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## WE DID IT! 100,000 BOOK GOAL REACHED!

*Have you heard?* The Dallas Genealogical Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book Challenge has been met as of January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006! Here is a history of the project **by Shirley Sloat**, 2005 DGS President, who envisioned and shepherded this wonderful project to its successful conclusion:

Before the decision was made to adopt the 100,000 Book Challenge as our 50<sup>th</sup> DGS Anniversary project, we looked at the original 1955 charter of the Society. One of its stated purposes was "to collect and preserve information relating to those pioneers who settled Dallas County and to the early history of this city and county."

Throughout the years, the Dallas Public Library genealogical collection has been built not only to collect and preserve Dallas-area records but to make available "the published records of other states, whence come the Texas pioneers." For those researching family history in the southern states, Virginia, and New England, DPL genealogy resources were remarkable. However, we realized that we had far to go in order to provide a full range of material for the many other geographic locations that represent the origins of the diverse Dallas population in 2005.

Lloyd Bockstruck wrote an article for the Dallas Morning News explaining that we were seeking not only monetary contributions but actual books from the public—books from any location and any time period that might provide clues to help a researcher place an ancestor at a particular place and time. The types of books desired included alumnae lists from schools, membership lists of churches, clubs, social and political and professional organizations, town and county histories and directories, as well as family histories.

The Book Challenge Project team, made up of Shirley Sloat, Marti Fox, Shirley Hawn, Glenn Kinkade, and Happi McQuirk, developed publicity plans and contacts and various library staffers helped to create publicity posters, a colorful progress chart, and special bookplates for books acquired as part of this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary project. Behind-the-scenes library

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**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

As I announced at the general meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, we have achieved the 100,000 book goal! It was an aggressive goal for DGS in our 50<sup>th</sup> year, but the board and membership worked diligently to achieve Lloyd Bockstruck and Shirley Sloat's vision. Shirley hosted a thank-you party for the cataloging workers and 8<sup>th</sup> floor staff on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The DPL employees all seemed to enjoy the break and the recognition by the society.

By the time you receive this Newsletter, we will have enjoyed Karen Clifford's lecture. I hope that the methodology and Internet search topics help you break through one of your research brick walls. Do join us for Gladys Paulin, CG on March 4<sup>th</sup> or at the Institute this summer!

If you are not able to pre-register by mail for any DGS event, you may attend if there is room for "walk-ins". Should you decide within 10 days of the lecture, then send email to [lectures@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:lectures@dallasgenealogy.org) or call the library Genealogy Section (214-670-1433). An advantage to pre-registering is you have the option to order a hot lunch and pick up your syllabus in the 'fast' line.

As we look forward, this year is a building block to the future of Dallas Genealogical Society. We have a nice solid base to the organization's yearly plan. The board has planned great educational programs and we have a solid financial base even with an aggressive donation schedule this year. We also produce an outstanding journal with Dallas County records. John Wylie is starting to work on formulating the organization and procedures for creating and running Special Interest Groups of the Society. DGS was able to pull together and achieve an ambitious goal last year in increasing the books to 100K. Just where do we go from here?

So that we don't get so preoccupied with immediate issues or lose sight of the objectives of the organization, a strategic plan is desirable. Having a strategic plan may not be a guaranteed recipe for success, but without it we might not be able to achieve as much as a society. Genealogy and Family History research is fun. How do we get more

people passionate about this avocation and better serve our members? If you want to help in strategic planning, please drop me an email at [president@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:president@dallasgenealogy.org).

Volunteers make this organization succeed! We can always use more volunteers helping with seminars, assisting patrons on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the Dallas Public Library, serving refreshments at our meetings, or even doing data entry or editing a syllabus. If you have a skill to share, send email to [volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org). (See Top Ten Reasons for Volunteering on page 26).

*Jeri Steele*

**Welcome To Our New Members**



Mary G. & David Darelus, Martha N. Francis, Robert C. Francis, Katherine Knighten, Peggy Martin, Dottie McKee & Frank McKee, Rondina Muncy, Pat Nichols, Harvey & Patricia Payne, Henry Seeligson & Janet Seeligson, Joyce Spurgin, William G. & Elaine Turner

Apologies: In the January, 2006 issue, we listed Martha S. Schwartz as a new member. Her name should have been Martha F. Schwartz.

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

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 email [Volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:Volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org).



**LOST, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN**

**MARY LOUISE PULLEN NIEDERMAIER**, a long time member and friend of the Dallas Genealogical Society, passed away on January 24, 2006. She was born in San Francisco, CA on November 3, 1906, and was active in genealogical and lineage societies around the world.

Mrs. Niedermaier grew up in Royce City, Texas, and attended Tarleton College, East Texas State

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University, Utah State University and Southern Methodist University. She is listed in the Genealogical Society, "Who's Who Blue Book," and was a member of numerous lineage societies.



**EDDIE WAYNE ROBINSON**, designated as the "Oukah Ulah," my younger brother, died yesterday afternoon [21 January 2006] about 3:45 PM at a Dallas Nursing Home. He was born at Muskogee, OK, the second son and fifth child of Ross Lee Robinson and Ruby Arabelle Goss. He was 71 years old and a retired Professor of Mathematics. He is survived by two sons in Springfield, MO, and one grandson. He is scheduled for cremation and his ashes will be taken to Muskogee where a memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

OUKAH (Donald J. Robinson)  
oukah2@yahoo.com

Eddie Robinson made the stars and boxes by hand which we all enjoyed for the 2006 DGS Annual Awards Banquet and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2005. He was a DGS Life Member since (at least) 1986.

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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: February 27 Speaker: Barbara Rust (NARA) Topic: Using National Archives Records for Native American Research.**

Barbara is on the staff of the Fort Worth Branch of NARA.

#### **Monday: March 27 Speaker: Jerry C. Drake, MA Topic: Texas History Month**

Jerry is the Director of Archives & Records for the Texas General Land Office and was a huge hit when he spoke to DGS last year.



#### **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, February 21 Speaker: Jodi Skipper Topic: St. Paul United Methodist Church and its families**

St. Paul's was founded in 1873, over 133 years old. Jodi has taken oral histories from the oldest member and is organizing an exhibit of some artifacts found behind the church.

**February TBD:** Tentative plans to participate in the Wilmer, Texas Reenactment, put on by the Acts of Change in Lancaster.

#### **Tuesday, March 21 Speaker: Susan Cooper-Perez Topic: The Boone Files: Making of the Boone Clan**

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



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

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

**Tuesday, March 7**

**Speaker: Tresa Tatyrek**

**Topic: The Internet, Spreadsheets, and PDAs**

Using technical tools insures a successful research trip to Salt Lake City for some of us. Tonight, learn how Tresa uses spreadsheets to organize her research as she goes through her thought processes in completing them before a trip, as well as, when she does her research here.

**Tuesday, April 4**

**Speaker: TBD**

**Topic: TBD**

**The Master Genealogist (TMG) Software Workshop, Dallas Public Library  
Saturday, 25 February 2006, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Speaker: Bob Velke, the author of The Master Genealogist Software**

**Topics: *The Master Genealogist: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced***

**Bob Velke** is the president of Wholly Genes, Inc., the makers of popular family history software tools since 1992. He is a frequent lecturer at family history conferences on technology issues and is a genealogical researcher of some 25 years, with a special interest in the Civil War and southwestern Virginia.

For more information and registration form, see [www.dallasgenealogy.org/tmg/tmgdates.htm](http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/tmg/tmgdates.htm) or contact the TMG SIG Leaders: Jeri Steele and Bill Dow: Email: [tmg@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:tmg@dallasgenealogy.org), Phone: 972-306-1596.

**Brookhaven College for Spring, 2006**

**Google for Genealogists: March 7 – 28, 2006,  
Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 4:15.**

Teacher: Glenn Kinkade.

Google offers two powerful free application programs that can greatly benefit genealogical researchers. This course will teach you how to use Google gmail for genealogy mailing lists and Google Picasa to organize photographs and document images. Interesting and useful genealogy web sites will also be explored.

To enroll in the class call Janice Groeneman at Brookhaven College: 972-860-4698 and send Glenn an email ([glennkinkade@comcast.net](mailto:glennkinkade@comcast.net)) when you have enrolled. This is a limited enrollment class so the earlier you call the better chance you have of getting enrolled.

**2006 Spring Lecture**



**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

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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 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 Registration

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

#### Registration Fee for 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 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

### 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 non-group meals.)

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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 postmarked 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.

Check here for an e-mail confirmation

Please make checks payable to:

Dallas Genealogical Society

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.*

**Next DGS Newsletter**  
**is March, 2006**

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

**Email Happi at:**  
**[newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org)**

## TOP TEN REASON FOR VOLUNTEERING

Why volunteer for DGS? Here are the top ten reasons Jeri Steele has for volunteering:

10. IT SAVES THE LIBRARY RESOURCES: Volunteers provide valuable community service that allows DPL to stay open for genealogy research.

9. IT STRENGTHENS THE GENEALOGY COMMUNITY: You help foster interest in and use of the genealogy section of DPL.

8. YOU LEARN A LOT: By helping others with the genealogy research, you can deepen your skills and knowledge.

7. IT'S A CHANCE TO GIVE BACK: Others helped you to get started, so repay the universe by helping someone else in their research.

6. SHARE YOUR SKILLS WITH OTHERS: A task done by an experienced volunteer might take 30 minutes to one hour a week. Share your expertise in planning, accounting, management, team building, word processing, Adobe Acrobat software, entertaining, or teaching. You never know what skill we can use next!

5. YOU CAN LEARN SOMETHING NEW: Fellow volunteers can be used as references on a resume, can help you on your problem genealogical research, or teach you a new skill.

4. DGS MIGHT GET \$ FOR YOUR EFFORTS: For example, Exxon-Mobil has a foundation that will donate \$500 for retirees that volunteer over 50 hours in a quarter. You volunteer and we make the application together.

3. BECAUSE YOU HAVE A PASSION: Genealogy is so fun that you want everyone you meet to enjoy it too!

2. YOU MEET NEW PEOPLE: I never met a genealogy "stranger," just a friend I never knew yet. Just start talking about your own genealogical research or ask them about theirs.

1. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Because volunteering makes a difference to the Dallas Genealogical Society and to the Dallas Public Library.

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There is no age limit on fun! Remember, if you have a skill to share or want to learn, send an email to [volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org).

**WE DID IT!**  
**100,000 BOOK GOAL REACHED!**  
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workers ramped up to deal with the increased effort necessary to implement book acquisitions, coming through as heroes as their annual workload doubled.



Standing with Book Challenge project poster (from left): Jeri Steele, Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, Laurie Evans, Shirley Sloat, and Heather Williams.

DGS members and others in the community took the opportunity to clean out their bookshelves, donating items that will continue to be available to them from the library but now include a bookplate showing their name as “donor.” Various special discounts were offered to some of us who haunted estate and garage sales and bookshops as we traveled about the state and country. One local dealer knew exactly what we wanted and handed us free books on a monthly basis to support what he agreed was our good cause. Several corporations made either outright or matching fund donations to the challenge.

The project was and is a success, with the 100,000 goal reached on January 12. The numbers will continue to increase as books in the acquisition and cataloging “pipeline” are fully processed. The count on February 1 was 100,300, with more to come!

The beauty of the project is that we have received an unexpectedly high number of books from private collections—often books that are no longer (or perhaps never were) available through public channels. They apply to an amazing number of localities spread across the United States and outside its borders. Our genealogy collection, already excellent, is now even richer with research materials for our diverse Dallas population.

Many, many thanks to all who helped us accomplish our DGS 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary project!  
— Shirley Sloat



Library Staff who helped process the books for the DGS 100,000 Book Challenge Project at party in their honor: Standing from left: Glenna Prather, Sonja Brown, Carol Alexander, Joan Condell, Andy Morrison, Mark Pratt, Thomas Moore, Sheila Scullock. Seated from left: Lloyd Bockstruck, Rose Mary Davis, Raksha Parikh, Mary Cowart

## SHIPS AND THINGS

by Shirley Stertz Hawn

Have you ever tried to imagine what it was like crammed in a boat with only a few possessions, hopefully with some of your family, and all of your dreams, trying to stay optimistic about leaving *everything* you've known, *everyone* you've known, heading to the big abyss ... the abyss of the unknown?

Well, it's possible that's why we're here today. Someone, or many someones, did just that. They

had a dream, a dream of a better life, and the courage to pursue their dream.

I said, "it's possible," because we all know there are many circumstances that brought our ancestors to the shores of North America. Some came on the King's business, and others, whether adventure or escape was the motive, courage and endurance was the necessary ingredient for surviving.

We have read history books, been to lectures, and listened to our grandparents regale us with tales of the past. However, none of that prepared me for learning the conditions of my immigrant ancestor's journey of hope to a new life.

Most of the early ships carrying immigrants were bug infested. One had a shipboard newspaper called the *Cockroach*. Water was rationed, often becoming undrinkable, and passengers were forced to catch rainwater.

They often had more water than they wanted. The steerage areas were frequently flooded when waves broke over the ship; their belongings and beds were continually wet.

There were two classes of passengers on these early vessels: cabin and steerage. Although there was an adequate amount of food, it was a better quality in the cabins.

On very early voyages, emigrants cooked their own food. Some vessels carried live pigs, sheep and poultry for their cabin passengers while those in steerage ate salted meat. Although it was often a different menu and eaten separately, by 1855, most meals were prepared in a central kitchen.

Steerage living space was divided into three parts. Single women traveled in the rear of the ship, married couples in the middle, and single men in the forward section.

Sickness and disease were part of the journey. Children were the most susceptible to the poor food and living conditions: one in five under the age of five didn't survive the voyage.

Cleanliness on the long voyages was more difficult for women than men. Since fresh water was at a premium, it wasn't available for bathing. Men could go on deck and be hosed down by the crew, but decorum denied female passengers the same opportunity.

The hospital facilities were far from adequate and shipboard doctors were frequently ill-trained and too fond of alcohol. Actually, "spirits" were often the medicine of choice on these early voyages and a large number of stomach ailments in the evening seemed to be cured by gin.

The close confinement of the long voyages often led to arguments and dissatisfaction among the passengers. The monotony was occasionally relieved by sightings of flying fish, whales, and dolphins. Passing ships always created excitement. They usually stopped and small boats went back and forth carrying letters to be mailed home.

The opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 and the Panama Canal in 1914 made the journey for those going to New Zealand and Australia considerably shorter.

With the advent of the steamship, the trips became less difficult. Since these were often mail carriers with many stops, the crossings weren't necessarily shorter but easier to endure.

There are many Internet sites that provide shipping records, passenger records, and catalog/periodical databases. Remember, many of our ancestors from central and parts of Eastern Europe came through Hamburg and Bremen, not just the German émigré.

When I used Google and typed, immigrant ships to United States in the address field, I got over two million hits. Below are a few I checked and know are still viable:

Hamburg GenWeb Page: [www.rootsweb.com/~deuham/index.htm#top](http://www.rootsweb.com/~deuham/index.htm#top)

Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies (Search index for Hamburg to see some passenger lists and other related materials) [feefhs.org/](http://feefhs.org/)

Bremen Online *in German*: [www.bremen.de/](http://www.bremen.de/)

Germany GenWeb Page: [www.rootsweb.com/~wggerman/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wggerman/)

Researching ALL German-Speaking Ancestry. On-line Immigrant Ancestor Register available at this site: German-Bohemian Heritage Society, P.O. Box 822, New Ulm, MN 56073-0822. [genealogy.org/~palam/](http://genealogy.org/~palam/)



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German-Bohemian Immigrant Surname Database. [www.rootsweb.com/~gbhs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~gbhs/)

UNITED STATES, RESEARCH OUTLINE, and it looks really interesting. [www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/rg/guide/Usout9.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/rg/guide/Usout9.asp)

This site offers free access to an extraordinary database of information on 10 million immigrants from 1830 through 1892, the year Ellis Island opened. Over 73 million Americans can trace their ancestors to this early immigration period. [www.castlegarden.org/](http://www.castlegarden.org/)

Cyndi's List for German Research:  
[www.routes.de/linksammlung/012.htm](http://www.routes.de/linksammlung/012.htm) and  
[www.cyndislist.com/portsdepart.htm](http://www.cyndislist.com/portsdepart.htm)

Aren't we fortunate we had brave, industrious ancestors who were willing to risk everything, including their lives, to make a better life for their families and future generations?

They gave us the opportunity to be . . . all we want to be.

### Raksha Parikh Honored



Shirley Sloat (right) presented Raksha Parikh with a plaque from DGS honoring her contribution to the 100,000 Book Challenge.

As you know, the Dallas Genealogical Society celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2005 with the 100,000 Book Challenge – a project to increase the number of books in the

Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library from 95,641 volumes at the beginning of the year to 100,000 volumes by the end of 2005.

The acquisition process can stretch out over a long time period, since it may include ordering, receiving, cataloging, binding, and updating the card catalog before a book is available on the shelves for use by the public. Our agreed-upon

project procedure was that we would increase the book count only when cataloging is complete.

The Society and the public have contributed both money and books to this campaign and we are delighted to announce that our goal has been achieved. Accomplishment of all the book acquisition and processing tasks has involved many, many library employees—some of whom we rarely see because they are down on L1—and others with whom we interact more frequently because they are on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor where we DGS members spend our time. Whether we see them or not, we appreciate the work of every one of them.

One Dallas Public Library employee has been identified as an outstanding contributor toward accomplishing our 100,000 book goal.

Raksha Parikh, a member of the Materials Processing group, has done an outstanding job of quickly cataloging materials for the Genealogy Section. She catalogs or edits many more titles a month than is her goal, most of these being genealogy materials. She has become so proficient that the cataloger who is training her allows her to edit records for reprints and to input original cataloging which no other staff in her grade level has ever been capable of or allowed to do. Month after month her accuracy rate is 100%, so not only does she do a tremendous amount of work but also it is exceptionally accurate. When she receives a volume in a set, she adds the title of the new volume to the contents note on the cataloging record.

As a result, patrons are able to search the library catalog by the title of the volume and find the record. This takes time. Most of the author, compiler or editor names on genealogy materials do not have name authority established. (Name authority establishes a unique name form for each author, compiler, etc. or chooses a single name form when an author writes under more than one name, so that all books, music, etc. written by the person can be found by searching using that one name form.) While Raksha doesn't set up the name authorities, she must search several places first to determine that the name authority hasn't already been established and that, too, takes time.

The Society would like to commend and thank Raksha Parikh for the diligence and proficiency that helped us achieve our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary project goal.

– Jeri Steele

**Ancestry.com Celebrates  
Black History Month by Providing  
FREE Access to Historical Records  
Detailing the Lives of  
Hundreds of Thousands of  
African-Americans**

PROVO, Utah, Feb. 1 /PRNewswire/—For African Americans, tracking down ancestors can present a unique set of challenges—few other groups face as many obstacles when it comes to family history research. Often, a lack of credible documentation can make the journey both difficult and time-consuming.

Fortunately, there is a vast collection of data available online. In celebration of Black History Month, Ancestry.com, which hosts the largest online collection of family history records, has launched an all-new African American Research Center at [www.ancestry.com/aahistory](http://www.ancestry.com/aahistory). Throughout the month of February, Ancestry.com will be offering free access to this vast collection of historical records detailing the lives of hundreds of thousands of African Americans.

"Public records, personal narratives, legal documents, and letters—evidence of the past, left behind by those who lived it—can be extremely valuable tools for understanding the lives, legacies, and stories of our ancestors and the worlds in which they lived," said Tim Sullivan, president and CEO of MyFamily.com, Inc., which operates Ancestry.com. "By making this information easily accessible, Ancestry.com is making it easier for the people to uncover and share the personal stories that make up their family history and heritage."

Some of the records available include:

- Freedman's Bank Records, 1865-1874.
- Slave Schedules, 1850 & 1860.
- U.S. Federal Census, 1870.
- Civil War Service Records.
- Afro-Louisiana History and Genealogy, 1718-1820.
- Slave Narratives.
- WWI Draft Registration Cards.
- Family and Local Histories.

**SAR TO HOST GENEALOGY SEMINAR  
AT ANNUAL CONGRESS IN DALLAS**

Plan now to attend the national Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Genealogy Seminar in Dallas, TX on Friday, July 7, 2006, the day before the annual SAR congress begins. Speakers are Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, former NSSAR Librarian General, and chief of the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Pub. Library; Gary Boyd Roberts, a noted genealogical author and speaker from Boston; Leland Meitzler, editor of Heritage Quest magazine; and Bill Dollarhide, editor of the Genealogy Bulletin. The seminar will be in the Intercontinental Dallas Hotel (the congress hotel) and congress rates will apply. Cost of the seminar will be \$25.00 for SAR members and \$30.00 for others. A syllabus will be provided for all registrants.

**The speakers' topics are as follows:**

**Lloyd Bockstruck:**

1. Research in the Southern States
2. Research in the Middle States
3. Research in the New England States
4. Papers and Journals of the Continental Congress
5. Correspondence and papers of Revolutionary War Figures.

**Gary Boyd Roberts:**

6. Genealogical Evolution of the Western World
7. Southern Connections to New England
8. Royal Ancestors and Descendants of the First Families of Virginia

**Leland Meitzler**

9. Chasing Women: Finding your Female Ancestor

**William Dollarhide**

10. Census and Census Substitutes from the Colonial Wars to World War Two.

Vendors from around the country, including Heritage Quest and the Genealogy Bulletin, will be on hand to assist registrants find the genealogical books, software, and supplies they need. For further information contact Judge Ed Butler, NSSAR Genealogist General, who is acting as chairman for this event. He can be reached at [judge58@aol.com](mailto:judge58@aol.com) or at 210-698-8964.

**NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY**

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- Bibliography of American County Histories. Gift of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Who's Who in American Politics. 1997-98, 2 vols.
- Atlas of American History.
- National Yellow Book of Funeral Directors. Gift of Kenneth Gerbode.
- Searching Names Using Wildcards and Soundex. Gift of David W. Webster, F.S.A. Scot.

**ARKANSAS**

- Arkansas School Lands Sales, 1853-1997.
- Yell County, Arkansas: Newspaper Abstracts. 3 vols.
- Polk County, Arkansas, Marriages 1872-1900. Gift of Mary R. Fields.
- Polk County, Arkansas, 1860 Census. Gift of Mary R. Fields.
- Ancestor Charts. 2 vols. Gift of Mary R. Fields.

**GEORGIA**

- Georgia Surveyor General Department. Gift of Janet McLain.
- 1860 Census Heard Co., Georgia. Gift of Francine J. Allen.
- Heard County, Georgia, 1880 Census. Gift of Francine J. Allen.
- Early Georgia Wills, Lincoln County. Gift of Francine J. Allen.
- Colonial Records of Georgia: DD, Conveyances, 1775-1798. Microfilm, 1 roll.

**IOWA**

- Warren County, Iowa Early Marriages. 2 vols, 1849-1899.
- Deaths, Polk County, Iowa. Vols. 1-3 & 5.
- Births...Polk County, Iowa. Bk.3, 1887-90.

**MARYLAND**

- Worcester County, Maryland Orphans Court Proceedings. Vol. 3.
- Marriage Announcements Published in the Kent County News...1850-1874.
- College of Notre Dame of Maryland, 1895-1945. Gift of Mark Woodruff.
- Genealogical Data taken from Obituaries and

## **RESOURCES and AREA EVENTS**

- Marriages 1866 to 1869, Kent County, Maryland.
- Genealogical Data taken from Obituaries and Marriages 1825 to 1827, Kent County, Maryland.
- 1907 Salisbury, Maryland City Directory.

### **MICHIGAN**

- Michigan Genealogy: Sources & Resources. Gift of Lloyd Bockstruck
- CCC Big Bay: recollections of life in the Big Bay, Michigan camp of the Civilian Conservation Corps (1935-1936).

### **MINNESOTA**

- Guide to Family History Resources at the Minnesota Historical Society.

### **MISSOURI**

- Historical Listing of the Missouri Legislature.
- 1890 Genealogical Census Reconstruction, Missouri.
- Southwestern Missouri Biographies. Vol. 4. Gift of Books on Demand, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Jasper County, Missouri, in the Civil War. Anonymous Gift.

### **NEW YORK**

- Historical Sketches of Franklin County (NY) and Its Several Towns with many Short Biographies. 2 vols.
- Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess County, New York. Vol. 7.
- New York State Society of the Cincinnati. Gift of George Boyd, Vice President, The New York State Society of the Cincinnati.

### **NORTH CAROLINA**

- Calvary Lutheran Church, Concord, North Carolina.
- Franklin County, North Carolina Court Minutes. 2 volumes, 1785-1797.
- Crown of Life. Gift of Dr. Nancy J. Miller.
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- Oakdale Cemetery Records. 5 vols, 1852-1988.

### **OHIO**

- Defiance County, Ohio Death Records, 1884-1907. 2 vols.
- Cemeteries of Muskingum County: a Directional Guide.
- Index to the Defiance County Probate Court Records. 2 vols.
- Defiance County, Ohio Death Records Index... 4 vols.
- Cemetery Inscriptions of...Muskingum County,

- Ohio. 8 vols.
- German Heritage Guide to the Greater Cincinnati Area.
- Defiance County, Ohio Death Records, 1884-1907. 2 vols.
- Muskingum County, Ohio Supreme Court Records Index, 1805-1851.
- Muskingum County Birth Records Index, 1908-1970.
- Woodlawn Cemetery Interments Index, Zanesville, Ohio, 1852-1998.
- Bosserman's 1820 Census of Darke County Ohio and 1830 Census of Darke County Ohio.
- Divorce Proceedings, Applications, Dismissals Granted and some Cases Indicating a Divorce: Crawford County, Ohio...
- Will Book A-D Index, 1804-1854. (Muskingum County, Ohio).

### **OKLAHOMA**

- Ghost Towns of Oklahoma.
- Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths...
- Printed Sources for Oklahoma Genealogical and Historical Research. Gift of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Births, Marriages and Deaths from the Mangum Star...Greer County...
- Baptist Women in Oklahoma. Gift of Shirley R. Sloat.
- Civil War Site in Oklahoma.
- LeFlore Genealogical Records. Vol. 11. Gift of Mary R. Fields.
- History of Pontotoc County Oklahoma. Gift of Shirley R. Sloat.

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

- 1765 Chester County, Pennsylvania Archives.
- Marriage Extractions from the Leader Times Obituaries of 1970-2003.
- Slate Lick: an account of a reunion of present and former residents held at Slate Lick, Pa., August 30-31, 1887...
- Genealogical Extracts from the Gary R. Ritter Funeral Home Records, 1908-1941.
- St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery (Goshenhoppen), Bally, Berks County...
- Scrips and Scraps.

### **RHODE ISLAND**

- South Kingstown, Rhode Island.

### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

- Guide to Markers of Old St. David's Cemetery, Cheraw, South Carolina.

## **RESOURCES and AREA EVENTS**

- Chester County, South Carolina, Deed Abstracts. Gift of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Twin Springs and a Grove of Trees.
- Inscriptions of Live Oak Cemetery, Walterboro, S.C.
- History of Chesterfield Baptist Association and its 57 Churches.

### **TENNESSEE**

- Williamson County, Tennessee Wills and Administrations 1800 to 1861: an Index.
- Fayette County, TN Deeds. 2 vols.
- Rhea County History.
- Lewis County, Tennessee WPA Records.
- Wayne County, Tennessee, Census Records. Vol. 3. Gift of Mary R. Fields.
- Wilson County, Tennessee, Trust Deeds, 1828-1868.
- Grundy County Tennessee, Earliest Deeds, 1852-1867.

### **TEXAS**

- Proceedings of the Annual State Conference. 1933 / Texas Daughters of the American Revolution. Gift of Shirley R. Sloat.
- Heritage. Fall/Winter.
- Trinity Farm and El Rancho Grande Cemetery Burials. Gift of Dallas Genealogical Society.
- History of Trinity United Methodist Church, Waco, Texas, 1884-1984. Gift of Dr. T. Brad Willis.
- Centennial History of the Baptist Women of Texas: 1830-1930.
- Elm Fork Settlements.
- Our 75th Year, 1874-1949. Gift of T. Bradford Willis, D.D.S.

### **VERMONT**

- Echoes in the Forest: the Family History Supplement to the History of Stratton, Vermont.

### **VIRGINIA**

- Early Days of the Albemarle Agricultural Society.
- Northampton County Virginia Record Book: Orders, Deeds, Wills &c. Vols. 7 & 8. Gift of Elizabeth P. Feigl.
- Jamestowne Society Newsletter. 2000-04.
- Wythe County, Virginia, Vital Records. 2 volumes.
- Huguenot. 1993-1995. Gift of Mrs. C. Lamar DeuPree.
- Eastern Shore District Court, 1797-1805.
- Henrico County, Virginia Land Patent Abstracts with some Plat Maps.
- Divorces of Wythe County, Virginia, 1816-1886.
- Land Tax Summaries & Implied Deeds. Vol. 3.

- Free People of Colour.
- Magazine of Albemarle County History. Vol. 62.

### **WEST VIRGINIA**

- Wyoming County (West) Virginia Death Records 1853-1890.

### **WISCONSIN**

- Wisconsin Blue Book. 1964. Gift of Shirley R. Sloat.
- Cemetery Inscriptions from Green County, Wisconsin. Vols. 1-3.

### **GENEALOGIES & BIOGRAPHIES**

- Simpson Families of Southern Maryland. Vol. 2. Gift of Ralph D. Smith.
- Simpson Families of Southern Maryland, Western Maryland and the District of Columbia to 1820.
- Smith of Virginia. Gift of Dr. Nancy J. Miller.
- The Honorable Richard Stanford, Congressman. Gift of Dallas Genealogical Society.
- John Ulrich Stucki and his Posterity. Gift of Donna Dobbs.
- Life and Times of Edward Swanson...
- Descendants of Columbus Templeton of Bell County, Texas. Gift of Jay Norwalk.

### **FRANCE**

- Emigrants from France (Haut-Rhin Department) to America. Gift of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.

### **GERMANY**

- Europäische Stammtafeln, Neue Folge. Vol. 22.
- Blatter des Bayerischen Landsverein fur Familienkunde. No. 67.
- Deutsches Geschlechterbuch. V. 200.
- Schicksalbuch des Sachsisch-Thuringischen Adels. 2 vols.
- Deutsches Geschlechterbuch. Vols. 110-119.
- Genealogisches Handbuch des Adels. Vol. 136.
- Deutsche Wappenrolle. Vol. 69.

### **GREAT BRITAIN**

- Bramley and Grafham: a Short History.
- Handlist of Genealogical Sources. Gift of William E. Benson.
- Sir James Tyrell's Chapel at Gipping, Suffolk. Gift of Banks McLaurin.
- History of Hampshire.
- John Kirby's Suffolk.
- History of Hertfordshire.
- History of Buckinghamshire.
- History of Cumberland and Westmorland.

**IRELAND**

- Houses of Ireland. Gift of The Friends of the Audelia Branch Library.
- Donegal Annual. No. 56.
- Handlist of Church of Ireland Parish Registers in the Representative Church Body Library, Dublin.

**JEWISH**

- Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy.

**MEXICO**

- Marriages of Monclova, Coahuila, Mexico 1689-1822.
- Origen de los Fundadores de Cadereyta.
- Sagrada Mitra de Guadalajara, Antiguo Obispado de la Nueva Galicia...
- 1875 Census of the Municipalidad de Nava, Located at Present Day Nava, Coahuila.
- 1882 Census of the Voters of the Municipalidad de Parras.
- Vecinos de Cerralvo, 1630-1760.
- Origen de los Fundadores de Saltillo, Coah. Tomo III.
- Censuses 1867 and 1875 for Santa Rita de Morelos...
- Padrones y Censos: Nuevo Leon. 2 vols.
- Fundadores de Montemorelos.
- Baptisms 1832-1855 of San Juan de Mata...

**NORWAY**

- Norway Family Farm Surname, 1593-1993: and Emigrant Lists for Norwegians. Gift of Merle W. Gregerson.
- Norwegian Connections. Gift of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.

**SCOTLAND**

- Scottish Schoolmasters of the Seventeenth Century.
- Scottish Seafarers, 1800-1830.
- Scots-Irish Links, 1575-1725. Gift of Jean D. Hare.
- Scottish Genealogical and Family History. Gift of David W. Webster, F.S.A. Scot.
- Useful World Wide Web Sites for Scottish Research. Gift of David W. Webster, F.S.A. Scot.
- Greyfriars.
- Kirkyard of Millbex & Woodhead.
- Barbados and Scotland Links: 1627-1877. Gift of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.

**SPAIN**

- Diccionario Heraldico Espanol: Apellidos y Nombres Propios.

**REGIONAL and NATIONAL EVENTS**

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

[newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org](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)

**February 25 – 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/ftmgrouptm.htm](http://www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/ftmgrouptm.htm). Donations accepted.

**February 25 – 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 for more information.

**February 27 – Ft. Worth Genealogical Society**

Tour of the Fort Worth Central Library Genealogy Section – 5:00 to 6:45 p.m., plus Shirley Apley presents *Researching in the Fort Worth Library* 7:00 - 8:45 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).

**March 2 – Grand Prairie Genealogical Society**

Shirley Apley, Senior Librarian, Genealogy Section, Fort Worth Public Library, presents: *Introduction to the Genealogy Section of the Fort Worth Public*

*Library.* 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901 Conover Drive. Barbara Wylie, Program Chair, email [barb@johnwylie.com](mailto:barb@johnwylie.com), 972-206-2723

**March 6 – Ellis County Genealogical Society**

Barbara Brixey Wylie – *"Was Your Grandmother a Relict? What Do Those Old Words Mean?"* 7:00 p.m. at the Women's Building, 407 W. Jefferson St., Waxahachie. Contact: Ina Walker, 972-923-3455, [inagran@aol.com](mailto:inagran@aol.com).

**March 8 – Dallas Historical Society**

*"Brown Bag"* Lecture series, at 12:00 Noon. Free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to bring a lunch and learn more about the history of Dallas and Texas. Contact Frank at: 214-421-4500 x105 or [frank@dallashistory.org](mailto:frank@dallashistory.org). Where: Hall of State, at 3939 Grand Avenue in Fair Park. (A RSVP helps us to plan!)

**March 8 – Collin County Genealogical Society**

Barbara Brixey Wylie – *"Identifying Norman's Mother – Overcoming Hazy Memories and Conflicting Records."* 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](mailto:lansup@ix.netcom.com)

**March 13 – Grapevine Namedroppers**

Darlene Hathaway, *Census Records.* 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.

**March 14 – Arlington Genealogical Society**

Jim McMillen will speak on *Names.* Arlington Public Library at 101 East Abram Street at 6:30 p.m. Program Chairman: Thomas Cogdell, [tcogdell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tcogdell@sbcglobal.net).

**March 18 – Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries**

Speaker Nygil Parker, an Archivist from the Southwest Regional Branch of the National Archives. 9:30 a.m. – Noon. Gladys Harrington Library, 1501 18th St., Plano. Barbara Coakley, Program Chairperson, [bjc1620@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjc1620@sbcglobal.net)

**March 21 – HOGAR de DALLAS**

Program TBD. 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)

**March 25 – Family Tree Maker Interest Group**

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**March 27 – Ft. Worth Genealogical Society**

*Treasures in the Attic* presented by Walter Clay Dixon, author of *Richland Crossing, A Portrait of Texas Pioneers.* 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](mailto:vbrown111@sbcglobal.net).

**April 1 – Dallas Historical Society**

*JFK Tour: In The Steps Of Lee Harvey Oswald.* John F. Kennedy and Dallas are forever connected in history. Follow Lee Harvey Oswald's footsteps through downtown, to the Texas Theatre, to his grave. Have lunch at El Fenix—historic in its own way. Tour led by Ken M. Holmes, Jr. of Southwestern Historical Inc. [www.dallashistory.org](http://www.dallashistory.org).

**April 11 – Arlington Genealogical Society**

Michael Bishop, *Scots-Irish Research.* Arlington Public Library at 101 East Abram Street at 6:30 p.m. Program Chairman: Thomas Cogdell, [tcogdell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tcogdell@sbcglobal.net).

**April 12 – Collin County Genealogical Society**

Mic Barnette – *"Researching Georgia Land Records."* 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](mailto:lansup@ix.netcom.com).

**April 13 – Guild of Colonial Artisans and Tradesmen 1607-1783**

Annual Meeting, Mayflower Hotel, Washington D.C. Contact Karen Avery Miller, President General, [guildpresgen@yahoo.com](mailto:guildpresgen@yahoo.com)

**April 15 – Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries**

Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick, author of *Forensic Genealogy* will discuss what can be achieved by applying the investigative techniques of forensic science to genealogy. Her book will also be for sale at the seminar. 9:30 a.m. – Noon. Gladys Harrington Library, 1501 18th St., Plano. Barbara Coakley, Program Chairperson, [bjc1620@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjc1620@sbcglobal.net)

**April 15 – Dallas Historical Society**

*Fair Park & Blues and Heritage Tour of Deep Ellum.* This combined bus & walking tour, explores the mythology, folklore, and cultural origins of Deep Ellum from the early days through its creation as a bohemian village to its future as an urban oasis for creative community living. Contact Frank at: 214-421-4500 x105 or [frank@dallashistory.org](mailto:frank@dallashistory.org)

**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](mailto:Dmxray50@aol.com)

**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 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](mailto:vbrown111@sbcglobal.net).

**April 30 – May 6 – New York Genealogical & Biographical Society**

*NYC2006: A Week of Guided Research in New York City.* This popular biennial program offers a wonderful opportunity for our out-of-town members who would like to take advantage of our city's

fabulous genealogical resources but feel uneasy about doing it on their own. These programs always draw a large and congenial group of participants, and a corps of local members has already volunteered to help. For details see:

[www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=99](http://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=99).

**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**

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, [tcogdell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tcogdell@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](mailto:lansup@ix.netcom.com), 214-704-0951, [www.planolibrary.org/haglib.htm](http://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](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 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](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, 972-923-3455, [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. Barbara Wylie, Program Chair, 972-206-2723, email [barb@johnwylie.com](mailto:barb@johnwylie.com) 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**

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**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**

Contact Ron Brothers, [rbrother@1starnet.com](mailto:rbrother@1starnet.com).

**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/~txmhqs/page1.htm](http://rootsweb.com/~txmhqs/page1.htm). Contact: Linda Rogers, [duggie2@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:norannl@sbcglobal.net).

**North Collin County Genealogical Society**

Contact: Paula Perkins, [lansup@ix.netcom.com](mailto:lansup@ix.netcom.com).

**North Texas PC Users Group**

Meets the third Saturday of each month at North Lake College in Irving. Check out the schedule and much more at our web site: [ntpcug.org/](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,

## RESOURCES and AREA EVENTS

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.

### Tri-County/Roots Seekers Gen. Society

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– Contributed by Betty Jean Steinke

Dear Friends of the Archives of the Texas General Land Office. It has been another exciting year here at the Land Office and we celebrate our year of success with the latest edition of our "Saving Texas History Newsletter." Please see it at the following link: [www.glo.state.tx.us/archives/newsletter.html](http://www.glo.state.tx.us/archives/newsletter.html)

Jerry C. Drake, Director,  
Archives & Records, Texas General Land Office

Somos Primos announced a new page on their website: To facilitate primary document research,

we are pleased to inform you that the complete text of a booklet published by SHHAR in 1998, Spanish Colonial Terms is now online at:  
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Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library:  
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Hispanic Genealogical Society of Houston:  
[www.hispanicgs.com/](http://www.hispanicgs.com/)

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[www.hispanicgenealogy.com/](http://www.hispanicgenealogy.com/)

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[www.library.ci.corpus-christi.tx.us/lhispanic.htm](http://www.library.ci.corpus-christi.tx.us/lhispanic.htm)

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[genforum.genealogy.com/pr/](http://genforum.genealogy.com/pr/)

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## DGS Calendar of Events

### February

- 25 – Sat TMG SIG – Bob Velke, *The Master Genealogist: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced*
- 27 – Mon DGS General – Barbara Rust (NARA), *Using National Archives Records for Native American Research*

### March

- 4 – Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006 Spring Lecture: Gladys Friedman Paulin, CG, *Immigration and Urban Research*

- 7 – Tue CIG – Tresa Tatyrek, FASG, *The Internet, Spreadsheets, and PDA's*
- 11 – Sat – The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group
- 16 – Thu – Speakers' Roundtable
- 21 – Tue AAGIG – Susan Cooper-Perez, *The Boone Files: Making of the Boone Clan*
- 27 – Mon DGS General – Jerry Drake (Texas GLO), *Texas History Month*

See pages 23–26 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.

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