



# DGS NEWSLETTER

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## Mills Draws Record DGS Crowd

After week-long rains, Saturday, 20 April, turned out to be a bright, sunny day as a record-breaking 700 participants filled the spacious Richardson Civic Center to experience Elizabeth Shown Mills. She spoke on genealogical methods and gave us clues on how to discover the hard-to-find ancestor. She showed us how to track elusive ancestors from county to county and state to state by tax records. She advised on how to use an agricultural census to identify an ancestor by the crops he grew. She recounted a variety of ways to discover the identity of the difficult-to-trace females in our lines. And, throughout the day, Mills encouraged us to remember our ancestor's "neighbors," and the importance they play in building a preponderance of evidence concerning our ancestors.

Survey forms passed out to attendees came back with very favorable comments, such as, "Mills is fantastic," "Repeat Mrs. Mills again," "More subjects from Mills," "Mills again and again," etc. She was certainly an inspiration to all who heard her.

The Seminar Syllabus, prepared by Adrienne Jamieson, contained Mills's well-written outlines, which aided registrants in following her lectures. Additionally, the syllabus guided registrants throughout the day with a diagram of the Civic Center, a list of exhibitors, book award entries, door prize donors, and other features.

More than twenty exhibitors set up tables in the concourse of the Civic Center to sell and display genealogical books and materials and other services of interest to genealogists. Lengthy breaks allowed plenty of browsing and buying time.

A sincere "Thank You" to all the people who helped make the Spring Seminar a record-breaking day. Especially appreciated was the contribution of our gracious speaker. Thanks to our hard-working workshop co-chairmen, Madilyn Crane and Margret Pearce, who put in hundreds of hours of work to make the Seminar look so effortless. Thanks to each member of the DGS Board who worked many, many hours at their specific job assignments. Bravo and thanks to all the members of DGS who volunteered throughout the day to assist in making the 1991 DGS Spring Seminar the biggest and best ever. It was a successful day in every way!

## Book Awards Presented

Winners of the DGS sponsored Annual Book Awards Competition were announced at the seminar. Twenty entries were received with the following books and manuscripts receiving certificates in each of the four categories.

In the category of a book on family history or genealogy, Imogene M. Boswell's book, *Descendants of Claiborne B. May: South Carolina, St. Clair County, Alabama, Talledega County, Alabama, Greene County, Alabama*, was judged best entry. Linda Shaddock Rogers received the award in the category of a book on local history or genealogy for her book, *Clark County, Arkansas, Arkadelphia and Environs, A Journal by James A. Fortson, Recorded 1875-1897*.

In the manuscript category, the award for a manuscript on local history or genealogy was won by Michal Martin Farmer for *Macon Telegraph, Macon, Georgia, Volume I, #1 - Volume 6, #35*. Hollie F. Faulhaber's manuscript, *Hollie Allie Pennington Family*, won the award in the category of a manuscript on family history or genealogy.

The Annual Book Awards Competition is open to all DGS members. Now is the time to begin thinking about and writing your entry for next year's competition, which will be awarded at the 1992 DGS Spring Seminar on 29 March 1992.

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## DGS Reception and Regular Meeting

**Date:** Monday, 20 May 1991

**Place:** J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (Downtown Library)  
1515 Young Street Dallas, Texas

**Reception:** East/West Rooms at 6:00 *p.m.*  
In honor of the DGS Membership...the largest in DGS history

**Program:** Auditorium at 7:00 *p.m.*  
Annual Business Meeting  
*Books for Background Reading*

**Speakers:** Members of the DGS Board of Directors

**Reception:** The DGS Board of Directors cordially invites you to attend a reception in your honor. Join us and other genealogists for food, fun, and fellowship...your opportunity to bend the ear of others who share your interests.

**Business Meeting:** The DGS Board of Directors will deliver annual reports to the membership on the progress and state of the Society for the past fiscal year. The annual gift to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library will be presented. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers, followed by the election for the 1991-1992 Board of Directors.

**Books for Background Reading:** Genealogy is not a dry recitation of names, dates, and places. To make your ancestors come to life and to help you find new ones, it is recognized more and more that the key lies in nongenealogical sources. At the May meeting each board member will tell about a nongenealogical book that helped them understand their ancestors. Books may be novels, diaries, or books from another discipline, such as sociology, economics, history, or women's studies. Come have your horizons broadened as each DGS Board Member shares a book with you.

### Dallas Genealogical Society

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#### Appointed by the President

Barbara Roberts Baylis	Parliamentarian
June Anderson Shipley	Arrangements
Markaleeta Stevenson	Arrangements

**Meetings:** Founded in 1955, the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is the oldest organization of its kind in Texas. It is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. The Society meets at the Dallas Public Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, on the 4th Monday, September through May, except for December. Visitors and guests are welcome.

**Membership:** Individuals, libraries, or societies may apply for membership. Annual dues are \$12 for the calendar year if paid by January 31; after January 31, they are \$14. New member dues and renewals should be mailed to the Society at Post Office Box 25556, Dallas, TX 75225-1556, and marked to the attention of the V-P of Membership. All current members receive *The Dallas Quarterly* and the *DGS Newsletter*.

**Newsletter:** The *DGS Newsletter* is published nine times a year in January, February, March, April, May-June, July-August, September, October, and November-December. Copy deadline is the 5th day prior to the month of publication. All correspondence for the *DGS Newsletter* should be mailed to the Society at Post Office Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648 and marked to the attention of:

Sammie Townsend Lee

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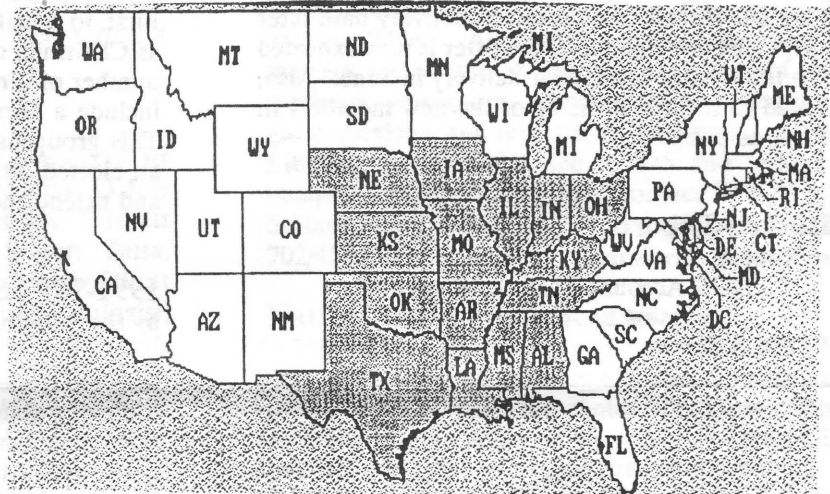
## An Important Announcement Concerning the DGS Special Project: The Purchase of the 1920 Federal Census

by Pat Hatcher, President

As President of DGS and on behalf of the DGS Board, it is my pleasure to make the following announcement. On 2 March 1992, the 1920 Federal Census will be opened to the public. In May of last year, DGS announced, as its new project, the acquisition of the 1920 census and Soundex microfilm for Texas and kicked the project off with a \$3,000 donation. Our goal was to raise the \$9,000 required at the \$23 per roll National Archives price by September of this year. If you have been following the progress of the project in the "Help Us Raise the Texas Flag" report, you know that the response has been excellent and we have raised over \$8,000.

Last month we learned that American Genealogical Lending Library (AGLL) has ordered the entire 1920 census and will sell it for \$12.50 a roll. After discussion with Lloyd D. Bockstruck, the DGS Board voted to donate an additional \$4,000 to the fund as their 1991 memorial gift and to place an order with AGLL for approximately 1150 rolls of film of the 1920 census for the states of

Alabama  
Arkansas  
Illinois  
Indiana  
Iowa  
Kansas  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
Mississippi  
Missouri  
Nebraska  
Ohio  
Oklahoma  
Tennessee  
Texas (Soundex and Census)



I would especially like to thank those groups and individuals who made donations to the fund and made this possible. The money donated by DGS is raised mainly through its Fall Symposium and Spring Seminar, so everyone has helped. A label recognizing the donor is placed on each box. *Gifts made at the \$23 per roll price will mark two boxes.*

To make the best use of the census for states other than Texas, you may wish to purchase the Soundex reels for your ancestors. Census or Soundex may be purchased at the current AGLL price of \$12.50 per roll. If you do not know the Soundex Code, list the surname and state desired. We will figure it for you.

At the DGS Spring Seminar, many attendees placed orders for Soundex for the states listed above and census for states other than the fifteen. An additional \$1,244 was donated to the fund. Listed below are the names of the very generous DGS members and friends who made donations at the Seminar and by mail this past month.

Juanita B. Hogue; Jan McFarland; Sue Patterson; Marjorie Farley (in memory of Lewis Wilds); M. Todd McElroy; Virginia Wallace (in honor of J. F. Wilson); Alexis and Steve Spiritas and family (in honor of Mr. Joe Spiritas); Pauline S. Wilds (in memory of Lewis L. Wilds); James K. Anderson (in memory of William S. Kerr); Mary Ruth Hoff (in memory of Mr. and Mrs. F.F. Ligan); Terence G. Walsh (in honor of Lloyd D. Bockstruck); Libby Keef Cole (in memory of Pauline Welch); Cecilia Stephens (in memory of Jimmy Davis Stephens); Vicki Dean; Thelma G. Anthony (in memory of James Jackson Goodwin); Carol Jean Frey (in honor of Barbara Hammond); Nancy H. Mobley (in memory of Zadock Hendrix); Patricia Trotter; Mattie L. Hughes (in honor of Renee Smith); Lynda F. Matthews (in memory of Randle Lee Simmons); Fran Booth (in memory of Gustav & Minnie Moritz); Suzan Younger; Sharon Luckes (in honor of Genevieve Neidziela Luckes); Emma Shrum Butler; Josephine P. Moore (in memory of Lloyd and Grace families); Francis Malcolm; Judy Johns; Jane B. Benson; Mary A. Johnson; Yvonne N. Mesler; Mrs. Herschel Frost; Dorothy Odom Bruce; Wanda Vent; Mary Ann LaRue; Corinne S. Robertson; Zella J. Ham Delmar (in memory of Luther and Vivian Ham); Mrs. Wm. E. Cooper; Jennie Faye Ellis; Mildred Candy (in memory of John H. Anderson); Patricia Law Hatcher; Nancy H. Mobley; A. Binion Anderson, Jr.; Pamela DeBaun Meier (in memory of Louis Neuendorf and John Almon Gray); Pat Mitchell; Kathi Cox (in memory of Louis Leslie Cox); Dorothy Topley (in memory of Mrs. Audrey Neuman); Peggy R. Horn (in memory of Michael Nelson Theobald); H. T. Pendley; Lavern Cross (in memory of Ruby Borders Webb); Adele Needham (in honor of DGS); Stephanie Livant Steckler (in memory of Harry and Esther Livant); Marcia H. Henderson; Pat Wingate (in memory of D. H. Eilers); Betty H. Butler; Chan Edmondson (in memory of John F. Edmondson); Vida Brooks Hughes (in memory of Jack and Lalia Brooks); Sammie Townsend Lee (in honor of Dorothy Odom Bruce).

## DGS News, Notes, and Reports

### Membership Report

by Linda Rogers, VP for Membership

1991 continues to be a record year for DGS membership:

	1990 Totals	1991 Totals
Renewals	577	581
New Members	130	176
Libraries/Societies	20	17
Life Members	35	41
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Total	762	815

The 1991 DGS Membership Roster is currently being indexed. The record number of new DGS members has thrown the projected delivery date later than originally anticipated. The roster is now expected to go to the printer in May for delivery in June. Also, we wanted to include as many of the new members in the roster as possible.

### Treasurer's Report

by Art Rubeck, Treasurer

DGS Account Balances Report  
as of 11 April 1991

Total Cash Assets and Bank Accounts	\$26,363.63
Total Other Assets	442.68
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Total Assets	26,806.31
Less Reserve for Census Fund	7,630.01
Less Reserve for Life Membership	5,950.00
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Total Cash Available for Operations	\$13,226.30

### Books and Forms

by Dorislee Hoffpauer

At the Spring Seminar, the DGS table made a total of \$675 selling DGS books and forms. A fast-selling, popular item was the new ancestor chart recently added to our line of forms. It is a fold-out, six-generation chart, which will fit in a standard notebook. In addition to the usual spaces to list ancestors, it features spaces to list all children belonging to each ancestor. It sells for \$1.75. It and other forms can be purchased at the staff desk in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library or by mail with a DGS order form.

### DGS Bylaws Revision Passed

by Barbara Baylis, Parliamentarian

As required by the Dallas Genealogical Society bylaws, Article XI, Amendments of Bylaws, the following changes were announced at the regular meeting on 25 March, included in writing in the April

issue of the *DGS Newsletter*, and voted upon and passed unanimously at the regular meeting on 22 April. Additional wording or changes are underlined.

Article IV, Section 1, Officers, shall now read: *The officers of this Society shall be a President, Executive Vice-President for Workshops, Vice-President for Programs; Vice-President for Membership; Vice-President for The Quarterly; Vice-President for the Newsletter; Treasurer, Secretary; and Eight Directors, one of whom shall be the representative of the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library.*

Article V, Section 2, Duties of Officers, shall now read: *Executive Vice-President for Workshops. In the absence or inability of the President, this officer shall perform the duties of the President.*

The changes reflect two DGS Board decisions. First, to specifically name the Executive Vice-President as Chairman of Workshops. Secondly, to increase the number of directors from seven to eight specifically to include a Director for the Computer Interest Group. This group has grown so rapidly that the Board feels an elected director is needed to guide, plan programs, and extend the function of the group.

### 1991-1992 Slate of Officers

by the Nominating Committee

At the Annual Business Meeting on Monday, 22 May 1991, the Nominating Committee will present the following slate of candidates for the 1991-1992 DGS Executive Board. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained. Election shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting. The new Board will take office on 1 June and serve for one year.

President	Margret Hancock Pearce
Executive Vice-President	
Vice-President, Programs	William E. "Bill" Benson
Vice-President, Membership	Dorothy Odom Bruce
Vice-President, Quarterly	Linda Shaddock Rogers
Vice-President, Newsletter	Sammie Townsend Lee
Treasurer	Arthur H. "Art" Rubeck
Recording Secretary	Cecilia Stephens
Director, Books and Forms	Dorislee Hoffpauer
Director, Computer Interest	Joe Sissom
Director, Library Liaison	Lloyd D. Bockstruck
Director, Mailings	Robert H. Maybrier
Director, Publications	Edwina Moseley Dyes
Director, Publicity	John A. Sellers
Director, Research	Nancy Hendrix Mobley
Director, Special Projects	Millard D. Noell

Respectively submitted by the Nominating Committee:  
Barbara Roberts Baylis                      Robert W. Johnsey  
Robert H. Maybrier                      Linda Shaddock Rogers  
Margaret Ann Thetford

## From the DGS Mailbox

### Area Workshops

#### Mesquite Announces Beginners Workshop

The Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society will sponsor a workshop in basic genealogical techniques on Saturday, 8 June 1991, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Mesquite Main Branch Library, 300 West Grubb in Mesquite. The workshop will be presented by Lola Lindsey, instructor of the genealogy course, "Tracing Your Ancestors," at Eastfield Community College in Mesquite for the past fifteen years.

The fee for the workshop is \$7.50 and may be mailed to the MHGS; P. O. Box 85061; Mesquite, TX 75185-0165 (214/381-3346).

#### Tulsa to Feature Wendy Elliott

The Tulsa Genealogical Society announces its third annual workshop to be held on Saturday, 13 July 1991, from 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Garnett Church of Christ; 12000 East 31st Street; Tulsa, Oklahoma. The featured speaker will be Wendy Elliott of Anaheim, California. Elliott, a certified genealogist, is co-editor of *The Library: A Guide to the LDS Family History Library*. She specializes in southern, midwestern, African-American, and Quaker research. Elliott's topics are *Virginia Research*, *Twentieth Century Records*, and *Southern States: An Overview*.

Registration fee is \$15, if postmarked by 10 June; \$20 thereafter. Mail to TGS; P. O. Box 585; Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101-0585 (918/742-3893).

### Family Newsletters, Reunions, Associations

#### Beall News

The first issue of *The Beall News*, was published in March 1991, by Robert Clair Beall and edited by Thomas Earl Beall. The quarterly publication is devoted to acquiring information about the Beall family, regardless of spelling, pronunciation, or location. The four-page newsletter contained a brief genealogy of Ninian Beall of Maryland, Beall census information, announcements, and queries. Subscription is \$10. Write Beall Family Association; Paperweight Printing; 326 S.E. 82nd Avenue; Portland, Oregon 97216.

#### Pangburn Family

*The Pangburn Letter* is published by Donn E. Wagner; 5245 Walton Street; Long Beach, CA 90815; 213/421-9686. The publication will print data submitted by anyone who has Pangburn information. The ten-page, April 1991, issue (Volume 9, Number 1), contained information on cemetery inscriptions, census,

queries, and many other miscellaneous entries.

#### Asbury Family

The Asbury Family Reunion will be held 1-2 June 1991 in North Fort Meyers, Florida. All Asbury descendants, spouses, and friends are welcome. Special room rates are available at the Knights Inn. For information, write or call Carl Asbury; 4418 North Bay Circle; North Fort Myers, FL 33903; 813/995-3667 or Kathy Brothers; 10690 Aroyo Avenue; Hesperia, CA 92345; 619/948-1354.

#### Austin Family

The Austin Families Association of American will hold its 50th Annual Reunion on 1-3 August at the Doubletree Hotel in Austin, Texas. Special room rates are available. All Austin descendants and allied families are invited to participate. Program includes seminars, workshops, professional genealogical help, guest speakers, and research at the Texas Archives and Library. Registration fee is \$25 and includes the banquet. For information, contact Harold Austin Steiner; P. O. Box 12354; Las Vegas, NV 89112; 702/458-1723.

### National Archives Increases Fees

The National Archives has announced a new fee schedule for reproducing copies of records. Copies of certain records, such as military files, passenger arrival lists, and Eastern Cherokee applications, has been increased to \$10 from the previous fee of \$5. The fee for copies of federal census records has been increased to \$6. Orders on NATF forms 80, 81, 82, and 83 received before 15 April will be honored at the old fees. Orders received after 15 April will be returned, with copies of the new forms, for resubmission. New forms and pamphlets reflecting the new charges are being printed. As of 25 April, the Genealogy Section has not received copies of the new forms.

### Miscellaneous Notes

The Collin County Genealogical Society has a new mailing address. Please make a note of CCGS, P. O. Box 865052, Plano, TX 75086-5052.

The St. Clair County, Illinois, Genealogical Society plans to publish the *St. Clair History Book*, Volume II later this year and offers those with St. Clair ancestors to write their story for publication. There is no charge or obligation to have your story and photo included in the book. For an information brochure, write or call Diane Walsh, Project Director; St. Clair County History; 138 Dianne Drive; Belleville, IL 62220; 618/277-0848 or 632-3857.

## Courthouse Research and the Genealogist: Are We Paving the Way for Future Researchers or Putting up Road Blocks? Part II

*[Continued from the DGS Newsletter, Volume 15, Number 5, April 1991, page pp 40-41. Part I addressed the necessity of a positive relationship between courthouse personnel and genealogists and how to effectively plan for successful courthouse research by proper preparation before leaving home. Part II will address skills needed upon arrival: courthouse etiquette, gaining access to records, and what can reasonably be expected from the courthouse record custodians.]*

### What to Do When You Arrive at the Courthouse

When you arrive, ask about the clerk's schedule and observe it. Some courthouses close at the noon hour for lunch. Be prepared to leave at that time for your own lunch and return when the office is scheduled to reopen. Do not ask to be allowed to stay and work.

Ask about the use of equipment, such as photocopy machines and microform readers. Inquire about reproducing fees.

Allow enough time to accomplish research goals. Good research takes time. A thorough research of county records cannot be accomplished in a few hours or a single day. A cursory check of the readily accessible records can result in an important piece of information being overlooked. Take a few hours in the evening to review records copied that day. The simple act of reviewing the documents may raise questions to be answered by searching other court records the following day.

Genealogists should always leave the courthouse or research facility ten or fifteen minutes before closing time. It is one of the "laws of genealogy" that we always find the most important record ten minutes before closing time. Plan to return the next day. Delaying the clerk from closing on time and getting home to his or her family may result in a less than enthusiastic reception for the researcher the next morning.

### First Impressions

What about the impression we create? Mother always said, "First impressions are lasting impressions." What kind of impression does the family researcher create? Some dress too casually. Some enter the courthouse like they are on vacation and the courthouse is part of the entertainment. The researcher who wanders into the clerk's office wearing jeans, a "Bart Simpson" t-shirt, and jogging shoes will not be taken seriously by the courthouse staff, who are used to dealing with lawyers, abstractors, real estate brokers, and other business people who act and dress in a professional manner. Take a look at the other people working in the courthouse. Observe how they are dressed and how they conduct themselves.

Dress should be neat and clean. Decorum should be business-like, purposeful, and professional. Demeanor should be courteous and polite.

Is it reasonable to expect courthouse personnel to know how to conduct genealogical research? Usually, they are not genealogists and few of them care about genealogy. Nor is the staff paid to help the genealogist. Their job is to maintain the county records so that the present-day business of the county can be ongoing. They are usually politically motivated and very busy. They are knowledgeable about the modern records and may not be acquainted with older ones. Certainly, they will not know everything that is in the records and will not know how to search them using genealogical methods.

### What Can You Expect the Clerk to Know?

They should have an idea of what records they hold, where the records, indexes, and microforms are located, and how equipment works. Only ask questions that will bring answers to the above questions. If they offer more, that is to our advantage. Complex questions and questions outside of the staff's expertise should be avoided.

Usually after the necessary questions are answered, you will be on your own with only occasional help from the clerk. It is unrealistic to expect the clerk's assistance.

### Using the Records

If you think you may need help with the records once you arrive at the courthouse, plan ahead to have a local genealogist help you. Write the county clerk's office ahead of time and inquire if the staff is aware of a local genealogist in the area who will be willing to do research for a fee. Ask the clerk to jot the person's name and address down on the bottom of your letter and return it to you in the self-addressed, stamped envelope you have enclosed. Write that person telling them you plan to research in the local courthouse on given dates, would they be able to help you in your search, and what would be their fee?

If you cannot handle the records yourself, take along an assistant. Clerks should not be expected to climb ladders to fetch the box of probate packets or other out-of-reach materials. Be prepared to climb ladders and go into basements or attics yourself. The older record books are not always kept on nice, clean shelves. This is usually reserved for more recent record books. Go into the courthouse neat, clean, and professional; but don't worry about it if you come out grubby and tired. It will be worth it if you find great-great grandfather's will naming his wife and all his children and leaving them the family plantation and fortune.

Ask for records by their proper names or be prepared to describe the type record needed accurately. Start with what you know to be fact and progress to the unknown. Just as in the library, take time to browse and read the shelves. Familiarize yourself with

the county indexing/filing system. Name indexing systems may be a simple alphabetical arrangement by surname, then given name. Others may be indexed by the first letters of surnames only.

If you are unable to locate the records you want in the room, inquire if these records have been moved. Many of the old records are no longer located in the courthouse. Room limitations have made it necessary to move older, less-used volumes and packets to attics, basements, or, in some larger counties, to storage warehouses. In some isolated cases, old records were destroyed by county officials to make room for new records.

In some states, older records have been moved to historical societies and state or county archives. Such is the case in North Carolina, where the state archives in Raleigh has acquired many of the earliest records from county courthouses, organized and filed them, and made them available for public use.

In Texas many of the older record books have been placed in Regional Historical Resource Depositories (RHRD). The Dallas Public Library is the local depository for Dallas County; many old Dallas County record books are located on the seventh floor in the Texas/Dallas Collection.

If you have access to it, study the law that created and governs the records in the county courthouse. Sometimes this information can be found in the county inventories, surveys, or guides. You also need to know the law governing public access to the records you want to see. If necessary, be prepared to cite that law. Most records in the county courthouses are available for use by family researchers under supervision.

Records, such as adoption, juveniles, mental health, and welfare, are generally restricted by state law from public access. Usually, there are restrictions on vital records due to privacy laws enacted by state legislatures. If a record is sealed under law, do not argue with the clerk to see it. You may jeopardize your entire relationship with that clerk. The law is the law, no matter how much you may disagree with it. Do not harangue the clerk. Write your state senator or congressman. Every genealogist should use county records with great care and observe the guidelines and rules for handling materials laid down by the courthouse personnel.

Always thank the courthouse staff before leaving, even if they did nothing at all to help you. They will remember you when you return the next day, and you may receive a better reception. After returning home, write thank-you notes to courthouse personnel encountered on your trip. The nicer the letter, the more likely they are to remember you on a return visit or should you need to write them to request something you determine you need at a later date.

### Conclusion

Today's genealogists should be mindful that tomorrow's genealogists will be researching in these same courthouses. Perhaps their family research will even encompass the very records we are creating in our

life span. Tomorrow's genealogists must have access to records. As genealogists, this can be our gift to future family researchers. Informed, knowledgeable, professional, and courteous researchers are always welcome in courthouses and will keep the road open. The opposite researchers will succeed in closing down these avenues of research. Have a heart-to-heart talk with yourself and decide which you want to be!

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Excerpts from: "Equal Time: The View from the Other Side of the Desk" by Henry R. Timman

"...As Chief Deputy Clerk in the Huron County Probate Court and as a professional researcher of many years, I am often amused by the researchers who come to our office. There is no way to standardize people and their approach, but I do feel it should be a major concern...to make researchers aware of some 'dos and don'ts'. Most researchers try to coexist with courthouse clerks, but the others have said and done things which might explain why the clerks react as they do to genealogists.

"For instance the researcher who arrives late and wants to stay even later; the researcher who doesn't have a pen or paper; the researcher who criticizes the handwriting and content of 100-year-old records; the researcher who brings in his lunch from the local "greasy chicken" palace; the researcher who brings his or her children along to be amused (or to amuse) the entire courthouse...We don't want to forget, either, those who have eight or ten books out at one time and piled on top of each other so the bottom one gets smashed sufficiently and the binding broken; the researcher who puts marriage record 23 in the slot where record 8 belongs; and the researcher who tells you a long story about the ancestor being sought, and then later wants you to analyze the evidence found in the Court records...

"A researcher should be aware of the history of the area, the hours of the courthouse... and should be equipped with pen and paper...Researchers should be aware of rules of good operation. I believe this also applies to those who write for information. Did you ever fail to receive a reply? Nine chances out of ten it was because you didn't send return postage. Our Court's budget is tight, and there is no room for postage for research letter...

"Please do keep in mind that your attitude and manners are of prime importance while working in a public facility. Remember, 'Do unto others...!'"

*[This article originally appeared in a publication of the Ohio Genealogical Society. At the time Henry R. Timman wrote the article, he was (and may still be) Chief Deputy Clerk of the Huron County, Ohio, Probate Court. DGS reprinted the article, with Mr. Timman's permission, in The Dallas Quarterly, Volume 33, September 1987. For the full text, refer to that volume, pp. 168-9.]*

## Guide to Resources in the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Collection

### Periodical Exchange List of the Dallas Genealogical Society, Part II

DGS sends *The Dallas Quarterly* and the *DGS Newsletter* to more than 90 other genealogical societies in the United States and Canada in exchange for their publication(s). That society's publication is placed in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library (DPL). This list reflects the name and address of the exchange society, name and frequency of their publication, DPL call number, and holdings owned by DPL. Most volumes listed will be located on the open shelves in the Genealogy Section. The most recent volumes may be in limited access waiting to be sent to the bindery. If you cannot locate a desired issue, ask a staff member for assistance.

This guide will be published in three issues of the DGS Newsletter. Part I appeared in Volume 15, Number 4, April 1991, and part III, consisting of the Texas exchanges, will appear in the July-August issue.

- Missouri**            **Mid-Missouri Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 715, Jefferson City, MO 65102  
Quarterly publication: *Pioneer Times*, Call # 929.3778 P662  
Holdings: Vol. 6-14, 1982-1990  
**Platte County Historical/Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 103, Platte City, MO 64079  
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- Nebraska**            **Greater Omaha Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 4011, Omaha, NE 68104  
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- New Mexico**            **New Mexico Genealogical Society**, Special Collection Library, 423 Central Avenue NE,  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
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- North Carolina**            **Carolinas Genealogical Society**, 605 Craig Street, Monroe, NC 28110  
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**Johnston County Genealogical Society**, 305 Market Street, Smithfield, NC 27577  
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- Oklahoma**            **Oklahoma Genealogical Society**, Box 12986, Oklahoma City, OK 73157  
Quarterly publication: *OGS Quarterly*, Call # 929.3766 B936B  
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**Okmulgee Genealogical Society**, P. O. Box 805, Okmulgee, OK 74447  
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**Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 148, Lawton, OK 73502  
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- Western Trails Genealogical Society**, Box 70, Altus, OK 73522  
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Holdings: 1982-1990  
**German Acadian Coast Historical/Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 517, Destrehan, LA 70047  
Quarterly publication: *Les Voyageurs*, Call # 929.3763 V975  
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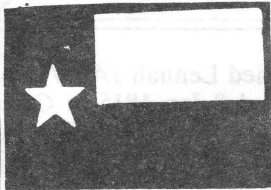
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- BARKER  
HOPKINS  
SCOTT  
BANTA** Seeking help with families of William BARKER, born ca. 1780, died 1849, possibly Hopkins Co, TX. He married Abiah HOPKINS, ca. 1840/05, KY, daughter of William HOPKINS and Peace SCOTT. William and Abiah BARKER had daughter Elizabeth, born 1806, died 1903, San Marcos, TX; married (1) Isaac BANTA, 1822, Warrick Co, In; (2) Jack McDONALD. Mary Ellen Ledford; 702 Fouts Drive; Irving, TX 75061
- LEDFORD  
KEITH  
CHAMBERS** Seeking help with families of Curtis LEDFORD, born 1860, Marion Co, AR; died after 1900; and Celesta/Schlesta O. KEITH (daughter of Jesse Bean KEITH and Mary CHAMBERS), born 1861, TX; died after 1900. Children: Rosetta, born 1879, Mt. Pleasant, TX; Emma, born 1882, Ar; Laraceena, born 1884, Ar; Rachel, born 1886, AR; Mary E., born 1888, AR; Beonetta, born 1889/91; and Pearl, born 1895, Indian Territory. Living in Titus County in 1878; moved to Logan Co, AR in 1880. Living Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, 1900. Mary Ellen Ledford; 701 Fouts Drive; Irving, TX 75061
- BROOKS  
BASSETT  
LANGSTON** Seeking information on descendants of Robert M. BROOKS, born Dec 1841, Troup Co, GA; moved to Pontotoc Co, MS, ca. 1846, with his parents William Jackson and Sarah (Bassett) BROOKS and brother William. He married Margaret E. LANGSTON, 6 Sept 1866, Maury Co, TN. They divorced and he married and moved to Denison, Grayson, TX where he lived until his death on 5 Feb 1924. He was employed by the railroad. Vida Brooks Hughes; 9841 Valley Meadow Ct.; Dallas, TX 75220
- HALL** Seeking information on Wanda R.E. HALL (male), born ca. 1900, probably Erath Co, TX. he is listed on the 1910 Erath Co, TX census in Stephenville. Parents are listed as Earnest R. and Stella HALL; brothers Wayne and Tullis. Vida Brooks Hughes; 9841 Valley Meadow Ct.; Dallas, TX 75220
- PIGG  
RUTLEDGE** Clement P. PIGG, born 1827 in VA; died 1910 in TX. Lived in Crafton, Wise, TX, arriving before 1880. Moved to Jack Co, TX, after 1900 where presumably both Clement PIGG and wife Virginia Jane RUTLEDGE died (she is listed in 1910 census). Have not found a will or probate papers nor where buried for either. Any leads welcome. James A. Morris; 389 North Edison Street; Arlington, VA 22203
- SAYLOR  
BROCK** Descendants of Leonard SAYLOR, born 1827 in Ky; and Hester Ann BROCK, born 1836 in KY; moved to Wise Co, TX, ca 1880; e.g., John B. SAYLOR, born 1861 in KY; died 1942 in CA. Searching for any records on Leonard or Hester SAYLOR. Did Leonard or Hester ever reach Texas? Where deceased? Where buried? James A. Morris; 389 North Edison Street; Arlington, VA 22203
- LANGSTON  
WILLIAMS** Seeking information on Leroy J. LANGSTON, born ca. 1820 in GA; married Annie B., born ca. 1825, AL. Enumerated in Pontotoc CO, MS, in 1860. Six children born in Mississippi. One son, Robert A., married Mary Catherine WILLIAMS, moved to Blooming Grove, Navarro, TX, and is buried in Rosehill Cemetery. Ned P. Williams; 3623 Pomeroy Drive; Dallas, TX 75233-3023
- WILLIAMS  
MARTIN  
ETCHISON** Seeking the parents of Elisha Williams and his wife Polly L. MARTIN. They married 5 Oct 1819, Putnam Co, GA. Elisha died in Troup Co, GA in early 1850. I have information on the descendants of his son, James Thomas WILLIAMS, who married Harriet Frances ETCHISON about 1855. Ned P. Williams; 3623 Pomeroy Drive; Dallas, TX 75233-3023

- KERR  
JARVIS  
HILL** Seeking information on the parents of Alexander KERR who married Lennah JARVIS on 8 Oct 1809 in Surry Co, NC. He was in the War of 1812 and died 8 Jan 1815 at Camp Coffee (New Orleans), LA. Had a son, Levi Jarvis KERR, born 11 Mar 1814, White Co, TN, married Katherine HILL.  
Anita Kerr Williams; 3623 Pomeroy Drive; Dallas, TX 75233-3023
- NEWSOM** Seeking information on Elbert NEWSOM, born 1811, SC. He lived in Pickens Co, AL, 1830-1835; Lauderdale Co, MS, 1835-1848; and Anderson Co, TX, 1848-1860. There were other NEWSOM families in the same counties at the same time: Solomon, Archibald, Ransom, and Taylor. Taylor NEWSOM appears in Cherokee Co, TX in 1850 and Freestone Co, TX in 1860. Does anyone know the relationship of this group? Any other information appreciated.  
Jack Newsom; 701 Heather Knoll; DeSoto, TX 75115; 214/223-2653.
- HENRY  
McDUFFIE  
WILLIS** Does anyone know the GA parents of William S. McDUFFIE, born 9 Nov 1818, GA. He married ca. 1846, Mary J. HENRY, born 10 Aug 1834, IL (what county?); daughter of William Henry of IL; and mother unknown, of Sherman, Grayson Co, TX. William and Mary McDUFFIE had daughter Marium McDUFFIE, born 26 Dec 1863, TX; died 10-12 Jan 1933; buried Tulsa, Tulsa, OK; married 3 June 1886, Sherman, TX to Robert L. WILLIS, born 26 Mar 1846, Mo (what county?); died 14 Mar 1898. Need to know who his parents were and the place of his death/burial. Robert and Marium WILLIS had five children. Need places of residence and death/burial of two of the children, George WILLIS and Gladys WILLIS.  
Ms. Linda D. Willis; 6919 Townbluff; Dallas, TX 75248
- KOONTZ  
BONDERANT** Seeking parents and county of birth of Robert Marion KOONTZ, born 19 July 1828, VA; died 19 Dec 1897, TX; buried Scatter Branch Cemetery, Hunt Co, TX. He married 29 Jan 1854, Boone Co, MO, Martha Jane BONDERANT, born 2 Nov 1825, KY (what county?); died 30 Aug 1904, Commerce, Hunt Co, TX; buried in Scatter Branch Cemetery. Who were her parents and what is the origin of the BONDERANT family in Virginia?  
Ms. Linda D. Willis; 6919 Townbluff; Dallas, TX 75248
- SON  
GIPSON  
TRIPLET(T)** Seeking descendants of and information about the family of John M. SON, born ca. 1857, AR; died 8 Feb 1896, Runnels Co, TX (or Brown Co, TX); need date and place of burial. He was son of Abram F. SON, born ca. 1808, KY; died after 1880, Brown Co, TX; and Edith SON, born ca. 1814, KY. What was Edith's maiden name? What was the county of origin for this family in KY before they migrated to AR (Washington Co?), then TX. John M. SON married, 8 Feb 1892, Emeline GIPSON, born 18 Oct 1870, Stone Co, MO; died 22 Nov 1902; buried Wingate, Runnels Co, TX. Emeline was the daughter of Franklin G. GIPSON, born 7 Oct 1846, DeKalb co, AL; and Martha Jane TRIPLETT, born 3 Mar 1851, McMinn Co, TN. Franklin G. and Martha J. GIPSON are both buried in Silver Valley Cemetery, Coleman Co, TX. Need to find county of origin for Franklin G. GIPSON's father, Granville GIPSON in KY; he was born ca. 1821 in KY and his wife Nancy was born ca. 1821 in KY.  
Ms. Linda D. Willis; 6919 Townbluff; Dallas, TX 75248
- GENTHNER  
WARREN  
JAYRO  
DAVIS** Seeking any information on the following families: GENTHNER, NY; WARREN, TX; JAYRO, TX; DAVIS, TN.  
Glenna Shubert; 10606 Cade Road; Dallas, TX 75217
- THOMPSON** Need help locating siblings and parents of my great grandfather, William THOMPSON. He was born 30 Oct 1837 in KY. His first wife, Mary Elizabeth, was born ca. 1836 in Ky. Need her maiden name and parents. William and Elizabeth appear on the Grayson co, TX census of 1860. Their first child was Joseph Fletcher THOMPSON, born 27 Feb 1858, Grayson Co, TX. Have checked marriages in TX and KY without luck. One possible sibling for William THOMPSON is George W. THOMPSON on the Grayson Co, TX 1860 census. He was born in Ky and was 2 years younger than William, who had a son named George W. Any information appreciated.  
Patsy Baggett; 328 S.W. Parkway, #179; Lewisville, TX 75067

## We Did It!



Last fall we announced our 1990-1991 Special Project would be to raise the funds needed to purchase the 1920 United States Census and Soundex for the State of Texas when it becomes available in 1992, to place in the Genealogy Section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. We are delighted to announce we have obtained that goal. The Texas flag flies proudly at the top of the flagpole, and we owe it all to the many generous DGS members and friends who sent in donations and/or attended DGS workshops this past year.

For more information on how this goal has been obtained, a new price for a roll of microfilm, and names of the fourteen other states that DGS has earmarked funds to purchase, turn to page 51. (Also, on page 51 is a list of DGS members and friends who have made donations to the 1920 Census Project in the past month.)

The 1991 project will continue to be the acquisition of funds to purchase census and soundex for other states. \$12.50 will buy a roll of 1920 census or soundex, but donations will be accepted in any amount. Make checks payable to DGS and mail to:

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