

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

DGS Newsletter

How My Research Led to the Most Beloved Christmas Poem: *A Visit From St. Nicholas* by Terri Bradshaw O'Neill



One Moore family of New York City...

Early in my research of the Moore family in New York City, I learned of the connection between the Moores from whom I descend, and the family to which Clement Clarke Moore belongs. Col. John Moore (1686–1749) of New York City was the son of the Hon. John Moore (1656–1732) of South Carolina and Pennsylvania. Young John Moore was sent to New York City about 1712 to be “brought up in business” by Stephen DeLancey, prominent in trade and shipping, who eventually took John Moore as a business partner. DeLancey and Moore were also active in civic affairs and were responsible for purchasing and transporting the first fire engine to the City in 1732.

John Moore was a Vestryman and Warden of Trinity Church, Colonel of a Company of Militia, and a member of His Majesty’s Council. He built a large house at the foot of Manhattan, on Moore Street at Front Street, which was subsequently used as the Custom House during the Revolutionary War. He and his wife, Frances Lambert, had a large family of 18 children, including three sets of twins. Twelve of the children survived to adulthood.

One of these was Stephen Moore (1734–1799) from whom I descend. The eldest son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Channing) Moore’s eleven children was John Moore (1745–1828) who became known as John Moore, Esq. and was the author of memoirs and a family history which gave us much of the knowledge we have about the Moore family. Their seventh child was Thomas Lambert Moore (1758–1799) who was called to the clergy at an early age. He studied at Kings College (now Columbia) under the direction of Rev. Benjamin Moore and eventually went to England for his ordination. It is Thomas Lambert Moore who is the connection between the two Moore families.

...and another Moore family of New York City

The Rev. Benjamin Moore was a descendant of the Rev. John Moore of Newtown, Long Island. He attended Kings College where he graduated at the head of his class in 1768, then commenced his theological studies with the Rev. Samuel Auchmuty. He went to England for his ordination, returning to New York in 1774, and became assistant minister at Trinity Church early in 1775. In May of 1775, the Loyalist president of Kings College fled the city and Benjamin Moore was made president *pro tempore*, which position he filled until 1784. During his presidency, young Thomas Lambert Moore was a student of Kings College.

In the spring of 1776, American military officials took over the buildings of the College, forcing Moore to move the remaining students to 13 Wall Street until the British occupied the city. Rev. Benjamin Moore, even though a Loyalist, most likely remained in the city attending to his duties as assistant minister of Trinity Church.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Glancing back, Striding forward

We all wish we could look into the future and know our fate. However, we can learn a great deal about the future by first looking back at the past. As the end of the year draws to a close, glancing backward at my year as president fills me with swirling emotions. I am proud of the fundraisers and educational sessions that we delivered this year. The mission of DGS was definitely being fulfilled. But it is the quest for excellence that drew me to this society, and that quest has driven us to improve some of our business processes, add new Special Interest Groups, start a Beginner's Workshop and a new Spring Seminar that will be composed of many classes going on simultaneously. These new events should spread the joy of doing genealogical research to many more people and encourage the use of the wonderful collection at the Dallas Public Library.

Researching your roots can be a lifelong passion. Everyone can use information on how to organize and document their research. Share some of your knowledge with someone just starting down the road to research! DGS is looking for help with the Beginners Sessions, the Seminars, and the SIGS. Each Special Interest Group needs an A/V person to help with getting the projector, microphone, and screen set up. Others are needed to help bring and serve refreshments. Remember the first time you realized that there was a Lock-In or a volunteer at the library to help? You too can help to spread the joy! Email volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org or president@dallasgenealogy.org. No talent or time is too small in spreading the news about the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Collection or helping to record and preserve Dallas roots!

Jeri Steele

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

Becoming a volunteer is a great way to get involved and meet others. We encourage those of you who may be just starting out in your family quest to volunteer a few hours a week or a few hours a month. This is a wonderful opportunity to become familiar with the genealogy section of the library and spend some time greeting visitors and meeting fellow researchers. And those of us who are "old hands" at research have a great

opportunity to meet and encourage others who are just getting started.

Please join our terrific group of volunteers by selecting one of the open opportunities or join our substitute list. We are looking for individuals to fill in when a regular volunteer is out. This is a good way to spend a few hours on your own research and volunteer a couple of hours at the volunteer desk. And a fantastic perk is free parking!

Open positions at the volunteer desk:

- Mondays: 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays: 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- Thursdays: 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Thursdays: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday each month: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- 2nd Friday each month: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to get involved and support DGS. Please email the Volunteer Coordinator, Susan Holman at Volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org or call 972-484-9680.

Welcome To Our New Members

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Chris A. Hatfield
Sherry L. Hatfield
Nanette Kramer
Phillip Norman

**2006-2007
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 fellowship, and at 6:30 p.m. everyone is invited to the informal Q & A session.*

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

Monday: November 27

Speaker: David Appleton

Topic: An Introduction to Heraldry for Genealogists

David B. Appleton has been researching and teaching about heraldry since 1983. He will present an illustrated presentation on heraldry (coats of arms, "family crests"), its history—both medieval and modern, its remarkable language, its utility for genealogists, and its applications, historical and contemporary. He is a long-time member of a number of heraldry and genealogy societies and organizations, as well as a participant in a number of heraldry Internet newsgroups. He has written numerous articles for a variety of publications, listed on his website at: appletonstudios.com.

Monday: December 11

Annual Awards Banquet

It's the time of year we choose the recipients of the DGS awards for Volunteer of the Year, the Distinguished Service Award, the Preservation Award, and the Award of Merit. If you have someone that you would like to be considered for one of these awards, please email us at awards@dallasgenealogy.org. The winners of the 2006 Writing Contest will also receive their awards.

Make your reservations now! We need a head count for the dinner part, so please send an email to celebrate@dallasgenealogy.org, call the voice mail (469-948-1106) and leave a message, or catch Sharon Henry or Tresa Tatyrek and tell them so your name will be on the list.

DGS Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Under the support and guidance of DGS, a number of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) have been formed to concentrate on specific areas of genealogy. The DGS website at www.dallasgenealogy.org/special.htm can be consulted for the most up-to-date listings of groups and events with their email addresses, facilitators, dates, times, and meeting places at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. Meetings are free and open to the public.

2 December: Family Tree Maker (FTM)

Sourcing Court Records, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Gates Room on L1.

2 December: Internet for Genealogists (IGIG)

Vital Record Sites: www.vitalrec.com, <http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/deathrecords.html>. 3:00-4:00 p.m., Gates Room on L1.

5 December: DNA Interest Group (DNA)

4:30 p.m., Plaza Level Auditorium ending with Questions and Answers.

5 December: Computer Interest Group (CIG)

Glenn Kinkade, Al Weeks, John Wylie, Robert Souda, *What do I need to do to Keep my Computer Running Well?* 6:30 p.m., Q&A, 7:00 p.m., Plaza Level Auditorium.

9 December: Advanced Methodology Research Group (AMRG)

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, McDermott Room, 8th Floor.

9 December: North Texas TMG (The Master Genealogist)

2:00-4:00 p.m., East/West Rooms, Plaza Level, next to Auditorium.

13 December: MacGen Reunion Group (MGRG)

Sharing Tips and Holiday Treats. Bring a treat to eat and share your favorite tip on anything Mac and genealogy. 6:30 p.m., McDermott Room, 8th Floor.

19 December: African-American Genealogy Interest Group (AAGIG)

6:00 p.m. Social time, 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting and Program. *Holiday program celebrating Kwanza and Christmas*. East/West Room Plaza Level.

19 December: Germanic Research Group (GRG)

A Celebration of German Christmas Traditions and Food, 6:30 p.m., McDermott Room, 8th Floor.

6 January: Family Tree Maker (FTM)

Differences in 2005, 2006, version 16, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Gates Room on L1.

6 January: Native American Research Group (NARG)

NARA representative on *Native American Research*, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Gates Room on L1.

6 January: Internet for Genealogists (IGIG)

Virginia Research Sites: www.lib.virginia.edu, www.vahistorical.org. 3:00-4:00 p.m., Gates Room on L1.

9 January (not the first Tuesday): Computer Interest Group (CIG)

Happi McQuirk, *Excel with MS Excel: creating and downloading spreadsheets to use in organizing your*

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research, abstracting documents, analyzing census and other records and many other genealogical purposes. 6:30 p.m., Q&A, 7:00 p.m., Plaza Level Auditorium.

11 January: Writing Interest Group (WIG)

Writing stories for your family history book. 6:30 p.m., McDermott Room, 8th Floor.

13 January: Advanced Methodology Research Group (AMRG)

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, McDermott Room, 8th Floor.

13 January: North Texas TMG (The Master Genealogist)

2:00-4:00 p.m., East/West Rooms, Plaza Level, next to Auditorium.

16 January: African-American Genealogy Interest Group (AAGIG)

6:00 p.m. Social time, 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting and Program. Auditorium, Plaza Level.

16 January: Digital Preservation Group (DPG)

6:30-8:30 p.m., 7th Floor Lecture Room.

18 January: Speakers Roundtable (SRT)

Informal meeting for those who are speakers or speaker wannabees. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Gates Room on L1.

3 February: Family Tree Maker (FTM)

Bookmarks and History Icons, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Gates Room on L1.

3 February: Internet for Genealogists (IGIG)

Virginia Research Sites: www.lva.lib.va.us, www.richmondhistorycenter.com. 3:00-4:00 p.m., Gates Room on L1.

6 February: Computer Interest Group (CIG)

6:30 p.m., Q&A, 7:00 p.m., Plaza Level Auditorium.

10 February: Advanced Methodology Research Group (AMRG)

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, McDermott Room, 8th Floor.

10 February: North Texas TMG (The Master Genealogist)

2:00-4:00 p.m., East/West Rooms, Plaza Level, next to Auditorium.

13 February: Digital Preservation Group (DPG)

6:30-8:30 p.m., 7th Floor Lecture Room.

17 February: German Research Group (GRG)

Chuck Knuthson: A Little Bit of German Seminar (see separate listing on page 186). U.S. Naturalization Records, German Church Records, Beginning German Research, German Migration to America. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Auditorium, Plaza Level.

20 February: African-American Genealogy Interest Group (AAGIG)

6:00 p.m. Social time, 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting and Program. Auditorium, Plaza Level.

21 February: MacGen Reunion Group (MGRG)

Google Earth for the Mac. 6:30 p.m., McDermott Room, 8th Floor.

Beginners Education Sessions

Just getting started with your family research? DGS has just the thing for you: a series of topics for budding researchers to help in your quest for knowledge about your family.

Sessions are held in the McDermott Rooms on the 8th floor of the Dallas Public Library's J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, in downtown Dallas. They begin at 1:00 p.m. and run up to 2 hours. Afterwards, students who elect to stay in the library to research will be mentored by DGS volunteers.

These sessions are free to anyone who is interested. We do need you to register, however, because of space limitations. To register, go to:

www.dallasgenealogy.org/education/beginreserve.htm.

If you plan on attending all 11 sessions and would like a notebook with forms and all the handouts and receive a certificate at the Awards Banquet, there is a fee of \$25.

2007 Dates and Topics

20 January: *Getting Started*, Bill Deal.

An overview of genealogy and the research process; completing pedigree charts, family group sheets, and chronologies; evaluating your data; citing your sources; and planning your research. A tour of the Genealogy Section is included.

17 February: *Learning from Your Family*, Sharon Gayle

Sources of information in your home, interviewing your family, and preparing written and online correspondence.

17 March: *Technology and the Genealogist*, Tresa Tatyrek

Basics of genealogy research on the Internet, top sites for genealogical research, and an overview of genealogical database software.

21 April: *Check It Out Before You Boldly Go: Finding Published Works on Your Family*, Sharon Gayle

An overview of finding published information on your family in periodicals, published family histories, county histories, and mug books. Popular library and archive catalogs will be introduced including the DPL catalog,

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FHL catalog, NARA web site, and Library of Congress web site.

19 May: *Gathering the Basic Facts*, Elizabeth Kutz

A history of vital records, determining what records are available and where to find them, evaluating found information, and finding alternative sources for vital information.

16 June: *Using the Census to Find the Trail*, Happi McQuirk

A history of the census, the information available in each, and finding and using your family's records. The non-population schedules and state censuses will also be introduced.

21 July: *Working in Your Locality*, Deborah McVean

Using maps; learning about your state, county, and town; county courthouse records; newspapers and obituaries, and church records. Planning your first research trip will also be covered.

18 August: *Finding the Family Farm: Land Records*, Don Raney

An overview of state land states and federal land states; metes and bounds; townships, ranges, and sections; an introduction into land records, where to find them, and how to use them.

15 September: *Settling the Estate: Probate*, Glenn Kinkade

Testate and intestate probate, the probate process, wills, probate packets, and how to find and use probate records

20 October: *Joining Up Military and Veteran's Records*

A brief history of American wars; military service records, military pension records, and land bounties; and finding your ancestor's military records.

17 November: *Continuing Your Research*, Bill Deal

Tips for continuing your research including organization; special challenges like handwriting, spelling, and language changes; additional records including immigration and naturalization records and government documents; genealogical societies; and social history.

10 December: Awards Banquet.

If you need more information, email us at: begin@dallasgenealogy.org.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR BEGINNERS SESSIONS

DGS members, including you, have a wealth of valuable knowledge and experience to share with those just starting out. We still need one instructor for the session below, so please seriously consider volunteering:

- ❖ Joining Up: Military and Veteran's Records

We'd like at least one, preferably two, members to volunteer to serve as class mentors for multiple sessions, staying after class and keeping an eye on our students who decide to remain and research.

To ask questions or volunteer, please contact series sponsor Robert Tidwell via email at publications@dallasgenealogy.org or Janet Branstetter, VP of Education, at education@dallasgenealogy.org.

UT Arlington for Spring, 2007

Beginning/Intermediate Genealogy Workshop

Series: February 7 – March 14, 2007, Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Teacher: Deborah McVean.

How to begin basic research using library, census, courthouse, cemetery, military, and other records. Basic problem-solving skills and organizational methods are emphasized. Library field trip is also planned.

To enroll in the classes, call UTA: 817-272-2581 and ask for Carmen Martinez.

Brookhaven College for Spring, 2007

The instructor is Sammie Townsend Lee of the Dallas Public Library 214-670-1433.

American Genealogy, Part II (Intermediate): Feb 28 – Apr 4, Wednesdays, 1:30 – 4:10 p.m.

Discussing and working with genealogical methodology, organization, and researching in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library (includes a trip to the collection).

Writing and Remembering: How to Write Your Personal Story and Your Family History: April 11-May 9 (Wednesday), 1:30-4:10 p.m.

Course begins with you and writing the story of your life, progresses to incorporating your story into your family's genealogy, and concludes with how to compile an interesting family history and put your genealogical information into a publishable format. Class time is divided between lectures and writing. A working knowledge of Microsoft Word is required. Use of PowerPoint is explored.

Brookhaven contact information: DeBorah 972-860-4807 or Janice 972-860-4698.

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

DGS LOCK-IN



The Dallas Genealogical Society Presents a Library Lock-In for Members Only (not a member? – join for \$25!) in cooperation with the Genealogy Section of the J. Erik Jonsson Dallas Public Library.

Your registration fee includes a light supper, snacks throughout the evening, and secured parking on the L-2 level of the library. Copy cards may be purchased prior to or during the evening of the event. Online computer access will be available to various databases of interest to the genealogist.

When: Saturday, 27 January 2007
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Place: J. Erik Jonsson Public Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, Texas, 8th Floor Genealogy section
Meals: Light supper & snacks included
Cost: \$25.00 per person
Limit 100 people

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____
E-MAIL: _____
_____ Lock-in \$25 _____ Membership \$25

Check here for an email confirmation

Make checks to: Dallas Genealogical Society
and mail to: DGS Lock-in
PO Box 12446
Dallas, TX 75225-0446

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

Registration must be postmarked by 19 January 2007.

**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.

GRG Seminar: A Little Bit of German



German Research Group (GRG) welcomes Chuck Knuthson, a fourth generation Californian, who has over thirty years research experience. For the past eleven years, Chuck lectures locally, regionally, and nationally. A retired police captain, Chuck served in law enforcement for thirty-two years.

He has been active in the USGenWeb Project as a volunteer County Coordinator since 1998 for Sierra County, California and is a volunteer librarian at the Sacramento LDS Family History Center. He is a member of many local, state, and national genealogical and professional organizations.

- TOPICS:
- ❖ US Naturalization Records
 - ❖ German Church Records
 - ❖ Beginning German Research
 - ❖ German Migration to America.

When: Saturday, 17 February 2007
Time: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Place: J. Erik Jonsson Public Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, Texas, Auditorium, Plaza Level.
Meals: Optional lunch will be available @ \$10 each – must be pre-ordered.
Cost: \$25 for pre-registered DGS member OR \$30 pre-registered Non-member OR \$35 for anyone not pre-registered.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____
E-MAIL: _____
_____ Lecture Fee \$25/\$30 _____ Lunch \$10

Check here for an email confirmation

Make checks to: Dallas Genealogical Society
and mail to: DGS Lecture
PO Box 12446
Dallas, TX 75225-0446

For more information and registration form, see: www.dallasgenealogy.org/fundraising/lecture/registration.htm
Email: lectures@dallasgenealogy.org.

Registration must be postmarked by 7 February 2007 to be pre-registered.

How My Research Led to the Most Beloved Christmas Poem: A Visit From St. Nicholas (continued from page 181) by Terri Bradshaw O'Neill



When the British occupied the city, Benjamin Moore acted as deputy chaplain for the hospital, which was in the Kings College building. When the British evacuated in 1783, the Loyalist Rector of Trinity Church, Rev. Charles Inglis, having resigned, Benjamin Moore was elected in his place but was opposed by the Whig members of the parish so he withdrew. Benjamin Moore had married Charity Clarke in 1778, and in July of 1779, their only child, Clement Clarke Moore, was born.

The Connection: Moore married Moore

During the spring of 1776 when the Americans occupied the city, the majority of the Loyalists were forced to flee. Thomas Moore and his family (including John and Thomas Lambert) took refuge at the home of Thomas' brother, Stephen Moore, at West Point. Thomas Lambert Moore, his studies having been interrupted by the War, returned to the city upon the entry of the British. On the recommendation of his brother John, Thomas Lambert secured a position as clerk in the Commissary General's Department, living with his brother John in the Custom House, the home of their grandfather, Col. John Moore.

Still pursuing his theological studies in the evenings, Thomas Lambert was given letters of recommendation by Rev. Charles Inglis in 1781 and was soon set to depart for England for his ordination. However, before his departure, he had another matter to attend to. Just before his departure for England, he married Miss Judith Moore, the sister of his old mentor, Rev. Benjamin Moore, thus becoming his brother-in-law, and the uncle of the infant Clement Clarke Moore.

Upon his return from England in 1782, Rev. Thomas L. Moore took up clerical duties primarily in Islip, Long Island. By 1785, he had answered the call to the rectorship of St. George's in Hempstead, Long Island, where he remained fourteen years until his death in 1799.

The Parallel Moore Families

Rev. Benjamin Moore eventually attained the rectorship of Trinity Church and continued as the president of Kings College which was renamed Columbia College in 1784. John Moore, Esq. of the Customs House left New York City before the evacuation of the British in 1783. He spent almost 10 years in Connecticut before returning to New York and settling in Hempstead, Long Island.

His son, Thomas William Channing Moore, was born and christened in 1794 in St. George's Church, where his brother, Rev. Thomas Lambert Moore, was minister. Rev. Benjamin Moore died in 1816.

His son, Clement Clarke Moore, wrote the famous Christmas poem about 1822. **"T'was the night before Christmas, when all through the house...."** John Moore, Esq. began writing his memoirs in 1820 and finished the last of three versions in 1824.

By that time, the Christmas poem had barely made a ripple, having been first published anonymously in the *Troy Sentinel* on 23 Dec. 1823. Consequently, John Moore's memoirs mention the connection between the two families only in the context of his brother's marriage to Judith Moore. John Moore, Esq. died five years later in 1828.

The Research Payoff

The discovery of John Moore's memoirs occurred on my first trip to the New-York Historical Society's Library and manuscript collections in 1984. Subsequent research forays into the vast manuscript holdings of the N-YHS revealed more layers of Moore family information until 1997, when I began looking for information about John Moore's son, Thomas William Channing Moore. I knew he had been a member of N-YHS, and had donated his father's papers to the Society, so when I looked in the card catalogue for T. W. C. Moore, this delightful letter¹ was listed:

73 East 12th St.

New York March 15th 1862

Geo. H. Moore, Esq.

Librarian of the New York Historical Society:

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure to inform you that Doctor **Clement C. Moore** has been so kind as to comply with my request (made at your suggestion) to furnish for the Archives of our Society, an Autograph copy of his justly celebrated "Visit from St. Nicholas." I now enclose it to you.

I hardly need call your attention to the distinctness and clarity of his hand writing; very remarkable, considering his advanced age; (he completed his 82nd year in July last) and his much impaired eye sight.

These lines were composed for his two Daughters as a Christmas present, about 40 years ago. They were copied by a relative of Dr. Moore's in her album, from which a copy was made by a friend of hers, from Troy, and much to the surprise of the Author, were published (for the first time) in a Newspaper of that city.

¹ The New-York Historical Society, in granting permission to quote from the letter, cited the letter as, "BV Moore, Clement Clarke." However, my notes suggest that it came from the T.W.C. Moore papers, though I am unsure of the precise citation.

In an interview that I had yesterday with Dr. Moore, he told me that a portly, rubicund Dutchman, living in the neighbourhood of his father's country seat, Chelsea, suggested to him the idea of making St. Nicholas the hero of this "Christmas piece" for his children.

I remain, very resp'y your ob't. s't

T.W.C. Moore

Eighty-one years after the union of the two Moore families by the marriage of Thomas Lambert Moore and Judith Moore, and 40 years after the famous poem was written, the New-York Historical Society was presented with an autographed copy of *A Visit from St. Nicholas* by the author, at the request of his "cousin by marriage." Though there was no blood relationship, Thomas William Channing Moore and Clement Clarke Moore were connected by virtue of the fact that T.W.C. Moore's uncle married Clement C. Moore's aunt. Still a third Moore emerges in this story: George H. Moore, Esq., Librarian of the New-York Historical Society, who suggested to T.W.C. Moore that he request the copy of the poem from Clement Moore. George Moore was no relation to either T.W.C. Moore or Clement Clarke Moore.

The "portly, rubicund Dutchman" who served as a model for St. Nicholas in Clement Moore's poem piqued my interest enough to try to identify this man. An article by Guy Trebay appeared in the *New York Times* 11 Dec 2001, in which he speculated that the image of Santa Claus that we are familiar with today "most likely originated with Jan Duyckinck, a handyman employed by Clement Clarke Moore."

A bit of research in the New York censuses of 1810 and 1820 failed to reveal a Jan or J. Duyckinck in the area of Chelsea, which was in the 9th Ward. There was a Christopher Duyckinck and an Evert Duyckinck listed in the 2nd Ward. In the 1830 census, a J. R. Duyckinck was listed in the 10th Ward. It is possible, but not likely, he is the model for St. Nicholas. The New York City Directories for 1821 and 1830 list, respectively, J. R. Duyckinck, accountant, and James R. Duyckinck, scrivener and conveyancer; not a likely candidate for the handyman on his father's estate. The identity of the man who served as the model for Dr. Moore's St. Nicholas remains a mystery.

In the last decade, there was some speculation and circumstantial evidence suggesting that Clement Clarke Moore was *not* the author of *A Visit From St. Nicholas*, based on his other writings and his reportedly stern and serious demeanor. It is true that the original manuscript draft has never been found, and probably does not exist. However, I can state unequivocally that in 1862, when T.W.C. Moore made his request for the copy of the poem from Clement Moore, he firmly believed that he was making the request of the true author.

**A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND....
by Shirley Stertz Hawn**

As 'Voyager I' continues its interstellar mission at the outer edge of our solar system, traveling approximately 365 million miles a year, snapping pictures and recording history, it's easy to forget how important early artists were to our quest for pictorial knowledge of yesteryear.

Seeing pictures from around the world taken from spacecrafts reaching out to the solar system's frontier makes us forget just how young photography is. The word *photography* was first used in 1839 when the photographic process was made public.

Although his earliest attempt in 1841 ended in failure, John Fremont was the first explorer in America to attempt photographic documentation of his travels.

Many improvements were made by 1861 when Mathew Brady and his staff covered the American Civil War. They exposed over 7,000 negatives, leaving a pictorial history that gives us a sense of what our ancestor's world was like.

In 1904, Edward S. Curtis (1868-1952) began a massive project to document Native Americans. The undertaking took many years and resulted in a 20 volume set, *The North American Indian*. Each volume consists of a book of text with small prints made from incised plates and a portfolio of larger prints.

Since our ancestors were their contemporaries, these pictures and stories can be an important background to our family stories, and invaluable to those with American Indian ancestry.

Before the development of technology that allowed photographers to travel with their equipment, we have to look to artists for a picture of the life of our early ancestors. Many traveled extensively, sketching and writing of their travels.

The Dallas Public Library has two books by Robert Knox Sneden with fascinating watercolor reproductions from the Civil War. Sneden was born in Nova Scotia in 1832 and moved to New York City with his family when he was eighteen.

He joined the Union army in 1861 and became a mapmaker. He saw many campaigns first hand and not only made maps but also sketched battles with houses in the background, often giving names of the owners of the property.

He was captured in November 1863, and held in several prisons including Andersonville. While a prisoner, he continued to document his experiences. Fearing his sketches and notes would be taken by prison guards, he sewed them in his coat, and hid them in his shoes.

Robert Sneden survived the ordeal of prison, and devoted his life to converting his sketches to watercolor and writing his memories of the war.

Both books, *Eye Of The Storm* and *Images From The Storm*, have beautiful reproductions of villages, plantations, battlefields, churches, mills, prison camps, and hospitals. Each picture is identified by location, battle, or landowner, giving us an amazing pictorial window into the past.

There are many illustrated books that can help identify the lives of our early ancestors. Let's not forget to use this valuable resource when we write our family history.



FROM OUR READERS:

On 28 October 2006, the **Statue of Liberty** celebrated her 120th birthday! To mark the occasion, The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation has announced a Picture Contest for children, kindergarten through fifth grades. As early as kindergarten, students learn about the concepts of American immigration (though they might not realize it)—and these discussions often include mention of the Statue of Liberty. To celebrate this birthday in a special way, the Foundation is encouraging children to send in their original drawings. It will be interesting to see the range of interpretations that are received. There will be twelve finalists and then, 3 winning entries will be selected from the twelve by the Superintendent of the Statue of Liberty National Monument. There are also some great age-appropriate prizes for all finalists.

Full details can be found at: www.statueofliberty.org

The final date for entries is 31 January 2007, so it will even give kids something to do over the holiday break.

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Forwarded by: John Wylie

RootsTelevision.com

October saw the official launch of RootsTelevision.com. What a truly wonderful asset to the genealogical community—to watch television programs of high quality and current interest on your computer screens and HD projection devices! Programs about the genealogical research process, DNA, leaving a legacy, and more. This is certainly one of *the* sites to watch over the coming months for additions of outstanding content.

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New Balch Springs History/Genealogy Collection Opens
by Marilyn Kosanke

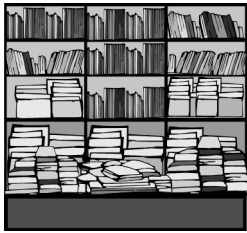
Even if you don't have early Dallas County ancestors, you have probably heard of John Neely Bryan, Bird's Fort, Cochran Chapel, and many other well-known icons of local history. But have you heard of William H. Bennett, Watts Marks, or Haught's Store? Probably not, because the history of Southeast Dallas County has received minimal attention by local historians. That oversight has been corrected. On November 16 the Balch Springs Chamber of Commerce opened the Balch Springs Local History/Genealogy Collection in the new Balch Springs Library-Learning Center. The mission of the collection is to collect, preserve, and make available for research, information on the Balch Springs area not available in other collections. The collection features the following:

- ❖ Local History Files – Vertical files contain 200 folders containing information from the 1841 to the present time. Subjects range from Agriculture to Zipp City. The focus is on the unincorporated area of Dallas County that became Balch Springs, as well as nearby communities such as Haught's Store, Scyene, Rylie, Pleasant Mound, Pleasant Grove, etc.
- ❖ Genealogy Files – There are 71 folders on surnames related to the Balch Springs area.
- ❖ Obituary Notices – Currently 238 obituaries from 1888 to the present are in the collection. The notices are about individuals who were born, died, lived, or worked in Balch Springs.
- ❖ Newspapers – From 1965 to 1999, a progression of different publications served Balch Springs. The surviving issues are in the collection and are invaluable for local history research. These newspapers have not been microfilmed, and no other collection is known to have copies. Among the ten newspapers in the collection are the *Southeast Sentinel*, *Balch Springs News*, and *The Suburban Tribune*.
- ❖ Reference Books – Dallas County, Texas history, and genealogy books are on open shelving for easy access by researchers.
- ❖ Exhibit – The history of Balch Springs from 1841, the beginning of the Peter's Colony, to 1953, the year the city was incorporated, is presented in a glass display case. The exhibit contains photographs and small artifacts.

The Balch Springs Library-Learning Center is at 12450 Elam Road in Balch Springs. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.; closed Sunday. Phone: 972-913-3000.

NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY

compiled by: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS



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

**indicates a major acquisition*

DONATIONS

- \$50 from Texas Society of the Dames of the Court of Honor in honor of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- \$30 from the Col. Cole Digges Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century in memory of Virginia Loffland Beaver and Sally Ann Humber Teddlie.
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- \$125 from the Colonial Dames of America, Chapter XXI in honor of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- \$50 from Mrs. Anna Rector in honor of Elizabeth Pinkston Feigl.
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- \$100 from Sam Whitten in honor of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- \$50 from the Dallas/Fort Worth Colony Magna Charta Dames in honor of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- \$50 from Dr. and Mrs. John E. Eisenlohr in memory of Joe Carl Nix.

ALABAMA

- 1889 Taxpayer Census, Cullman County, Alabama.
- Abstracts from Alabama Newspapers.
- Alabama Church and Family Cemeteries. Vols. 1-6.
- Black Marriages 1876, Dallas County, Alabama.
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- Death Records, 1920-1927, Shelby County, Alabama.
- Deeds Sep. 1818-Jul. 1829, Dallas County, Alabama.
- Family Maps of Baldwin County, Alabama.
- Family Maps of Dale County, Alabama.
- Family Maps of Fayette County, Alabama.

CALIFORNIA

- Home of Peace Memorial Park: First Hundred Years. 2 volumes.
- Lompoc Evergreen Cemetery Records.
- Los Angeles County Burial Permits, 1870-1892.
- Los Angeles, California, City Directories 1883-1901. 9 rolls.
- Mountain View Cemetery, Pasadena, California.
- Newspaper Extracts from the Marin Journal. 1891-1892.
- Rosedale Cemetery, 1884-1906 Los Angeles, California.
- San Francisco, California, City Directories 1882-1901. 17 rolls.
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- Abstract of Church Records of the Town of Stamford, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, from the Earliest Records Extant to 1850.
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- Annals of Brookfield, Fairfield, Connecticut.
- Ashford, Windham County Connecticut, Cemetery Inscriptions.
- Bethany and its Hills.
- Biographical History of the County of Litchfield, Connecticut.
- Biographical Review: This Volume Contains Biographical Sketches of the Leading Citizens of Litchfield County, Connecticut.
- Black Rock, Seaport of Old Fairfield, Connecticut, 1644-1870.
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- Cascades and Courage: the History of the Town of Vernon and the City of Rockville, Connecticut.
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- Cemetery Inscriptions in Windsor, Connecticut.
- Clinton, Connecticut. Epitaphs.
- Colonial History of Hartford.
- Commemorative Biographical Record of Tolland and Windham Counties, Connecticut: Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens and of many of the Early Settled Families.
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- Diaries of Dr. Hill/Edwin Allen Hill.
- Durham, Connecticut Inscriptions.
- Early Homesteads of Pomfret and Hampton.
- Easton, Fairfield County, Connecticut: Inscriptions from

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 - Ecclesiastical and Other Sketches of Southington, Connecticut.
 - Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut Inscriptions from the Graveyards Arranged with Notes and Index.
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 - Farmington, Connecticut, the Village of Beautiful Homes.
 - Genealogical Data from Connecticut Cemeteries: Southington.
 - General History of the Town of Sharon, Litchfield County, Conn. From its First Settlement.
 - Glastonbury, Connecticut Burial Inscriptions.
 - Greenfield Hills (i.e. Hill), Fairfield Township, Connecticut: Inscriptions from the Graveyards, with Notes and an Index.
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 - Griswold, a History.
 - Hartford County, Connecticut, County Court Minutes: Volumes 3 & 4, 1663-1687, 1697.
 - Historic Gleanings in Windham County, Connecticut.
 - Historic Litchfield, 1721-1907.
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Do you have information about an upcoming Genealogy event? Remit to: DGS Newsletter Editor, 90 days prior to event: newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org.

For more information about an event, please refer to our constantly updated community calendar: www.dallasgenealogy.org/calendar.htm.

7 December: Grand Prairie Genealogical Society
Christmas Potluck Dinner with each person sharing *Something to Remember Me By*.

7 December: Mid-Cities Genealogical Society
A Dickensian Christmas. Holiday Party.

7 December: Sons of the Republic of Texas
Holiday Party.

9 December: Dallas Historical Society
City Tour: Following in the Steps of Lee Harvey Oswald.

13 December: Collin County Genealogical Society
Old Fashioned Christmas Social and *Sharing Treasures and Problems*.

16 December: Dallas Historical Society
Hands on History: Scrapbooking-Revisted with Lucy Lewis

16 December: Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries
Show 'n' Tell: Bring your genealogy finds to share.

1 January: Ellis County Genealogical Society
Installation of Officers.

4 January: Grand Prairie Genealogical Society
Barbara Butler Rust: *Researching at the National Archives – Southwest Region in Fort Worth*.

9 January: Lancaster Genealogical Society
Virginia Genealogy, A Video Presentation by Dr. George K. Schweitzer

10 January: Collin County Genealogical Society
Don Raney: British Migrations to the American Colonies.

11 January: Denton County Genealogical Society
Marti Fox: Writing Your Own Obituary.

1 February: Grand Prairie Genealogical Society
Gregory Boyd: Using Family Map Books.

5 February: Ellis County Genealogical Society
Kelvin Myers: Whose Estate is it Anyway?

8 February: Denton County Genealogical Society
John Wylie: Tips from working for 15 years on other people's lives.

13 February: Lancaster Genealogical Society
DNA: How It Relates to Your Research, Mic Barnette

REGIONAL CONTACTS

Notice: As of this issue, the Regional Contacts section will only appear quarterly in order to make room for more articles. Contact information will be listed with each event. Additional information about events can be found online on the DGS Calendar located at: www.dallasgenealogy.org/calendar.htm

Arlington Genealogical Society

The Arlington Genealogical Society meets at the Arlington Public Library at 101 East Abram Street at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of

each month (except July & August). Contact Tom Cogdell, Program Committee, tcogdell@sbcglobal.net.

Collin County Genealogical Society

Meets the second Wednesday of the month. Moved to W.O. Haggard, Jr. Library, 2501 Coit Rd., Plano, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We also offer a trouble-shooting 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 welcome anytime. Paula Perkins, lansup@ix.netcom.com, 214-704-0951, 972-231-4190, or www.planolibrary.org/haglib.htm

Dallas Historical Society

Saturday *City Tours* depart the Hall of State, located in Fair Park, at 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch is included in the ticket price of \$35 for DHS contributors, \$45 for others. *Hands on History* events are from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Call: 214-421-4500x105 diane@dallashistory.org or dealey@dallashistory.org for information or to reserve your place and visit dallashistory.org/

Denton County Genealogical Society

Meets on the second Thursday during the months of September–November and January–May. 7:00 p.m. (6:30–7:00 P.M. Social Time). Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, Texas. strauss@unt.edu.

Duncanville Genealogical Society

Meeting days have changed to the second Thursday of the month, at 7:00 p.m., Duncanville Public Library, 201 James Collins Blvd. Contact: Marge Dellert, margegen@charter.net. There will be no meetings in December, July, or August.

East Texas Genealogical Society

Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month, starting at 2 p.m., Tyler Public Library. Contact: scottfitzgerald@tyler.net for details.

Ellis County Genealogical Society

Meets first Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Woman's Building in Waxahachie. Contact: Ina Walker, 972-923-3455, inagran@aol.com.

Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Meets last Monday of most months, 7:00 p.m., Tandy Lecture Hall, Fort Worth Central Library, 500 West Third, Fort Worth. Contact Ginia Brown: ybrown111@sbcglobal.net or www.rootsweb.com/~txfwgs/

Genealogy Friends of Plano Library

Meets third 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

Meets the first Thursday of every month, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901 Conover Drive. Barbara Wylie, barb@johnwylie.com, 972-206-2723, or home.comcast.net/~gpqs/index.html

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: texasdar.org/chapters/GreaterDallas/

HOGAR de DALLAS (Hispanic Organization For Genealogy And Research)

Meets the third Tuesday of Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar., & May, at Casa View Branch Library, 10355 Ferguson Road (near Joaquin/Gus Thomason roads), Dallas, Library - 214-670-8403. 6:30 p.m. Social, 7:00 p.m. Meeting & activities. Contact: Art Garza, 972-841-9455 or 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

Meets the second Tuesday of each month, Lancaster Veteran's Memorial Library, 1600 Veterans Memorial Pkwy, at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Lana Henslee Filgo, (972) 227-5497, lfilgo@swbell.net.

Mesquite Historical & 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, Euless Public Library. 6:30 p.m. Social time, 7:00 p.m., a short business meeting, followed by the program. Contact: Jane Aronhalt. E-mail: jane.aronhalt@sbcglobal.net.

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 the third Tuesday of each month, Pecan Plantation clubhouse, Granbury, Texas, September – May. Contact Micki Burleson, Program Chairman, 817-578-3673, mickiburleson@charter.net.

Peters Colony Chapter of the DAR

Meets the second Tuesday of each month, October-May, 7:00 p.m. at Newman Smith High School, Carrollton. Info: www.geocities.com/Wellesley/Garden/5215/

Texas State Genealogical Society

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

Texins Genealogy Club

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

The Thomas J. Rusk Chapter, Sons of the Republic of Texas

Meets quarterly at Margaux's Restaurant, 150 Turtle Creek Blvd., Dallas. Dinner at 7 p.m. for \$20. Each meeting features a different and interesting speaker. For reservations: David Dibrell, 972-733-0357, dibrell@sbcglobal.net or www.thomasjrusk.org.

Tri-County/Roots Seekers Gen. Society

Contact: Jynelle Caffey - JCaffey259@aol.com.

LDS Online Additions and Changes

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (a.k.a. LDS Church or Mormon Church) is making substantial progress toward providing free online access to the world's largest collection of genealogical data. Starting in 2007, genealogical researchers can use the Internet to access, almost instantly, the first selected portions of indexed and digitized images of the vast LDS collection of genealogical data heretofore available only on about 2.4 million rolls of microfilm with limited indexing.

Even more, within some constraints, online users will be able to attach commentary (hopefully including source references) to records which appear to contain errors.

"The LDS Church is currently working with thousands of volunteers worldwide to help index the digitized records—many of them through state and local

genealogical societies. Public access to selected records that have been both digitized and indexed is anticipated 'fairly soon—definitely by next year,' according to Steve W. Anderson, online marketing manager for the LDS Family History Department."

For more detailed information, see the article, *A Family History Overhaul*, at:

deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,1249,650194998,00.html

From: *DeseretNews.com Newsletter*, October 30, 2006.

**Long Creek Cemetery Designated as a
"Texas Historical Cemetery"
and Receives its "Historical Marker"**

You may laugh but I could swear I heard that "great cloud of witnesses" cheer today! Today (Saturday, November 18, 2006, beginning at 1:00pm.) was the day so many had dreamed of yet few from the old days will be here to see.

It was with great celebration that we came together once more to honor the memory of our cemetery's founders, A.W. Webb and William H. Caldwell, the ladies who gave of their time to care for the burial places of our ancestors and to all those families of yesterday who settled the land at Long Creek, Tripp, New Hope, Locust Grove and other communities who now make Long Creek Cemetery their final resting place.

Families and friends joined together as we celebrated the Texas Historical Commission's designation of Long Creek Cemetery, Sunnyvale, Dallas County, Texas as a Texas Historical Cemetery and the dedication of our Historical Marker at Long Creek Cemetery.

The Historical Marker reads:

"Capt. A. Webb, veteran of the Black Hawk War in Illinois, established a homestead near here as part of the Mercer Colony in the mid-19th century. He was joined later by father-in-law and War of 1812 veteran Benjamin Crownover and his family. In 1855, Crownover's daughter Leona Caldwell was the first laid to rest in this field beneath a pecan tree. Capt. Webb later deeded a tract of land to area residents as the site of a school, church and public burial ground. His donation, and that of W. H. Caldwell, formed the center of Long Creek community.

"The Long Creek Cemetery is a link to generations of area families. Burials include many military veterans, ministers, teachers and members of the Masons, Eastern Star and Woodmen of the World organizations. Stones and landscaping at the cemetery represent a broad spectrum of funeral practices from the 19th century to the present, and today, an association formed in 1910 maintains the burial ground."

– Sharon Stone

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DGS Calendar of Events

December

- 02 – Sat Family Tree Maker (FTM) Users Group,
Sourcing Court Records
- 02 – Sat Internet for Genealogists Interest Group (IGIG)
- 05 – DNA Interest Group (DNA)
- 05 – Tue Computer Interest Group (CIG) – Glenn
Kinkade, Al Weeks, John Wylie, Robert Souda,
*What do I need to do to Keep my Computer
Running Well?*
- 09 – Sat Advanced Methodology Research Group
(AMRG)
- 09 – Sat The Master Genealogist (North Texas TMG)
- 11 – Mon DGS Annual Awards Banquet
- 13 – Wed MacGen Reunion Group (MGRG) – *Sharing
Tips and Holiday Treats*
- 19 – Tue African-American Genealogy Interest Group
(AAGIG) – *Holiday program celebrating Kwaanza
and Christmas.*
- 19 – Tue Germanic Research Group (GRG) – A
*Celebration of German Christmas Traditions and
Food*

See pages 182-6 for exact meeting locations and more information on events.

January

- 06 – Sat Family Tree Maker (FTM) Users Group,
Differences in 2005, 2006, version 16
- 06 – Sat Native American Research Group (NARG) –
NARA representative on *Native American
Research*
- 06 – Sat Internet for Genealogists Interest Group (IGIG)
– *Virginia Research Sites*
- 09 – Tue Computer Interest Group (CIG) – Happi
McQuirk, *Excel with MS Excel*
- 11 – Thu Writing Interest Group (WIG)
- 13 – Sat Advanced Methodology Research Group
(AMRG)
- 13 – Sat The Master Genealogist (North Texas TMG)
- 16 – Tue African-American Genealogy Interest Group
(AAGIG)
- 16 – Tue Digital Preservation Group (DPG)
- 18 – Thu Speakers Roundtable (SRT)
- 20 – Sat Beginners Session – Bill Deal, *Getting Started*
- 22 – Mon DGS General Meeting
- 27 – Sat DGS Lock-in

The DGS General and some 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. The remaining SIGs meet in the Gates Room on L1 or the McDermott Room on the 8th Floor. Underground parking is entered from Wood Street.

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

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