

# DGS Newsletter

## THANK YOU AGAIN, KATE!

by Shirley Stertz Hawn

*The information in this article is a reprint of an article I did several years ago..... However, since there are so few extant records for New Kent County, Virginia, I believe it important to mention them again for the benefit of those who have newly discovered ancestors from that area.*

There are five rolls of microfilm in the Library of Virginia that anyone researching families in New Kent County, Virginia, will want to read. They are records that have been abstracted and compiled by Kate Baggett Roper.

A member of the staff at the library in Richmond told me that Mrs. Roper was from Ohio and her husband was from New Kent County. Since they spent several months each summer in New Kent, she started looking for her husband's ancestors. When she discovered there weren't enough records to keep her busy on her husband's family, she decided to abstract the records of the entire county. *Lucky us!*

Most of New Kent's records were burned in 1787. The County then started sending their records to Richmond for safekeeping, but they burned again during the evacuation of Richmond in 1865. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that we find so few records, and it makes each find, more exciting. I certainly was excited when I learned about these five rolls of microfilm.

This film doesn't circulate, but if you have New Kent ancestors, and plan to visit the wonderful facilities at The Library of Virginia, you will surely want to look at these records. Also, you never know when they might decide to put it on their inter-library loan list.

Some of the records you will find on these rolls are:

- Abstracts of Executor's Bonds 1830 - 1850
- Abstracts of Clerk's Fee Book 1824 - 1826
- Abstracts of Clerk's Fee Book 1839 - 1858
- Abstracts of Land Patent Books 1 - 11, 1623 - 1724
- Abstracts of Personal Property Tax Lists, 1800
- Abstracts of Land Listed as ... Estates on Land Tax Lists, 1782 - 1830
- Abstracts of some marriages and wills.
- Abstracts of some birth records 1675 - 1800
- Abstracts of some death records, 1675 - 1905
- Abstracts of church membership lists including - Corinth Baptist 1877 - 1900
- Emmaus Baptist 1792 - 1900
- Olivet Presbyterian 1825 - 1915
- Black Creek Quaker 1691 - 1810

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**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

**What Can You Do For the Society?**

For many of the members, what they see as the Dallas Genealogical Society's 'face' are our educational and fundraising meetings. In reality we are much more than that. Our society provides support for preserving records of Dallas county, we provide a large number of hours of volunteer time for the Dallas Public Library, and we are 'home' for many other special interest groups in genealogical topics such as German research, Family Tree Maker software, and Digital Imaging.

When there are no seminars, lock-ins, or institutes, the officers and volunteers are helping in the library, transcribing records for the Journal, running Special Interest groups, scanning documents, planning next year's events, writing newsletters, etc. There is considerable work going on year-round just to run the society such as checking in people and running the hospitality table at the regular meetings.

Hank Jones in his book "Psychic Roots" describes many serendipitous genealogical finds, genealogical discoveries with a little help from above. I personally found that these occur when I have been generous with my time and gifts. Look around the society. Find ways to "Pay it forward." Be attentive to opportunities to help. If you see someone at the library looking rather puzzled or waiting a long time for the librarian, do something nice for them, offer to help. If they appreciate the help you have given, just let them know that you want them to do something unexpected for someone else.

Our members are generous with their time as well as the money to attend our fundraising events. However, we could do more! The infrastructure it takes to run this over 1000 person society is increasing as our membership and activities increase. So far we have managed to 'make do' with the volunteers that we have. If you can make phone calls, stuff envelopes, transcribe documents, or do data entry, please let our volunteer coordinator know. ([volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org)) Volunteering is a way to get to know other society members and make a difference in our impact on the library.

Come join the fun!

*Jeri Steele*

**HAPPENINGS AROUND  
DPL'S 8<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:sig@dallasgenealogy.org)

**Welcome To Our New Members**

Rachelle DuBose Caruthers

Sandra J. Crowley

Amy E. Halbrook

Alvin E. Harper

Bee Skinner

Gloria Young

Wennette Pegues

**HATS OFF TO:**

Announced in *Columns* (newsletter for International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (ISFHWE): Category III – Original Unpublished Stories. Marie Navarro won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Category III of the annual ISFHWE awards. This category was for original, unpublished articles between 1,000 and 3,000 words. Marie is a newcomer to genealogy research, a member of DGS and a participant in the Beginning Genealogy class. According to Marie, this was the first awards banquet she has attended, which was held at the National Genealogical Society Conference in Richmond Virginia last month. Congratulations Marie!!!

**Monday: 26 November**  
**Speaker: Sharon Gayle**  
**Topic: Oral History**

**Monday: 10 December**  
**No General Meeting**  
**Awards Banquet**

We need a head count! If you plan on attending, send an email to [celebrate@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:celebrate@dallasgenealogy.org) and give us your name and the number attending so we make sure there is enough food for everyone.

**DGS Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**

**SOCIETY PROGRAMS**

**DGS General and Special Interest Group meetings are held at the Dallas J. Erik Jonsson Central Library**  
1515 Young Street  
in the Plaza Level Auditorium,  
unless otherwise noted.

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

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

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

At 6:30, Lloyd 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.

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](http://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.

**03 Nov: 10:00 Family Tree Maker - Misc. Sourcing**  
[ftmmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:ftmmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org) for an email reminder

**03 Nov: 1:00 British Research Group – Finding Aids from the Family History Library –**  
[brgmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:brgmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org)

**03 Nov: 3:00 Internet for Genealogist Interest Group - Ellis Island**  
[internetmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:internetmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org) for an email reminder

These will meet in the 7th floor lecture room

**Nov. 6: Computer Interest Group - Clooz** with Liz Kutz-6:30 Auditorium for a meeting reminder send an email to [cigmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:cigmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org)

**Nov 8: Writing Interest Group** [wigmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:wigmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org) for an email reminder will meet in the McDermott Room at 6:30

**Nov 10: Advanced Methodology Research Group** [amrgmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:amrgmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org) for an email reminder meets in the McDermott room at 10

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### Nov 10: The Master Genealogist

tmgmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org for an email reminder meets in the 7th floor lecture room at 2

### Nov 13: Digital Imaging Group

digmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org for an email reminder will meet in the Hamon Room on 5 at 6:30

### Nov 15: Speakers Roundtable

srtmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org for an email reminder will meet in the McDermott Rooms.

### Nov 20: African American Genealogy Interest Group

aagimeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org for an email reminder meets in the main floor auditorium at 6:30

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## NEW SIGS

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.

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## A Memorial: Ann Melugin Williams (1938-2007)

On July 17, 2007, DGS lost one of its most valuable and beloved members, Ann Melugin Williams. She was an active and contributing member from the time she joined DGS in August, 1998. Among Ann's many contributions to the society, she was instrumental in starting a Writers Interest Group (WIG), whereby genealogists could come together and encourage one another as they developed skills as writers. In memory of Ann's selfless dedication and efforts to help other genealogists, the members of WIG wanted to honor her in a special way. So we invited folks to join us in working the last "assignment" she gave to the group: "Write! Write anything you like!!"

Ann's love for language began early in life. Her family stated that she began reading at age four. Her interest in genealogy began later in life, but it quickly developed into a passion as strong as her love of writing. As the following memories suggest, Ann was generous with her knowledge and compassionate with her criticism. As a leader, she was down-to-earth, approachable, and visionary. She was an unforgettable woman.

I'm still just in shock. A few days prior to going to the hospital several weeks ago, she emailed some answers to a few questions that I had. I regret deeply that

I never had the chance to meet her. What a kind and sweet person she was.

*Jan Litvin*

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Ann served DGS in many capacities, including that of *Journal* Editor during my tenure as President, during which time she remained virtually unflappable no matter what challenges were presented. The quality of her work was top-notch but even more important to those of us who so willingly did/do whatever is necessary to keep DGS the quality organization that it is, she retained her sense of humor and perspective, and helped us all to be better human beings as well as better organizational members.

She "occupied her space" about as well as anyone I ever met and it was a great privilege to know her. She will be missed.

*Shirley Sloat*

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I first met Ann when she placed a notice in the newsletter calling for volunteers to transcribe World War I draft cards for the *Journal*. She quickly became one of my favorite DGS friends. Her infectious, down-home humor and her no-nonsense approach to life made her a joy to know. She talked of starting a writers' group for a year or more before WIG came into being, and I know she looked forward to years of exchanging our writing tips and trials. Let's carry out her mandate and write, write, write!

*Marge Stockton*

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I met Ann last year when I became a charter member of the Writers Interest Group. Ann described herself as "the group's facilitator, *whatever that means.*" Others can tell you more about her history than I, but I want to tell you about her person.

Ann had this infectious sense of humor. Joy seemed to be a central trait for her, such that she would doff a red and green jester's cap at Christmas time just for the smiles it evoked. Her voice was saturated with this Dallas drawl that made you smile in anticipation that she would either tell a funny story or say something worth hearing. Ann had an unforgettable voice and it carried through to her writing.

*Sharon Gayle*

Ann Williams was many things to many people. These are the following words that describe the person we knew as Ann. She was a mother, sister, daughter, grandmother, wife, friend, cohort, mentor, companion, writer, and family historian. She also was witty, humorous, smart, well spoken, and encouraging. And then there was her laugh....Ann was comfortable with who she was and what she was doing in her life. She gave of herself to many and reaped the benefits of the gifts she sowed. We all need to continue to give and follow her example so that others may know her and us in the future.

*Tresa Tatyrek*

My remembrance of Ann is of the 2006 Summer Institute. It was my first year as Executive Vice-President of Fundraising. She walked up to me and handed a book to me by Pat Law Hatcher, *Writing a Quality Family History*. She declared, "I found that I had an extra one, so I want to donate this as a door prize." I had never been formally introduced to Ann officially, but I knew that it was Ann Williams – Her reputation had preceded her.

*Elizabeth Kutz*

Recently, I had jury duty and was dreading it as usual. After arriving, I noticed a lady, who looked very familiar. It turned out to be Ann. I moved over to sit by her and we had a most pleasant chat while waiting for jury selection. It seems that she had planned to do needlework, but was not allowed to bring in her small scissors. We got much better acquainted during the wait for jury selection. I shall always hold that pleasant memory in my heart. She was dismissed, but it seems that I was on a panel that was somehow overlooked. However, in the meantime, the case was settled out of court.

I will continue to pray for the family.

*Joy Wilson Dunaway*

Ann Williams epitomized a great leader and teacher and this neophyte in WIG will be forever grateful for her gentleness and encouragement. I'm

glad I had the privilege of knowing her, if only for a short time. Her influence will be long-lasting.

*Rose Blatch*

Ann Melugin Williams: master and mistress of the gentle nudge. She wanted for us what we want for ourselves, and saw in us what we want so much to see in ourselves: the writer's craft—born of the heart and nurtured by the mind. She was a gentle spirit and she will be missed.

*Bill Deal*

For me, Ann was a delightful friend with a dry sense of humor that I appreciated. She was inspiring, too, in her insistence to just get our butts in our chairs and write. Most interesting, however, was her "goodbye" to me on the day she died. I had been following the email news about her condition even as I traveled around on a research trip. In the Tennessee Room of the Jackson-Madison County Library in Jackson, Tennessee, I was flipping through various books looking for my target ancestors. Suddenly, the flipping stopped and I was staring at the name "Melugin" on the page in front of me. A chill knowledge hit me and somehow I knew Ann was gone. This inner sense stayed with me and later that day I read Tresa's email about Ann's passing. I felt saddened, though comforted, that Ann had obscurely come to say farewell to me. All my blessings and prayers go out to her family and friends in this time of their great loss.

*Happi McQuirk*

I met Ann during her volunteer time on the Genealogy Desk at the library on Wednesday evenings. I was working part-time then and Wednesday was one of my days. From the first time I heard her speak in that wonderful southern drawl, I felt drawn to her. Being from South Arkansas and having quite an accent myself, I felt an instant closeness. I really loved those Wednesday evenings 'cause I would get to see and visit with Ann. Her super sense of humor kept me going throughout the sometimes slow nights.

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After I changed from part-time to full-time in February 2007, I no longer worked on Wednesdays so I didn't get to see Ann like in 'the old days'--seeing her only occasionally during DGS functions throughout the year. Then in June of this year, I worked a Wednesday night. There was Ann. Busy and fun and laughing as usual--southern drawl and all! It was a fun night. Ann stayed late but left before 9 PM; so we said our goodbyes and 'see ya soon.' We both agreed that it was a nice 'reunion'--just like old times. I remember a fleeting thought that passed through my mind--'Ann looked pale.'

I dismissed this bit of intuition and went about closing up shop. Little did I know that it would be the last time I would see her and hear that wonderful southern accent and that ready laughter-- for just one short day later, she was stricken down never to return again.

*Patrick Sturdivant McKinney*

I have known Ann through DGS for quite some time and you couldn't help but like her. During the recent DGS Symposium, Ann came to my Saturday morning lecture to hear what I had to say about newspapers. Due to a misprint of the actual starting time of the lecture, many people were there thirty minutes early. To wing it and pass time, I began talking about my passion for writing memoirs and writing anything genealogical. Since Ann shared that passion, the two of us had a great time that morning telling everyone how stimulating putting words to paper could be. Listening to Ann's enthusiasm for the WIG, I decided to attend the next meeting. Ann had a zest and talent for her creative art. Both Ann and her writings will be missed by the genealogical community. *Rest well, dear scribe.*

*Sammy Townsend Lee*

**Thank You Again, Kate!**  
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The Military records include:

- Abstracts of military pensions

- Claims of the Revolutionary War
- "War of 1812" soldiers from New Kent County

There are also abstracts of some Family Bible Records, Cemetery Records (arranged by church denomination, family name, Indian tribe, and blacks), and Genealogical Notes and Charts.

There are four Account Books. Ms. Roper lists the first three as being in the Virginia Historical Society Collection.

- William Massie, Merchant, Record Book 1748 – 1749, there are over four hundred names listed in this abstract, not including names mentioned with the account name
- Dr. William Hartwell Macon's Patient Account Book 1841 – 1851, over one hundred names including additional names of the families he treated
- John Cunningham's Account Book 1773 – 1781
- William Chamberlyn's Account Book 1788 – 1802, with one hundred and forty-two names listed as being at the Library of Congress.

I don't know much about Kate Baggett Roper or when she abstracted and compiled these records. What I do know is how grateful I am that she did. I found the names that I am researching in many of the records, and now know they did indeed live in New Kent County, Virginia.

Thank you Kate!

The family of Ann Williams sent the following Thank You note:

Dear Members of the Genealogical Society. Thank you so much for the lovely arrangement you sent in memory of Mom. Thank you too for the loving support you've offered our family during this difficult time. My Dad has said several times how much you've expressed your love for Mom & him.

Thank You!  
Charlotte Kibak

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## **1890 Census Reconstruction for Tarrant County, Texas now available**

The Fort Worth Genealogical Society announced a new CD-Rom publication of the 1890 Reconstructed Tarrant County census. The Society created this CD to fill in the gap created by the destruction of the heavily damaged US Census of 1890 by a fire in 1921.

This CD contains more than 131,000 records taken from 15 sources dating from 1890 to 1900. With this information, a researcher should be able to determine the likelihood that a person or family resided in Tarrant County in 1890, thus working as a replacement for this portion of the lost census.

Sources documents used include:

- 1880 Tarrant County Census (a full transcription is included)
- 1890 Tarrant County Tax List (a full transcription is included)
- 1890 Special Veterans Census (partial transcript or abstract included)
- 1890 Fort Worth City Directory
- 1892 Fort Worth City Directory
- 1900 Tarrant County Census (a full transcription is included)
- Obituaries and news from the Fort Worth Gazette (partial transcripts or abstracts included)
- Masonic membership records 1889 & 1890
- The Texas State Gazetteer and Business Directory of 1890-1891
- DAR Burial Records of Tarrant County
- Pioneer's Rest Cemetery records
- Southeast Tarrant County cemetery inscriptions
- Cemeteries of Northeast Tarrant County
- Oakwood Cemetery records
- Tarrant County marriage records 1880-1900

The CD-Rom will run on either a PC running Windows or Mac running OSX and Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator. Visit the Fort Worth Genealogical Society online at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txfwgs> for further information.

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## **Colonial New York Deed Book Research**

by Terri Bradshaw O'Neill

Seasoned researchers know that some surprising things can be discovered in Deed Books: naturalizations, proof of marriages, wills, powers of attorney, to name a few. My quest in reading New York Deed Books was to locate deeds for all the properties mentioned in the will of Col.

John Moore (1686-1749) who owned property at the tip of Manhattan and in Orange County, up the Hudson River from New York City. There are at least two sets of records of deeds or conveyances that pertain to New York City & County and New York State: New York County Land and Property Records-Conveyances 1654-1866, and Deeds 1659-1846 in the NY Secretary of State's Office. The latter group includes Patents. Thankfully, there are indexes (grantor/grantee) and even abstracts to the early Deed Books. Index searches were the first step in locating the deeds of John Moore's property holdings, and I began with the indexes for the New York County Conveyances. When some of the properties mentioned in John Moore's will proved elusive, I then searched the indexes for the Deeds in the Secretary of State's Office, but again I failed to find one particular property: the lot on which John Moore built his "mansion" called Whitehall at the corner of Moore and Front Streets. His will stated that this lot was "bought of the Corporation." Checking every available index, I could not find the Corporation of New York as a grantor, or John Moore as a grantee for this specific lot. However, in the process of the search, there were some nice little surprises and discoveries. I discovered that John Moore owned & sold a lot on Broadway before he made his will. Finding that deed, in Deed Book 14 led to the startling discovery that John Moore's son, Stephen, from whom I descend, was the clerk who transcribed most of Deed Book 14, as well as all of Deed Book 15 & some of Book 16. The remarkable thing about this discovery was that virtually nothing was known about Stephen Moore's adolescence & young adulthood until he was commissioned a Lieutenant in the NY Provincial Troops at age 23 in 1757. Fortunately, having studied Stephen Moore's handwriting in letters, petitions, memorials, ledgers and account books, it was instantly recognizable to me.

Another item found in the Deed Books-Secretary of State may have been an early attempt to copyright intellectual property. In Deed Book 22, "Noah Webster, Jr. agreeably to an Act for Promoting Literature...on 25 May 1786 entered his name as author of 'A Grammatical Institute of the English Language in Three Parts.'"

In Deed Book 23, John Wigmore was granted a pardon for Piracy, 4 November 1782.

Deed Book 9, covering the time period of 1684-1703, contains this very unusual document: "A License granted to Warner Wessells & Antie Christians to ask, receive & collect the Christian Benevolence of all good people under His Excell'ys Government towards the redemption of the son of the said Warner & husband of said Antie from slavery in Algiers. Stephen [van] Cortlandt, Esq., Peter Jacobs Marius, John Korbyll & John Kip are appointed the receivers and managers thereof & to be accountable to His Excell'y or the Governor or Commander in Chief of the Province of New York for the

time being for the money levied by the warrant dated 8 Jun 1693." The people of New York were asked to make donations to ransom Mr. Wessells. One wonders how he came to be enslaved in Algiers. Perhaps he was captured in a naval battle.

Take a look at Deed Books. You might find something you didn't even know you were looking for!

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### I'm Here to Pick Up My Family Tree

Heather Williams, Manager  
History and Social Sciences/Genealogy

Recently, a Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section staff member had a patron approach the desk and say "I'm here to pick-up my family tree". With databases such as Ancestry.com and *Heritage Quest*, users are more apt to realize immediate success when starting a family history research project and can begin the task of building a family tree.

With the advent of the Internet, library users are more apt to say "I have four hours available, and I want to do my whole family tree". While this is not a realistic request, Ancestry.com is a great place to start for all researchers and is particularly user friendly for the beginning researcher. Because of the popularity of this database, Ancestry.com was added to all Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section public computers in February 2007. One Genealogy Section staff member said, "Our public is clamoring for this database. We already have *Heritage Quest* and with the addition of Ancestry.com, the library will have the two most powerful genealogy databases available for our users."

Ancestry.com has received many accolades over the years for providing access to more database information and resources than other genealogy search sites on the web. Ancestry.com contains more than 3 billion names, 10 million U.S. Federal Census images and 24,000 searchable genealogical and historical databases. In the last several months, Ancestry.com promoted its U.S. Military Collection as one of the largest collections of American military records available and searchable online, featuring more than 90 million names spanning more than four centuries of American history from the colonial period to the Vietnam conflict.

Ancestry.com updates their database every business day and is the best site for U.S., English, and Canadian ancestry. In addition, the database is adding other countries' records at a fast pace. Although some of the information can be found on free websites, Ancestry.com brings these websites together under the umbrella of one search engine so a researcher can seamlessly

move from one site to another. One of Ancestry.com's strengths is its search engine which is easy to navigate even for the novice. The Genealogy Section staff also touts the every-name index which is available for most U.S. Census years. Another important feature of this database is the ability to magnify images or pages before printing out information. Many of these features are unique to *Ancestry.com*

Ancestry.com is a welcome addition to the Genealogy Section computers and will be a way to simplify genealogical research for many library users. As with any research tool, researchers still need to go the additional step and verify their information by searching the original source record. The Genealogy Section staff is here to assist with any of the unit's databases or serve as a guide to the extensive genealogical collections available at the Dallas Public Library.

Editor's Note:

The Ancestry.com Library edition does NOT include the following databases:

- One World Tree
- Obituary Collection
- Historical Newspaper Collection
- ProQuest's Genealogy and Local History Books that are in the HeritageQuest Online Collection
- PeopleFinder
- International Collection

Also, the Ancestry World Tree and the Ancestry Message Boards are read-only in the Library Edition. Users can not upload GEDCOM files, post messages or reply to messages using the Ancestry Library Edition.

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### NEW MILITARY RECORDS AT ANCESTRY.COM

The following announcement has been released by The Generations Network, the parent company of Ancestry.com:

Ancestry.com is announcing it has launched the largest collection of U.S. military records available and searchable on-line, featuring more than 90 million names that span more than four centuries of American history from the 1600s through Vietnam.

This U.S. Military Collection includes exclusive record sets such as the only complete collection of WWI draft registration cards and commemorative military yearbooks and newspapers. Combined, the records bring to life the stories and sacrifices of the millions of brave men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.



Ancestry.com's U.S. Military Collection captures all major wars and conflicts from American history, including the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts as well as the Spanish-American War and the War of 1812.

The eclectic volume of records features more than 700 databases and titles and 37 million images of original and often personally autographed documents including:

- World War I and World War II draft registration cards
- Prisoner of war records from the War of 1812
- Civil War, World War II, and Korea muster rolls (unit rosters) for the Marine Corps
- 1893-1958 and WWII U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier muster rolls
- 1939-1949 U.S. Military burial registers
- 1768-1921 Service Records from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War
- Civil War Pension Index
- Casualty listings from WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam
- WWI and WWII Stars and Stripes Newspapers
- Young American Patriots Military Yearbooks (post WWII)
- Rare historical media such as the United Newsreel Motion Pictures (1942-1945)

These and other records make Ancestry.com the only on-line source for all 267 counter-propaganda films shown in U.S. theaters and abroad during WWII. Produced by the Office of War Information and financed by the U.S. government, the United Newsreels consisted of several short stories concerning Allied military operations and were reportedly released in sixteen languages. Newsreels were also dropped behind enemy lines in a German language version and distributed in friendly and neutral countries.

For more information on Ancestry.com's U.S. Military Collection, visit <http://www.ancestry.com/military>

**New York Gravestone Photo Project**  
<http://newyorkgravestones.org>

The mission of the project is to capture digital images of gravestones across New York State. As decades pass--many stones are becoming harder, if not impossible, to read the inscriptions they originally contained.

It is the goal of the website to save these important records by archiving the images and also assisting researchers in using this valuable resource. Over 11,800 gravestone photo records from across New York are currently available. Searches can be conducted by

county, by cemetery or by surname. A sample search would reveal the following information:

Name	Cemetery	County	Updated
PETTIT, Emma	Foster Hill * Cemetery	Saratoga	2006-12-10 01:01:15
PETTIT, Florence L.	Foster Hill * Cemetery	Saratoga	2006-12-10 01:01:19
PETTIT, Frances L.	Foster Hill * Cemetery	Saratoga	2006-12-10 01:01:25
PETTIT, George C.	Foster Hill * Cemetery	Saratoga	2006-12-10 01:01:30
PETTIT, Hiram A.	Foster Hill * Cemetery	Saratoga	2006-12-10 01:01:37
PETTIT, John	Foster Hill * Cemetery	Saratoga	2006-12-10 01:01:43
PETTIT, Mary E.	Braman Corners Union Cemetery	Schenectady	2006-12-03 14:09:27
PETTIT, Peter	Foster Hill * Cemetery	Saratoga	2006-12-10 01:01:51
PETTIT, Sally	Foster Hill * Cemetery	Saratoga	2006-12-10 01:01:57
PETTIT, Silas	Batter Street Cemetery	Schenectady	2006-12-03 01:00:47
PETTIT, Susanna H.	Foster Hill * Cemetery	Saratoga	2006-12-10 01:11:01
PETTIT, William E.	Foster Hill * Cemetery	Saratoga	2006-12-10 01:02:05
PETTIT, William K.	Braman Corners Union Cemetery	Schenectady	2006-12-03 14:09:20
PETTIT LOPER, Lucinda	Charlotte Cemetery	Monroe	2006-04-17 23:38:14
PETTIT LYON, Sebra	Maplewood (South Corinth) Cemetery	Saratoga	2006-08-19 15:55:31
PETTIT SLAWSON, Sally	Batter Street Cemetery	Schenectady	2006-12-03 01:01:56
WILEY PETTIT, Mary E.	Braman Corners Union Cemetery	Schenectady	2006-12-03 14:09:37

Clicking on the name will bring up the image of the gravestone such as the one shown below along with the cemetery, county, inscription and the contributor's name and email address underneath the gravestone.



**Emma PETTIT**  
**Foster Hill Cemetery**  
**Saratoga County, New York**  
 Contributed On: 12/9/06  
 by ThmsDunne9 [at] aol [dot] com

The project managers are currently seeking volunteers to help take and upload photos for many counties across New York. If you have an interest in volunteering for this rewarding part-time activity, or you have photographs to submit, please contact the state administrator at the website.

**Map Your Ancestors on a Google Map**

<http://blog.eogn.com/shared/image.html?/photos/uncategorized/2007/07/25/map.png>. One of the coolest Web 2.0 applications I know is MapYourAncestors.com. The site will convert a list of your ancestors' birth, marriage, death, and other locations to points on a map. The service will then plot those points on a Google Map. In fact, it will even accept pictures, if you have them, and show them as thumbnail images on the displayed maps. Information can be displayed on maps, on satellite images, or as traditional pedigree charts. Best of all, the site will even accept data from the Mormons' web site at [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org) and from the big web site at [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com).

The results are displayed on your computer's screen. You can optionally use the standard Windows and Macintosh screen capture commands to copy-and-paste the maps into your word processor, genealogy program, or any other program.

Family Tree Maps are not the only service available. MapYourAncestors.com also offers the following:

**Life Chronology Maps** - Trace your ancestors around the globe as you record their life events. Upload photos to add life to your maps.

**Satellite Maps** - Overlook your ancestor's home from above. Draw any route on this map. (The satellite photos are obviously all made in recent years.)

**Family Directory Maps** - Whether it be your family directory or favorite camping spots, use MapYourAncestors to display and share your favorite spots.

**Event Chronology Maps** - Keep track of last year's road trip or backpacking adventure. Zoom in on the satellite map.

You can publish your maps and receive a URL. At any time in the future, you can give that URL to someone else in an e-mail or on a web site. The recipient can click on the URL and then see your map, with all your data shown, within seconds. I can see a lot of use for this in family newsletters or in the next Christmas e-mail greetings you send. You can show the route you covered on this year's genealogy cruise!

On the downside, data entry is rather tedious in this application. You have to enter each person's name and all the relevant facts by hand. It would be nice to be able to upload a GEDCOM file, but I could not find any option for that. Of course, if your data is already on FamilySearch.org or on Ancestry.com, you can save time by importing that data directly into MapYourAncestors.com.

I used the Family Tree Maps to display several generations of my ancestors. I then had a lot of fun plotting out my own travels over the years in a Life Chronology Map. You can do the same.

MapYourAncestors.com is available free of charge although the web site operators do accept support through donations. The site also features affiliate ads.

To try a neat application, go to <http://MapYourAncestors.com>.

Posted by Dick Eastman on July 25, 2007 | [Permalink](#)  
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**Comments**

I agree. It looks like fun. I'm curious about your comment "used...to display several generations..."

Unfortunately, I cannot figure out how to get beyond the right-hand limit on the pedigree chart. I thought that when I entered a person in that column, I would get a hyperlink allowing me to extend the tree further back in time. That doesn't seem possible and really limits what I can do.

Any suggestions? Maybe I'm missing something simple...

Posted by: Dave | July 26, 2007 at 02:37 AM

This looks like a wonderful tool! I tried a basic Ancestor Chronology and it worked well. I did have a couple of concerns with the dates. For one, there didn't seem to be an option to display the dates the "correct" way (14 July 1893). The default is MM/DD/YYYY. Also, I had to choose a month and day from the drop-down menu, then specify that MM/DD were unknown when I only knew the year - I wasn't able to just enter the year. Still, MapYourAncestors is a lot of fun, and I can see myself experimenting with it quite a bit more. Thanks for letting us know about this one!

Posted by: Carol Anderson | July 26, 2007 at 06:08 AM

Hmmm.... The Bush sample doesn't show the correct pinpoint for Kennebunkport, ME. Worries me about the accuracy for other places. Cool idea, though, with a little tweaking.

Posted by: Laraine | July 26, 2007 at 08:17 AM

I think the graphics generated would make really attractive additions to a family history. Also, they could enhance cluster research projects.

Happy Dae.

<http://www.ShoeStringGenealogy.com/ssg1.htm>

Posted by: Happy Dae | July 26, 2007 at 10:31 AM

Great idea, BUT enrolling, (8-10 questions) like so many programs on the internet, needs to be simplified. If it ain't simple, it ain't going on my computer.

Posted by: Chick | July 26, 2007 at 11:29 AM

I tried to import info from Ancestry.com, but a window pops up saying: "Supplier is no longer participating in this program".

I am too lazy to fill all those boxes in, but I love the idea of the program. Very nifty.

Cecilia

Posted by: Cecilia Rosenberg | July 26, 2007 at 11:45 AM

Hi:

Unless I'm missing something. I could find no link to import my genealogical information from FamilySearch as mentioned in your newsletter quote: "Best of all, the site will even accept data from the Mormons' web site at [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)"

I do not see any point in having to input all my details again.

Posted by: Allan | July 26, 2007 at 11:45 AM

Thanks for pointing that out. I quoted information on the site that claims that it imports from FamilySearch.org and from Ancestry.com. I don't have any information stored on those sites so I have no way of testing that. I did manually enter a bit of my own ancestry and that worked fine. I then created a Life Chronology Map showing some of my travels over the years and that also worked well.

- Dick Eastman

Posted by: Dick Eastman | July 26, 2007 at 11:50 AM

Here's another way of doing this..

<http://roger.lisaandroger.com/getperson.php?personID=116&tree=Roger>

The page features an add on to the TNG software that I helped develop that uses the Google maps API to put maps onto several of the different page types in TNG, and includes a mechanism in the Admin area of TNG to let you look up places using Google maps to get the latitude and longitude

Here are examples of other pages with Google maps in TNG

<http://roger.lisaandroger.com/headstones.php?country=New+Zealand&tree=>

<http://roger.lisaandroger.com/showmap.php?cemeteryID=8&tree=>

[http://roger.lisaandroger.com/placesearch.php?tree=&ps\\_eaarch=Cockburnspath+Churchyard%2C+Cockburnspath%2C+Berwickshire%2C+Scotland](http://roger.lisaandroger.com/placesearch.php?tree=&ps_eaarch=Cockburnspath+Churchyard%2C+Cockburnspath%2C+Berwickshire%2C+Scotland)

This "add on" has been incorporated into TNG since Version 6.1.0

Seems like this new site requires you to have a duplicate publishing effort somewhere, which if you've already got your data online isn't so "easy."

Cheers

Roger

Posted by: theKiwi | July 26, 2007 at 12:25 PM

The MyMaps section of [maps.google.com](http://maps.google.com) is far more flexible than [MapYourAncestors.com](http://MapYourAncestors.com). GoogleMaps allows you to customize every 'placemark' with ANY text you want (whether it's in your GEDCOM or other genealogy database file or not). Additionally, GoogleMaps provides tools to draw adhoc lines and areas. Of course, you can save these as "collections" to be retrieved anytime later. Microsoft's [local.live.com](http://local.live.com) offers similar tools (and, in some respect many more tools). The only drawback to the Microsoft facility is that you are limited to 10 datapoints per map/collection. If you only want to map 10 or fewer points at a time, [local.live.com](http://local.live.com) is far superior to [maps.google.com](http://maps.google.com) IMHO.

Posted by: Ron Arons | July 26, 2007 at 01:04 PM

This is an OLD site--note the date on the site is 2005 and the blog only goes through 2006. Without a way to import a gedcom or other online tree, manually entering data is really not convenient--would rather use my Family Atlas, as it imports my gedcom file and does the same mapping.

I remember checking this site out some time ago and noting nothing had changed or improved. If you're just a 5-generation family trying to keep track of each other, then fine. I notice the Geni site has the mapping built-in--but only for a limited number of people, so that really isn't so great.

Again, a great idea, but it has not been properly developed yet and a bit premature advertising the site--especially as the Ancestry.com is no longer functional.

Posted by: Pat | July 26, 2007 at 05:03 PM

As far as I can tell they've done little to update this for the last year, based on the blog update notes and having checked the site a few times over the past year or two. They do offer an interesting peek at how we might expect mapping to develop in genealogy software.

I think GeoGED is a bit more developed and maintained, though it also requires a bit more effort to subscribe (free, I think) and uses Google Earth (free download). <http://geoged.com/page.php?lang=EN> -- the main site is French so click the British flag if you just type in [geoged.com](http://geoged.com).

I think Map Your Ancestors is an interesting demo but it's essentially a vehicle for trying to get commissions on Ancestry sales and Google ad sales. And in that respect it's not very clear that it's not affiliated with Google or Ancestry - yes, there is fine print at the bottom that says it's not affiliated, but it really should be a little clearer on that.

It's built on a demo of Google's maps API so they can't charge for it, and the site is therefore probably limited to 50,000 place lookups a day unless it pays Google for commercial use. I was pretty excited when I first saw it, but over a year later it just doesn't seem to have evolved much.

With Google's current heavy marketing of free use of the map search API and encouragement of "mashups" merging different data sources I'd expect a lot more sites like this and applying mapping to genealogy in the near future. It's to the point where you don't really have to be a programmer to be able to map a database.

The FTM 2008 beta includes some new mapping features but is pretty limited and could really benefit from migration paths like this. They're tapping into the Microsoft mapping tools instead, which I suspect could be a decision that ends up limiting them while Google mapping holds a bigger share of online mapping.

Posted by: Mal | July 26, 2007 at 05:25 PM

Hi Dick,

I tried out the program and also got the message, "Supplier is no longer participating in this program". I don't have the time to re-enter all my data. Terry Mulcahy

Posted by: Terry Mulcahy | July 26, 2007 at 09:45 PM

Another alternative to Google Maps is Microsoft Virtual Earth (<http://maps.live.com/>). For free, you can create and share any kind of map all online. I used it to create a map of cemeteries relevant to my family tree (<http://local.live.com/?v=2&cid=4BEF5ABF5C30E181103>). One limitation I've found with Virtual Earth (and, I suspect, exists with Google Maps, too), is that you can only add a bookmark by dragging and dropping onto the map. Many times, I have the GPS coordinates of a location and would rather use those to place my bookmark. To get around this, I ended up writing my own program using Microsoft's Virtual Earth API—the API will let you input coordinates. Then, I would manually match up my results with the online map I was building—very sloppy, but better than nothing. Anybody know of a better approach if you have GPS coordinates? BTW, that TNG site builder app looks awesome. Can't believe I missed that one!

Posted by: Brad Butts | July 27, 2007 at 09:17 AM  
What's "TNG"? Do they mean TMG?

Posted by: Jane R. Hubbard | July 27, 2007 at 09:41 AM  
"TNG" stands for "The Next Generation," an excellent genealogy package that installs on a web server. Hundreds, possibly thousands, of people have built genealogy web sites by using TNG. You can find some of my past articles about TNG at <http://www.google.com/search?oe=UTF-8&ie=UTF-8&q=tng&btnG=Google+Search&domains=http%3A%2F%2Ffeogn.com&sitesearch=http%3A%2F%2Ffeogn.com>  
- Dick Eastman

Posted by: Dick Eastman | July 27, 2007 at 10:04 AM  
I created MapYourAncestors.com in 2005 - Thank you Dick for blogging about it. Because Ancestry.com & FamilySearch.org have changed their codebase, not all of the integration features are currently operational. However, all of the features once registered function correctly; such as the family tree maps, life chronology maps, and pedomoder maps.

If you check back in a few weeks, I should have the integration features back up & much improved and further down the road have profile integration with <http://HumanMaze.com>.

Posted by: Phillip Olsen | July 27, 2007 at 05:18 PM  
One of many of Steve Morse's many tools (available at [www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org)) is a mapping tool that allows you to input longitude and latitude coordinates to be mapped by any one of a number of different mapping tools/services, including GoogleMaps and Microsoft's local.live.com

Posted by: Ron Arons | July 28, 2007 at 04:00 PM  
I'm working on a few maps using the "My Maps" tab at Google Maps, coupled with Picasa for documents and photos. The URLs are ridiculously long, so I've put in text links on my website to two of the maps at <http://lauraprescott.com/links.htm#maps>. Both maps are works-in-progress, but they demonstrate a few options for putting your ancestors on the map.

You can also export a KML file for use with Google Earth.  
Laura

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## Unlocking the Vault: Conversion to Digital Records is Progressing

By Brittany Karford, Church Magazines

Members may not have to wonder what lies behind the 14-ton vault door at the Church's Granite Mountain Vault Records (GMRV) facility for much longer. In as little as 10 years, much of its genealogical collection may be at their fingertips. The billions of names preserved on microfilmed records at the vault are being converted to digital images that can eventually be viewed online at FamilySearch.org and ultimately searched in and linked to an online index. The process of digitizing the microfilm is now faster than ever through a "bleeding edge" technology system called FamilySearch™ Scanning.

"I call it unlocking the vault," says Heath Nielson, the program's lead software engineer. "I cannot wait for the day when accessibility to these records becomes available to all." When that day comes, the records will be available to everyone, both Latter-day Saints and the public—"God's children everywhere"—according to the project team. And for those researching family history under either title, it will mean no more microfilm, and no more eyes strained from looking at film under dim light. The vision, says Brent Thompson, director of records preservation, is that in the future members in Lima, Peru, who now wait up to six or eight weeks for microfilm, will be able to go to a family history center or anywhere with Internet access and look at records with the click of a button. It is a giant first step toward putting most of the family history collection of the GMRV online. Online images and indexes of birth, marriage, and death records from all over the world may altogether change how family history work is done.

Currently, only a minority of members pursue family history work, but the accessibility enabled through FamilySearch Scanning will make it simple for anyone with Internet access to get involved. Brother Thompson believes they will, though at first he didn't dream digitizing the collection would be possible. "I couldn't imagine it possible in my lifetime," he says. "I couldn't imagine it possible in my children's lifetime." At the rate they were going prior to the FamilySearch Scanning technology, it was estimated that it would take 120 years to convert applicable films to digital. That same projection is now less than 30 years, perhaps sooner with planned expansions of additional scanners. The team that couldn't fathom living to see the end result will now be the team that will someday complete the digitizing process.

So how does it work? One vault worker loads rolls of film into a pod of scanners and presses "Go". The scanner then takes one comprehensive video picture and transfers that continuous file to another computer, where an application analyzes the contrast of the ribbon for quality and splits each frame into individual JPEGs (a digital file of an image). To finish, a good pair of eyes reviews the job and processes the newly created JPEGs. The digital images are then readied for use by the Church's online indexing program, where volunteers over time will help extract the birth, marriage, and death information from the images to create free searchable indexes online (like the 1880 U.S., 1880 Canada, and 1881 British Censuses currently found at FamilySearch.org). This is a great improvement over the process used just a little more than a year ago, where one person had to be present throughout the entire process, manually scrutinizing each frame. Through three to four feet of film, one technician would adjust the light and contrast with the film density changes, watching every image come across the screen and cutting it out. "We thought, 'How can we apply computer technology to save these poor people's eyes?'" explains Derek Dobson, product manager. "And how can we more quickly convert these microfilms to digital images so people can access them more readily on the Internet?" Enter Heath Nielson and a team of engineers. Not only does the computer system they developed speed the process up, but by taking the frames on a continuous file, it retains the contextual information of each slide as a piece of a whole. "In the computer, it's not piecemeal. You can look at a single frame next to its neighbors, and it tells you something about it," Brother Nielson says. Also, with the manual process there was no way of knowing if they had missed an image, something that is not a factor with the continuous file.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Monday, December 10 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](mailto:awards@dallasgenealogy.org).

Make your reservations now! We need a head count for the dinner part, so please send an email to [celebrate@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:celebrate@dallasgenealogy.org), call the voice mail (489-948-1106) and leave a message, or catch Janet Branstetter or Liz Kutz and tell them so your name will be on the list.

## 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, January 26, 2008

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Place: J. Erik Jonsson Public Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, Texas, 8<sup>th</sup> floor Genealogy section

Meals: Light supper and snacks included

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Limit: 100 people

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For more information and registration form, see the DGS website: [www.dallasgenealogy.org/calendar.htm](http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/calendar.htm)

Email: [lockin@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:lockin@dallasgenealogy.org)

Registration must be postmarked by January 19, 2008.

**NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY**

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*\*indicates a major acquisition*

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- \$100 from Admire-Legan Family Reunion; in honor of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck
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- \$25 from Patti Darnell
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**ARKANSAS**

- Abstracts from the Sharp County Record Newspapers. 2 volumes, 1916, 1917. Donated by the Dallas Genealogical Society.

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- Colorado Cemetery Index. Vols. II & III.

**CONNECTICUT**

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**DELAWARE**

- Index of Sussex County, Delaware Wills, 1800-1851.

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- National Intelligencer & Washington Advertiser. 3 volumes, 1844, 1845, 1846. Donated by the Dallas Genealogical Society.

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- Boynton Beach Memorial Park and Mausoleum.

Boynton Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida: Index of Burials, August 1903 through April 2006.

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- Brantley County, Georgia, Cemeteries.
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- Encyclopedia of Chicago. Donated by the Dallas Genealogical Society.
- Tazewell County, Illinois, Marriage Records Index, Vol.5
- Macon County, Il. Marriage Records, Vols. 8-9
- Marriages of Fayette County, Illinois.

**INDIANA**

- Newspaper extracts from the Hoosier State, Newport, Vermillion County, Indiana. 1880-1881.

**KENTUCKY**

- Bullitt County, Kentucky, Tax Lists, 1797-1804.
- Marriage Records of Bullitt County, Kentucky, 1797-1825.
- Genealogical Records of Kentucky Birth and Death Records.
- Bullitt County, Kentucky. Abstract of Deed Book. 2 vols. Bk. A and Bk. B.
- Bullitt County, Kentucky. Court Order Book. Bk. A. 1797-1800.
- St. Francis Xavier Parish. Mt. Washington. 1846-1996.

**MARYLAND**

- Abstracts of Wills, Montgomery County, Maryland. 1826 to 1875. Donated by the Dallas Genealogical Society.
- Carroll County Cemeteries. Volumes 1, 3, 5-7. Donated by the Dallas Genealogical Society.
- Carroll County Election Results for Federal, State, and Local Offices. 1837-2000.
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- Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland, Vol. IX. 1700-1703.
- Back When: The Story of Historic New Market, Maryland.
- Inhabitants of Cecil County, Maryland. 1774-1800.

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- Grave Sights of Cabarrus County, North Carolina. Vols. 4-6.
- Abstracts From Early Newspapers Published in Concord, North, Carolina.

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- Hamilton County, Ohio, Burial Records. Volume 10. Donated by the Dallas Genealogical Society.
- Columbiana County, Ohio. Cemetery Inscriptions. Vols. 6, 8 & 24.
- Oak Grove Cemetery, Bowling Green. Wood County, Ohio.

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- Abstracts of the Washington, Pennsylvania, Reporter. Volume 4, 1820 - 1822. Donated by the Dallas Genealogical Society.
- Death Records of Butler, Pennsylvania. 1852-1854 & 1893-1905.
- Gazetteer and Business Directory of Erie County, Pennsylvania, 1873-1874.
- Trinity Lutheran Church Records, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Volume 4, 1797-1810.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

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**TEXAS**

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- Roster/Aaron Shannon Cole, Chapter No. 2203, United Daughters of the Confederacy. 2 volumes. 1954-55 and 1958-59.
- Atascosa County, Texas Marriage Records. 3 rolls. Donated by the Robert and Elizabeth Bybee Foundation.
- Way It All Began: McKinney, Texas, a History. Donated by Janet Hudson Samuels.
- Yearbook. 1998-2007. (Park Cities Historical Society).
- Yearbook. DAR. Nancy Horton Davis Chapter. Dallas, Texas. 2004-2005. Donated by Margaret A Thetford.
- Rural County Cemeteries of Franklin County, Texas.
- Dallas Social Directory. 2002. Anonymous donation.
- Anderson County, Texas. Marriage Records. 1 roll. Donated by the Robert and Elizabeth Bybee Foundation.

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**GERMANY**

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- Donegal Annual. No. 58 and CD-ROM. Donated by the Dallas Genealogical Society.
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### *Did you know . . . . .?* compiled by Bill Deal (DGS)

The War of 1812 has often been called a "war of paradoxes." For example, the Battle of New Orleans (January 15, 1815) occurred some weeks after the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium (December 24, 1814) which effectively ended the war.

### REGIONAL and NATIONAL EVENTS

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

[newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org).

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

### 9 & 10 November: Texas State Genealogical Society 2007 Conference

Hosted by the Texas State Genealogical Society and the East Texas Genealogical Society at the Holiday Inn Select in Tyler, Texas. Featured presenters will be George W. Morgan and Drew Smith. For further information, visit the Texas State Genealogical Society website at [www.rootsweb.com/~txsgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txsgs).

### REGIONAL CONTACTS

#### Texas State Genealogical Society

Our District 10 elected representative is: Debbie Kunze, 972-906-1972, [dgtipton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dgtipton@sbcglobal.net).

#### Arlington Genealogical Society

Contact Judy Matlock - [hmatlock@airmail.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:scottfitzgerald@tyler.net) for program details.

#### Ellis County Genealogical Society

Meets 1st Monday of month at 7:00 p.m. at the Women's Building in Waxahachie. Contact: Ina Walker, [inagran@aol.com](mailto: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, [bjc1620@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjc1620@sbcglobal.net).

#### Grand Prairie Genealogical Society

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901 Conover Drive. Contact: Barbara Wylie, Vice President of Programs at [barb@johnwylie.com](mailto: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](mailto:gddar@sbcglobal.net) or visit our website at: [www.texasdar.org/chapters/GreaterDallas/](http://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](mailto:AGarza0972@aol.com), 972-841-9455. [home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas/index.html](http://home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas/index.html)

#### Irving Genealogical Society

Meets the third Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Irving Public Library. Contact: Gretchen King, [gdking@ix.netcom.com](mailto:gdking@ix.netcom.com).

#### Lamar County Genealogical Society

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

#### Lancaster Genealogical Society

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Lancaster Veteran's Memorial Library, 1600 Veterans



## RESOURCES and AREA EVENTS

Memorial Parkway, at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Lana Filgo, [lfilgo@swbell.net](mailto: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/~txmhgs/page1.htm](http://rootsweb.com/~txmhgs/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, [norannl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:norannl@sbcglobal.net).

### North Collin County Genealogical Society

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

### North Texas PC Users Group

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

### Pecan Plantation Genealogy Group

Meets at the Pecan Plantation clubhouse in Granbury, Texas, September through May, on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact Micki Burlison, Program Chairman, 817-578-3673, [mickiburlison@charter.net](mailto:mickiburlison@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/](http://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 8<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, and Dec 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact David Dibrell at 972-733-0357 or [ddibrell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ddibrell@sbcglobal.net), or visit the chapter's website at [www.thomasjrusk.org](http://www.thomasjrusk.org).

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## DNA Accepted as Mayflower Descent Proof

This could be a landmark decision for lineage societies. The Mayflower Society has now accepted DNA evidence as proof of a descent from one of the passengers on that little ship.

John Hawes married a granddaughter of Mayflower passenger John Howland, Desire Gorham. Therefore, John and Desire Hawes' children were descendants of a Mayflower passenger. They had a son John Hawes, who left New England and popped up in North Carolina. Same person? If so, his issue could join the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Historian General Ann S. Lainhart and Assistant Historian General Alicia Williams recently accepted this line — on the basis of a Hawes DNA study of the Hawes

Y chromosome. (Hawes Family DNA Project information available at [www.familytreedna.com/public/hawesroots/](http://www.familytreedna.com/public/hawesroots/).)

Everyone involved in DNA genealogy seems to agree that the various lineage societies would accept DNA evidence sooner or later but this is the first such occurrence I am aware of. The fact that the acceptance came from Ann Lainhart and Alicia Williams further reinforces the acceptance. (Ann Lainhart is one of the nation's top experts on Mayflower and other New England genealogy while Alicia Williams is another expert in all the Mayflower genealogies with special expertise in the John Alden family.)

Lainhart notes in an article in the June 2006 issue of The Mayflower Quarterly that the Myles Standish family and the Pilgrim Edward Doty Society are starting Y-line DNA projects. That's the male line, also known as the surname line. ([www.mylesstandish.org](http://www.mylesstandish.org)) and ([www.edward-doty.org](http://www.edward-doty.org)) In the same issue of the quarterly are two articles of interest by Jack Hailman, professor emeritus of zoology at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. They are "On Inheriting Mayflower Genes: A Lesson in Genetics" and "Y-DNA Testing and Jargon De-mystified."

At the Edward Doty website it is stated that the Doty-Doten Y-DNA Surname Project was established in the summer of 2006. There are two purposes stated for establishing the project: (1) to provide a reliable database of likely DNA signatures of the Pilgrim Edward Doty and his sons against which anyone could confidently compare their DNA signature, and (2) to increase the chances of discovering the true origin of Edward Doty.

The Society is using Family Tree DNA to conduct the testing. Links to the FTDNA website has many pages of useful information, including: frequently asked questions (FAQs), inheritance charts explaining the difference between Y-DNA and mtDNA testing. Another link that is provided is to the DNA Heritage website, which has many tutorial pages on Y-DNA, a glossary and a technical overview describing mutations, haplogroups and migration. Other information provided at the website include:

- *"Deep Ancestry, Inside the Genographic Project" and "The Journey of Man - A Genetic Odyssey" both by Dr. Spencer Wells.*
- *"Before the Dawn, Recovering the Lost History of our Ancestors" by Nicholas Wade.*
- *The National Geographic Society's [Genographic Project](http://www.genographic.org) website*

Posted May 29, 2007 on Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter at <http://blog.eogn.com>, and the 28 May 2007 edition of the Bangor Daily News.

Editor's Note: The Dallas Genealogical Society provides genealogical DNA tests at a discount of up to \$60 savings per test using Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) of Houston, Texas. There are several levels of Y-chromosome and mitochondrial DNA tests available, plus several special DNA tests. The test results can potentially help identify a person's strict paternal (Y-chromosome DNA) or strict maternal (mitochondrial DNA) ancestral lines. Along either of those lines, DNA test results can be a door to discovering previously unknown cousins along with an estimate of when someone's most recent common ancestor (MRCA) existed.

An invoice and a test kit will be mailed by FTDNA to the DGS member, using the special group pricing. Normally the test kit will contain two plastic "cell scrapers" and two sample vials with a preservative solution, much as you might have seen on a CSI (Crime Scene Investigators) television program. The DGS member will perform two of the quite painless and very quick DNA sample collection procedures several hours apart, and then return the protected samples via mail to FTDNA in Houston. Complete tests results are made available directly to the DGS member typically within 6 weeks, perhaps sooner.

The Y-chromosome tests for the DNA samples provided by males, are the 12-, 37-, and 67- marker tests which provide "repeat counts" of commonly tested DNA segments along a "non-coding" (i.e., no known active genes; a.k.a. "junk DNA") region of the male-only Y-chromosome. All Y-DNA tests allows a person to identify the ethnic and geographic origins, both recent and in the past on the direct male descending line. The Y-DNA67 test is the highest resolution test available. A perfect match of all 67 markers would show that there is a very tight connection: a common ancestor in very recent times. By joining a Surname Study Group of Family Tree DNA, or using other available "matching" DNA databases, a male DGS member might be able to better identify some of his strict paternal ancestral line.

The mitochondrial tests for the DNA samples provided by any DGS member are the "standard" mtDNA test, the "mtDNARefine", and the "mtDNAPlus", using FTDNA terminology. The test results of these three test levels identify increasing large "base pair" sequences from the non-coding "control" region of the mitochondrial DNA contained in highly varying amounts in the somewhat liquid cytoplasm surrounding the human cell nucleus for most human cells. The mitochondria test not only tests the mtDNA of women but also of men's female lineages. This test will be able to indicate your Native-American ancestry and which of the 5 major groups that settled in the Americas you are most likely to be descended from. Or, it will point to African ancestry or other ethnic origins,

known as the branches related to "Eve's Daughters". Thus, the mtDNA test results can help you identify your strictly maternal (female) ancestral line. A DGS member using mtDNA results might discover a previously unknown cousin related through respective strict maternal ancestral lines back to a common female ancestor.

The company also has comprehensive ancestral tests that combines both the Y-DNA and mtDNA testing in one package. These tests will allow you to establish a clear picture of your direct maternal and paternal ancestry for b. Since both tests include the Y-DNA67 matching, the tests are only for men.

Family Tree DNA has defined and implemented a strict privacy policy to safeguard your DNA. You determine exactly which tests are performed; no other tests are allowed. Your DNA samples are maintained under state and federal privacy and confidentiality legislation. You may choose to have your samples destroyed after the specified tests are completed. You alone determine how your test results are made available and utilized. You may choose to participate in various matching databases where you can choose to release your e-mail address in the event of a close match with a cousin.

Whether you decide to have a DNA test run to match with a particular ancestor, or you're curious as to what your ethnic/geographic origins are, there are many companies offering different services. My Family Tree DNA offers not only the standard genetic testing but also hosts many family association DNA testing websites. At the Hawes Family website, the association's initial goal was to identify the English roots of Samuel Hawes of Virginia. The association is now interest in testing Haweses from all Hawes lines and with all Hawes spellings. It was thought that there were only six lines to be tested, but that number has grown. The National Geographic Society is also working with FTDNA to do a genographic study. Other companies will perform the same tests and produce a report that traces the migrational routes of your ancestors, but does not tie you any with a particular group of ancestors. Unfortunately for genealogists, these tests won't reveal who the ancestor is, just the haplogroup and the area they originate from.

### Texas State Library

The Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building is undergoing a two-year renovation project. The building will remain open throughout much of the construction but services will be limited. Researchers should call ahead when planning a trip to the facility. The contact number is 512-463-5455. If you call ahead, you may discern which documents can be retrieved for you, and they will be pulled in advance of your visit.

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The object of this society shall be: to educate, creating, fostering, and maintaining interest in genealogy; to assist and support the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas, or its legal successor; and to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history.

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## DGS Calendar of Events

### November

- 03 - Sat Family Tree Maker (FTM)Users Group, *Misc. Sourcing*
- 02 - Sat British Research Group (BRG), *Finding Aids from the Family History Library*
- 03 - Sat Internet For Genealogist Interest Group (IGIG), *Ellis Island*
- 06 - Tue Computer Interest Group (CIG), *Clooz*
- 08 - Thu Writing Interest Group (WIG)
- 10 - Sat Advanced Methodology Interest Group (AMIG)
- 10 - Sat The Master Genealogist (TMG) Users Group
- 13 - Tue Digital Imaging Group
- 15 - Thu The Speakers Roundtable
- 26 - Mon DGS General, Sharon Gayle, *Oral History*

### December

- 10 - Awards Banquet

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 7<sup>th</sup> floor lecture room or the McDermott Room on the 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.DallasGenealogy.org) or call the genealogy section of the library at 214-670-1433.

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