

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

DGS Newsletter

Surfing, Plucking, and Planning By Janet Branstetter

Since the arrival of the Internet, many, if not most genealogists, begin researching an ancestor by surfing the Internet. They check out all the usual places—Ancestry, Family Search, Rootsweb—and use their favorite search engines to find any information lurking on the web. In the Dallas area, many of us then grab a notebook and head downtown to our own top-ten genealogy library. After consulting the catalog, either online or paper, we collect more facts from each book or microfilm on the ancestor's locality and surname, plucking the "low hanging" or easy-to-find fruit as we go.

And then what? There are always those pesky and uncooperative facts that even thorough surfing of the Internet and careful reading of microfilm and book collections won't solve. In her book *The Family Tree Problem Solver*, Marsha Hoffman Rising differentiates between searching (surveying what's already been done on your family or in their locality) and researching (a diligent and systematic inquiry into a problem). Now it's time for YOU to RESEARCH.

The most efficient and effective way to make serious research progress on those missing facts and brick wall issues is with a research plan. By directing your research to the sources most likely to contain the facts you need and by prioritizing those sources according to their value and availability, you'll have the best chance to solve your problems. But how do you create a research plan? There are lots of ways but let me suggest a ten-step plan that works well for me. I'll happily admit it's not original thinking on my part but a compilation of suggestions from books, classes, and my genealogy friends. Here it is:

1. What do I know about this ancestor?
2. What is my research problem?
3. What other questions are related to my research problem?
4. What do these facts tell me and what do they suggest to me?
5. Broadly, what is my planned research methodology?
6. In detail, what specific sources will I try?
7. What is my prioritized action plan?

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

President's Report

Spring has finally sprung! We are all getting our lawns ready for summer and cleaning out that closet or two. Genealogy is the same. Do we need to prune a tree or two? The library has recently received several books that could help you with your genealogy. Lloyd Bockstruck went over a "Recent Arrivals" list at the February General Meeting. Are you preparing for the summer vacation/research trips? This is the time to do this.

I want to mention a very special group of people. It is our volunteers. We have many volunteers, and they are the life blood of our Society. We could not do the events without volunteers. If we had to pay for the help that our volunteers give, we would be broke in very short order. This also keeps our costs down. I want to mention several volunteers, not on the Board, who make our society shine. One word of caution: there are a lot more people that work as volunteers. I hope to mention several others in another column. I do not want to forget anyone. In this column I was just going to mention the several that have helped put on the events this winter, especially in the hospitality department. I can not say enough about Elizabeth Deihl. She is a delight! She keeps those snacks and drinks a flowing. Joan Crittenden is also in that same league. She is there anytime when needed. There is another person, (that I have forgotten to list at the last two lectures) Alvin Harper, that is always there helping. Ernestine Taylor rounds out the hospitality crew at the first three events. Oh, I forgot. Did you know everyone but Joan also volunteers on the 8th floor at the Dallas Public Library during the week? They are all winners in my book!! I will mention more as the year goes on.

When you read this, DGS will have installed at least one new computer server, and possibly two on our web site. Our old server died twice during the month of March, and the second time was the end of the line for our old server. This is the first of many steps in upgrading our website. This will not happen over night, but slowly there will be positive

changes. Be sure to keep a bookmark on our web site, as the IT committee is working on this situation.

Have you been to the library lately? Another batch of books has arrived from the bindery. This is a good time to work again on that "brick wall."

Elizabeth "Liz" Kutz

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

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

Volunteers are needed to sit at the desk in either a regular weekly slot or to fill in on the substitute list. We are looking for individuals to fill in when a regular volunteer is out. If you're interested, email the Volunteer Coordinator at Volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org or call Patrick McKinney at 214-522-9356.

NEW MEMBERS

Thomas and Carol Haines

Ora Penn

Patricia R. Tanner

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.

GENERAL DGS NEWS

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, April 28, 2008
Using DPL's Texas/Dallas History Section for Your Genealogical Research. Speaker: Carol Roark, DPL.

Monday, May 19, 2008
Using DPL's History and Technology Section for Your Genealogical Research. Speaker: LaVerne Brown, DPL.

Monday, June 23, 2008
Genealogy and DNA. Speaker: Mic Barnette (DPL)

Monday, July 28, 2008
Finding and Using Manuscript Collections: NUCMC and Beyond. Speaker: Gay Carter

DGS Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Under the support and guidance of DGS, a number of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) have been formed to concentrate on specific areas of genealogy. The DGS website at www.dallasgenealogy.com/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.

May 03 (Saturday): 9:30 Family Tree Maker
We are trying a new format where the participants can bring questions and/or problems and hopefully receive answers and solutions. The version of the software being used is needed to get the correct help. That information is available from the help menu of your software. Meets in the Studio on 3.

May 03 (Saturday): 1:30 British Research Group
Tresa Tatyrek Using the Ireland National Archives web site.
<http://www.nationalarchives.ie/> & The General Records Office
<http://www.groireland.ie/> & From Ireland
<http://www.from-ireland.net/index.htm> & Griffiths Valuations
<http://www.failteromhat.com/griffiths.php>
Meets in The Studio on 3..

May 03 (Saturday): 3:00 Internet for Genealogy Interest Group PA History and Genealogy Society Sites. Meets in the Studio on 3.

May 08 (Thursday): 6:30 Writing Interest Group
Meets in the McDermott Room on 8.

May 10 (Saturday): 9:30 Digital Imaging Group.
Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

May 10 (Saturday): 1:00 Computer Interest Group
Genealogical Analysis Using Excel, with Jeri Steele.
Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

May 10 (Saturday): 2:30 The Master Genealogist
Meets in the Hamon Room on 5

May 15 (Thursday): 6:30 Speakers Roundtable
Meets in the McDermott Room on 8.

May 17 (Saturday): 11:30-2:00 Brown Bag Genealogy Group
Meets in the West Room.

May 20 (Tuesday): 6:30 African American Genealogy Interest Group
Meets in the East/West Rooms.

June 07 (Saturday): 9:30 Family Tree Maker
We are trying a new format where the participants can bring questions and/or problems and hopefully receive answers and solutions. The version of the software being used is needed to get the correct help. That information is available from the help menu of your

software. Meets in the Studio on 3.

June 07 (Saturday): 1:30 British Research Group
Using the National Library of Wales Web Site
 (<http://www.llgc.org.uk/index.php?id=69>) with Tresa Tatyrek Meets in the Studio on 3.

June 07 (Saturday): 11:00 German Research Group
German Settlements in the U. S. in the 1700's - with Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck Meets in the Studio on 3.

June 07 (Saturday): 3:00 Internet for Genealogy Interest Group
Free Newspaper Sites - with Liz Kutz. Meets in the Studio on 3.

WRITERS' INTEREST GROUP PROGRAM FOR MAY AND JUNE

For genealogists, that elusive family story may provide the clue that opens doors in our research, or it may represent another "brick wall." For the May 8 meeting of the Writers' Interest Group, the suggested assignment is "A Family Legend I Cannot Prove." That story Grandma used to tell or the cousins whisper about—is it true? Do you have any solid evidence to back it up? What additional steps—if any—could you take to document the story?

At the June 12 meeting, Patricia Law Hatcher will speak to the group on "Common Problems in Genealogical Writing—And Practical Advice on How to Avoid Them" She will use handouts and examples to discuss real situations (anonymously, of course.) WIG meets every 2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the 8th floor McDermott Room. Come join us to improve our writing skills and increase our output!

WIG MEMBER IS PUBLISHED AUTHOR

Garland Vinyard, a regular participant in the DGS Writers' Interest Group (WIG), has recently become a published author. His story, "A Delayed Reunion" was published in the November/December, 2007, issue of *Everton's Genealogical Helper*. Garland's fascinating tale of discovering a previously unknown half-brother provides an example for aspiring writers of family history. In WIG meetings (second Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.) we read and discuss our work, and members are encouraged to submit articles to this newsletter or other publications. All are welcome.

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8. What are the results of my research?
9. Have I updated all my documentation with the new information?
10. Have I solved my research problem?

Let's look at the steps in detail with a little example using my uncooperative great grandfather Dew Farmer Tidwell.

Step 1. What do I know about this ancestor? I usually start with a chronology containing the date, event, the ancestor's age at the time, and the location of the event. You might also want to include the source of your facts. Be sure to include everything you know about that ancestor including family events that might have inspired a move, land sale, probate case, or other events—such as the death of a parent or birth of a child.

Step 2. State your research problem concisely. In Dew's case, I want to know when and where he died.

Step 3. What other questions are related to my research problem? These related questions may help you think of other sources to try or suggest other unsolved problems that are blocking your way on this problem. In my case, I'm not sure where Dew was living around the time he disappears so I'm looking in four different counties for him. So, my related question is "Where was Dew living at the time?"

Step 4. What do these facts tell me and what do they suggest? I know a lot of things about Dew and his family. According to sources, Dew's youngest son was born on 21 February 1891. What does that suggest to me? That Dew was still living in May 1890 when the baby was conceived. Of course, there's no guarantee that Dew was still living when the baby was born nine month later. I also have the marriage record of his wife Ada to James Milam in Stewart County Tennessee on 19 July 1896. This suggests that Dew was dead or divorced from Ada prior to 19 July 1896. Now I have a window of time to search—May 1890 to July 1896. Often, the records of known events contain additional information about other facts or suggest sources. For example, if someone died, there might be an obituary, church record, death certificate, burial

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certificate, or funeral home record. Did you check each one?

Step 5. At a high level, what is my planned research methodology? Let's see, the easiest thing might be to begin by proving that Dew and Ada did not divorce. If they didn't divorce before 1896, Dew must have died or Ada's marriage to Milam would not have been valid. What next? There are several possibilities. Look for records indicating Dew was still alive as well as for records that would indicate his death. Did he buy or sell land? What about probate? But what if nothing turns up for Dew? Other possibilities include researching his widow and his children. What kind of records might a widow leave? Especially a widow with three young sons? This is also a good time to research any background knowledge you might need. Both of Dew's daughters married at 17. I need to know the legal marriage age in Tennessee at the time to determine if a parent's signature was required. If that's the case (and sadly for me it's not), getting their marriage records might be really important. So check your background understanding too.

Step 6. In detail, what specific sources will I try? To answer this question, you need to decide which research methodology you plan to start with and begin researching sources that might help. Don't short circuit your research possibilities by limiting your source list to the obvious. This is brainstorming—write down everything you think of. I have a long list of types of sources that I always consider—everything from Bible records to zoo visitor logs (just kidding!). Spend a little time researching the customs and laws in your locality to identify any source types that might be unique to the state or county. I move down my list and try to think of every kind of fact that each source type might yield that would help me. Don't forget that many records, like county court minutes and circuit court records, are harder to find since many have not been indexed or transcribed. And they often contain indirect evidence. But it's valuable information and in many brick wall situations, it may be the only evidence. Broaden your scope of available sources.

And consider everything a source might contain. Let's consider newspapers. Dew might have an obituary which would should contain his date and place of death. Bet your ancestors are like mine though—that would be way too easy. What else?

Dew's two daughters, Adella and Hattie married in 1892 and 1894, close to the time frame we're interested in. Wonder if a marriage announcement might mention that the bride's father was deceased? And what about Ada's obituary? Since she and Dew had children, perhaps they'll put a word about his fate in Mother's obituary. So all these items get listed under newspapers with very specific information about where to find them—repository names AND call numbers. This is especially important for the next step. I also list very specifically what I'm looking for so that when I finally get my hands on a Waverly newspaper for September 1894, I remember that I'm specifically looking for Hattie's wedding announcement.

Step 7. What is my prioritized action plan? Begin by analyzing which of your possible sources are most likely to have the information you seek. In Dew's case, it's more likely the date and place of his death will be in his obituary than in Ada's, so his obit is higher on my to-do list. Separate the "for sure" sources from the "might include" ones—again Dew's obituary before Hattie's marriage announcement. Then prioritize those certain sources according to their availability to you. If I can get those newspapers sent to DPL from the Family History Library or the Tennessee State Archives, they'll go high on the list. If they haven't been filmed and I must go to Waverly or Nashville to see them in person, they'll be much lower.

Step 8. What are the results of my research? Finally, it's time to research. Here's where all those hours and hours of thinking, analyzing, researching sources, and consulting catalogs pay off. Start with item one on your list. After the research is complete, analyze it carefully and thoroughly. Did you solve the problem on your first try? Don't be silly! But what did you learn that might help you? A new fact that offers a new suggestion? Another source? A bit of related information? How does what you know now affect your research plan? Revise accordingly.

Step 9. Have I updated all my documentation with the new information? Remember you not only need to update your research plan with results, new facts, and additional ideas but don't neglect to update your computer database, family group sheets, or whatever method you use to track your newly found facts and sources.

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Step 10. Have I solved my research problem? Do I now know when and where Dew died? And what if the answer is still NO!! after I try my top priority items? Go back to your analysis in step four and think it over again, considering the new facts you have now against your existing plan. Revise your plan and prioritizations, and continue your research.

Creating a research plan can be hard, time-consuming work. But using a research plan to target your research to the sources most likely to help you will pay off. And by keeping your research plan current, it continues to help you when your problem seems to be a brick wall. Use your analysis and ideas to move on to less frequently used sources. I've looked at obituaries, wedding announcements, land sales, tax records, cemetery records, probate records, guardianship records, assistance for the poor reports, and more AND still no Dew. But I'll find him eventually—I still have court minutes, county juvenile records, the loose paper probate file for Dew's mother...and those zoo visitor logs.

One Thing Leads to Another

By Tresa Taytrek

Genealogical research is a process, usually a repetitive one. You find one piece and move forward with it and somewhere along the way you have to 'start' at the beginning again. One clue leads to another and all the pieces make the whole.

My Tatyrek great-grandparents immigrated from what at the time was the Austrian-Hungarian Empire. They came to this county separately and met and married in Lavaca County, Texas, where I obtained their civil marriage record years ago. A few months ago I had the opportunity to visit the Catholic archives in Austin with Betty Jean Steinke, who knows the lingo required to obtain information I decided I wanted to find.

There was a family story that my Grandfather, who was born in Sweet Home, Texas, had a baptismal record and his older sister did not because she was a girl and the family did not have the money to have the baptism. I did not even know where to start. The diocese in that area has changed over time

and so have the parishes within them. Betty Jean called the archives and after talking with the archivist there for a few minutes figured out where we needed to target our search. I remembered that civil record and had written down the name of the priest that married them. I had misspelled it, but the archivist recognized it anyway and gave us the correct spelling.

I googled his name and found out some of the churches he had been a priest at as well as where he died. He was from Austria-Hungary and serviced those settlers from the same area. We went to Austin and the archives and met with the archivist there. We found a listing of churches the priest had worked in and started with the records of the time period he married my great-grandparents. I found the record! Catholic records are wonderful. If I had not already known the parents of the couple, I would have that information now. Their names were included in the marriage record.

Betty Jean and I tried to find the birth records for all the children I knew were born in Texas prior to the move to Oklahoma. We did find my Grandfather's record. I found out he had a middle name that even my dad didn't know about.

Oh, we found the birth record for my Great Aunt, the one that was told she was a girl and they didn't have the money for her to be baptized.

If you have a story about how one thing leads to another, please consider putting it on paper for publication in this publication. You never know who you might help with your insight and where it leads you to discover new pieces to your family history puzzle.

Honor Your Ancestors Matching Challenge

DGS has an 'Honor Your Ancestors' matching challenge through April 30th, 2008, seeded by long-time DGS members Dan and Robin Yaklin along with Robin's two sisters Wendy Roach and Laurie Zachry. The seed amount is \$500 in honor of their father Frank P. Turrella's 80th birthday.

The family requests that the money be used for acquisition of New York City materials, especially

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those about Kings, Queens, Brooklyn, and the Battery areas where many Italians, Russians, Germans, and other immigrants settled after entering through Castle Gardens. Suggested time frame for records is 1880 to 1945.

To match any portion of this challenge please call the DGS voice mail line at **(866) YOU-2DGS [(866) 968-2347]**. Leave a message with your pledge amount and then mail your check to DGS with a notation on it 'Honor Your Ancestors Yaklin Match'. If you want to honor your own ancestor fill out the form found at:

<http://www.dallasgenealogy.com/projects/ancestors.htm>

and enclose a check.

Call for Newsletter Articles

If you like to write or have an interesting story to tell about solving that pesky genealogical problem, please consider making a contribution to the DGS newsletter. The newsletter depends on articles written by DGS members. Articles should be about a page to a page and a half in length. Please be sure to include your name and contact information on the submitted attachment with the article.

Mail submissions to:
newsletter@dallasgenealogy.com.

Internet: Veterans Affairs Nationwide Grave Locator

December 9, 2007 — Sharon

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has a service on its website, called the Nationwide Gravesite Locator. The database shows the interments of veterans in more than 120 cemeteries, some national cemeteries. However, some are privately owned or "family cemeteries" containing the remains of veterans. For example, I entered the surname FLANARY. The search engine returned 71 names, including information on several veterans of the Civil War. Imagine my surprise at two of my Civil War finds in private cemeteries:

FLANARY, CREED FULTON

CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY

CIVIL WAR

DATE OF BIRTH: 11/25/1843

DATE OF DEATH: 04/14/1910

BURIED AT: FLANARY FAMILY CEMETERY

CLINCHPORT #3 PENNINGTON GAP, VA
24277

FLANARY, ELKANAH

CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY

DATE OF BIRTH: 11/10/1844

DATE OF DEATH: 07/12/1914

BURIED AT: ELY FAMILY

CEMETERY, DRYDEN, VA 24243

I had not considered using this site for my Civil War ancestors because they were not buried in a military cemetery. The lesson here is "check your assumptions." They may be preventing you from locating that elusive record.

1884 Dallas County Map

A map in the Local History/Genealogy Collection at the Balch Springs Library will be of interest to anyone researching any part of Dallas County in the late 19th century.

Few libraries have a copy of the 1884 map produced by the State of Texas General Land Office and retraced in 1931. It has survey names and other information of interest to those researching the location or origins of property. The map is fairly easy to read, but it is recommended one bring a magnifying glass to aid in reading the information on the map. The Balch Springs Library-Learning Center is located at 12450 Elam Road. Hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. The library is closed on Sunday.

--submitted by Marilyn Kosanke

UPCOMING EVENTS

Research Trip Workshop

Saturday, June 28, 2008, Dallas Genealogical Society will offer a Research Trip Workshop. Patricia Law Hatcher will lead this workshop. The workshop will focus more on preparing for any research trip rather than solely on the trip to the Family History Center in Salt Lake City. This workshop should be of relevance to any researcher planning a trip.



A brochure will be available shortly with more information and a registration form will appear in the May issue of this newsletter.

Salt Lake City Trip – October

It's not too early to start making plans to attend this year's Salt Lake City Research trip which is scheduled for October.



Tresa Tatyrek demonstrates the efficient use of the equipment in the Family History Center on last year's trip.

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, June 28, 2008

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

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

Meals: Light supper and snacks included

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Limit: 100 people

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

.STATE: _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

_____ Lock-In \$30 _____ Membership \$25

Check here for an email confirmation

Make checks to: Dallas Genealogical Society

And mail to: DGS Lock-In

P.O. Box 12446

Dallas, TX 75225-0446

For more information and registration form, see the DGS website: www.dallasgenealogy.com/calendar.htm

Email: lockin@dallasgenealogy.com

Registration must be postmarked by June 20, 2008.

NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY

compiled by: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS



The following contributions have been made to the Genealogy Section.

UNITED STATES

- Preliminary Record of the Records of the Adjutant General's Office
- Introduction to Civil War Civilians. Donated by Ron McFarland.
- Seekers for Europe to California.
- Symbolic Meaning of the Folding of the American Flag. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Researching Acadian Families.
- Heredom: The Transactions of the Scottish Rite Research Society. Vols. 10-14. Donated by David B. Dibrell.
- Weekend Genealogist. Donated by Colleen Rees.
- They Are Indeed a Very Useful Corps: American Riflemen in the Revolutionary War.
- Census Substitutes and State Census Records. 2 vols. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Museum Houses. Donated by Nina Bell.

ALABAMA

- Cemeteries of Dale County, Alabama, 2002. Donated by Larry E. Caver, Jr.
- Guntersville Remembered. Donated by Larry E. Caver, Jr.

ARKANSAS

- Arkansas' First State Capitol, 1885-1947. Donated by June McKinney.
- Polk's Conway (Faulkner County) Arkansas City Directory 1963. Donated by Shirley R. Sloat.
- Family Maps of Montgomery County, Arkansas.
- Arkansas Fed: James Scott Nunnally, Jr. and the Third Arkansas Cavalry (U.S.A.). Donated by Paul P. Steed, Jr.
- Arkansas Prior Birth Index. Vol. 5.

CALIFORNIA

- Postmaster in Klau: Letters from California, 1846-1927. Donated by the Swiss American Historical Association.

DELAWARE

- Kent County, Delaware Guardian Accounts. 1739-1851.
- Delaware Marriages and Deaths from the Delaware Gazette, 1875-1879.
- Delaware Mortality Schedules, 1850-1880. Delaware Insanity Schedule, 1880 Only.

FLORIDA

- "Census" Department of the South, November 1864: for Jacksonville, Fernandina, and St. Augustine, Florida: Ordered by the Department of the South, Hilton Head, South Carolina.

GEORGIA

- Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ebenezer, Georgia vs. the United States Government: a Claim of Property Destroyed by the Federal Army. Donated by Barbara Baylis.
- Unhallowed Intrusion: A History of Cherokee Families in Forsyth County, Georgia. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Colonial Brands and Marks of Saint Matthew's Parish (now Effingham County, Georgia), 1755-1791. Donated by Barbara Baylis.
- Walking Tour of the British Built Earthen Forts Around the Former Town of New Ebenezer. Donated by Barbara Baylis.
- Salzburger Buried in Old Ebenezer, Georgia, 1734-1736. Donated by Barbara Baylis.
- Walking Tour of New Ebenezer. Donated by Barbara Baylis.
- Richmond County, Georgia Land Records: Boundaries as of 1777.
- Gwinnett County, Georgia: Marriages, 1833-1900. Donated by the Gwinnett Historical Society, Lawrenceville, Georgia.
- Salzburger Who Fought the Spanish at St. Augustine, Florida, in 1749. Donated by Barbara Baylis.
- Granite Marker Placed on July 4, 1935, by the Bonaventure Chapter of the daughters of the American Revolution, Marking the Settlement Road to the Town of Ebenezer. Donated by Barbara Baylis.

ILLINOIS

- Surname Index of the Genealogical Society of Southern Illinois.
- Index to Obituaries and Death Notices in the Jonesboro Gazette, 1858-1883. Donated by Ron McFarland.
- Union County, Illinois, Soldiers of the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Creek Indian War, the Mexican War, the Civil War: Including All Soldiers of the 109th Illinois Infantry. Donated by Ron McFarland.
- Fayette County, Illinois Real Estate and Personal Property Tax, 1890. 4 vols.
- Family Maps of Jersey County, Illinois.
- Family Maps of Johnson County, Illinois.

RESOURCES and AREA EVENTS

- Indian Massacre and Captivity of Hall Girls.
- Index to the Descriptive Inventory of the Archives of the State of Illinois. Donated by Ron McFarland.

KENTUCKY

- Nelson County, Kentucky, Marriages, Bonds, Consents, and Ministers' Returns, 1785-1800.
- Abstracts of Deeds, 1785-1808, Nelson County, Kentucky.
- Bloomfield, Chaplin, and Fairfield: a History and Genealogy of Northeastern Nelson County, Kentucky.
- Abstracts of Wills, Nelson County, Kentucky: Complete Index Including Slaves, Blacks, and Servants.
- Russell County, Kentucky Will Books, Vols. 3 and 4, 1869-1955. 1 roll. Donated by the Merriman Park Estates Garden Club.
- The Pioneer News: J.W. Barrall, Editor: a Democratic Paper Published in the Interests of the People of Bullitt County.
- Anderson County, Kentucky, Marriages, 1831-1875.
- Nelson County, Kentucky, Marriage Index, 1860-1950.

LOUISIANA

- Ancestry in Acadiana: Selected Writings for the Genealogy and History of the Mississippi Valley and the Gulf Coast. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Louisiana Cotton Festival, 1953-1992.
- Louisiana African Americans, Index, 1996-2006.

MAINE

- Atlas of Hancock County, Maine.
- Lost Bar Harbor: Photographs from the Collection of the Bar Harbor Historical Society. Donated by Dr. T. Bradford Willis.

MARYLAND

- St. Mary's County, Maryland, Wills. 2 vols., 1821-1857.
- Every Name Index for the Two Volumes of History of Frederick County, Maryland by T.J.C. Williams and Folger McKinsey.
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17 – Sat Class 201
17 – Sat Class 401
17 – Sat Brown Bag Genealogy Group
19 – Mon General Meeting
20 – Tue African American Genealogy Interest Group
26 – Mon General Meeting

June

07 – Sat Family Tree Maker
07 – Sat German Research Group
07 – Sat British Research Group
07 – Sat Internet for Genealogy
12 – Thu Writing Interest Group
14 – Sat Digital Imaging Group
14 – Sat Computer Interest Group
14 – Sat The Master Genealogist
18 – Wed MacReunion Group
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21 – Sat Class 201
21 – Sat Class 401
21 – Sat Brown Bag Genealogy Group
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