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A Letter from Pickens County, South Carolina

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, as part of a series, to describe her research experiences in South Carolina.

Pickens County, South Carolina
June 23, 2007

Dearest Cousin,

I am still well and working my way towards the final leg of my research trip in South Carolina. Although I did not stay overnight in Pickens, I wanted to scribble a few notes about my several day excursions to this charming locality. Pickens County holds several attractions. It is, foremost, where many generations of our ancestors lived their lives. Ancestors first homesteaded this region in 1784 and, until the mid-1950s, many still called these Blue Ridge Mountains home.

Since records of their lives—where such records exist—were created in Pickens, this is where I must do some research. Some county records are now microfilmed and can be acquired from the Family History Library at Salt Lake City. But there are attractions that Salt Lake City cannot satisfy: opportunities to drive and walk the land of our ancestral home, to view the vistas, to experience a sliver of what attracted our ancestors to the land and held them here for so many generations, to search records still found only in local agencies and libraries. My strongest motivation, however, is to reunite with family that I have met only through email, phone calls, and letters.

Each time I journey to Pickens County, I drive along S.C. Highway 11. The route roughly follows a Cherokee trail once connecting the lower Cherokee towns with the Middle towns prior to white men settling here. I must sadly report that time and developments are removing memory of the wilderness from these mountains and valleys. Now, Cousin, I do not oppose people living better lives here, but a part of me mourns the loss of the untamed natural beauty of these mountains. Here, plants flourish that grow nowhere else in the world. I confess that I hold romantic notions of the past. If I could talk with our ancestors, I suppose, they might disabuse me of my reveries. Still, I travel the Cherokee Highway, stopping, here and

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Awesome!!! When I look back over the last five years, when I first visited DGS, what growth. The strong fundraising programs that will give you some of the same type of education that Samford and other national programs give, the addition of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and now Educational classes for almost all levels. DGS is exploding in many directions at once and, for the most part, it is very good and very humbling at the same time.

If you are a Beginner, you can learn to start off properly. As you grow, now there is an Advanced Beginner/Intermediate level. There is an Advanced class for those who want to keep going forward. We are even starting a group for professionals, or those who work on the professional level with professional standards (very advanced). In 2009, there will be an Intermediate to Advanced level class started (it is already in the works!).

The SIGs (Special Interest Groups) have almost something for everyone. If you have an interest, check to see if there is a group on a given subject. If you do not see that favorite interest, please let a board member know and we will see if there is enough interest to form another SIG.

There is always the other side of the coin. With this growth comes expense. It costs the society for paper, postage, internet usage, etc. As your home budget swells, so does that of DGS. We have tried to keep the expenses down to the rock bottom, but some expenses we just cannot control. We have had to go up on our prices by a small amount in order to cover the additional expenses.

With all of these opportunities, is your genealogical knowledge growing? The Dallas Public Library has just added about a thousand books to their collection in the last couple of weeks. This could be the best year yet for genealogical research in the Dallas Area.

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

- Mary Thomas Baty
- Katherine Blair
- Dana Busenbark
- Brenda & Herschel Everett
- Ann Flowers
- Glenda Bengé Hayes
- Wayne Rogers
- Mary W. Sloan
- Shannon S. Sloan
- Paulette Stieglmeyer
- Dr. Christopher E & Kathleen G. Strauss

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

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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, February 25, 2008

A Happy Home Without Husbands. Speaker: Kelvin Meyers.

Monday, March 24, 2008

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

Monday, April 28, 2008

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

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.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.

Mar 01: 9:30 Family Tree Maker

March topic: *People*.

For a meeting reminder, send an email to:

ftmmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org. Meets in the Studio on 3.

Mar 01: 1:30 British Research Group

Bill Dow- *Using the Canada National Archives And Library Web Site* <http://www.collectionscanada.ca>

For a meeting reminder, send an email to:

brgmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org. Meets in the Studio on 3.

Mar 01: 3:00 Internet for Genealogy Interest Group

Glenn Kinkaide- *Mailing Lists and Writing Skills*

For a meeting reminder, send an email to:

internetmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org. Meets

in the Studio on 3.

Mar 08: Digital Imaging Group

For a meeting reminder, send an email to:

digmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org. Meets in the Hamon Room on 5 at 9:30.

Mar 08: Computer Interest Group

Jerri Steele and Bill Dow-*Excel*.

For a meeting reminder, send an email to:

cigmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org. Meets at 1:00 in the Hamon Room on 5.

Mar 08: The Master Genealogist

For a meeting reminder, send an email to:

tmgmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org. Meets in the Hamon Room on 5 at 2:30

Mar 13: 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.

Mar 18: 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.

Mar 20: Speakers Roundtable

For a meeting reminder, send an email to:

Srtmeeting-subscribe@dallasgenealogy.org. Meet in the McDermott Rooms at 6:30..

WRITERS' INTEREST GROUP PROGRAM FOR MARCH

In many works of literature, both classical and contemporary, place plays a dominant role in the narrative. For the March 13 meeting of the Writers' Interest Group, the suggested assignment is to write an article about a place. This might be a town, a neighborhood, a home, a church, and it might be from your own experience or in the life of an ancestor.

At the April 10 meeting, Tresa Tatyrek will speak to the group on using Roots Magic software to facilitate writing family history. 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!

Marge Stockton

**A Letter From Pickens County,
South Carolina**

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there, to chat with local merchants about local happenings

Our ancestors were called "mountain people" by those living along the piedmont. Mostly Scots-Irish in origin, they favored isolation and independence of spirit. They found both in the mountains and hollers of the Blue Ridge. You can still see residents here who cling to remnants of traditions borne in previous generations. For example, each Friday night, folks from all over Pickens County gather at Oolenoy Community Center.¹

They come with all kinds of musical instruments—a few handmade—for rounds of blue grass and gospel music. Each musician will take a turn in front a single microphone (the only electronics used), leading others in a favorite tune. Young and old, alike, sit in a large circle, playing song after song. When every musician has had the opportunity to showcase his or her talents, the cycle repeats.

Hospitality in this part of the country is unsurpassed by any place else. It is a truly family-like atmosphere. If you can play an instrument but don't have one with you, someone will lend you one. If you cannot play an instrument, you are encouraged to sing along. I softly sang the lyrics of several familiar tunes, songs learned as a young girl from my dad. Everyone is invited to participate in whatever way they choose.

On other visits, I was able to meet at least one person whose ancestors, like ours, have lived here for 200 years. To them, I asked questions, such as "how long have these customs, such as the community-held jam sessions, existed?" "How long have you been a member of this church or this community?" "Who is the oldest member in the group or community, who can tell me the history of the community and its members?" I seek out these community elders because they are living records for ancestors now gone. I collect their stories, partly because they can provide context for the documents that I find at libraries, court houses, and archives, partly because their own life stories can become historical records, and partly because I just love a good story. You never know where it may lead you. I have come to recognize the value of culture and oral history to understanding records left behind by our ancestors and the stories of their lives.

Too, visiting closer kin are always a special treat for me. In Anderson County, I visited the home of

Second Cousin Jo. She and I got to talking about our common kin when I realized that I also planned a visit with Second Cousin Leroy. Pausing the conversation, I called Leroy to tell him what I was doing and asked if he wanted to join us at Jo's house. He agreed and we hung up. Then, I turned to Jo as I apologized. I was so excited to talk with Leroy, I didn't think to ask if it was okay to invite another visitor. But, dear Jo was delighted.

Both cousins showed me original photos and artifacts once owned by our ancestors. Every item triggered a memory and a story about the original owner. I spent the most wonderful afternoon visiting and listening to stories about growing up in a cotton mill village.

Our South Carolina cousins also shared what they knew about ancestors that, for me, have been "brick walls." I learned that one cousin actually knew one of my brick walls, Henry MOORE(1887-?). Since time constraints forced our conversation to be brief, we will continue our conversation about Henry via email.

There were also stories about more time-distant ancestors. These stories helped to explain more fully documents that I found and to provide clues as to where I might look for answers for mysteries, such as the murder of Joab MOORE (1855-1909?). Many details about his death puzzle me as a researcher. With no still living witnesses to that event, the mystery of his murder can now be considered family lore. Comparing differing versions of family lore could be beneficial to piecing together this puzzle.

You know, Cousin, beginning genealogy books and courses always advise us "to start with family." It is good advice, but incomplete. I say, "Visit early. Visit again and again." Of course, Jo and Leroy talked about living relatives as well, but I will save that news for when I return to Texas.

I so enjoyed the visit with kin-folk that I never got around to walking on ancestral lands. Something to do the next time I visit (I hope). I now turn southward for Columbia where the state archives and state library are located. I will write soon. Until then, give my love to family.

Your cousin,
Sharon

¹ Oolenoy Community, the oldest community in Pickens County, was first settled by Europeans in 1743. According to legend, Cornelius Keith (1715-1808), a Scottish Indian trader, acquired a large portion of a wide and fertile valley from Cherokee Chief Oolenoy. The land

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was traded for a pony. The valley and river, which ran through it, was named for the chief.

DGS Annual Reports Part One

Annual Report, *The Dallas Journal* 2007 Marge Stockton, VP -- Journal Dec. 10, 2007

The 2007 *Journal* was mailed out to members in mid-October, 2007. Its length was 160 pages. Cost of publishing was \$3,870. Articles this year included:

- El Tivoli Place History – Elizabeth Diehl
- Index to 1860 Agricultural Schedule – Gerri L. Brannan
- The Henry Pollack Trunk Company – Tresa Tatyrek
- Trinity Methodist Church History – Kelvin Meyers
- Trinity Methodist Church First Membership Register – Kelvin Meyers
- Trinity Methodist Church Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths – Kelvin Meyers
- Certified List of Graduating Students from DISD High Schools, 1921 – Marge Stockton
- Remembering Mammaw – Sharon Gayle
- Historical List of Dallas County Courts – Shirley Sloat
- A Mission to Texas – Marge Stockton
- Dallas County Korean Conflict Roll of Honor – Gerri L. Brannan
- The Thomas Sherman Family Bible – Elizabeth Nelson Thurmond (contributed by J. C. Bush)

My heartfelt thanks to all the above authors for their hard work. Many thanks also to Shirley Sloat, Ed Millis and Gene Stockton for assistance with editing and proofreading.

~~Three completed items are held over for the 2008 *Journal*:~~

- Dallas County Confederate Pensions 1899 – Marilyn Kosanke
- Certified List of Graduating Students from DISD High Schools, 1922 – Marge Stockton
- Cummings-Holt Family Bible – Marge Stockton

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Stockton

Annual Report Director of Mailing Terry Reep

January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007

Number of Mailings	12
Number of Pieces	10,594
Brochures	4,017
Journal	806
Newsletters	5771

Dallas Genealogical Society Vice-President for Education 2007 Annual Report

1. Eleven educational programs were presented at regular meetings in 2007.

22 Jan	Harvesting the Internet for Research Strategies
26 Feb	Finding the Law of Your Ancestors' Lives
26 Mar	Resources at the DAR House
23 Apr	How to Locate Your Hard-to-Find Ancestors Using Indirect Evidence in Your Research
21 May	How Great Thou Art! How Great They Are! Church Records
25 Jun	Making Your Family History Interesting: Writing First Person Accounts
23 Jul	Using the DPL Map Collection in Your Research
27 Aug	Texas State GenWeb, the Legacy of Mike Basham
24 Sep	Using Land Records
22 Oct	Digital Keys to the Mysteries of Special Collections
26 Nov	Oral History for Genealogists

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2. All eleven of the 2008 monthly meeting speakers have been booked.

Jan	Using DPL's Inter-Library Loan for Your Genealogical Research
Feb	A Happy Home Without Husbands
Mar	DPL's Genealogy Collection
Apr	Using DPL's Texas/Dallas History Section for Your Genealogical Research
May	Using DPL's Business & Technology Section for Your Genealogical Research
Jun	Genealogy and DNA
Jul	Finding and Using Manuscript Collections: NUCMC and Beyond
Aug	Using DPL's Government Publications Section for Your Genealogical Research
Sep	Using DPL's History & Social Sciences Department for Your Genealogical Research
Oct	Using DPL's Humanities Fine Arts Department for Your Genealogical Research
Nov	Organizing Your Research Notes Electronically

3. Seventy-four members and guests ended the year with a successful awards and recognition banquet. The 2007 volunteer awards presented were:

Award of Merit:

Tresa Tatyrek

Volunteer of the Year:

Terry Bradshaw O'Neill

Heritage Preservation Award:

General Levi Casey Chapter, DAR

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Award:

John Frederick Dorman

The Dallas Public Library presented the **DPL Award of Excellence** to Ernestine & Wille Taylor.

4. Our Beginner's Genealogy sessions ended and the program was a rousing success. We averaged 17 students each month. Marianne Szabo attended all eleven

sessions and will receive her certificate via mail. We also had two students who missed only one session and four students who missed only two. Thanks to all the course instructors:

SESSION	2007 DATE	INSTRUCTOR
1. Getting Started	Jan 20	Bill Deal
2. Learning from Your Family	Feb 17	Sharon Gayle Robert Tidwell (Symposium)
3. Technology and the Genealogist	Mar 17	Tresa Tatyrek
4. Check It Out Before You Boldly Go: Finding Published Works on Your Family	Apr 21	Sharon Gayle Janet Branstetter (Symposium)
5. Gathering the Basic Facts	May 19	Liz Kutz
6. Using the Census to Find the Trail	Jun 16	Happi McQuirk
7. Working in Your Locality	Jul 21	Deborah McVean
8. Finding the Family Farm: Land Records	Aug 18	Don Raney
9. Settling the Estate: Probate	Sept 15	Glenn Kinkade
10. Joining Up: Military and Veteran's Records	Oct 20	Lela Evans
11. Continuing Your Research	Nov 17	Bill Deal

5. The new Beginners 101 and 201 Education Series will begin Jan 19. Robert Tidwell will serve as coordinator for 101 and Janet Khashab as coordinator for 201. Janet Branstetter will present all topics.

101

- Jan 19 Getting Started
 Feb 16 Getting Started 2
 Mar 15 Internet Technology & Organization
 Apr 19 Learning From the Family & Finding Existing Research

- May 17 Census Records 1850-1930
- Jun 21 Census Indexes, Microfilm & Online Access
- Jul 19 Progress Review
- Aug 16 Vital Records—Marriage
- Sep 20 Vital Records—Birth & Marriage
- Oct 18 Cemetery Records
- Nov 18 Review and Case Study

201

- Jan 19 Repetitive Nature of Research
- Feb 16 Research Planning & Strategies
- Mar 15 Land Records Intro & Individual Land Records
- Apr 19 Land Records—State Land States & Federal Land States
- May 17 Land Records—Review
- Jun 21 Census Records, 1790-1840
- Jul 19 Special Census Schedules
- Aug 16 State Census Records
- Sep 20 Marriage, Birth, & Death Records
- Oct 18 Newspaper & Obituaries
- Nov 18 Review and Case Study

6. **Salt Lake City Tour:** Next year's trip will take place 19-26 Oct 2008. We have a signed contract with the Shilo Inn. Leader's contracts are pending.

7. **2008 Room Reservations**—All room reservations for 2008 meetings are complete.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Branstetter
13 Dec 2007

No 2007 Annual Report:

Parliamentarian
Newsletter

Finding William W. Barton, a Journey of Discovery and Lessons Learned Along the Way

Linda J. Brinkley

I never realized how many William Bartons there were in the world between 1849 and 1926 until I began looking for my great-great-grandfather. Our William W. Barton was born in Georgia in 1849, died in Paris, Texas in 1926 and is buried in Asbury Cemetery, near Tolar in Hood County, Texas. His parents were John S. Barton and Catherine Collins Barton. No, he was not the William W. Barton who married Mary Ussary and died young in Stone County, Missouri even though that information was conscientiously, but incorrectly, repeated for years in Barton Genealogies. *(LESSON #1: never take information for granted just because another researcher thinks it is true and/or because it is printed in books and on the Internet.)*

As my search began, Barton researchers, who were much more experienced than I, were so sure that our William W. Barton was not part of John S. Barton's family that I believed them and tried to look elsewhere. I must have found EVERY William Barton, William W. Barton, Will Barton and W.W. Barton in existence between 1849 and 1926 but none of the others matched our family. However, the information I found about our William W. Barton kept leading me back to the John S. Barton family. *(LESSON #2: do not ignore information and proof that are right in front of you because someone who has no proof has tried to convince you that your information might not be true.)*

My luck changed when my attitude toward the records and materials changed. Instead of trying to prove that our William W. Barton did not belong to John S. Barton's family, I started trying to prove that he did belong to that family. Instead of continuing to force myself to look elsewhere, I re-examined the information I had and looked for new clues. When that happened, I found a goldmine. *(LESSON #3: when confronted with a brick wall, use it to list your facts and evidence to see if you may have overlooked something or neglected to take advantage of all the available resources.)*

I was never able to find our William W. Barton and his family in the 1880 U.S. Census. Neither could those who preceded me in this research, which was

the reason they thought he had died young. He disappeared from the U.S. Census because he and his family were in Choctaw Indian Territory. He and his family had gone there with his cousins Nathan Volentine Collins and Elisha Porter Hayden Collins. Hayden Collins was the son of Zachariah Collins and nephew of Catherine Collins Barton, John S. Barton's wife. I finally had the proof I needed to link that family to ours and I found it in Federal Court Records! In 1881, William W. Barton was accused of arson for burning down the corncrib and stable of his cousin Hayden Collins and brought to trial in Fort Smith, Arkansas (the United States vs. William W. Barton). Testimony from this trial told me that Hayden and William had grown up together. They had been partners in a well drilling operation but had a "falling out" prior to the burning incident. William thought Hayden owed him money and had threatened to kill one of Hayden's steers and take out what was owed in meat. They lived near Backbone Mountain, close to the Old Fort Towson Road (near what is now Pocola in LeFlore County, Oklahoma). On the night of the burning, William's wife was so ill that he was afraid she was going to die. He wanted to ride for a doctor but his horse had been "turned out into the field" for the night, so he walked one mile to the farm of his neighbor and cousin, Volentine Collins, to borrow a horse. Unfortunately, Volentine's horses had also been "turned out" and William couldn't chase them around the field in the dark, so he walked the mile back home. His son (my great-grandfather), David Barton, who was 9 years old at the time, testified that William "had a chill" and went to bed as soon as he got back home. Prosecution testimony revealed that a horse's hoof prints were followed over Backbone Mountain to Barton's farm, implicating him in the burning. Defense testimony revealed that there were others in Choctaw Indian Territory who did not like Hayden Collins and had threatened to "run him out of the Territory". The trial judge was Judge Isaac C. Parker, who gained notoriety as the "hanging judge" of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Our William W. Barton was found innocent and I found a really good story. *(LESSON #4: don't shy away from information you think might be unpleasant or embarrassing, such a Court case that may have involved your ancestors. Such information might turn out to be one of the most interesting aspects of your family history.)*

Fortunately for me, our William W. Barton was no stranger to the legal system. I also found two Chancery court records that helped prove the

number of times he was married. Family stories were vague regarding his marriages. I was told he married "several times". So far, I've been able to prove three marriages and two of those were proved with court records. In September 1886, his second wife divorced him in Baxter County, Arkansas. In August 1897, he divorced his third wife in Independence County, Arkansas because, since their marriage in 1888, she had left him 39 different times and sought to make his life as miserable as she could! The divorce was granted but they continued to live together and are buried next to each other in Asbury Cemetery, Hood County, Texas. *(LESSON #5: County Chancery Court Records may contain information about an ancestor that you may not be able to find elsewhere. For example, among the court documents was a list of all the property William W. Barton owned at that time).*

Another technique I used to prove that we were part of John S. Barton's family was the Barton DNA Project. Two male descendants of William W. Barton, who were two generations apart, were willing to participate. Of course, their results were identical. But, a more important result was that they also matched other Barton males who were descendants of John S. Barton and his father, Henry Barton (b. 1798 in the Pendleton District of South Carolina). *(LESSON #6: take advantage of new technologies such as the DNA Project to help confirm printed records and, perhaps, fill in blanks where no original records exist.)*

By finding our William W. Barton, I can now provide our family with information and a history that they would not have otherwise had. In the process, I also learned valuable lessons in where to look for information and how to go about doing genealogy.

2007 DGS Annual Awards

By Sammie Townsend Lee

The 2007 DGS Annual Awards were presented on Monday evening, 10 December, at the DGS annual Christmas meeting. As chairman of the Awards Committee, it was my great pleasure to make these presentations along with committee member Pat Stone. Jan Livingston, who was not present, also served on the committee.

As the chair of the original committee that established these awards in 1994, I am delighted to report the DGS Awards are alive and well. Established to recognize the outstanding contributions of volunteers in our Society and in the genealogical and historical community, the 2007 awards certainly carry on that tradition.

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award: John Frederick Dorman

The Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual for outstanding contributions to the genealogical community on a national level. The first person to receive this award in 1994 was Lloyd and it was decided then that the award would bear his name.

The 2007 Award is being presented to a gentleman whose name is well-known to anyone who has every researched a Virginia ancestor. Since 1955, John Frederick Dorman has been the editor and publisher of *The Virginia Genealogist*, which ceased publication this past December with Volume 50. Mr. Dorman is also highly regarded for his incomparable work on early Virginia immigrants, *Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624*. He has compiled seventy-eight volumes of abstracts of colonial Virginia records and fifty-one volumes of Revolutionary War records. A Certified Genealogist since 1965, and a former President and Executive Director of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, Mr. Dorman is a Fellow of the prestigious fifty-member American Society of Genealogists and a Fellow of the National Genealogical Society and Virginia Genealogical Society.

Heritage Preservation Award: General Levi Casey Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

The DGS Heritage Preservation Award is presented annually to an individual, group, or organization in recognition of contributions to preserve, conserve, house, or collect family history. Past recipients in this category cover many varying types of genealogical and historical preservation endeavors.

The 2007 award is presented to the General Levi Casey Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, for their constant and

unwavering support of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. In the past eleven years this DAR Chapter has donated approximately \$200,000 dollars to the collection. The first donation was made in 1996 to DGS during the first renovation to the Genealogy Section. It allowed us to expand the microfilm reading area and purchase new readers. Since then, yearly donations have enabled Lloyd to purchase many collections that would have otherwise been unobtainable. Every time you pick up a roll of microfilm displaying their gift plate, you should say a big *thank you* to the generosity of the General Levi Casey Chapter, NSDAR. The award was accepted by Suzanne Sellers, the chapter historian.

DGS Volunteer of the Year: Terri Bradshaw O'Neill

The DGS Volunteer of the Year award is presented annually to a member who has generously volunteered time, expertise, talents, and abilities to the Society during the previous year to the extent to make that member stand out and draw attention.

The 2007 award is presented to a person who has been an outstanding volunteer to our Society this past year and for many, many years, doing the same outstanding job over and over. Terri O'Neill is one of our longest sitting volunteers on the DGS volunteer desk in the Genealogy Section. If it is Tuesday in Genealogy, the 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. shift is going to be the very same person that it has been for the past fourteen years. Unless she is out of town in Hawaii or Europe or some other wonderful destination, she is at that desk making sure our patrons are properly greeted and directed to where they need to be; and she does this in the friendliest and most professional manner possible. And heaven help the person who does not sign in, because she will drag them back to that desk and make sure they do. Terri believes in our statistics. There is simply no task she will not undertake. Additionally, her writing skills have made many a DGS Newsletter editor most grateful to her for her masterfully written articles. DGS is blessed to have such volunteers as Terri O'Neill.

DGS Award of Merit: Tresa Tatyrek

The DGS Award of Merit is presented annually to a DGS member who has consistently contributed time, talent, expertise, and abilities to the Society

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over a period of years. This member's dedication and hard work in the name of the society usually goes way above the norm. Their contributions stand out. No job is too big or too small. The 2007 DGS Award of Merit recipient certainly fits this description.

Tresa Tatyrek is most deserving of this award. She has served DGS in numerous board positions and was one of our most outstanding and productive presidents, serving from January 2002 to December 2004. Her dedication to the goals and objectives of the Society are apparent in her many valuable contributions. Her planning skills, genealogical knowledge, and technological expertise have truly taken DGS into a new era. Somehow she has found the time to bring organization to the many DGS special interest groups, revamp our Society home page, and teach all of us a bit more about the value of computers in genealogy. Tresa is truly deserving of our gratitude and our thanks for a job well-done.

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.

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February and March Featured Lecturers

Kory Meyerink, BS, MLS, AG,

FUGA

23 Feb 2008

Research and Writing

Kory Meyerink has been involved in nearly every aspect of genealogy and family history for over 20 years, starting as a record searcher while attending Brigham Young University where he received an Associate in Family and Local History, as well as a B.S. in Psychology. He later completed a Masters of Library and Information Science. He is a nationally known lecturer, writer and teacher. He had served as an officer of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Utah Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and is a member of the National Genealogical Society. He is the Vice President of ProGenealogists and is the host of the Family Roots radio show..

Topics:

- The Research Process
- Baker's Dozen
- Professional Report Writing and Presentations

Tony Burroughs, FUGA

29 Mar 2008

Farmers and Soldiers in the Western South

Tony Burroughs is a professional genealogist who has been teaching genealogy at Chicago State University for fifteen years. He lectures throughout the United States and Canada, having delivered over eighty lectures at national conferences including nine national keynote addresses, five regional keynotes, and seven state keynote addresses. Burroughs is a New England Historic Genealogical Society Councilor. Former board positions include: the Association of Professional Genealogists, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and he is a former president of the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago.

Topics:

- Tenant Farmer and Sharecropper
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- Navigating the National Archives

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- Oakland Cemetery Family of Warren, Arkansas.
- Family Maps of Fulton County, Arkansas.
- Abstract of the Saline County, Arkansas Circuit Court Common Law Book 2. Donated by Gayle C. Newkirk.
- Family Maps of Cleveland County, Arkansas.
- Cleveland County, Arkansas Cemetery Records. Vol. 3 and Supplement. Donated by Hallie Price Garner.

CALIFORNIA

- Indigent Records in Sonoma County, California: 1878-1926. Vol. 2.

COLORADO

- Family Maps of Ouray County, Colorado.

DELAWARE

- Sussex County, Delaware, Deed Record: & Sussex County, Delaware, Land Deeds.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Alumnae Directory/Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, 1989.

FLORIDA

- Tropical Frontier: Pioneers and Settlers of Southeast Florida.
- Osceola County, Florida.
- Seminole. 1938, 1940, and 1941. Donated by Robin Yaklin.
- Story of the Huguenots.

GEORGIA

- Warren County, Georgia Land Records.
- Washington County, Georgia, Estate Records, 1822-1885. Donated by the R.J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Jefferson County, Georgia, and Some Surrounding Areas: Land Records. 2.
- Journal of the Senate, State of Georgia, 1799.
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- Family Maps of Hamilton County, Illinois.
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- Greater Roseland Area of Chicago: Newspaper Abstracts 1882-1894. Donated by Jo and Jim Stallholm.
- Maps from the Covers of Saga of Southern Illinois. Donated by Ron McFarland.
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- Every-Name Index to Union County, Illinois Marriage Records. 1818-1868. Donated by Ron McFarland.
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- Memories of Salt Creek.
- Family Maps of Bond County, Illinois.
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- Family Maps of Fayette County, Illinois.

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- Family Maps of Wabash County, Indiana.
- Peopling Indiana: the Ethnic Experience.
- Family Maps of Grant County, Indiana.
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IOWA

- Family Maps of Keokuk County, Iowa.
- Family Maps of Ringgold County, Iowa.
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- Family Maps of Johnson County, Iowa.
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- Family Maps of Clayton County, Iowa.

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- Excerpts of Obituaries from Trimble County, Kentucky, 5 vols., Before 1928-1989.
- Indenture of Apprenticeship, 1866-1912, McLean County, Kentucky.
- Lucas, Lowe Undertaking Co., Incorporated.
- Green County Black Records: Green County, Kentucky. Donated by Joyce Martin Murray.
- Kentucky 1850 Agricultural Census.

LOUISIANA

- Bethany-Jennings Chapel Community.
- Marthaville Holiness Campmeetings, Marthaville, Louisiana, 1895-1981.
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- Finding Your Mexican Ancestors: a Beginner's Guide.

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- History of the Jewish Community of Schneidemuhl: 1641 to the Holocaust.

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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

April

05 – Sat Family Tree Maker
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16 – Wed MacReunion Group
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28 – Mon General Meeting

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