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DGS Joins the 1940 U.S. Census Community Indexing Project

The Dallas Genealogical Society has joined forces with genealogy societies and organizations around the country as part of the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project. The initiative aims to publish a free, online searchable name index of the 1940 U.S. Federal Census after images of the census are released to the public in April 2012. This online index will be free forever,



offering family history researchers a rich genealogical data set for their ongoing use. Three leading genealogy organizations, Archives.com, FamilySearch International, and findmypast.com launched the initiative at the end of last year, and the project is already engaging volunteers to help provide this invaluable resource to family historians around the world as soon as possible.

The index created by the project will allow the public to easily search every person found in the census and view digital images of the original census pages where he or she is listed. The highly anticipated 1940 U.S. Census is expected to be the most popular U.S. record collection released to date.

“The 1940 Census is attractive to both new and experienced researchers because most people in the United States can remember a relative that was living in 1940. It will do more to connect living memory with historical records and families than any other collection previously made available,” said David Rencher, Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch.

The 1940 U.S. Census Community Project is also receiving support from leading societal organizations like the Federation of Genealogical Societies, National Genealogical Society, and Ohio Genealogical Society, as well as other societies around the United States.

Go to www.the1940census.com/society and follow the instructions for Society Members to register to participate with our society. Simply select Dallas Genealogical Society on the profile screen when creating your account. If you already have a FamilySearch account, go to indexingfamilysearch.org. Click Sign In, then click the Edit button to select DGS. Every person indexing with our society gets us closer to milestones that qualify us for incentives provided by the sponsors of the project, so sign up today!

Preparing for the 1940 Census

Release of the 1940 Census for public inspection is April 2, 2012. The U.S. Census Bureau and National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) have been preparing for this for quite some time. The digitization project has been completed and NARA will release these images for online browsing via the Internet beginning on Monday, April 2. Note that the images are available for “browsing.” It will be some time before the 1940 Census is searchable, as volunteers around the world begin the indexing process (see above article for how you can help). In the meantime, researchers can start preparing to search the records as soon as they are available by doing a little preparation now. Start by listing those direct-line ancestors who were found in the 1930 census and were still living in 1940. See page 3 or visit www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/. Some genealogy software providers have added tools to search your database for ancestors likely to be in the 1940 census.

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President's Column

David Temple



The bane of many genealogists is a common surname like Smith, Jones, or Brown. My mother's line is Smith and it has been challenging at times to locate the previous generation, especially when common first names are involved. Genealogy, like police work, is about the details: "who, what, where, when, how," and, as Elizabeth Shown Mills modified it, "with whom."

I once sought the Confederate pension record of a grandfather, James M. Smith. Reading the index identified a dozen James M. Smiths. I obtained copies of most of these records before finally locating my ancestor. I could not figure out how he met his third wife or where he married her. The third time I read the pension application I noticed he stated he had lived in Tennessee except for 20 years he spent in Kentucky. I missed a 20 year period of his life. Details.

Searching a burned county like Buckingham County, Virginia, can be frustrating. Looking in surrounding counties can lead to clues, and it did when I found Diana Smith's estate in neighboring Campbell County. I had not noticed the detail of Appomattox County being formed and located on modern maps between Buckingham and Campbell Counties.

Like a vacation trip, one must take time to document where you are, as well as where you have been, so that you can better determine where you are going next. By the time you read this, Josh Taylor will have visited DGS and shown many of you "the light" to better research. Your Board has other activities planned this year and we hope that you will join us for each event. You might learn the importance of "the devil is in the details" as it applies to your genealogical research. I certainly have.

Education

Salt Lake City Research Trip

Our annual members-only research trip to Salt Lake City will be September 12-19. It is a great opportunity to research in the library, spend time with other genealogists, learn tips, and exchange information. We will be staying at the Plaza Hotel at Temple Square, next to the library. Watch for the brochure in the mail and the eBlast in our email for information on how to register.

General Meetings

April 7—Researching the *Dallas Morning News* Online Archives

Our speaker for the April meeting will be Brian Collins from the Texas/Dallas Collection at the Dallas Public Library. His topic is "Researching the *Dallas Morning News* Online Archives," which have news articles from around Texas, not just Dallas.

May 5—Election of Officers, Proven Research Strategies

We will be electing officers for 2013 at the May general meeting, followed by speaker Lynell Bennett Moss who will discuss proven research strategies for using, abstracting, analyzing, and correlating information in locality records. A sixth-generation Dallas resident, Lynell has researched family history for more than 40 years and has taught the subject for more than

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twenty years. She was director of the Plano Family History Center for 12 years, has trained the consultants there for 15 years and has served there herself for 21 years. She has beta tested many products for FamilySearch for the last 15 years. As Director of the "Great Family Search Genealogy Conference," she is planning the 9th Annual Conference for October of this year. Lynell is a member of the Dallas Genealogical Society and the National Genealogical Society.

Preparing to Search the 1940 Census

(Information adapted from NARA web site with permission)

WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW TO PREPARE FOR THE RELEASE OF THE 1940 CENSUS?

1.1. **Make a list of all the people you want to look for in the 1940 census.** Think broadly—ancestors, their siblings, cousins, etc.—anybody to whom you are related.

2.2. **Collect addresses for these people for whom you plan to search.**

Sources for addresses include:

- *City Directories* (NARA has original Circa 1940 City Directories for Washington, DC. The [Library of Congress](#)¹ (www.loc.gov) holds a large nationwide collection of city directories and many libraries hold local directories.)
- The *1930 Census* (useful for people who did not move between 1930 and 1940). If you have a person's enumeration district (ED) number from the 1930 Census you can use "The Converting between 1930 and 1940 Census ED1940s in One Step" search utility at <http://stevemorse.org/census/ed2040.php?year=1940> to find the equivalent ED for the 1940 Census.
- *World War II Draft Records* (contact the [National Archives' Regional Location](#)² for the state in which your ancestor lived)
- *Naturalization Petitions or Declarations of Intent* filed close to 1940 (contact the [National Archives' Regional Location](#)² for the state in which your ancestor lived)

3.3. **Identify the enumeration district (ED) in which each address was located.** There are currently several ways to do this:

Search the 1940 Census Maps for Enumeration District Numbers

- Go to the Online Public Access search (OPA): <http://www.archives.gov/research/search/>
- Enter 1940 Census maps + the county + the state. For example, to search for Madison County in Tennessee, enter: 1940 census maps Madison Tennessee
- You can narrow the search by including a town name in the search: 1940 Census maps Jackson Madison Tennessee

Note: Not all towns will have individual maps. You may need to look at county maps for some towns.

The search will bring back any matching results. The first three results will be listed; to see additional results click

"View all Online Holdings."

- Click the particular result you wish to see to view the larger version of the map.
- You may use the zoom and pan features to enlarge the map and move the image on the screen.

If you have the address of an ancestor from 1940, find the address on the map and then look for the enumeration district number for that address. The map may have many other numbers on it. The ED number may be a two part number separated by a hyphen. The first number represents the county number and the second number the number of the enumeration district within that county.

Save the enumeration district numbers for the opening of the 1940 Census on April 2, 2012. You will be able to search the digitized copies of the Census by ED number and then browse for your family members' Census entry.

SEARCH THE 1940 CENSUS ENUMERATION DISTRICT DESCRIPTIONS

1. Go to the Online Public Access search (OPA): at <http://www.archives.gov/research/search/>
 - Enter 1940 Census enumeration district descriptions + the county + the state: 1940 Census enumeration district descriptions Madison Tennessee
 - You can narrow the search by including a town name in the search: 1940 Census enumeration district descriptions Jackson Madison Tennessee
 - In the search results, click on the title of the description to see the full description.
2. Use the Search Utilities at <http://stevemorse.org/census/>.
 - These utilities are useful tools to search for 1940 EDs from addresses or locations as well as to convert a 1930 Census ED to a 1940 Census ED.
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¹Library of Congress—www.loc.gov

²National Archives Regional Locations—www.archives.gov/locations

Entertainment? Education? How About Edutainment?

Love 'em or hate 'em, DGS gives its members and guests a chance to join informal discussions about the popular genealogical television programs *Who Do You Think You Are?* and *Finding Your Roots*. The “edutainment” discussion table can be found in the hospitality room before each General Meeting begins. Refreshments are on us but any contributing thoughts are up to you.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

NBC-TV's third season of *Who Do You Think You Are?* began February 2 and to date has featured Martin Sheen, Marisa Tomei, Blair Underwood, and Reba McEntire. The links between individuals' stories and the history of the times in which they lived are compelling. See [Who Do You Think You Are? - NBC Site](#).

In response to our members' interest in the program, the Dallas Genealogical Society is holding informal discussions during Hospitality Time before our General Meetings to talk about the previous week's episode. About a dozen people attended the two sessions held so far - February 4 and March 3. Our remaining meetings before our summer hiatus - April 7 and May 5 - provide us with two more opportunities to “Saturday morning quarterback” the show.

Participants have varying degrees of expertise and experience with family history research, but we all join in spirited discussions about how the show portrays the research process to be so easy, and laugh about scenes in which a celebrity opens a book to the exact page to find the hand-written record which solves a riddle.

We all agree that WDYTYA has spurred interest in family history research. One participant told the group that the entertainment/storytelling aspect of the show is what hooked her. If her first taste of genealogy had been a traditional beginner's class with forms, citation outlines, etc., she would have thrown up her hands. She has since learned the value of forms and methodology, but it was the mass media of TV and the internet which pulled her in.

The remaining celebrities in this season's WDYTYA are Helen Hunt, Paula Deen, Rashida Jones, Rob Lowe, Rita Wilson, David Sudeikis, and Edie Falco. In the Dallas area, the show airs on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 5.

VENDOR'S LIEN LAW & LEGAL DEFINITION

A vendor's lien is the right of a seller to repossess the property sold until the buyer makes all payments for the full purchase price. The property is the collateral given as security to the seller for the purchase price. It is sometimes used in connection with a purchase money mortgage on real estate.

A purchase-money mortgage is a note secured by a mortgage or deed of trust given by a buyer, as borrower, to a seller, as lender, as part of the purchase price of the real estate. It is a method of financing a home in which buyer borrows from the seller instead of, or in addition to, a bank. It is sometimes used when a buyer cannot qualify for a bank loan for the full amount. It may also be referred to as seller financing or owner financing.

Source: <http://definitions.uslegal.com/v/vendors-lien/>

FINDING YOUR ROOTS

Family history addicts have another reason to celebrate TV this spring. Beginning March 25, PBS will present a new 10-part series *Finding Your Roots* with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. which examines the histories and family genealogies of 20 well-known personalities. See [Finding Your Roots | PBS](#).

Each hour-long episode profiles a celebrity pairing with a sometimes unknown shared link. Like WDYTYA, expert genealogists and ancestry experts contribute to the research.

Alphabetically, the celebrity guests are Kevin Bacon, Tyra Banks, Cory Booker, Angela Buchdahl, Geoffrey Canada, Margaret Cho, Harry Connick, Jr., Robert Downey, Jr., Sanjay Gupta, Samuel L. Jackson, John Legend, John Lewis, Branford Marsalis, Yasir Qadhi, Condoleezza Rice, Michelle Rodriguez, Kyra Sedgwick, Martha Stewart, Barbara Walters, and Rick Warren.

Guest pairings include: New Orleans jazz masters and close friends Harry Connick, Jr. and Branford Marsalis; spiritual leaders Angela Buchdahl, Yasir Qadhi and Rick Warren; public servants Condoleezza Rice and Congressman John Lewis; actors Robert Downey, Jr. and Michelle Rodriguez; and education superstar Geoffrey Canada and media legend Barbara Walters.

DGS will discuss this series as well before our April and May General meetings.

Seeking Editor for DGS Newsletter

Like what you see happening in the Newsletter? We still need an editor to continue this work in progress.

Responsibilities include:

- Following up with contributors, editing copy, completing layout of newsletter
- Managing publication schedule for each issue

Qualifications:

- Ability to edit/write clearly
- Familiar with word processing/desktop publishing
- Photo editing experience a plus

If interested, send email to: editorial@dallasgenealogy.org with details of your background and qualifications.

Hidden Resources at the Wildwood Cemetery, Terrell State Hospital

Gloria Goodwin

There are resources available to genealogists that are less obvious and sometimes overlooked in our search for information. One such resource is the cemetery at Terrell State Hospital, now known as the Wildwood Cemetery.

In 1883, the 18th Texas Legislature and Governor John Ireland passed legislation for the establishment of “Lunatic Asylums” for the “chronic, incurable insane” of the state. In 1885, \$200,000 was designated for a North Texas facility and land was purchased in Terrell, Texas.

On July 14, 1885, the “North Texas Lunatic Asylum” opened, serving 46 Texas counties. In the first year, the hospital had 330 patients. In 1888, the name of the facility changed to “Hospital for the Insane” and in 1925, the name again changed to the current “Terrell State Hospital.” In the early part of the 20th century, the state hospitals took care of patients with tuberculosis and other highly infectious diseases besides those with mental illnesses. More information about the Terrell State Hospital can be found on the Kaufman county site for the TXGenWeb Project at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txkaufma/community/statehos.htm>.

Additional photos of the now demolished old Terrell State Hospital can be found at <http://www.kirkbridebuildings.com/buildings/terrell/> and also at http://www.asylumprojects.org/index.php?title=Terrell_State_Hospital.

The first burial on the grounds of the hospital occurred three months after the hospital opened on October 22, 1885. The graves were marked with a number marker unless the family provided a headstone. There are currently approximately 3600 people interred in the Wildwood Cemetery.

In the mid 1990's, Beatrice Butler, CEO, established the Wildwood Cemetery Association to maintain and improve the grounds at Terrell State Hospital. The “Names to Numbers” project (which accepts donations) was started to replace the number stone markers with name markers. Currently, over 3200 grave number markers have been replaced with names. This has occurred through donations. If you are interested in supporting this project, visit the website of the Terrell State Hospital Volunteer Council at <http://www.tshvolunteercouncil.org/> or the Texas Department of State Health Services web site to download an information brochure about The Wildwood Cemetery Association, <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhhospitals/TerrellSH/WildwoodCemetery.shtm>.

If you are interested in finding someone in your family tree who might be buried at the Wildwood Cemetery, you have additional work to do. The “Health Care Privacy Act” prohibits the hospital from providing a listing of the names in the cemetery. If you are searching for a particular person and suspect they may be buried in Wildwood, check the 1900 and 1910 federal census records for Kaufman County for a listing of patients. Also check a death certificate (name index and images of Texas statewide

death certificates, 1890-1976, are available for free at <https://www.familysearch.org>) and determine if the person was buried in Kaufman County. A great resource is the four volume set, *Kaufman County, Texas death abstracts, 1851 thru 1908*, by Linda Harwell, which is available at the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section

In order to obtain the location of the grave for someone buried at Wildwood, you must write a letter to the Terrell State Hospital administration. See instructions “How to Obtain Information from the Terrell State Hospital” at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txkaufma/community/statehos.htm>.

DGS Summer Institute

Finding My Way Home: Methodology, Records and the Old South

July 13-14, 2012

J. Mark Lowe – Keynote Speaker

The Dallas Genealogical Society invites you to join us for a two-day workshop featuring J. Mark Lowe, CGSM. Mark is a full-time professional genealogist, author, and lecturer. While sharing personal experiences that help beginning and experienced researchers gain new skills and insights for research, he specializes in Southern resources and researches primarily in original records and manuscripts throughout the Southeast.



Mark lives in Robertson County, Tennessee which lies in northern Middle Tennessee along the Kentucky border. With family history in both states, a knowledge of the interaction of citizens along borders helps Mark resolve difficult issues using often overlooked records. As a national and regional speaker, he has brought these areas of expertise along with his unique humor and southern style to many diverse audiences

He also serves as a Course Coordinator for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) and Research in the South for IGHR at Samford University and Director of the Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGS Alliance, learning sessions and hands-on research focusing on original documents and manuscripts at regional archives). Mark has worked on several genealogical television series including *African American Lives 2*, *Faces of America*, and *Who Do You Think You Are?*

Mark has published articles in various local and national genealogical quarterlies and journals as well as a variety of books on Tennessee and Kentucky research.

Visit www.dallasgenealogy.org for additional information about Mark, topic descriptions, and registration information.

Welcome Members

Welcome to new and returning members! Residence is Texas unless otherwise specified.

NEW MEMBERS

Nora Lenhart

Cindy L. Pylant (Oklahoma; Surnames: Bigbee, Blagg)

William D. and Jackie Ryland Nichols (Louisiana; Tech SIG)

Sally Diane Rhodes (SIGs: BBG, Tech, DNA Information List; Surnames: Sellers, Griffin, Shuffler, Wilson, Huffhines, Cutcher, Rhodes, Tedford, Newell, Harrott, Threlkeld; Localities: TX, NC, TN, GA, KY, PA, England)

REJOINING MEMBERS

Lela Evans

Gayle Clemons Newkirk (Surnames: Boyle, Burlison, Cockrill, Hughes, Johnson, Moore, Mumford, Newkirk, Roper, Simmons, Merc; Localities: Texas, Georgia, Tennessee, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, England, Scotland)

Results of DGS November Newsletter Survey

A total of 45 responses (64% electronic and 36% mailed) were received to the survey about the November issue of the *DGS Newsletter*, which represents about 10% of our total members, so only some general comments can be made about these results.

Items with the highest readership were: "President's Message," "Upcoming DGS Programs," "Spring Lecture Series," and "DGS Calendar." Those deemed most interesting or useful were the same, plus: "VA Pension Payment Cards," and "Ask the DGS." Most of our readers have never had anything published in the *DGS Newsletter*. (Note: we encourage members to submit material! See the Writers' Guidelines on the [DGS website](#).)

There were a number of comments about access to the *Newsletter* and its frequency of publication, new acquisitions at the library no longer being in the *Newsletter*, as well as suggestions for *Newsletter* topics.

The schedule calls for the *DGS Newsletter* to be published quarterly, with a target of publishing the first week of the first month of the quarter. The DGS eBlast announces when the *Newsletter* has been posted to the DGS website, with a link and instructions for how members can sign in to read it online. The *Newsletter* is mailed shortly thereafter. In the future, the Monthly Calendar on the DGS website will note the target date of publication. The fastest way to access the *Newsletter* is online. Be sure to indicate your preference (online or print) when you renew your membership.

Special Interest Groups*

Technology - 1st Thursday of each month; 6:30 p.m.

April 5, 2012 - Studio, 3rd Floor

The topic of the April 5 meeting will be Google+, a service recently introduced by Google in an attempt to gain a larger foothold in the Social Networking arena. DGS member Barbara Ware has been learning how some of the new capabilities (such as Hangout) can be used by genealogists and societies like the DGS.

Several presentations from meetings are now available for viewing online. Links to these are available on the Technology SIG page at <http://www.dallasgenealogy.org>.

- "OCR and Creating Files," by Kathleen Murray
- RootsTech 2012 presentation from March General meeting, by Tony Hanson and Kathleen Murray

Brown Bag - 1st Thursday of each month; 5:00 p.m.

Do you want to learn advanced methodology skills and techniques? Then this is the place for you. Currently the group is focusing on writing genealogical research reports and will be looking at other projects in 2012.

Check DGS website for details and next meeting date

Jewish - 3rd Tuesday of each month, except December; 10:00 a.m.

April 17, 2012—McDermott Room, 8th floor

For anyone with actual (or suspected) Jewish ancestral lines. Learn the terminology of the Jewish faith and race, and the differing methods for researching these families. Emphasis is put on the cultural differences which often lead to differing genealogical research methods and records.

MAC Gen - 2nd Saturday of even numbered months, except December; 10:00 a.m.)

April 14, 2012 - Check DGS website for details

AAGIG - 3rd Saturday of each month; 2:00 p.m.

April 21, 2012—Check DGS website for details

May 19, 2012—Check DGS website for details

* Dates and times subject to change. Check DGS web site for updates.

Visit www.dallasgenealogy.org to learn more about Special Interest Groups.

Some time ago the costs of paper, printing and postage mandated moving the list of new acquisitions from the *DGS Newsletter* to access via the DGS website which incorporates a search tool: See [Resources/DallasPublicLibrary/Recent Acquisitions](#).

We plan to conduct another survey later in the year, and hope the number of responses will be higher. Your feedback helps determine what happens in the *DGS Newsletter*. *Marianne Szabo, Director of Publication Content.*

A Box Full of Family

Tony Hanson

Several years ago while cleaning out my attic I found a small box left by a previous resident that contained pictures, eyeglasses, letters written in the 1940's, and a few other tidbits. As a genealogist I knew how much any living descendant would appreciate these artifacts, and I set out to find someone from this family.

There was just enough information in the letters to allow me to begin a family tree. Whenever I hit a brick wall on my own family I came back to this little mystery.

The two main people of interest were: SARAH E MILES (born Sarah Elizabeth Slutts on 11 Oct 1862 in Lee, Iowa, d. 01 Jan 1956 in Polk County, Iowa, married to Phineas Young Miles b. 15 Jan 1850 in Lee, Iowa, d. 24 Oct 1929, buried in the Corydon Cemetery, Wayne County, Iowa), and her sister MARY BELL HUNT (born Mary Bell Slutts abt. 1867 in Van Buren County, Iowa, d. aft. 1943 in Keosauqua, Van Buren county, Iowa, married to John C Hunt b. abt. 1861).

Over time I made a lot of progress, but I never was able to make the leap to somebody in the family who was still alive.

I subscribe to the RootsWeb NORWAY mailing list and am impressed by the level of knowledge exhibited there, so one day I posted what I knew and hoped for the best.



Just four hours and twenty seven minutes later I received a reply from Ron. He had already traced the ownership of my house using on-line records and started comparing names to the family tree I had assembled. He had also found some possible connections in the Social Security Death Index,

which led him to an on-line family tree with names that matched those I had, and had contacted the owner of that tree to let her know that I was looking for a contact.

I received more updates over the next few hours from others. Meanwhile Ron happily went about filling in more blanks in my adopted family's history. My post back to the list the next day says it all:

Best of all was this email a few weeks later:

Hi, I got an e-mail from a Ron about the box you found in your attic. I think it may have been left there by my husband's uncle Elton McClanahan, listed on your tree, and I would dearly like to have it. Elton was my father-in-law Richard's brother (both now deceased),



and lived in Texas around the time you mention.

My husband is Richard's son. You have Elton, John and Kathryn listed on your tree, but there were also Richard and Robert born to John Newton McClanahan and Maude Miles (5 children total). Maude was Sarah Slutts and Phineas Miles daughter.

Richard, my father-in-law, now deceased, did a lot of genealogy and I am now working on it extensively. Elton was called Mick by the family. . . .

Thank you so much for posting about the box. My father-in-law cared deeply about his family heritage and I am trying to finish what he so arduously began, before sites like ancestry.com were around.

More email messages confirmed that I had the correct family. I heard from her again while she was waiting for the package I had shipped.

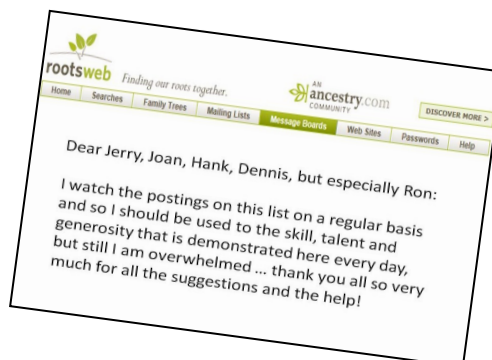
I can hardly wait to read the letters and see the 'tidbits', and to read what you have found out. I am really grateful to you for your efforts to get the box to our family. I am sharing what I find with all our family members. . .

My father-in-laws middle name was Phineas, after Phineas Miles. I wish he (dad) were still around to see all this. He'd be so thrilled....somewhere he is smiling!

I heard from her again after the package was delivered:

Thank you SO MUCH! The package arrived today and my husband and I are so excited, as are our sons. It is in fact photos, letters and items from my husband's family on his father's mother's side.... and we are ECSTATIC. . .

*Nobody in the family has ever seen any of these pictures or knew about the items.... **and so this little box which means SO MUCH to us [was] found and cared for by you.***



There are currently more than 32,000 RootsWeb mailing lists. They cover specific surnames as well as locations so chances are there is one that will be helpful to you and your research. For general information see <http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/index.html>.

For the full story, visit [AND FURTHERMORE](#) under Resources at www.dallasgenealogy.org



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New Writer's Guidelines for DGS Newsletter—As part of the Publication Committee's efforts to enhance and broaden the subject matter published in the *DGS Newsletter*, new Writers' Guidelines have been posted on the DGS website. Of particular interest throughout this year are articles about the 1940 U.S. Census: finding aids, how-to articles using your own research, tips and workarounds, how the census was conducted, experiences as an indexer, or unique features of that census. In addition to this year-long emphasis on the 1940 U.S. Census, each newsletter will have themes related to monthly meeting topics, and the Spring and Fall Lectures. These themes will be announced in advance of each issue. The theme of our next issue is: **military records**. The Guidelines also describe six additional categories of subject matter where we encourage submissions: book reviews, favorite archives, tech tidbits, news of note, theme articles, beginning methodology, advanced methodology, case histories, and serendipity. Send questions about these guidelines to: editorial@dallasgenealogy.org.

DGS Special Events 2012

**General Meeting: Social hour begins 10:30 a.m.; Business meeting and program begin 11:00 a.m.
First Saturday of the Month in the First Floor Auditorium**

Saturday, March 24, 2012—"Exploring Connections" Spring Lecture—D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS

**Friday and Saturday, July 13-14, 2012—DGS Summer Institute—J. Mark Lowe, CG
"Finding My Way Home: Methodology, Records and the Old South"**

Saturday, September 29, 2012—"Military Records" Fall Lecture—Craig Scott, CG

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

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