

DGS Newsletter



Luck of the Irish

by Tresa Tatyrek

In search of Irish family ties, one must exhaust all known resources to track the living and their ancestors and then explore all the avenues opened by each resource.

Listen to and record what the family knows.

What was known:

The family searched for this article came to the United States from the 1860's through the 1920's. They came from County Meath in Ireland. The first known people of this family to immigrate into the United States in the 1860's were thought to be two brothers, Patrick and James Bradley. They left behind a brother, Philip. James married Margaret Higgins and they had four children: Mary, John, Rose, and Margaret. The first three children were born in Kansas City, Missouri, and the last in Texas. Later, some of Philip's children followed, coming to Dallas where their uncles Patrick and James lived. These children were Beatrice, who married Paul Godfrey, and Mary, who married Charles Conerty. Philip's widow Rose came later, as did their daughters Teresa, Elizabeth, and Ellen. Elizabeth had married James Teeling, and Ellen married Joseph Byrne before immigrating here. Their exact dates of immigration were not known, but most of the sisters and their families were known to be cousins of James and Margaret's children. Some of Philip's children remained in Ireland; Julia who married Farrelley, and another daughter Rose, and a son Nicholas were there. Many are buried in Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas. The family was/is Catholic. Other family members had done research, and stories they were told said how James and Margaret had come from a place called Sylvan Park.

The searching:

1. *Google for the known.*

No place called Sylvan Park was located in County Meath. There are a few now, but at the time there were not.

2. *Census Records*

A search was made of census records, trying to locate the brothers Patrick and James. With those very common given names, locating a passenger record was attempted, but there were too many candidates to make a choice decision on the correct one. James and Margaret were located on the 1870 census in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, with their three-year-old daughter Mary. The family had

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**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN****Trip Preparation Well Worth the Time**

In the summer, many of us are off to national level genealogical conferences. They usually are scheduled in a location with an active society and a major repository. This year is no exception with the NGS conference being in Richmond, Virginia and FGS located in Ft. Wayne, Indiana (location of library that does PERSI). In looking at the expenses to go to such a conference, I always factor in the opportunity to do research at the facility nearby.

No matter the location, I have to spend time preparing for the research that I will do there. Otherwise I don't get much accomplished. This year is a bit different. I will not be researching when I get to Richmond, Virginia. I haven't traveled to the Richmond area since 1994, and I have some Steele first cousins in the area. That branch of the family is known for having large family gatherings. I sent an email to my cousin Richard that I was coming and before I knew it, my Aunt Kay and my cousin Richard had planned a mini-family reunion on Sunday after the conference!

In contemplating my coming trip, I began to think about how this is similar to preparing for a research trip:

- Bring copies of relevant genealogical documents
- Update my computer database with as much information as possible
- Print family group sheets double-spaced and with footnotes (ready for corrections)
- Print a research log sheet and document inventory with extra lines to add new information.

How will my trip be different? I will be adding to the above list:

- Recent photographs of family to share with the cousins
- Bring the packet of unidentified Steele/Snodgrass photos since my Aunt Kay might know some of the people
- Bring the digital audio recorder and camera to capture some of the family stories and to document who was present at this meeting.

Are you traveling to a location this summer near family members? If so, plan to meet with the living relatives, gather as many documents and photos to share, and use the questions above to help you prepare. Have a great summer!

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 research 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 a fantastic perk is free parking!

Volunteers are needed to sit at the desk in either a regular weekly slot or to fill in on the substitute list. We are looking for individuals to fill in when a regular volunteer is out. If you're interested, email the Volunteer Coordinator at Volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org or call Susan Holman at 972-484-9680.

Another great volunteer opportunity is the position of AV Coordinator. As DGS expands the number of Special Interest Groups, we need someone to manage and operate the Society's audio-visual equipment. If you're interested, please contact Tresa Tatyrek at 972-539-7452 or sig@dallasgenealogy.org

Welcome To Our New Members

**Edna Ginn
Tami Glatz
Lewis (Bud) Heininger
Sharon Katz
Elaine F. Notestine**

**Life Member
Elizabeth A. Perry**

HATS OFF TO:

Our own Lloyd Bockstruck has received not just one, but three history awards from the Daughters of Colonial Wars. At the DCW's recent Awards Luncheon, Lloyd was presented with not only the Division History Award, but also the State as well as National Award. Lloyd will be receiving \$250 for the Division Award, \$100 for the State Award and \$500 for the National Award. Congratulations, Lloyd!

SOCIETY PROGRAMS

DGS Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

DGS General and Special Interest Group meetings are held at the Dallas J. Erik Jonsson Central Library

1515 Young Street
in the Plaza Level Auditorium,
unless otherwise noted.

**DGS GENERAL MEETING
USUALLY MEETS ON THE FOURTH MONDAY**

Our monthly meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. with our speaker presentation to follow about 7:30 p.m.

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

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

The theme of this year's monthly meetings is "Your Family History: It's Not All on the Internet." The topics will be emphasizing sources not on the Internet and skills needed to make the best use of data found on the Internet. Be sure to check the website for future speakers and topics.

Monday: 21 May (change due to holiday)

Speaker: Kelvin Meyers

Topic: How Great Thou Art! How Great They Are! Church Records

Monday: 25 June

Speaker: John Pritchett

Topic: Making Your Family History

Interesting: Writing First Person Accounts

Monday: 23 July

Speaker: Darlene Brimmage & Charlotte Bagh

Topic: Using Dallas Public Library's Map Collection in Your Research

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.

02 June: Internet for Genealogists (IGIG)

Tresa Tatyrek, *Indiana Research Sites* –
www.in.gov/icpr/archives 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., 7th Floor
Lecture Room

02 June: Family Tree Maker (FTM)

Time Lines, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., 7th Floor Lecture Room

05 June: Computer Interest Group (CIG)

7:00 p.m. Plaza Level Auditorium

05 June: DNA Interest Group (DNAIG)

4:30 p.m. Plaza Level Auditorium

09 June: PAF Group

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

09 June: Advanced Methodology Study Group (AMSG)

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

09 June: North Texas TMG (The Master Genealogist)

Customizing Tags and Sentences, Customizing Sentences 2:00-4:00 p.m. 7th Floor Lecture Room

14 June: Writing Interest Group (WIG)

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

19 June: Germanic Research Group (GRG)

6:30 p.m. 7th Floor Lecture Room

20 June: MacGen Reunion Group (MGRG)

6:30 p.m. McDermott Room, 8th Floor

07 July: Native American Research Group (NARG)

1:00 p.m. 7th Floor Lecture Room

NEW SIGS

Personal Ancestral File (PAF) User Group will start 9 June at 3:00 p.m. in the McDermott Room on the 8th Floor.

Several new groups are planned for the coming year, so check the website for meeting times and dates for all the groups. If there is an area that you would like to see a special interest group set up, let any of the DGS Board members know.

Volunteer Opportunity

Tresa Tatyrek is looking for a person to lead a multi-media interest group that will "support and assist the genealogical community in various medias to preserve records." The purpose of this group will be to keep on top of old and new methods of digital copying records by scanning, digital camera, and various video means. The group will also help newcomers to this area of technology with the use of equipment as well as how to pick the correct equipment for the job at hand. If interested, contact Tresa at 972-539-7452 or at SIG@dallasgenealogy.org.

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moved to Texas by 1880 where they were enumerated in E.D. 9, Bosque County, Texas, with their 4 children. By 1900 the couple was in Dallas with their youngest daughter Margaret and widowed daughter Rose and her two children by Sherwood Adams who died prior to the census year. Her children were James and William or Willie Adams. This census indicated the couple immigrated in 1864. James and Margaret died before the 1910 census. Rose married second Marion Lawrence Camp and they lived mostly in Dallas County, Texas. Mary and her family lived in Dallas and Grayson Counties.

The cousins' census records were located. These records reflected their immigration dates.

3. Vital Records

Marriage records were searched for James and Margaret, their children, and the cousins in Kansas City, Missouri and Dallas County, Texas. James and Margaret's was not located in Missouri. Their daughter Mary's marriage to William Flynn on 21 October 1888 is recorded in Dallas County, Texas Marriage Book J page 359. Rose's marriage to Sherwood Adams was located in Dallas County, Texas Marriage Book L page 299. They married 2 November 1891. Her marriage to Marion Lawrence Camp on 21 February 1903 has not been documented in any court record to date, but located in family records of the family.

Death certificates have not been located for James and Margaret, or their children, John and Margaret. Mary died in 1924 after the deaths of both her husband and daughter. Sherwood Adams died, according to family correspondence dated 5 August 1896. Rose and Marion Lawrence had death certificates to document the deaths recorded in the family records. They died in Dallas on 25 June 1934 and 4 April 1936. Rose's death certificate did provide some verification of dates and places.

4. Passenger Records

Armed with approximate arrival times for brother Philip's widow and his children a search on ellisland.org was made. Rose's was located and known to be correct from the information recorded. She arrived on the SS Aquitania from Southampton to New York on 20 November 1920. The record stated she was coming to live with her daughter Mrs Connerty in Dallas Texas and that her closest relative from the country she left was her sister in Dublin. Ellen and her children came two years later on 20 November 1922 from Liverpool to New York on the SS Scythia after her husband was killed during an uprising in Dublin. Elizabeth and her husband Joseph and their children came in 1909 From Liverpool to New York on the ship SS Cedric.

Age	Sex	Color	Height	Weight	Build	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Birthplace	Parents	Religion	Profession	Education	Married	Children
25	M	Fair	5-7	140	Slender	Black	Blue	Fair	Ireland	James & Margaret	Catholic	None	None	None	None
25	F	Fair	5-2	110	Slender	Black	Blue	Fair	Ireland	James & Margaret	Catholic	None	None	None	None
25	M	Fair	5-7	140	Slender	Black	Blue	Fair	Ireland	James & Margaret	Catholic	None	None	None	None
25	F	Fair	5-2	110	Slender	Black	Blue	Fair	Ireland	James & Margaret	Catholic	None	None	None	None

Salt Lake City, that is the place to start. Spellings may vary on the place names. Sometimes they are cross-referenced, many times they are not. Kilskeer, or Kilskyre as the Irish spell it, did have church records and they were searched in an effort to learn more about Philip, his family, and perhaps more about James and Margaret. Philip was not in the records, but the marriage of Margaret and James was. They were married in February of 1864.

STATES IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL

The entries on this sheet must be in accordance with the law.

Arriving at Port of _____ on _____ 19__

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Height	Weight	Build	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Birthplace	Parents	Religion	Profession	Education	Married	Children
1	James Bradley	36	M	Fair	5-7	140	Slender	Black	Blue	Fair	Ireland	James & Margaret	Catholic	None	None	None	None
2	Margaret Higgins	35	F	Fair	5-2	110	Slender	Black	Blue	Fair	Ireland	James & Margaret	Catholic	None	None	None	None
3	John Bradley	10	M	Fair	4-8	80	Slender	Black	Blue	Fair	Ireland	James & Margaret	Catholic	None	None	None	None
4	Mary Nugent	10	F	Fair	4-8	80	Slender	Black	Blue	Fair	Ireland	James & Margaret	Catholic	None	None	None	None

1864	1864	1864	1864	1864
James Bradley	Margaret Higgins	John Bradley	Mary Nugent	Ditto

7. Obituaries

James died 7 November 1902 and Margaret was thought to have died in 1911. The *Dallas Morning News* archives online were searched and a death notice was found for James Bradley. It was in the *Dallas Morning News* 8 November 1902 under Mortuary Matters.

James Bradley, for a long time an employee of the city, walked into a business house at the corner of Commerce and Ervay streets yesterday about noon and sat down by the stove. In a few minutes he was seized with a hemorrhage of the lungs and died before medical assistance could be brought to him. Justice Skelton, setting as Coroner, held an inquest over the body, his verdict being death from a hemorrhage of the lungs. Mr. Bradley was born in Ireland and came to Dallas in its early days. He has worked for the city in a number of capacities. He leaves three grown daughters and one son. He was 86 years of age.

(Note: He was 66 not 86. Obituaries can give you a lot of information, but not all of it may or will be correct)

Margaret's was not located immediately and not located until searching for the son John's death information. It was discovered that Margaret died in 1906. Her obituary was in the *Dallas Morning News* Feb 9, 1906

*Mrs. Margaret Bradley Dead
Deceased Had Resided Here About Thirty-One Years.*

Mrs. Margaret Bradley, aged about 66 years, died at 9:50 o'clock last night at her residence, 253 Williams Street. She was the widow of the late James Bradley. Born in County Westmeath, Ireland, she was married in 1864 and came with her husband to America in 1865. Settling first at Kansas City, then came later to Dallas and had resided

Ellen's record stated that her closest relative from the county she left was Julia Farrelly in Cakerstown, Kells, County Meath, Ireland and she was coming to live with her mother Rose Bradley at 411 Cole St in Dallas. This provided a place to start the search in Ireland.

5. Ireland Census Records (yes, census records)

There are census records for 1901 and 1911 for Ireland. A search on familysearch.org of the Cakerstown and Kells area provided a film number to start on the 1911 search. These records were not indexed, so a look page-by-page was done, and the family located. They were in Balnagon Upper, Kilskeer, Kells Upper, Boherboy, Kells, North Meath. They were easily located in the 1901 census.

6. Ireland Church Records

First you have to understand the way the records work. There are parishes within a diocese. More than one county can be in a diocese or there can be multiple dioceses in a county. You need to know if the people you are seeking were Catholic or Protestant. All church records are not microfilmed. All that are microfilmed are not located in Salt Lake City at the library. They are at either the National Library in Dublin or the Library in Belfast. Most of the records have been inventoried and indexed by History Centers in each County; however, each County Center operates differently. If the records are available from

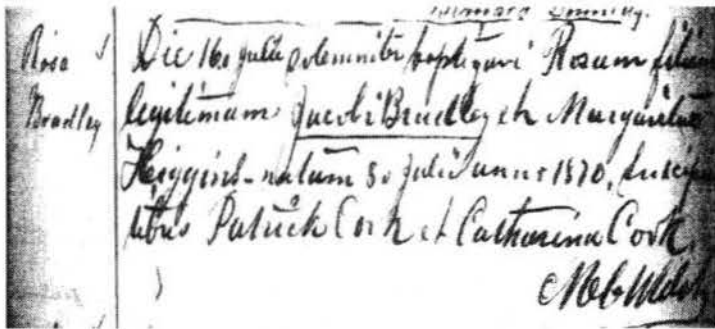
here about thirty-one years. Surviving Mrs. Bradley are one son, John J. Bradley, and three daughters, Miss Mary Bradley, Mrs. W. P. Flynn of Denison, Miss Rosa Bradley, Mrs. Lawrence Camp and Miss Maggie, both of Dallas.

Funeral arrangements will be made later.

Obituaries were located for Rose, Philip's wife and several of the daughters and their spouses. These provided confirmation of the children and who they married as well as the name Sylvan Park as a location in Ireland to find.

8. Vital Records (this is a repetitive business)

Birth records were sought for the children of James and Margaret in the Catholic Church records in and around Kansas City, Missouri. They were located in the ones of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church Records of Westen, Jackson County, Missouri. Mary, James and Rose's birth records were there in Latin. Margaret's record has not been located.



9. Passenger Records again

Armed with the 1865 date and knowing that it was James and Margaret that came together a search was done for the couple's immigration. They were located on the Harvest Queen Passenger records arriving 24 May 1864.



10. Trip to Ireland

Not everyone is fortunate to make trips to the homes of their ancestors but, if you can, you should. There are always surprises waiting for you like access to records you were told weren't accessible (like church records in the 1900s). Many aren't accessible and in the next few years most won't be accessible to anyone but the local genealogists working in the history centers, which will make things harder to do and take more time. As I stated earlier, all the older church records have been indexed by the County, and are in History Centers. Most of the parish priests have a copy of the index and some of the Counties still have their records. Other Counties have gathered

up the records for safekeeping and they are no longer in the individual parishes. Some allow you to make copies or take pictures; others will only let you look. The indexes are the place to start and can give you a great deal of information in one tidy little place; then you can look at the actual records. I take pictures of or copy all of my surnames in the index, because one just never knows who links to whom.

I must have a lot of Irish in me because I always find something, and on two trips to Ireland, the weather was wonderful. It didn't rain everyday!

What IS Your Name?

By Marie Navarro

When my three-year-old granddaughter learned to say her full name, she went around to everyone saying: "My name is Courtney Michelle Bull. What is your name?" As I watched her go from person to person, I thought of all the names I have been known by. I grew up using my first name, switched to my middle name in my teenage years; then I married and my last name changed. I have also been called Mom, Aunty, Grandma, and probably a few names I'd rather not know about.

Most of us acquire numerous names in our lifetime. Our ancestors did too, which is why sometimes they are not so easy to find. You almost have to become the family Sherlock Holmes to reach back in time and find some of the more elusive relatives. But that is what attracts so many people to genealogy. It's not just learning the family history; it's solving the puzzles and finding the answers.

There are a lot of records you will encounter in your search for your ancestors: Census records, birth and death certificates, tax and court records, military records, and family records such as family Bibles or letters. These are all valuable documents, but you'll find you have to be astute to match the right record to your family. People new to genealogy are usually surprised to learn that official records are not always correct. Census records are the worst. The first census was taken one year after the United States won its independence from England. The purpose, both then and now, was to determine the number of representatives each State would have in the House of Representatives. These records can be a very valuable tool, but they can be very wrong, too. There are several reasons for the errors. First, keep in mind that the main purpose was to count people. Census takers did not always have the best penmanship, and sometimes used initials instead of first names. It was a very temporary job, one that only lasted a few weeks every 10 years, so there was no incentive to excel. Our ancestors added to the confusion by

sometimes using their legal name for one census and then using a nickname on the next. Some amusing examples of what I considered major triumphs in my own searches are listed below.

I found my 2nd great grandfather, Green Taylor ALLEN listed as "Deantayer".

My great grandparents, Newt and Laura SEARCY, lived and died in McKinney, Texas. I easily found most of their records. But I couldn't find where they were in 1920. I found them by accident while looking for my grandmother's brother. He was living in McKinney with his brother-in-law "Newt Scarry". Listed also was Laura Scarry and all my great aunts and uncles.

We knew that my great grandfather had divorced and remarried. And, from the headstone of his 2nd wife, we knew her name was Martha V. I had no trouble finding them in the 1900 Census. But, in 1910, grandpa was living with someone named Jinny. Did grandpa have a 3rd wife? If that wasn't confusing enough, in 1920 he was living with Martha again. Had he divorced Jinny and re-married Martha? The mystery was solved when I found the death record for Martha. The "V" was for Virginia; Jinny was her nickname.

You would think the information on a death certificate would have to be 100% correct. However, the person that supplies the information for a death certificate is often a grieving loved one. In their sorrow they are not concerned about accuracy. I've found many death certificates that listed the wrong place of birth, or the wrong burial place. I even found one that listed the names of grandparents instead of the parents. The same can be said of birth certificates. I have an uncle whose birth certificate lists him as being female. Due to a typo, another uncle went through life as Micheal instead of Michael. Headstones can be wrong, too. Before credit cards, it was not unusual for years to go by before placing a headstone on a grave. I have two grandmothers whose year of death was incorrectly engraved and one whose middle name was incorrect. Surprisingly, the most accurate records are the non-legal documents: Bibles, letters, and church records. While they too, can be wrong, they are usually recorded when the event happened by the person it happened to, and have a better chance of being correct.

When you're digging through those records, remember that if they were all easy to find there would be no mysteries to solve, no challenges, and no victory dances. And, try not to call the census taker names when you find that instead of putting first names for the wife of the family, he simply wrote "Mrs."

Immigrant Servants Database now Online at www.Immigrantservants.com

by Nathan W. Murphy

A new online database of Indentured Servants, Redemptioners, and Transported Convicts has now been placed online by Nathan W. Murphy, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Utah, and employee of Price & Associates Genealogical Services (the project's sponsor). Mr. Murphy is reconstructing a passenger arrival list of indentured servants coming to Colonial America that follows in the spirit of Peter Wilson Coldham's efforts to publish passenger departure lists from sources in the United Kingdom and Ireland for indentured servants and transported convicts, but focuses on tapping American sources of immigrant arrivals to complement the United Kingdom data.

Mr. Murphy has received permission from the major publishers of Colonial Virginia's court orders to extract evidences of imported servants from their books and make them available for free on the Internet. He hopes to complete his search of seventeenth-century court orders by Spring 2007. It is also noted that the approximately 11,000 immigrant servants currently in the database do not derive from the same sources as those in the Virtual Jamestown project. Mr. Murphy's project covers those European immigrants who settled south of New England from 1607 through 1820. According to the website,

"the Immigrant Servants database is a project designed to help Americans trace the European origins of their colonial ancestors. Historians estimate that more than 75% of the colonists who settled south of New England financed their voyages to the New World as indentured servants, convict servants, and redemptioners. The project aims to identify all immigrants described by these terms in American and European sources and to reconstruct their lives and families."

The site will also allow you to view the indentured contracts. According to Mr. Murphy, the project will primarily focus on Virginia in celebration of Jamestown's 400th anniversary. The numbers of immigrants in this new database will continue to grow in the future as the project is extended to other American colonies. It is Mr. Murphy's belief that the three continental colonies that had the greatest number of indentured servants are Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

There are three search engines: SIMPLE SEARCH (queries all text in database), ADVANCED SEARCH

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(search by any of more than 50 fields in database), and LETTER SEARCH (browse through lists of servants arranged by the first letter of their surname). The search engines are equipped with SOUNDEX, which retrieves servants with surnames that sound alike, i.e. Murphy, Morphew, Murfee, Murfew, Murfey, Murphew, and Murphey all come back as possible matches with the surname "Murphy."

LEARNING CENTER includes a copy of Mr. Murphy's article "Origins of Colonial Chesapeake Indentured Servants: American and English Sources." The article was published in the March 2005 edition of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, which provides tips for tracing the immigrant origins of English indentured servants. There is also a GLOSSARY of terms associated with the practice of indentured servitude; extensive list of LAWS from Colonial Virginia pertaining to indentured servants; and a lengthy BIBLIOGRAPHY identifying sources that were used (includes references to 12 personal accounts of immigrant servants); and a list of LINKS that will interest researchers of immigrant servants. Some of the articles listed include:

- Bridging the Atlantic: Tracing 17th – 18th Century Immigrants to Britain
- Convict Transportation to Colonial America
- DNA: A Solution for Tracing Elusive Immigrant Origins
- Tracing Immigrant Ancestors to the British Isles
- Useful Sources for Tracing the Origins of US Midwest Immigrants
- Localize Your Surname with Distribution Maps
- Online British and Irish Probate Indexes
- Keeping Pace with East European Genealogical Research Developments
- Tips for Using Italian Civil Vital Records
- Five-Star Censuses: Swedish Clerical Surveys

Also included in the resource list are case studies that are designed to teach research strategies that provide ideas to help trace an immigrant ancestor's family.

A simple name search will turn up the following information:

Name: Given - Gaspor

Birth, Christening and Other Information

Gender: Male
Nation: Netherlands
Occupation(s): Shoemaker
Orphan: Unknown

Position in Parent's Family: Unknown
Landowner: Unknown
Literate: Unknown
Convict: Unknown

Length of Indenture

Year of Indenture: by 1743

Place of Indenture

County: Charleston Colony: South Carolina

Master

Surname: St. John Given name: James

Research Notes

Proof of Immigrant Servant Status: "A Dutch servant man named Gaspor a shoemaker to serve upward a year and half £50... A boy Stephen his son to serve upward of ten years £30." (1) Source Citations: (1) Warren B. Smith, *White Servitude in Colonial South Carolina* (Columbia, South Carolina: University of South Carolina Press, 1961), 135, quoting Charleston County, South Carolina Wills 1739-1743, 289.



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**Salt Lake City Research Trip Tips
Preparation**

by John and Barb Wylie

More than 2.4 million rolls of microfilm, 300,000 books, and some of the best finding aids in the world, all in two buildings! They are the Family History Library, open Monday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Tuesday – Saturday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m., 35 North West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84150-3400, and the Joseph Smith Building, open Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p. m., 15 East South Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150. This is the computer center and many of its resources can be accessed from the Internet without going to Salt Lake City.

The advice we're providing in this article is just that--advice. We don't expect you, or anyone, to do all of these things. So pick and choose the material that is right for you and don't feel that anyone expects you to do all of these things. It's easy to get sensory overload at the Family History Library (FHL). To make the most of your time, prepare before the trip and focus when you get there. Listed below are some of the best preparation tips we've learned from our own experience and those of others.

Before you go, prepare:

- Review what you already know so you won't repeat research you've already done.
- Even if you are using genealogy software and plan to bring your laptop or PDA, take a look at what you have. The FHL has increased the number of places where you can connect your laptop for access to the Internet. They recently upgraded the speed of these Ethernet connections to about 12 megabits.
- If you don't bring a laptop, it's even more important that you distill the information you already have down to a concise size. Shuffling through piles of paper eats up your time and you can tote only a limited number of 3-ring binders without developing a hernia!
- One method that works for many people is writing a research report to yourself or pretending that you are writing an article about this family for DGS's *The Dallas Journal*.
- Your review will reveal holes you need to plug. Make a list of these gaps. This list is your starting point.

- Use the online Family History Library Catalog (FHCL) to determine what resources may help you fill those holes.
- List the film/fiche/book/map you want to see just as though you were working in a closed stacks library: Call number, author, title (include the volume number if there is one), and publication date. The most crowded part of the library is the computer catalog area. This preparation will enable you to bypass that crowd and use your library time elsewhere.
- Films listed in the catalog as "Vault" films are not stored in the FHL. It may take up to three days to retrieve them. You can request items from the vault before you leave home online from the FamilySearch.org website or by fax: 801-240-1924.
- While you are at the FamilySearch.org website, click on "Research Helps." In addition to a discussion of resources that may be helpful for the chosen location, you can download blank census forms and other worksheets. Another excellent (and free) source for printing blank forms is Censusmate.com. Also, DGS sells packets of forms at the Volunteer Desk in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library.
- If you don't have Internet access at home, use the Internet at your nearest library or LDS Family History Center. The website is www.familysearch.org.
- If you aren't computer literate, you probably have a friend or relative who has Internet access—showing Grandma how to operate a computer has hooked more than one kid on genealogy!
- Except for the compiled genealogies, the FHL is organized by locality.
- If you do not already know the history of your ancestor's location, study that now so you won't waste time looking for your ancestor's will in a county that didn't exist until long after he died.
- Our own DPL has a tremendous collection for this background research.
- Use TEXSHARE to access the many county histories at HeritageQuest Online.
- The FamilySearch.org website has a research guide for all states and most countries.
- Each county has a website for genealogists. The

website is usgenweb.com.

- Also, take a look at the resources for your state/country/topic at Cyndislist.com and at Rootsweb.com.
- *The Handybook for Genealogists* and *The Redbook* have information about each county's records and a synopsis of each state's history.
- Most film at the FHL is in the language of the country where the record was made. There are foreign language word lists for genealogical terms such as birth, death, brother, sister, cousin at the FHL website. Click on Research Helps.
- If you're looking for a periodical article listed in PERSI (available via TEXSHARE on Heritage Quest), there's a good chance you'll find that periodical at the FHL. (If you're not familiar with PERSI you can learn about it at www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/persi.html).

Organize your research material and your research day in the way that makes sense to you. By now you probably know your own research style. For instance, John likes to use genealogy software on his laptop computer when he's in the library; Barb hates lugging the laptop around and feels she's more productive when she carries her research reports and search lists on paper. John likes to follow one ancestor or ancestral family at a time, moving from floor to floor several times a day. Barb focuses on one location at a time. She seldom changes floors more than once a day. Don't be afraid to try someone else's method but don't feel obliged to continue if it doesn't work for you.

Editor's note: By organizing your research in a way that fits you, you will be surprised at how much you find during your stay in Salt Lake City.

Genealogy Collections Come and Genealogy Collections Go

Genealogists in the Dallas-Fort Worth area are blessed with the abundance of research materials that are in the immediate area. Not only do we have access to one of the best collections in the nation at the Dallas Public Library, we have the National Archives – Southwest Region in Fort Worth and also numerous smaller genealogical collections at various libraries around the area such as Garland, Grand Prairie, Grapevine, Lancaster, Mesquite, and Fort Worth, as well as the numerous Family History Centers located in both counties. The following information is provided to keep you informed of area resources that are available to the public.

Per the Mesquite Genealogical Society May 2007 Newsletter, Elizabeth Welch of the Mesquite Public reports that the Rowlett Public Library is closing down its Genealogy Section and the Mesquite Public Library will be receiving some of their books and microfilm.

New Local 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, 2006 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 Peters 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 Rd. in Balch Springs. Hours of operation are Monday thru Friday, 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; closed Sunday. Phone: 972-913-3000.

World War II Veterans Registry of Remembrances

If you have a WW II veteran, you can register their name at <http://wwiimemorial.com>. Any U.S. citizen who helped win the war, whether a veteran or someone on the home front, is eligible. You will need to know their full name, home state and something about when, what branch (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or Merchant Marines), where they served and what their wartime activity was. Your submission will be reviewed and approved before it is posted to the website. There is no fee to add a name to the Registry.

The website states that "the Registry combines several distinct databases that can be searched for names of those whose service and sacrifice helped win the Second World War. The Registry includes the names of Americans who are buried in overseas military cemeteries, listed on official War and Navy Department Killed in Service Rosters and by public enrollment in the Registry."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sensational Summer Sessions

There are many special sessions occurring this summer along with all the regular and special interest group meetings. All are being held in one or several of the meeting rooms at the J. Erik Jonsson Library.

The first sensational session is the Salt Lake City Research Workshop with Tresa Tatyrek. The date for this is 16 June. The workshop will include four sessions as follows:

1. Planning and Packing for Salt Lake City
2. Using the Internet, Spreadsheets, and Personal Data Assistants.
3. Using the Family History Library On-line Card Catalog.
4. Research Strategies and Examples.

Also included in the registration fee is a CD that will have an Excel workbook with spreadsheets of the presenters' genealogy workbook templates. See page 68 for registration information.

The next sensational session is the Summer Lock-In on 23 June. This is your opportunity for 8 hours of concentrated genealogy research time with the society providing a light dinner meal and munchies throughout the evening. The event time is 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. There is always genealogy staff available to help at this event and all the genealogy computers have access to the Internet this evening and morning! The registration for this is on page 68.

Last, but certainly not least of the Summer Sensations is the Summer Institute. The dates are July 26th -29th. This year's title is "Call of the Land." Our ancestors came to this land for many reasons -- religious persecution, freedom, as well as many others, but the prime reason was the opportunity to own one's own property. We have three of the premier speakers for this topic in Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS, Mary McCampbell Bell, CG, CGL, and Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG.

We hope that you can attend some or all of the above sensational summer sessions and continue to have success in your search for your ancestors.

DGS Summer Institute Call of the Land Institute

26-29 July 2007

Land-related topics will be presented by three of the country's leading genealogists, Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck FNGS, Christine Rose CG, CGL, FASG, and Mary McCampbell Bell CG, CGL.

Topics that will be covered include transcribing and abstracting land records, Texas land records, colonial land records, federal land records, tax records, county land records, colonial, state and federal bounty land records, land records on the internet, land inheritance, and maps.

Institute location will be the J. Erik Jonsson Dallas Public Library, Downtown Central Branch. Underground garage parking at the library will be available for a reduced fee of \$2.00 per day. The garage is entered from Wood Street, a one-way street heading east.

Event begins at 6:00 p.m. Thursday at the Library; please dine beforehand. A complimentary lunch will be provided daily. Break-time refreshments will be

offered on Friday and on Saturday. A brunch will be served prior to the final lecture on Sunday. At the conclusion of each day, you will be on your own for the evening meal. The Genealogy Department 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 publicly-funded genealogy library facilities.

LIMITED TO 140 PEOPLE

Salt Lake City Research Trip

For Members Only

21-28 October 2007

- WORKSHOP TO GET READY
- 7 NIGHTS (SUN-SAT) AT THE SHILO INN
- SHUTTLE TO AND FROM AIRPORT
- SUNDAY AND MONDAY EVENING DINNER
- ONE HOUR OF PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH TIME THAT CAN BE USED BEFORE OR DURING THE TRIP
- MID-WEEK GET-TOGETHER WITH MUNCHIES
- FEE INCLUDES BREAKFAST, BUT NOT LUNCH AND DINNER (EXCEPT THE ABOVE MENTIONED DINNERS)
- THE FEE DOESN'T COVER AIRFARE

Won't You Join Us?

Once again Dallas Genealogical Society members are journeying to Salt Lake City. We hope you decide to join us this year! The Salt Lake City Family History Library and facilities are a treasure trove for the genealogist. Everyone should make the journey at least once in pursuit of ancestors.

If you have never been to Salt Lake, but are planning on going this year or in the near future, plan on attending the research workshop in June! It will cover how to pack (the climate is different there!), what to take to the library, tips on preparing your research so your time is well spent while there, and how to use the on-line card catalog for the facility. The workshop date is 16 June 2007 with registration from 9:00 to 9:30, and the presentations start at 9:30 a.m. Reservations for the workshop must be postmarked by 1 June 2007. The workshop will be held at:

*J. Erik Jonsson Dallas Public Library
1515 Young Street, Dallas, Texas 75201*

See the website for more details.

www.dallasgenealogy.org

**The Dallas Genealogical Society
presents a**

Library Lock-In

For Members Only*

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

23 June 2007

From 6 p.m.-2 a.m.

*in cooperation with the
Genealogy Section
of the J. Erik Jonsson Dallas Public Library
1515 Young Street
Dallas, Texas*

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 or during the evening of the event.

Online computer access will be available to various databases of interest to the genealogist.

Price: \$25 per person

Limit 100 people

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PO Box 12446
Dallas, TX 75225-0446
Postmark on or before 16 June 2007**

NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY

compiled by: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS



The following contributions have been made to the Genealogy Section.

DONATIONS

The following donations have been made to the Genealogy Section:

- \$20,000 from the General Levi Casey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution
- \$50 from Sue Ashby

UNITED STATES

- Washington's Expeditions (1753-1754) and Braddock's Expedition (1755); with history of Tom Fausett, the slayer of General Edward Braddock.
- More Dating Old Photographs, 1840-1929.
- Who's Who in the World. 1995.
- Hitler's "Bulge" Dream of Dunkirk II Exploded.
- R. U. S.: Rural Uplook Service: a Preliminary Attempt to Register the Rural Leadership in the United States and Canada.
- Callender I. Fayssoix Collection of William Walker Papers: 1856-1860: a Guide to the Microfilm Collection.
- Neutral Zone: Back Door to the United States.

ALABAMA

- Family Maps of DeKalb County, Alabama.
- Family Maps of Wilcox County Alabama.

ARKANSAS

- Family Maps of Cleburne County, Arkansas.
- Family Maps of Benton County, Arkansas.

CONNECTICUT

- River Towns of Connecticut.
- History of Naugatuck, Connecticut.
- Records of the Congregational Church in Turkey Hills.

FLORIDA

- Family Maps of Suwannee County, Florida.
- Athens, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings (Southern Banner). Volume V, (1842-1843).

ILLINOIS

- Family Maps of DuPage County, Illinois.
- Family Maps of Adams County, Illinois.
- Family Maps of Shelby County, Illinois.

INDIANA

- Family Maps of Clay County, Indiana.

IOWA

- Family Maps of Warren County, Iowa.
- Family Maps of Wayne County, Iowa.

KENTUCKY

- Year Book – Historical Society of Hopkins County, Kentucky.

LOUISIANA

- Redboned of Louisiana.
- Elected Lay Leaders: Origin and Development: the William B. Reilly Memorial University United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1941.
- Family Maps of Beauregard Parish, Louisiana.
- Journal of Jean Laffite: the Privateer-Patriot's Own Story.
- Cherry Winche Country: Origins of the Redboned: and the Westport Fight.
- Family Maps of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

MAINE

- Ledger of William C. Walker of Stow, Maine.

MASSACHUSETTS

- History of the Town of Plainfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts.
- Alumnae Directory. Emmanuel College. 1990.
- Amesbury First Church Records.
- Provincetown, or, Odds and Ends from the Tip End.
- Warwick, Massachusetts.
- Nippers, Nightcaps and Needles: a Story of the Circle at Pigeon Cove.
- In Lynn Woods: with Pen and Camera.
- Upton, Massachusetts.
- Chronicles of Danvers (Old Salem Village), Massachusetts, 1632-1923.
- Genealogical History of the Abbott Street Cemetery, Beverly, Massachusetts.

MICHIGAN

- Family Maps of Ionia County, Michigan.

MINNESOTA

- Family Maps of Red Lake County, Minnesota.
- Golden Jubilee History of the Minnesota District of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and its member congregations, 1918-1968.

MISSISSIPPI

- Family Maps of Lowndes County, Mississippi.
- 1882 Alcorn County, Mississippi Sheriffs Account Book, Jury List.
- Our Heritage: Schools of Yesterday.
- Family Maps of Rankin County, Mississippi.
- Family Maps of Copiah County, Mississippi.
- 1871-1873 Educable School Children for Alcorn County, Mississippi.
- 1837 State Census of Tishomingo County, Mississippi.

MISSOURI

- Family Maps of Shelby County, Missouri.
- Pike County, Missouri. Volumes 6 and 7.
- Family Maps of St. Francois County, Missouri.
- Family Maps of Cass County, Missouri.
- Windsor, Missouri Sesquicentennial, 1855-2005.
- Missouri Families and their Descendants.
- Aurora Centennial, 1870-1970.
- Family Maps of Miller County, Missouri.

NEW YORK

- John Moore, Esq. (1745-1828) of New York City: His Writings and Memoranda.
- Town of Wilmington, Essex County, New York Transcribed Serial Records, Volume 9, Wilmington School Records 1822-1900.

NORTH CAROLINA

- Marriage Bonds of Duplin County, North Carolina, 1749-1868.
- Order of First Families of North Carolina, Registry of Ancestors. Volume 1.
- Ministers and Churches of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church: with transcribed minutes 1828-1831.
- Civil War Journal of W. H. Proffit: 1st North Carolina State Troops, May 1861 through February 1863.
- Sheriff's Sales to North Carolina's Governor: 1799-1815, 1830, 1831, 1857 & 1868.

OKLAHOMA

- One Hundred Years of the Methodist Church in Mutual, Oklahoma.

PENNSYLVANIA

- Proceedings of the Colonial Society of Pennsylvania. 2003-2006.

TENNESSEE

- Abstracts of Obituaries Published in the Mulberry Gap Association of Missionary Baptists.

TEXAS

- Down by the Creek Bank: a History of the First Baptist

Church of Nolanville, Texas.

- Reflections on the Founding of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas.
- Colonel Cole Digges Chapter of the National Society, Colonial Dames of the XVII Century.
- To God Be the Glory: First Baptist Church, Seminole, Texas, the First 100 Years, 1906-2006.
- Parrot/Polytechnic High School, Ft. Worth, Texas. 1928.
- Austin's Old Three Hundred: the First Anglo Colony in Texas.
- Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Corner Willingham and Brazos Avenues, Cleburne, Texas: dedication services, April 7-14-28, May 19, 1946: dedication booklet.
- Waco Heritage and History. 1970 Spring, Volume 1, Number 1.
- Heritage Journal: an Annual Publication of the Texas United Methodist Historical Society.
- History of Negroes of Limestone County from 1860-1939.
- Brief History of the First United Methodist Church in Belton, Texas from 1850-2000. Prepared for the Sesquicentennial Celebration on November 19, 2000.
- Fayette County Record: 80th Anniversary: 1922-2002 Pictorial History.
- Dedicatory Program of the House of Worship, May 2nd to 6th, 1923: Together with an Historical Sketch, Pictures and Items of Interest: Westminster Presbyterian Church, on Fairmount between McKinney Avenue and Cedar Springs Road, Dallas, Texas.
- Year Book/Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas, 3 volumes.
- Cemeteries Located in Red River County, Texas.
- Henry Eustace McCulloch: Soldier, Statesman, Christian Gentleman.
- St. Mark's School of Texas 4/18/2007, the First Hundred Years.
- Brief Historical Data of the First Five Years' Activities, May 1926 to April 1931, inclusive, of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church, U.S., Dallas, Texas.

VIRGINIA

- Frederick County, Virginia Marriages, 1853-1880.
- Fauquier County, Virginia: Deed Books. 4 volumes, 1759-1839.
- Journal of the Senate of Virginia. 5 volumes, 1792-1795 and 1798/99.
- Adventurers of Purse and Person. Volume 3. 4th Edition.
- Alexandria, Virginia Death Records, 1863-1868 (the Gladwin Record) and 1869 -1896.

WISCONSIN

- Family Maps of Rock County, Wisconsin.
- Family Maps of Langlade County, Wisconsin.
- Family Maps of Taylor County, Wisconsin.
- Hodag. 1928. (Rhineland High School).

GENEALOGIES & BIOGRAPHIES

- Descendants of Job Caswell of Newport, Rhode Island and other Southern Rhode Island Caswells. Donated by Noreen E. Haler.
- Caswell Families, Miscellaneous. Donated by Noreen E. Haler.
- Aaron Burr Caswell. Donated by Noreen E. Haler
- Goochland County, Virginia, Tithable Lists, 1746-1774. (Hodges Family). Donated by Dolores C. Rutherford.
- John and Amy Gatewood and their Descendants, 1666-1986. Donated by Mike McWilliams.
- Family of Zadock Hawkins. Donated by Lynn E. Garn.
- Susan Hart Shelby: a Memoir. Donated by Anonymous.
- Goochland County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills and Inventories, 1728-1817: Williams family. Donated by Dolores C. Rutherford.
- Jorg Sigmann of Germany: the Earliest Known Ancestor of the Catawba Valley, North Carolina Families. Donated by Carolyn Setzer Sigmon.
- Family Records of the Bruces and the Cumyns. Donated by Allison Blankenship.
- William Strother Society, Inc. Welcomes You to the Eleventh Biennial National Strother Conference, July 27-29, 2006, the Holiday Inn University Area, Charlottesville, Virginia. Donated by Donna L. Strother.
- Surratt/Sarratt Journal. Donated by Bob Lewis.
- Caswall Family. Donated by Noreen E. Haler.
- Henrich (H-3) Bitting and His Descendants, 1672-2005. Donated by Ruth Bitting Hamm.
- Colonel William Candler of Georgia: His Ancestry and Progeny. Donated by Bob Lewis.
- Dennis Darling of Braintree and Mendon and Some of His Descendants, 1662 to 1800. Donated by William A. Martin.
- Decker: a Biography of Sheriff Bill Decker, Dallas County, Texas 1898-1970. Donated by Anonymous.
- Reminiscences of Hyatt Cheek, Senior. Donated by Dallas Genealogical Society.
- My Journey, Our Journey: Richard Alexander Chapman... Donated by Richard Chapman.
- Ancestors and Descendants of Alexis Caswell, 1868-1949. Donated by Noreen E. Haler.
- Descendants of James Samuel Dalrymple: Third Generation in America and in Mississippi the First. Donated by Arch Barnes.
- Mark Sanders Womack. Donated by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck.
- Parker in America.
- Reins in America. 6 volumes. Donated by Twila Gauntt.
- Tell Me 'Bout the Good Ole Days, Papa Bruce! (Campell Family). Donated by Anonymous.
- Goff-Lands in Amherst, Bedford, and Botetourt Counties of Virginia. Donated by Allen S. Goff.
- Conrads of South Louisiana: and the Descendants of Adrien Conrad. Donated by Judith Conrad Sagrera.
- David (5) Millington (1794-1877) and Laura Fields

Family of Jefferson County, New York with allied Arnold, Root and Vaughan families. Donated by John B Arthaud.

- Our Caswell Relatives, Book 2. Donated by Noreen E. Haler.

GERMANY

- Deutsches Geschlechterbuch. Volume 218.
- Genealogisches Handbuch des Adels. Volume 140.
- Yearbook of German-American Studies. Volumes 39-49 and Supplement Volume 2.
- Europäische Stammtafeln, Neue Folge. Volume 24.

IRELAND

- History of the Parish of Kilskyre and Ballinlough.

MEXICO

- Deaths of Iglesia de Nuestra Senora de la Asuncion, 1802 to 1832, located at Marin, Nuevo Laredo (formerly Hacienda de San Antonio de Los Martinez).
- Valle de San Buenaventura, Provincia de Coahuila: Origen y Confirmacion de una comunidad, 1753-1777.
- Torreon en las Letras Nacionales.
- Births of San Pedro de las Colonias, Coahuila (Registros Civiles): 1873-1884.

SPAIN

- Diccionario Hispanoamericano de Heraldica, Onomastica y Genealogia.
- Diccionario Hispanoamericano de Heraldica, Onomastica Y Genealogia. Volume 18.

GREAT BRITIAN

- Tracing Your Yorkshire Ancestors.
- Proceedings of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society. Volume 95.
- City of London Burial Index, 1813-1853, Part 3. 5 microfiche.
- City of London Burials, 1813-1853: Parts 1 and 2 merged into one index.
- Twenty-five Years of Archaeology in Gloucestershire.

REGIONAL and NATIONAL EVENTS

Do you have information about an upcoming Genealogy event? Remit to: Deborah McVean, 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

15-18 August: Federation Genealogical Societies (FGS) National Conference

hosted by the FGS, and the Allen County Public Library at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. For conference details go to: www.fgsconference.org.

REGIONAL CONTACTS**Texas State Genealogical Society**

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

Arlington Genealogical Society

Contact Judy Matlock - hmatlock@airmail.net.

Collin County Genealogical Society

Meets the second Wednesday of the month at the W. O. Haggard, Jr. Library, 2501 Coit Road, Plano, Texas, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Contact Paula Perkins - lansup@ix.netcom.com. Offers a troubleshooting session on the fourth Tuesday of each month - same place and time.

Dallas Historical Society

Saturday adventure tours depart the Hall of State, located in Fair Park, at 9:00 a.m. and return at approximately 2:00 p.m. Contact Frank K. Wilson, COO, at 214-421-4500 x105 or email frank@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 meeting in December, July, or August.

East Texas Genealogical Society

Regular meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month starting at 2 p.m. at the Tyler Public Library. Contact: scottfitzgerald@tyler.net for program details.

Ellis County Genealogical Society

Meets 1st Monday of month at 7:00 p.m. at the Women's Building in Waxahachie. Contact: Ina Walker, inagran@aol.com.

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 Debbie Pearson at 817-691-3257.

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, bic1620@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. Contact: Barbara Wylie, Vice President of Programs at barb@johnwylie.com or 972-206-2723.

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: Lana Filgo, lfilgo@swbell.net.

Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, Mesquite Public Library, 300 Grubb. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. rootsweb.com/~txmhqs/page1.htm.

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, norann@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, Carrollton. Info: www.geocities.com/Wellesley/Garden/5215/

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

Meets quarterly at Margaux's Restaurant, 150 Turtle Creek Blvd. at Irving Blvd in Dallas at 7:00 p.m. 2007 Meetings will be held March 8th, June 7th, Sept 13th, and Dec 13th. Contact David Dibrell at 972-733-0357 or ddibrell@sbcglobal.net, or visit the chapter's website at www.thomasirusk.org.

WIKIPEDIA

by Shirley Sloat

What is it?

Wikipedia is a free encyclopedia that is an ongoing work that can be searched and edited by anyone with access to an Internet-connected computer. Since its creation in 2001 it has rapidly grown into the largest reference website on the Internet. While donations are welcomed by the non-profit Wikimedia Foundation, access is free to Wikipedia content, which is written collaboratively by people all around the world.

Why use it?

I find it a good tool to gather information about a locality when I tackle a new research problem. In many cases I have been able to print useful maps and dates relating to the formation of various towns and counties, as well as to receive links to local organizations and databases.

How to access it?

<http://en.wikipedia.org> will take you to Wikipedia's Main Page. From there you can begin searching for specific information categories. You will also see pointers to lots of background information about the Wikipedia project, which can make for a rather entertaining afternoon's reading.

Example

Recently I began to seriously research the New York counties of Ulster and Greene, two places where my Wright ancestors lived in the mid to late 1800s. My genealogical goal was/is to identify the parents of Smith Wright, my great-great grandfather, who was born about 1795 in Dutchess County, came about 1832 to Greene County, and there soon married "Julia," who had lived all her life in Greene County. Smith probably died some time between 1860-1865, most likely in Lexington, Greene County, where he and Julia had lived and raised their children.

Some of Smith's eight children are shown on census records as living in "Shandaken" in Ulster County. The only place clues I had from a modern-day family member

were "Big Indian Town, 50 miles from the Hudson River in Ulster County" and "Catskill Mountains." I had already found the 1855 New York state census record which described Smith Wright's house as "a log house worth \$20, 1 acre unimproved, and farm value \$100," and I knew that his wife and at least some of his grown children were enumerated on censuses as being unable to read and/or write. Truly slim pickin's that don't bode well for the possibility of many useful family records.

I needed to understand the relationship and the formation dates of these small localities in order to find more family information that might lead me back to "the parents of" Smith Wright.

I logged on to Wikipedia, clicked on the search button and specified "Greene County, New York," followed later by a similar search for "Ulster County, New York." Up came a map and the option of the history of Greene County, along with a list of towns and villages. There was a useful tutorial about the New York state system of towns, villages, and hamlets, which often bear the same names, causing confusion to researchers. I clicked on the town of Lexington (in Greene County) and discovered that the south Lexington town line is the north border of Ulster County. To complicate matters, the town of Lexington contains six hamlets, one of which is named Lexington and another named North Lexington!

A similar search for Ulster County showed that the town of Shandaken was on the northern county border, just south of Lexington in Greene County—apparently close even though they are in different counties. Communities and locations in the Town of Shandaken include the hamlet of Big Indian, as well as Chichester, Phoenicia, Pine Hill, and Shandaken, each of which had been named in the Wright family census records I had gathered. Since all of these places appeared to be close by, and because at least one set of census records showed several family members on two successive pages, I began to sense that they actually all lived very near each other. What piqued my curiosity was a comment written at the bottom of the second page with the name of a head of household, Jacob Moon, followed by the words "the holistics of the above family was obtained of the mother of Mrs. Moon. Visit would have required 22 miles travel to have called at the house."

Later follow-up with a New York state atlas and gazetteer provided insight about the census taker's comment and about living conditions for my Wright family members. The tiny localities mentioned on census records contained only a few (10-20) "houses" and were in "hollows" separated by hills and mountains. Contrary to my hunch that Smith and his children lived near each other, their homes were very isolated and separated, and quite likely many miles apart. The assumption that

households listed near one another on a census record are physically close may need to be challenged.

The combination of information from Wikipedia, a gazetteer/atlas, and census records has provided me with welcome insight into the living conditions of my Wright family.

Now familiar with the territory where family members lived, my next task is to hunt for any extant records that might provide clues as to whether any of his family or friends migrated with Smith Wright from Dutchess County to Greene County in 1832, where in Dutchess County was he born, and then, of course, to the real question... "Who are the parents of Smith Wright?"

Caveat about Using Wikipedia

Don't assume that all information in Wikipedia is accurate. The approach of collective writing without rigid editing that keeps Wikipedia information "fresh" can permit inaccuracies. Use the information as a starting point for your research.

Shirley Sloat

Transforming a German Place Name into a Research Lead

by Don Litzer

If you have the name of a German ancestral place of origin, and especially if you believe that you know the region in Germany from where your ancestors came, several sources may help in verifying that location and furthering your research.

Spotting a place name on a map is important, but only a first step; you need to place it in a context with record sources. For German research, this means identifying the location of the church your ancestors would have attended (important because civil registration was not universal in Germany until 1876) and administrative territories responsible for your ancestors' vital and other civil records.

For years, the standard source for such research was Charles M. Hall's *Atlantic Bridge to Germany* (929 H14a), published in ten volumes from 1974 to 1997. Each volume of this groundbreaking series provides a historical overview, a gazetteer of place-names linking variously to church and civil jurisdictions and records locations, and maps.

The *Atlantic Bridge to Germany* series is now being produced by Linda Herrick and Wendy Uncapher of Origins. A new level of polish and thoroughness is evident in their revised editions for Baden (943.46

H434a), Alsace-Lorraine (944.38 H434a), and Pomerania (on order). The new editions include 1:100,000 scale maps from the Karte des Deutschen Reiches collection representing Germany as it existed prior to World War I, and which include all locations listed in the works' gazetteers. The upgraded historical overviews, rich with maps and diagrams explaining administrative history, territorial changes, and other genealogically significant information, are capped off by useful bibliographies.

If a German village/town/city has its own church, the *Atlantic Bridge to Germany* refers you to available LDS-microfilmed records. However, if a village's residents belonged to another community's church, *Atlantic Bridge to Germany* won't indicate that church's location; you're still uncertain whether useful parish records are available.

Kevan Hansen's *Map Guide to German Parish Registers*, discussed by John Beatty in July's *Genealogical Gems*, addresses this need. Each volume of Hansen's series, following a brief historical overview, has two sets of outline maps (one each for Lutheran and Catholic churches, Germany's principal confessions, with a narrative covering other religions). Each map, which shows the approximate parish boundaries in an Amt (local civil district), is accompanied by a list of the Amt's parishes including, if its records are filmed, the LDS number for the parish's first microfilm, and a list of the Amt's communities cross-referenced to the parishes by which they're served. At the end of each volume is an alphabetical index to place names.

Map Guide to German Parish Registers (943 H198m) have been published for Hessen (Darmstadt), Baden, Mecklenburg (Schwerin and Strelitz), Schleswig-Holstein and Oldenburg, Wuerttemberg, and Hessen-Nassau.

Options exist for regions not covered by the Hansen series. Brigitte Kreplin's *Die Gemeinde und Wohnplatze Pommerns* (943.16 K88g) links places to parishes and civil jurisdictions in Pomerania. *Parishes of Ostfriesland* (943.52 P219) cross-references places to parishes. For Bavaria, Saxony, and Prussia's provinces, pre-World War I gazetteers, collectively referred to as town gazetteers or Gemeindelexikonen, indicate the parish affiliation of small communities. These are available from LDS on microfilm; see Larry O. Jensen, *A Genealogical Handbook for German Research, Volume I* (943 J53ga), pages 61-70, and Fay Dearden's *The German Researcher: How to Get the Most Out of an LDS Family History Center* (929 D33ga), page 38. For other regions, an area search, beginning with Meyers *Orts- und Verkehrs-Lexikon des Deutschen Reiches* (943 W93m) is recommended.

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