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BESS TRUMAN

by Shirley Stertz Hawn

*We will think of you, rather, as a friend,
Whose kindnesses never seemed to end.
The appreciative little longhand note
For something nice that somebody wrote,
Or the flowers when somebody was sad or ill,
With a card that is surely treasured still.*

*And your wonderful way with a White House guest,
Who might be nervous at such a test,
And who probably never even knew
That the feeling of ease was due to you . . .
To your tact and kindness and savoir-faire
Which made hard things easy when you were there.*

When it was time to leave Washington and go home to Independence, Missouri, this poem was read to First Lady Bess Truman at a luncheon given for her by the newspaperwomen of Washington D.C.

Elizabeth Virginia Wallace, known as Bess, was born on February 13, 1885, in Independence, Missouri. Bess was the first child of Margaret Elizabeth Gates and David Willock Wallace. She had three younger brothers, Frank Gates, George Porterfield, and David Frederick. Her maternal grandparents, Elizabeth Emery and George Porterfield Gates, also lived in Independence.

Although it was a gateway to those traveling west and was called "queen city of the trails," Independence was a small, quiet country town with a population of less than 4,000 in 1800.

When Bess was very young, her family lived close to her maternal grandparents, Elizabeth Emery and George Porterfield Gates. They adored this beautiful golden-haired, blue-eyed granddaughter and did their best to spoil her.

Bess was very popular, did well in school, and excelled in sports. She had an interesting talent that doesn't fit my picture of her. She had a piercing whistle and used it not only to call her brothers and break up their fights but also to call her girl friends to come on over . . . *the ice cream is ready.*

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Change is definitely in the air. Crisp, windy days with leaves starting to turn color—the signs of fall and the ending of the year. We are also in the midst of changing Presidents of the United States. There is a lot of unknown right now with the economy. DGS picked a Nomination Committee at the last General Meeting, and they are fast at work, finding a new Board of Directors. If you have not helped on the Board and have a skill (almost everyone has a skill if they are a genealogist), please consider serving. It can be a blessing to everyone, including you. This new Board will take office in mid-December.

Nineteen of us are trekking to Salt Lake City this year. Not everyone can go that wants to, but you can order microfilm and microfiche at the Dallas Public Library for a fee, as the library is considered a Family History Center. The microfiche stays at the library and is only 15 cents a sheet! If you order microfilm and renew two times, it will stay permanently at the library! It allows you to have a "mini-Salt Lake Library" here, which will also help other patrons who visit the Dallas Public Library.

The end of the year will be fast upon us, and so will our Christmas Awards Banquet. In November, send your reservation to: celebration@dallasgenealogy.org. We need to have an accurate count for the caterer. See you 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

John Brockman, Sherri Cherry,
Juanita I. Davis, Tom Dipprey,
Alice Keeseey Mecoy

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.

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Monday, October 27, 2008

Using DPL's Humanities & Fine Arts Department for Your Genealogical Research. Victor Kralisz, DPL.

Monday, November 24, 2008

Organizing Your Research Notes Electronically. Bill Dow.

Monday, December 8, 2008

Annual Awards Banquet (members only)

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.

Oct 4: (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.

Oct 4: (Saturday) 3:00 Internet for Genealogy Interest Group

The Library of Congress with Tresa Tatyrek.

Oct 4: (Saturday) 11:00 German Research Group

German Handwriting, Common Words in Records, Online Translators. Meets in The Studio on 3.

Oct 9: (Thursday) 6:30 Writers' Interest Group

Writing and Publishing Experiences of Kathleen Kent, author of *The Heretic's Daughter*. Kathleen is 10th generation descendant of Martha Carrier, one of the first women to be accused, tried, and hanged in Salem, Massachusetts. Meets in the McDermott Room on 8.

Oct 11: (Saturday) 9:30 Digital Imaging Group Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

Oct 11: (Saturday) 1:00 Computer Interest Group – Tresa Tatyrek - Vista. Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

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

Oct 15: (Wednesday) 6:30 MacReunion Group Meets in the McDermott Room on 8.

Oct 21: (Tuesday) 6:30 African American Genealogy Interest Group Meets in the East/West Rooms.

Nov 1: (Saturday) 9:30 Family Tree Maker Meets in The Studio on 3.

Nov 1: (Saturday) 3:00 Internet for Genealogy Interest Group Web Browsers (Internet Explorer).

Nov 8: (Saturday) 9:30 Digital Imaging Group Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

Nov 8: (Saturday) 1:00 Computer Interest Group Tresa Tatyrek - Vista. Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

Nov 8: (Saturday) 2:30 The Master Genealogist Meets in the Hamon Room on 5.

Nov 13: (Thursday) 6:30 Writers' Interest Group Assignment: Write on any topic, a person (or persons), a place or an event, that you would especially want your descendants to know about. Perhaps this would be a standalone piece, or it might be a chapter in a book that you are going to write. Meets in the McDermott Room on 8.

Nov 15: (Saturday) 11:30 Brown Bag Group Article: Findlen, George. "The 1917 Code of Canon Law: A Resource for Understanding Catholic Church Registers." *NGS Quarterly* 95 (June 2005): 126-47. Meets in the East/West Rooms.

Nov 18: (Tuesday) 6:30 African American Genealogy Interest Group Meets in the East/West Rooms.

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.

Did one of your ancestors serve in a war effort? Did he or his widow live long enough to collect a pension for their service? If you do, you have a potential gold mine in the records created by them submitting an application for the pension whether

they received it or were rejected. There are many index resources for locating a pension record. They are usually maintained by war category. Some are by war group. They are available in a variety of formats: books, microfilm, microfiche, and on the internet.

Once you locate the record, you can obtain a copy of the file. Some of them are on microfilm. The pension records for the Revolutionary War and the Confederate side of the Civil War are obtainable this way. We are fortunate to have all those films available to us in the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section. The Revolutionary War films are in cabinets where the copy machines are located and the Confederate ones are housed with their respective states records. Other pension records are available from the National Archives Records Administration. You can learn more about ordering copies of them from the genealogy staff at the library or make a trip to Washington, D. C. and obtain them in person. There is something to be said about holding the actual documents of your ancestors in your hands.

Pension records include a wide range of information on the soldier. They always include the service unit, what their rank was, where they were living at the time of the application as well as their financial situation and the status of their health. You can do research to learn more about what that unit did and what battles your ancestor was probably involved with. The records might also include where the soldier was living at the time of enrollment for service and where he lived after he left the service. They can provide you with a list of places you should then search for additional records and information on your ancestor. Those additional places may be 'new' places you didn't know about so you will gain new knowledge about you ancestor and maybe his siblings and other family members. The records usually include depositions by the soldier's companions or family members during the war. These names may give you great insight into the soldier's neighbors and extended family. They were usually done in a county court situation, so you may be able locate more records by searching those counties' records. You may be unlucky in the county because it was burned, or the records were destroyed. The pension file may hold records from a burned county, so you will end up obtaining records otherwise lost, like wills and marriage information.

If the soldier was survived by a wife that qualified for benefits she would often file for a widow's pension. These records contain much of the above information, plus a whole lot more. They will contain information on her marriage to the soldier, often including documentation for that marriage. The date of the soldier's death is usually included in her application. Many times the names of her children with the soldier and whether they are living or not. Her age, what her livelihood was, and the status of her health are usually also included in the record.

Pension records can include when the recipient died and the payments ceased. They may include when the payments started and how much they were and if they changed over time. They may also include who the final payment went to, giving you possible family connections.

Be proud of your ancestor's military history and utilize those records he created to help you understand what his life was like and perhaps add additional generations to your family tree.

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 who you might help with your insight and where it might lead you to discover new pieces to your family history puzzle.

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Her father was not a successful businessman. His father, Benjamin Wallace, was once mayor of Independence and managed to get his son a clerkship in the State Senate and later an appointment as Recorder of Marriage Licenses. David Wallace had many jobs over the years but was never very prosperous.

The family sank further and further into debt. His drinking became worse until finally David Wallace gave in to his feelings of despair and failure. On June 17, 1903, he took his own life.

Bess dearly loved her father and was devastated by his death. She struggled to understand the reasons and reality of his death. During this grieving time, she not only studied her own feelings about life and loyalty but also how she perceived her parents' relationship. She came to

the conclusion that total commitment was necessary for two people who want to meld and share their life, and it appears that total commitment was present in her marriage to Harry S. Truman.

At the age of nineteen, after her father's death, Bess found herself in the role of parent to her three brothers. Her grandfather Gates was able to financially care for them, but they also needed the strength and spiritual guidance that their mother was incapable of giving.

Although Bess attended the Barstow Finishing School in Kansas City for a year and excelled in her studies and athletics, she was not able to accompany her friends when they left Independence to continue their education back East. She resumed her life as head of her family without complaint and continued to enjoy the many activities offered a young woman of her day. She played bridge and tennis, loved horseback riding, and attracted the attention of many young men in her circle of friends.

One young man who was absent from this amusement and gaiety was Harry Truman. Although he wasn't a part of her group of friends, she was always in his thoughts. Their friendship and courtship were gradual. There were many detours along the way. It grew with infinite patience and caring on his part and an increasing awareness of his kindness and strength on her part. After three years of courtship, they became engaged. Six years later on June 28, 1919, when Captain Harry Truman returned from France, they were married.

Trinity Episcopal Church in Independence, Missouri, never had a happier bridegroom or more radiant bride.

Bess and Harry Truman continued to live in Independence, where Harry served in many areas of public service, including a judgeship in Jackson County. They both wanted children, and finally, on the 17th of February 1924, Mary Margaret Truman made her appearance.

In 1934, Harry was elected to the United States Senate. He served two terms as a Senator from Missouri before becoming Franklin Roosevelt's running mate in 1944.

Aside from missing her family, friends, and home in Independence, Bess found Washington a friendly town. In 1935, it was relaxed and informal and she made many friends. The social structure

for politicians' wives included leaving your calling card. It was a weekly ritual . . . strictly followed.

In a book she wrote about her mother, Margaret remembered going with her to the White House. Their car pulled up to the door, the butler came out, and Margaret deposited her mother's engraved card on his silver tray. Senators' wives were "at home" on Thursday, and there were other days for wives of Cabinet members and Congressman.

The financial strain of living in two places and family obligations in Independence, made it impossible for Bess to be in Washington all the time. This was a constant source of discontent for Harry. Although they continued their lifelong habit of writing everyday, he missed her very much and never adjusted to the loneliness of their separations.

She was opposed to her husband's running for Vice President in 1944. Her worst fears became a reality with the news of President Roosevelt's death in Warm Springs a few months after Truman's election. When her husband took the Presidential oath of office on April 12, 1945, Elizabeth Virginia Wallace Truman became *First Lady of the United States of America*.

The day after he took office, one of his first requests of the press was "Boys, if you ever pray, pray for me now. I don't know whether you fellows ever had a load of hay fall on you, but when they told me yesterday what had happened (*to Roosevelt*), I felt like the moon, the stars, and all the planets had fallen on me."

He couldn't know that one hundred and sixteen days later, on August 6, 1945, one of the most difficult and horrendous decisions ever made by a President of the United States would fall on his shoulders.

Bess's time as First Lady was filled with many unusual circumstances. They had only been in residence at the White House a short time when it became necessary to move to *Blair House*, the official guesthouse of the President. They spent over four years there while the White House was undergoing a complete renovation.

While the Truman's were living at Blair House, two Puerto Rican nationalists from the United States, fighting for the independence of Puerto Rico, attempted to assassinate President Truman. The President wasn't injured, but a Secret Service Agent was killed as were the two would-be assassins.

At the end of his second term as President, Bess and Harry Truman returned to Independence,

Missouri. Many didn't think there would be a second term, especially the *Chicago Daily Tribune*. They printed an early edition for the "morning after the election" with headlines heralding Thomas Dewey's victory.

When Elizabeth Virginia "Bess" Wallace Truman went home in January 1953, she returned to the only house she had ever lived in except for her time in Washington. The only sadness in the homecoming was her mother wasn't there. Madge Gates Wallace died in Washington on December 5, 1952.

Being home was a happy, busy time for both Bess and Harry. The Truman Library in Independence became a reality, Margaret Truman Daniel presented them with four grandsons, and they finally had time to travel.

Time however caught up with Harry Truman on the 26th of December, 1971. He died at age 88 and is buried in the courtyard of the Truman Library.

Bess continued to be sought after for advice and guidance. When she was listed in the top twenty most admired women in America by the Gallup Poll, her comment was "I don't know why."

On the 18th of October, 1982, Bess Truman took her place beside her husband. Among those who came to pay their last respects were three ladies who understood the role she played in America's history: Rosalynn Carter, Nancy Reagan, and Betty Ford.

If you can prove blood descent from Elizabeth Virginia Wallace, you may be eligible for "*THE HEREDITARY ORDER OF THE FAMILIES OF THE PRESIDENTS AND FIRST LADIES OF AMERICA*." More information is available about the society at their website:

<http://www.presidentsandfirstladies.org/>

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Reflections on Genealogical Proof Standard

By Sharon Gayle

A few months ago, a group of experienced genealogists gathered to dissect and discuss an NGSQ article. During discussion, the topic of Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) arose when one participant asked about GPS. She was familiar with the "Preponderance of Evidence" principle (POE), but unfamiliar with GPS. Another participant replied, "It's the same thing, just a different label." Others countered that there was a material difference between the two standards, but even these individuals varied on their explanations of the difference. It was not the first time that I encountered differing perspectives on GPS. This was just the latest.

Coincident to our discussion, I was reading various books and articles that describe GPS. Genealogy, as a discipline, is still in a transition period whereby it is moving away from a less reliable standard for evidence (POE) to one that better serves the nature of our research (GPS). As a result, it is rare to read anything that does not discuss both standards.

If you are somewhat a novice to genealogy, my advice is to focus upon how GPS is explained. Ignore any reference to POE. POE is not necessary for you to try to learn at this point. Trying to learn both at the same time and to tease apart the differences, is likely to cause confusion and, perhaps, unnecessary anxiety. Understanding POE is not necessary for you to understand how to apply GPS to your present-day research.

However, if you "cut your genealogical teeth" on POE, then you have some reorienting of your mindset and re-engineering as to how you analyze your data. But this involves little more than changing how you evaluate your data—which, frankly, is sometimes easier said than done. The difference, simply stated, is that GPS seeks to eliminate or to minimize the potential for error inherent with POE. Leading researchers in genealogy adopted new terminology to distinguish the two methods of research and to avoid confusion with the legal interpretation of the term, preponderance of evidence. Thus, the label Genealogical Proof Standard was created.

That's as much as I want to say about POE. Here, I want to discuss my general understanding of GPS and what has been written about it. I want to describe that understanding in terms of my background in research design and epistemology (how we know whatever it is that we know).

Some authors have written about GPS calling it a *methodology*. But their description is wrong. A methodology provides specific steps in order to reproduce the results of an experiment or study. A simple analogy would be getting to work from home. There are specific steps that you follow daily to go from home to work (or other places). For some, it might look like:

1. Get in car.
2. Start engine.
3. Put car into gear.
4. Pull out of driveway,
5. Turn left onto street.
6. ...
7. Pull into parking lot.
8. Arrive at work.

The nature of the sources that we use in genealogical research don't allow the clear-cut step-wise traits of a methodology. GPS is more like a check list of features. As you look at your research, you take this check list (GPS) and answer the question: Does my research have this quality (feature) and, if so, to what degree does it have this quality? Let me explain by analogy: Suppose you want to purchase a new car. You develop a check list of features to help you decide which car to purchase.

1. Does it get good gas mileage?
2. How expensive is it to maintain?
3. What is its resale history?
4. What is its safety rating in a crash?
5. ...

With each of these questions, you look for an optimal combination of those qualities. In a perfect world you want the best gas mileage, the least maintenance costs, and the highest resale value. You want the most for the lowest price. But let's be realistic. The car that fully meets all these criteria probably does not exist. Instead you seek an optimal combination of these qualities. Otherwise, you will never purchase a car.

In many ways, this is also true of our research. We seek the optimal combination of characteristics for quality research. Certainly, we do not want to rush to publication before we have explored and evaluated all reasonable sources of evidence for an event. Yet, if we waited until all questions were unequivocally answered, we would never publish anything of our findings.

In a future article, I will discuss some of the characteristics of quality research using the Genealogical Proof Standards as outlined in the *BCG Standards Manual*.

Ahnentafel Explained

One of the fundamentals of genealogy is the various numbering systems used to make quick and easily read lists of ancestors and descendants. Perhaps the most common method of listing ancestors is to create an Ahnentafel. Yet I suspect that word confuses many newcomers. Here is a (hopefully) simple explanation.

An Ahnentafel is a list of one's ancestors with each one numbered in a sequential manner that makes it easy to calculate relationships. The Ahnentafel method is the most common method of numbering ancestors

Ahnentafel is a German word that translates as "ancestor table" or, literally, a list of one's ancestors. The same numbering system is sometimes called the Sosa-Stradonitz System, named after the Spanish genealogist Hieronymus/Jerome de Sosa, who first used it in 1676, and after the German genealogist Stephan Kekulé von Stradonitz [1863-1933], who popularized it in his 1896 Ahnentafel Atlas.

In an Ahnentafel numbering system, the base person is assigned the number one. The father of each person is assigned a number equal to double

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the child's number. The mother of each person is assigned a number equal to double the child's number plus one. As a result, the number of any child is one-half that of their parent, ignoring any remainder. For the first four generations, the numbers assigned a given person and their ancestors reflect the following relationships:

1. person
2. father
3. mother
4. paternal grandfather
5. paternal grandmother
6. maternal grandfather
7. maternal grandmother
8. great-grandfather
9. great-grandmother
10. great-grandfather
11. great-grandmother
12. great-grandfather
13. great-grandmother
14. great-grandfather
15. great-grandmother

Translating this to a real person, here is an excerpt from the Ahnentafel of one well-known American, complete with Ahnentafel numbers:

1. George Walker Bush, b. New Haven, Conn., 6 July 1946, m. 5 Nov. 1977, Laura Lane Welch
2. George Herbert Walker Bush, b. Milton, Mass., 12 June 1924, m. Rye, N.Y., 6 Jan. 1945
3. Barbara Pierce
4. Prescott Sheldon Bush, b. Columbus, Ohio, 15 May 1895, m. Kennebunkport, Maine, 6 Aug. 1921, d. New York, N.Y., 8 Oct. 1972

5. Dorothy Walker, b. near Walker's Point, York Co., Me., 1 July 1901, d. Greenwich, Conn., 19 Nov. 1992
6. Marvin Pierce, b. Sharpsville, Pa., 17 June 1893, m. Aug. 1918, d. Rye, N.Y., 17 July 1969
7. Pauline Robinson, b. Ohio, April 1896, d. Rye, N.Y., 23 Sept. 1949
8. Samuel Prescott Bush, b. Brick Church, N.J., 4 Oct. 1863, m. Columbus, Ohio, 20 June 1894, d. Columbus, Ohio, 8 Feb. 1948
9. Flora Sheldon, b. Franklin Co., Ohio, 17 Mar. 1872, d. "Watch Hill", R.I., 4 Sept. 1920
10. George Herbert Walker, b. St. Louis, Mo., 11 June 1875, m. St. Louis, Mo., 17 Jan. 1899, d. New York, N.Y., 24 June 1953
11. Lucretia [Loulie] Wear, b. St. Louis, Mo., 17 Sept. 1874, d. Biddeford, Me., 28 Aug. 1961
12. Scott Pierce, b. Sparkville, Pa., 18 Jan. [or June?] 1866, m. 26 Nov. 1891
13. Mabel Marvin, b. Cincinnati, Ohio, 4 June 1869
14. James Edgar Robinson, b. near Marysville, Oh., 15 Aug. 1868, m. Marion Co., Ohio, 31 March 1895, d. 1931
15. Lula Dell Flickinger, b. Byhalia, Ohio, March 1875

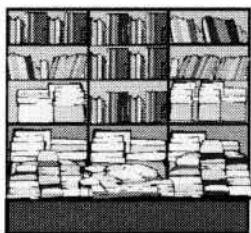
The primary disadvantage of Ahnentafel numbers is that the size of each number when going back many generations becomes quite large. Someone with a documented line of descent from Charlemagne may be using Ahnentafel numbers in the billions.

Ahnentafel numbers are the only commonly-used numbers for ancestor lists. However, several systems exist for numbering descendants in a list.

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NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY

compiled by: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS



The following contributions have been made to the Genealogy Section.

UNITED STATES

- Sigma Nu: a Heritage History. Donated by Grace DeuPree.
- Dictionary of the Cajun Language. Donated by Clifford J. Hayes.
- Passenger and Immigration Lists Index. Supplement. 2009.
- Selected Proceedings of the Scotch-Irish Heritage Festival at Winthrop College, November 20-22, 1980. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Transatlantic Voyages 1600-1699. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920. Donated by Joyce Martin Murray.
- Internet for Genealogists: a Beginner's Guide.
- Red River Controversy: the Western Boundary of the Louisiana Purchase. Donated by Joyce Martin Murray.
- Lineages of Chapter VIII, the Colonial Dames of America: the First Fifty Years. Donated by Susanne Peterson.

ALABAMA

- Family Maps of Coosa County, Alabama. Donated by Grace DeuPree.
- Family Maps of Jefferson County, Alabama. Donated by the Dallas-Fort Worth Colony, Texas Division, National Society of Magna Carta Dames.
- Family Maps of Bibb County, Alabama. Donated by Patti and Dwayne Darnell in Memory of Joe Kapavik.
- Family Maps of Fayette County, Alabama. Donated by Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution.
- Family Maps of Blount County, Alabama. Donated by Patti and Dwayne Darnell in Memory of Joe Kapavik.

CALIFORNIA

- Glimpses of California and the Missions. Donated by the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution.
- Junipero Serra: California's First Citizen.

COLORADO

- Family Maps of Morgan County, Colorado. Donated by the Dallas-Ft. Worth Colony, Texas Division National

Society of Magna Carta Dames.

CONNECTICUT

- Genealogical Data from Connecticut Cemeteries: Branford. Donated by Texas Colony #121, National Society of New England Women.
- Connecticut Physicians in the Civil War.
- Church with a History: the First Congregational Church of Darien, Connecticut.
- Wolcott, Connecticut, 175 Anniversary, 1796-1971.
- Genealogical Data from Connecticut Cemeteries: Avon.

DELAWARE

- Mills and Millers of Mud Mill Pond, Kent County, Delaware and the Eastern shore of Maryland: 1757 to the Present: a Documentary History.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Lux et Color = Light and Color: the Stained Glass Windows in the Church of the Pilgrims. Donated by Dr. T. Bradford Willis.

FLORIDA

- History of St. Petersburg: Historical and Biographical. Gift of the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution.
- East Lake Cemetery: Osceola County, Florida, aka Boggy Creek Cemetery, Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Surveyed November 2006.

GEORGIA

- McDuffie County, Georgia Deaths, 1872-1935. Donated by R.J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation.
- Savannah's Catholic Cemetery, Chatham County, Georgia. Donated by R.J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation.
- Georgia's Confederate Soldiers Who Died as Prisoners of War, 1861-1865. Donated by R.J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation.
- Berry Wells, Esquire: Plantation Accounts, Deeds, and Private Papers. Donated by Gayle Clemons Newkirk.

ILLINOIS

- Prairie Farmer's Reliable Directory of Farmers and Breeders, DuPage and Northern Cook Counties, Illinois.
- Prairie Farmer's Reliable Directory of Farmers and Breeders, Lake County. Donated by North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.
- History of Bloomington and Normal in McLean County, Illinois.
- History of Dwight, From 1853 to 1894.
- Prairie Farmer's Directory of Grundy and Kendall Counties, Illinois.
- Story of an Old Town: Glen Ellyn.
- 125th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry: Attention Battalion!
- Bugle Echoes: the Story of Illinois 47th. Donated by the

RESOURCES and AREA EVENTS

- Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution.
- Centennial History of Litchfield, Illinois.
- History of Southern Illinois, 3 vols. Donated by the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

INDIANA

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11 – Sat Digital Interest Group
11 – Sat Master Genealogist
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18 – Sat Genealogy 101
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18 – Sat Brown Bag Group
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27 – Mon General Meeting

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December

08 – Mon DGS Awards Banquet
11 – Thu Writers' Interest Group
16 – Tue African-American Genealogy Interest Group
17 – Wed Mac Reunion Group

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