoms upon which this country was built.

**Early American Publications  
in the DPL Genealogy Collection  
by Patricia Law Hatcher**

As genealogists, we usually view newspapers as a place to find information about vital events. However, reporting vital events was not a function of early newspapers. In fact, they usually reported few, if any, local events (word of mouth was the common method of news reporting). So what do early newspapers and magazines give us? They provide an opportunity to experience a real part of our ancestors' lives by reading what they read.

Consider, for example, the *American Magazine and Monthly Chronicle*. The *Magazine*, a combination

newspaper and literary magazine, was published in Philadelphia. The news events it reported were not local. It contained occasional political news from England and from the other colonies, often based on official communications. Editorial comment sometimes was added. For example, the issue of November, 1757 [pages 57–68] reprinted the English Militia Law, as enacted by Parliament and published in the *Gentleman's Magazine* of July, 1757. The English law required "the head constables to deliver in a list of all the men between the age of 18 and 50, in their several districts, except peers, officers of the regular forces or garrison, members of either university, clergymen, teachers of separate meetings, peace and parish officers, articulated clerks, and apprentices, and seamen, noting in the list the men labouring [sic] under any bodily infirmity." The act dealt specifically with English counties, as shown by the list defining the number of men needed per county, but it was generally perceived that it would apply to the colonies. Thus, the text of the act was followed by an editorial entitled, "A Proposal for a Militia in Pennsylvania," with extensive discussion, presenting the case that Pennsylvania was "a *trading* and not a *military* colony; and of eight religious denominations that are of most note among us, ... we can only depend on four to bear arms."

The issue of December 1757 [pages 142–46] has news from New York and Massachusetts that gives insight on their military situation. The *Magazine* reprinted the report of the lieutenant governor of New York to the New York Assembly of the need for a variety of legislation, including "some proper law to regulate or restrain the retailers" due to the "bad consequences arising from the immoderate use of spirituous liquors among the king's troops." The assembly, however, merely passed acts concerning the excise tax on strong liquors and an act "to regulate the gauging of rum, brandy, and other distilled liquors, and molasses."

The *Magazine* also published essays on science (including earthquakes, sea monsters, and eclipses), history and politics (descriptions of the European countries), mathematics (calculating the principle parameter of an ellipsis), and philosophy (marriage); plus poetry.

The 1729 issues of the *Pennsylvania Gazette* contain several serialized pieces. The first page of one issue has a discourse on Air, part of an

ongoing, alphabetical dictionary or encyclopedia called the *Instructor*. This is followed by a story, "Religious Courtship," news of foreign affairs, a notice of Irish robbers in Philadelphia, a plea by the publisher for payment for the next half year, "Money being extremely [sic] scarce with him," a list of ship arrivals, and personal notices. There is very little indication of when one item concludes and another begins; clearly it was assumed that one read, not scanned the paper.

Later newspapers had a more traditional mix of subjects, but still rarely included items of local news. For example, a randomly selected issue of the *Pennsylvania Gazette* from February 1789 contains (in this order): personal advertisements beginning with notices of Public Sale of real estate; the proceedings of the New York legislature (a continuation); news from Wilmington (North Carolina), Baltimore, Portsmouth (New Hampshire), Providence, New York, and Philadelphia, including the temperature readings for February 1; and more advertisements, including a list of "considerably" overdue books from the Library Company of Philadelphia.

**Collection Holdings**

The Genealogy Collection has reproductions of several early American newspapers on microfilm, including:

- *South Carolina Newspapers 1731–1782*, 12 rolls [Locality—South Carolina, 3 rolls].
- *The Virginia Gazette*, 10 September 1736–9 December 1780, 25 April 1799–5 December 1809 [Locality—Virginia, 12 rolls].
- *American Magazine and Historical Chronicle*, vols. 1(Sept. 1743)–3(Dec. 1746) [Locality—US, 3 rolls].
- *The Maryland Gazette*, 1745–1839, 14 rolls [Locality—Maryland, 3 rolls].
- *The Georgia Gazette*, 1763–1796 [Locality—Georgia, 5 rolls].
- *Augusta Chronicle and Gazette of the State*, August 1786–May 1802 [Locality—Georgia, 3 rolls].
- *Military Monitor and American Register*, vols. 1(1812)–2(1814) [Locality—US, 1 roll].
- *Arkansas Gazette*, November 10, 1819–May 18, 1870 [Locality—Arkansas, 17 rolls].
- *Hesperian: A Monthly Miscellany of General Literature, Original and Select*, vol. 1(1838)–3(1839) [Locality—US, 1 roll].
- *The Picayune* [New Orleans], 25 January 1837–31 December 1867 [Locality—Louisiana, 96 rolls].

- *Military Magazine*, vols. 1(1839)–3(1842) [Locality—US, 1 roll].

Additionally, the collection has facsimile copies of *The Pennsylvania Gazette 1728–1789* in 25 bound volumes [017.4811 P4125], the first four of which (1728–1740) are in the Pennsylvania shelves and the last twenty-one of which (1741–1789) are with the oversized books.

The collection also has *Irish Newspapers in Dublin Libraries*, 1685 to 1825 [Locality—Ireland, 101 rolls].

**LOVE CONQUERS ALL**

I just love the clerks who jotted notes on their papers. This marriage record was handed to me on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the library. It is sourced merely as "page 318, Henderson Co., TX."

The State of Texas, Henderson County. To all who shall see These Presents---Greeting: Know Ye, That any person legally authorized to celebrate the RITES OF MATRIMONY is hereby Licensed to join in Marriage, as Husband and Wife, D.H. Dickerson and Martha Roberts and for so doing this shall be his sufficient authority IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, J.B. Bishop Clerk of the Co. Court of Henderson County, hereunto subscribe my name, and affix the Seal of said Court, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1877

[signed] J.B. Bishop Clerk  
[signed] C.C. [illegible] [Deputy marked out]

Noted in margin:  
Not taken out—old lady not willing—young lady under 18 years old  
*Old lady knocked [not knuckled] under & Mr. Dickerson got his papers*

State of Texas, Henderson County. This Certifies That I joined in Marriage, as Husband and Wife, D.H. Dickerson and Martha Roberts on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 1877.

[signed] W.H. Ardis [?] M.G.

Recorded the 3<sup>rd</sup> day January 1878  
[signed] J.B. Bishop Clerk

—transcribed by Ann Melugin Williams

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  - Muskingum County Death Records Index, 1908-1970.
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  - St. John's Lutheran Church... 1836-1870.
  - Shirer and Son Funeral Home, Adamsville, Ohio.
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  - Hearing Funeral Home Burials, 1890-1941.
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  - Naturalizations of Crawford County, Ohio.
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- Calendar of Two Letter-Books and One Commission-Book in the Possession of the Government of Nova Scotia, 1713-1741.

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

[newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org).

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

**December 1 – Mid-Cities Gen. Society**

Annual Christmas Dinner and entertainment by Dan Gibson, guitarist, banjo player, and storyteller. 7 p.m. at the Euless Public Library. Contact: Norann Lustfield, [norannl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:norannl@sbcglobal.net)

**December 3 – Lancaster Gen. Society**

Annual Christmas Party. 7:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library. Contact Lela Evans, 972-227-1080 or email: [lelae@lancastertxlib.org](mailto:lelae@lancastertxlib.org).

**December 3 – Center for Texas Studies at TCU: Community History Workshop**

*The Search for Sam Farmer-Sheriff or Scoundrel?* Shirley Apley, Senior Librarian at Fort Worth Public Central Library. David L. Tandy Lecture Hall, Fort Worth Public Central Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Fort Worth, 817-871-READ Admission and parking is free. Contact: Donna S. Kruse, 817-871-7740, [dkruse@fortworthlibrary.org](mailto:dkruse@fortworthlibrary.org), [fortworthlibrary.org](http://fortworthlibrary.org)

**December 8 – Collin County Gen. Society**

Annual Christmas Social. Bring a platter of finger foods (optional) for an evening of sharing and merry-making! Bring your success stories (bragging is free) AND your brick walls! Gladys Harrington Public Library, 1501 East 18th Street, Plano, Texas, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Contact: [Aurora@chancy.org](mailto:Aurora@chancy.org) or call: 972-517-4004.

**December 12 – Grapevine Namedroppers**

Annual Christmas Party Show & Tell — with your interesting articles & stories. 10:00 a.m. in the Grapevine Public Library program room, 1201 Municipal Way. Contact Tresa Tatyrek: [www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/grapevine.htm](http://www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/grapevine.htm) or 972-539-7452.

**December 17 – Family Tree Maker Interest Group**

This ongoing series of programs reviews the various uses of Family Tree Maker, MS WORD, MS EXCEL, a photo editor, and, of course, the Internet to conduct and document research. Grapevine Public Library. 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Tresa Tatyrek at 972-539-7452, [www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/ftmgrou.htm](http://www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/ftmgrou.htm). Donations accepted.

**January 17 - HOGAR de Dallas**

Meets at Casa View Branch Library, 10355 Ferguson Road (intersection of Ferguson and Joaquin/Gus Thomason), Dallas. 6:30 p.m. Social gathering. 7:00 p.m. Meeting & activities. Contact: Art Garza, [AGarza0972@aol.com](mailto:AGarza0972@aol.com), 972-841-9455. [home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas/index.html](http://home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas/index.html) or the Library at 214-670-8403.

**January 28 – Family Tree Maker Interest Group**

In 2006, we are going to start over with data entry and sourcing with a new file, how to do research by using Family Tree Maker (maybe FTM 2006), Word, Excel, a photo editor, and, of course, the Internet. Grapevine Public Library. 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Tresa Tatyrek at 972-539-7452, [www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/ftmgrou.htm](http://www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/ftmgrou.htm). Donations accepted.

**February 4 – McKinney Mem. Public Library**

William "Bill" Dow, *Obituaries, There's More "Tomb" Than Meets the Eye*. 3:00-4:30 p.m. including Q&A. FREE! McKinney Public Library, 101 E. Hunt St., McKinney, TX. Email questions to [tluscombe@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:tluscombe@mckinneytexas.org).

**REGIONAL CONTACTS****Texas State Genealogical Society**

Our District 10 elected representative is: Debbie Kunze, 972-906-1972, [dgtipton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dgtipton@sbcglobal.net).

**Arlington Genealogical Society**

Contact Judy Matlock - [hmatlock@airmail.net](mailto: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](mailto:Aurora@chancy.org) or call: 972-517-4004. Offers a troubleshooting session on the fourth Tuesday of each month – same place and time.

### **Dallas Historical Society**

Saturday adventure tours depart the Hall of State, located in Fair Park, at 9:00 a.m. and return at approximately 2:00 p.m. Lunch is included in the ticket price of \$35 for DHS contributors, \$45 for those who aren't yet doing so! Payment at the time of requesting your reservation ensures a seat on the bus. Call Frank K. Wilson, COO, at 214-421-4500 x105 or email [frank@dallashistory.org](mailto:frank@dallashistory.org) for more information or to make your reservation. See additional listings on: [dallashistory.org/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:inagran@aol.com).

### **Family Tree Maker Interest Group**

A North Texas Special Interest Group that focuses on learning new techniques for maximizing use of the Family Tree Maker program. Grapevine Library Presentation room, Grapevine, Texas. Normally the fourth Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Open to the public. Contact Tresa Tatyrek at 972-539-7452 or [www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/ftmgroup.htm](http://www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/ftmgroup.htm). Donations accepted.

### **Fort Worth Genealogical Society**

Meets last Monday, 7:00 p.m., Fort Worth Public Library – Central, Chappell Meeting Room, 500 West Third, Fort Worth, Texas. Contact Ginia Brown, [vbrown111@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vbrown111@sbcglobal.net).

### **Genealogy Friends of Plano Library**

Meets 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Gladys Harrington Library, Plano. Contact: Barbara

Coakley, Program Chairman, 972-818-0951, [bjc1620@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjc1620@sbcglobal.net).

### **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 Hoerneke, [GPGS@comcast.net](mailto:GPGS@comcast.net) or [home.comcast.net/~gpgs/index.html](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. Tresa Tatyrek: [www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/grapevine.htm](http://www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/grapevine.htm) or 972-539-7452

### **Greater Dallas Chapter of the DAR**

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

### **HOGAR de Dallas**

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of September, November, January, March, and May, at Casa View Branch Library, 10355 Ferguson Road (intersection of Ferguson and Joaquin/Gus Thomason), Dallas, Library - 214-670-8403. 6:30 p.m. social gathering. Meeting & activities start at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Art Garza, [AGarza0972@aol.com](mailto:AGarza0972@aol.com), 972-841-9455. [home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas/index.html](http://home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas/index.html)

### **Irving Genealogical Society**

Meets the third Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Irving Public Library. Contact: Gretchen King, [gdking@ix.netcom.com](mailto:gdking@ix.netcom.com).

### **Lamar County Genealogical Society**

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### **Lancaster Genealogical Society**

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Lancaster Veteran's Memorial Library, 1600 Veterans Memorial Parkway, at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Lela Evans, 972-227-1080 x 20, or [lelaE@lancastertxlib.org](mailto: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](http://rootsweb.com/~txmhgs/page1.htm). Contact: Dava Ladymon, [dladymon@flash.net](mailto:dladymon@flash.net).



**Mid-Cities Genealogical Society**

Meets the first Thursday of each month at the Eules Public Library. Social time at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., a short business meeting, followed by the program.  
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**North Collin County Genealogical Society**

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**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/](http://ntpcug.org/)

**Pecan Plantation Genealogy Group**

Meets at the Pecan Plantation clubhouse in Granbury, Texas, September through May, on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact Micki Burleson, Program Chairman, 817-578-3673, [mickiburleson@charter.net](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto:steele@PioneerInfo.com) or 214-567-6289.

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**DNA and Bastardy Bonds: The Search Ends (continued)**

by Jerry Turecky

Public whippings for women who had illegitimate children had ceased by the time of the American Revolution but the shame and humiliation continued. By the early 1800's, the courts levied an annual charge of \$20 to \$30 on the father to pay for child support. But then, like today, they had to continually haul into court those dads who would not abide by the court ruling.

Mr. Paden's information was gleaned from county court records, orphans court records, general entry ledgers, indentured servant records, and court

papers maintained at the county court house and the Historical Society of Harford County.

Over the course of four years, I researched records in Rowan County, North Carolina, only to find the 1810 Rowan County census and 1811 tax list showing the name of Edmon (sic) Rainey with one son under age 10 and a female age 26 to 45. After 1811, there was no information on Edmond Rainey, or Mary "Polly" H. (Bilbo) Morgan. Their presence just evaporated. Edmond's death occurred before 1820 which is evidenced in Robert Granderson Rainey's (my great-grandfather's) autobiography dated May 6, 1895. But, no Mary Rainey with children—she had to be somewhere. I kept questioning myself, how could this be?

My great-grandfather, Robert Granderson Rainey, (whom I presumed to be the son of Edmond Rainey) said in his lengthy autobiography that he was born in Rowan County, North Carolina, June 28, 1820. So, I kept looking for them in Rowan County but with no results. He stated his parents were born and raised in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. His mother's maiden name was Mary Morgan and his father died when he was an infant. At the age of five years, his mother came to west Tennessee and located in Madison County where he grew to manhood. Still, no appearance of Mary Morgan Rainey with children in Madison County in 1830 or 1840 was found and no Robert Granderson Rainey. It took me about a year to discover that Mary Morgan Rainey was thought to have remarried to John McGill in about 1826 and resettled in Hardeman County, Tennessee where they had at least two children.

My great-grandfather wrote about his first marriage to Terry Butler in Madison County, Tennessee in 1843, their five children and her death there in 1856. His second marriage was to Mary Y. Walsh, my great-grandmother, near Purdy, Tennessee, who bore him six children. He detailed his conversion into the church in 1845, he was licensed to preach in 1848, and the transfer of the family to North Texas by 1880.

At my request in 2004, my father (grandson of Robert Granderson Rainey), at the age of 93, participated in the Rainey FamilyTree DNA test. Putting aside the fact that I could not link my great-grandfather to Edmond Rainey, I believed the DNA test would prove our Rainey lineage. Anxiously, I waited the six weeks for the results of the DNA.

The day the large white envelope arrived I was tripping over my anxiety. The Rainey DNA site and the results of the 13 marker DNA test of my father's proved that only 6 factors out of the 13 marker test matched. In other words, there was no match at all on any Rainey line. I then understood why my great-grandfather had not named his father. What was it he did not want anyone to know?

The Rainey DNA website manager advised that I search into other family members living in Rowan County to see if they had a DNA site. My first thought was William Hudson, the husband of Mary Morgan Rainey's sister, Susannah Morgan Hudson. I wasn't sure there would be a Hudson DNA web site when I entered the text into my computer to search and amazed when it appeared. From then on, it was like riding a magic carpet. The Hudson site was not easy to navigate but I was too determined to give up. Finally, it happened when one click on a Kit number showed that all 13 factors matched my father's DNA; it was John Hudson, the brother of William Hudson. Immediately, I knew John Hudson was the father of my great-grandfather.

Before celebrating too much, I ordered the remaining 25-count DNA test. Another long and anxious six week wait ensued. When the results arrived, the feeling of exhilaration was overwhelming. All numbers matched. Biologically, I had proved that my great-grandfather was a Hudson and not a Rainey.

An article in a genealogy source pointed out that one should not give up until they have researched Bastardy Bonds records. It recommended contacting the county library where the ancestor lived. Researchers and authors, Betty J. Camin and Edwin A. Camin, **North Carolina Bastardy Bonds**, defined "bastardy bond" in their book and cite the mother's name and bondsman from 1758 to 1878. (This list can be downloaded off the Internet).

Deborah Rouse, librarian at the Rowan County Library, was extremely helpful. At my request, she researched these files and was amazed to find the name of Mary Rainey on a bond naming John Hudson as the father of her child. The North Carolina Archives had the original documents and, from the filed date of August 1821, they were able to locate the bond, plus the legal papers attached and forward copies to me.

The Hudson DNA web manager was surprised along with the John Hudson family but very helpful. Members of the John Hudson family and I have been in contact by email. They have freely sent photographs of their ancestors and family history. This has intrigued them as much as it has me.

My search has now come to an end. My father died May 30, 2004, never knowing his true paternal lineage was from John Hudson. To all of the children, grandchildren and more, the Robert Granderson Rainey descendants will always be Raineys. It is not what is in their DNA; it is who they feel they are and that would be Rainey. In name, we will always remain Raineys regardless of the blood that flows through our veins.

Now, my one concern is, how do I approach my Rainey cousins who have all built their lives around being a Rainey? Do I approach them with this news or shall this remain a secret between me and my great-grandfather?

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**GOOGLE SEARCH FORMULA**

Glenn Kinkade gave a great talk to the CIG on *The Three Most Important Words when Finding Your Ancestors on the World Wide Web* and plenty of examples to back-up his theory: you can find a plethora of information on the Internet, even without Indexed names.

His search format in GOOGLE is: "Xxxx County, State" followed by one of four words: genealogy, genealogical, history, or historical. A whole new world will open before you and, by scanning through no more than the first 20-30 links, you are sure to find Internet sites that hold treasures to fill gaps in your research.

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## DGS Calendar of Events

### November

- 24 – Thu – Happy Thanksgiving!  
28 – Mon DGS General – Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck,  
*Old Legal Terms*

### December

- 6 – Tue CIG – Robert Souda & Friends, *Computer Clean-up*  
12 – Mon DGS General – 6:45 p.m. Awards Banquet and Presentations  
20 – Tue AAGIG – Holiday Party

### January

- 3 – Tue CIG – Becky Volding McLaughlin  
*Producing documentary-type stories on DVD*  
17 – Tue AAGIG – Michael Nash, Founder of the African American Genealogy group in San Antonio, Texas, topic TBD  
18 – Wed Mac/Reunion Interest Group  
19 – Thur – Speakers' Roundtable  
23 – Mon DGS General – Pat Hatcher, *The Language of Land*  
28 – Sat DGS Lock-In

See pages 183-184 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.

- ❖ The DGS General Meeting takes place on the fourth Monday. We begin at 6:00 p.m. - refreshments and fellowship, 6:30 p.m. - an informal Q & A session, 7:00 p.m. – a short business meeting and program.
- ❖ The Computer Interest Group (CIG) usually meets on the first Tuesday beginning at 6:30 p.m. Business meeting/Q&A at 6:30 p.m., Program at 7:00 p.m. Dinner and socializing follow program at local restaurant.
- ❖ The African American Genealogy Interest Group (AAGIG) meets on the third Tuesday (except in the summer). 6:00 p.m. - Social time, 6:30 p.m. - Business meeting & program.

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