



Curbing Rising Costs

In an effort to cut operating expense, so that DGS funds can be spent on adding resources, equipment and acquisitions to the genealogy section of the DPL, the DGS Board of Directors has implemented the following changes:

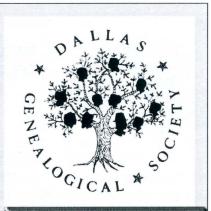
The Newsletter: We have been very fortunate that our printer has not raised the cost of printing. However, postage has, and continues to rise. Our stock of paper, purchased some time ago, is getting low. We will need to re-stock at a much higher rate. For these reasons, the newsletter is currently the highest operating expense for DGS. To combat these increasing costs, the DGS Board has implemented the following changes:

We will have a full newsletter with the March, June, September and December issues. The issues for remaining months will be shorter. This will save on both paper and postage costs.

We are in the process of making the newsletter available by email. Those without email, or who simply prefer to receive a paper version will continue to receive a mailed copy of the newsletter. For this year, there will not be an extra charge for mailing the newsletter; however, the Board will evaluate the cost of mailing at the end of the year, and there might be a small increase in dues, starting next year, to those wishing to receive the paper version of the newsletter. If you would like to receive the newsletter in email format, please send an email to <u>database@dallasgenealogy.org</u> with "Newsletter Email Request" in the subject line.

DGS Monthly Meetings: Because of low attendance during the summer months due to vacations, the DGS Monthly Meeting will be suspended for June, July and August. This will save DGS the cost of speaker fees and providing refreshments.

THE AWARDS BANQUET: A number of years ago, due to a surplus of funds, the DGS Board made the decision to waive the fee to attend the Awards Banquet. Because the cost of catering has steadily increased, the Board has decided to return to charging for attending the Awards Banquet. This is not a fund raising event, and we want all members to attend this important event. The charge will be determined by the actual cost of catering and will be published in the September issue of the Newsletter.



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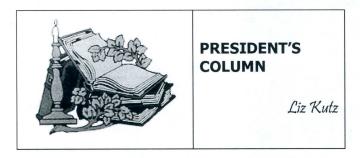
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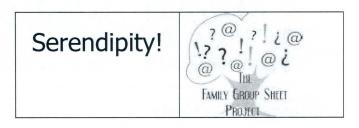
The weather is warmer (no more freezes!!!), and the bluebonnets are blooming. Spring is always a signal of new things ahead.

2009, Jeri J. On March 23, Steele demonstrated our new website at the March General Meeting. With this new website, we will be able to address the needs of our Society better. Hopefully, in about a month, be possible for you to become a member, renew your existing membership, register for an event, and update your information online in a secure, safe way. Because the website is attached to our database now, this will make for less work for the DGS board and, at any point, you can check your personal information for accuracy along with the events you have registered for. We will have the ability to deliver our newsletters faster, through digital means and also save the Society the cost of printing and mailing newsletters. For those who may want a printed copy or do not have internet service, we will still have ways to meet that need. DGS is starting to go green!

Check out the website. The information for the Institute is there, and it contains most of the information that you will need regarding that event. There will be always a link to a registration form, and later to another page where you can actually sign up for the event. It will never get easier to sign up for an event.

Our digital equipment has been delivered and installed. This summer could be a "bee hive" of activity at the library with the digital equipment and several digital projects getting off the ground. We have had several volunteers, but there will be need for more. We will let you know when each project starts.

The Dallas Public Library has placed on its shelves a significant number of new books, along with microfilm of marriages in Texas. This is an excellent time to be researching!



By Marge Stockton

When I was a child, my Grandma Sallie Lee Marshall Moore (whom I called "Mama") regularly regaled me with stories of her childhood and young adulthood near Aberdeen in Monroe County, Mississippi. Although I did not pay attention as I should, some of the stories did lodge in my memory. She told me of her large family consisting of mother and step-father and step and half siblings. She told of her step-brother Wiley, who was just her age, and the escapades they pulled on the family farm. She told me of her young husband Frank, of my father Frank Weiler as a child, and of the boy John, born before my father, who died in infancy.

It was December of 1997. I had been "playing" at genealogy for only a year, with little to show Having received a copy of Family for it. Treemaker software (I recall it was Version 3.0!) for Christmas a year earlier, I spent the holidays entering what little information I had on my father's and paternal grandmother's I was also just beginning to families. appreciate the information available to genealogists the Internet. The on USGENWEB site for Monroe County, Mississippi, came to my attention. Surfing around, I found "Aberdeen Area Cemetery Transcriptions," and within that, a transcription

of gravestones in "Moore's Cemetery" near Darracott. Needless to say, this got my attention! Eagerly reading, the first item that caught me up cold was "John Lee Moore, son of F. M. and Sallie Moore, B: 3 Jan 1896, D: 5 Jan 1896." This really made my hair stand on end.

The email address of the woman who had made the cemetery transcription was included on the website. I immediately wrote to her, asking if she knew anything about the family to which this child belonged. She wrote back saying she did not, but that she was a volunteer at the Evans Memorial Library in Aberdeen, and that she would look to see if there was information on the family. A few days later, the transcriber contacted me again saying she had found a family group sheet in a file at the library that might be my family. She scanned the sheet and emailed it to me. When I was finally able to get the item downloaded in readable form, what I found was mostly a lot of Moore names that meant nothing to me, but near the bottom, sure enough, was Frank Moore married to Sallie. Be still my heart! And...at the bottom of the page was the name and address of the person who had submitted the family group sheet to the Evans Library: Julia Jan Barroso of Texas City, Texas!

I had never heard of Julia Jan Barroso, but I recalled that when I was a small child, an adult cousin whom I did not know was killed in the tragic ship explosion in Texas City. This person must be related in some way! I was so at this genealogy business, new and unaccustomed to writing cold letters to strangers, I felt shy about approaching her. After gathering my courage for several weeks, I composed a letter introducing myself and asking if she was related to this family and what information she might have.

Weeks went by while I checked the mailbox every day. I had just about given up hope. Ms. Barroso must think I'm just a kook or trying to pry into her personal life! Then in early February of 1998, a handwritten letter arrived with the return address of a Julia Jan Matlock. With trembling fingers I opened the letter, read, shouted, laughed and cried. Page after page after page of information on my Moore ancestors! All those Moore folk from the cemetery website were my relatives! Julia Jan Moore Barroso Matlock was my second cousin once removed, the great-granddaughter of my grandfather Frank's brother!

Jan explained that she had remarried (and divorced again) since she submitted that family group sheet to the Aberdeen Library so many years ago. She now lived in Walker County, Texas, and my letter had gone, first, to her exhusband, then to her adult son in Texas City, before being forwarded to her. Jan had been working on Moore genealogy for a couple of decades! The cousin who was killed in the Texas City explosion was Jan's grandfather, my father's first cousin.

Over the next six months, the letters flew back and forth. Jan's letters constituted a "data dump" of what she knew about our Moore ancestors. In September, 1998, we decided to attend the Dallas Genealogical Society's Fall Festival of Genealogy at the Dallas Convention Center. This would be our first face-to-face meeting. Jan arrived at my home with the back of her SUV full of file boxes. Sound familiar?

The weekend was a resounding success. Best of all, Jan offered to teach me everything she had learned about genealogy over the years. In 1999 we began traveling together. Over the next five years we made multiple trips to Monroe County, Mississippi; to Lamar County, Alabama; and to Franklin County, Tennessee, early home sites of our Moore ancestors. We visited state libraries in Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee, as well as a conference on Southern Genealogy in Columbia, South Carolina. All the while, Jan filled my head with the tidbits and tricks she had learned. "Always

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go for the original document." "There are mistakes in the censuses." "Don't believe everything you hear in old family tales, although there's often a grain of truth in them." Sound familiar?

Cousin Jan died of breast cancer in the summer of 2004. I inherited those file boxes, all her genealogy books, and a now-antique laptop computer. Most important, I inherited enough knowledge and determination to move forward on my own. The morals of this story are two: (1) you're never too much of a newbie to get started. It's never too soon—but it could be too late. Had I waited a few years to write that initial letter, this story might never have happened. (2) Always leave behind those reports and family group sheets, with your contact information, at the research facilities you visit. You never know who will come along behind you!



How Not to Lose your Ancestors:

Backup and Restore Strategies Learned the Hard Way

By Neal McEwen

Your hard drive fails; years of genealogical data vanish into 'thin air.' Your laptop is stolen from your hotel room at a genealogy conference. Your house burns and your computer and paper files are gone. Restoring your genealogical date from backups is not working. Do you lie awake nights thinking these scenarios might happen to you?

How many of us are prepared to recover from a loss of years of work? It happened to me while I was writing the first version of this article! Most of my family history and many other files went poof! My 'bullet proof' system let me down. The desktop computer that I had configured with redundant disks failed -- both drives were gone.

Did I panic? Yes! Did I recover? Mostly. No ancestors were lost, but I did lose about three hours of work on my database.

The lost keystrokes were in my most recent backup. However, when I tried to restore, I found the backup file was corrupted. My ancestors must have been looking down on me; for the backup from a few days before was good.

My supporting files... documents, notes, correspondence; E-Books, scans, etc. had been backed up to various folders on several different media. To make matters worse, I had the files on three different computers with no process for keeping them synchronized or knowing what was where.

Restoring has been less than orderly. I am still in the process of sorting out which file is the most current and where it should go.

Reconsidering my backup and recovery strategy has suddenly taken priority over research and writing. With a more robust backup strategy, everything could have been recovered in a few hours with no anxiety or pain. My recent 'character building' experience has given me new insight into backup and recovery. The key points:

- Keep all the files you want safe in a minimum number of folders. If they are scattered all over your hard drive(s) you are likely to miss something.
- Keep everything on ONE computer!
- Decide what it is you want to backup. First and foremost is a copy of your genealogical database.

Backups allow us to recover from a data loss, but they also permit us to pass along our work to someone if we should suddenly meet our demise. Backups also allow us to pickup where we left off after a few years and perhaps several computers. With this in mind, consider adding to your backup file set.



<u>A Full GEDCOM Export</u>. This will allow someone; perhaps years in the future, to pick up your work regardless of what genealogy programs have come and gone in the interim. It will also allow some semblance of recovery if everything else fails for you.

<u>A Family Group Sheet</u> for each individual in your database. Include citations. Save it in MS Word and PDF format. You could also save to a text file.

<u>A Narrative</u> for each individual in your database. Likewise include citations and use the formats as above.

<u>An Ancestor Tree</u> with you at the top. Again, use citations and the above formats.

Every so often include a copy of your genealogical software and the license key to activate it. You might need this after a crash or for your new computer.

Decide how often to backup. You can backup at regular time intervals or after work increments. I prefer to backup after a few hours worth of data entry or scanning, or report writing.

Backup the same files the same way each time. Any deviation from the procedure you develop is going to diminish the ability for an orderly recovery.

Decide how often to test your backup. Ideally you should test each backup, but perhaps this is not practical.

Test on a second computer. Your primary computer will likely read the CD you just created, but can it be read on other computers?

Test your genealogical database's software restore feature. Can the file be read? Is your latest work in it?

Practice Recovering! You don't want your first recovery when disaster strikes.

Decide on an archival policy, i.e. how long to keep backups. Backups are a point in time snapshot of your work and allow you to recover an earlier version of a file or database. Decide how many copies of each backup to make and where to keep them. If your backup is on your computer and your computer crashes, it does you no good. Likewise, if the backup is in the desk drawer and you house burns down.

Consider making three identical backups at frequent intervals. Keep one at home, one at work and send one to a relative or take it to your bank box.

Copy the original backup files, not copies of the files when making multiple copies of backups. Just like paper, there is less likelihood of an error when starting with the original.

Run your anti-virus software before you create a backup.

Decide what to do with backups you do not need anymore. They are an identity theft liability for the living people.

Don't delete a backup until you have written and tested its successor. It seems quite natural to delete something first so you will have room for more. What happens if you can't create a new backup file?

Scan all your paper documents. If you can't manage that, scan the ones impossible or hard to replace, such as your grandmother's letters.

Use good citations. You could go back to each repository and order replacement documents if your work is sourced. (How many of us can raise our hand and say, "my citations are good enough to allow me to recoup all my paper documents?")

As soon as practical, print your family history. Not finished? Print small parts of it.

PRINT IS THE MOST RELIABLE MEDIA. It will not fail. It will not become corrupted. You don't need hardware or software to read it. It will not become obsolete as your backup media might.

Print to a laser printer with archival paper. Your work should last at least 100 years.



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Don't print to an inkjet printer. Your work will last a few years at best and not survive getting wet.

Treat your paper copies as an alternate media and keep them in multiple places the same as you do electronic media.

Decide what backup media to use. These seem the most viable.

<u>Hard Drives:</u> We love them and we hate them. They hold lots of data and the cost per Gigabyte is oh so affordable. BUT THEY WILL FAIL! It is not a matter of if; it is a matter of when.

The HD manufacturers publish MTBF (Mean Time Between Failure) figures. This is the average time before the hard drive will fail. It is comforting to see the thousands of hours in the specification. Remember... this is the average. Some drives will fail sooner and some will fail later. A few drives will fail much sooner.

In spite of the risk, hard drives are still a good option for the first tier of your backup strategy. You don't have to label them, and you don't have to figure out ways to store. There ARE things to consider however:

If you have a second hard drive just for backups in your desktop or laptop, if your computer is stolen or destroyed, your backup is gone.

Consider an external hard drive used for backups and kept in a safe place. Two external hard drives, both with the same backup files and keeping one away from your home is better.

USB connected drives allow you to restore to any computer and are about the size of an address book. Very convenient for putting in a drawer or managing off site.

Flash drives are convenient and portable and the newer ones can be written to many, many times.

- Early flash drives could fail after many writes to it.
- The connectors on flash drives have been known to come off.

- How do you figure out which is the one you want without examining the Read_Me.txt file on each of the?
- They are easy to misplace.

It is probably best to keep all your flash drives together on a lanyard of sorts and use a press-on label for each stick to identify the contents.

Newly made flash drives are probably OK for a second or third tier solution. Flash drives would be easy to keep in a safety deposit box.

Consider on-line, off-site, storage for hire. These services let you backup anything you want to their servers on a per Gigabyte basis. Some services backup incrementally, allowing you to recover an earlier version of file.

Some off-site vendors automatically back up any file that is new or changed; you don't have to remember to back up.

If you have a lot of data, the first backup will take a long time... perhaps a day or two. It depends on the speed of your Internet connection and how much priority you tell your computer to give the backup. With this in mind, it is a good idea to clean up your files before the first backup, so that you are not transferring or paying for files you don't need.

I personally have not used an off-site server. Reviews of the vendors competing for your business seem mixed and some are patronizing the vendor. Blogs by real users appear to be a good source for evaluation. Good and bad experiences are reported. One of the most popular vendors has support via E-mail only – this gives me pause.

Off-site servers seem to be the most convenient way to keep data away from your house. You don't have to remember to run a backup. The question remains, "how reliable are they?"

CDs were once thought to be reliable and safe for decades. Now it is known that CD-Rs (CDs that you burn your own data to) degrade over time and some may become useless in a year or two. The dye that turns into 1s and 0s degrades over time.



If you choose to use CD-Rs (CD-Rs will last longer than CD-RWs) here are a few things to consider that may help them last longer.

Don't use a solvent-based pen or ballpoint pen on the CD; you could damage the reflective layer. Don't put paper labels on your CDs. Some glues eat the protective layer. Off center labels, cause the CD to wobble when it spins.

Don't touch the data side (the mirrored surface); handle the CD on the edges. Store the CD in a case. Never stack CDs uncased. Fingerprints and scratches can render a blank CD useless.

Include a Read_Me.txt file on the CD explaining what the contents are, the date and anything else relevant to using it for a backup or archive. Put a small piece of paper in the CD case with the title, etc. Don't use Post-it notes.

CD-Rs have a shelf life; they start to degrade as soon as they are manufactured. If you perform a back up once a month, don't buy a bargain '50pack' of CDs at the computer store. The last CDs in your pack will have been degrading for four years before you burn the last one. Keep fresh brand name CDs on hand.

Archival CDs have the very best chance of long term usability. The last time I looked, it was about \$10 to \$15 per CD-R and sold in packs of ten or twelve.

Slow down the speed on your CD writer. The slower the burn, the more reliable it will be. Your CD writing software preferences should have a speed option.

Check the CD! Take the freshly burned CD to another computer and see if it can be read. Open a few files to check.

Store the CDs in a dark, cool place. Light, heat and high humidity accelerate the degradation of CDs.

In spite of the risks, CDs are probably OK for a third or fourth tier solution. But they should never be your only means of backup. CDs are well suited to sending data to someone else. They are probably fine for storing in your safety deposit box if you replace them with fresh ones every two years.

Implement a multi-tiered plan writing backups to more that one media. Two different media is good, three is better. While it is not practical to implement everything below, the tiers can be compressed to what is practical is comforting to you.

- A second internal hard drive.
- An external hard drive. Three external hard drives would be the ultimate... one at home, and two rotating on and off premises.
- CDs with multiple copies
- For hire, on-line storage.
- Flash drives with multiple copies
- DON'T' FORGET PAPER!

My experience was painful; I hope it never happens again. Yet, I will be better prepared if it happens again... if I practice what I preach. Perhaps my experience and observations will benefit my fellow society members.

DPL'S 8TH FLOOR VOLUNTEER DESK

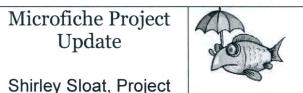
Becoming a volunteer is a great way to get involved and meet others. We encourage those of you who may be just starting out in your family research to volunteer a few hours a week or a few hours a month. This is a wonderful opportunity to become familiar with the genealogy section of the library and 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.

THE DALLAS JOURNAL

Entries for the DGS Journal can be submitted to Ora Penn at the following address journal@dallasgenealogy.com. Guidelines for submitting your articles are located on the DGS website.

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The project to acquire microfiche from the Family History Library at 15 cents per sheet is progressing nicely. The following information is as of March 4th.

The first step---Phase 1* of analysis of fiche available from the FHL. All 50 states were analyzed for the keyword "fiche" by 18 volunteers, with Gloria Goodwin, Suzan Younger, Sharon Henry and Joanne Corney as star analysts, each identifying possible acquisitions from multiple states.

The second step---verifying that these Phase 1 possible acquisitions are actually needed by our Genealogy Section --- is underway, with all the states having been checked against the card catalog by early March.

The third step---review and approval by Lloyd Bockstruck of the candidate lists for each state---is expected to be completed by mid-April.

As a pilot for the project, fiche from the state of Michigan were ordered in December at a cost of \$19.80 and have now arrived and been placed in the filing cabinets, recently reorganized by Patrick McKinney so that each set of fiche is well-identified and easily located. A card for each set of fiche has been placed in the card catalog, and a database will be created on the DGS website, identifying fiche holdings acquired by this project.

What next, you say? Well, we need to pay for the material. It appears that, for the Phase 1 selection by keyword "fiche", the average cost to acquire the desired material for a state is

about \$15.00---just the right amount to pay for 100 sheets of fiche. What a bang for the buck!

We are actually placing fiche orders only when we have collected donations to cover the costs---so far, Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico and Wyoming orders have been placed, and we have collected funds to take care of approximately 16 additional states. But that means we need to raise about \$300 more to be able to order the fiche for the remaining states. If eighteen of you will send in a donation of \$15 for the fiche project, we'll reach our goal and complete the Phase 1 project acquisition very easily. If a few of you can become "angels" with larger donations, such that we exceed our \$300 goal, we will be able to start Phase 2.

And as a really big dream goal, a contribution of \$300 would allow us to acquire a magnificent full set (2,010 fiche sheets) of "Land Ownership Maps: A checklist of Nineteenth Century United States County Maps in the Library of Congress". Approximately one-third of all United States Counties are represented in the collection!

You can either mail your contributions to the DGS P.O. Box 12446, Dallas, Texas 75225-0446, or place them in the microfiche jar at society meetings or lectures.

Many thanks for everyone's cooperation in this effort.

*Note: In late February it was discovered that identifying candidates for each state by use of the keyword "fiche" returned only a portion of the candidates. Many additional candidates are catalogued using the keyword "microfiche." Because the analysis for the word "fiche" had been done for all states at this point, a management decision was made to divide the project into two phases, Phase 1 (keyword:fiche) and Phase 2 (keyword:microfiche). Phase 2 will begin if we receive sufficient donations to acquire the additional data.

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Summer Institute 2009



LAND AND COURT RECORDS AND OTHER SPECIAL TOPICS

Thursday evening, July 23 Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25 – all day

Guest Speakers: Lloyd Bockstruck, FNGS and Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG

The J. Erik Jonsson Dallas Public Library 1st Floor Auditorium 1515 Young Street Dallas, Texas Voice Mail 1-866-YOU2DGS (866-968-2347) www.dallasgenealogy.org

Topics Include:

- Serial Set and Other Special Government
 Documents
- First Transfer of Land
- Court Records: Far More Varied than We Realize
- Colonial Land Records—Proof and Possibility
- Court Records Related to the Military and Conflicts
- State Statutes and Legislative Journals
- Bounty Land
- Bastardy and Illegitimacy
- The Language of Court
- The Taxman Cometh—Year after Year after Year
- Land Causes—Those "Other" Virginia Land Books
- Memorials: South Carolina and Georgia's Special Land Records

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DGS 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, April 27, 2009

Genealogy on the Internet.

Monday, May 18, 2009

Call of the West: Part II, Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana. Presented by Lloyd Bockstruck



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. Meetings are free and open to the public.

Thursday, April 9th	
	Writers' Interest Group McDermott Room on 8
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Speaker: Patricia Law Hatcher "Presenting Family Information: Genealogical Summaries."

S	aturday, April 11th
9:30am –	Digital Imaging
11:00pm	Studio Room
11:30am –	Brown Bag Group
12:45pm	Studio Room
1:00pm -	Computer Interest
2:30pm	Studio Room
3:00pm –	Master Genealogist
4:30pm	Studio Room

Wednesday, April 15th		
6:30pm	-	MGRG -MacGen Reunion
8:30pm		Group
McDermott Room on 8		

	uesday, April 21st	
7:00pm –	AAGIG Meeting	
8:30pm	Auditorium	

Mon	iday, April 27th
6:30pm – 7:30pm	DGS General meeting
7:30pm – 8:30pm	Genealogy on the Internet Auditorium Presented by: Tami Glatz
	T be a General Meeting in July and August.

NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY

compiled by: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS



Donations

Donations to the DPL Genealogy Section and to the Fiche Project will be acknowledged in the next issue of the Newsletter

United States

Eastern Cherokee By Blood, 1906-1910. Vol. 6.

* Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck

Federal Records Pertaining to Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas.

Donated by Colleen G. Rees

Genesis: Rogers Rangers: the First Green Berets: the Corps & the Revivals.

Georg Pausch's Journal and Reports of the Campaign in America.

Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina Papers: Vol. IV of the Draper Manuscript.

Journal of the Prince Charles Regiment.

Naturalizations of Mexican-Americans. Vol. 4

Sleuth Book for Genealogists: Strategies for More Successful Family History

Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck

Yearbook. General Society of Colonial Wars. 2007.

Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck

Alabama

Barbour County Funeral Records: Godwin Funeral

Home from Jan. 1, 1935 Family Maps of Calhoun County, Alabama.

Family Maps of Crenshaw County, Alabama.

Family Maps of Henry County, Alabama.

Genealogical Abstracts from Marengo County, Alabama.

Heritage of Cullman County, Alabama. Vol. 2.

Heritage of DeKalb County, Alabama. Vol. 2.

Newspapers (1840)

Donated by: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck

Northern Alabama: Historical and Biographical.

Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck

Sumter Marriage Records, Colored, Vols. 3-5. 2 rolls.

Donated by Gwen Hester

Arizona

Arkansas

Garland County, Arkansas Tombstone Inscriptions. Vol. 1, Eastern.

Lest We Forget, Or, Character Gems Gleaned from South Arkansas.

California

California. Vol. II, 1874.

History of Monrovia.

History of Santa Barbara County, California, with Illustrations and Biographical.

Index to Vital Data in Local Newspapers of Sonoma County. Vol. 3.

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

Newspaper Extracts from the Marin Journal: San Rafael, Marin County.

Newspaper Extracts from the Sausalito News, Sausalito, Marin County.

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DGS Calendar of Events 2009

April		Мау	
9 Thursday	Writing Interest Group	9 Saturday	Digital Imaging Brown Bag Group
11 Saturday	Digital Imaging Brown Bag Group Computer Interest		Computer Interest Master Genealogist
	Master Genealogist	14 Thursday	Writing Interest Group
15 Wednesday	MGRG MacGen Reunion Group	18 Monday	DGS General Meeting Speaker: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck
17 Tuesday	AAGIG	19 Tuesday	AAGIG

27 Monday DGS 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.

Bad Weather: To find out whether a DGS meeting has been cancelled in the event of a major weather situation on a meeting night, log on to: www.DallasGenealogy.org or call the genealogy section of the library at 214-670-1433.