

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

DGS Newsletter

STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE RESEARCH PREPARATION LECTURE

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Her oft-migrating ancestors lived in Denmark, England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, all of the original colonies prior to 1800 and 17 other states. Clients and authors have added many other countries and states. This has presented her with highly varied research problems and forced her to acquire techniques and tools that help solve tough problems.

Her special research interests include problem lineages, colonial research, tombstones, naming patterns, and land platting. She enjoys her contacts with other genealogists, is heartened by their willingness and eagerness to learn, and believes as her stationery says, "When you search for ancestors, you find friends."

The Dallas Genealogical Society is honored to have Patricia Hatcher as guest lecturer for our *Strategies for Effective Research Preparation* lecture on Saturday, June 28, 2008. Her topics will include:

Winning the Paper War—Organizing Your Research Material

Basic, Intermediate

Genealogists are paper collectors. We can become buried under mounds of paper. Information—hence, undiscovered ancestors—may

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

President's Report

The year is almost half over and there is so much more to happen. In this first half there has not been a dull minute. Additional education classes and SIGs, a Technology Day, two lectures, with a lock-in completed the first half of the year. We have even more scheduled for the second half of the year, including:

- another Lock-in on June 28th
- a lecture with Patricia Law Hatcher on "Strategies for Effective Research Preparation" on June 28th. This lecture includes those planning to go to Salt Lake City in October, right down to those who use the Dallas Public Library. There will be something for everyone in this lecture!
- July 26 – 28, 2008, Lloyd Bockstruck and John Colletta will be presenting "The Call of the West." This Summer Institute is on the subject of migration. It will be a help for anyone trying to understand migration patterns.
- Salt Lake City Trip in October. If you have not been, you are missing a genealogical treat! Brochures are already out.

During the first half of the year, we had an interesting time with our internet server. We now have a new one with a rebuilt web site. This web site still has work to be done on it. It still needs the databases added and eventually this will be done. I wish to thank Sharon Gayle, for the redesign of the web site. When the internet server went down, some pages were corrupted. Sharon, subbing for Ed Kutz, the webmaster (Ed had surgery) made an "executive" decision to make the pages that we have, as redoing the old ones was going to be a major problem. If you have not looked at the web site, please do. I also want to thank Jeri Steele. She had to work almost 24/7 on the issues that we were having, and that is almost impossible when you are also working as a senior software engineer for TI. We are still recovering, but we are slowly

getting back to normal. If you have had any membership issues during this time period, please contact Jeri or myself and we will check into it and correct any problems that we find.

At the May board meeting, Lloyd Bockstruck stated that the Genealogy Section of the library now owns over 107,000 books. Have you been to the library lately? I bet that one of your ancestors is waiting to be discovered there!

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

We give a "Welcome" and a "Delayed Welcome" to the following:

- Julie A. and Roald (Skip) Gustafson,
- Connie and Lance Beebe,
- Carol McClure Franklin, Linda J. Holland,
- Patricia Stigger, Minnie J. Mitchell,
- Pealena Sanders, Ken Rowland,
- Verne Rudebusch, Beverly Bunson,
- Betty G. Ellis, Karen Hermann,
- Audrey Kirst, Melody Link,
- Bruce Pastusek, Mark Tidwell

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, 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.

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.

June 12 (Thursday): 6:30 Writer's Interest Group

Common Problems in Genealogical Writing - And Practical Advice on How to Avoid Them, Patricia Law Hatcher. Meets in the McDermott Room on 8.

June 14 (Saturday): 1:00 Computer Interest Group

Tips and Tricks - Word 2003 with Diane Bentley. Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

June 14 (Saturday): 9:30 Digital Interest Group

Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

June 14 (Saturday): 2:30 The Master Genealogist

Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

June 21 (Saturday): 11:30 Brown Bag

Article: Bettag, Clare Mire. "Civil Law Concepts and Genealogy: Learning from the French Model." *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 95:3(September 2007): 179-196.

July 10 (Thursday): 6:30 Writer's Interest Group

Meets in the McDermott Room on 8.

July 12 (Saturday): 1:00 Computer Interest Group

Mail Washer Pro, the Ultimate Spam Blocker Software with Linda Moore. Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

July 12 (Saturday): 9:30 Digital Interest Group

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WRITERS' INTEREST GROUP PROGRAM FOR JUNE

For genealogists, that elusive family story may provide the clue that opens doors in our research, or it may represent another "brick wall." 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!

Strategies (continued from the front page)

lie buried in those mounds of paper. If you can win the paper war, you may be able to uncover those ancestors.

"They Just Show'd Up!" Where to Look When You Don't Know Where to Look

Intermediate, Advanced

Most genealogists sooner or later encounter an ancestor who seems to appear out of nowhere. Often arriving in the earliest years of settlement, usually a farmer, the individual appears to offer few if any direct clues as to his roots. This lecture presents a structured method for reviewing your existing research and identifying additional resources that can lead to the solution to the problem.

Documentation—More Than Just a Source

Basic, Intermediate, Advanced

Source, citation, documentation, evidence, analysis, proof . . . What do these terms mean—and which one are we supposed to do in our research? The emphasis is on *useful* documentation.

Why Use Land Records? Because . . .

Basic, Intermediate

Land records are the most sorely under-used records in genealogy, given the valuable information therein. They always tell us about our ancestors' lives; they often state relationships; they may be the only record that provides the solution to a genealogical problem.

I'm Here to Pick-up My Family Tree

Heather Williams, Manager
History and Social Sciences/Genealogy

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

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

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

Ancestry.com database is updated every business day and is considered to be the best site for U.S., English and Canadian ancestry. In addition, the database is adding other countries' records at a fast pace. Although some of the information can be found on free websites, *Ancestry.com* brings these websites together under the umbrella of one search engine which is easy-to-navigate even for the novice user. Genealogy staff also tout the every-

name index which is available for most U.S. Census years. Another important feature of this database is the ability to magnify images or pages before printing out information. Many of these features are unique to *Ancestry.com*

In conclusion, *Ancestry.com* is a welcome addition to the Genealogy Section computers and will be a way to simplify genealogical research for many library users. As with any research tool, researchers still need to take the extra step and verify their information by researching the original source record. The Genealogy Section staff is here to assist with any of the unit's databases or serve as a guide to the extensive genealogical collections available on the 8th floor at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

The Desire for Family Stories

By Sharon Gayle

Teaching the topic "Learning from Family" to a class of beginning genealogists, I described how I gather family stories from relatives when I visit some distant cousins. At the end of the class, a student wrote on the feedback survey that she did not think that the information learned from the class would be useful for her. You see, she explained, all her older relatives were dead. The class being over, I did not have the opportunity to stress that family history research is not just about ancient ancestors. It is about understanding ancestors in the context of social history—AND it is about understanding the family in which we now live. DNA does not trace that information for us. Documents rarely offer those insights. Stories do.

So now my lectures on family oral history start with the questions: What do you want to know about an ancestor who is now gone? Can you name five ancestors whom you would love to resurrect for an evening, share a meal, and ask them questions about their lives? I share my top five (I actually have more):

1. Burt MOORE (ca. 1756-1836)—my 4th great grandfather who served as an Indian spy during the American Revolution. After independence was won, he settled in the remote parts of South Carolina. When children and other relatives moved westward, he stayed. What kept him bound

to the land on which he lived and died? What was his first wife's given name?

2. Bluford FLANARY (ca. 1822 – ca. 1878)—my 2nd great grandfather. He served in the VA State home guard during the Civil War. He had two brothers, named Black and White (really!), who served the Union from KY. The men lived within 100 miles of one another. All three men must have been close as brothers because they named sons after one another. My central question would be how did these political differences affect their relationships?
3. Flossie FLANARY (1910-1993)—my grandmother. Her father died when she was seven, leaving her mother to raise six girls alone. Poor to the point of heartbreak, her mother put all six girls to work in fields to pick whatever they could for a few cents a day. My grandmother's education ended at age 9. She did not go beyond fourth grade. My central question would be: "Having experienced many hard times (loss of a parent, the Great Depression, divorce, widowhood, ...) during your life, which was the most difficult for you? Which one taught you the greatest wisdom about life?"
4. Virginia COLE (1926-1991)—my mother. Dealt with health problems while raising four of her twelve grandchildren, sometimes with only a disability check to support everyone. If she could pick a defining moment in her life, one whereby if that moment had not occurred her life might have turned out differently, what would that moment be? Would she change it if she could?
5. Joab MOORE (ca. 1855 - ??)—my great grandfather. According to family lore, Joab died in GA on 21 August 1909. He was murdered by a person/persons unknown. When he failed to return home from a cattle buying trip, wife, Mary Lou, asked her sons, Jim, Will, and Henry to go looking for their father. They discovered his body thrown in a ravine along side the road on which he had been traveling. But research points to the "boys," then grown men and married living 150 miles apart, two in GA, one in Pickens, SC. In 1909, telephones were sparse in

rural South Carolina. So it surely took a couple of days for the brothers to meet, agree to search, and ultimately find their father. The story, as passed down in the family, begs several questions. My central question would be "Tell about your death. How did it occur? *When* did it occur?"

Of course, these questions are just the start of that fantasy evening of conversation and stories, but they make a point with my audience. As family historians, we have questions about our ancient ancestors and questions about those departed ancestors that we knew. Sadly, we don't think to ask those questions until after they have died. Our family history is diminished by the missed opportunity. Some of questions are basic, but others are a desire for stories—stories that define the person and, by extension, the family with whom they lived.

I think that I can speak for most genealogists/family historians on one point: After we die, we hope to leave a legacy of connectedness behind us. Technology allows us to gather stories and create *historical records* on par with any written document—if we also apply the methods used by professional oral historians. As genealogists, we search for records, analyze and interpret them, but we don't think of being able to create an historical record. That is the perspective that I would like for other genealogists to consider. As genealogists/family historians, we have the opportunity to create an historical record that can reveal the spirit of those lives; fill in gaps in the public/written record; preserve family values and traditions; and help us appreciate the influence of time and place upon our kin and ancestors.

Then, I invite my audience to flip the handout over and during my talk, write the names of living relatives: nieces, nephews, children, in-laws...., let your list continue.

My list of "living ancestors" is longer than the one about dead people. To give you an idea of kinds of stories that can come out of ordinary lives, I'll share three. Since these are living people, I publish only their initials.

1. J. R.—career soldier in the U.S. Army. Combat veteran, having served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Mother of an autistic child. When she is deployed overseas, she must

leave her son in the care of others, something that is difficult for both mother and son. Both her combat experiences and her family concerns would produce powerful stories.

2. D. F.—mentally retarded. After living with his mother and grandmother until age 35, he finally achieved independence. He was married, only briefly, with no children. He supported and took care of himself, living alone, with only someone to help him manage his finances. Age and health issues forced him to choose a group home for men like him. He went from living with his mother to independence to modified independence. What made the greatest challenges? How did he feel about giving up full independence? During his youth, there were no special education classes, he attended with regular students. What was his school experience like? Did he feel that being "slow" make him different from other children? Given that he was once married, did he ever desire to have children? (D. F., by the way, has a remarkable memory for places and people's names.)
3. P.N.—married at age 15 to an alcoholic. After 20 years of marriage, she divorced and remained single. What were the most difficult challenges, as a single mom, that she faced after her divorce. How did that relationship change her life? What were her fears about her children growing up in an alcoholic household? How did she deal with those fears.

Who are the "living ancestors" in your life? Ask children about their grandparents, who probably told them stories about the "olden days." Ask them about what they enjoyed best or least about that grandparent. Interview siblings about parents. Often they can recall events that you have forgotten. How did they see those parents? What stories can they tell about that relationship? Ask them about their own lives? What would they most like to be remembered for?

Record their stories for posterity. Let them tell it in their own words. As family historians, you don't always have to research in the remote past.

Preserve something of the present for those family historians who will follow into your footprints.

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Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers

By Sharon Gayle

Ever since first learning that the National Endowment for the Humanities embarked upon a joint project with the Library of Congress to digitize significant newspapers for all states and U.S. territories between 1836 and 1922, I have been waiting with bated breath. Now the project is beginning to show fruition. A new website has come online, called *Chronicling America: Historical American Newspapers*

(<http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/>).

Over a period of 20 years, the goal of this project is to create a national, digital resource of historically significant newspapers from all the states and U.S. territories. It will be a searchable database, permanently maintained at the Library of Congress (LoC) and be freely accessible via the Internet. At present the website is in beta testing. And while the number of newspapers available is still quite small compared to what is possible, this is surely a website to watch over the next few years.

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.

Census research is never boring and it is something we have to all do over and over again. As we find new surnames, we start again with the census for the time period that person lived. Starting as a new person to the family history research, the most current US census available to us is the one taken in 1930. They are kept private for 72 years. The 1940 one will be available in 2012.

You must find your family in **every** census in which they are living. Each census year can provide clues to many facets of your ancestor's life. You

can find out about their occupation (in the US ones from 1850 on), how many times they married (1930), how old they were when they first married (1930), how many years the couple had been married (1900-1910), how many children the women had had and how many were still living (1900-1910).

Relationships were stated among the individuals starting in 1880, and I always find a few, of what I call 'bonus' relationships. The in-laws. Sister and brother-in-laws mean finding a wife's maiden name, one you often can't 'find' until you know what it is or find out who some of those sister's married in places where the indexes are only by the male last name. Finding in-laws leads you on a broader path to locate marriage records and death records. Finding younger siblings in the household, whether it be in-laws or not, usually mean the parents, or at least one of them, is deceased.

As you work backwards in time with census records, you are creating a time line for your ancestor. Timelines help you establish where your ancestors lived. They will help you find other records (church, county). Each time you find a new spouse, you should be looking for the marriage record of the new spouse, and a death date for the previous one, if it is a second or third marriage. You may find, as women remarry, that the children of their prior husbands may be counted with the new husband's last name, so you have to be creative in finding your ancestor in those instances. First name searches in the area they lived sometimes work with this problem.

Pay attention to other columns once you find your immigrant ancestor, if they were still living in 1900. That census tells you when they immigrated, how long they had been living in this country, and if they had been naturalized. The 1910 and 1920 ones have similar information.

The 1880 US census gives you the place of birth for the parents, which, if you haven't found the parents yet, gives you a starting place.

Don't forget about the mortality schedules, if you think your person died with in the year before the census was taken for the census years 1850-1880. The later ones will give you the household they should have been in, most give you what the person died of as well as a month of death.

If you are lucky, some of your ancestors lived in the states that did censuses. Some give you a great deal of information; others are just tick marks like the early US ones. There are census records available for foreign countries, too.

So come to your senses and use the census to get you started on a track of where one tidbit of information leads to another.

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.

Honors to Our Members

On May 20, 2008, the Friends of the Dallas Public Library honored the winners of the annual Lillian M. Bradshaw and A.C. Greene awards. The awardees were chosen by library employees to honor employees and volunteers who have performed outstanding service. Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck who has been employed by the DPL for 36 years and is now the supervisor of the Genealogy Section of the History and Social Services Division, received the Bradshaw award. Shirley Remnant Sloat received the Greene award. She has volunteered 4 hours weekly on the Genealogy desk since her volunteer service began in 1992. She has also overseen many projects including the 100,000 Book Challenge in 2005 while she was President of the DGS. Congratulations to both Mr. Bockstruck and Ms. Sloat!

Ancestry.Ca Launches Online Collection of Records of Australia's Convicted "Founding Fathers"

The following announcement was written by The Generations Network, Inc., the parent company of Ancestry.ca and of Ancestry.com:

80 Years of 18th- and 19th-Century Australian Convict Records Reveal the Not-So-Criminal Crimes of Those Banished to the Land Down Under; British Transportation Practice Has Roots in North America

PROVO, UTAH – July 25, 2007 – Stealing sheep or wool or cloth in 18th- and 19th-century England could land you a minimum seven-year sentence at an Australian penal colony, according to Ancestry.ca's newest online collection of Australian convicts records. For those interested in uncovering the criminal ancestors lurking in their past, the largest Canadian family history website today released the largest collection of Australian convict records, indexed and searchable online for the first time. Records detail the some 165,000 convicts transported to Australia from 1788 to 1868.

An estimated 22 percent of Australians are descended from these British exiles. Their sentences served, many convicts remained Down Under, becoming Australia's first western settlers.

The British government deemed transportation, as the practice was known, just punishment for a mixed bag of crimes from marrying secretly to burning clothes. Although "felony," "larceny" and "burglary" described the overwhelming majority of crimes, a few records include juicy details, such as, "obtaining money by false pretences," "stealing heifers," and "privately stealing in a shop." The convict records typically contain convict's name, date and place of sentencing, length of sentence – usually 7 years, 14 years or life – and, sometimes, the crime committed.

"By today's standards, many of these crimes are minor misdemeanors or no longer illegal, and the severity of punishments seems ludicrous," says Megan Smolenyak, Chief Family Historian for Ancestry.ca. "No wonder Australians consider a convict in their family tree a badge of honor and seek to uncover the amusing, quirky and outrageous details in their family's 'criminal' past."

But as notorious as the Australian convicts might be, England first disposed of its felons in North America. High crime rates and over-crowded jails led the English government to transport small-time criminals to British colonies. By 1775, England had shipped some 50,000 convicts to North America. They worked as indentured servants, typically on tobacco plantations in Virginia and Maryland.

Tired of England deporting unwanted citizens to America, Benjamin Franklin suggested sending rattlesnakes to England in return – a sentiment shared by many Colonial leaders. The American Revolution ended convict banishment to North

America, and the British began shipping their criminals some 15,000 miles to newly discovered Australia.

Unique Attributes of Australian-Bound Convicts:

- A vast majority of Australia-bound convicts were English, Irish and Scottish men between the ages of 20 and 24
- Women accounted for some 15 percent of Australian convicts but were outnumbered by men, six to one
- 39 percent of male and 35 percent of female convicts had no prior convictions
- The oldest convict transported was approximately 60, and the youngest was nine
- 1,321 convicts were from other parts of the British Empire
- The majority of convicts were illiterate and convicted for crimes of poverty (theft)
- In the first years of transportation, convict ships were unsanitary and disease ridden; conditions improved in the later years
- Convicts typically served their sentence building roads, bridges and buildings or for free settlers
- When transportation ended, convicts made up 40 percent of Australia's English-speaking population

Posted by Dick Eastman on July 24, 2007. The preceding article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2007 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://eogn.com>.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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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.

**Strategies for Effective Research
Preparation Registration**

The Dallas Genealogical Society presents *Strategies for Effective Research Preparation* in cooperation with the Genealogy Section of the J. Erik Jonsson Dallas Public Library. Patricia Law Hatcher is the guest presenter..

When: Saturday, June 28, 2008

Time: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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

Meals: Lunch on your own.

Cost: \$30.00 Members

\$35.00 Non-Members

\$40.00 Late Registration

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Lunch will NOT be provided.

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- This Place We Call Home: a History of Clark County, Indiana.
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POLAND

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

September 13, 2008 – East Texas Genealogical Seminar with Desmond Walls Allen.
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Our District 11 elected representative is John Wylie, 972-206-2723, wylie@johnwylie.com.

Arlington Genealogical Society

Contact Judy Matlock - hmatlock@airmail.net.

Collin County Genealogical Society

Meets the second Wednesday of the month at the W. O. Haggard, Jr. Library, 2501 Coit Road, Plano, Texas, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Contact Paula Perkins - lansup@ix.netcom.com. 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

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. 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 for program details.

Ellis County Genealogical Society

Meets 1st Monday of month at 7:00 p.m. at the Women's Building in Waxahachie. Contact: Ina Walker, inagran@aol.com.

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

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Grand Prairie Genealogical Society

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901 Conover Drive. Contact: Barbara Wylie, Vice President of Programs at barb@johnwylie.com or 972-206-2723.

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Irving Genealogical Society

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Lamar County Genealogical Society

Contact Ron Brothers, 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.

Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society

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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.

North Collin County Genealogical Society

Contact: Paula Perkins, lansup@ix.netcom.com.

North Texas PC Users Group

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Pecan Plantation Genealogy Group

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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/

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- 07 – Sat German Research Group
- 07 – Sat British Research Group
- 07 – Sat Internet for Genealogy
- 12 – Thu Writing Interest Group
- 14 – Sat Digital Interest Group
- 14 – Sat Computer Interest Group
- 14 – Sat The Master Genealogist
- 18 – Wed MacReunion Group
- 21 – Sat Class 101
- 21 – Sat Class 201
- 21 – Sat Class 401
- 21 – Sat Brown Bag Genealogy Group
- 23 – Mon General Meeting
- 28 – Sat Strategies for Effective Research Preparation Lecture
- 28 – Sat Lock-In

July

- 10 – Thu Writing Interest Group
- 12 – Sat Digital Imaging Group
- 12 – Sat Computer Interest Group
- 12 – Sat The Master Genealogist
- 19 – Sat Class 101
- 19 – Sat Class 201
- 19 – Sat Class 401
- 19 – Sat Brown Bag Genealogy Group
- 24 – Thu Summer Institute
- 25 – Fri Summer Institute
- 26 – Sat Summer Institute
- 28 – 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 3rd Floor, the Hamon Room on the 5th Floor, or the McDermott Room on the 8th Floor. Underground parking is entered from Wood Street.

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