1995 DGS Annual Service Awards Presentation

An eager crowd of over 100 DGS members and guests met at the Royal Oaks Country Club on the evening of 10 November for fun and fellowship. But the highlight of the event was the second annual DGS Service Awards presentation.

This year's award for Volunteer of the Year, which recognizes outstanding volunteer service to DGS, was presented to Shirley Remnant Sloat. Shirley exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism: she served as Director of Publicity and Public Relations during the 1994-1995 Society year and continues to serve as chair of the DGS Records Archival Committee in the preservation of county records. She also serves as project leader for the volunteer group working on the Dallas County Civil Court Records microfilming project.

The Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award recognizes an individual who consistently and significantly contributed to the field of genealogy over a period of years. DGS felt that no one better deserved this award than Desmond Walls Allen, who was our keynote speaker at the banquet. Desmond is a top-rated nationally-known lecturer; she has been a teacher at GIT, now DGS' Institute of Genealogical Studies, and her class on "Creative Problem Solving" is one of the most popular during the week-long school. Desmond is also a prolific publisher and has written or co-authored over 160 books and articles. She is also editor of the Arkansas Historical and Genealogical Magazine, a bi-monthly publication with articles on a wide range of genealogical subjects. But we felt that Desmond truly brings to genealogy what is sometimes found to be lacking: HUMOR! In a world of oftentimes dry and dull genealogical lectures, Desmond's talks are anything but! She interjects humor and fun, so that there's never a dull moment when Desmond is speaking.

The final presentation of the DGS Service Awards is the Heritage Preservation Award which is given to an individual or group in the greater Dallas community for preserving our historical or archival heritage. This year, DGS honored Lois Dillard, Dallas County Records Coordinator. In 1994, when DGS learned about the destruction of county records, Lois proposed to the County Commissioners that no county records would be destroyed without first being offered to the Dallas Public Library in its capacity as a Texas State Regional Depository. Lois worked out an agreement with DPL that DGS would be notified of any pending destruction with the opportunity for the Society to intervene and save the records for future researchers.

In addition to the DGS Service Awards presentations, the DGS Newsletter was recognized by TSGS as "1995 Outstanding Newsletter" published by a member society.
Dallas Genealogical Society
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Founded in 1955, the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is the oldest organization of its kind in Texas. It is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation. DGS is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS).

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Membership:

Individuals, libraries or societies may apply for membership. Dues are $20 for twelve consecutive months with membership beginning the month of payment. New member dues and renewals should be mailed to DGS at P.O. Box 25556, Dallas, Texas 75225-1556 and marked to the attention of the Vice-President for Membership. Current members receive The Dallas Journal and the DGS Newsletter. The object and goals of this Society are to:

• Create, foster and maintain interest in genealogy and family history;
• Raise standards of genealogical research through educational programs, workshops and the publication of data;
• Promote the collection and preservation of material relating to the early history of Dallas County and those pioneers who settled the area;
• Copy, index and publish records documents, inscriptions and other genealogical source materials;
• Support the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library; and
• Stimulate the exchange of information between Society members and genealogical researchers across the nation.

Newsletter:

The DGS Newsletter is published monthly from January-May and August-October with bi-monthly issues published in June-July and November-December. Copy deadline for the February 1996 DGS Newsletter is 2 January 1996. All articles and correspondence for the DGS Newsletter should be mailed to the Society at P. O. Box 12648, Dallas, Texas 75225-0648 to the attention of the Newsletter Editor.

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Calendar of Events

January

11 January 1996, 6:30 P.M. (Thursday)
DGS/CIG: DPL Auditorium. Speaker: John Wylie, "Family Tree Maker”.
13 January 1996, 9:00-4:00 (Saturday),
16 January 1996, 6:30 P.M. (Tuesday)
DGS/AIG: DPL Auditorium. Speaker TBA.
22 January 1996, 6:00 P.M., (Monday)
DGS/CIG Question & Answer Session: East Room, DPL.
22 January 1996, 6:00 P.M. (Monday),
DGS/Problem-Solving Session: West Room, DPL.
22 January 1996, 7:00 P.M. (Monday),
DGS Monthly Program & Meeting: DPL Auditorium. Speaker: John Sellsars—"On the Road Again—Finding Genealogical Gems at Your Ancestral Home.”

February

17 January 1996, 7:00 P.M. (Thursday),

February

8 February 1996, 6:30 P.M. (Thursday),
DGS/CIG: DPL Auditorium. Speaker: Mike Basham, “Effective Use of BBS’s (Bulletin Boards”.
20 February 1996, 6:30 P.M. (Tuesday),
DGS/AIG: DPL Auditorium. Speaker TBA.
22 February 1996, 7:00 P.M. (Thursday),
DGS/P.I.G.: East/West Rooms: DPL. Speaker TBA.
26 February 1996, 10:00 A.M., (Monday)
DGS/CIG Question & Answer Session: East Room, DPL.
26 February 1996, 10:30 A.M. (Monday),
DGS/Problem-Solving Session: West Room, DPL.
26 February 1996, 11:00 A.M. (Monday),
DGS Monthly Program & Meeting: DPL Auditorium. Speaker: Barbara Brixey Wylie—"Is Your Grandmother a Relict?”

March

14 March 1996, 6:30 P.M. (Thursday),
DGS/CIG: DPL Auditorium. Speaker TBA.
19 March 1996, 6:30 P.M. (Tuesday),
DGS/AIG: DPL Auditorium. Speaker TBA.
25 March 1996, 6:00 A.M., (Monday)
DGS/CIG Question & Answer Session: East Room, DPL.
25 March 1996, 6:30 A.M. (Monday),
DGS/Problem-Solving Session: West Room, DPL.
25 March 1996, 7:00 A.M. (Monday),
DGS Monthly Program & Meeting.
Join us as we welcome one of our favorite speakers—John Sellars. John's lecture will concentrate on discovering little-known facts and genealogical treasures in your hometown. John comes to us from Sulphur Springs in east Texas and he has become a most popular speaker at local and national genealogical conferences and seminars. His expert knowledge of his subject matter in combination with his wit and humor always prove entertaining and enlightening. We're sure that this talk will fit that bill perfectly!

**Problem-Solving Sessions**

Just a reminder that our popular “problem-solving” sessions are held one hour before each regular meeting in the East/West Rooms of the Dallas Public Library. DGS Board members are present to serve as moderators for informal discussions with fellow genealogists. An exchange of ideas or a discussion of your research problem may be just what you need to set off on a new course!

**Computer Interest Group**

The Computer Interest Group (CIG) will meet on Thursday, 11 January 1996 at 6:30 P.M., in the Auditorium of the Dallas Public Library. The topic for the meeting will be “Family Tree Maker.” John Wylie will discuss this genealogy software program, which has become the most popular genealogy database program operating in a Windows format. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Family Tree Maker whether you are a current user or an excellent chance to find out if this is the software which you should be using to keep track of your ancestors on your computer.

Don’t forget that the CIG also conducts an informal “question & answer” period one hour before each regular DGS program meeting. The next “Q&A” session will meet at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, 22 January in the East/West Rooms of the Library.

**African-American Interest Group**

The next meeting of the African-American Interest Group (AAIG) is Tuesday, 16 January at 6:30 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Library with topic and guest speaker to be announced.

**Professional Interest Group**

For details of upcoming meetings of the Professional Interest Group (P.I.G.), please see page 12 of this newsletter.

**Salt Lake Trip Almost Full!**

Dorothy Odom Bruce announces “last call” for those interested in getting in on DGS’ Salt Lake City “Sweetheart of a Deal” trip set for 13-22 February. Dorothy is still seeking roommates for three travelers, so give her a call at (214) 239-4901 to save you a space, and then mail your $200 deposit to DGS-Salt Lake City Trip 1996, P. O. Box 25556, Dallas, Texas 75225-1556. Dorothy has a way of eking rooms out of the hotel, so she may be able to find additional space if interest warrants.

The trip package covers nine nights at the Howard Johnson Hotel which is situated next door to the Family History Library for $450 double or $770 single. For those unable to stay the full 10-day period, a seven-night option is available for $375 double or $630 single.

Both packages include a welcome reception, end-of-trip party and the services of DGS’ expert guides. You are on your own for making your personal travel arrangements.

You’ve waited until the last minute, so call Dorothy today to book your room!

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**Sweetheart of a Deal Trip!**

**Lecture Series Plans Coming Together!**

Sheila Stough, DGS Executive Vice President, has announced that progress in obtaining dates and speakers for the newly “remodeled” DGS Lecture Series is on schedule. She and Sammie Townsend Lee have been working diligently to reserve the DPL Auditorium for a series of lectures which will be an expansion of our popular Summer Lecture Series. So far, the only firm information we have for Society members are the dates of 13 March, 1 June and 24 August, although we hope to add an October date as well. Speakers will be announced at a later date, although we’ll clue you in that one lecture will be on research in Kentucky.

We’re really excited about extending the summer series over a longer time period in hopes of accommodating those of you who have missed lectures in the summer due to vacation plans, research trips and the like. The next issues of the DGS Newsletter will have details of the Lecture Series as they become available.
The President’s Message
Leslie Smith Collier

By the time you read this, each DGS member will have received the premier issue of our brand new Journal. We hope you enjoyed the articles in it and appreciated the effort it took by dedicated volunteers to produce this volume. Linda Rogers (Editor), Gerri Brannan, Madilynn Crane, Sammie Lee and the Latha Jane Boyd Tent #1 of the Daughters of Union Veterans deserve all of our thanks for this fine effort.

With the publication of the Journal, DGS has taken another step towards the fourth goal set forward in our 1955 charter: “To copy, index and publish other genealogical materials.” Not only have we put into print numerous books on Dallas County records, but we have also put into print numerous other genealogical materials.” Not only has our society published a periodical annually since the very beginning, under the leadership of countless editors, but also we have put into print numerous books on Dallas County records. Take a look at our Publications Brochure the next time you’re in the Library, remembering that our efforts constitute almost all of what is available for Dallas.

Special recognition over the years goes to Helen Mason Lu and Adrienne Bird Jamieson, who have made publications a volunteer career. For that reason, DGS honored these two ladies with the first long-term volunteer awards we have given. Congratulations and “thank you’s” to both.

And speaking of those who deserve recognition, let’s point out that DGS earmarked $2,500 of our 1995 Summer Lecture Series profits as a gift to the collection of the Genealogy Section to be made in honor of Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck. It may seem as though we’re asking him to pick out his own birthday present, but Lloyd has given the Library more of himself than most of us can even imagine. He is generous with us almost beyond understanding. Mr. Bockstruck is far more than a manager in the employ of the Dallas Public Library system; he is a man who lives as he believes. You may not realize it, but he often donates many of his lecturing and teaching income as an outright gift to the collection. This is a gift to each of us, and we owe him our gratitude and thanks.

How many of us can boast even a tiny fraction of this? We go to the library, research and return home with data for our own genealogical studies. Then we mutter about parking and photocopy fees. I’ve caught myself doing this, as embarrassed as I am to admit it. Now to discover that the Genealogy Section doesn’t profit from these items: the Section gets only a minute amount of my tax dollar. Oops, time for a course correction. We who use this collection should follow the example of Lloyd Bockstruck. If we take information tucked away on the eighth floor, then we should make a return to it.

My resolution for this year is to demonstrate the value I place on the Genealogy Section. No more will I complain and whine that the particular book or film I want is not available. Instead I’ll donate the material so everyone can use it. I’ll show Lloyd Bockstruck that his efforts have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. I challenge each of you to do the same.

DGS Members
Volunteer News
Bob Maybrier

Volunteers are still needed to assist in the microfilming of Dallas County District Court records stored in the 7th Floor DPL Archives. Perks for volunteers include free parking and expanded library privileges (including a free library card for those who do not reside in Dallas). In addition the LDS will give the Library a credit of $5 per person per hour toward the purchase of microfilm. This is a wonderful opportunity for DGS Volunteers to add much needed film to the DPL Genealogy collection. Shirley Sloat is coordinating the volunteer schedule and says that four people are needed to work three-hour shifts in the mornings and afternoons. Call Shirley at (214) 349-4718 to sign up.

As always, substitute volunteers are needed for the DGS Desk at the Library. The willingness of those who serve is greatly appreciated. All regular spots are currently filled but that list also changes frequently. Please telephone me at (214) 348-3694 and ask about volunteering.

Treasurer’s Report
Barbara Dossett

1 June - 30 November 1995

INCOME:
Dues ......................... $9,598.85
Sales of publications/forms $3,829.80
Fundraising ................. $36,069.00
Publications ............... $0.00
TOTAL INCOME: $49,497.65
LESS EXPENSES: $16,405.89
ADJ. INCOME: $33,091.76

OTHER INCOME:
Contributions ............... $110.0
Endowment Fund ........... $84.15
Life Memberships .......... $171.37
TOTAL OTHER INCOME: $365.55

OTHER EXPENSES:
Library Donation .......... $4,700.00
Capital Expansion Fund ... $5,237.88
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES: $9,937.88

NET INCOME: $23,519.43

Membership
Ruth Foreman Slatton

Many memberships expire on 31 January 1996 as this date was once used for all memberships. Check your mailing label to see if your membership is about to expire, and send in your renewal check today. You don’t want to miss out on any DGS events! Be sure to send DGS your new address if you move.

Membership totals now stand as follows:
Regular Members .......... 1,003
Library/Society Members .. 17
Life Members .............. 6
TOTAL ..................... 1084
Capital Expansion Update
Karen Avery Miller

Excitement is growing as we inch nearer to an actual construction startup date on the expansion of the Genealogy Section. The construction contract has finally been signed, and the furniture order was placed at the end of the year. It won’t be long now until we actually welcome the sound of saws and hammers in our once-quiet library!

A special thanks goes out this month to Beverly Holmes, Imogene Boswell and Nova A. Lemons for their generous donations! With the profits from the 1995 Summer Lecture Series, DGS has also contributed $4,907.07 to the CEP.

Lines from the Library
Jan Laird Cunningham

We are very pleased to announce that DGS has made a contribution to the Genealogy Section in the form of a check in the amount of $2,500. This money was given in honor of Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck for his dedication and commitment to the Library and his achievements in amassing such an extensive collection of genealogical materials. Thanks to all our members, we were able to make this contribution from the profits of the 1995 Summer Lecture Series.

The Genealogy Section has recently received the 13-roll microfilm set of “Registers and Indexes for Passport Applications, 1810-1906.” In addition, just hitting our shelves are the first 15 reels (out of 694 total) of “Passport Applications, 1795-1905.” This first set covers the years 1795-1844.

In addition, the following films have been ordered, so check future issues of the DGS Newsletter as we’ll notify you when they arrive: Indexes to Vital Records for Wisconsin, including Births Before 1907; Deaths, 1954-1991 (with a gap from 1968-1979); Deaths Before 1907; Divorces, 1965-1986 (except for 1966); Marriages Before 1907 and Marriages, 1973-1992. The Indexes to Vital Records for Alabama are also on order, consisting of Deaths, 1908-1958, Divorces (dates not available at this time); and Marriages, 1938-1969. Several other exciting film series have been placed, including Mississippi Mortality Records; Final Payment Files for Georgia Revolutionary War Pensioners; Early Illinois Land Records, Roster of Navy Officers, 1829-1924; Tennessee Confederate Pension Records and Records of Randolph and Montgomery Counties, North Carolina.

Remember that, for a charge of only $2.75 per roll, you may rent films from Salt Lake and view them at the DPL. So, pop into the Genealogy Section, take a look at the CD-ROM or microfiche FHL catalogue and place your order.

Computer Tips “DGS In Cyberspace”
Mike Basham

Technology is playing an expanded role in all aspects of our lives. DGS has recently established a presence on the Internet so that we can inform our local members plus visitors from around the world about the activities and services available from our Society.

What is the Internet? The Internet is a network of computer networks which provides for the interconnection of computers from anywhere in the U.S. (or the world!). The Internet was originally created in the 1960’s by the Federal government and several educational research facilities so that they could share their information and research. This capability has been commercialized in the past few years to allow companies, individuals and organizations such as DGS to utilize these facilities for their own purposes.

DGS has established a location called a “Home Page” on the Internet. At this location, we will post information about the Society including schedules and topics of DGS monthly meetings, agendas for Special Interest Groups, lists and prices for DGS publications, information about the upcoming 1997 FGS/DGS Conference, plus the ability to exchange e-mail with DGS. Our Home Page address is http://www.chrysalis.org/dgs, and our e-mail address is dgs@chrysalis.org.

You can access the DGS Home Page by using America On-Line (AOL), Prodigy or CompuServe or through a direct Internet connection. In most cases, all that is necessary is to enter the DGS Home Page address shown above in the space provided by these programs. The same is true if you are using a direct Internet connection and software such as Netscape or Mosaic.

DGS has entered into a partnership with an organization called Chrysalis to provide us with the Internet Home Page capability. Chrysalis offers a direct Internet connection and is also the largest and busiest Bulletin Board System (BBS) in Texas. You can connect to the Chrysalis BBS with your computer modem using your communication program and dialing (214) 690-9295. You can also gain access to other genealogy files, the National Genealogical Society echo and various genealogy news lists on this BBS.

Chrysalis is providing this service at no charge to DGS. In addition DGS members may obtain a lifetime e-mail address on Chrysalis for a one-time fee of $10. Direct 7-day/24-hour Internet service is also available from Chrysalis for $18 per month cancelable at any time.

DGS is excited about the potential of the Internet to provide additional information and services to our members as well as to others interested in DGS from anywhere in the world. Give it a try, and send us an e-mail with your thoughts and suggestions! DGS would like to extend its sincere thanks to Kris Bernat for her work in developing the DGS Home Page.
New Year’s Special: A Beginners Workshop
How to Trace Your Family History

When:
Saturday, 13 January 1996
Where:
Auditorium
J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young Street
Downtown Dallas
Presented by:
Dallas Genealogical Society
In cooperation with the:
Dallas Public Library

"New Year’s Resolution: Learn more about my family’s history in 1996!"
Is this at the top of your resolution list for '96? If so, the Dallas Genealogical Society has a deal for you! We can show you how to begin the quest to discover more information about your heritage than you ever thought possible.

Genealogy is the fastest growing pastime in America and, with a little instruction on how to begin, you too can successfully trace your ancestral lines. What do you need to know?

- What records to use
- Where the records are located
- How to gain access to the records
- How to extract and record the information needed to maintain a complete family file

The DGS Beginners Workshop in Genealogy is a one-day study course that introduces you to the basics of getting started in researching your family heritage.

Workshop Schedule—
9:00 A.M.—Registration
9:30 A.M.—How Do I Begin?

Genealogical research begins at home. The focus of this session is on how to start with home and family surveys, interviews and getting organized; how to fill out charts and forms; how to obtain vital records of birth, death and marriage; and concludes with information about securing vital statistics and information from other sources, such as cemeteries and Social Security records.

10:45 A.M.—Break & Refreshments
11:00 A.M.—Making Every Ancestor Count!

The United States census—it’s one of the genealogist’s most valuable research tools. The focus of this session is on using the census, the Soundex and census indexes to locate ancestors and their families, friends and neighbors; as well as learn valuable information about our ancestor’s lifestyle.

12:15 P.M.—Brown-bag Lunch
1:15 P.M.—On the Trail of the Ancestor!

Once home and family sources have been exhausted, the next important location of research is the public library. This session provides an overview of source materials used by the beginning family researcher, with emphasis on using these records in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, the South’s largest and most impressive collection.

2:30 P.M.—Break & Refreshments
2:45 P.M.—“Courting” the Ancestor!

The county courthouse is a storehouse of records containing family history data. This session is a general overview of court records, with special emphasis on two of the most important for the budding family researcher—deeds and wills.

4:00 P.M.—Conclusion

Helpful Information

Registration—The workshop registration fee is $20 per person. Preregistration is advised as seating is limited to 200.

Each registrant receives a beginners handout of helpful information. Genealogical charts and forms will be available for purchase from the Society at very reasonable prices.

More Information—Need additional information? Call the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library at (214) 670-1433.

Let’s Do Lunch—Few downtown restaurants are open on Saturday. We encourage you to bring your “picnic lunch” and join the instructors, volunteers and other workshop registrants in the Library’s comfortable Dallas Rooms for a brown-bag lunch hour. The time can be productively spent meeting and talking with others interested in this fascinating hobby. Coffee will be provided by DGS.

Instructors—Leslie Smith Collier, president of DGS, instructor of beginning genealogy at Eastfield College.
Sammie Townsend Lee, staff member of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library; instructor of beginning genealogy at Richland College.

Registration couldn’t be easier: A form is located on the inside back cover of this DGS Newsletter (page 19). Just fill it out and send it in with your check.
Tapes! Tapes! Tapes! The DGS Tape Lending Library
Sammie Townsend Lee, FGS Delegate/Local Conference Chair

How do professional genealogists learn new information and new ideas? They
learn just like the nonprofessionals! They attend workshops, seminars and
conferences. They read quarterly journals and newsletters. They network
and interact with other genealogists to learn their problem-solving techniques.
What else? They buy tapes!

Audio tapes have been one of the most productive learning tools for me since I
first began my genealogical quest. Think a minute—when is the most wasted time
of your day? For me, it's drive time. I got tired of glitzy radio disk jockeys and
radio talk shows years ago. So now I pop a tape in and bring the best genealogical
lecturers right to my automobile while I drive back and forth to work or around
town doing errands. Some tapes in my library have been listened to three and
four times because of the good information on them. Others I've listened
to once and discarded. (Not all information is good information!) Many of my tapes have been donated to the
DGS tape library.

A frequent suggestion received on the critique sheets passed out by DGS at our
special events is, "Please have the lectures taped." DGS tries to comply
whenever possible; either by having sessions professionally taped or by
allowing an individual to tape for their own purposes. At the DGS Regional
Conference in November 1995, Repeat Performance taped all sessions where the
speaker allowed taping to be done.

Repeat Performance is a professional taping company located in Hobart,
Indiana. This is their third year to tape DGS speakers. Elsewhere in this
newsletter is a listing of the tapes on sale by Repeat Performance from our
conference. Additionally, Repeat Performances has taped the annual
conferences of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National
Genealogical Society for the past several years. The company has also taped
lectures at such diverse events as the Sesquicentennial Conference of the New
England Historic Genealogical Society, the Great Lakes Conference and the New
England Regional Genealogical Conference. Hundreds and hundreds of tapes chock full of genealogical
information.

Why do I recommend audio tapes so highly? Tapes of genealogical lectures are the
best way I know of hearing the lectures you just couldn't get to because
another lecture caught your attention for that hour. Often it is hard to choose
between sessions. Tapes are an inexpensive way to hear new speakers on an
interesting and timely topics. They bring an expertise into my hands that I might
not be able to obtain in any other form or fashion. After all, when was the last time
you saw someone's brilliant lecture published in a book or article? (It does
happen, but very infrequently.)

As a service to DGS members, in future newsletters we will try to review
some of these tapes. We will also let you know how tapes we recommend can be
purchased, or if they are available in the...

Imagine being able to access hundreds of Virginia county maps or the Kentucky
vital records right on your home computer! I recommend this tape to
anyone thinking about accessing the Internet. The tape is available from
Repeat Performance.

Learning About Land Records in Texas:

Another lecture I had to miss was Don Raney's discussion of Research in the Texas Land Records. Texas research is a
favorite subject of mine, so purchasing Don's tape was a favor I did myself. I'm glad I did. Don comes across on tape as
being very comfortable with his subject.

Learning About the Internet:

Because I was lecturing at the same time Mike Basham was presenting his lecture on Genealogy on the Internet, I
decided to purchase Mike's tape to see what he had to say about the capabilities of this fascinating medium. Let me tell
you that it is one of the best lectures about access to the Net that I've heard. Mike's information is clear, concise and
on a level comprehensible by even a novice computer user. Mike discusses the primary features of e-mail, newsgroups,
home pages and much more. He tells how to find Internet providers and what it's going to cost you. His information
about some of the sources obtainable for genealogists helped make my decision to get on the Internet as soon as possible.
The Dallas Genealogical Society Writing Awards Competition encourages genealogical writing skills. Each category may have a winner receiving a cash award. The awards are presented annually at the DGS Service Awards Banquet.

Entry forms may be picked up DGS, P.O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648.

There is no entry fee for judges appointed by the DGS; there may be one winner in each category. All entries scoring higher receive a certificate; other entries receive a certificate of participation.

At the completion of the competition, certificates and critiques for each entry shall be presented to the entrants.

All entries become the property of DGS.

The winner of each category will be announced at the 1996 DGS Service Awards Banquet.

JUDGING CRITERIA

All entries are judged in three major areas:
1. Genealogical Content (including writing style, numbering system, evaluation of evidence, documentation and source citation) comprising 50% of the total rating.
2. Writing Composition (including word structure and vocabulary, spelling, grammar, usage and style and mechanics) comprising 25% of the total rating.
3. Presentation of Material (including printing quality, general appearance, title page, dedication, bibliography, glossary, etc.) comprising 25% of the total rating.

The standard of style for this competition is The Chicago Manual of Style (see bibliography).

Books and Manuscript entries must include:

- Table of Contents
- Index (refer to Indexing Family Histories, see bibliography)

DIVISIONS AND CATEGORIES

DIVISION I:
UNPUBLISHED ARTICLES
(10,000 words or less)

CATEGORY 1: Documented Family History or Genealogy (requires a numbering system—refer to Numbering Your Genealogy: Sound and Simple Systems, see Bibliography)
CATEGORY 2: Undocumented Family History Narrative (no numbering system)
CATEGORY 3: General Genealogical Interest (includes, but is not limited to, articles on methodology, preponderance of evidence, local or county history, material for a "Beginners Corner," etc.)

DIVISION II:
PUBLISHED ARTICLES
(10,000 words or less)

CATEGORY 1: Documented Family History or Genealogy (requires a numbering system—refer to Numbering Your Genealogy: Sound and Simple Systems, see Bibliography)
CATEGORY 2: Undocumented Family History Narrative (includes, but is not limited to, articles on methodology, preponderance of evidence, local or county history, material for a "Beginners Corner," etc.)

DIVISION III:
BOUND BOOKS
(Hard or perfect bound books)

CATEGORY 1: Documented Family History or Genealogy (requires a numbering system—refer to Numbering Your Genealogy: Sound and Simple Systems, see Bibliography)
CATEGORY 2: Documented Family History Narrative (no numbering system)
CATEGORY 3: Undocumented Family History Narrative (family stories, memories, etc.)
CATEGORY 4: A book of historical or genealogical interest (local or county history, church, methodology, etc.)
CATEGORY 5: A book of abstracted material (court records, census, cemetery, etc.)

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The 1997 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference to be held here in Dallas on 3-6 September 1997 is less than two years away! The conference theme has been selected, and the conference logo is being fine-tuned. We're gearing up! Stay tuned to this column over the next twenty months. We'll keep you informed of every step along the way to bringing 1997 FGS to Dallas!

Why is DGS Involved in the Conference?
We've been asked this question. The answer is not complex. Family researchers have a right to receive the very best genealogical information and education available. A national conference is quite simply the best forum for giving and receiving a great deal of information in a short period of time. DGS wants every family researcher in our area, our state and our region to have access to this information. Just as importantly, we want them to have the opportunity of experiencing four days of non-stop excitement, fun and fellowship. It's something you have to experience to realize the excitement and the benefits!

FGS and DGS will bring to you speakers of national repute with a program of presentations on every subject imaginable and an exhibit hall full of vendors from all over the country. That's the end result. Before that can happen we have to get started. Are you with us? Then let's go!
Oh, by the way—the bottom line is that any and all profits made by DGS from this conference will benefit our regional library, the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. How's that for incentive!

National Program Chair Appointed
While it is with great regret that Karen Mauer Green, 1997 National Conference Chair, and I must announce the resignation of Desmond Walls Allen as the national program chair for this conference, it is with definite delight that Karen and I announce her successor.

To the national program chair falls the responsibility of planning a program that appeals to family researchers from every corner of North America (and beyond, if possible), did we find someone up to this monumental task? You bet we did. How about our own DGS president Leslie Smith Collier!

Leslie is an experienced conference planner and brings to her new position skills in business administration leadership. Less than two hours after saying "yes" to Karen's invitation, Leslie was hard at work at her computer turning out plans and agendas. Is this lady on the ball or what?

With Karen Green as National Conference Chair and Leslie Collier as National Program Chair, we promise a conference to beat all conferences!

Volunteer Efforts & Coordination
The Dallas Genealogical Society, as conference host, has a tremendous task to accomplish during the next twenty months. Our major goal is to make this national conference one of the largest and best to ever be held by FGS.
To realize our goal, we must raise an army of volunteers to plan and accomplish all the jobs to be done. Every member of DGS who wants to be involved will have that opportunity. This spring, a form will arrive in members' mailboxes detailing the tasks to be accomplished. The form will ask you if you want to help in some area and if so, where and how much time you can give us.

Additionally, the local conference committee is planning an outreach program to all our sister societies locally, statewide and regionally. We intend to ask for their support, input and assistance. DGS and DGS truly want to make this a regional effort, not simply another function of DGS. This can and should be a consolidated effort on the part of all, not just a few.

We cannot host this conference without your help. I hope when we call, you'll say yes. We promise you won't regret it.

Other FGS News
Samnie Lee, FGS Delegate

The Federation of Genealogical Societies has announced the appointment of a new office manager. She is our very own DGS member, Madilyn Coen Crane. Madilyn will be running the FGS office from her home in Richardson. This appointment has necessitated moving the FGS business office and mailing address from Salt Lake City to Richardson for greater ease in handling the mail that this major society receives. The new FGS mailing address is: P. O. Box 830220, Richardson, TX 75083-0220. The telephone & fax number is (214) 907-9727 or you can e-mail to 103074.1721@compuserve.com.

Congratulations and best wishes to Madilyn in her new job. We know she will do a super job.

Subscription Renewals
It's time to renew your subscription to the excellent publication of the FGS, the Forum. Subscription fees are $9 per year for all DGS members. You receive this lower rate because DGS is a member society of FGS. The Forum, an excellent publication edited by Sandra H. Leubking, brings you all the news of what is happening in genealogy today. The Winter issue will be arriving this month, so don't delay your subscription.

To subscribe or renew your subscription, send $9 to the above address and tell FGS you are a member of DGS.

Rochester Conference
Be sure to mark your calendars for the 1996 FGS conference in Rochester, New York, on 14-17 August 1996. A group will be attending from Dallas to campaign for our conference in 1997. If you would like to be a part of this group, make your plans right away.

The 1996 FGS Conference theme is "In your Ancestor's Image."
One of the most thrilling sites for visitors to New York City is the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor which symbolizes the bravery, endurance and tenacity of our immigrant ancestors.

The reasons why so many millions of people came to this country are as myriad as the immigrants themselves. Many came for religious or political freedom; for some, it was a fear of conscription in their native land as the entire face of Europe was altered by constant warring between various countries. But the vast majority immigrated to America to fulfill the dream that life would be better here.

U.S. Immigration in a Nutshell:

When European settlers began the colonization of America in the 17th century, it is unlikely that anyone envisioned that 42 million immigrants—the greatest migration in recorded history—would come to this country. In the beginning, no restrictions were placed on admissions; the only controls pertained to citizenship. As illustrated by the chart accompanying this article, residency and race requirements were established shortly after the American Revolution. It was not until 1819 that the first immigration law was passed, and that statute merely set the standards for steerage conditions on sailing ships and required the limited registration of in-bound passengers. Immigration regulations were not standardized until 1882 when the mass migrations from Europe were occurring.

During the period from 1820, when passenger lists were first retained, to around 1880, almost all immigrants were from northwestern Europe—the British Isles, Scandinavia, the Benelux countries, Germany and Switzerland. After 1880, most people came from southern and southeastern Europe including Italy, Poland, Austria-Hungary, Rumania, Russia, Greece and Turkey. In addition, immigrants arrived from China, Japan and other Far Eastern nations.

For all of America's history, New York City has the most popular port of entry. The statistics are pretty staggering: between 1820 and 1860, more than two-thirds of the 5,400,000 people who came to this country entered through New York, and by the 1890's, over four-fifths of all immigrants came into New York City. But, bear in mind when you begin searching for your ancestor's passenger arrival list that over seventy other immigration stations on the Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf of Mexico and Canada were used by arriving aliens.

In the nationalistic fever that followed World War I, many Americans feared foreigners and wished to see the influx of immigrants restricted or even halted. A literacy test was required of all arrivals with the Immigration Act of 1917, and the flood of immigration was reduced for a short period of time. So great was the fear of aliens that, in 1922, all American-born women who married aliens in this country lost their own rights as citizens! It was not until 1936, when these women took oaths of allegiance to the U.S., that their citizenship was restored.

In 1921 and again in 1924, the Federal government enacted legislation which severely restricted admissions into the United States. Finally, in 1929, the maximum number of all immigrants into the country was reduced to only 150,000 per year, and it was based on a "national origins quota system." The door was shut to many unable to qualify under the tighter restrictions.

Requirements to Start Searching:

At the very least, you need to ask yourself three questions: (1) What was my ancestor's full original name?; (2) What was his approximate age at arrival?; and (3) what was his approximate date of arrival? Many, many an immigrant changed his name upon arrival or, if the Customs official couldn't understand your ancestor's name, he was "renamed" on the spot. But, only the immigrant's original name will be found in any existing index or passenger lists, so you must endeavor to learn what that name was. I searched diligently for an immigrant, Samuel Seltzer, only to learn that his original name had been Sussman Medvaj!

When you begin searching for your immigrant ancestor in the indexes or passenger lists, you will be astounded to learn that a name which you thought was quite unique was actually very common. It is beneficial to know your ancestor's approximate age upon arrival because it may help to distinguish him from the many other arrivals with the same or similar name.

Thirdly, it is crucial to be able to pinpoint your immigrant's date of arrival. Even if you can ascertain the year he arrived, you will be able to narrow the search to a great degree.

Answering the Three Questions:

Now, where do you find the answers to those three vital questions? Help is at hand in all directions! As with all genealogical dilemmas, start your search at home—begin by analyzing the oral traditions and stories about your ancestor's arrival in this country. Most stories have a grain of truth in them.

Secondly, search your home and those of your relatives for any and all personal family documents. These run the gamut from passports, naturalization & citizenship papers, Bible notations, death announcements & newspaper obituaries, letters, diaries, steamship ticket stubs, citizenship classroom diplomas—just to name a few.

Then broaden your search to civil and church records. Collect as many birth, marriage and death certificates relating to the family; don't forget to search for probate records, military service papers,
Are the Records Indexed?:
If you can determine the approximate date of arrival, you will then take a two-prong approach to locating the immigration records on your ancestor; that approach hinges on whether he arrived during the time period where the records have been indexed or whether they are still unindexed.

Since the government did not begin keeping immigration records until 1820, very few passenger lists exist before that time. Probably the best source for tracking down post-1820 passenger lists is found in the Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives (Washington, D.C.; National Archives Trust Fund Board, 1982). The chart on pages 48-57 lists each port of entry for which records exist, the years for which passenger lists have been filmed and if indexes to those lists exist.

Because it would be impossible to cover all ports of entry in this article, my examples will be for New York City. For the period 1897-1902 and 1902-1944, indexes do exist for New York City. The index for the earlier time period is alphabetical and consists of handwritten or typed index cards for each head of household. The indexes for the later time period utilize the Soundex and usually provide the immigrant’s name, sex and age, along with the ship and volume number of the arrival list. From the index card, you can usually locate the correct passenger list.

Tips for Reading Difficult Cards:
However, both sets of card indexes are extremely hard to read. This is due in part to poor microfilming and to deterioration. Try using a microfilm reader with a high magnification or a hand-held magnifying glass to enlarge the tiny print and/or writing. Sometimes it is helpful to use a yellow transparency or buff-colored sheet of paper on the reading surface as it makes the writing easier to read. The task of reading the index cards can be very time consuming and daunting, but with patience you will persevere.

If you are fortunate enough to locate an index card for your ancestor, you can then locate the correct reel of film containing his passenger list. Each passenger list has been assigned a volume number, and, at the beginning of each film reel will be a typed sheet with the volume numbers, ship names and arrival dates contained on that reel. Check it first to ensure that you have the appropriate roll of film. Turn to the proper volume and locate your immigrant among the hundreds of others who sailed with him.

Those Unindexed Arrivals:
Ah, but what if your ancestor entered through New York City, where no indexes exist for the period of greatest migration, 1847-1896. If you are lucky enough to have ascertained the exact date of arrival, you can then go directly to the passenger list on the film. Many genealogists will search through a year or two of passenger lists if they can narrow down the year of arrival, but this is a tedious method which does not hold any promise of success. A year of passengers lists will be duplicated in as many as fifteen rolls of film. Your ancestor could have arrived on January 1 but he could have just as likely reached port on December 31! However, most immigrants came in the spring or autumn when the weather was better.

One useful source for the port of New York during the unindexed time period is microfilm M1066, Registers of Vessels Arriving at the Port of New York, 1789-1919 (27 rolls). This publication lists the ships that entered New York during the specified time period and includes, by month, the name of the ship, her captain, the port of debarkation and the date of arrival. If you know the name of the ship upon which your ancestor arrived, you can utilize this list to abstract each time that ship entered New York; then you could search each of those passenger lists for your ancestor.

If you know where your ancestor sailed from, use the film to abstract all ships arriving from that foreign port in a given year; review each of those passenger lists until you locate your ancestor. However, this method could backfire if your ancestor sailed from an extremely busy port, such as Bremen or Liverpool, as there could have been upwards to one hundred sailings per year from those ports!

Using the same strategy, you may find the Morton-Allan Directory of European Passenger Steamship Arrivals to be of help. This book covers the period 1890-1930 for New York and 1904-1926 for Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore. The book lists, by year and then by steamship line, the names and dates of arrival of all liners that came from Europe into those specific ports. If you know the name of the ship, make a list of each date that ship arrived and search those passenger lists. Or, if you have the exact date of arrival, look up the names of each ship which arrived on that date, toss out the unlikely ones (if your ancestor was British, he probably didn’t sail from Barcelona, etc.) and search through the remaining lists. Lastly, if you know your ancestor’s port of embarkation, make a note of all ships arriving during the year from that port and research those passenger lists. Or try to guess the European port of embarkation, you can narrow the search to those passenger lists for the ships that sailed from that port.

A Note About Passenger Arrival Lists:
Patience is the key word when searching passenger arrival lists. Most lists are handwritten with all the drawbacks of such records: illegible handwriting, ink blots, scratches, unidentifiable abbreviations, ripped pages, etc. Some arrival lists are pages long as the larger steamships carried hundreds of passengers. The lists are divided into the classes found on the ship from first-class cabins to the steerage passengers. Usually American citizens returning from Europe will be on separate lists from the immigrants, or they will be enumerated at the head of the list. Some ship captains even divided their lists by country of origin.

The arrival lists vary in detail over the
Europeans sailed from either Antwerp or Rotterdam, but these ports were supplanted by Le Havre in later years. But, the two main ports of embarkation were Bremen and Hamburg for Europeans and Queenstown (Dublin), Cork or Liverpool for English and Irish emigrants. Unfortunately, all Bremen emigration lists were destroyed during World War II, but portions of the lost lists have been reconstructed.

The second busiest port was Hamburg, and, luckily, the emigration lists for the period 1850-1934 have been preserved in the German State Archives in Hamburg. The lists have been indexed, and both the lists and the indexes have been filmed by the LDS. While written in German, the alphabetical indexes are not hard to use and do not require a knowledge of German to determine the various column headings. The Hamburg Lists are divided into “Direct” and “Indirect” lists for those ships that sailed directly from Hamburg to the United States and for those which made intermediate stops in Europe or Great Britain first. If you locate your ancestor on one of the lists, you will have his date of debarkation for the ship from Hamburg. You may then “jump ahead” a few days or up to a month (depending on the year of departure) in the New York arrival lists and locate your ancestor on the passenger arrival list when the ship arrived into the port of New York.

Despite the many microfilmed indexes and published passenger lists, you still may not locate your ancestor. It has been estimated that from ten to forty percent of all passenger lists have been lost or destroyed over the years, and thousands more remain unindexed. If you are unable to answer the vital questions about your ancestor’s arrival in this country, you may not be able to locate him on the passenger lists.

However, even if you are ultimately frustrated in your search, you will develop a deep appreciation of the records and with the information contained in them. Even when unsuccessful, I have found that searching passenger lists has drawn me closer to our immigrant ancestors like no other set of records has. I have come away with respect, understanding and admiration for those millions of our forebears who risked all they knew and all they had to journey to America to realize a dream.

[See Reference Notes on Page ???]
During the summer of 1995, the New England Historic Genealogical Society celebrated its Sesquicentennial with a well-attended conference. To mark this milestone as the oldest genealogical society in the United States, the Society also published its second “Index to The Register.”

Many of you may be asking “Why print an article about this New England society? All my ancestors were from the South!” Well, I hate to shatter any illusions, but a great majority of us pure Southerners have lots of New England (i.e., YANKEE) ancestry running through our veins. Dig back far enough, and you will discover an ancestor from Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont or other areas of New England. And, after you recover from the shock, you will set out to learn as much as you can about your Northern roots.

You will find that you cannot get very far researching New England without referring to “The Register.”

Taking a look at the first “Index,” I found a listing for “Hawkins, John” in volume 44, page 390. In looking up the reference, I found an abstracted will for my ancestor, John Hawkins (Hawkins) of “Braintree, Essex” whose will was entered into probate 3 September 1633 and proven 18 October 1633. In his extensive will, Hawkins names his son Robert as the recipient of various properties in Essex, England. Robert Hawkins, my 12th great-grandfather, emigrated to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1635 and is considered by some to be the progenitor of the Hawkins family in America.

The sesquicentennial publication of the newest index to “The Register” was published by NEHGS in 1995, and it concludes the “Index of Persons” begun in 1906 by indexing the remaining quarters in a four-volume set. This index is also located on the shelf under the same call number as the index above.
January P.I.G. Meeting Features “Hot Topics”

One thing the professional family researcher knows for sure is the benefit of communicating, networking and sharing with other genealogists. It pays off time and time again.

The theme of the January meeting of the DGS Professional Interest Group is “Genealogical Topics: What’s Hot, What’s Not.” This will be an open-forum meeting where all interested genealogists are invited to share a “hot” topic that furthers or aids their research. Examples might be a favorite source, a helpful software program, a research technique that works time and again, a new methodology, an informative tape, etc. Also, come share what does not work or what you’ve discovered to be a sham or bogus product, etc.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the DGS P.I.G. meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, 17 January, instead of our customary fourth Thursday meeting night. The location is, as usual, the plaza-level Dallas West Room (adjacent to the auditorium) of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

Attention: Budding New Lecturers

Another of the ideas suggested as a function of the P.I.G. is to give new, prospective speakers as well as experienced ones, an arena for “trying out” a new lecture. Many people get first time jitters and want a "friendly" audience to hear their material for the first time. Others are seeking constructive criticism to help make their speech more informative or instructive. Still others just want to know, “Is this a good idea?” Whatever the reason, the P.I.G. is going to give you the opportunity to present parts or all of your lecture before a group of professionals who will praise it for its merits and tell you where you might improve or enhance it.

What do you think? Here’s your chance to try out that genealogical speech you’ve been writing in your head for the past year (and wondering why no one else has presented it!). If you’re interested, call me at (214) 349-1435, and we’ll set you up.

Writing Workshop Sponsored by P.I.G. a Big Success!

The P.I.G. can’t express a big enough “Thank You” to Madilyn Coen Crane, Patricia Law Hatcher and Jan Bishop McFarland for the excellent presentations they made for the first writing workshop sponsored by the DGS P.I.G. Held as part of the 1995 DGS Regional Conference, 10-11 November, the workshop was attended by a sold-out crowd of 60 eager family researchers. We have only heard enthusiastic responses from the attendees. All who took the time to share comments with me said they learned so much about writing and publishing skills from these three brilliant and talented ladies.

We were so sorry to have to turn away so many others who wanted to attend but could not because of limited seating. We hope to repeat this workshop and have every intention of sponsoring additional writing workshops geared toward specific subjects. Again, thank you Madilyn, Pat and Jan! Your contributions to the P.I.G. are greatly appreciated.

NGS Conference in the States:

The 1996 Conference in the States sponsored by the National Genealogical Society is being held 8-11 May in Nashville, Tennessee. Billed this year as “Families on the Move,” some of the tracts of interest to the pro will be talks on skill-building, general U.S., state and repository lectures; genetics; and other special topics.

If you’re not already on the NGS mailing list as a member (and why aren’ you?), write NGS, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399, to have a brochure mailed to your home. Phone NGS at (703) 525-0050 or fax to (703) 525-0052.

IGHR, 9-14 June 1996:

For over 25 years, Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, has offered a week-long school, the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR). Special courses are offered each year that benefit the pro. One of the most popular is Elizabeth Shown Mills’ course, “Advanced Genealogical Methods.” Another necessary course for the pro is Helen F.M. Leary’s professional course, which alternates every other year with a writing and publishing course. I’ve attended both Ms. Mills’ course and Ms. Leary’s professional tract and can’t recommend these two courses highly enough!

Brochures are available from IGHR, Samford University Library, Birmingham, AL 35229. Phone: (205) 870-2780; fax: (205) 870-2642; e-mail: VMADDOX@MAILBOX.SAMFORD.EDU.
1995 DGS Regional Conference Recap
Sheila Stough

The 1995 DGS Regional Conference started with a Convention Center staff person greeting me and telling me, “Mrs. Stough, I need to tell you that there are about five cats living in this building, so don’t be surprised if you see one!”

This was at 6:30 A.M. that morning. I never did see a cat, and I looked all day!

At 8:15 A.M. I was thinking how great everything was going, and the same staff person approached me again, and said, “Mrs. Stough, see that front parking lot? Well, we have to have it emptied right now!” There must have been 50 to 75 cars parked there.

I spent the rest of the day putting out fires! However, no one attending the conference knew any of this, and that was the beauty of the 1995 Conference. Everyone had a great time—except the people who had to move their cars!

We had 35 lecture hours to choose from, and fun was had by all. And I might add that we also had a great time shopping with vendors in attendance from all over the country. The 1995 conference pulled in the highest number of vendors we’ve ever had! Everyone left at the end of the day a little bit tired but a little bit smarter.

No event of this size can run smoothly without the talent and hard work of many people. This event was no exception, and I would like to thank the following people for their volunteer spirit: Mary Johnson, Barbara Dossett, Cliff Slagle, Hallie Garner, Karen Miller, Art Rubeck and Leslie Collier. I would also like to thank the many people who worked under them. DGS is lucky to have such a large talent pool, and I was lucky they said YES!!!!!

I’d also like to add my thanks to Sammie Lee, Leslie Collier, Patti Darnell and Dorothy Bruce for the extremely well-received Friday workshop on using the records of the Family History Library. All comments received were so favorable, even from those who had to switch classes at the last minute because the writing workshop was full!

[Okay, there was one time when, out of the corner of my eye, I did think that I saw a furry tail! But did I?]

Reference List—Immigration Records

A wealth of information has been printed on immigration and naturalization records. The list below is by no means inclusive but are books which I have found to be particularly helpful in my immigrant research.


[Keep in mind that you can put these newly acquired materials on the shelves by making a tax-deductible contribution to the DPL’s “Adopt-A-Book” program. For as little as $5.00, you may select a book and cover the cost of binding it. See the Library staff in the Genealogy Section for more information.]

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Shown below are the tapes available from the 1995 DGS Regional Conference:

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- **S-03.** "Probate Records: More than Just a Will" Sammie Lee / Advanced
- **S-04.** "Genealogy on the Internet" Mike Basham / Gems
- **S-05.** "Moving Through Land Records" Kevin Meyers / Land and Tax
- **S-06.** "Research in Texas Land Records" Don Roney / Regional
- **S-07.** "British Genealogy" Lloyd Backstruck / Special Interest
- **S-08.** "American Revolutionary War Papers" Terri O'Neill / Basic
- **S-09.** "My Ancestor Isn't in the Census" Pat Hatcher / Intermediate
- **S-10.** "Naturalization Records" Pat Hatcher / Intermediate
- **S-11.** "Keeping Your Computer Healthy" John Wylie / Gems
- **S-12.** "The Lay of the Land" Leslie Collier / Land & Tax
- **S-13.** "Mary Old New England" Barbara Baylis / Regional
- **S-14.** "Buffalo Soldiers: African American Military Records" Richard Havensky/Spec. Interest
- **S-15.** "Research in the Dallas Public Library" Calvin Meyers/Basic
- **S-16.** "Nicknames" Desmond Allen / Intermediate
- **S-17.** "Effective Library Research" Sammie Lee / Gems
- **S-19.** "Federal Land Proceedings" Barbara Rust / Land & Tax
- **S-20.** "Southern Appalachia" Mary Reid Warner / Regional
- **S-21.** "Black History: Personal Journeys" Eva McMullen / Special Interest
- **S-22.** "Cemetery Research" Connie Young / Basic
- **S-23.** "They Just Showed Up" Pat Hatcher / Intermediate
- **S-24.** "Little Used & Overlooked Records in the National Archives" Meg Haskett / Adv.
- **S-25.** "Tree that Bled" Barbara Wylie / Gems
- **S-26.** "Plowing Through Papers" Leslie Collier / Land and Tax
- **S-27.** "Research in Arkansas" Desmond Allen / Regional
- **S-28.** "Passenger & Immigration Records" Lloyd Backstruck / Special Interest
- **S-29.** "Where Your Ancestors Played, Prayed, Lived and Died" John Sellers / Basic
- **S-30.** "Rats in the Family Tree" Barbara Wylie / Intermediate
- **S-33.** "Tax Records" Lloyd Backstruck / Land & Tax
- **S-34.** "Mississippi Research" Barbara Baylis / Regional

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It takes work of many individuals to run DGS. Would you be willing to share your skills, talents and interest with the Society? Please check all areas of interest:

☐ Computer Skills  ☐ Board/Committees  ☐ Education/Present Lectures  ☐ Other
☐ Membership  ☐ Newsletter  ☐ Seminar/Regional Conf.
☐ Publicity  ☐ Communication  ☐ Volunteer Work
Meeting Information

Regular Meetings: Unless otherwise indicated, DGS regular meetings are held on the fourth Monday, January–May and September–November, in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (Dallas Public Library), 1515 Young Street in downtown Dallas. A “problem-solving” session is held one hour before each meeting in the West Room, DPL. Meetings times alternate each month between 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to accommodate all members. Regular meetings are free; visitors and guests are welcome.

Computer Interest Group: Unless otherwise noted, the DGS Computer Interest Group (DGS/CIG) meetings are held at 6:30 P.M. on the second Thursday, January–May and September–November in the Auditorium of the Library. Additionally, the DGS/CIG holds a “question & answer” period in the Library’s East Room (across the hall from the Auditorium) one hour prior to the regular DGS monthly meetings. Meetings are free, and visitors & guests are welcome.

DGS African-American Interest Group (DGS/AAIG): Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held in the East/West Rooms of the Library on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. Meetings are free, and visitors & guests are welcome.

DGS Professional Interest Group (DGS/PIG): Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held on the fourth Thursday, January–May and September–November in the East/West Rooms of the Library at 7:00 P.M. Meetings are free and open to all.

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