

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

DGS Newsletter



The Spouse's-Eye View

**Neither rain nor snow nor mis-labeled bundles . . .
Or . . . Stacking and Sacking the *Journal***

by Ernest P. Williams

The lengths we sometimes go to in order to enable our wives to stay busy! Like any good DGS spouse, I want mine to be successful and stay active and busy, and to that end, I agreed to help with mailing the *Dallas Journal*, which she had edited. Little did I know what it would entail. I thought I had already done a pretty good job, for example, staying off of the computer when she was slaving away on it, but the release of it to a large waiting audience was the culmination of a lot of work. Little did I know, but should have guessed when the van rolled up the driveway, and the driver wheeled 25 heavy boxes into the house and stacked them on the den floor.

My job started easy enough, "go to the grocery store and pick up some muffins." When I got back, feeling pleased with myself for handling my part of the work so efficiently, the organization was in full motion, and my next job was to stare in amazement at the 45 post office bags lying by the closet.

The labeling, packaging and mailing of the DGS *Journal* is no small task. It can be broken down into three categories: the technical and teaching function; the repetitive label removal, sticking and stacking function; and the lift that, bring that, take this stack over there function. After considerable deliberation, my part was the latter portion. My job was to open and position the boxes of books one box at a time handy to the labelers, then grab two rubber bands and place them around a stack of books (about 5) one way and the other way. I give myself a B minus on the opening and stacking, as sometimes I was busy rubber banding, or stacking, and sometimes I just overlooked that the labelers had run out. I was able to do the rubber banding pretty well, although at a later restacking, it was discovered that on several bundles, I had placed both rubber bands in the same direction, probably a B plus. And on the stacking, I think I deserve an A minus. Most of the ZIPs were in the right stack, but some of the colors should have been in another pile. Most of the stacks leaned only a little.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Are your ancestors elusive? It's so easy to get caught up in the search for new records that we forget to stop and do a thorough analysis of what we already have. Karen Clifford reminded us in her lecture that organization and analysis of our genealogical material is just as important as the search. If you didn't get a chance to attend her lecture take a look at her free lessons on the website: www.graonline.com/. You can learn to save time and money by not searching for information you already have.

Have you attended one of the seminars this year? Yes, DGS charges to attend these seminars. The 'profit' made at these seminars is the basis for donations we make to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. However, there are more benefits than that to attending one of these events. It can give you a wealth of new ideas for your research. For instance, we have the opportunity to learn even more about analysis and methodology at the Summer Institute at *Mining For Genealogical Treasure*. We have three outstanding speakers this year: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS, Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG, and John A. Sellers. From newspapers to courthouses, Masons to Methodology, and beyond, you will not want to miss the fun time July 27th to July 30th in the Auditorium of the Dallas Public Library.

Welcome to the DGS Board our two newest members: Susan Holman, Volunteer Coordinator and Sharon Gayle, Parliamentarian. Both of them have enthusiastically stepped in, rolled up their sleeves, and started work immediately. Susan has been a volunteer on the desk on the 8th floor of the library and brings that experience to the job as Volunteer Coordinator. Sharon is relatively new to DGS and the board but brings a wealth of other work experience. When you see Susan and Sharon congratulate them on their new positions and thank them for their service.

As this newsletter goes to press, we just held a successful Seminar on The Master Genealogist Software (where 55 attended) and our February general meeting. At the General Meeting, the Bylaw

changes as published in the newsletter passed with no modifications. As a result of those changes, we now have a new board position, Director of Special Interest Groups. I have appointed John to fill the position until our elections next November. If you have any ideas for a study group or have a group of members that would like to meet to talk about research in a certain locality be sure to contact John at SIG@dallasgenealogy.org.

There are still many opportunities to help run the Dallas Genealogical Society. Please let us know what talents you can share. I once was helping a Family History Center patron locate an ancestor and found my own in a part of the county where I did not expect to find him. You just never know where your ancestor might show up.

Jeri Steele

Welcome To Our New Members



Glynda J. Falvey, Larry and Judy Faulkner, Lucille Glasgow, Patricia L. Haller, Carol H. Harper, Larry D. and Shirley Hyde, Laura Jeffers, Phil Merkel, Alma L. Miller, Nancy J. and Paul Neal, Gregory A. Price, Harold and Frances Rhodes, Jan Samuels, Helmuth and Betty Schneider, Sherrie G. Shelton, Mr. Lynn Trammell, Tim R. Vought, Ann S. Winans

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

Open positions at the Volunteer Desk:

- Mondays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays from 11: to 1:00 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 also need a Hospitality Coordinator to help organize and coordinate the refreshments for the meetings and workshops. If you are interested and available, please email Volunteer Coordinator, Susan Holman at Volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org.

**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,
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 deWitt 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: 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.

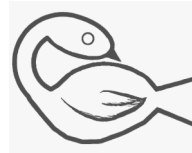
Monday: April 24
Speaker: Brian Collins
Topic: Preserving Personal Papers

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

Tuesday, April 18
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, AL. The Committee is putting together information to share with our readers in March. 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.

Liaison to the DGS Special Interest Group Director:
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, April 4

Speaker: John Wylie

Topic: Safely Finding, Downloading, and Installing Software

The Web is loaded with excellent free or nearly free software but to most of us, downloading and installing these programs is scary. Live on the web, this talk will show how to find safe free software, safely download, install it properly, and uninstall it completely when you want.

Tuesday, May 9 (one week later than usual)

Speaker: TBD

Topic: TBD

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 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.

**DGS Announces New
Special Interest Groups**

Dallas Genealogical Society is adding a number of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) during 2006 besides those already in place. Three SIGs start in May, one in June, and others are in the planning stages.

GROUPS ALREADY IN PROGRESS:

- Computer Interest Group (CIG), chaired by Gene Burris. Program Coordinator is Marti Fox.
 - Explore the use and expand our knowledge of computer technology as we search, collect, manage, and publish information related to genealogy.
 - Usually meets the first Tuesday of the Month
- African American Genealogy Interest Group (AAGIG), chaired by Donald Payton
 - Educate the African American community on the importance of researching its family history.
 - Extract birth, death, marriage, slave and slave owners, will and deed records, newspaper and obituaries to assist in African American research.
 - Promote African American resources found in the Dallas Public Library.
 - Meets September to May on the third Tuesday of the Month
- Speakers Roundtable, chaired by John Wylie
 - An informal meeting for DGS members who are speakers or speaker "wannabees."
 - Meets the third Thursday of odd numbered months
- North Texas TMG Users, chaired by Jeri J. Steele and William B. Dow, Jr.
 - To assist The Master Genealogist program users and facilitate their needs.
 - Usually meets the second Saturday of the month
- MacGen Reunion Group (MGRG), chaired by Happi McQuirk
 - To assist Mac computer and Reunion software users and facilitate their needs.
 - Meets quarterly on the third Wednesday of the first month in the quarter

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GROUPS STARTING IN MAY:

- Family Tree Maker Users (FTM), chaired by Tresa Tatyrek
 - To assist Family Tree Maker Program Users and facilitate their needs.
 - Meets the first Saturday of the month
- Internet for the Genealogist Interest Group (IGIG), chaired by Tresa Tatyrek
 - To assist DGS members in using the Internet more effectively in their research.
 - Meets the first Saturday of the month
- Germanic Study Group (GSG), chaired by Nancy Scott
 - Meets quarterly on the first Saturday of the month

GROUPS IN THE PLANNING STAGES:

- Writing Interest Group (WIG), chaired by Ann Williams
- DNA Interest Group, chaired by Don Raney
- Advanced Methodology Study Group, chaired by Elizabeth Kutz
- Native American Research Group, chaired by Joy Dunaway

We'd love to have you join us for any or all SIG activities. All of the above activities are open to the public (though if you are not a DGS member yet, we would be pleased to have you join us). You can visit our website at: www.dallasgenealogy.org for the Calendar and more information.

DNA Interest Group

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 p.m. ahead of the Computer Interest Group meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Don Raney will present a program "Using DNA Testing To Identify Your Ancestor." 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. We will also discuss the dates and frequency for future meetings of the DNA Interest Group.

Don Raney, e-mail: dna@dallasgenealogy.org, 972-278-3381

Do you need a WIG? **(Writing Interest Group)**

Do you want to write? Need to write? Is it time for you to stop collecting data and start to write about what you've got? Would the support and encouragement of a like-minded group help you?

If you answered, "No," you've probably stopped reading. But if you answered, "Yes," help is coming. Sometime about the middle of May, Ann Melugin Williams will convene a Writing Interest Group. This won't be a class but a needy group to help each other write and publish. All you need is data and the desire to "do something" with it.

If you are interested, please contact Ann at 214-375-6043 or melugin708@sbcglobal.net.

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.

CALLING

ALL WRITERS!



The 2006 DGS Writing Awards Competition is about to begin!

Sharpen your pencils, dip the pens in the ink, or jump on those keyboards. This is the opportunity you've all been waiting for. Show off your genealogical and literary skills by entering your new article or book, written between August 2004 and July 2006, in the 2006 DGS Writing Awards event.

*Details and entry form in next month's Newsletter.
Brochures available at the 8th floor Volunteer's
Desk. Information and forms are also on the DGS
website: www.dallasgenealogy.org*

**QUAKER QUARTERLY DIGESTS,
ENGLAND AND WALES
BY PATRICIA LAW HATCHER**

The Quaker Digests of Registers of Births, Marriages, and Burials for England and Wales, circa 1650–1837 are 32 rolls, filed in the Locality section under England. Quakers were careful record keepers, recording vital events in their monthly meetings, then reporting them to the quarterly meeting, where they were recorded in digest (register) form.

Quarterly meetings included the monthly meetings in one or more counties and generally coincided with the county or counties in their names. However, some towns and parishes were assigned to a monthly meeting in an adjoining county, and some monthly meetings were assigned to the quarterly meeting of an adjoining county. These exceptions are listed in the Guide to Microforms at the reference desk.

Although there are some earlier entries, record keeping did not become extensive until the late 1660s and early 1670s. Once civil registration began in England and Wales in the third quarter of 1837, the quarterly digests were no longer necessary and were discontinued.

Records are chronological within first letter of surname, in columnar format. Not all columns are filled for each entry. The registers are neat and legible, with good microfilming. There are both a register and a supplemental register for each record type (i.e., six registers per quarterly meeting). London and Middlesex Quarterly Meeting and Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, which were both very large, each have two birth, marriage, and death registers instead of one. A detailed listing of the registers on each roll is in the Guide to Microforms binder at the DPL reference desk.

Birth ledgers have columns for the book and page of the entry in the monthly meeting, name of child, date of birth, place of birth, names of parents, parents' abode, occupation, name of monthly

meeting, and a column to note "N.M." for "Non-Members."

Marriage ledgers have columns for the book and page of the entry in the monthly meeting, name of bride or groom (thus there is one entry for every bride and one for every groom), residence, description (occupation, widow, etc.), names of parents, parents' abode, to whom married and their residence, where married, date of marriage, and name of monthly meeting.

Burial ledgers have columns for the book and page of the entry in the monthly meeting, name of deceased, date of death, age, residence, description (occupation, widow, "son of" or "daughter of" for children), name of monthly meeting, date of burial, place of burial, and a column to note "N.M." for "Non-Members."

Even if you do not know the county of origin for your Quaker immigrant ancestor, these records are so easy to search that you can check all quarterly meetings in a few hours, an effort that can be well worth your time. Many Quaker immigrants were recently "convinced" [converted], though, so don't be surprised if they don't appear in the registers. If you do find entries for an ancestral surname, check the Family History Library Catalog for microfilm for the monthly meeting. Not very many of them have been microfilmed, however.

If you know the county of origin, you can go directly to the pertinent microfilm, but if you suspect missing records, check the port from which your ancestor might have departed. Often entries for families are found in both the London and Middlesex Quarterly Meeting and in their local meeting.

The registers can give us unexpected insight into ancestral lives. Occasionally, the burial registers of London mention the death in prison of someone who had been incarcerated for "testifying." Like the burial registers of the Church of England, they also provide stark evidence of the effect of the plague. Between February and May 1665, there were only a handful of burials recorded, more in June, but in July and August, they filled the pages. After early September, when the Great Fire of London burned out both residents and the rats that carried the disease, the number of burials plummeted.

Microfilm Rolls

Roll 1 Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire
Quarterly Meeting.

- Roll 2 Essex Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 3 London and Middlesex Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 4 London and Middlesex Quarterly Meeting (2 of 3).
- Roll 5 London and Middlesex Quarterly Meeting (3 of 3).
- Roll 6 Norfolk and Norwich Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 7 Suffolk Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 8 Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 9 Berkshire and Oxfordshire Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 10 Buckinghamshire Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 11 Lincolnshire Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 12 Northamptonshire Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 13 Warwickshire, Leicestershire, and Rutland Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 14 Cheshire and Staffordshire Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 15 Herefordshire, Worcester, and Wales Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 16 Lancashire Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 17 Westmoreland Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 18 Cumberland and Northumberland Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 19 Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 20 Durham Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 21 Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting (1 of 5).
- Roll 22 Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting (2 of 5).
- Roll 23 Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting (3 of 5).
- Roll 24 Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting (4 of 5).
- Roll 25 Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting (5 of 5).
- Roll 26 Bristol and Somersetshire Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 27 Cornwall Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 28 Devonshire Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 29 Dorsetshire and Hampshire Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 30 Gloucester and Wiltshire Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 31 Kent Quarterly Meeting.
- Roll 32 Sussex and Surrey Quarterly Meeting.

**HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
HISTORICAL COURT DOCUMENTS
Patricia Haynes**

As many of you know, I work as a paralegal, so I often do research on court web sites. I recently was looking for something on the Harris County District Clerk web site. I noticed a link to **Historical Documents**, so of course I stopped my "real" work and decided to check it out.

I was pleasantly surprised to see that the Harris County District Clerk's Office is now preserving and imaging its historical court documents and placing them online. Some date back to the 1830's and contain names you all will recognize, such as Sam Houston. As is often true of documents which have been imaged, some pages are better quality than others. The site contains documents from about 1837-1912 and include District Court Minutes, both civil and criminal, Guilty and Not Guilty Judgments, and Criminal Minutes Naturalization Proceedings Only. There are some indexes for most of these documents. These are provided at no charge. I highly recommend reading the section **Records Preservation Overview** while you're on the site.

Of course, Court Minutes do not give you all the information you might be seeking about your Harris Co. ancestors, but, as they say, it's a start. Once you know that a case exists, if you are lucky, you might be able to get the entire court file to review for your Harris Co. ancestors.

To get to the historical document images, go to the following web site: www.hcdistrictclerk.com. On the left-hand side of the site's menu bar at the top, click on **Historical Documents** and enjoy. Now if we can just get other counties to do the same!

**Next DGS Newsletter
is April, 2006**
**Submissions must be made by March 15,
to advertise May-July events!**
Email Happi at:
newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org

Honoring Your Ancestors

Richard Bland

- ❖ Jeanette Bickley Bland, Wife

Melvin E. Brewer

- ❖ Book Donated: *Waggoners & Related Families of Middle Tennessee* by Mel Brewer 2005, in memory of Effie Mae Waggoner Brewer, Mother, b. 1 Jun 1891 Fayetteville, TN, d. 5 Oct 1957 Dallas, TX

Alice E. Savoie Conklin

- ❖ Book Donated: *Georgia Salzburgers & Allied Families Vol I-IV* by Martha LeBey Lassiter, in honor of Evelyn Louise Wisenbaker Savorie, Mother, b. 25 May 1925

Dawn Williams Gore

- ❖ Ernest Leroy Williams & Fay Ellington Williams, Parents

Jerry Don Gore

- ❖ Robert Hilton Gore & Vera Shaver Gore, Parents

Bobbie Jean Hooser

- ❖ Julia Ann Hudson, Husband's Maternal Grandmother, b. 6 Apr 1892, d. Nov 1976
- ❖ Eva Elizabeth Claiborne, Husband's Paternal Grandmother, b. 15 Jul 1888, d. 11 May 1955

Ann Kinkade

- ❖ Andrew Schwartzmann, Great Grandfather, b. 12 Jul 1853 Germany, d. 7 Jan 1914 Campbell Co., TN
- ❖ Byram Langsford, Father, b. 12 May 1912, d. 13 Feb 1990

Linda Rattan Knowles

- ❖ Jule T. Rattan & Fred L. Rattan, in memory of Jule and in honor of Fred

Mary Lawhon Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT)

- ❖ Book Donated: *Founders & Patriots of the Republic of Texas Vol. VIII*, Citizen Ancestors of the Republic of Texas

Sammie Townsend Lee

- ❖ Thomas W. Lee, Husband, b. 10 Jun 1944, d. 23 May 1997

Jeff Newman

- ❖ Lewis Henry Newman, GGGrandfather, b. 24 May 1838 Warren Co., NC, d. 20 Sep 1901 Mecklenberg Co., VA

Melissa Speed

- ❖ In honor of Michael Dunavant for remote genealogical assistance

Sue Ramsey Smith

- ❖ Maria Vojnik Jakub (Mary V. Jacobs), DIL's Grandmother, b. 2 Sep 1908 Slovakia, d. 3 May 2005 PA
- ❖ Book Donated: Official Military Atlas of the Civil War, Pvt. Thomas P. Boyett, Maternal Great Grandfather, b. 10 Aug 1845 Tyler Co., TX, d. 1 May 1920 Brazos Co., TX
- ❖ Book Donated: Official Military Atlas of the Civil War, Pvt. Hailey S. Ramsey, Maternal Great Grandfather, b. 6 Oct 1842 Franklin Co., VA, d. 25 Mar 1909 Brazos Co., TX

Cliff & Henrietta Slagle

- ❖ Ruth MarDock, Good Friend

Barbara Ware

- ❖ Robert Henry Williamson, Great-Grandfather, b. 4 Jun 1851 Newton Co., MS, d. 8 Jan 1914 Bosque Co., TX
- ❖ Laura Clemens Williamson, Great-grandmother, b. 5 Jun 1859 Arkansas, d. 29 Jan 1943 Fort Worth, TX
- ❖ Kathryn Hight Ware, Mother, b. 27 May 1924 McKinney, TX, d. 8 Jul 1990 Dallas, TX

Albert Parker Weeks

- ❖ Robert Macklin White, GGG-Grandfather, b. 27 Dec 1786 SC, d. 9 Dec 1866 Ellis Co., TX
- ❖ William Milton Rankin, GGG-Grandfather, b. 14 Oct 1792 Augusta Co., VA, d. 23 Jul 1862 Marion Co., MS
- ❖ Jesse Matthew Parker, G-Grandfather, b. 20 Aug 1862 Cherokee Co., TX, d. 12 Sep 1935 Ellis Co., TX
- ❖ Matthias Boon, GGG-Grandfather, b. 20 Jul 1786 Southampton Co., VA, d. 8 Apr 1835 Madison Co., TN
- ❖ Turner Hunt Christian, GGGGG-Grandfather, b. Abt 1720 Charles City Co., VA, d. 1781 Warren Co., NC

- ❖ Capt. James B. Burluson, GGGGG-Grandfather, b. 4 May 1775 Buncombe Co., NC, d. 3 Jan 1836 Bastrop Co., Republic of Texas. Was a Vice-President of Republic of Texas

Barbara Brixey Wylie

- ❖ Book Donated: Queen City of the Cimarron, Ray Harrison Brixey, Grandfather, b. 20 Oct 1893 Wright Co., MO, d. 20 Sep 1980 St. Clair Co., MO
- ❖ Book Donated: Brand Book, Lewis & Clark County, Montana, George Harrison Brixey, Father, b. 14 Oct 1917

John Wylie

- ❖ Book Donated: Tri County Montana Brand Book, William Moseley Wylie, Great-Grandfather, b. 2 Apr 1824 Madison Co., NY, d. 21 Oct 1904 Ionia Co., MI
- ❖ Book Donated: Town Builders Stuhr Museum, Ermina Ellis, Great-Grandmother, b. 20 Nov 1830 Jefferson Co., NY, d. 31 Jan 1916 Kent Co., MI

Wylie's Words of Wisdom:
HANDLING DATES

I've been married much too long to give advice on romantic dates so this is going to be about calendar dates. Besides, Barb tells me that first dates should never be handled. (I'm sorry, the keyboard just took control. I've wrestled it back and can now write about genealogy.)

We genealogists fall prey to believing we must write dates properly. We type in the calendar day in two digits, the three-letter month followed by the year in four numbers. For example, Barb and I report our wedding date as 12 Aug 1978. This works great for database software and consistency in narratives. It avoids the confusion of seeing 8/12/78 and not knowing if that was 12 August or 8 December or in what century it occurred. (Barb is much too young to have been married in 1878.)

How SHOULD we report dates? The simple answer is "just as we found them". If a document shows something happening on 8-12-78 than that's how we should initially record it. We can also enter what

we believe (or even know) the correct date to be, but we document dates as we find them.

Perhaps a short story will help. Long ago, I found this sentence in a letter written by the aunt of the person being researched: "Effie's boy was born in Altus Saturday after the blizzard of 98". I already knew that this birth took place in Altus, Oklahoma. Upon contacting a weatherman at a local TV station, I established that Altus has experienced a severe blizzard 6-8 December 1898. I calculated that the child was born on the 10 Dec 1898.

The question is how to report the birth date in genealogy. My opinion is to report it both ways, thus: Studley Koolbreeze was born 10 Dec 1898 as reported by his aunt Mary who wrote "Effie's boy was born in Altus Saturday after the blizzard of 98." In other words report the date as you found it and as you calculate it.

Date Qualifiers: When you don't know an exact date use a qualifier. If you get a date containing a qualifier from another researcher, use that qualifier and cite the other researcher as your source. Dropping date qualifiers creates a level of exactness not intended or supported by the evidence. Qualifiers are as essential as the numbers in the date.

The most common qualifies are: 'ca' or 'c' for circa, 'about', and 'est.' or 'say' for estimated (or calculated.) Other important parts of a date include; 'before', 'after', 'between' (sometimes a hyphen is used in lieu of 'between') 'spring of', 'summer of', 'fall of', 'winter of', 'early', 'late' and so forth.

Another date issue is when a date needs to be reported as a decade or century. My preference is to use the plural. So a nineteenth century event would be shown as 1800s or an event that took place in the second decade of the 1800s is shown as 1820s. Don't use an apostrophe between the numerals and 's'. (See Chicago Manual of Style, 13th Edition, p. 239.)

Software Trap: Don't let your software limit you. If it requires you to enter dates in very limited ways, use the notes field to explain the date, or change to a more helpful software.

– John Wylie

The Spouse's-Eye View (continued)

**Neither rain nor snow nor mis-labeled bundles . . .
Or . . . Stacking and Sacking the Journal**

by Ernest P. Williams

The colored label that went on each banded stack was selected by the boss*. She was the only one qualified to make this decision.



From left: Ann Melugin Williams (2005 VP Journal), Marie Melugin (Ann's mother), Terry Reep (2006 Director of Mailings), and Betty Jean Steinke (2003-2005 Director of Mailings and 2005 DGS Award of Merit recipient)

I thought that it would facilitate the rubber-banding of the stacks to place the bands on the near edge, and roll them up to approximately midway in the stack, which rolled the rubber-bands over and over. Jokingly I said, "Next I'll have to straighten out the rubber bands." The boss said, "Yes, sometimes we do that." She wasn't joking! This process (the banding) accounted for the paper cut injury I sustained, but I didn't cry or stop, just went bravely on.

"Ours not to reason why—ours but to do or die."

Boxes of books in—sacks of books out

We had stacks in the den, the dining room and the front hall, sorted by ZIP code, then by color tag orange or green, and sometimes two other colors that I forgot.

Next we sacked the same sort, putting about the same number (weight) in each sack which had a ZIP code-preprinted tag.

Then, my job was to take the sacks to the front door (but I decided that to avoid an extra step, I would just go on out and put them in the bed of the truck). I unceremoniously grabbed the sacks by the nape of the neck, lugged them out into the yard and

swung them up into the bed of my '92, 2500 long bed extended cab Chevy pickup. When the tailgate was covered, I would climb up into the bed and reposition them toward the front so that I could use the tailgate again as a staging area.

I was none too careful in rearranging the load to the front, placing the sacks wherever there was a hole in the load. This turned out to be a mistake, because when we got to the post office we had to remove the sacks in ZIP code order to the weighing buggies. To do that, we had to examine those little ZIP code tags on each of the bags to remove them in the right order. I'll never know how they could have gotten so mixed up on that seven-mile ride from the house to the post office.

We were to take the sacks to the Bulk Mail Post Office, which I insisted was the building that the post office designates as the Bulk Mail Center on Hampton and I-30. No, this Bulk Mail Post Office is at the Main Post Office on I-30 east of Sylvan. Afraid that I would slip off to the wrong location, I could lead the car caravan as far as I-30, where our leader took the lead to pilot us to the right place.

We counted the sacks again. Don't know what we would have done if one had fallen off the truck, and satisfied that none were missing, I was released while Betty Jean and Terry [Reep] pushed 35 sacks on two double-decker carts into the building. I have no idea what had to be done there but was confident that they could handle it.

Who knew there was so much involved in mailing DGS literature? And the whole thing is done about 20 times a year but usually with shorter stacks and lighter sacks. Tell Terry Reep [Director of Mailings, 2006] thanks the next time you see her.

*Betty Jean Steinke, past DGS Director of Mailings.



Betty Jean and Doug Steinke at their new home in Georgetown, Texas. Thanks for all you've contributed to DGS and best of luck in your new locale.

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compiled by: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS



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- Cemetery Records of Independence County, Arkansas.
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- Deaths, Probates, & Obituaries of Indianola, Iowa Newspapers. 1857-76.
- Warren County, Iowa Deaths, Probates & Obituaries. 2 vols. 1877-1889.
- Iowa Northern Polk County Obituaries 1986.
- Andrew--The Way It Was--and Is. Gift of Kenneth Gerbode.

MARYLAND

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- History of Calvert County, Maryland. Anonymous Gift.
- Caroline County, Maryland Land Records. Books 30 & 31.
- Burials in Pro-Cathedral and Cathedral Cemeteries, Baltimore, Maryland 1791-1874.
- History of Charles County, Maryland.

MISSOURI

- Surname Index. 1983. Gift of Sonia Hetherington.
- Bloomfield, Missouri: Highland in the Swamps.
- New Madrid County, Missouri Marriage Records. 2 Volumes, 1847-1881. Gift of Lloyd deWitt

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- Bockstruck.
- Boone County, Missouri...Deaths Reported in... Vol. 10.

NORTH CAROLINA

- New Hanover County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions... Gift of Old New Hanover Genealogical Society, Wilmington, North Carolina.
- Craven County, North Carolina. 4 vols.
- Early Settlers of Reddies River. Gift of Kenneth Gerbode.
- Ninth Census, Cabarrus County, North Carolina, 1870.

OHIO

- Oakdale Cemetery, Marysville, Union County, Ohio. 2 vols.
- Mahoning County, Ohio Wills and Administrations. Vol. 2, 1857-1867.
- Canfield Township Cemetery and Death Records, Mahoning County, Ohio.
- York Township Cemeteries, Union County, Ohio.
- Darby and Jerome Townships, Union County, Ohio, Cemeteries.
- Union and Allen Townships, Union County, Ohio, Cemeteries.
- Muskingum County Delayed and Corrected Births. 1937-1994.
- St. Thomas & Moxahala Cemeteries. (Muskingum County).
- Atwater and Vicinity. (Portage County).
- Hamilton County, Ohio, and Cincinnati, Ohio, Morgue Records, June 1887 to 1992.
- Cemeteries, Summit County, Ohio. Vols. 1-4.
- Saint Bernard's Catholic Church, Akron, Ohio.
- Sandusky County, Ohio Landowner Atlas, 1860.
- Putnam County, Ohio, Cemetery Inscriptions. Vols. 9 & 11-14.
- Death Records from the Probate Court, Ottawa County, Ohio, 1869-1908.
- Index to Will Books (Vols. 1-15) Summit Co., Ohio: probated 2 Jul 1840-14 Feb 1902

PENNSYLVANIA

- Town Hidden on a Hill: Queen Junction...Butler County, Pennsylvania.
- Tavern Keepers and Innkeepers of Bedford County, Pennsylvania.
- Butler County Veterans of World War II.
- Story of Old St. George's. Gift of Dr. T. Brad Willis.
- *Records of the Comptroller General: Military Accounts, Militia, 1777-1794. Microfilm, 37 rolls. Gift of Gen. Levi Casey DAR.

- Index to History of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Anonymous Gift.

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Interment Records of Elmwood Cemetery. Vols. 2 & 3. (Richland County).
- Founding Families of the State of South Carolina.
- Lake Murray Records.
- Sherman's March Through the Upper Pee Dee Region of South Carolina.
- Including a Pile of Rocks. Gift of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Keowee: the story of the Keowee River Valley in Upstate South Carolina.

TENNESSEE

- 1837 Shelby County, Tennessee Tax List.
- Davidson County, Tennessee Naturalization Records: 1803-1906.
- Early Unpublished Court Records of Lincoln County, Tennessee.
- Reproductions of the First 64 Original Minutes... Gift of Fred Davis.
- History of Washington County, Tennessee.
- Fayette County, Tennessee Marriages 1838-1871.
- Pickett County Cemetery Book.

TEXAS

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- Evergreen Cemetery. Gift of Austin Genealogical Society.
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- History of Duncanville, Texas. Gift of Ann Melugin Williams.

VIRGINIA

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- Mathews County Virginia Records.
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- Chesterfield, an old Virginia County. 2 vols.

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- Some Early Marriages of Hanover County, Virginia.
- Church Cemeteries of Lower Hanover County, Va.
- Church Cemeteries of Upper Hanover County, Va.
- Brunswick County, Virginia Deed Books. Vol. 2, 1744-1755.

GENEALOGIES & BIOGRAPHIES

- John Templeton of Iredell County, North Carolina. Gift of Jay Norwalk.
- "Dear John". (Trygstad...) Gift of Leland Earl Wilson.
- Memoirs of Sir James Tyrell. Gift of Banks McLaurin.
- Descendants of Aaron John Walters. Gift of Shirley Nygaard.
- Richard Burks Williams, June 24, 1847-Feb. 12, 1903. Gift of Elizabeth Root Jones.
- Wynn/Winn—Daniel and His Nine Sons. Gift of Edwin L. Boehringer.

GREAT BRITAIN

- History of Norfolk.
- History of Staffordshire.
- S. F. H. G. 1851 Census Project. Vol. 1, Thakeham Registration District HO 107 1650. Gift of Ross L. Jacobs.
- Hanes Cymry America—a History of the Welsh in America.
- All Hallows Church, Almondbury, Huddersfield, Yorkshire. Gift of Brian J. L. Berry.
- Wiltshire Farming in the Seventeenth Century.
- Extenta Dominii de Longdendale anno xxxiiij^o Edwardi tercij = Extent of the lordship of Longdendale 1360

SWEDEN

- Cradled in Sweden. Gift of Sonia Hetherington.

REGIONAL and NATIONAL EVENTS

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

newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org.

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

March 18 – Dallas Historical Society

Hands On History series continues with a *Scrapbooking Workshop*. Do you have drawers or boxes full of pictures just waiting to tell your family story? Let Lucy Lewis, Scrapbooking Consultant, show you how to preserve your photographs, your personal history and your family stories in albums. Relive the special times in your life while sharing your experiences and history with others. RSVPs help us to know how many to prepare for. Dealey@dallashistory.org

March 18 – Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries

Speaker: Nygil Parker, 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

March 21 – HOGAR de DALLAS

Walls That Speak, presented by Cindy Benavides, is a documentary of the connection between her work and the events that she produces. 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

March 25 – Family Tree Maker Interest Group

Discussion will be on how to source books in the software. Grapevine Public Library. 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. Tresa Tatyrek at 972-539-7452, www.magnoliamanorgenealogy.com/ftmgroupp.htm. Donations accepted.

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.

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.

April 3 – Ellis County Genealogical Society

ECGS Panel – *Questions and Answers*. Panel members are: Lynda Barefield, Jay Bowden, Fred Harrington, Sylvia Smith. 7:00 p.m. at the Women's Building in Waxahachie. Contact: Ina Walker, 972-923-3455, inagran@aol.com.

April 6 – Grand Prairie Genealogical Society

Extra! Extra! Read All About It! Newspapers: The Great American Source. Speaker Sammie Townsend Lee, veteran staff member of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, genealogy instructor at Brookhaven Community College and professional researcher. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901 Conover Drive. Barbara Wylie, Program Chair, email barb@johnwylie.com, 972-206-2723

April 6 – Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

You Choose! Are you a beginner looking for suggestions? Do you have a Brick Wall and need a boost over it? Are you bursting at the seams to brag about your newest find? Open round table discussion. Mid-Cities Seminar Coordinator Jane Aronhalt will moderate the discussion. 7:00 o'clock p.m. at Euless Public Library, 201 North Ector Dr., Euless, Texas.

April 10 – Grapevine Namedroppers

Donna Springer, *Organizing Your Research*. 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.

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.

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.

April 13 – Mesquite Historical & Genealogical Society

Becky Volding McLaughlin, Pinnacle Studio 9 Software Specialist. Her topic is Producing Documentary-Type Stories on DVD. 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/~txmhgs/page1.htm

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

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

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

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/ftmgrouptm.htm. Donations accepted.

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.

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 o'clock p.m. at Euless Public Library, 201 North Ector Dr., Euless, Texas.

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 – 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. Ever wonder what can be found researching on the 7th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson library in downtown Dallas? Ms Howell will unlock the mysteries held in this repository. If you have Dallas or Texas lines, this is a night you will not want to miss. For those researchers without Texas connections, this meeting will shed light on the types of resources that can be found in most

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archives. 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/~txmhgs/page1.htm

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. Meetings are 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. 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

August 30-September 2 – FGS Conference, hosted by The New England Historic Genealogical Society

The 2006 FGS/NEHGS Conference will be held in Boston, Massachusetts at the Hynes Convention Center and will be the largest genealogical event ever held, with more than 370 educational opportunities in classes, workshops, and luncheon presentations with speakers from five countries. 888-FGS-1500, E-mail: fgs-office@fgs.org, www.fgs.org/2006conf/FGS-2006.htm

September 29 and 30 – Pennsylvania Statewide Genealogy Conference

The first statewide genealogy conference held in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will take place in Pittsburgh. Nationally recognized speakers will talk about Pennsylvania records, the internet and advanced genealogy. www.pagenealogyconference.com/

October 27-28, 2006 – Texas State Genealogy Society Conference hosted by Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

Road to the Past: A Map to Your Family History. Speakers: J. Mark Lowe, CG and Pamela Boyer Porter, CGRS, CGL. MacGorman Conference Center, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. See www.tsgs.org for online information and registration or call 817-419-8283. Address questions to Registrar: 903-885-3523 or mbryant@1starnet.com.

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, 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, 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 changed to the second Thursday of the month, at 7:00 p.m., Duncanville Public Library, 201 James Collins Blvd. Contact: Marge Dellert, Newsletter Editor, margegen@charter.net. There will be no 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/ftmgrou.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/

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, 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.

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: Paula Perkins, lansup@ix.netcom.com.

North Texas PC Users Group

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

Pecan Plantation Genealogy Group

Meets at the Pecan Plantation clubhouse in Granbury, Texas, 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,

RESOURCES and AREA EVENTS

Carrollton. Info: www.geocities.com/Wellesley/Garden/5215/

Texins Genealogy Club

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

Tri-County/Roots Seekers Gen. Society

Contact: Jynelle Caffey - JCaffey259@aol.com.



FROM OUR READERS:

I saw this web site in the Fort Worth Genealogical Society newsletter which seems very useful: www.pddoc.com/copyright/genealogy_copyright_fundamentals.htm

Also, the Portal to Texas History at the University of North Texas has access to 100,000+ pages of Texas historical content. You can read the books online at texashistory.unt.edu/

– Pat Biczynski

Two Successful Events and More to Come

The January Lock-in on January 28th was run by Jeri Steele, due to the death of my grandmother in Michigan. There were 80 people, including staff, in attendance at the lock-in. The volunteers for this event were Jeri Steele, Tresa Tatyrek, Sharon Gayle, Sharon Henry, Deborah McVean, Bill Dow, Jr., Jim Stone, Pat Stone, and Clara Lewis. Library personnel were Lea Markoff, Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, Fred Davis, Patrick McKinney, and Ed Boehringer. I want to thank everyone who volunteered and especially those who stepped in at the last minute to make the Lock-in a success.

The Internet and Genealogical Methodology Seminar by Karen Clifford, AG, FUGA on February 4th was very successful with 154 total participants. Kudos and thank yous to the volunteers for this event: Bill Deal, Don Raney, Marti Fox, Jeri Steele, Tresa Tatyrek, Alvin Harper, Elizabeth Diehl, Sharon Gayle, Dava Ladymon, David Ladymon,

Happi McQuirk, Deborah McVean, Elizabeth Perry, Jim Stone, Pat Stone, Shirley Hawn, Susan Powdrill, Diana Williams, Janet Branstetter, Marge Stockton, Robert Tidwell, Terry Reep, Mary Frances Stevens, Bill Dow, Jr., Shirley Sloat, and library personnel Sammie Lee, Lea Markoff, Heather Williams.

Next on the calendar is the *Immigration and Urban Research Seminar* with Gladys Friedman Paulin, CG on March 4th [which will have already been completed by the time this newsletter comes out]. More details can be found on the DGS website, along with tentative plans for the Summer Institute: *Mining Genealogical Treasures*. The website is www.dallasgenealogy.org

Elizabeth Kutz
Executive Vice-President, Fundraising.

Did you know... by Bill Deal

During the nineteenth century, one man described his early education in Indiana as going to school “by littles”—a little now and a little then—“and his entire schooling amounted to no more than one year’s attendance.” Abraham Lincoln went on to become our 16th President.

Source: *Encyclopaedia Britannica* (1988)

Alvin Sez:

Admitting the Obvious

You think you got problems? Consider the plight of this poor soul:

His ancestor John Jones married Mary Jones.

John’s parents were John Jones and Mary Smith.

Mary’s parents were John Jones and Mary Smith.

The poor man is in a quandary over how to prove John and Mary were not related, especially since neither John nor Mary had siblings.

– Alvin Harper

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DGS Calendar of Events

March

- 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*

April

- 04 – Tue CIG – John Wylie, Safely Finding, Downloading and Installing Software
08 – Sat The Master Genealogist (TMG) Users Group
18 – Tue AAGIG – TBD
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 – TBD
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*

See pages 43–45 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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