As the observance of Black History Month approaches, the Dallas Genealogical Society will devote its January meeting to black genealogy. Our speaker for the evening will be Donald Payton, historian and genealogist for the Miller family of Dallas. Mr. Payton will relate his personal experiences in tracing his family history to Colonial America.

The Millers were among the first black families in Dallas County, arriving in 1847. The Miller Reunion, coordinated by Payton, draws more than 1000 descendants to Dallas each summer.

Dr. James Carter of Austin gave us a very interesting talk at our November meeting. He helped us understand the "old-timey" terms given to physical ailments, and brought those terms up to date in meaning for us. Thank you, Dr. Carter. We have wondered many times about these terms and we do appreciate this help.

What a fine Beginner's Workshop we had on 12 November 1983! There was fine attendance, and great enthusiasm shown. Those who gave talks, and their subjects were: Chan Edmondson - "Family Records and Family Bibles"; Mary Helen Brengel - "Effective Correspondence"; Adrienne Jameison - "Institutional Records, Cemetery and Church Records"; Charles Blackard - "Public Records, Census, Military and Deed Records"; Margaret Hudson - "Secondary Material - Printed Material and Family Histories and Genealogies". Others who helped with the Beginner's Workshop were: Sue Harris, Robert Sears, Betty Brooks, Bob Yates, Marjorie Hadley.

The Newsletter regrets not having been able to give the following to you in November, -- we had to go to the printers before all the facts were obtainable: On 20 October, Lloyd D. Bockstruck, head of the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library, spoke at his hometown genealogical society, the Fayette County Genealogical Society in Vandalia, Illinois. The next morning he motored to Springfield, Illinois where he was the featured speaker for the Fifteenth Anniversary Conference of the Illinois State Genealogical Society, the theme of which was "Pearls of the Past". He spoke to the Friday afternoon session on "Naming Patterns and Surnames", delivered the banquet address that evening and on Saturday, the 22nd, spoke on "Virginia Land and Probate Records". We are justly proud of Lloyd Bockstruck's abilities, achievements and popularity.

IMPORTANT NEWS RELEASE! All those who heard Dr. Mary Quinlivan last January will remember her and be delighted that we will have the pleasure of hearing her again at the May Workshop, on 19 May 1984. Those who did not hear her will want to. Put that date on your calendar so as not to miss it and watch for future announcements.

OTHER WORKSHOPS: Galveston County Genealogical Society's Seminar will be held at the Quality Inn at the Dike, 900 Bay Street, Texas City, Texas 77590 on 14 April, 1984. Doors open at 8:30 and Seminar 9:00 to 3:30. Milton Rubincam will speak on Maryland and Pennsylvania. Preregistration before 12 April is $18.00 and at door $20.00 includes lunch. Checks should be made to Galveston County Genealogical Society and mailed to Leona Hitchel, Box 2655, Texas City, 77590.

Keep queries coming! Free to members; $3.00 to non-members, not more than 50 words and should include your name, address, the name of a person, time period and place, an event. Send them to DGS, Box 12648, Dallas 75225.

The monies you contribute to the Dallas Genealogical Society are tax deductible.
The nominating committee to select officers for the coming year is soon to be appointed. Several will not be eligible for re-election. This is your Society and your suggestions and recommendations for new officers are needed. Please give some thought as to whom you would like to see serve and pass this information on to the nominating committee when they are announced, or send it to our DOS post office box now.

**PROGRESS OF OUR PROJECT:** One hundred, seven rolls of microfilm of the General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934 have been pledged. There are five hundred, forty-four of these rolls, so we have a long way to go. Will you kindly help by sending a check to Dallas Genealogical Society, Box 12648, Dallas 75225.

We need several members who have computers and printers to print labels for us. We supply the labels and the few sentences of copy. If we receive several volunteers each one's help would be needed only once or twice.

We need someone willing to sell forms at the meetings. It would require regular attendance at the meetings or care to notify us in advance. Let us hear from you.

During January your dues renewals should be paid. Send to Box 12648, Dallas 75225.

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We look forward to seeing all of you at our January meeting, 26 January 1983.