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Reminder of Dues change

The dues amount for the Dallas Genealogical Society was changed almost a year ago yet we still receive renewals for the old amount. Please remember to use the latest renewal form when renewing your membership. As a reminder the dues structure is as follows:

Membership, per individual - \$35

Membership, per household - \$40

Life Membership, per individual (not a couple), 65 years or under - \$700

Life Membership, per individual (not a couple), over 65 years - \$500

On-line registration is preferred and can be accomplished on the website at:

<https://www.z2systems.com/np/clients/dgs/account.jsp>

A membership form is also available on website at:

http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/docs/DGS/dgs_membership_application_or_renewal.pdf



Have you visited the DGS Website lately?

Here is what visitors to our website have sought out:

Most Visited Pages	%
Materials for the Genealogist	7.90%
Featured Resource	6.40%
Calendar of Events	4.90%
DGS: Our History	3.70%
Dallas Area Cemeteries	2.90%
Membership	2.70%
DGS Store	1.50%
Local Records	1.40%

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Janet Khashab, AG

“January bears a vast silence that teaches us to wait for a moment between what came before, and what will follow after.”

Michael Judge, *The Dance of Time: the Origins of the Calendar* (New York: Arcade Pub., 2004) 95.

The time between New Year’s Day and Groundhog Day has been traditionally a period of reflection, a looking back to the past and forward to the future. It is a good practice for individuals and organizations. On the third Saturday of January the DGS Board met for a day-long retreat so that we could do just that. We looked at what DGS has been since its founding in 1955 and tried to plan its future in what is a very changed environment for genealogy societies.

On 30 November 1955 thirty-two people residing in Dallas County decided to form the “Local History and Genealogical Society” and signed their names before a notary public declaring their intention to the Secretary of State of Texas to organize themselves as a non-profit corporation. Ten persons of the thirty-two were named to the Board of Directors until elections would be held within a year. The Society had no assets.

In ten years the “Local History and Genealogical Society” was holding regular monthly meetings during lunch at the Y.M.C.A. downtown; the Board was meeting monthly for lunch at the Press Club in the Plaza Hotel (but this was getting too expensive) or at Titché’s Tea Room. The general meeting attendance was usually around forty members and the total membership was about 100. At the end of the year a balance of \$858.06 was carried over to the next year.

Fifty-five years after our founding, we are now known as the “Dallas Genealogical Society” with a total membership of around 600 and a bank balance more than a hundred times the one reported in 1965. I’m not sure if the inflation rate has evened out our two bank balances, but I do know that our general meeting attendance is still averaging about 45 persons, making the percentage of members attending much less than that of 45 years ago. This, of course, is the result of the changes in the relationship of downtown Dallas to the surrounding towns and the growth of the Internet as an information and social networking source.

In order to better plan the path for DGS, we have initiated a fairly comprehensive member survey. Two groups have already completed the survey: those who attended the January general meeting and those who completed the survey online. This leaves the group who has chosen not to join us in person or through digital means: the paper group. Your survey is in the process of being mailed and we ask that you complete it and mail it back to us as soon as possible. Soon the DGS Board will have a full picture of its active members including demographic profiles and preferred genealogical research locations and areas. The results of the survey will then be summarized on our website and in our newsletter.

As for Groundhog Day, remember the Maori proverb: “Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you.”



NEW ACQUISITIONS



All new books and materials cataloged into the Genealogy Section since the listing in the February 2010 newsletter are now included on the DGS website.

Go to www.dallasgenealogy.org to view new publication titles. From the home page select “Resources.” In the Resources box select “Dallas Public Library.” Then in the Dallas Public Library box you will see “Recent Acquisitions.”



Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program

Did you know that your Tom Thumb’s Reward Card could generate funds for the Dallas Genealogical Society? All you have to do is have the DGS Good Neighbor number linked to your card. You may have up to three non-profit organizations on your card. Tom Thumb pays 1% of your total grocery expenditures to your designated non-profit organizations.

The DGS Good Neighbor Number is 4253.

In 2010, DGS members earned almost \$700 for the society through the Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program.

Barbara Ware

DGS 2010 Awards Recipients

The annual DGS Awards banquet was held 11 December in the O'Hara room on the 7th floor of the library. The awards and their recipients are as follows:



DGS Volunteer of the Year – Presented to Tony Hanson (Webmaster) and Barbara Ware (IT Manager) (see photo above).

DGS Award of Merit – Presented to Don Raney for outstanding contributions to the society over a period of years.

DGS Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award – Presented to Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG, recognizing her consistent and selfless contributions to the field of genealogy. Lloyd Bockstruck accepted the award for Christine who was unable to attend.

DGS Heritage Preservation Award – Presented to the Digital Projects Unit at UNT as the developer of The Portal to Texas History for their vision and for their commitment to partnering with families, historical societies, universities and other resources. The award was accepted by Dreanna Belden.

President's Award – Presented to Elizabeth Deihl for her more than 15 years in DGS hospitality.

DPL Volunteer Award – Presented to Sherry Johnson, Steve Gaither, Ed Boehringer, Patrick McKinney, Adrienne Jamieson, Lea Markoff, and Gerri Brannon for the Genealogy Section Website.



Subscribe to DGS Events Calendar

You can keep up with DGS events by subscribing to the DGS Events Google Calendar. If you have a calendar feature on your computer that will let you subscribe to other calendars, then you can add DGS Events. You don't have to have a Google account to view this read only calendar.

Macintosh

Open iCal. Under Calendar menu, select Subscribe.

Enter

<http://www.google.com/calendar/ical/dgswebadmin%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

This installs the DGS Events calendar as a read-only calendar.

By clicking on an event, you will see additional information in the left column.

You may have to select Refresh from the Calendar menu to get changes to be updated, or maybe the updates occur when your computer syncs. Refresh does work.

If you don't want to see the DGS Events calendar, you can uncheck DGS Events on the list of calendars.

Windows

If you are using Windows Vista, the process is just about the same as described above, using Windows Calendar.

For additional help see: http://www.tech-recipes.com/rx/2544/vista_add_google_calendar_to_vista_windows_calendar/

However, this calendar tool was not continued in the new Windows 7 operating system.

For other Windows users, here are links to help you do the same.

- Windows 7 (Windows Live Calendar Gadget) - <http://www.technixupdate.com/sync-windows-7-calendar-with-google-calendar/>
- Microsoft Outlook - <http://labnol.blogspot.com/2006/11/subscribe-to-google-calendar-in.html>

iPhone/iPod Touch

If you want to subscribe to DGS Events on your iPhone/iPod Touch calendar, e-mail the link below to yourself.

<http://www.google.com/calendar/ical/dgswebadmin%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

Open the mail on your iPhone/iPod and tap once on the URL in the mail message. iPhone/iPod Touch interprets any URL ending in “.ics” as an iCalendar feed so it will ask you if you want to subscribe to DGS Events.

When you look at your list of calendars you will see those that you have subscribed to listed separately from those you have created. If you have All Calendars selected, DGS Events will be visible with your other events. When you tap an individual event, you will see any additional information that DGS added to the DGS Events calendar.

If you want to delete the subscribed calendar, go to Settings > Mail, Contacts, Calendars. Choose DGS Events under your list of Accounts and tap Delete.

Barbara Ware



Genealogy Section Website

I'm pleased to announce that with the hard work of the Genealogy staff (especially Sherry Johnson's work to get the updated section information ready for the web) and website designer Steve Gaither – the new Genealogy Section website is now live! It may be viewed at:

<http://dallaslibrary.org/genealogy>

Take a look – we know there will be updates needed from time-to-time – but it is time to share this wonderful resource with the public. There is a wealth of information about microform and other resources under the Genealogy Resources heading – particularly the Guide to Microform and CD-ROM holdings that Lloyd Bockstruck, Pat Hatcher, and Sherry Johnson compiled.

Please feel free to share this information with Dallas Genealogical Society members.

Thanks to all who were involved – it was truly a group effort. We would appreciate your feedback.

Carol Roark
Manager
Special Collections
Dallas Public Library

Hospitality Volunteers Needed

DGS Needs You!

We are in need of a couple of volunteers to serve on the Hospitality Committee to help with refreshments in the hospitality area at the general meetings on the 1st Saturday of each month.



If you are interested, please call Patrick McKinney, DGS-Volunteer Coordinator at 214-670-1433 (w) 214-549-4819 (c)

Finding Tennie

Rachel Tennessee Webb: Born 19 Nov 1884 to William Woodrow Fuller and Melvina R. Sims in Fannin County, Texas. Died sometime between 1900 and 1910 in Fannin County, Texas.

Growing up, I had occasionally heard my paternal grandmother's sister, Tennie Fuller, mentioned, but didn't pay much attention. Later, when I started my journey into my family history, all I knew was her name and that she had died at a young age. My mother didn't know much about her other than she was married and died young. She did not know her married name or when she died. I had not seen nor spoken to my father for 20 years. My grandmother (Callie Fuller Stephens) died when I was 20 so I couldn't ask her – oh how I wish I had.

After my last uncle died in 1993, his wife sent me pictures and personal items of his (they had no children to pass them on to), which included my Callie's bible. On a loose piece of paper in that bible, I found a list of her brothers and sisters and their birth dates in her handwriting. From this, I know that Rachel T. Fuller was born on 19 Nov 1884. (She was probably named after Rachel Tennessee Webb, her maternal grandmother.)

The only record I ever found is the 1900 Fannin County, Texas, census, where Tennie is listed in her parent's household, DOB Nov 1884, single – she was 15.

In January 2010, I was looking at Callie's bible and a newspaper clipping fell out. I decided to look more closely and went through the bible page by page. I found several more clippings. One was an obituary for Charley T. Carpenter.

Charley T. Carpenter

BONHAM - Services for Charley Taylor Carpenter, 91, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Trenton Methodist Church. He died at his home at 221 W. 8th Street, Bonham, at 9:20 a.m. Saturday. Rev. Gene Young of Dallas, Assembly of God minister, and Rev. Erwin Reed of Trenton Methodist

Church will officiate. Burial will be in Indian Creek Cemetery, south of Trenton, directed by Earnheart Funeral Home of Trenton. The family will be at the funeral home from 7:30 until 9 p.m. Sunday.

He was born Jan. 16, 1878 at Orangeville, the son of Rev. J.A. and Joanna Carpenter. He was married to Myrtle Wicker Aug. 4, 1924 at Willow Springs. He was a member of the Indian Creek Baptist Church. He was a retired carpenter and woodworker.

Survivors include: his wife of Bonham; a daughter, Miss Lou Anna Carpenter of Bonham; two brothers, Arthur Carpenter of Dallas and Edgar Carpenter of Nobility; three sisters, Mrs. Allie Webb of Ackerly, Tex.; Mrs. Pearl Bailey, Dallas and Mrs. Jessie McLarry of Sulphur Springs and a number of nieces and nephews.

I did not recognize this name and the only connection to my family was that Charley's father, Rev. John Carpenter, officiated at both my grandparents' (David Spencer Stephens and Callie Fuller) and my great-uncle's (William Henry Fuller and Cora Overman) marriages. I have both marriage certificates with his signature. So, I guessed that he and Callie had probably known each other for a long time and that's why she had Charley's obit.

In July, 2010, my oldest sister and I were talking about family history (actually, I was 'picking her brain' since she has seven more years of memories) and she mentioned a black and white picture she had seen of a new grave with flowers on it that she thought was Tennie's. I recognized this picture as one that was in the package my aunt sent me after my uncle died. The picture showed quite a bit of the land behind the grave so I wanted to see if I could find this grave. I decided to start at Indian Creek Cemetery in Nobility, Texas, where Tennie's parents, Callie and her husband, and Callie's brother, Henry, and his wife are all buried. My husband and I drove to the cemetery with a print out of the picture, but it was soon obvious that the picture was not taken in that cemetery. (I later realized that this picture was a snapshot from a personal camera and unlikely to have been taken in the early 1900s-so my search for this grave continues.) As I was pointing out my great-grandparent's grave to my husband, I noticed a small marker nearby inscribed with only a name: Tennie F. Carpenter. I looked at other markers near hers and saw Charley Carpenter's marker and the name struck a chord. On the same marker with Charley was Myrtle Carpenter. On the opposite side from Tennie's grave was a marker for Lou Anna Carpenter. On the same side as Tennie's marker was a marker for Goldie Mae Carpenter who died at age 5. So I took pictures to record the information.

Once back at home I started researching Charley. Here's what I found:

In the 1900 Fannin County census, he is 22, single, in his parent's household.

In the 1910 Fannin County census, he is 31, widowed, in his parent's household.

In the 1918 WWI registration, he is 40 and lists his mother as nearest relative.

In the 1920 Fannin County census, he is 41, widowed, in his parents' household.

In the 1930 Fannin County census, he is 51, married, with Myrtle (age 35), Lou Anna (age 4), Goldie (age 2), and Joanna (his mother) in his household. It also shows he was married at age 45. Also on this census, Charley is only about 6 households away from my grandparents.

My conclusion is that Charley and Tennie were married sometime between 1900 and 1910 and she died before the 1910 census. When I shared this information with my sister, she told me that Callie had told her that Tennie was 19 when she died. She would have been 19 in August of 1903.

During my research, I found a family tree on ancestry.com which listed Charley and quite a bit of information. I contacted the owner, Charlotte, with my theory. She is Charley's great-niece and did not know if he was married before Myrtle or not, but thought that my conclusion was probably sound. I was able to send her pictures of the tombstones and copies of her great grandfather's signature (from the marriage certificates mentioned above). We agreed to share whatever information we found and have had a few more exchanges of articles and items.

Although Charlotte lives in another state, she had been passing through Texas and stopped in Fannin County and searched the records. In November, 2010, I received an email with a very exciting attachment – a copy of Charley and Tennie's marriage record. They were married 8 Sep 1901 in Fannin County, Texas. I have not been able to find a death record or death certificate for Tennie and may never find one, but I am content with what I have found. Now, if I could just find something on my two maternal great-uncles who must have been abducted by aliens, and my paternal great-grandfather who just sprang from the earth one day, and...and the list goes on and on.

Sandra Stephens Njus

NET LINK

Net Link is a new column of the DGS Newsletter featuring a few helpful Internet resource links. These links are general enough to be useful by a number of individuals, but are not family name specific. Contribute Net Links to the *DGS Newsletter*. E-mail genealogically-useful URLs with a short description to newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org.

Genealogy Blogs:

Here are the blogs nominated for Family Tree Magazine's 40 Best Genealogy Blogs.

<http://www.geneabloggers.com/family-tree-magazines-40-genealogy-blogs-vote-favorite/>



In Memoriam

Dorislee Riley Hoffpauer served the DGS as Director of Sales 1990-1992 and Secretary from 1992-1993. Below is her obituary from the Dallas Morning News.

Hoffpauer, Dorislee Riley 1924 - 2010 Dorislee Riley Hoffpauer died Saturday, November 27th, at four o'clock in the afternoon. She had been under care for dementia. She passed peacefully from us after several years of decline. Three of her sons were at her side during her final hours. She did not suffer in those last moments. Dorislee was born Doris Lee Riley, May 27th, 1924, in Portland, Oregon, to Robert Earl Riley and Emma Fay Wade Riley. Dorislee was their only child. Her father was a businessman and local politician. He was mayor of Portland, Oregon, for two terms at the end of and following World War II. Dorislee's childhood was largely unaffected by the depression. She spent her summers at her mother's family's ranch. As a young teenager she and her father took off one summer and drove across the country and back. That would have been in the mid to late 1930s there were no interstate highways, there were only two lane roads. When seventeen, she was elected "Miss Oregon" by the Oregon State Historical Society. Her ancestors had settled in Oregon before it was a state. Dorislee attended the University of Oregon during the first years of World War II. She left school to volunteer for

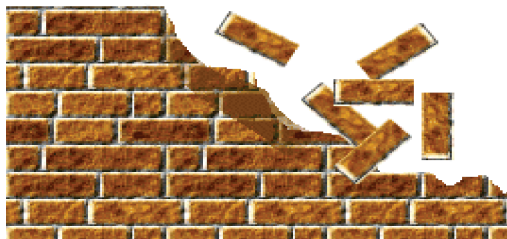
the Navy. She was assigned to North Island Naval Air Station, San Diego.

In 1945 she met Rieves Hoffpauer, who was also in the Navy. They married January 24, 1946, after both were released from the service.

Dorislee returned to school, this time at The University of California, Berkley, where she studied decorative arts, history, and anthropology -- completing her baccalaureate. While attending Cal, Dorislee and Rieves became parents with the birth of their first son, Bob. Later they moved to Portland, where Bob was followed by John, John was followed by Dan, Dan by Larry, and Larry by Bill. The family moved to Richardson, Texas in 1957, where they lived until Dorislee's condition required full care. Dorislee obtained a Master of Library Science (MLS) degree from Texas Woman's University. She was the librarian at Northwood Junior High School for twenty years and enjoyed the kids and faculty. After retirement, Dorislee followed her interest in genealogy, researching both Rieves' and her own family's ancestry, even teaching a community service course for several years on research methods for genealogists. Dorislee had many interests and hobbies. She loved family gatherings, bulldogs, books, cooking, calligraphy, swimming every morning at the high school and later at the YWCA. She enjoyed socializing and playing bridge with Rieves as her partner, she liked the adventure of travel. She traveled to Ireland, Spain, Mexico, England and France. England was her favorite place, and she travelled there numerous times with friends and made traveling fun and interesting for everyone. Dorislee belonged to many groups and organizations. She was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Richardson, Texas, formerly St. Margaret's. She was a member of the American Library Association, as well as the Texas Library Association. She was a member and served on the board of directors of the Dallas Genealogical Society. She was an active member of the sisterhood of P.E.O, serving eventually as chapter president. During Dorislee's life she had many challenges. She was a breast cancer survivor, she had some of her stomach removed, and raising five boys wasn't a walk in the park. When she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, she didn't give up, Dorislee and Rieves made the best of their years together. Rieves died in October, 2009.

Dallas Morning News, The (TX) - Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Breaking Through The Brickwalls



Name Analysis

If you have been doing genealogy for more than 10 years you are well aware of the great strides that have been made in making records available on-line through databases such as Ancestry, Footnote, GenealogyBank etc. But finding those records of your ancestors is not always simple for any number of reasons. The indexes to these databases are created by humans and we all know how mistakes can be made. I personally had an ancestor with the surname of BRYAN listed on a census as SAUL. You may ask how that can happen, as the two names are not even close. The answer is that SAUL was the last family on a census page and it was carried over to the first family on the next page, a simple copy error by the census taker. I discovered it (before on-line censuses were available) by scanning the microfilm page by page looking for the family I knew should be there. I recognized the family finally after two scans through the microfilm because there were eight children in the family with unique names. So this is why today if we are using on-line databases we need to be creative in our search methods, which is a whole topic in itself. Generally we are going to begin a database search by entering a Surname. Now the fun begins. When the search engine comes back with that dreaded message; "No matches found" we should not panic but rather smile and say to ourselves, "Wow, now I get to use some of those tricks I learned over the years." OK, you say, just select the Soundex option. But what if that doesn't work? Take my last name for example: "OEHMANN." If you had the name misspelled in the database as OPMANN, the Soundex option would not help. So when Ancestry several years ago published New York ship manifests I was excited because I had spent days going through two years of microfilms of manifests with no luck finding my ancestor's record. But realizing that my last name is highly subject to being butchered, I tried just leaving the last name field blank and tried just his first name "Andrew". Ah, the dreaded "no matches..." again! Well..., I said to myself, let's try his baptism name, which on the German church record was Andreas. That would be the name he most likely used when he boarded the ship from Liverpool. Well, as you can probably guess, that worked and I found his record in 1867. I asked two people to independently verify the handwriting on the manifest and they agreed it was most likely OEHMANN.

I later verified it with a passport application that he completed to travel back to Germany for a visit. He named the ship and the year correctly but had August instead of September and he couldn't remember the date. After all it was 1890 and that was 23 years later. But I now feel very sure about the manifest. By the way, if you haven't checked out passport applications you are missing a valuable resource. Some of these actually have photographs attached and some name the town where the applicant was born. Analysis of the names you are researching will be valuable in helping you search for your ancestors. Start by creating a list of the names you are researching. There are many good references for names that you can refer to at the library. Today, we have wikis on-line that are good references for names (both forenames and surnames) that you can use. For each name in your list you might want a small section that describes the origin of the name. For each of your direct ancestors you might also want to keep a list of their various spellings as you come across them. Then you will have a resource you can use later when you are searching for additional records that will become available as more and more records are added to the databases. So, to recap, start with the surname and research the country that your ancestor originated from for how the name originated. Each country will have its own unique naming patterns. Then look at your individual ancestors and study their forenames. Make a list of all the nicknames you find in the censuses and other records. For example, in the south you will find Polly as a variant for Mary. These variants will be useful when you search the databases and need other options when the exact surname or Soundex searches come up blank. As mentioned earlier wikis are a great resource for information. Here is an example for the name Margaret that is very complete as to the variant spellings you might encounter depending on what country you are in: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margaret_\(name\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margaret_(name)) Check out the wiki for your own first and last name. You might be surprised at what you find.

Carl Oehmann

*March 5, 2011 General Meeting
10:30 a.m.: Social Hour
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Business
and Program
"Update from RootsTech 2011"
Presented by Tony Hanson*

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DGS Calendar of Events 2011

Saturday, February 12, 2011, 1:00 p.m. – MacReunion Group

Saturday, February 19, 2011, 3:00 p.m. – AAGIG-Topic: Family Research– Jerald Larry

**Saturday, March 5, 2011 – General Meeting: Social hour begins 10:30 a.m.; General Meeting begins 11:00 a.m.
Tony Hanson – (Topic: “Update from RootsTech 2011”)
First Floor Auditorium**

Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – Jewish Genealogy SIG

Saturday, March 19, 2011, 3:00 p.m. – AAGIG

**Saturday, April 2, 2011 – General Meeting: Social hour begins 10:30 a.m.; General Meeting begins 11:00 a.m.
Steve Nixon – Tentative Guest Speaker (Topic: “Genograms”)
First Floor Auditorium**

**All group meetings will be at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young Street, Dallas, TX 75202**

**If you need to contact DGS, you can email the particular board member with whom you wish to communicate or
you may send an email to info@dallasgenealogy.org or you may leave a voice mail at 1-866-YOU2DGS
(1-866-968-2347)**