

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

# DGS Newsletter



## Right In Our Own Backyard

by Sharon Gayle

A research strategy, familiar to many professional genealogists but little used by less experienced researchers, is exploring the role that local/social history played in the lives of ancestors. Experienced researchers understand that all of us—both past and present—are embedded within a community; we interact with others in a variety of public and private ways. In contrast with the richness of the lives that these records document, these same records can capture only minimal information about the people mentioned within them. Outside of its social context, any document is like a pen and ink drawing. Form can be discerned but with little depth or detail. Even those researchers who approach genealogy as a singular goal of proving lineage often acknowledge that social history can sometimes provide supportive evidence. The easiest records to locate are those which were created and archived by governmental agencies or organizations. But not all ancestors were deeply engaged in such public transactions. Some ancestors left few fingerprints to tell us much about the nature of their daily lives, where they may have spent a brief sojourn or where to look for other records. Even if an ancestor produced such documents as wills, estate records, and other records, understanding the social context in which those transactions were created can help us accurately interpret those records and better understand the lives we study. To that end, the researcher must sometimes look beyond searching directly for public records and explore history found in books, newspapers, and journals from that time period for background information. Occasionally, the researcher may get lucky and find a direct reference to an ancestor, but the research objective that is outlined here is to place the ancestor into historical context. For a particularly reclusive ancestor, news which travels within the community can suggest where else the ancestor may have lived, how weather events or blights may have motivated a sale or mortgage of property. This strategy can be especially valuable to those of us who descend from the nameless masses of ordinary folk. Even if our ancestors left an abundance of public records, exploring the social history of a locale can sometimes offer up insights for interpreting records that we do find. The Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library ranks high among the best libraries in the nation for genealogy in the Southern United States. Yet, there are some lesser known archives right in our own backyard that provide complementary resources, but are frequently overlooked by local genealogists. If you cannot quite afford the trip to Salt Lake City or north to Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and if you cannot find "it" at the Dallas Public Library, consider checking out what is available in our own backyard.

I often travel to Denton to research at the Willis Library at the University of North Texas (UNT). In this article, I will highlight a few of the treasures that are waiting to be discovered by local genealogists. At the same time, I will highlight what I believe to be archival material that can yield a goldmine of information for the family historian.

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## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

Year end brings visits with family, resolutions for the New Year, and cold weather. I don't know if it is the visits with relatives, the storytelling to the next generation, or the act of making resolutions, but it seems everyone I talk with is more reflective at this time of the year. As the board reflects back on what was successful this year, we see tremendous growth in the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and the beginning classes. It fills the teachers with joy to see someone start their journey into genealogical research! This was the hard work of Tresa Tatyrek, Director of SIGs, Janet Branstetter, and Robert Tidwell on the Beginner's Classes along with a large group of dedicated volunteers from DGS.

Next year will see scheduling changes to allow several SIGs to meet on the same day. This move to meeting on Saturdays will allow many of the members that can't drive at night to attend during daytime hours and relieves the SIG leaders from making several trips down to the library after work hours during the month. Some of us might actually find some time to do some research again!

DGS continues to present very, very high quality seminars with nationally known speakers. The challenge has been to keep the costs associated with these seminars low enough to attract the largest audience possible. Unfortunately, the costs for the speakers, caterers, and the syllabus materials increased this year between the time we set the prices and when the events occurred. This means we did not raise as much money for the library this year as we had hoped. You will see an increase in the registration costs for our events next year to reflect these increases so that we can continue to support the library.

Other costs have also caused the society's operating costs to increase. DGS expanded the educational offerings, the insurance went up over 30%, and the Internet hosting charges increased 100%! The board reflected on the need to have a dues increase and has started that process so that we do not have to increase the dues too much at one time. You will hear more about this next year.

One major concern of the Board is communications with the members. The newsletter needs to be timely. Unfortunately, we are seeing a tremendous increase in delivery time. My newsletter was mailed November 12<sup>th</sup> and arrived at my house in Carrollton, December 5<sup>th</sup>! Email from a server can be unpredictable; however,

there maybe some solutions to guaranteeing delivery via emails. Many options will be discussed and explored by the Board to get information out to the members reliably.

On the good side, the new classes and SIGs have brought attention to DGS from new members. These members bring new ideas and enthusiasm to volunteering at DGS. If you have been waiting for someone to ask you to help the work of the society, then please take this column as an invitation to come help out! Volunteer your time at the library on the DGS Help Desk, become a data entry person, or become Sales Director (a great job for two people or couple). We can use all skill levels. You might even learn new computer skills and get a recommendation letter from a board member to use in your next job hunt.

It's been both a challenge and fun to be President of Dallas Genealogical Society. I'm not going anywhere - my role is just changing. Since I have served for three years in an elected capacity, I now move to an appointed role as Database and Server Administrator. My parting thought is that the Dallas Genealogical Society has an outstanding set of volunteers which reminds me of one of my favorite quotes from Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Thanks to the DGS volunteers who helped change the society this year!

*Thanks to Tresa Tatyrek and Elizabeth Kutz for inputs on the information presented about the society status.*

Jeri Steele, President 2006-2007

*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 Patrick McKinney at 214-522-9356.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Murlyn Zeske  
Marie Blackwell  
Christine (Chili) Sanders  
Marianne Szabo  
Carle Greenwood  
Newell and Mary Ann Boughton

**Monday, February 25, 2008**

**A Happy Home Without Husbands. Speaker: Kelvin Meyers.**

**Monday, March 24, 2008**

**DPL's Genealogy Collection. Speaker: Lloyd Bockstruck, DPL.**

**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 topics for this year's monthly meetings will emphasize resources found within our own Dallas Public Library. Be sure to check the website for future speakers and topics.

**Monday: January 28, 2008**  
**Using DPL's ILL for Your Genealogical Research. Speaker: Sherri Lazenby, DPL.**

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.

**Feb 2: 9:30 Family Tree Maker – Data Entry.** For a meeting reminder, send an email to: [ftmmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:ftmmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org). Meets in the Studio on 3.

**Feb 2: 1:30 British Research Group – Bill Dow – Using the Scotland National Archives Web Site** <http://www.nas.gov.uk/>. For a meeting reminder, send an email to: [brgmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:brgmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org). Meets in the Studio on 3.

**Feb 2: 3:00 Internet for Genealogy Interest Group – KS Historical Society and State Archives/Library.** For a meeting reminder, send an email to: [internetmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:internetmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org). Meets in the Studio on 3.

**Feb 9: Digital Imaging Group** For a meeting reminder, send an email to: [digmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:digmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org). Meets in the Hamon Room on 5 at 9:30.

**Feb 9: Computer Interest Group – Tresa Tatyrek - Vista.** Meets at 1:00 in the Hamon Room on 5. For a meeting reminder, send an email to: [cigmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:cigmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org).

**Feb 9: The Master Genealogist** For a meeting reminder, send an email to: [tmgmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:tmgmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org). Meets in the Hamon Room on 5 at 2:30

## GENERAL DGS NEWS

### Feb 14: Writing Interest Group

For a meeting reminder, send an email to: wigmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org. Meets in the McDermott Room on 8 at 6:30.

### Feb 19: African American Genealogy Interest Group

For a meeting reminder, send an email to: aagigmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org. Meets in the East/West Rooms at 6:30.

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## New Education Curriculum Planned

Our 2007 launch of the monthly Beginner's Series was extremely successful. Based on the attendance and comments from our students and members, the DGS Board believes the time is right to launch a comprehensive series of classes that will support the educational needs of our members from beginners to advanced genealogists. We are launching regular monthly education events that follow a comprehensive and structured plan. These classes will be repeated on an annual basis so that you can plan to attend the sessions as you need them. The classes are free and open to our membership and the public.

To avoid conflicts with other Saturday events, these classes will be held on the third Saturday of the month. The first and second Saturdays are reserved for Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings. The last Saturday is reserved for special events including Technology Day, the DGS Lecture Series, and the DGS Institute. Course topics, times, and locations are listed below.

#### Genealogy 101 – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the McDermott Room

- 1 – Getting Started Part 1
- 2 – Getting Started Part 2
- 3 – Internet and Technology
- 4 – Learning from the Family; Finding Existing Research
- 5 – Census Records, 1850-1930
- 6 – Census Indexes, Microfilm and Online Access
- 7 – Progress Review
- 8 – Vital Records – Marriage
- 9 – Vital Records – Birth and Death
- 10 – Cemetery Records
- 11 – Case Study and Review

#### Genealogy 201 – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the McDermott Room

- 1 – The Repetitive Nature of Research; Evaluating Your Progress
- 2 – Research Planning and Strategies
- 3 – Land Records: Introduction

- 4 – Land Records: Indexes, Transcriptions and Abstractions
- 5 – Land Records: Review
- 6 – Census Records, 1790-1840
- 7 – Special Census Schedules
- 8 – State Census Records
- 9 – Marriage, Birth and Death Records
- 10 – Newspapers and Obituaries
- 11 – Case Study and/or Review

#### Genealogy 301 – starts 2009

- 1 – Courthouse Research: County
- 2 – Courthouse Research: State
- 3 – Courthouse Research: Federal
- 4 – Church Records
- 5 – Declarations and Naturalizations
- 6 – Military Records: Introduction
- 7 – Military Records: Draft & Service Records
- 8 – Military Records: Pension
- 9 – Probate: Testate
- 10 – Probate: Intestate
- 11 – Case Study and/or Review

#### Genealogy 401 – 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Dallas East Room

- 1 – Evidence: What Is It?
- 2 – Handwriting – Legal Phraseologies
- 3 – Tax Records
- 4 – Cluster Genealogy
- 5 – Land Platting
- 6 – Common Surnames
- 7 – Burned Counties
- 8 – Backdoor Research
- 9 – Critiquing Others
- 10 – TBA
- 11 – Review

Please feel free to contact the DGS Vice President for Education, the sponsors or instructors for additional information:

#### Genealogy 101

Sponsor: Robert Tidwell,  
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Instructor: Janet Branstetter  
janet.branstetter@yahoo.com

#### Genealogy 201

Sponsor: Janet Kabash  
jadpkh@yahoo.com  
Instructor: Janet Branstetter  
janet.branstetter@yahoo.com

#### Genealogy 301

TBA – to launch in 2009

#### Genealogy 401

Sponsor: Liz Kutz  
flutepipe@sbcglobal.net  
Instructor: Various

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**Willis Library – Newspaper Holdings**

The UNT Library System is designated a major research library by the U.S. Department of Education. Of interest to genealogists, within its holdings there are newspapers on microfilm that date to 1702. In addition to newspapers published throughout the United States, they have newspapers from the following countries: Great Britain, Ireland, Scotland, France, China, India, Mexico, Canada, New Zealand, Peru, Egypt, Germany, and Russia. While some of the foreign newspapers are 20th century publications, others are not. For example, Fig. 1 lists just some of the early newspapers for Great Britain. A full list of newspapers available at Willis can be viewed on the UNT libraries website at: <http://www.library.unt.edu/genref/goldmine/news.htm>.

Fig. 1

Country Journal. London.	1726 – 1733
Court Magazine. London.	1761 – 1765
Daily Courant, London.	1702 – 1735
Observer, London.	1791 - 1793, 1796 – 1820, 1931 – current
Times, London.	1785 – current
Universal Chronicle and Weekly Gazette. London.	1758 – 1760
Weekly Register. London.	1730 – 1735

**UNT Willis Library – Oral History Program Archives**

Another little-used resource is the Oral History Program Archives at UNT. It is also housed at Willis Library on the 4th floor. Even dyed-in-the-wool genealogists and historians are beginning to appreciate the value of life stories for locating and adding depth to the historical documents. Oral history helps capture the tenor of experience of more recent ancestors. Even if you missed the opportunity to gather direct stories from your grandparents, you might look for stories of contemporaries to provide clues to their past. Most history books of wars and battles are told from the perspective of officers and politicians. The story of the everyday soldier, sailor, or marine is largely untold. The disastrous fire at the Military Records Center in St. Louis destroyed the hopes of capturing military service records for research and posterity. So it becomes necessary to look for other ways to fill the void. If your ancestor has died without leaving you this information, you still have a few sources that might contribute to your understanding of that period of his or her life. Oral history transcripts available at Willis might supply some crucial information.

The UNT Oral History Program includes:

the largest public university collection of oral history interviews in Texas, with one of the nation's pre-eminent World War II oral history collections;

the preservation of more than 1,600 bound volumes of oral history interviews, with more than 150,000 pages of transcript;

interviews on local African-American history, entrepreneurial history, university history, histories of the Holocaust, the New Deal, Texas politics, and other subjects

SOURCE: <http://www.library.unt.edu/ohp/collection.htm>

These are but two of the many valuable resources available at Willis Library. The UNT Library System offers much to the researcher interested in genealogy and history. The library's website can be found at <http://www.library.unt.edu>.

**DOLLEY MADISON***Shirley Stertz Hawn*

When the British burned Washington in 1814, Dolley Payne Todd Madison is credited with saving the famous Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington. According to legend, as she stood in the ruins of her White House home, known then as the "Palace," and most were voicing fear for the future of the capitol city, Dolly boldly announced, "We shall rebuild" . . . and rebuild they did.

Dolley Payne Madison was born in Piedmont, North Carolina, on May 20, 1768, to John and Mary Coles Payne. In 1769, the Payne family returned to their Goochland, Virginia, plantation where they remained until they moved to Philadelphia in 1783.

In 1790, Dolley married John Todd, Jr., an attorney in Philadelphia. John Todd died of yellow-fever three years later, leaving his young wife to raise their small son, John Payne Todd.

When her father died in 1792, Dolley and her mother opened their home to boarders. It was here that Aaron Burr introduced the young widow to James Madison. The Payne family were Quakers, and Dolley was ostracized because of her courtship and marriage to James Madison on September 15, 1794.

Although Madison said it was the work of many heads, he has been referred to as the "Father of the Constitution." He also helped shape the Bill of Rights and the first revenue legislation.

The government moved from Philadelphia to Washington City in 1800.

In 1801 James Madison became the Secretary of State for President Thomas Jefferson, and Dolley Madison began her journey as "hostess extraordinaire."

Thomas Jefferson, who was a widower, asked Dolley to serve as his hostess for White House social functions. Since she was free of the Quaker doctrine, Dolley realized she enjoyed giving large dinner parties, wearing bright clothes, turbans, and jewelry. This was a magical time in the new capital, and Dolley was the magician.

Washington has been described as an empty canvas during these early days. Not only was the city itself in its infancy and mostly blank, but there was also a seasonal change of inhabitants from all over the world. The end of Federalist dominance and the emergence of the Republican revolution had to be sorted out, and Dolley helped set the stage for it all.

When she became first lady in 1809, her status in society was already firmly established, and her memory

for names and knowledge of politics was a great help to her husband. Some historians say she was one of the reasons James Madison won re-election in 1812.

In 1817, when his second term of office was up, Dolley and James retired to Montpelier, their plantation in Virginia. Until James' death in 1836, she continued to be the perfect hostess as they welcomed many friends and guests to their home.

After her husband's death, Dolley returned to Washington. However, she was almost penniless. Her son, John Payne Todd, mismanaged their affairs, spent large amounts of money on his every whim, and made infinitely bad investments. In order to pay her debts, she was forced to sell their beloved Montpelier and her husband's Continental Papers.

When she returned to Washington, she was awarded an honorary seat in Congress, which allowed her to watch congressional debates from the floor.

Her friends found ways to supplement her income, and she was able to enjoy her former status in the city she loved and helped create. Her last public appearance was on the arm of President James K. Polk at his last White House reception.

Dolley Payne Todd Madison died on July 12, 1849, at the age of 81. She was buried in the Congressional Cemetery in Washington but was later moved to Montpelier, Virginia, to be with her husband.

According to legend, it was at Dolley Madison's funeral that incumbent President Zachary Taylor eulogized her as "First Lady." This may have been the first use of this title for a president's wife. However, there is no record of her eulogy.

Dolley Payne Madison was of Irish, French, English and Scottish descent. Her family names include Woodson, Coles, Philpot, Winston, Dabney, Ferris, Swan, and Fleming.

If you can prove blood descent from Dolley Payne, you may be eligible for "*The Hereditary Order of the Families of the Presidents and First Ladies of America*." More information is available about the society at their website, including a list of presidents and first ladies with dates of birth, death, and service and a White House link which has biographies and genealogies of past presidents: <http://www.presidentsandfirstladies.org/>.

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### A Letter from Greenville, South Carolina

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At one time letters to home were a great source of news as loved ones visited distant places. The author uses this form, as part of a series, to describe her research experiences in South Carolina.

Greenville, South Carolina  
June 21, 2007

My Dearest Cousin,

Once again, I write to let you know that I am well and continuing my journey in South Carolina for family research. After leaving Morrow, Georgia, I followed the route suggested by my navigator. I am continually amazed by how close these places seem to one another! My mind simply cannot wrap itself around the notion that these southern states are so much smaller than our Texas geography and that traveling between the "farthest parts" takes so little time.

I carefully planned this visit to Greenville, as there is so much that I want to accomplish here. I spend much of my time at the Greenville County Library, which holds a variety of books and microfilm on this small region of South Carolina. Several ethnic groups, including German, Cherokee, and Scots-Irish, played important roles in the settlement of the upstate. The library offers resources for each group and their contributions to the development of the region. Having previously obtained indexes and a catalog of holdings prior to my trip, I came prepared to collect, *en masse*, obituaries, city directories, deeds, and estate records on just our MOOREs alone. My goals are ambitious but achievable.

Factoids gleaned from the Greenville city directories can be the most exciting finds. If you have never looked for family in a city directory, you are overlooking a wonderful resource. Just as with modern telephone books, they list everyone within the designated area, including suburbs.

The back of each directory contained a reverse-index by street. To start, I searched for the ancestor in the alphabetical listing. Noting the street on which they lived, I then turned to the reverse-index entry for that street to learn the names of neighbors. Greenville, situated in the "Cotton Mill Crescent" of the South, had directories that often indicated if the street was part of a cotton mill village. Thus, I was able to learn about neighbors and about where our ancestors likely worked during that period<sup>1</sup>. The information was "delicious."

One staff member, taking an interest in my directory searches, mentioned that the library had vertical files for each cotton mill company that I identified. These files contain news clippings related to important events and enterprises and other artifacts related to these companies. The files are not cataloged in the library's online system; so you must ask for them. She also suggested where other records, such as payroll and business records for local businesses might be found (at other repositories). This information will help plan future trips.

I set aside one day to visit Furman University and the Baptist records archived there. Our mountain ancestors were Baptists. The James Duke Library is the leading repository for Baptist church records in South Carolina. Oh, Cousin, the campus, alone, is worth visiting. At 750-acres, the campus has been called one of the five most scenic university campuses in the nation by *Princeton Review*; and the American Society of Landscape Architects recognized Furman as one of the most beautifully landscaped areas in the country. Indeed, it is. The buildings look as if lifted from Williamsburg, Virginia, great Georgian designs faced with red hand-made bricks. Water fountains jutted up to the sky and large trees lined the campus avenues. I could have enjoyed just wandering the campus, but I was there on a "mission"—I wanted to view church records.

Reading church records can take considerable time. There are no existing indexes. So, I limited my searches to two specific congregations and years between 1795 and 1850. The special collections room—at least the part open to the visitor—is much smaller than I encountered elsewhere but every bit as beautifully appointed and modern as any you will ever see. There was only one microfilm scanner/printer. Yet, I suspect it is adequate for the number of visitors they receive daily. A large worktable next to the scanner made it easy for me to spread out my notes and set up my computer. I worked in happy solitude.

I found a reference to an ancestor who, although not a member of that particular congregation, once provided services to it. This was a fortunate find because the minutes of the church, where he actually worshipped, are now lost.

I wish that I had been able to spend more time there. I am still searching for the burial places of several MOORE ancestors. I hope that they died "good Baptists" who participated in their congregation's history. However, with some of our ancestors, it is a modest hope.

My third library was a serendipitous stop. On my way to visit a cousin to gather oral history, I passed by Southern Wesleyan University at Central in Pickens County. I had

never visited that school but had heard that the Rickman library, there, housed a little known genealogical library, called the Clayton Room. On a whim, I decided to stop to see what resources they might have. None of the genealogical holdings is presently cataloged. However, I did learn that a project is now underway to enter these holdings into Rickman Library's online catalog.

I am so glad that I stopped there. The Clayton Room holds a number of original manuscripts related to the area. I met the Clayton Room librarian, Anne Sheriff. She showed me a wonderful acquisition: the research files of Peggy Rich<sup>ii</sup>. Anne showed me how Peggy organized her files: copies of original supporting documents, neatly filed behind a detailed record of that individual's life and relationships. Viewing some of her files suggested that they were more than just a good resource. Their organization suggested ways I might better organize my own research files. The Clayton Room will surely be a "must stop" when I next come to the area. Once back home, I will be checking Rickman's online catalog to monitor their progress.

Well, Cousin, I have much more that I could share about my stay in Greenville, but I want to save a few items for when I return home. Tomorrow, I leave for Pickens and Anderson counties where I shall enjoy a brief "family reunion" with two 2nd cousins.

I hope that this letter finds you in good health and spirits. Give my best to family.

Your cousin,

Sharon

<sup>i</sup> Several universities in Pickens and Greenville counties have archives of records once kept by local mills. If the researcher can ascertain that an ancestor lived in one of these villages, a search for company records might provide more insight into the ancestor's work life.

<sup>ii</sup> Peggy Rich (1925 - 1999 ) was a prominent genealogist who specialized in the northwest region of South Carolina. She authored or co-authored eight titles related to northwestern South Carolina. The 8<sup>th</sup> floor at the Dallas library holds three of her books. The Fort Worth library holds a copy of her *opus maximus*, a book, entitled *Alexander Families of Upper South Carolina*, co-authored with Marion Whitehurst and Jerry Alexander. (Alas, Dallas does not own a copy.) It is a very large, very well sourced compilation of original settlers in the northwest part of South Carolina and their many descendents.

## **Detective Extraordinaire**

By Marie Navarro

When my cousin Kathie learned I was researching our family and discovered that I had found a number of people that our past family historians had spend years and even decades looking for without success she declared that I was "Detective Extraordinaire." I blushed, and murmured that I had a lot of help because I was taking the beginner series class sponsored by the DGS and they had "teachers extraordinaire." It's not so much that I'm a detective, I tell my cousin, but more that I had the good sense to sign up for these classes, which have given me the knowledge I needed to hunt down and find those hard-to-find relatives.

I know that I am only one of many students who are very grateful that these volunteers were willing to take the time to prepare the lessons and give up a Saturday afternoon to conduct the class. And the most extraordinary of all are Jan Branstetter and Robert Tidwell, who gave up one Saturday a month, each and every month for almost a year now, to make sure the classes ran smoothly. If you were smart enough, as I was, to get to class early, there were always tips and what I like to refer to as 'mini-lessons' from Jan and/or Robert. I always came away from each class, not just with information from the lesson that day, but with other tidbits of information and ideas that almost always resulted in locating documentation for someone. And, on more than one occasion, I learned of a tool or a resource that led to the finding of an elusive relative.

I had been researching for six months prior to taking this class, so my expectation of gleaning a lot of information from the first 'getting started' class was very low. To my surprise I walked away with tools and organization methods that I had not even thought about. This was a very important class and I am glad that I did not skip it. One of the most important things I learned from this class was the Research Log. I had already experienced looking up the same death certificate more than once. There is double disappointment when you realize that you have checked the same source more than once. First, that the source is not the one you were looking for, and secondly, that you wasted time checking something that you had already checked. So keeping a log of what I had researched has not only saved me valuable time but also spared me annoyance with myself for having not remembered.

I found a 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandmother whose name I didn't know at all—not her given name or her maiden name. My great-grandmother's death certificate had that dreadful word "unknown" listed for both her mother and her father. After taking the class on "Learning From your Family", I went back to my father and asked a few very direct questions. Nothing—he said his grandmother



rarely spoke of her parents and he couldn't remember having ever heard their names. A few days later my dad called me and said my questions had started him thinking and he did remember something. He remembered that his grandmother's father had died when she was only a child and that her mother had remarried to one of my mother's uncles. "I hadn't thought about that for years," he told me. "I remember how we all laughed about it being a small world." Now I had a last name, and from that information I not only learned her given name via a census record, but by getting copies of the death certificates of the children she had with her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband, I found her maiden name.

I have found amazing things in the most unlikely of places. I found where a gg-grandfather was buried at findagrave.com, which not only gave me his date of death (and documentation for it) but also that of his daughter, my great grand aunt, who died as a teenager. She was buried next to him. The family had always wondered what had happened to her. Thanks to one of my "teachers extraordinaire," I had found the answer.

In another class, the web site Heritage Quest was mentioned and we were told it was good because you could search for the first name and find a missing relative whose last name was mangled by a census taker with sloppy handwriting. Searching for the first name 'John' is not something I would have ever thought I could successfully find. But using this method and knowing what state and county he was likely to be living in, I found where a gg-grandfather's family was living in 1810 and 1820. Everyone had been searching for these elusive census records for years.

I didn't think I would get much information using tax, court, and land records. Was I ever wrong! These records led to finding the brother of a great-grandfather that no one in the family knew about. Plus, I was able to see where John had borrowed \$30 from brother Richard using two head of cattle for security. I was able to see where one grandfather had purchased 250 acres of land for \$250. Then a few years later this same land was sold by the court for \$18.75 to pay a debt he had not paid. I will be able to write a colorful picture of the activities of many of my relatives using these records.

Each and every class has been of great help to me. I've recently learned there will be an intermediate class next year. I can assure you that I will be first in line to sign up!

So, thank you to all the wonderful instructors who passed on their vast knowledge and made me "Detective Exordinaire," if only in the eyes of my family!

## A PARK BY ANY OTHER NAME

By Shirley Stertz Hawn

What is eighty miles long, covers 180,00 acres, runs through eight counties, has more than one hundred cemeteries, and has been inhabited for more than three thousand years... why the *Shenandoah National Park*, of course.

When you drive its winding road, broken only by the occasional blur of pale pink Mountain Laurel and Queen Anne's Lace, you can almost visualize what the mountains looked like when hundreds of families called them home.

The trees on each side of the narrow road called the Blue Ridge Parkway often meet overhead, giving the impression of driving deeper and deeper into a mysterious forest.

Then, without warning . . . the forest opens and treats you to a panorama of distant mountain ranges and valleys . . . filled with dollhouses and fields, planted in their usual kaleidoscope of patchwork vistas.

These beautiful mountains weren't always a National Park. At one time, they were home to hundreds of families. Before that, much of the area was owned by "powdered wigs," Lord Fairfax, Robert Beverly, Captain Thomas Chester, Jacob Rothget, Jost Heydt, James Barbour, and many others.

Before that they were home to Indians, wild animals, myths, and ha'nts.

Ha'nts rhymes with pants, and some people say if you sit quietly among the stones in one of the old Indian burial grounds, they sometimes give a hint of their presence.

The area's history from Indian and French fur trading in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, to the park's dedication on July 3, 1936, is a long and fascinating story. It's the story of over 1,300 families affected by the decision for Virginia to have a national park.

It's the story of moonshiners, farmers, and miners. It's a story that's fascinating, long, and often sad.

When the Shenandoah National Park became a reality, many of the residents moved on and started anew elsewhere. Some of the older residents were allowed to live out their life on "their mountain," and a few fought the forced sale of their land all the way to the United States Supreme Court.

If you have ancestors who lived in Albemarle, Augusta, Greene, Madison, Page, Rappahannock, Rockingham, or Warren counties, you should check the book, "The

Undying Past of Shenandoah National Park" by Darwin Lambert.

It's the fascinating story of the park. It provides several appendices, giving the name of landowners and squatters living there at the time of the acquisition, the names and directions to family cemeteries, and heads of families living on park land in 1935.

There is also an extensive bibliography of documents relating to the park area and its people, including county histories, personal journals, interviews, letters, maps, pictures, WPA records, and documents listed by family name.

According to the author, he was helped immensely by former residents of the area and their families. They lent family documents, personal correspondence, and family pictures.

As the years pass, there is less and less evidence of the early settlers. A fallen stone chimney or fence come into view occasionally, but mostly, it's the family stories that will survive to introduce future generations to their mountain ancestors.

THE UNDYING PAST of SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK

By: Darwin Lambert

A copy of this book will soon be in the Genealogy Section at the Dallas Public Library.

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### Call for Papers

The Editorial Board invites submissions to the 2008 issue of the *Dallas Journal*. All topics in Dallas County history and genealogy are welcome. In addition to works of genealogical research, the Editorial Board also welcomes review articles. The deadline for all submissions, including articles and book reviews, is July 1, 2008. Specific guidelines for article submissions are posted below.

#### GUIDELINES FOR ARTICLES

**Subject matter:** *Dallas Journal* is a history and genealogy journal for Dallas County and surrounding communities. It publishes articles relating to all facets of the genealogical, social, political, and cultural history of *this geographic region*, including (but not limited to):

- Biographies of deceased residents
- Family group narratives (3 generation is ideal)

- Transcripts and abstracts of civil, religious, and business records not generally accessible elsewhere
- Cemetery inscriptions not available elsewhere
- Bible records
- Obituaries of Dallas natives or residents which were published in out-of-state newspapers
- Transcripts of family records (letters, journals, and diaries) of former Dallas residents

We also consider reviews of books that focus upon Dallas County history or upon genealogical research methods using Dallas County records. "Dallas County" is fairly loosely defined, but could include articles about communities with strong ties to Dallas.

**Audience:** *Dallas Journal* is a membership benefit for members of the Dallas Genealogical Society. Our mailing list also includes libraries and genealogical societies in Texas and outside the state. Our readers have a keen interest in genealogy, but the great majority are not academics or professional genealogists. Therefore, we seek articles that have a wide appeal and are written in an engaging manner. At the same time, we attempt to uphold the highest standards of scholarship: all submissions should be fully documented and will be sent to outside readers for review.

**Length:** Transcripts and abstracts of historical records may vary widely in length. However, research articles (biographies, local histories, etc.) about 3,000-5,000 words (12-18 pages, typed, double-spaced), plus endnotes, are ideal. Shorter articles are acceptable, especially if they are illustrated essays where the emphasis is on visuals rather than text.

**Format:** Please submit a digital file of the article in MS-Word or "rich text file (rtf)" format for review and editing. After the article has been accepted and edited, the author will be given a "proof" of the article as it will appear in the *Journal* for final verification of any internet links and placement of illustrations.

**Style:** Notes and citations should follow *the Chicago Manual of Style* (15<sup>th</sup> Ed.) or Elizabeth Shown Mills' *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*.

**Illustrations:** Good illustrations enhance any article. Include photocopies or digital images of any visuals you feel might illustrate the article. The editor will make a final selection and arrange to acquire illustrations from the owner. Any illustrations borrowed from the author will be returned after publication.

**Miscellaneous:** Authors will receive five complimentary copies of the issue in which their article is published; additional copies are usually available at a minimal charge.

**Inquiries:** Please contact the editor, VP, *Dallas Journal* at: (469-948-1106); or c/o Dallas Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 12446, Dallas, Texas 75225-0446; or [journal@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:journal@dallasgenealogy.org).

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**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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**Make checks to:** Dallas Genealogical Society  
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Dallas, TX 75225-0446

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 18, 2008.

**Technology Day**

**When:** Saturday, 26 January 2008  
**Time:** Registration: 9:00-9:30  
Sessions start: 9:30  
**Place:** J.Erik Jonsson Public Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, Texas  
**Meals:** Lunch included with pre-registration  
**Cost:** Pre-Registration  
\$45.00 Per Person, Member (including lunch)  
\$55.00 Per Person, Nonmember (including lunch)  
Late Registration (including walk-ins)  
\$60.00 Per Person, NO lunch)  
(Membership is \$25.00)

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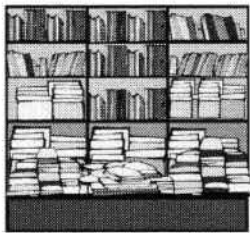
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Email: [lockin@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:lockin@dallasgenealogy.org)

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**NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY**

compiled by: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS



The following contributions have been made to the Genealogy Section.

**UNITED STATES**

- Citing Records in the National Archives of the United States. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- General Society of Colonial Wars. 2004-2006.
- Supreme Court Justices. Illustrated Biographies. 1789-1995.
- Military Service Records at the National Archives. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Omni Gazetteer of the United States. Vols. 1-4, 6-11.
- Who's ho in Entertainment. 1998-1999.
- Writings From the Valley Forge Encampment of the Continental Army.
- Southeastern Broadside Before 1877: a Bibliography.
- Essays in the History of Early American Law.
- Family Names: The Origins, Meanings, Mutations, and History of More Than 2,800 American Names. Donated by Ron McFarland.
- Indian Wills, 1911-1921: Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Vols. 3 & 4.
- America's Wars. Donated by Barbara Baylis.
- Emigrants in Chains. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- History of Rogers' Rangers. Vol. 3.
- Within the Plantation Household: Black and White Women of the Old South. Donated by Ron McFarland.
- Genealogical Proof Standard. Donated by Darth Miller.
- Field Guide to Visiting a Jewish Cemetery.
- Comprehensive Medical Dictionary. Donated by Ron McFarland.
- Combat History of the Second Infantry Division in World War II. Donated by Ed Boehringer.
- Huguenot Genealogies.
- Defenders of the Frontier.
- Who's Who in America. 2 vols., 2007.
- Record Group 24, Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Bureau of Naval Personnel.
- Preliminary Inventory of the Textual Records of the Office of the Surgeon General (Army): Record Group 112.
- America, In Color: One Man's Take on Multiracialism in the United States. Donated by John Bailey.
- Newspaper Genealogical Column Directory. Donated by

the James Butler Bonham Chapter, Daughters of the Texas Revolution.

- In Their Words: A Genealogist's Translation Guide to Polish, German, Latin, and Russian Documents.
- Evidence!: Citation and Analysis For the Family Historian. Donated by Darth Miller.
- Clash of Empires: the British, French & Indian War, 1754-1763.
- Nicknames: Past and Present. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Vidoe Family History. Donated by Ron McFarland.
- National Portrait Gallery of Eminent Americans. 2 volumes.
- Great Minds of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. 2006-07.
- Units of the Confederate States Army. Donated by Ron McFarland.
- Your Swedish Roots. Donated by Dorothy L. Jones.
- Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Post Office Department: Record Group 28.

**ALABAMA**

- Alabama Territorial Papers Index, 1817-1819. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Early Alabama Marriage Records. Groom's Surnames Beginning With "M." Donated by Joyce Ehrenberger.
- Butler County in the Nineteenth Century. Donated by June McKinney.
- Family Maps of Shelby County, Alabama.
- Family Maps of Walker County, Alabama.
- Family Maps of Pike County, Alabama.
- Early Settlers of Pickens County, Alabama. Donated by Ron McFarland.
- Research in Alabama. Donated by Robert M. Clark.
- History of Elgin Crossroads & Nearbys. Donated by Gene Putnam.
- Abstracts From Alabama Newspapers. 2 vols. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.

**ARKANSAS**

- Index to the Arkansas Gazette. January Through June, 1900.
- Family Maps of Lawrence County, Arkansas.
- 1860 Census (Federal); Arkansas: Ouachita, Perry, Phillips, and Pike. Donated by Ron McFarland.
- Northwest Arkansas Connections: Selected Obituaries. Book 5.
- Family Maps of Sevier County, Arkansas.
- Cleburne County Historical Society Newsletter. 2004-05.
- Index of Death Notices Appearing in the Arkansas Gazette. 31 vols.

**COLORADO**

- Place names of Colorado.
- Mine Owners and Mines of the Colorado Gold Rush.
- Family Maps of Bent County, Colorado.

**CONNECTICUT**

- Records of the Society or Parish of Turkey Hills, now the Town of East.
- Catalogue of Barkhamstead Men Who Served in the Various Wars, 1775 to 1865.

**DELAWARE**

- New Castle County, Delaware, Wills: New Castle County, Delaware.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

- Index to District of Columbia Wills, 1802-1920. Donated by Barbara Baylis.

**FLORIDA**

- Too Late For Blood: Florida Volunteers in the Mexican War.
- U.S. & Allied and (sic) Military Veterans Living at Bear's Paw Country.

**GEORGIA**

- 37,000 Early Georgia Marriages. Donated by June McKinney.
- Life in Dixie During the War, 1861-1862-1863-1864-1865. Donated by June McKinney.
- Morgan County, Georgia Deed Books A-G. 1808-1820. Donated by James B. Evans.
- Glynn County, Georgia Marriage Index, 1818-1867.
- Wayne County, Georgia Marriage Index, 1808-1877.
- Warren County, Georgia: Early Marriage Records. Anonymous Donation.
- Pioneers of Wiregrass, Georgia. Vols. 11 & 12.
- Elbert County, Georgia Deed Books. 3 vols., 1791-1835. Donated by James B. Evans.

**ILLINOIS**

- Gone But Not Forgotten. Vol. 2, 1928-1940.
- Wrights Grove Cemetery, Maroa Township, Macon County, Illinois: aka Central Ridge, Davis Grove and Emery Cemetery.
- Family Maps of Winnebago County, Illinois.
- Prairie Farmer's Reliable Directory of Farmers and Breeders. Kane County.
- Family Maps of Richland County, Illinois.
- Pioneer Sketches of Union County, Illinois. Donated by Ron McFarland.
- Macon County. Naturalization Records: 1858 thru 1906. Copied from the Microfilm.
- Family Maps of Vermilion County, Illinois.
- Union County, Illinois Genealogical Information. Vol. 2. Donated by Ron McFarland.

**INDIANA**

- Finding Indiana Ancestors: a Guide to Historical Records. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Indiana Source Book. Vols. 1-5. Anonymous Donation.
- Indiana's African-American Heritage: Essays From Black History News & Notes. Donated by Colleen Rees.
- Family Maps of Allen County, Indiana.
- Index to Huntingdon, Dubois County, Indiana Newspapers.

**IOWA**

- Family Maps of Henry County, Iowa.
- Family Maps of Dubuque County, Iowa.

**KENTUCKY**

- Bible Records. 4 volumes.
- Davies County, Kentucky. Order Book D, 1837-1846.
- Kentucky Death Certificates 1956. 11 rolls.
- Trimble County, Kentucky. Court Order Book One. Vols. 1 & 2.
- Heroes of McLean County, Kentucky, 1941-1945. World War II.
- Jefferson County, Kentucky, Births. 1852-1860.
- Kentucky Agricultural Census. Vol. 4.
- McLean County, Kentucky, Deed Book...Abstracts. 1854-1858.

**LOUISIANA**

- Louisiana's German Coast: a History of St. Charles Parish.
- Family Maps of Acadia Parish, Louisiana.
- Natchitoches Parish Legal Records.

**MAINE**

- Headstone Inscriptions, Gray, Maine.
- Vital Records of Camden/Rockport, Maine.
- Early Families of Alfred, Maine.

**MARYLAND**

- Cecil County, Maryland Indentures, 1777-1814.
- Kent County Obituaries & Marriages from the Kent News and the Chesterton Transcript.
- Guide to Selections from the Montgomery County Sentinel, Maryland.
- Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore of Virginia.
- Nine Pioneer Families From the Sidling Hill Area in Western Maryland.
- Genealogical Abstracts from the Brunswick Herald: Brunswick, Maryland. 6 January 1899 to 26 December 1902.
- Anne Arundel County, Maryland Marriage Licenses, 1876-1888.
- Carroll County Cemeteries. Vol. 4, Northeast.
- Somerset County Court Land Records. 2 vols., 1800-1803.

- Maryland 1860 Agricultural Census. 2 vols.
- Inhabitants of Kent County, Maryland, 1637-1787.
- Montgomery County Families. 2 vols.
- Manly Deeds, Womanly Words: History of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Maryland Infantry.
- St. Mary's County, Maryland, Wills. 3 vols., 1776-1820.
- Indexes of Protestant Episcopal (Anglican) Church Registers of Prince George's County, Maryland, 1686-1885.

### **MASSACHUSETTS**

- Early Records of Dedham, Massachusetts, 1737-1766.
- Puritan Way of Death: A Study in Religion. Donated by Ron McFarland.
- William Brewster of the Mayflower, and the Fifth Generation Descendants of His Son Love. Anonymous Donation.
- Some Old Houses in Westborough, Massachusetts and Their Occupants: With An Account of the Parkman Diaries.
- History of Old Dartmouth; From 1602 to 1676.
- Memorial of the Celebration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Malden, Massachusetts, May, 1899.
- Law and Authority in Early Massachusetts.

### **MICHIGAN**

- Family Maps of Marquette County, Michigan.

### **MINNESOTA**

- My Mantorville. 1854-2004: a True Story.
- Family Maps of Winona County, Minnesota.
- Family Maps of Lac Qui Parle County, Minnesota.
- Family Maps of Mcleod County, Minnesota.

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- Early Records of Neshoba County, Mississippi. Vols. 1 & 3.
- Madison County, Mississippi. Will Abstracts.
- Marriages and Deaths from Mississippi Newspapers. 1837-1863.
- History of Chickasaw County, Mississippi. Anonymous Donation.
- Clarke County, Mississippi Index: Probate Court. Vol. 9, Index.
- Descendants of Early Settlers of Perry County, Mississippi.
- Yalobusha Bound: Yalobusha County, Mississippi, in 1850, and Revised Index.
- Family Maps of Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi.
- Early Records of Neshoba County, Mississippi. Vol. 2.

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- Family Maps of Scotland County, Missouri.

- Abstract of Will Book One, Lawrence County, Missouri, 1845-1897. Donated by Jean G. Buckley.
- Family Maps of Phelps County, Missouri.
- Lafayette County, Missouri. Vol. 5.
- Report of the Committee of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-second General Assembly of the State of Missouri Appointed to Investigate the Conduct and Management of the Militia Including an Index.
- Gentry County 1845-1859 Minute Book.
- Lafayette County, Missouri. Vols. 3, 4, 6, & 7.

### **NEBRASKA**

- Family Maps of Logan County, Nebraska.
- Family Maps of Loup County, Nebraska.

### **NEVADA**

- Boulder City Cemetery, Boulder City, Clark County, Nevada. 1942 to June 2000.

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

- Gilmanton, New Hampshire. Vital Records. 1887-2001.
- Portsmouth Book.
- New Hampshire Patriot and State Gazette, 1835: Deaths, Marriages, and Miscellaneous.
- Historical Sketches of the Discovery, Settlement, and Progress of Events in the Coos Country and Vicinity: Principally Included Between the Years 1754 and 1785.
- Hammond's Check List of New Hampshire History.
- Men of Progress.
- Strafford, New Hampshire: U.S. Census and Town Tax Records, People, Land, Livestock, Crops, 1790-1880.

### **NEW MEXICO**

- Aqui Se Comienza: a Genealogical History of the Founding Families of La Ville de San Felipe de Albuquerque.
- Artesia New Mexico City Directory. 1990. Donated by the Tyler Public Library.
- Century of Progress: History of the New Mexico School for the Deaf. Donated by Alexander Troup.

### **NEW YORK**

- Early Albany County, New York Death Records, 1654-1883.
- Quakers and the American Family: British Settlement in the Delaware Valley. Donated by the James Butler Bonham Chapter of the Daughters of the Texas Revolution.
- Lansingburgh Village Cemeteries.
- Dutchess County, New York Tax Lists, 1718-1787.
- Session Records, First Presbyterian Society, Also Called First Presbyterian Church: Town of Carmel, Mahopac Falls, Putnam County, New York, 7 April 1806- 21 January 1958.

- Town of Glenville 1855 Census.
- Flatbush Dutch Church Marriages & Baptisms, 1677-1757.
- Baptism and Marriage records of the Reformed Churches of Ghent, West Ghent, Mount Pleasant, and Stuyvesant Falls, 1775-1899.
- Old Houses of Hanover. Donated by Dr. T. Bradford Willis.
- Albany Reformed Church Marriage Records, 1683-1804.
- Orphan Train Riders. Vol. 2.
- Settlers and Residents. Col. 4, No. 1.
- Baptism Record of St. Thomas Lutheran Church.
- Border Warfare of New York During the Revolution.
- Tax Records, Town of Kent, Putnam County, New York, 1857-1907.
- Angels in the Gate: New York City and the Slocum Disaster.
- New York and the New Jersey Cemeteries.
- History of Niagara County, New York.
- Book of the Freeholders, 1797, Albany County, New York.
- New York's Detailed Census of 1855, Greene County.
- Makers of New York.
- Vital Records of Grace Church, Jamaica, Queens County, New York, 1710-1873.
- Images of Early Penfield.

**OKLAHOMA**

- 1889 Residents of Guthrie, Oklahoma. Indian Territory.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

- Selected Records of the Zion Lutheran & Reformed "Stone" Church.
- Pennsylvania Grave Stones. Northampton County: For People Born Before 1800.
- Marriages in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania 1877-1882.
- Butler County, Pennsylvania Celebrates Its Bicentennial.
- Land of Dayaogeh.
- Cemetery Readings (and Burial Lots) in Southwestern Pennsylvania.
- Detailed Perspective of Butler County Cemeteries.
- Locations and Origins of the Cemeteries of Beaver County, Pennsylvania.
- Beaver, Pennsylvania Argus Genealogical Gleanings, 1830-1838.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

- Presbyterian Church. Abbeville County. Providence Records. 1842-1979. Donated by Lawrence H. "Larry" Head, Jr.
- Edgefield County, South Carolina. Deed Books, 2 vols., 39-40 & 41.
- Union County, South Carolina Deed Abstracts. V. 5. 1828-1935 [1778-1835]. Donated by Lloyd deWitt

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- King's Mountain Men. Donated by Janet McLain.
- South Carolina's Royal Grants. Vol. 2. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Abstracts of Deeds, Greenville County, SSC. Bk. N, O, & P. 1823-1828.

**TENNESSEE**

- Heritage of Warren County, Tennessee.
- Tennessee Death Certificates. 1954 & 1955. 39 rolls.
- Williamson County, Tennessee: a Genealogical Abstract of the County Court. Donated by Joyce Martin Murray
- Tennessee Death Certificates. 1956 & Index. 25 rolls.
- Hancock County, Tennessee and Its People. Vol. 3. Anonymous Donation.
- Fred Clark Book of Cemeteries of White County, Tennessee. 3 vols.
- Ancestral Sketches. Donated by Merle E. Ireland.
- Tennessee Records, Vol. 2. Donated by Joyce Martin Murray.
- Bon Air Mountain Cemeteries.
- West Tennessee Historical Society Papers. Vol. LX. 2006.
- Donelson, Tennessee. Its History and Landmarks. Donated by Joyce Martin Murray.
- Unicoi County, Tennessee, Death Record Abstracts, 1908-1936.

**TEXAS**

- Aransas County, Texas Marriage Records. 1 roll. Donated by the Robert and Elizabeth Bybee Foundation.
- Austin County, Texas Marriage Records. 1 roll. Donated by the Robert and Elizabeth Bybee Foundation.
- Angelina County, Texas Marriage Records, 1846-1917. 4 rolls. Donated by the Robert and Elizabeth Bybee Foundation.
- Bell County, Texas Marriage Records. 8 rolls. Donated by the Robert and Elizabeth Bybee Foundation.
- Andrews County, Texas Marriage Records. 1 roll. Donated by the Robert and Elizabeth Bybee Foundation.
- Rice University Alumni Directory. 1978, 1987, & 1997. Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Olin B. Cecil.
- Robert's Guide and Indexes to the Conserved and Microfilmed Harris County, Donated by Robert de Berardinis.
- Waters of the Brazos: a History of the Brazos River Authority, 1929-1979. Donated by Dr. T. Bradford Willis.
- Transactions of the R.E. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders of the State of Texas: Forty-ninth Grand Conclave, 1902.
- Great State Fair of Texas: an Illustrated History.
- Dallas Social Directory. 1980-1981, 1988-1989, & 1993. Anonymous donation.

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- Czech Family Histories. Vols. 3 & 4.
- Our Republic Ancestors. Donated by Dr. T. Bradford Willis.
- Celebrating 100 Years to the Glory of God. 1883-1993: First United Methodist. Donated by Dr. T. Bradford Willis.
- McLennan County, Texas: Marriage Records. Vol.3, 1892-1901. Donated by Ardis Joyce Ehrenberger.
- Elected Officials, Dallas, County, 1846-Present. (Oct. 2001).
- Between the Wichitas. Donated by T.F. Schneider.
- Franklin Cemetery, Franklin, Texas, 1880-2003. Donated by Terry & Joyce Baker.
- 1840 Citizens of Texas. 2 vols. Donated by Ron McFarland.
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- 02 – Sat German Research Group
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- 09 – Sat Digital Imaging Group
- 09 – Sat Computer Interest Group
- 09 – Sat The Master Genealogist
- 14 – Thu Writing Interest Group
- 16 – Sat Class 101
- 16 – Sat Class 201
- 16 – Sat Class 401
- 16 – Sat Brown Bag Genealogy Group
- 19 – Tue African American Genealogy Interest Group
- 20 – Wed Mac Reunion Group
- 23 – Sat February Lecture: Kory Meyerink
- 25 – Mon DGS General Meeting

### March

- 01 – Sat Family Tree Maker
- 01 – Sat Roots Magic
- 01 – Sat British Research Group
- 01 – Sat Internet For Genealogy
- 08 – Sat Digital Imaging Group
- 08 – Sat Computer Interest Group
- 08 – Sat The Master Genealogist
- 13 – Thu Writing Interest Group
- 15 – Sat Class 101
- 15 – Sat Class 201
- 15 – Sat Class 401
- 15 – Sat Brown Bag Genealogy Group
- 18 – Tue African American Genealogy Interest Group
- 20 – Thu Speakers Round Table
- 24 – Mon DGS General Meeting
- 29 – Sat March Lecture: Tony Burroughs

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