

Using DNA Testing to Identify Your Ancestor

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DNA (DeoxyriboNucleic Acid) is the blueprint of all life. It contains the codes that determine the individual characteristics for each person. For many years, forensic experts have used DNA testing to link suspects to crimes and to establish paternity. Now many DNA testing laboratories, including Family Tree DNA, Relative Genetics, DNA Heritage, Relative Genetics, GeneBase BioNet, DNA Consulting and Oxford Ancestors, are offering reasonable prices on DNA testing for a rapidly growing market of genealogists interested in proving a connection to an ancestral family.

DNA testing can be used to supplement knowledge gained from oral sources and historical documents to help solve your "brick wall" problems by identifying your paternal ancestral lineage. While the convergence of genetics and genealogy into a new science called "Genetic Genealogy" is still in the future. DNA testing by surname groups is already revealing valuable and challenging results.

To understand how DNA testing works, we will have to review some fundamentals of genetics. The human body contains about 100 trillion cells. The nucleus of every cell contains a copy of our DNA. All of our cells contain genes located in structures called chromosomes. Chromosomes come in pairs, one from your father and one from your mother. We all have 23 chromosome pairs. The information contained in each of the first 22 pairs of chromosomes is mixed so that we inherit characteristics from both parents.

The 23rd chromosome determines our sex. We inherit an X chromosome from our mother and we inherit either an X or Y chromosome from our father. If we inherit an X from our mother and an X from our father, our sex is female. If we inherit an X from our mother and a Y from our father, our sex is male. The Y chromosome is smaller than the X chromosome and its genetic material cannot mix with the X chromosome. Therefore, the Y chromosome of every living male is an exact copy of the Y chromosome of his father, grandfather, great grandfather etc.

Each male has a unique Y chromosome that is the same as all of his male ancestors. This unique feature can be used in DNA testing to identify all

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As you begin cleaning house and preparing your gardens for spring, think about doing the same for your genealogy and family history research. If you attended the January lock-in, have you filed all your research yet? Getting your genealogy papers organized where information can be found is just as rewarding as finding new information on your ancestor. Spring is a great time of year to do that filing.

Start by looking over books, materials, and photographs that you have acquired over the past winter. Do you have a location for everything? Are all the papers labeled with a citation, the date acquired, and a file number? If you have a large "To Be Filed" pile, stop and spend some time classifying and filing that material.

If you organize your materials now, you may find that you already have a book you need or have done research that you were planning on doing on your next Salt Lake City research trip. After organizing your work, take time to review everything you have on one person and write up the research tasks for that next trip. Spring-cleaning now can make that next research trip much more productive!

Spring-cleaning for genealogy includes more than books, copies, and photographs. What about spring-cleaning your computer, too? Are all your analysis spreadsheets. research images downloaded from the Internet, and report files organized into logical directories? Do you have a master research log that points to all your research on a specific family? Have you taken time recently to test all those Internet Bookmarks? Do they still work? Have you searched for your families on them recently, since content changes frequently? Are they sorted or categorized so that you can find them easily?

Spring-cleaning your genealogy should include reviewing your research for material that is ready to be published or contains "former" ancestors. If you have researched a line that later turned out to not be your ancestor, consider taking the research and posting it to a message board or donating it to a library near the ancestral home of that family for a vertical file. Go through your Magazines and Journals. If you're keeping magazines for just one article, consider scanning that article and donating the magazine to a library or family history center.

One final area for spring-cleaning is your computer system backup and recovery files. If you have saved years and years of backup files, maybe it's time to file, organize, and move offsite copies of those backup files. If you have not been backing up your genealogy research, start now! Remember it is not IF you are going to have a computer failure, it is WHEN you have the next hard drive failure or computer crash.

Spring-cleaning for genealogy involves some of the same steps that you would use with traditional spring-cleaning. Start with storing your winter's research instead of storing your winter clothes. Then organize and clean your computer and office in preparation for a new round of research by dusting off your piles of research, labeling everything, and filing it in a logical place. If getting started on your spring-cleaning seems overwhelming, start with 15-minute sessions every day. Little by little you, too, can have a spring-fresh start to your genealogy research.

Jeri Steele

Welcome To Our New Members

Sylvana Avila and Roberto R. Alonzo,
Beverly Boyd, Mary Stuart Hemingway Crain,
James R. and Shelilah Dean,
Mary Forster, Kathy Hudson,
Tim Martin, Zelma Neville,
Edith Jones O'Donnell,
Jacquelyn and Jim Smith

HAPPENINGS AROUND DPL'S 8[™] FLOOR VOLUNTEER DESK

Becoming a volunteer is a great way to get involved and meet others. Please join our great group of volunteers by selecting one of the open opportunities or join our substitute list. We are looking for individuals to fill in when a regular volunteer is out.

- Mondays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 3rd Sunday each month from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 4th Sunday each month from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

We need a Hospitality Coordinator to organize the refreshments at our monthly meetings. Please take the opportunity to get involved and support DGS. Please email the Volunteer Coordinator, Susan Holman, at Volunteer@ dallasgenealogy.org or call (972) 484-9680.

2006 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.

DGS GENERAL MEETING USUALLY MEETS ON THE FOURTH MONDAY

unless otherwise noted.

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 fellowship, and at 6:30 p.m. everyone is invited to the informal Q & A session.

At 6:30, Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck (or substitute) hosts a pre-meeting discussion where members and visitors can ask any genealogy-related questions. We expect that, in any group of Dallas genealogists, most questions can be answered by someone in that group. See what you can learn and share. Please, no food or drinks in the auditorium.

Monday: April 24 Speaker: Brian Collins

Topic: Preserving Personal Papers

Brian Collins was born in Metairie, Louisiana, in 1977 and grew up in the state's capitol, Baton Rouge. He attended Louisiana State University beginning in 1996 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in print journalism in 2000. After working as a reporter for a weekly newspaper in Ascension Parish for several months, Brian enrolled in the graduate history program at L.S.U. and received his M.A. in 2002. While conducting research for his thesis, he became intrigued with the "stuff of history"-i.e., archives-and started to work on his Masters in Library & Information Science at L.S.U. Before graduating in December 2003, he finished a practicum of study at the Louisiana State Archives, preservation techniques, conducting preservation work, and preparing a finding guide for the John Gasquet photograph collection. In April 2004, he joined the staff of the Texas/Dallas History & Archives Division of the Dallas Public Library as an archivist.

Monday: May 22

Speaker: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck

Topic: 19th Century Germans Coming to

America



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, May 16 Speaker: TBD Topic: TBD

June 11-16 (projected dates) Samford University

AAGIG is gathering a group to attend the Samford University Library's annual Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research in Birmingham, Alabama. The Committee is putting together information to share with our readers. Want to know more about the seminars? www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/ and especially of interest are the Southern Research and African-American links on the left side of the home page.

Contact: <u>AAGIG@dallasgenealogy.org</u> for more information.



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, May 9 (one week later than usual) Speaker: Happi McQuirk

Topic: Fixin' Fotos - LIVE!

Happi will demonstrate how to repair and enhance your photos, including how to handle cracks, speckles, color corrections, contrast problems, missing noses, and more. Software used: Adobe PhotoShop Elements. Happi is the VP/Newsletter for DGS and a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Her genealogical research and Heritage Album business is called Ancestriography.

Tuesday, June 6 Speaker: Bill Dow, Jr.

Topic: Cataloging Digital Photographs

Includes a discussion of iMatch and PaperPort software.

July 27-30 DGS Summer Institute

Mining Genealogical Treasures will be presented by three of the country's leading genealogists, Mr. Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS, Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG, and John A. Sellers. Institute location will be the J. Erik Jonsson Dallas Public Library, Downtown Central Branch. Event begins at 6:00 p.m. Thursday at the Library.

In addition to the talks, the Genealogy Section of the Library will be open for research on Saturday night to Institute attendees only, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. The DPL Genealogy Section is rated among the nation's top 10 genealogical public library facilities.

For event schedule and topics and to download a registration form, see www.dallasgenealogy.org/institute/institute.htm, or email: institute@dallasgenealogy.org.

Upcoming SIG Events

Under the support and guidance of DGS, a number of Special Interest Groups (SIG) have been formed to concentrate on specific areas of genealogy. The following SIGs list their dates, times and meeting places at the J. Erik Jonnson Central Library. Meetings are free and open to the public. Other new SIGs: the Native American Research Group (NARG), the Advanced Methodology Study Group (AMSG), and the Writing Interest Group (WIG).

Wednesday, 19 April at 6:30 p.m. in Gates Room, MacGen Reunion Group (MGRG) will discuss new genealogy software for the Mac and creating amazing genealogy charts and reports.

Saturday, 6 May at 10:00 a.m. in Gates Room, Family Tree Maker Users Group (FTM), General Information and Data Entry.

Saturday, 6 May at 1:00 p.m. in Gates Room, German Research Group (GRG), initial meeting.

Saturday, 6 May at 3:00 p.m. in Gates Room, Internet for Genealogists Interest Group (IGIG); topic is What's Good and What's Bad About the Internet.

Saturday, 13 May at 2:00 p.m. in Gates Room, North Texas The Master Genealogist Users Group (TMG).

Thursday, 18 May at 6:30 p.m. in Gates Room, **Speakers Roundtable** will be discussing *Lessons Learned The Hard Way and Disaster Recovery*.

Saturday, 3 June at 10:00 a.m. in Gates Room, Family Tree Maker Users Group (FTM), Genealogy Reports.

Saturday, 3 June at 3:00 p.m. in Gates Room, Internet for Genealogists Interest Group (IGIG); topic is Using the DPL online card catalog.

Tuesday, 6 June at 4:30 p.m., Main Floor Auditorium, **DNA Interest Group (DNAIG)**, initial meeting.

Brookhaven College for Summer 2006

Legacy Family Tree: Learn to enter genealogical information using the free, easy-to-learn Legacy Family Tree software. This course teaches the basic features of the software including: entering individuals, families, events, and sources, searching family files and printing reports. A copy of the Legacy Family Tree software will be given to each student. The class is taught by Glenn Kinkade at Brookhaven College, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 1:00 – 4:15 p.m., June 13-22, 2006. Call Janice Groeneman at 972-860-4698 to enroll.

Interested in AV? Here's Your Big Chance!

As DGS expands the number of Special Interest Groups, a new volunteer opportunity has opened. If you're interested in selecting, managing or operating audio-visual equipment please contact John Wylie at 972-206-2723 or sig@dallasgenealogy.org.

The DGS 2006 Writing Competition

The Dallas Genealogical Society is pleased to open the competition for the 2006 DGS Writing Awards. This

biennial event is sponsored to encourage genealogists to write, and to write well. The final stage of any genealogical project is to organize, evaluate, and document your research, and then record it so it may be shared with others. Family research, no matter how extensive, isn't complete without this important final step.

So, if you haven't already done so, now is the time to both take this final step and to share your work with your fellow genealogists. Who knows? You might take home the Winner's Award for your category at the December DGS Awards Banquet. This event is an excellent way to get your "ball-point" wet in the company of your friends and fellow writers. Everyone who writes is a winner, whether you enter the DGS Writing Awards or not, but you're *more* of a winner if you do.

And if you're an experienced writer and have "been here and done that?" Well, do it again! Enter your new baby in the writing challenge and see how it fares.

Any writing that fits the contest categories and has been completed between August 2004 and July 2006 is eligible for the event. There's still plenty of time even if you haven't started it yet, but don't hesitate. Don't be left out—pick up that piece you began with such enthusiasm last year and finish it!

As in past Writing Awards, there are four divisions of writings that you may enter. And good news for prolific writers: you may submit one entry in each Division. Details of these Divisions are in the DGS Writing Awards brochure.

This competition ranges from informal family stories and memories to fully annotated and indexed genealogical articles or compiled materials. There is a place for the beginning writer as well as the expert.

As far as beginners are concerned, don't be put off by the bibliography of "standards" in the brochure against which your writing, will be judged. Genealogical writing must conform to certain levels of quality, and these are the normally accepted standards. For informal writing, it's mostly a matter of writing, spelling, and punctuating as you were taught in high school. But a small caveat here—things have changed a bit in the last several decades. What you learned in typing class, for example, may not be accepted practice anymore. A peek into *The Chicago Manual of Style* might be a good idea. Are you sure there're two spaces after a period? Check it out, and more, and spruce up your writing at the same time.

For the more esoteric Divisions, the indexing, numbering, and citation "rules" are more complex and may require some study. This could certainly be true if you've never done that level of writing before. But fear not—the Dallas Public Library has all the books listed in the bibliography if you need to upgrade your skills. And who doesn't? Use this as an opportunity to take a step forward in writing excellence as well as finishing your genealogical epic.

Don't let this "rules" stuff discourage you from writing. It's just a way of comparing your work to that of others in the genealogical world. And don't let the computer stuff bother you either. Don't have

a computer? Use a typewriter or a pen. For the more informal divisions, that'll work, too. The writing itself is by far the most important thing. Anybody with a dictionary can check spelling, but only you can write your genealogical piece. Full speed ahead!

Carefully read the rules in the 2006 DGS Writing Awards brochure (available on the 8th floor of the Dallas Public Library, the DGS web site, and next month's newsletter), mail in your entry, and then you can tell your friends, "Oh, yes. I'm a writer." And you are!

Good luck!

Questions? Please contact Ed Millis at 214-348-7623 or WritingAwards@dallasgenealogy.org

Articles Needed for 2006 Journal

Ever wanted to be a published author? Now is your chance! Articles

and/or transcriptions are needed for the 2006 Dallas Journal. If you have done a family genealogy or an article of genealogical interest on Dallas County, or if you have transcribed Dallas County records, now is your opportunity to get published. Please contact Marge Stockton, 817-379-5918, mlstockton2@verizon.net.

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males with a common male ancestor. However, when the DNA within the male Y chromosome is copied from generation to generation, small mistakes or mutations are sometimes made in the DNA sequences. These mistakes result in differences between individual Y chromosomes called "polymorphisms." An individual's polymorphism identifies a set or "haplotype." All cousins will have the same haplotype and can be assigned to the same group.

The results of Y chromosome DNA testing are usually in the form of 12, 25 or 37 numeric values for each person. These values are compared for individuals in order to place them in a group. Matching DNA test results indicate a very high

probability of a common male ancestor. The Y chromosome DNA test can place individuals in a group of men who share a common ancestor. The DNA test can also determine if a group of men with the same surname are directly related through a common ancestor.

Generally, what is measured in Y chromosome testing is a series of markers, called short tandem repeats, situated along the length of the chromosome. This DNA is essentially "junk DNA" in that it serves no known purpose, but is very useful for detecting similarities and differences between males. Basically, the scores at all markers should be identical between a father and his biological son; and between individuals who are descended from a common ancestor within the last thousand years.

For example, if you submit a sample for DNA testing and you find that you match exactly with another person on a 25 marker test, how many generations are you removed from the MRCA (Most Recent Common Ancestor)? The answer to this question must be based on a statistical analysis of the evidence which is still being accumulated. However, the current estimate is that there is a 50% probability that the MRCA is within 7 generations (175 years). In addition, there is a 90% probability that the MRCA is within 20 generations (500 years).

In some cases, DNA testing can provide bad news. Some participants will discover that they are not a descendant of the person that they have speculated to be their ancestor. This could mean that they are a descendant of an unrelated family with the same surname or that there has been a "non-paternity" event in their male ancestry. For a paternal ancestral line traced back for 12 generations about 15 percent of the males will possess the founder's surname but someone else's DNA. There are six possible reasons for a break in a DNA signature that can occur at any location in the paternal line of descent.

- · A male child was fathered illegitimately.
- A male child has retained his mother's surname.
- A husband has adopted his wife's surname.
- A male child has adopted his step-father's or maternal grandfather's surname.
- A family adopts a male child who takes the father's surname.
- · Aliases or other intentional name changes.

Now that you understand the Y chromosome DNA test, how can you use it in your genealogical research? A single DNA test is meaningless unless the results can be compared to DNA tests submitted by other persons researching the same surname. The most practical use for DNA test results is for surname groups who have pooled their genealogical information in an effort to determine how the various members of the group are related. DNA testing by surname organizations can be a productive means to classify members into related groups and persons who are unrelated to the other groups.

Family Tree DNA currently is sponsoring over 2900 DNA Surname Projects. Search at: www.familytree dna.com/surname.asp to see if your surname is listed among current projects. If your surname is not on the list of DNA Projects, you can organize a new Family Tree DNA surname project with a minimum of six participants or join the DGS Family Tree DNA Project to receive the discounted group rate for your DNA tests. Family Tree DNA has produced a video that describes DNA testing and the results that have been observed by several existing surname DNA projects. To see this video, go to: www.familytreedna.com/videoaudio.html.

If you find an active Family Tree Y-DNA project with your surname, you can join the project on the Internet at the discounted rate by submitting \$99 for a 12 Marker Test, \$169 for a 25 Marker Test or \$219 for a 37 Marker Test. The results of your DNA test will be returned to you in about six weeks and a copy will be sent to the DNA Surname Group Administrator. The Group Administrator will have a Home Page for your DNA Surname Project with tables to compare the results of the DNA tests. The results will be divided into Family Groups who descended from a common ancestor.

When you receive your Y-DNA results, you can compare your results with others in your Surname Project. If your Y-DNA test results match another person, you share a common male ancestor at some point in your past. You can request an e-mail contact to communicate with willing participants. Your DNA testing company will continually monitor all test results and e-mail you of any new Y-DNA matches in your project.

You can also enter your Y-DNA test results in several public access databases to find additional matches. YBASE (www.ybase.org), sponsored by

DNA Heritage, and SMGF (Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation at: http://smgf.org) are open to the public. You can enter your Y-DNA results in both to search for matches in their worldwide databases.

The Dallas Genealogical Society has recently formed a DNA Interest Group to assist DGS members in utilizing DNA testing and test results in their genealogical research. The first meeting of the DNA Interest Group has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, 2006. The meeting has been scheduled to start at 4:30 pm in the Main Floor Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Dallas Public Library, ahead of the DGS Computer Interest Group meeting at 6:30 pm.

Future meetings are proposed to be scheduled at the same time on the first Tuesday of March, June, September and December. The June 6, 2006 meeting will include a program "Using DNA Testing To Identify Your Ancestor" presented by Don Raney. The program will be followed by an extended question and answer session and a discussion about what results have been experienced by various participants with DNA Testing.

If you are interested in the DNA Interest Group and would like to receive an e-mail reminder before each meeting, go to www.dallasgenealogy.org and click on Special Interest Groups then click on DNA Interest Group and click on HERE to send an e-mail that will add you the mailing list for the DNA Interest Group.

BLEEPS and SQUOOGLES (à la R2D2)

That vertical steel barrier between the steering wheel and the engine compartment of your favorite sedan *du jour* is called a "firewall." By the miracle of hip-hop linguistics in a confused—and confusing—world, a similar protective barrier exists between the computerized you and the cybernetic chaos of the Internet. As luck would have it, it too is called a firewall, and there are two kinds.

Jim Rossman is the desktop computer manager of the *Dallas Morning News* and one of the unheralded (until now) benefits of Saturday mornings throughout the year is catching his always-timely articles in the Business Section under the heading Tech Weekend.

The article of March 11, 2006 expounds in simple terms [that even I can understand] the workings of software firewalls that work on an individual computer and hardware firewalls that serve to protect a network of two or more connected computers. Just in case you've already trashed that edition of the paper—and you know who you are—you can find some semblance of literary salvation at the following URL (also compliments of Mr. Rossman): www.fags.org/fags/firewalls-fag.

By the way, that same March 11 article included some timely information for those of you interested in *sharpening* digital photographs. Apparently, Mr. Rossman also speaks the language of *amount*, *radius* and *threshold* fluently. If you don't believe me see: www.tastystock.com/articles/unsharp mas k.php. May the Force be with you.

- Bill Deal

The DPL Genealogy Section Duplicate Book Inventory Project Shirley Sloat

During last year's 100,000 Book Challenge, Lloyd Bockstruck mentioned that in the back storage area of the 8th floor was a collection of books that perhaps could be candidates for trading with various libraries and genealogical and historical societies. These books were unneeded duplicates of those already on the 8th floor shelves of the Genealogy Section.

In September, the Board approved a project creating an inventory of these duplicate books, with the idea that, although the list wasn't likely to be available during the course of the 100,000 book project, it could be used by the library staff during coming years to continue increasing the book count without spending actual dollars. An additional benefit would be that every book traded to another entity would free up a bit of backroom shelf space.

A project team composed of Shirley Sloat, Alice Jones, Alan and Betty Miller, Ed Millis, Mary Frances Stevens, Marge Stockton, Liz Thurmond, and Ann Williams inventoried the books on 20 shelves, documenting the title, author, publication date and publisher, whether hard or soft binding, and the page count. Each book was also assigned to a 'category' such as family, lineage, heraldry or locality. The inventory data was entered into an

Excel database which will be maintained by library staffers. The final count was approximately 750 volumes that are candidates for trading with other entities.

The books have been arranged by category and title and are now ready for the library staff's use. We hope that our Genealogy Section will benefit by the addition of some new publications, and our unneeded ones will be welcomed into other collections.

Any library or genealogical organization that wishes to investigate trades should contact Lloyd Bockstruck either by phone (214-670-1406) or by email (ldbockstruck@dallaslibrary.org).

Gladys Paulin Highlights Immigrant Records

On March 4th, Gladys Paulin mentioned several sources of Irish Immigrant Records. One of those was the Emigrant Savings Bank Records. Lloyd Bockstruck has purchased these records for Dallas Library on microfilm from the New York Public Library. The Dallas Public Library also owns a book about those records, *Irish Immigrants of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank* by Kevin J. Rich.

After returning home, Gladys sent an email wanting the Dallas audience to know that there is a finding aid for these records from the New York Public Library online as a .pdf file: www.nypl.org/research/chss/spe/rbk/faids/emigrant.pdf. This source was not mentioned in the Bibliography for her lecture. Also online is an index to some of these records at Ancestry.com as the New York Emigrant Savings Bank, 1850-1883 database.

Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank provided services for New York City's primarily Catholic Irish immigrant population. The accounts were held for relatively short intervals, and for each person, the numbers of deposits and withdrawals are small. There are several different types of records available in this collection When a new deposit-account was opened, it was entered in the Index Book, the Test Book, and Deposit-Account Ledger.

For genealogical research, the Signature and Test Books are invaluable. These were used to confirm someone's identification for withdrawal of money. As an example, one entry for a common Irish

name, John Fitzgerald, yielded the following information from his Signature and Test book entry:

John Fitzgerald, 79 James St., Shoemaker, born 1808, from Rathcormack, Cork, Ireland, entered the US in 1836 on *Jane of Glasgow*, married to Margaret Delahunty, 2 children: James and Richard.

What researcher would not want to find this information on their immigrant ancestor! For further resources on immigration and naturalization records, DGS has a few of the handouts from Gladys Paulin's lecture; they will be available for sale at the sales desk at the next General Meeting.

Next DGS Newsletter is May, 2006

Submissions must be made by April 15, to advertise June-August events!

Email Happi at: newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org



FROM OUR READERS:

Dick Eastman had a notice in his blog about Family Bibles being auctioned off on eBay.com. I checked it out and found there are about 2500 bibles and related texts listed under Family Bible or Antique Bible. At least some of them have family records in them, like the Noble Family bible which starts with a death recorded in 1742. What treasures! A suggestion was made that people keep an eye on this site for Family Bibles that need to be rescued. Some of them are going for less than \$1 to people who are just collecting them for their covers.

- Happi McQuirk

Balch Springs History Project

A committee of the Balch Springs Chamber of Commerce is working on a special project depicting the history of the Dallas County town of Balch Springs. Historical information from 1845 forward is needed. The committee especially seeks the loan of photos or small artifacts. Please send any information to mkosank1@txued.com or call Marilyn Kosanke at 972-216-8912.

WE ARE THE CHOSEN

In each family, there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before.

We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us, "Tell our story!" So, we do. In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors. "You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us." How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say. It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who am I and why do I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saving, "I can't let this happen." The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish, how they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family. It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought and some died to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. It is of equal pride and love that our mothers struggled to give us birth. Without them, we could not exist, and so we love each one, as far back as we can reach. That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So, we do. With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers. That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory or greet those whom we had never known before.

Author Unknown
 Received from Nancy Scott, German Research
 Group (GRG)

NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY

compiled by: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS



The following acquisition and contributions have been made to the Genealogy Section.

*indicates a major acquisition

DONATIONS

The following donations have been made to the Genealogy Section:

- \$20,000 from the General Levi Casey Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution
- \$25 from the Texas Society of the Dames of the Court of Honor in honor of Ralph McDowell.
- \$100 from Jay McFarland and Teresa Lindsey in memory of Nadine McFarland
- \$96 from James M. Andrew.

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- Alumnae Directory (Delta Gamma Fraternity).
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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.

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

www.dallasgenealogy.org/calendar.htm

April 22 - Collin County Genealogical Society

Genealogists' Night Out: Gladys Harrington
Library 1501 18th Street, Plano, 6:00 – 11:00
p.m. (arrive before the doors lock at 6:00 p.m.). Full
access to Ancestry Plus, Heritage Quest and other
electronic media; computer printouts and copies
are free; experienced genealogists available to help
with your research; \$10 Admission Fee benefits our
book fund. Contact Myrna at 972-231-2190.

April 22 – McKinney Memorial Public Library Guest speaker, Jeri Steele, Topic: TBD 3:00-4:15pm. Dulaney Room. 101 E. Hunt Street,

McKinney, TX. Tracy E. Luscombe, Genealogy Librarian, tluscombe@mckinneytexas.org, 972-547-7343

April 22 – Van Zandt County Genealogical Society

Speakers: John and Barbara Brixey Wylie. Spring Seminar: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Topics: Rats in the Family Tree; Novices, Nerds and Notables; Lost in the Census; TexShare: Finding Your People Using This Productive Website. Garden Valley Golf Resort, Canton, TX. Contact: Dennis Melton e-mail Dmxray50@aol.com

April 24 - Ft. Worth Genealogical Society

Terri Bradshaw O'Neill – Scottish Research: Old Methods, New Methods & Serendipity. 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. Fort Worth Public Library – Central, Chappell Meeting Room, 500 West Third, Fort Worth, Texas. Contact Ginia Brown, vbrown111@sbcglobal.net.

April 29 - Dallas Historical Society

Amid the Skyscrapers of Downtown Dallas. Our first stop: Dealey Plaza, where the city began. We'll go inside the Old Red Courthouse, the Texas Cable News building, and the Belo building to view

historic murals depicting the rich heritage of Texas. After lunch, we'll explore Pioneer Cemetery, where many of the founders of Dallas are buried. Along the way we'll drive by the Farmers Market, Old City Park, the remains of "Theater Row," and we'll explore the Arts District, the State-Thomas neighborhood. Historian and author Dr. Michael V. Hazel will be the tour guide. Contact Frank at: 214-421-4500 x105 or frank@dallashistory.org

April 29 – Family Tree Maker Interest Group Producing charts from the program. Grapevine Public Library. 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Tresa Tatyrek at 972-539-7452,

www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/ftmgroup.htm. Donations accepted.

May 1 – Ellis County Genealogical Society
Glenn Kinkade, Photo Management Made Easy.
7:00 p.m. at the Women's Building in Waxahachie.
Contact: Ina Walker, 972-923-3455,
inagran@aol.com.

May 4 – Grand Prairie Genealogical Society
Photo Management Made Easy and It Doesn't Cost
a Cent! Speaker Glenn Kinkade teaches five
different computer genealogy classes at
Brookhaven College and is an active member of
the Dallas Genealogical Society. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901 Conover Drive.
Barbara Wylie, Program Chair, 972-206-2723,
email barb@johnwylie.com,

May 4 – Mid-Cities Genealogical Society
Troy Fuller, from one of the founding families of
Euless, will talk on the *Ins & Outs of old Euless*town. 7:00 p.m. at Euless Public Library, 201 North
Ector Dr., Euless. For more info, contact: Norann
Lustfield, norannl@sbcglobal.net.

May 8 – Grapevine Namedroppers
Speaker from NARA, *Using NARA's Internet Site*.
10:00 a.m. in the Grapevine Public Library program room, 1201 Municipal Way. Contact Tresa Tatyrek: www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/grapevine.htm or 972-539-7452.

May 9 – Arlington Genealogical Society
Carol Roark, Researching the History of a Building.
Arlington Public Library at 101 East Abram Street at 6:30 p.m. Program Chairman: Thomas Cogdell, tcogdell@sbcglobal.net.

May 10 - Dallas Historical Society
12 p.m - 1 p.m. Hall of State - Brown Bag. Alan

Olson, Curator at the Dallas Historical Society, DHS collections in the Old Red Museum of Dallas County History. Contact Frank at: 214-421-4500 x105 or frank@dallashistory.org

May 10 – Collin County Genealogical Society Lela Evans – Broadcasting Your Genealogy. W.O. Haggard, Jr. Library, 2501 Coit Road, Plano, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Contact: Paula Perkins, Program Chairman, 214-704-0951, lansup@ix.netcom.com.

May 11 – Mesquite Historical & Genealogical Society

Rachel Garrett Howell, CA & Asst. Mgr.
Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division, Dallas
Public Library, will unlock the mysteries held in this
repository. Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb,
Mesquite, Texas. Meetings are 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Kathy Brewer, Program, kbpill@msn.com,
www.rootsweb.com/~txmhqs/page1.htm

May 13 - Dallas Historical Society

Historic Dallas Cemeteries with Francis James, "The Cemetery Lady." Historic City Bus tour (Reservation Required). Contact Frank at: 214-421-4500 x105 or frank@dallashistory.org

May 16 - HOGAR de DALLAS

Computer Genealogy Research Training and Workshop. Hands-on Participation will be available and attendees may bring their personal laptops for their convenience. Refreshments & Socializing, 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Meeting & Program, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. in the Franklin Middle School Computer Lab, Classroom #14, 6920 Meadow Road (at Hillcrest), Dallas. 972-520-7100. For information, call Dorina Thomas, HOGAR President at 214-324-3677, home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas/id1.html

May 20 – Genealogy Friends of Plano Library
Ed Sandbach, Using Photographs in Genealogy
and Care & Preservation of Old Photos. 9:30 a.m. –
Noon. Gladys Harrington Library, 1501 18th St.,
Plano. Barbara Coakley, Program Chairperson,
bjc1620@sbcglobal.net

May 22 – Ft. Worth Genealogical Society
Becky Volding McLaughlin – Your Family History
on DVD. Please note that this meeting is one week
early. The Library is closed on Memorial Day.7:00
to 8:45 p.m. Fort Worth Public Library – Central,
Chappell Meeting Room, 500 West Third, Fort
Worth, Texas. Contact Ginia Brown,
vbrown111@sbcglobal.net.

May 29 - Dallas Historical Society

Running with Bonnie and Clyde with John Neal Phillips, Historic City Bus tour (Reservation Required). Contact Frank at: 214-421-4500 x105 or rrank@dallashistory.org

June 1 – Mid-Cities Genealogical Society
Norman Sisk of the East Bell County Genealogical
Society, *The Trail of Tears*. 7:00 p.m. at Euless
Public Library, 201 North Ector Dr., Euless. For
info: Norann Lustfield, norannl@sbcglobal.net.

June 5 – Ellis County Genealogical Society
Happi McQuirk, Heritage Albums: Bringing Your
Family Tree to Life. 7:00 p.m. at the Women's
Building in Waxahachie. Contact: Ina Walker, 972923-3455, inagran@aol.com.

June 17 – Mesquite Historical & Genealogical Society

Spring 2006 Workshop – Searching High And Low: Resources and Methods for Genealogical Research. Speakers: John and Barbara Wylie. Topics: Lost in the Census; "Kodak Moments"--Finding the Vital and Not So Vital Events in Your Ancestor's Life; What Did the Neighbors Say?; Novices, Nerds and Notables -- Genealogists Getting Results On the Internet . 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb, Mesquite, Texas. For more information, contact, Linda Rogers, duggie2@sbcglobal.net, rootsweb.com/~txmhgs/2006Springworkshop.html.

June 29-July 22, 2006 – British Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research Trip

This 3-week trip is sponsored by Samford University and will visit London, Belfast, and Dublin. It all begins in Atlanta for flights to London. Our first visit is to the Society of Genealogists (SOG) Library. For more information and to register: www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/bighr.html

July 7 – Sons of the American Revolution

Plan now to attend the national Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Genealogy Seminar in Dallas, Texas. Speakers are Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, Gary Boyd Roberts, Leland Meitzler, and Bill Dollarhide. Location: Intercontinental Dallas Hotel. Cost of the seminar will be \$25.00 for SAR members and \$30.00 for others. For further information, contact Judge Ed Butler, at 210-698-8964 or at judge58@aol.com. See also www.2006sarcongress.com/genealogy.htm

July 8-12 – Sons of the American Revolution 116th Annual Congress. Location: Intercontinental Dallas Hotel. For more information, contact Barrett L. McKown at: bmckown@sar.org or see: www.sar.org/news/congress/116thCongress.html

REGIONAL CONTACTS

Texas State Genealogical Society

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

Arlington Genealogical Society

The Arlington Genealogical Society meets at the Arlington Public Library at 101 East Abram Street at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August). Contact Tom Cogdell, Program Committee, toggdell@sbcglobal.net.

Collin County Genealogical Society

Meetings on the second Wednesday of the month have been switched to W.O. Haggard, Jr. Library on 2501 Coit Road, Plano, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Offers a troubleshooting session on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Gladys Harrington Public Library, 1501 East 18th Street, Plano, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Visitors are welcome anytime. Contact: Paula Perkins, Program Chairman, lansup@ix.netcom.com, 214-704-0951, www.planolibrary.org/haglib.htm

Dallas Historical Society

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

Duncanville Genealogical Society

Meeting days have been <u>changed</u> to the <u>second</u> <u>Thursday</u> of the month, at 7:00 p.m., Duncanville Public Library, 201 James Collins Blvd. Contact: Marge Dellert, Newsletter Editor, <u>margegen@charter.net</u>. There will be no meetings 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, 972-923-3455, 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 www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/ftmgroup.htm or 972-539-7452. 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.

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.

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. Barbara Wylie, Program Chair, 972-206-2723, email barb@johnwylie.com or home.comcast.net/~gpgs/index.html

Grapevine Namedroppers

Meets the second Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m., all year round, in the Grapevine Public Library program room, 1201 Municipal Way. Tresa Tatyrek: www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/grapevine.htm or 972-539-7452

Greater Dallas Chapter of the DAR

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

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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, 972-841-9455. 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.

Lamar County Genealogical Society Contact Ron Brothers, rbrother@1starnet.com.

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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.

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: Linda Rogers, duggie2@sbcglobal.net.

Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

Meets the first Thursday of each month at the Euless Public Library. Social time at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., a short business meeting, followed by the program. Contact: Norann Lustfield, norannl@sbcglobal.net.

North Collin County Genealogical Society
Contact: Sheila Stough.

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, 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.

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DGS Calendar of Events

April

- 19 Wed MacGen Reunion Group (MGRG)
- 24 Mon DGS General Brian Collins, Preserving Personal Papers
- 30 Sun Salt Lake City Research Trip starts

May

- 06 Sat Family Tree Maker (FTM) Users Group
- 06 Sat Internet for the Genealogist Interest Group (IGIG)
- 06 Sat Germanic Study Group (GSG)
- 09 Tue CIG one week later than usual Happi McQuirk, Fixin' Fotos LIVE!
- 13 Sat The Master Genealogist (TMG) Users Group
- 16 Tue AAGIG TBD
- 18 Thu Speakers' Roundtable

22 – Mon DGS General – Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, 19th Century Germans Coming to America

June

- 03 Sat Family Tree Maker (FTM) Users Group
- 03 Sat Internet for the Genealogist Interest Group (IGIG)
- 06 Tue DNA Group
- 06 Tue CIG Bill Dow, Cataloging Digital Photographs
- 10 Sat The Master Genealogist (TMG) Users Group
- 24 Sat DGS Lock-In
- 26 Mon DGS General Barbara Rust, NARA: The National Archives—Southwest Region: A National Resource in a Local Setting

See pages 63-64 for more information on events.

DGS General and special interest group (SIG) meetings are usually 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. with refreshments and fellowship. At 6:30 p.m., an informal Q & A session. At 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). Social time at 6:00 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., business meeting and program.

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

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