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**OUR CREED:** "A people which takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants." — LORD Macaulay.

## NEW BOOKS IN THE DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. Margaret Pratt, Head of the Texas Local History and Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library, has reported that the following new books have been received by the Library and are now available for use by the public.

New Jersey Archives — Five volumes of Wills (1796-1817).

Cotton, J. B. — Maryland Wills, Vols. 3 and 8.

Pennsylvania Colonial Records — Vols. 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15.

Pennsylvania Archives — Third Series, 30 Vols.

Crozier — Virginia Colonial Militia.

Crozier — Early Virginia Marriages.

Crozier — Williamsburg Wills.

Vermont Marriages — Vol. 1.

## STATE CENSUS

The Bureau of the Census has published a document containing a bibliography of all census records taken by States after the year 1790.

The publication lists in alphabetical order a description of the information contained in each census and the name and address of the person to write, if information is desired from such census. It further advises whether or not any fee is charged and the amount thereof.

For instance, anyone desiring a name search in the 1818 or 1820 Census of the State of Illinois may write to the Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library and obtain a reply without charge.

A copy of the publication by the Bureau of Census is in the possession of the Society. Copies may be obtained by writing the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for the charge of \$20. The publication has no number. The description given above will be sufficient for identification.

## FIRST METHODIST CHURCH CEDAR HILL, TEXAS

All of the existing records of the First Methodist Church, Cedar Hill, have been obtained by the Society and are now in the possession of its President.

The Church is one of the oldest in Dallas County, having been established before 1870. The first entry in the existing records is in 1874.

## Statement of Purpose

The purposes of this organization are:

To create, foster and maintain interest among citizens of Dallas County in the Genealogy and Local History Section of the Dallas Public Library.

To collect and preserve information relating to those pioneers who settle Dallas County and to the early history of this City and County.

To preserve church, cemetery and land records, testamentary documents, diaries and manuscripts, and other source materials wherein are chronicled the achievements of those who laid in the wilderness the foundations of this great community.

To copy and index all such records, and to catalogue them so as to make this information most readily available to present and future generations.

To collect and make available through the Dallas Public Library the published records of other states, whence came the Texas pioneers.

To exchange ideas and collaborate in devising efficient methods for genealogical and historical research.

The records include the oldest membership list available, records of births and marriages, and interesting portions of the Sunday School programs around the turn of the century.

The records are being copied, and a typewritten copy will be donated to the Dallas Public Library.

## NATIONAL ARCHIVE RECORDS WASHINGTON, D. C.

Costs of records may be minimized by obtaining microfilms of records on file with the National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D. C. A new schedule of rates has been published, and a copy is in the possession of our Society.

Sample costs are as follows:

Positive microfilms may be obtained

from existing negatives at the rate of \$0.08 per foot with a minimum fee of \$4.00.

For a list of the positive microfilms available, consult lists of National Archives microfilm publications, National Archives Publication No. 54-5.

Negatives may be purchased for \$2.50 for fifty images to the nearest fifty.

This means that seventy-four (74) images may be obtained for \$2.50, whereas seventy-six (76) images would cost \$5.00.

Census films for the same year from several counties may be ordered at one time at a saving.

Anyone desiring microfilm should write to the following address describing the microfilms desired and requesting the cost thereof:

General Reference Section

National Archives and Record Service

Washington 25, D. C.

## COUNTY RECORDS

The Society has prepared an information book on the counties of Virginia. Under the name of each county is filed copies of information which members of the Society have found useful to themselves and which should likewise benefit a person searching for information in that area.

For instance, under Lunenburg County will be found the various books in the Library by Landon Bell giving lists of titles from 1754 to 1783.

Information may be found also as to whether or not records of marriages, deeds, wills and other information have been published.

Information to be included will be names of the county officials from whom information may be obtained as well as the location of maps or other helpful data.

Members are urged to contribute to this project.

## SURNAMES UNDER SEARCH

Persons in Dallas, Texas, are searching for information regarding the following families. Those wishing to exchange information should contact the person at the address listed:

CHAMBERS — Pennsylvania, Virginia, Early North Carolina, Georgia and Texas

Mrs. W. B. Chambers  
Drawer 88  
Sanger, Texas

HARRY — Early Texas and Dallas  
Mrs. Clyde E. Rau  
250 South Collins Street  
Arlington, Texas

LOGAN — Arkansas, (Clark County)  
Mrs. D. K. Tudor  
1232 Lausanne  
Dallas, Texas

WALKE — Virginia, North Carolina  
Mrs. John H. Van Zandt  
4416 Bryan Street  
Dallas, Texas

WELLS — Maryland, Arkansas,  
Texas  
Mrs. Joseph H. McCracken, Jr.  
4401 Highland Drive  
Dallas 5, Texas

Members of the Society desiring publication of lines in which they are interested should contact Mr. Charles Noland, 10155 Eastwood Drive, Dallas, Texas. Telephone No. DA7-2572 (Evenings only).

Anyone interested in donating to 1880 census of Texas fund should send check to Mrs. E. C. Schieffer, 815 E. Woodin Blvd., Dallas, Texas. Make check payable to Dallas Public Library.

#### NEW MEMBERS INVITED

Anyone interested in joining the LOCAL HISTORY and GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY is invited to attend our MARCH 31st meeting. We are sure that you will enjoy the information garnered from the various lecturers.

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For information regarding contributions to publication or membership in organization please write to:

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Dallas, Texas

Society now has a paid membership of 26 members. Persons interested in subscribing to purpose of organization are encouraged to send their check to the organization in the amount of \$5.00. Send fee to Mrs. George F. Carlisle, 5544 Vickery Blvd., Dallas, Texas (membership secretary). Make check payable to Local History & Genealogical Society. Paid up members are entitled to issues of this publication as part of membership privileges.

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT DOWNTOWN YMCA  
ON MARCH 31 AT NOON . . . ANY ONE INTERESTED  
IN THE PURPOSES OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS WELCOME**