

# DGS Newsletter



## A Letter From Houston, Texas

By Sharon Gayle

AT ONE TIME, LETTERS TO HOME WERE A GREAT SOURCE OF NEWS AS LOVED ONES VISITED DISTANT PLACES. THE AUTHOR USES THIS FORM TO DESCRIBE HER RESEARCH EXPERIENCES AT THE CLAYTON LIBRARY IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

Houston, Texas  
August 5, 2008

My dearest Cousin,

As you can tell, I am again on the "research road," exploring repositories and libraries. The opportunity to come to Houston for research was fortuitous rather than planned. My youngest attended school here. She decided to return to Dallas. With six weeks remaining on her apartment lease, we traded spaces. She is pet and house sitting; I am to pack up her household goods and call the movers. So, I cannot offer you any insights regarding Houston lodging. Yet, I am certain that you would much rather hear news of the Clayton Library.

As I write you, Hurricane Eduoard is sweeping over the Louisiana-Texas shoreline just east of the city. Houston is soaked from Eduoard's rain but there are no severe winds, for which I am thankful. I am presently snug in the apartment and shall remain here today. Tomorrow, I will return to the library.

Houston is an interesting city. There seem to be no restrictions regarding building use codes such as we know in Dallas. Psychic readers do business next to elegant offices of legal firms; liquor stores next to flower shops although I do believe that liquor stores keep their distance from the churches. Houston's road system is a tangle of concrete and steel. Street names change unexpectedly. Should you decide to come here, bring with you a navigation unit or a friend with a map and a compass. The friend may not make a worthy navigator, but at least you will not be lost *and* alone.

The library itself is situated on a pleasant street of elegant Houston residences, peppered by new construction of office buildings. It is quite near the heart of downtown. Clayton is part of the Houston Library System, but is housed separately in a two-story brick building. Renovation construction is currently taking place next to the library on the home of the family that endowed the genealogical library. Clayton provides free parking.

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**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

The dog days of summer are upon us, but change is already in the wind. The New Year is less than six months away, and we have to have a new Board of Directors. We need a Nominations Committee with several persons unrelated to the board (we have two already from the Board chosen). This is a very important job, as it will give us leadership and direction in the society for the next year. It is also one of the short-term jobs related to the society. We have names of people that are most active in the society right now, so you will not be at a loss for whom to ask. If you are willing to help with the nomination committee in any way, please email me at: [president@dallasgenealogy.com](mailto:president@dallasgenealogy.com).

If you have never served on the Board of Directors, please consider serving for a year. It will give you a deeper appreciation of what our society does and how it works. Every one of us has a skill that the society needs. Several of our very active members have already been on the Board and this is the time for the newcomers to the society to help. If you have a skill and a small amount of extra time, we could use you. This society has blessed me and others. Come share in the blessings. As before, if you are willing to serve on the Board in a position, please contact me at: [president@dallasgenealogy.com](mailto:president@dallasgenealogy.com).

The Institute was a smashing success. John Colletta was on top of his game, as usual. Lloyd was a perfect speaking partner. When Lloyd was hurt on Friday evening on the way home after the Institute, Kelvin Myers and Pat Law Hatcher stepped in and took up the slack with very little notice. Thanks for everyone that helped in any way with the Institute.

Have you been to the library lately? We can now order microfilms and microfiche and renew microfilms from the Family History Library. Microfiche will stay at the library and is only fifteen cents a fiche. We now can renew microfilms and after the second renewal, it will have a place in the

library permanently for all to use. This is a wonderful option for all of us!

*Liz Kutz*

**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**

- Joyce Mize, George G. Anderson,
- Linda Duckett Attaway, Doug Cathcart,
- Nancy Fenner, Dianna Latta,
- Minna K. Marinko, Pat Mason,
- Lynne Stokes, Eulalie Vitrano Wilder,
- Sandra Wilkinson

**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, September 22, 2008**  
**Using DPL's History and Social Sciences Department for Your Genealogical Research.**  
**Speaker: Heather Williams, DPL**

**Monday, October 27, 2008**

**Monday, November 24, 2008**

**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](http://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.

**September 06 (Saturday): 3:00 Internet for Genealogy Interest Group**  
**How to Utilize Google Books** – with Sherry Johnson, DPL. Meets in the Studio on 3.

**September 11 (Thursday): 6:30 Writers' Interest Group**

Meets in the McDermott Room on 8.

**September 13 (Saturday): 9:30 Digital Interest Group**  
Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

**September 13 (Saturday): 1:00 Computer Interest Group**  
Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

**September 13 (Saturday): 2:30 The Master Genealogist**  
Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

**September 16 (Tuesday): 6:30 African American Genealogy Interest Group**  
Meets in the East/West Rooms.

**September 20 (Saturday): 11:30 Brown Bag Genealogy Group**

**October 04 (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.

**October 04 (Saturday): 11:00 German Research Group**  
Topic: **German Handwriting, Common Words in Records, On-Line Translators.** Meets in the Studio on 3.

**October 04 (Saturday): 3:00 Internet for Genealogy Interest Group**  
Topic: **Library of Congress.** Meets in the Studio on 3.

**October 09 (Thursday): 6:30 Writers' Interest Group**  
See article for topic. Meets in the McDermott Room on 8.

**October 11 (Saturday): 9:30 Digital Interest Group**  
Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

**October 11 (Saturday): 1:00 Computer Interest Group**  
Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

**October 11 (Saturday): 2:30 The Master Genealogist**  
Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

**October 15 (Wednesday): 6:30 MAC Reunion Group**  
Meets in the McDermott Room on 8.

**October 18 (Saturday): 11:30 Brown Bag Genealogy Group**

**October 21 (Tuesday): 6:30 African American**

### **Genealogy Interest Group**

Meets in the East/West Rooms.

### **November 01 (Saturday): 9:30 Family Tree Maker**

See description above. Meets in the Studio on 3.

### **November 01 (Saturday): 3:00 Internet for Genealogy Interest Group**

Topic: **Internet Browsers – Internet Explorer, Netscape, Mozilla.** Meets in the Studio on 3.

### **Dallas Author To Speak to Writers' Interest Group**

Marge Stockton

Dallas author Kathleen Kent, whose book, *The Heretic's Daughter*, is being published by Little Brown Publishing as their lead book this fall, will speak to the DGS Writers' Interest Group at the October 9 meeting. Ms. Kent's book, a historical novel, is based on her mother's family history some nine generations back. It is primarily about her many-times great grandmother, Martha Carrier, who was convicted and hanged as a witch in Salem Village in 1692. The book was researched and developed for five years through genealogical records, family tales and interviewing historians in Massachusetts. Ms. Kent will discuss the research, the writing, and publishing processes that went into getting her book written and published.

I have read an Advanced Reader's Copy of *The Heretic's Daughter*, and I enthusiastically recommend it. It is beautifully written, and although told in novel form, it provides a haunting history of the Salem witch hunt and the agony brought on its victims.

The Writers' Interest Group (WIG) meets on second Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., normally in the McDermott Room on eighth floor. All are welcome at this event. If you are not a regular participant in WIG, please advise me if you plan to attend at [WIG@dallasgenealogy.com](mailto:WIG@dallasgenealogy.com). (This is only in case we need to arrange for a larger meeting room.)

### **Letter from Houston**, (continued from p. 217)

Clayton is one of the top genealogical libraries in the nation, according to *Family Tree Magazine*. Inside the library, the whole of the first floor is dedicated to stacks holding books for all states and

nations. Sprinkled about the perimeter of the stacks are study tables; some are vintage. The whole design is subtly suggestive of a Victorian library with vintage furniture and richly appointed woods, quite charming. And I must warn you that the chairs on this floor are all wooden, old fashioned, sturdy—painfully hard to sit in for a full day. After my first day, I located a Walmart to purchase a thick chair cushion for the remainder of my visit. A stadium seat might work equally well.

The stacks are well-stocked with books, which are arranged according to state and nation. Computers are herded into cubicles set apart from the study tables and stacks. Most tables have convenient access to electrical outlets. You can bring your laptop and scanner with the assurance that you can set them up nicely. Clayton has wireless access as well.

A small snack area sits off the main stack room. There are vending machines for chips and drinks, but nothing more. There are no restaurants or delis within walking distance of the library. So, if you come here, be prepared to "brown bag" or drive somewhere for your meals, keeping in mind that Houston is a tangle of roads.

The second floor holds all the microfilm and more book stacks, containing volumes of family history. I found several MOORE surname books that were new to me. Seated in a wingback chair (kinder to my body than the wooden ones on the first floor), I spent an afternoon engrossed in several volumes.

The many rows of microfilm cabinets are arranged, generally by the following categories: state, census, passenger lists, and military. I have been told that Clayton has film of "the Cuban Papers." As I do not have reason to examine these records, I cannot tell you where they are housed.

Rows of monolithic microfilm readers sit to the side of the rows of cabinets containing films. Just as at our library, they ask that you record a count of rolls that you use during your visit. Since this little task helps justify library budgets, I willingly complied.

A room off the microfilm area contained microfilm readers, attached to printers. Like many a library, funding for maintenance must be limited. I say this because "out of order" signs seemed permanently attached by cellophane tape to two of the machines. I earnestly hope that others record their usage so that the library might be able to justify the funding to repair those in disrepair.

Clayton's book holdings are recorded in their online catalog. However, their microfilm holdings are recorded in a separate database recently installed

on their website. It is quite new, having been available only in the last few weeks. Perhaps the designers thought that it was intuitive. There are no "how-to" instructions; the staff are, themselves, learning it; thus, I struggled with understanding how to make best use of its query features. However, I learned a few things about it, which I will share in another correspondence. The system holds a few secrets.

With that little teaser, I will close this letter, trusting that it finds you well. Give my love to family.

Love,  
Sharon

### The Rising Cost of Travel Versus Online Research

By Dick Eastman

A newsletter reader asked an interesting question this week. Here is an extract from a longer message:

As the economy continues to worsen and gas prices rise exponentially, I am curious to know how this will affect services such as Footnote.com, Ancestry.com, Worldvitalrecords.com, and others.

Will these companies raise their prices in relation to other increases? Or will they maintain or possibly lower prices to keep subscribers? In tough times, leisure activities are among the first to suffer.

I am not sure that my crystal ball is any clearer than anyone else's. However, a few things do seem obvious to me.

I suspect the rising price of gas will be good for the online sites that offer images of original records, such as Footnote.com, HeritageQuestOnline.com, WorldVitalRecords.com, Ancestry.com, and others. As prices continue to rise for trips to libraries and other repositories, many people will turn to cheaper, online access whenever possible.

Let's compare online research expenses versus "in-person" research:

Prices will vary widely, depending upon where you live in relation to the repositories you wish to visit. I'll start off with my own example.

I live 35 miles outside a major city and am fortunate to have several major genealogy libraries,

repositories, and archives within convenient driving distance of my home. Assuming gas mileage of 20 to 25 miles per gallon and gas prices of \$4.00 to \$4.50 for each gallon, it now costs me a minimum of \$12.00 or more to visit the nearest such repositories that are about 35 miles away (that is obviously a 70-mile round trip, requiring three or more gallons of gasoline). Of course, that is for gasoline alone.

Next, add in tolls and parking. A round trip into the city from my home by the most convenient route now costs \$7.50 in round-trip tolls. In most East Coast cities, parking fees start at \$20 and go up. In fact, they go up quickly. It is not unusual to pay \$30 or more per day for parking at the repositories I visit. Some of these repositories also charge admission fees as well as photocopying fees.

A cheaper method is public transportation to the city. However, this can be a false economy. A trip by commuter train costs me a couple of dollars in gas to drive to the train station, \$4 for parking at the train station (a bargain in this area), and \$12 for a round-trip ticket. I have to be at the train station by 7:00 AM or so in order to find a parking spot as the parking lot is usually full by 7:15 AM. The drawback is that the trip takes three times as long as an automobile trip, cutting into the research time available.

Even worse, one of the major repositories that I go to is more than a one-and-a-half mile walk from the nearest public transportation. That's a long walk in bad weather! The closest regional library of the National Archives and Records Administration is even further from public transportation. I always drive there.

I now figure that a single trip to any of the nearby "free" genealogy repositories costs me a minimum of \$40 to \$60, counting gas, parking fees, and tolls.

My statistics ignore automobile depreciation, repairs, tires, insurance, and similar expenses. These expenses are difficult to calculate on a per-mile basis but nonetheless are real expenses. Please consider my calculations to be the **minimum** expenses; most of us will pay more than this for each trip.

Of course, I am lucky to live within 35 miles of several major research facilities. If they have

information about my ancestors, I am fortunate enough to pay "only" \$40 to \$60 for a single trip.

Many people live in rural areas or do not have nearby resources with information about ancestors who lived in another part of the country. Many genealogists have to pay much, much more than my \$40 to \$60 expenses. I suspect they envy those of us who are blessed with nearby, first-class research facilities.

If I need to travel to a distant state archives or local historical society or other repositories near the homes of my ancestors, prices mushroom quickly. Regardless of the mode of transportation, an overnight or longer trip to a distant repository can cost hundreds of dollars.

In comparison, the online services charge rather small fees for access. Footnote.com charges \$7.95 a month for unlimited access. WorldVitalRecords.com charges \$9.95/month (for the U.S. Collection) or \$14.95/month (for the World Collection) for unlimited access. Even Ancestry.com's comparatively high prices of \$12.95/month to \$19.95/month (for the U.S. Deluxe Membership) or \$24.95/month to \$29.95/month (for the World Deluxe Membership) seem much cheaper than an in-person visit. If the online service has the record you seek, the savings can be enormous.

The key phrase is "*If the online service has the record you seek...*" While these online services now have millions of records available, that is still a tiny percentage of all records available on paper or on microfilm. To be sure, the most popular records are now available online: U.S. census records, U.K. census records, some Canadian census records, U.S. Revolutionary War pension applications, Social Security Death Index, and more. However, if you seek a land record from Ohio or a marriage record from Vermont, you probably will not find it online.

I frequently make presentations to genealogy societies and to conventions. In one of my talks, I once stated that I estimated that fewer than 2% of all records of genealogy interest were available online. A nationally-known genealogy expert in the audience later disagreed with my assessment. Her estimate was that fewer than 0.02% of all records of genealogy interest are available online.

Admittedly, neither of us has any documented statistics to back up our estimates.

Regardless of the precise number, it is obvious that the online sites only scratch the surface of available information. Nonetheless, if the record you seek is available online, a search of a commercial site can save hundreds of dollars in travel expenses. Even better, online searches often produce "hits" for records you didn't even consider or perhaps didn't even know about. Who knew that your great-great-grandfather filed a claim for losses suffered in the Civil War? A search of his name on the various online sites might produce results that you never dreamed of.

My correspondent asked, "*Will these companies raise their prices in relation to other increases? Or will they maintain or possibly lower prices to keep subscribers?*"

My belief is that the prices of the inexpensive services will remain about the same while the more expensive service(s) will be forced to drop prices, due to competitive pressures. The history of the online world has been one of constantly lowered pricing, and I do not see that trend changing. In fact, disk storage space is now much cheaper than it was only a few years ago. Web servers, high-speed Internet connectivity, and other expenses have remained about the same or have slowly come down. The one big expense is labor, and even that has been trimmed substantially in the past few years. Today's online services are leaner with lower corporate headcounts than those of a few years ago.

The long-term outlook for genealogists is great: more and more information is becoming available online every day. As this mass of available information increases, the need for expensive travel to view records in person is reduced.

I am confident that the online services will provide much cheaper access than any other available method. That is already true today, and the differences will increase with each passing year.

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## One Thing Leads to Another

By Tresa Tatyrek

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. Vital records are the bane of all family historians. We want and need them. They are more than the all important date of the coveted event. They are the records we want to document the birth, marriage, and death dates and places of our family. They can contain so much more than those all important dates and places.

The more current the record, the greater the potential is to gain new information regarding the event of the individual and information about their life. You have the potential to obtain names of the individual's parents on some of the records. If you didn't already know that information, you are off and running with your family history. The information is not always correct on death certificates, if it is even filled out. On those records, the information is only as good as the informants' knowledge of the family. Birth records can even be deceiving if a person was adopted. Marriage records that contain *parents' names* are the same as birth records. Each time you 'find' a new name in your background it will lead you on the hunt for more information on that individual. You start with the same process of vital records, census, more vital records, and more census records. It is a vicious cycle that never gets boring because the results vary so greatly.

Birth certificates give us the names of parents of a child as well as the birth date and place. They typically are not available on a consistent basis until the 1930's. Compliance with the laws of the particular locale varies greatly. These certificates can give you additional information, like the ages of the parents and their occupations.

Marriage records record our families' legal ties from generation to generation. These records contain the names of the bride and groom. They may also contain parents' names, and the ages of the two participants. Pay attention to the other names the records contain. They may lead you to other family members. You need to be aware of the record

type. Some are bonds, banns, or licenses. These dates are prior to the actual marriage. Many *do* include the date the marriage occurred; some do not. Some may contain parent permissions. This record links the individual to their parents or legal guardians. That will lead you to more records.

Death certificates can often give clues on where to locate more information on the family. They are available like the birth certificates. The certificates don't just contain when and where the person died, but where they are *buried*. Have you found that cemetery? Plan a trip to the location. You learn about where the person lived and died. Don't just go to the cemetery and take the coveted picture of the tombstone. Take pictures of the other tombstones that you may or may not know are related to you. You never know, your whole family could be in that cemetery and you just don't know it yet. You may never get to that cemetery again. No one else will go to the cemetery again because it is on private property and a mile hike to get to it, and now no one is taking care of it, so the terrain will overtake it. Don't stop with just the cemetery visit. Check out the local library and court house for the county. If you are researching your families' medical history, the cause of death should be noted. You may want to research the condition listed on the record.

Vital records in other forms are available in some areas. They are usually not certificates, and do not contain consistent information from one area to another. Some do contain parents' names, where the individual was born, and a lot of good information. Many are a line entered in a BMD (**B**irth, **M**arriage, **D**eath) register in the county where they lived. All individuals were *not* entered into the registers, but you need to check them if the registers exist. Other records you may be able to locate are *church records*. These records vary greatly in availability and in the information they contain on the families recorded in them. They, too, may *not* include all individuals in the area. They were the records of the church official at the time the records were created. Finding these records is not always easy and once you find them, you may not be able to get access to them. They are accessible only at the discretion of the current church officials.

This record group is really the first that you, as a family historian, should be looking for and obtaining

copies of. Then you are off on your odyssey to find out more about your family members and their lives.

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

### BOOK REVIEW

Karen Avery Miller

#### ***Sul Ross' Sixth Texas Cavalry, Six Shooters & Bowie Knives*** by Stephen S. Kirk

Large parts of Texas' early history revolves around one conflict or another — Indian uprisings, frontier settlement struggles, and the fight for Texas independence. Civil War days were also a major factor as a young state considered seceding from the Union.

Author Stephen S. Kirk writes: *Between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of September 1861, ten companies of volunteers from northeast Texas, armed with their own six shooters and Bowie knives, riding their own horses, were mustered into the service of the Confederate States at Camp Bartow, near Dallas. Lawrence Sullivan Ross, a young Texan known for his success in fighting the Indians, was elected Major of the 6<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry; two years later he was promoted to Brigadier General and given command of Ross' Texas Brigade. After the war Ross served two terms as governor of Texas and then became the president of Texas A & M College.*

Mr. Kirk follows Sul Ross and his Texan cavalry men. He has researched and shared with the reader the facts about why this unit was formed, who participated, and how and what they faced together. Names that have become icons in North Texas come to life as the reader learns of the accomplishments of the very men for whom streets and towns were named, such as Ross, Throckmorton, and Garland. Using detailed

accounts in the forms of diaries, letters, and written reminiscences, along with the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, Texas State Pension Rolls, and other archived documents, he outlines their lives in a very concise and interesting format.

The genealogical facts about the men who served under Sul Ross are the main focus of this book. More than 200 pages alone are dedicated to naming each member of the Sixth Cavalry, Company by Company. The individual listings cite information specific to that man's military service and personal life. Information varies for each, but it covers facts such as dates of service, fort assignment, age and birth location, illness or wounds suffered, oaths and affidavits signed, family connections, etc.

This is an interesting look into the formation of the Sixth Texas Cavalry, the part these men played in the Civil War and, most importantly, the genealogical insight on each of them. They were the men who carried the six-shooters and Bowie knives, riding their own horses — our Texas ancestors!

Two Trails Publishing, (2008), soft-cover edition; 394 pages; every name/location index; \$23.95 plus shipping, contact: Stephen S. Kirk, 4414 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Terr., Leawood, KS 66211; [ckirk1@kc.rr.com](mailto:ckirk1@kc.rr.com)

### Board Member Nominations

It is that time of year when we think about the upcoming DGS year. Guest speakers and monthly programs are being lined up for the ensuing year. We also need to ensure a seamless transition between this year's Board and next year's Board. Volunteers are needed to fill vacant positions on next year's Board. Should you have an interest in serving DGS in a more active capacity on the Board, please contact Patrick McKinney at [Volunteer@dallasgenealogy.com](mailto:Volunteer@dallasgenealogy.com) or Sara McBride at [Membership@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:Membership@dallasgenealogy.org). Patrick or Sara will be happy to describe to you the open positions and the responsibilities which they entail.



### NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY

compiled by: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS



The following contributions have been made to the Genealogy Section.

#### ALABAMA

- 1850 Alabama State Census. 4 rolls. Donated by the Dallas Genealogical Society.

#### MAINE

- Delayed Returns for Births, Deaths, and Marriages, 1670-1891. 9 rolls. Donated by General Levi Casey Chapter, DAR for the Edith Allen Palmer Collection.

#### GENEALOGIES & BIOGRAPHIES

- Fifteen Generations of Whipples: Descendants of Matthew Whipple of Ipswich, Massachusetts, about 1590-1647, an American Story. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Our Tandy Family Tree With Its Many Branches. Donated by Karen Tandy.
- Quiet Puritans: the Birchards of Ontario. Vol. 1. Donated by Edna Manning Laughter.
- Pioneering Quakers: the Birchards of Ontario. Vol. 2. Donated by Edna Manning Laughter.
- Kinfolk of Adin W. Knapp and Sarah P. Cady of Ripley County, Indiana. Donated by Sadie Kennedy.
- Burrell Family Book. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Woodall, Paulk, Porter and Allied Families: Including Byars, Sanders, Giles, and Finucane Families. Donated by Virginia C. Jantz.
- Rogers: the Rogers of Ouachita County, Arkansas: the Pioneer Family of Jonathan. Donated by Sandra Burrow.
- George A. Beckham and Zora Wilkinson Family: Background and Lineage. Anonymous Donation.
- Line of Beach's: from Connecticut to California. Donated by T. Franklin Schneider, III.
- Scattered Seed of Daniel Whitener III: 1811-2006. Donated by John M. Whitener.
- Descendents of William Hartwell, Concord Settler, 1636, Through Five Generations. Donated by Richard T. Glancy.
- Fuller, English, Day, and Bourland: Lester Fuller and His Notable Grandparents, a Texas Republic Story. Donated by John E. Myrick.
- History of Captain John and Sarah Whipple of

Dorchester, Massachusetts and Providence, Rhode Island 1617-1685: a Multigenerational Study of the First Whipple Family in America. Donated by Dr. Charles M. Whipple.

- Looking Back and Forth: a Glimpse at Both the Ancestors and the Descendants of Two Special Couples, John Henry Thornton and Sarah Frances Dickson and Charles Jennings Milligan & Sarah Jane Theodocia Grubbs. Donated by Greta Cates Leard.
- Genealogical Account of the Murchisons. Donated by James B. Evans.
- Letters and Diaries of Isaac A. Clarke: Innovative Educator in Post Civil War Arkansas. Donated by Shirley R. Sloat.
- Descendants of John Cox of Abington, Indiana, and Joseph Cox of Hampton, Illinois. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Paschen and Redd Families of Cass County, Indiana. Donated by Alfred Paschen.
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Do you have information about an upcoming Genealogy event? Remit to: Janet van Heyst, DGS Newsletter Editor, 90 days prior to event.

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

September 13, 2008 – East Texas Genealogical Seminar with Desmond Walls Allen.

October 8, 2008 – The McKinney Public Library will host a program with guest speaker Tresa Tatyrek at 3:00pm in The Dulaney Room. All are welcome to this free program.

October 24-25, 2008 - 2008 TSGS Conference at Abilene.

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**Arlington Genealogical Society**

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**Collin County Genealogical Society**

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

**Dallas Historical Society**

Saturday adventure tours depart the Hall of State, located in Fair Park, at 9:00 a.m. and return at approximately 2:00 p.m. Contact Frank K. Wilson, COO, at 214-421-4500 x105 or email [frank@dallashistory.org](mailto:frank@dallashistory.org)

**Duncanville Genealogical Society**

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

**East Texas Genealogical Society**

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

**Ellis County Genealogical Society**

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

**Fort Worth Genealogical Society**

Meets last Monday, 7:00 p.m., Fort Worth Public Library – Central, Chappell Meeting Room, 500 West Third, Fort Worth, Texas. Contact Debbie Pearson at 817-691-3257.

**Genealogy Friends of Plano Library**

Meets 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the W.O. Haggard, Jr. Library, 3602 Coit Rd., Plano. Contact: Barbara Coakley, Program Chairman, 972-818-0951, [bjc1620@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjc1620@sbcglobal.net).

**Grand Prairie Genealogical Society**

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901 Conover Drive. Contact: Regina Shumaker, Vice President of Programs at [golfinshu@sbcglobal.net](mailto:golfinshu@sbcglobal.net).

**Greater Dallas Chapter of the DAR**

Meets alternate 3rd Tuesdays or Saturdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. For more information, e-mail [gddar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gddar@sbcglobal.net) or visit our website at: [www.texasdar.org/chapters/GreaterDallas/](http://www.texasdar.org/chapters/GreaterDallas/)

**HOGAR de Dallas**

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of September, November, January, March, and May, at Casa View Branch Library, 10355 Ferguson Road (intersection of Ferguson and Joaquin/Gus Thomason), Dallas, Library - 214-670-8403. 6:30 p.m. social gathering. Meeting & activities start at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Art

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**Irving Genealogical Society**

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

**Lamar County Genealogical Society**

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

**Lancaster Genealogical Society**

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Lancaster Veteran's Memorial Library, 1600 Veterans Memorial Parkway, at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Lana Filgo, [lfilgo@swbell.net](mailto:lfilgo@swbell.net).

**Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society**

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

**Mid-Cities Genealogical Society**

Meets the first Thursday of each month at the Euless Public Library. Social time at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., a short business meeting, followed by the program. Contact: Norann Lustfield, [noranni@sbcglobal.net](mailto:noranni@sbcglobal.net).

**North Collin County Genealogical Society**

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**North Texas PC Users Group**

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Meets at the Pecan Plantation clubhouse in Granbury, Texas, September through May, on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact Micki Burleson, Program Chairman, 817-578-3673, [mickiburleson@charter.net](mailto:mickiburleson@charter.net).

**Peters Colony Chapter of the DAR**

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, October-May, at 7:00 p.m. at Newman Smith High School, Carrollton. Info: [www.geocities.com/Wellesley/Garden/5215/](http://www.geocities.com/Wellesley/Garden/5215/)

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### September

- 06 – Sat Internet for Genealogy
- 11 – Thu Writers Interest Group
- 13 – Sat Digital Imaging Group
- 13 – Sat Computer Interest Group
- 13 – Sat The Master Genealogist
- 16 – Tue African American Genealogy Interest Group
- 20 – Sat Class 101
- 20 – Sat Class 201
- 20 – Sat Class 401
- 20 – Sat Brown Bag Genealogy Group
- 22 – Mon General Meeting

### October

- 04 – Sat Family Tree Maker
- 04 – Sat Internet for Genealogy
- 04 – Sat German Research Group
- 09 – Thu Writer's Interest Group
- 11 – Sat Digital Interest Group
- 11 – Sat The Master Genealogist
- 18 – Sat Computer Interest Group
- 18 – Sat Class 101
- 18 – Sat Class 201
- 18 – Sat Class 401
- 21 – Sat Brown Bag Genealogy Group
- 27 – Tue African American Genealogy Interest Group
- 27 – Mon General Meeting

The DGS General and some special interest group (SIG) meetings are usually held on the Plaza level, in the Auditorium and East/West Rooms of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, in downtown Dallas. The remaining SIGs Meet in the Studio on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, the Hamon Room on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, or the McDermott Room on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor. Underground parking is entered from Wood Street.

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