



DGS NEWSLETTER

Volume 17, Number 3 (Issue 148)
May-June 1993

Dallas, Texas

Members Choice! The 1993 Summer Lecture Series

Last fall, after the very successful 1992 Summer Lecture Series, the Dallas Genealogical Society mailed a questionnaire to all members asking if you wanted another summer lecture series in 1993; and, if so, what and who you would like to hear. The response was overwhelmingly positive. Everyone who responded said, "Yes, we want another series;" and you were quick to tell us what you wanted to hear.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the Dallas Genealogical Society and the Dallas Public Library announce the topics and lecturers for the 1993 Summer Lecture Series based upon what *you*, our members, told us you wanted to hear. Your enthusiasm was so great that we even added a fourth fun seminar to the series this year. We are very excited about the series line-up. What do you think?

- Saturday, 29 May 1993 — Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck speaking on *Over the River & Through the Woods: Early American Migration Routes*.
- Saturday, 26 June 1993 — Gordon L. Remington speaking on *Bridging the Atlantic: Researching Your English Ancestors*.
- Saturday, 24 July 1993 — Barbara Roberts Baylis, Patricia Law Hatcher, Sammie Townsend Lee, and Arthur H. Rubeck speaking on *A Pilgrimage to Mecca: Planning Your Research Trip to the Family History Library*.
- Saturday, 21 August 1993 — Helen F. M. Leary speaking on *A Master Plan for North Carolina Research*.

Individual information regarding each day-long seminar and speaker(s) begins on page 58.

The Summer Lecture Series is sponsored by the Dallas Genealogical Society and the Dallas Public Library, and profits from the series directly benefit the Genealogy Section. This year profits have been earmarked for the newly created Capital Expansion Project (see announcement on page 52).

Each seminar will be held in the comfortable 200-seat auditorium of the Dallas Public Library. Preregistration is required. A registration form is on page 71 of this newsletter.

We encourage you to mail in your reservation *early* for the 1993 series. The 1992 series sold out within weeks of being announced. We don't want you to miss any of the fun. If you think you want to attend the seminar(s), but just don't know your plans for the summer months, buy a ticket anyway. To get a refund, all you have to do is let us know in writing one week before the seminar. We will cheerfully refund your money or roll it over into a tax-deductible donation from you to the Capital Expansion Project. You win either way and so do we, because we usually have a waiting list to accommodate.

Plan to join us during the summer months doing one of your favorite things—Genealogy!

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

POST OFFICE BOX 12648 DALLAS, TEXAS 75225-0648

Founded in 1955, the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is the oldest organization of its kind in Texas. It is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation.

Executive Board

Officers:

Barbara Roberts Baylis President
 J. Bruce Moseley Executive Vice President
 William E. "Bill" Benson VP for Programs
 Dorothy Odom Bruce VP for Membership
 Adrienne Bird Jamieson VP and Editor,
The Dallas Quarterly
 Sammie Townsend Lee VP and Co-editor,
DGS Newsletter
 Dorislee Riley Hoffpauer Recording Secretary
 Laurie Goggan Wharton Treasurer

Directors:

Patti Perkins Darnell Books and Forms
 John V. Wylie Computer Interest Group
 Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Library Liaison
 Robert H. "Bob" Maybrier Mailings
 Helen Mason Lu Publications
 JoAnne Norwood Publicity
 Markaleeta Stevenson Research
 Millard D. Noell Special Projects

Appointed by the President:

Madilyn Coen Crane Parliamentarian
 Kelvin L. Meyers Arrangements

Newsletter Staff

Sammie Townsend Lee Co-editor
 Linda Shaddock Rogers Co-editor
 Terri Mulliken Allen Queries
 Dorothy Odom Bruce DGS News
 Leslie Smith Collier Bulletin Board
 Patricia Law Hatcher Contributing Editor
 Margret Hancock Pearce Contributing Editor
 John V. Wylie Computers

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.

Meetings:

The DGS regular meetings are held on the 4th Monday, September through May, except for December. The DGS Computer Interest Group meetings are held on the 2nd Monday, September through May, except for December.

Membership:

Individuals, libraries, or societies may apply for membership. 1993 annual dues are \$18 for the calendar year. New member dues and renewals should be mailed to the Society at Post Office Box 25556, Dallas, Texas 75225-1556, and marked to the attention of the Vice-President of Membership. All current members receive *The Dallas Quarterly* and the *DGS Newsletter*.

Newsletter:

The *DGS Newsletter* is published bi-monthly. Contact the editor for permission to reprint any material contained in the *DGS Newsletter*. Copy deadline for the July-August *DGS Newsletter* is 1 June 1993. All articles and correspondence for the *DGS Newsletter* should be mailed to the Society at Post Office Box 12648, Dallas, Texas 75225-0648 and marked to the attention of the Newsletter Editor.

Regular Meetings: Unless otherwise indicated, DGS Regular Meetings are held on the fourth Monday, September-May (except December), in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, Texas.

Computer Interest Group Meetings: Unless otherwise indicated, the DGS Computer Interest Group (DGSCIG) meetings are held on the second Monday, September-May (except December), in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. Additionally, the DGSCIG holds a question and answer meeting in the library's East/West Rooms (across the hall from the Auditorium) on the fourth Monday one hour prior to the Regular Meeting.

Regular Meetings and DGSCIG Meetings are free; visitors and guests are welcome.

1993 DGS Calendar of Events

Computer Interest Group Meeting

Date: Monday, 10 May 1993
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Speaker: John Wylie
Topic: *Using WordPerfect
 and MicroSoft Word in Genealogy*

In this presentation, John will tell us about two of the best-known word processing software packages and how their capabilities can aid the genealogist.

1993 Summer Lecture Series

4 Day-long Seminars to be held in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

presenting

Saturday, 29 May 1993

Speaker: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, FNGS
Topic: *Over the River & Through the Woods:
 Early American Migration Routes*

Saturday, 26 June 1993

Speaker: Gordon L. Remington, FUGA
Topic: *Bridging the Atlantic:
 Researching Your English Ancestors*

Saturday, 24 July 1993

Speakers: Barbara Baylis, Pat Hatcher,
 Sammie Lee, and Art Rubeck
Topic: *A Pilgrimage to Mecca: Planning Your
 Research Trip to the Family History Library*

Saturday, 21 August 1993

Speaker: Helen F. M. Leary, CG, CGL, FNGS
Topic: *A Master Plan for
 North Carolina Research*

DGS Reception & Regular Meeting

Date: Monday, 24 May 1993
Reception: 6:00 P.M.
Meeting and Program: 7:00 P.M.
Speaker: David Morgan, Ph.D.
Topic: *An Information*

Technology for the Dallas Public Library

Come early and join us for our annual "Member Appreciation" reception to be held in the East/West Rooms. We promise food, fun, and conversation. This is our annual meeting. Installation of officers will be held and our annual gift presented to the Library.

Our program will be Dr. David Morgan, Director of Information Services for the City of Dallas, presenting a demonstration of the technological possibilities available to Library users if a new automated library system becomes a reality at the Dallas Public Library. As the interim Library Director, Dr. Morgan has worked with Library staff on the design of a new on-line catalog that could conceivably talk to you, display graphic images at your command, allow you to dial in from a personal computer, and give you access to library collections in this country and abroad—just to name a few wonderful features. Every user of the Genealogy Section should be present to see this exciting demonstration.

Saturday, 13 November 1993

6th Annual DGS Symposium

12th Annual Beginners Workshop

Dallas Convention Center, featuring conference-style programs with a variety of speakers and exhibitors. Brochures available in September. [See *Call for Lecture Proposals* on page 55.]

An Important Announcement: The Establishment of the Capital Expansion Project

The extraordinary growth of interest in genealogy over the past decade has been good news for the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) and for the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. Between 1984 and 1992, membership in DGS doubled; total members for 1993 may well reach 1,000. Increasing numbers of researchers, both members and nonmembers, are taking advantage of DGS educational opportunities, including our Spring Seminar, Summer Lecture Series, and Fall Symposium. Fortunately, during a time of City budget cutbacks and freezes, this growth has allowed the Society to maintain support for materials acquisition through its annual gift to the Genealogy Section. Ours is a success story that any organization might envy. But success almost always arrives in the company of new challenges and problems. In our case, the problem has come in the form of overcrowding. While patron usage and materials acquisition have increased dramatically, the floor space allotted to Genealogy has not been expanded since the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library was completed in 1981. At a time when DGS is raising more money than ever before for the purchase of materials, the Genealogy Section is finding it more and more difficult to properly store and utilize them.

Those of you who have visited the Genealogy Section during the past year are acutely aware of the critical need for additional space and equipment. In better times, we might have been able to petition the City of Dallas to allocate funds for expansion. Sadly, given current demands on the Dallas City Budget, this prospect is seven shades darker than dim.

Last fall, the DGS Executive Board and its committees began to study the problem and to search for possible solutions. As a result of this work, the 1992-1993 Executive Board has voted to fund a Capital Expansion Project benefitting the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. The goal of the project is to supply construction funds for expansion of the Section's space, as well as monies for the purchase of additional furniture and equipment. The recently created Capital Expansion Committee has been asked to coordinate this project and to make recommendations to the Board regarding space requirements, legal and tax constraints, fund-raising, and other procedures. The library administration has expressed its enthusiasm for the project and has been enormously cooperative in the planning process. But please realize that the most important people on the DGS Capital Expansion Project team are the members of the Society. Your enthusiastic support and participation will be crucial to the success of this project. Fund-raising will not officially begin until September. In the meantime, there's much work to do. We are currently working with the library administration on a requirements program to define the needs of the Genealogy Section. Your opinions and suggestions are critical to this work. Therefore, your first assignment is as follows:

If you did not participate in the survey at the DGS Spring Seminar on 27 March 1993, please complete the enclosed **Usage Survey Form**. (Your first donation to the project will be the 29¢ stamp you use to return the completed survey form to the committee—simply fold the form so that the address on the back of the form shows, stamp, and drop in a mailbox.)

Your second assignment is to begin thinking. Contributions to this project need not be limited to dollars. The Committee wants to hear your ideas and your suggestions. Send them in as they come to you. Every suggestion will be considered.

Additional assignments, along with progress reports and news concerning the Capital Expansion Project, will appear in subsequent newsletters. And, please, accept my personal guarantee: We're gonna have some fun!

Jan McFarland, Chairman of the Capital Expansion Committee

DGS NEWS



The President's Message

by Barbara Roberts Baylis

The 37th Annual DGS Spring Seminar was a wonderful success. Thanks to our speaker, JAMES L. HANSEN, and to our Workshop Chairman, BRUCE MOSELEY. I heard nothing but positive comments, and all who attended learned new ways to proceed in research.

Congratulations to all those who entered the WRITING AWARDS COMPETITION! The accomplishment of having research in print is an example to all interested in the preservation of records and family history. Their finished work is appreciated by the genealogical community. By their example to other researchers and the addition of their work to the Dallas Public Library, they have contributed back to genealogy. We should all appreciate their time and effort. The works were judged separately by three judges using a nationally recognized scale of points. The three totals were then averaged to find the winner. The scores were very close, and it was hard to single out just one winner. Some books in each category will be reviewed in *The Dallas Quarterly*. The winning essay will be printed in the *DGS Newsletter*. All entries will be placed on the 8th floor of the Dallas Public Library.

Time flies when you are having fun! It is hard to believe this is the end of the term for the 1992-1993 DGS Board. I thank all members of the Board for a successful and exciting DGS year. All gave many hours of time and a lot of energy to support our goals. In May of 1992 I set two goals I wanted to see met. Those have been completed! A very, very sincere "Thank You" to each board member and each member of the society! I know the 1993-1994 DGS Board will see even greater accomplishments. My very best wishes in 1993-1994 and may you meet your goals—and have fun while moving on to bigger and better events for the Dallas Genealogical Society!



Treasurer's Report by Laurie Goggan Wharton

Assets as of 15 March 1993

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking-NationsBank	\$18,286.53
Money Market-Bank One	4,909.57
Bulk Mail Deposit	823.45
Life Member Investments	
MMF-Cash Equivalent Fund	2,003.90
Note-U.S.Treasury	<u>5,403.12</u>
Total	\$31,426.57

Funds as of 15 February 1993

Operating Fund	\$16,129.12
Life Member Fund	9,100.00
Bulk Mail Fund	823.45
Publications Fund	<u>5,374.00</u>
Total	\$31,426.57

A Note from the Treasurer

Cost of Life Membership in DGS was originally set so that while invested, the total interest income would amount to approximately the same as regular yearly membership, multiplied by the total number of Life Members. At that time, interest rates were seven to ten per cent. Now with interest rates greatly reduced, resulting in lower income, the total yearly interest amount is below that needed to meet regular membership dues (\$15.00) times the number of Life Members.

Therefore, in February the DGS Board voted to increase a Life Membership to \$500.00 for under 65 years old or \$300.00 for 65 years and older. The change was published in the Membership Report on page 4, and the membership application on page 23 of the January-February 1993 *DGS Newsletter*.

Membership

by Dorothy Odom Bruce

Welcome to the 157 NEW MEMBERS in DGS!

— 06 April 1993 —

Regular Members	700
Libraries	15
Life	<u>63</u>
Total DGS Membership	778

Report of the Nominating Committee

by Leslie Smith Collier, Chairman

The Nominating Committee has selected the following slate of candidates for the 1993-1994 DGS Executive Board. Each has indicated a willingness to serve. The election will be held at the regular meeting in April and installation at the annual meeting in May. Nominations may be made from the floor at the April meeting, provided the consent of the nominee is obtained prior to the nomination.

President	J. Bruce Moseley
VP-Workshops	Arthur H. Rubeck
VP-Programs	Dorothy Odom Bruce
VP-Membership	Leslie Smith Collier
VP-Newsletter	Sammie Townsend Lee
VP-Quarterly	Adrienne Bird Jamieson
Secretary	Terri Mullikan Allen
Treasurer	Laurie Goggan Wharton
Books/Forms	Joan T. Thompson
Computer	John V. Wylie
Mailing	Cliff Slagle
Publications	Helen Mason Lu
Publicity	Shirley Sloat
Research	Markaleeta Stevenson
Special Projects	Robert H. Maybrier

The DGS Board thanks those who served on this committee: Leslie Smith Collier as Chairman, Dorothy Odom Bruce, Mary Ann Fournier, Sue Harris, Helen Lu.

Writing Award Winners

Ten entries were received in the 1993 Annual Writing Awards Competition this year. All were quality entries. Congratulations to our winners!

- Family History: *Charles C. Stibbens: Soldier of the Battle of San Jacinto, Citizen of the Republic of Texas* by Brenda Burns Kellow
- Local History: *Tool Cemetery, Henderson County, Texas* by Jim Monaghan
- My Favorite Ancestor: "Nancy Emiline Caldwell Lauderdale" by Ramona Honan (Ramona's essay is printed on page 60 of this newsletter.)

DGS People

The Spring Seminar: *Thanks!*

by J. Bruce Moseley, Seminar Chairman

The reception of the 1993 Spring Seminar by those in attendance marks another success in DGS's history of producing top-flight training events. Rave responses ranged from the excellent speaker to the delectable lunch and the efficiency with which the occasion was managed.

I wish to personally express my appreciation for the work of the following officers, directors, and members whose combined efforts made the Spring Seminar such an outstanding achievement. We who attended are indebted to them for providing us with a richly rewarding experience.

Dorothy Bruce for registrations; Laurie Wharton, walk-in registrations; Art Rubeck, exhibitor arrangements; Adrienne Jamieson, syllabus; JoAnne Norwood, John Wylie, Bob Maybrier, Bill Benson, and Sammie Lee, publicity; Pat Hatcher, brochure; Millard Noell and Cliff Slagle, Civic Center arrangements and set up; Barbara Baylis, writing awards; Patti Darnell, DGS table and door prizes; Jan McFarland and Leslie Collier, luncheon arrangements; Madilyn Crane, Margret Pearce, and Marjorie Gunn, refreshments.

Dorothy Bruce would like to thank these people who volunteered at the early morning Registration Desk: Linda Acord, Terri Allen, Rose Alyce Beasley, Deborah Broome, Leslie Collier, Sue Daghestani, Don Dees, Myra Glass, Juanita Hogue, David Huckaby, Sheila Huckaby, Francis Lindell, Bob Maybrier, Jemmy Phipps, Linda Rogers, Emily Seay, June Shipley, Shirley Sloat, Laurie Wharton, and Robin Yaklin. In addition, these helped at various other times during the breaks: Beverly Holmes, Markaleeta Stevenson, and Joan Thompson.

Patti Darnell would like to thank the DGS Books and Forms table volunteers: Bill Benson, Rubyann Darnell, Dorislee Hoffpauer, Adrienne Jamieson, Sammie Lee, Helen Lu, and Kelvin Meyers.

To all these, and any others that we may have missed or might not have known about—Thanks for giving your time to us! DGS could not exist without its willing workers. It is, indeed, "The Year of the Volunteer," and DGS depends so much on its volunteers for all of its events.

1993 DGS Fall Symposium

Call for Lecture Proposals

- ★ The Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is extending an invitation to all speakers who are interested in submitting lecture proposals for the 6th Annual 1993 DGS Fall Symposium.
- ★ The Symposium will be held on Saturday, 13 November 1993, at the Dallas Convention Center in downtown Dallas.
- ★ The Symposium is conference-style with four one-hour sessions. You may submit up to four one-hour segments for any given topic.
- ★ You do not have to be a member of DGS to submit a lecture proposal.
- ★ The Society is interested in receiving proposals for methodology, problem solving, how-to techniques, regional research, special topics, publishing, the use of computers, and related technologies. In addition, lecture proposals are needed on developing basic skills for beginning genealogists.
- ★ Selected speakers will be notified by the end of July with details concerning the symposium.
- ★ Each speaker will be asked to submit material for the symposium syllabus and will receive an honorarium for each one-hour lecture. DGS will provide each speaker with a syllabus and needed audio visual equipment. The Society does not pay for accommodations or travel expense. Speakers are not required to pay the symposium registration fee and are welcome to attend classes when not lecturing.
- ★ If you are interested in speaking at the 1993 DGS Fall Symposium, please complete the form inserted in and mailed with this newsletter (color: pink) or use an equivalent form. The form may be duplicated for multiple submissions. If using an equivalent form, include name, address, phone, title of topic, brief synopsis of topic, length (1 hour, 2 hours, etc) and level of topic (beginner, intermediate, advanced), a brief genealogical resume, and tell us if you are willing to repeat your lecture or do back to back lectures on the same subject.
- ★ Proposals must be post marked by 1 June 1993 and mailed to: DGS Symposium Lecture Proposals; Madilyn L. Crane; 614 Copper Ridge Drive; Richardson, Texas 75080-2310.

DGS Bylaws Changes

The following proposed revision and addition to the DGS bylaws will be read at the April regular meeting and shall be voted upon by the membership at the May annual meeting:

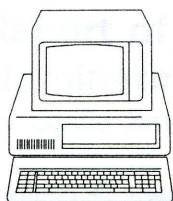
Revision

Article V—Duties of Officers, Section 6—The Vice President for the DGS Newsletter: shall read, "The vice president for the *DGS Newsletter* shall publish the Society newsletter and shall notify the members of meetings as directed by the executive board."

Addition

Article X—Special Funds of the Society, Add Section 2—The Society Endowment Fund: "The Society's Permanent Endowment Fund is established

and shall be administered for the benefit of the Dallas Genealogical Society within the limits allowed by the law, and for the benefit of the Genealogical Section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library or its legal successor. Donations or contributions to the Endowment Fund shall include, but are not limited to, a percentage of the Society's annual net income, said percentage to be established by the Executive Board at its discretion. The Society treasurer will invest all monies in this fund in interest-bearing securities; investments are specifically limited to Federal Government Securities or accounts at banks or savings institutions insured by the FDIC or FSLIC. Each year the interest from this fund shall be placed into the Special Society fund Account and used for the purposes set out in Section 1 of Article X.



The DGSCIG

by John Wylie

This column reviews highlights of DGSCIG (Dallas Genealogical Society Computer Interest Group) happenings and provides other information of value to those using, or contemplating using, computers to assist their genealogical efforts.

We still need volunteers to perform data entry for the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. Call me at 495-4410 to sign up.

Sources of help

Dallas is blessed with many opportunities for the computer genealogist to get help. In the March-April *DGS Newsletter* I started the list. Here are more.

First, get involved with the DGSCIG. [See page 51 for meeting and program information.] DGSCIG meetings include access to the disk library, a notebook listing on computer accessible data, a notebook listing all known genealogy software and computer interest groups, and a computer magazine exchange.

Also, DGSCIG is establishing a genealogy CD exchange. If you have genealogy related CDs and are interested in joining the exchange, come to a DGSCIG meeting and watch this column for more details. If you wish to help, call me.

One of the most valuable sources for help with computers are "users groups." We're fortunate that the D/FW area has many genealogy related users groups. Some are:

- **The Fort Worth Genealogical Society CIG** meets at The Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine auditorium on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. It is led by Debra McVean (630-1197). Their PAF Users Group meets immediately after this meeting at 8:00 P.M. and is led by Joe Waldrop (metro 817/498-5856).
 - **The Garland Genealogical Society CIG** meets 75-minutes before each regularly scheduled Society meeting. It is led by Al Sanford (278-7888).
- If you know of other CIGs, do let me know and I'll post them here.
- Perhaps the most significant change in genealogy since the introduction of the personal computer is the introduction of digitized sources (data in computer readable form.) These include documents available On-Line (accessible via a telephone line), on both floppy disks and on CD-ROM disks. Some sources available in the D/FW area are the large selection of CD-ROM and floppy disks at the **Preservation Emporium** (I-35E at Motor Street, Dallas, 214/630-1197), or from a variety of mail sources; On-Line services such as **GENie** and **Compuserve**; and local free bulletin boards such as **Oaklawn On-Line** at 258-5192, **Mainframe** at 221-8931, or **Southern Crossroads** at metro 817/481-8984. All of these On-Line services and bulletin boards also have message exchanges where you can share queries and questions with thousands of other genealogists. A notebook collection of these and other sources will be a regular feature at all DGSCIG meetings. All attending the CIG are encouraged to contribute catalogs or other source listings.
- COMMSOFT has announced the long awaited release of **ROOTS IV** for the 3rd quarter of 1993. Details will be available at DGSCIG meetings. The LDS Family History Department has announced that it is updating **Personal Ancestral File**, the most popular genealogy software in use. This update will take from one to two years.
- GEDCOM, the file format standard that allows transferring data between dissimilar software programs, is quietly setting standards in genealogy as it becomes the de facto guide for defining sources and determining how data is formatted in reports. We'll learn more about this important standard at future CIG meetings. We're forming a **GEDCOM Users Group**. If you're interested, let me know.
- **The General Genealogy Computer Users Group** meets at SuperSaturday events at INFOMART at 9:00 A.M. and is led by Al Sanford (278-7888). SuperSaturday events are coming up on May 15 and June 5.
 - **The Personal Ancestral File Users Group** meets on SuperSaturday at INFOMART at 10:00 A.M. It is led by Joe Waldrop (metro 817/498-5856).
 - **The ROOTS III Users Group** meets from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. also on SuperSaturdays and is led by me (495-4410).
 - **The Brothers Keeper Users Group** meets at 11:00 A.M. on SuperSaturdays and is led by Neil Sunderland (272-2869).

1993 Year of the Volunteer

In this, the third in a continuing series of articles on the people who volunteer their time and talents to DGS, we are honoring a special lady who has contributed to the success and growth of our Society and genealogy in our area by devoting the past fifteen years to teaching the basics of genealogy to countless would-be family historians. Many DGS members count themselves students of this lady and would like to say "thanks."

Renee Jackson Smith

by Margret Pearce

A sixth-generation Texas, Renee Jackson Smith recalls that she was interested in where her family came from even when she was very young. As a small child attending family reunions, she remembers elderly uncles telling family stories of "panthers in the woods" when the family first settled in Montgomery County in the 1850s.

In 1966 Renee's husband, Lt. Col. Charles A. (Smitty) Smith, was leaving for Vietnam, and Renee was making a trip back to Montgomery County. She made a stop at the cemetery where her grandparents were buried; and says, "That's where the bug bit."

From 1966 to 1970 Renee was researching by that well-known method, "by the seat of your pants." She explained that resources were very limited. She started buying genealogy how-to books and even the selection in those types of books was limited. She laughed when she said she didn't know how to spell "genealogy" and Lloyd Bockstruck had to teach all of us how to pronounce it. (Renee remembers being at the library the first day Lloyd came.)

By 1972, Renee was working through the microfilm drawers on the second floor of the old Dallas Library. There were no indexes, and the film had to be read from start to finish, one roll at a time.

She is a generous researcher explaining that she places her research work in areas where anyone who may have a family connection can find it. She believes placing your work in archives and manuscript collections is an important way of getting the information out.

Renee began attending meetings of the Society after seeing meeting notices placed in the library.

When she had attended a time or two, she remarked to a friend, "Maybe we should give this a try. I believe these folks have something to offer." Years later, she is now a life member who has served DGS as president (1987-88); executive vice president, workshops; and vice president, programs.

She spoke on researching in North Carolina at an early DGS all-day workshop held at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake. That day she was scheduled for only one session; but because of the interest in her topic, ended up speaking at all four sessions. This began a long career of lectures for DGS people. She has taught the DGS Beginner's Workshop at four of the five annual symposiums held each fall and countless individual programs.

Help and encouragement are important to her. She was an instructor teaching beginning genealogy at Richland College from 1978 to 1991, and now teaches at SMU. She is also currently involved with the Genealogical Institute of Texas, scheduled in Dallas for July 1993, as faculty member and course coordinator of Course I, Beginners.

Renee gives a lot of credit to her many years of involvement with DGS. People in DGS are willing to give of themselves, their time, and their money. "It makes me proud to know that I've seen it start from just a small group, and grow to the active organization it is today," says Renee. DGS is fortunate to have members such as Renee Smith.

Renee is the mother of two married daughters and three grandchildren in Dallas and two step-daughters and four grandchildren in San Antonio.



1993 SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

Date: 29 May 1993
Topic: *Over the River
 and Through the Woods:
 Early American Migration Routes*
Speaker: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, FNGS

Was your ancestor born "under a wandering star?" America's story is one of brave pioneers seeking new frontiers. They moved over the mountains, across the rivers, and through the vast forests, thereby creating one of the most difficult brick-wall problems faced by genealogists—locating an ancestor's previous residence. Scaling this brick wall may be a simple matter of understanding the routes your ancestor was likely to have traveled to a new home.

In this presentation Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck will explore the early trails and roads, mountain passes and rivers, and other well-traveled routes of our ancestors. In doing so, he will discuss the migration patterns of various groups and clusters of people and the records they created on both ends of their journey.

Lloyd is well-known locally, statewide, and nation-

ally as a genealogical librarian, lecturer, and educator. He has been with the Dallas Public Library since 1973 and has been supervisor of the Genealogy Section since 1979. Invited to speak in over 26 states, Lloyd has participated in the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conferences since 1978. In 1983 he received the NGS Award of Merit, and in 1992 he was elected a fellow of the Society.

Lloyd is author of *Virginia's Colonial Soldiers* and has written articles for some of the leading genealogical publications. His NGS *Quarterly* article on genealogical research in Texas was published as one of the NGS Research in the States series. He presently writes the informative "Family Tree" column appearing each Saturday in *The Dallas Morning News*.

Attending one of Lloyd's seminars is always a treat. He is well-liked by DGS members and local audiences who return time and time again to hear him speak. We know that he can address any genealogical topic with expertise, skill, and knowledge. We also know that he will do it with an innate understanding of human nature and with a sublime sense of humor.

Date: 26 June 1993
Topic: *Bridging the Atlantic:
 Researching Your English Ancestors*
Speaker: Gordon L. Remington, FUGA

Despite the common language and heritage, it is often more difficult to locate ones' ancestors in England than other European Countries. To some extent this is due to the fact that in the colonial period America was technically part of the British Empire and naturalization was not required. English records themselves are not always conducive to locating ancestral origins so that research in American records is often necessary to make the trans-Atlantic connection.

In this presentation, Gordon L. Remington will talk about the sources in the U.S. to which one has access and should use, as well as the sources abroad, to locate the origin of our English ancestor. He will discuss the English records, record keeping, and the record keepers. More importantly, he will describe the methodology needed to use these records to achieve our goal.

Gordon L. Remington, a professional genealogist and international lecturer, is a recognized authority on

English research. A native of Rochester, New York, he resides in Salt Lake City where he pursues his chosen profession though his own genealogical research agency. He is much in demand as a speaker at the conferences of the National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. In 1988 and 1991, he was a guest lecturer at the international Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry. Last fall DGS was delighted to have him as a speaker at our symposium where he pleased local audiences with his lectures on passenger lists and on Quaker records (a subject in which he can claim expertise—he is a Quaker).

Gordon served as president of the Utah Genealogical Association in 1984 and was made a fellow of the Association in 1992. Since 1989, he has edited the Association's quarterly, *The Genealogical Journal*. He was a contributing editor to the first edition of *The Source* and has contributed to the second edition now being readied for publication.

DGS is pleased and honored to have Gordon as one of our Summer Lecture Series speakers. He will have much to tell us about our English ancestors and how to bridge the Atlantic.

Date: 24 July 1993
Topic: *A Pilgrimage to Mecca:
 Planning your Research Trip to the
 Family History Library*
Speakers: Barbara Baylis, Pat Hatcher,
 Sammie Lee, Art Rubeck

It has been hailed as the largest genealogical collection under one roof in the world. It comprises over 200,000 books and over 1.7 million reels of microfilm. It has records covering every U.S. state and most foreign countries. It is estimated that the collection grows by 4,000 rolls of microfilm and 400 volumes per month. What is this wonderful place?

The Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, located in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah, is a genealogical mecca drawing hundreds of visitors in a single day. In this presentation, four DGS members, who make annual "pilgrimages" to research in this extensive collection, will tell you about the city, the library, the collection, and how to plan a research strategy. They will even tell you how to be your own travel agent!

Barbara, Pat, Sammie, and Art, who are no strangers to DGS audiences, have traveled to Salt Lake City as a group and know how much fun a trip can be.

They also know how profitable it can be to a genealogist. They promise an informative seminar and a day of fun for all who attend. If you are planning a research trip in the near future or just hope someday to go to Salt Lake City, this is a lecture you cannot afford to miss. We may even have a surprise announcement.

Lecture Topics

First Lecture — 9:30 to 10:30 A.M.

- "An Overview: Salt Lake City" — Barbara
- "An Overview: The Library" — Sammie

Second Lecture — 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON

- "The North American Tour: The First Floor Books" — Art
- "Visiting More Than One Courthouse in a Day: The Second Floor Microfilm" — Sammie

Third Lecture — 1:30 to 2:30 P.M.

- "Leaving the States Without a Passport: Overseas Research" — Art and Pat
- "Press a Key or Go Fiche: Catalogs & Indexes" — Art and Pat

Fourth Lecture — 3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

- "Packing Your Genealogy Bag: Planning a Research Strategy" — Pat
- "Leaving Room for Clothes: Travel Details" — Barbara

Date: 21 August 1993
Topic: *A Master Plan for
 North Carolina Research*
Speaker: Helen F. M. Leary,
 CG, CGL, FNGS

In 1987 Helen F. M. Leary of Raleigh, North Carolina, wrote the following introduction to an article that unveiled her master plan for North Carolina research: "Few genealogists would embark deliberately on a course of research designed to exhaust time and financial resources without producing useful information; yet too many do precisely this when they attempt a search of North Carolina records with little more preparation than the purchase of a plane ticket. North Carolina research is different from that in other states—not necessarily more difficult, just different—and understanding the differences will prevent the difficulties." ["A Master Plan for North Carolina Research," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, 75:1, March 1987, p. 15.]

In this presentation, Helen will outline a strategy for research in North Carolina records. She will tell us

what created the records, how to locate and access them, and how to use them effectively. She will discuss the importance of preparing to research in North Carolina repositories and the methodology of analyzing what is found for further research.

Helen F. M. Leary, president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, is a Certified Genealogist and a Certified Genealogical Lecturer. She is one of the most respected genealogical lecturers and educators in the U.S. today. She is coordinator of Samford University's Course V, Genealogy as a Profession, held each summer in Birmingham, Alabama.

Helen was awarded the National Genealogical Society Award of Merit in 1987 and was named a Fellow of NGS in 1988. She received the Award for Exceptional Service from the North Carolina Genealogical Society after serving as president, 1985-1987, and she is co-editor of *North Carolina Research*, published by the Society in 1980.

Helen is a good friend of DGS, and we are delighted to have her addressing a DGS audience once again. After her lecture, we should all have a better understanding of the differences and eliminate some of the difficulties of North Carolina research.

1993 Writing Award Winner—Essay of 1,000 Words or Less

Nancy Emiline Caldwell Lauderdale

By Ramona Lauderdale Honan

A framed piece of extremely old bedspread hangs on my bedroom wall. It is just a small piece of bedspread, but it holds special significance for me as my great-great grandmother, Nancy Emiline Caldwell Lauderdale made it.

The inscription on the back of the framed piece reads as follows:

This fabric, a combination of linen and pure cotton and well over 100 years old, is original and unique in every detail. The cotton and flax seeds were carefully selected, planted and tended by a very special pioneer woman. She then harvested her crop, carded and spun the thread and the flax. The linen is its own natural color but the cotton was dyed dark blue by boiling it in a huge vat in logwood juice, made from the bark and roots of the tree. The thread was then cut in hanks, lengths of 30-36 inches and tied four times to keep it from tangling. This particular fabric was then made into a bedspread and used for many years. The thread used to sew the panels together was so strong that after all these years, it could not be broken by hand but had to be cut with sharp scissors.

The woman's husband designed the bedspread, warped the loom and helped to complete the product.

Nancy Emiline Caldwell was born December 10, 1834¹, in McMinn County, Tennessee, and moved with her father, Robert R. Caldwell, his wife, Elizabeth, and the rest of the family in the 1850s to settle in McDonald County, Missouri.² She lived a long life, dying July 14, 1912³, and suffered many trying ordeals. Through it all, however, she persevered, and I am proud to have her as my ancestor.

Nancy Emiline married Francis Marion Lauderdale (born February 14, 1826, TN)⁴ who was a blacksmith by trade shoeing horses for the cavalry troops. He did not serve in the Civil War due to the fact that when he was a young boy a horse fell on him resulting in his having one leg shorter than the other.⁵

McDonald County, Missouri, suffered from terrible violence in the Civil War years of 1861-1865. It was a divided area with North and South fighting each other viciously with raiding parties, bushwhackers, and the help of neighboring Indians sympathetic to both causes. In other words, "men hunted men in those terrible days."⁶ On September 13, 1863⁷, Francis Marion Lauderdale, who was crippled, and his father-in-law, Robert Caldwell, were tending the fields since most of the other men had gone to the war or had fled to Texas or Montana.⁸ A then-pregnant Nancy and her mother, Elizabeth, watched in horror as a band of bushwhacking Indians aiding the Union Army ambushed her father and husband, killing them in the fields where the men worked. Nancy and her mother were then too afraid to get the bodies as they were afraid the same might happen to them. The women secretly covered the bodies with leaves, hid and waited until dark before getting the bodies to prepare for burial. The child Nancy was carrying, who was named Jeff, later died in infancy.

The children of Nancy and Francis Marion were: Obedience (named for Francis Marion's grandmother who was of Choctaw lineage), Robert Henry (my great-grandfather and for whom my father is named), and Frances Marion, Jr. (who was known later only as "Uncle Bert").⁹ Toward the end of the Civil War, conditions had become so harsh in McDonald County, Nancy had to flee with her children to Texas. With a contingent of Confederate soldiers, they crossed a river into Texas. Nancy had ridden ahead when four-year-old Francis Marion fell from his horse into the river. A Confederate soldier, seeing this happen, quickly plucked the boy from the water thus saving him. Nancy did not know what happened until that night.¹⁰

After the Civil War, the widow Nancy had three young children to care for, but she met John Evans from Indiana and married not long afterward. In addition to her step-children, Elbert and Lulu, she and John Evans

had two children of their own, William Lee and Charles.¹¹

After the war, life for Nancy calmed down, and she became a typical farmer's wife. All her children grew and married and had families of their own, giving Nancy many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. On July 14, 1912, while working in her garden, Nancy Emiline had a sudden heart attack and died.

I am very proud to have her as my great-great grandmother as she proved to be a very strong and heroic woman living in turbulent times. Further quoting, the inscription on the back of the framed bedspread:

After undergoing all the trauma, hardships and disaster, this hardy pioneer lady never gave up hope, great love and laughter. She possessed an outgoing personality and her interest in and love for others made her a popular and well loved individual. She was always wanted by friends and family alike. Her children and grandchildren adored 'Gran' and cherished every opportunity to visit in her home or to have her share time with them. She was fiercely independent, a trait she possessed always.

May the strength and durability of this fabric symbolize the pioneer spirit of tenacity and love that accompany the respected name of Nancy Emiline Caldwell Lauderdale.

NOTES:

¹Cemetery Inscription, Wann and Lee Cemetery, Southwest City, McDonald County, Missouri.

²1850 McMinn County, TN, Federal Census, p. 590; 1860 McDonald County, MO, Federal Census, p. 80.

³Cemetery Inscription, Wann and Lee Cemetery, Southwest City, McDonald County, Missouri.

⁴Cemetery Inscription, Wann and Lee Cemetery, Southwest City, McDonald County, Missouri.

⁵Charles J. Lauderdale, *The Laurdaldes of Scotland and America*, Ganagan Printing Co., Joplin, MO, 1937, p. 55.

⁶*History of McDonald County, Missouri*, (Reprinted from *Goodspeed's Newton, Lawrence, Barry and McDonald Counties' History*, Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1888) Reprinted McDonald County Historical Society, Apr. 1972, pp. 42-53.

⁷Cemetery Inscription, Wann and Lee Cemetery, Southwest City, McDonald County, Missouri.

⁸*History of McDonald County, Missouri*, p. 42.

⁹1870 McDonald County, Missouri, Federal Census, p. 17.

¹⁰Delaware County (Oklahoma) Historical Society, *Heritage of the Hills, a Delaware County History*, 1983, p. 292.

¹¹1880 McDonald County, Missouri, Federal Census, p. 18.

Beginners Corner

Military Records

by Mary Reid Warner

Wars relate a nation's history. Almost every generation of Americans experienced war. Military records were kept, and these records furnish an abundant amount of genealogical data. The National Archives in Washington holds a majority of the records created by wars for the United States. This article presents the beginning genealogist a means of researching military records. The following topics will be discussed: kinds of military records, some military record sources, how to access the records, and the importance of military records.

Kinds of Military Records

Basically, two kinds of military records exist: those showing proof of military service and those giving evidence of veterans' benefits. The service records were kept during the war, and the benefit records originated following the wars.

Usually, military service records document a soldier's activities during a specified war from the time of enlistment to his discharge or death. Certain U.S. service records were abstracted onto cards, microfilmed, and placed in the National Archives. The cards show the name of soldier, state where he served, and rank. They may give date and place of enlistment, amount of pay, and when he was present for roll call. They sometimes include the soldier's age and place of birth. The service records do not contain information about a soldier's family. A researcher should examine the service records to determine if a man served.

Service record example: John MEANS enlisted in the Revolutionary War for three years on January 1777 in the 11th Virginia Regiment. The company muster roll shows him at Valley Forge from February 1778 to June 1778. In August he was at Camp White Plains and in 1779 at Middlebrook. Other camps are listed with the dates. He received full pay 17 December 1783.

"Bounty-land warrants were first authorized by Congress in 1775 as a substitute for wages it was unable to pay its soldiers."¹ The National Archives maintains original bounty-land-warrant application

files based on service in wartime between 1775 and 1885 and pension application files based on service between 1775 and 1916.²

Benefit papers provide data on pension and bounty land warrant applications. Pension records contain the choice genealogical information. Soldiers, widows, or heirs filed for pensions. The pension applications provide the soldier's name, state, rank, and military unit. The soldier may have sent proof of his service with names of officers, battles fought, and friends who served with him. The pension records usually show dates of enlistment and discharge, birth date and place, amount of pension, resident places where the pension was sent, and death date and place of the soldier. Sometimes, vital facts are given such as the widow's birth date and marriage date, birth dates of children, death date and place, and oaths of relations or friends.

Benefit example: William THOMPSON's widow, Mary, filed for a pension in 1840 on his Revolutionary War service. The application shows William THOMPSON enlisted from Rutherford County, North Carolina, in a South Carolina regiment, fought at King's Mountain and Eutaw Springs, with discharge on 27 August 1782. A copy of the bible record showing their marriage date, twelve children's names and birth dates, with affidavits of men who confirm William's service are included in the application. They resided in North Carolina and Tennessee showing Mary's death date in Anderson County, Tennessee. All this material in one document gives the term "gold mine" new meaning for the researcher.

Some Military Records Available

The service and pension files in the National Archives number in the millions. They are divided into the following major series: Revolutionary War (1775-1783), Old Wars (1783-1811), War of 1812 (1812-1814), Indian Wars (1817-1898), the Mexican War (1846-1848), the Civil War (1861-1865), the Spanish American War (1898), and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902). Indexes exist for all series of pension application files.³ The major microfilms to examine include:

- *General Index to Compiled Service Records of*

- Revolutionary War Soldiers*, M860, 58 rolls. (Most comprehensive index and may refer to several units if a soldier served in more than one unit).
- *Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War*, M881, 1097 rolls. (Access these records through the General Index M860 rolls).
 - *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application Files*, M804, 2,670 rolls. (These records have been abstracted and are published in: White, Virgil D., *Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*, 3 volumes, Waynesboro, TN: National Historical Publishing Co., 1990.)
 - *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the War of 1812*, M602, 234 rolls. (Alphabetical card file, by state).
 - *War of 1812 Military Bounty Land Warrants*, M848, 14 rolls. (Land given originally in AR, MO and IL Territories, after 1842 in any state where land available).
 - *Index to War of 1812 Pension Application Files*, M313, 102 rolls. (Soldier's name and widow, if any, service data, application and certificate numbers).
 - *Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During Indian Wars, 1815-1858*, M629, 42 rolls.
 - *Index to Indian Wars Pension files, 1892-1926*, T318, 12 rolls.
 - *Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Mexican War* M616, 41 rolls.
 - *Index to Mexican War Pension Files, 1887-1926*, T317, 14 rolls. (Soldier, dependent if any, service data, and application number).
 - Microfilm indexes and compiled service records for Union Army volunteers are available from the National Archives for each state. To locate the service record, the state and unit must be known.
 - *General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934*, Series T288, 544 rolls. (Soldiers arranged alphabetically by name with application, certificate, file numbers, state, and service data).
 - *Consolidated Microfilm Index to Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers*, M253, 535 rolls. (Confederate states arranged

alphabetically by name with state, branch of service, regiment, and company).

- *General Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the War with Spain, 1898*, M871, 126 rolls.
- *Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Philippine Insurrection, 1899-1902*, M872, 24 rolls.

This is not a comprehensive list of military records available from the National Archives. Nor does it begin to include all the naval and marine service records available, or military records available in published form. As previously stated, it is only meant to show the beginner a place to begin.

Accessing Military Records

After locating a soldier in the microfilm index, a researcher orders the document on NATF Form 80. Instructions printed on the form explain the ordering process. After locating the claim file, the National Archives staff chooses documents containing personal details of the veteran for photocopying. The staff notifies the inquirer of costs and sends copies after receiving payment.

On NATF Form 80, File To Be Searched, the researcher selects Pension, Bounty-land Warrant Application, or Military. These are listed in order of preference for the amount of genealogical data provided. The Revolutionary War soldier's bounty-land warrant applications and pension application papers are combined. Both files will be sent by requesting the pension files.

To obtain records for Civil War men, the soldier's state and unit need to be included on NATF Form 80. Only those who fought for the Union received pensions from the U.S. government.

The National Archives does not own pension records for men who served in the Confederacy. Confederate pension records are available only from the various State Archives that gave pensions to Confederate veterans or their widows. To obtain the pension materials, a researcher must write the State Archives enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope. The soldier or widow received the pension in the state where he or she resided at the time of filing, not necessarily the state where the soldier enlisted or served. The states that gave pensions to their Confederate veterans and their widows include Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky,

Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.⁴

Example: Nancy THOMPSON's husband, John D., served in the Confederate army from Georgia. She filed as a widow from Oklahoma in 1920 and again from Arkansas in 1923 when she moved to Yell County, Arkansas. She is listed in both state archive records. There is no record of a pension for her in the Georgia Archives.

Many libraries own microfilm copies of the service and pension records of various wars. Numerous books of indexes and service records have been published relating to soldiers. The Dallas Public Library contains an excellent collection of military records. [See box →.]

Importance of Military Records

Military records should always be researched. They can provide information that cannot be located anywhere else.

Example: John D. THOMPSON and Nancy VAUGHN's marriage record was missing since they married in a "burned" county where the courthouse records were destroyed. In the pension application, Nancy states their marriage date and place.

Example: John W. PETERS filed for a pension for service in a Union Cavalry from Tennessee. In his application he responds to a questionnaire concerning his three marriages giving the maiden names of his wives and date and place of marriages. He also tells the date, county, and state where the first two wives died. He names his children. (From this data the researcher can trace the family through census records.)

Military records can provide vital records, clues for migrations, maiden names of women, and prove relationships. An American male born between 1815 and 1845 probably served in the Civil War. "Do not wait until you find a clue that your ancestor had military experience; just go ahead and make your search in the records of the appropriate war."⁵

Notes:

¹Johni Cerny, "Military Records," *The Source A Guidebook of American Genealogy*, (Salt Lake City: Ancestry Publishing, 1984), p. 274.

²National Archives Staff, *Using Records in the National Archives for Genealogical Research*, (Washington, DC: The National Archives, 1990), p. 11.

³National Archives Trust Fund Board, *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives*, (Washington, DC, 1983), p. 123

⁴George K. Schweitzer, *Civil War Genealogy*, (Knoxville, TN, 1988), p. 14.

⁵Val D. Greenwood, *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*, 2nd edition, (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1990), p. 543.

The Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library owns an impressive collection of military records on microform and in published form, including the following:

Indexes to Service Records (Microfilm):

Revolutionary War, 1776-1783
 Volunteers who Served 1784-1811
 War of 1812, 1812-1815
 Indian Wars, 1815-1858
 Mexican War, 1846-1848
 Civil War, Union and Confederate, 1861-1865
 Spanish American War, 1898
 Philippine Insurrection, 1899
 Registers of Enlistments in the United States Army from 1798 to 1914

Service Records (Microfilm):

Revolutionary War
 Confederate Soldiers from Texas

Pension Records (Microfilm):

Selected Records from Revolutionary War
 Pension and Bounty land Warrant
 Application Files

Indexes to Pension Records (Microfilm):

War of 1812
 Indian Wars
 Mexican War
 Old War Series
 Index to Pension Applications, 1861-1936

Indexes to Confederate Pension Application (on microfilm and in print):

Arkansas	North Carolina
Florida	Oklahoma
Georgia	Tennessee
Kentucky	Texas

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

Case Files of Applications from Former Confederates for Presidential Pardons, "Amnesty Papers"

by Kelvin Meyers

Overview

During the Civil War, the Federal government recognized a need for laws to deal with the rebellious acts of the Southern population. *Treason* seemed too strong a word and *death* was a punishment too severe for many of the acts in support of the Confederacy. Congress passed acts of 31 July 1861 and 17 July 1862, that fixed penalties for the crimes of "conspiracy" and "rebellion." The latter act also provided for future pardon and amnesty by Presidential proclamation. The pardon and amnesty would be extended "any persons who may have participated in the existing rebellion...with such exceptions and at such time and on such conditions as [the President] may deem expedient for the public welfare."

President Lincoln issued the first amnesty proclamation on 8 December 1863, which had six classes of persons excluded from pardon. A supplementary proclamation dated 26 March 1864, added a seventh exception. These exceptions mainly provided for persons who served in United States legislative positions and United States military positions who left to serve the Confederacy. It also provided that the excluded classes could make application to the President for special pardon.

In 1865, President Johnson issued a proclamation that incorporated Lincoln's exceptions and added seven others. Johnson indicated that he did not wish to deny pardon to many in the excepted classes, but he "intended they should sue for pardon, and so realize the enormity of their crime." Subsequent proclamations narrowed the exceptions until finally extending amnesty to all "unconditionally and without reservation."

Content

By the fall of 1867, President Johnson had granted approximately 13,500 individual pardons. The principal body of records created and reproduced in this microfilm (73 reels) consists of approximately 14,000 files containing pardon applications and related papers submitted to President Johnson from 1865 through 1867. These applications are mainly unsworn statements by petitioners, but there is a large number of statements sworn before a magistrate. Included in each application is an oath of allegiance signed by the petitioner and, in many cases, recommendations from prominent citizens for clemency or letters from relatives or friends containing pleas for compassion. The individual files often contain considerable information on a pardon applicant's background, his activities during the war years, and his attitude in defeat. Approximately half of the applications are from individuals excepted under the proclamation of 29 May 1865, because of their ownership of property valued at more than \$20,000. This will include women who have *femme sole* status.

Location

The Genealogy Collection of the Dallas Public Library owns the entire collection. It contains 73 reels of microfilm, which are filed in the war collection cabinets along the east wall.

Aids

The pardon application files are divided into three groups: (1) applications submitted by persons from the South; (2) pardon applications submitted by persons from the North and West; and (3) applications submitted by persons who designated no state, territory, or district. Each of the first two groups is arranged alphabetically by state, territory, or district and then alphabetically by first letter of surname. The third group is arranged alphabetically by surname of petitioner.

The introduction to the microfilm (on reel #1) gives the classes of persons who were excluded from the benefits of amnesty under each act. An alphabetical index of petitioners is also contained on reel #1. Indicated beside each name in the index is the state from which the petitioner submitted the application. Below each name are notations indicating whether the individual's papers are to be found in the special files located at the end of the alphabetically arranged records under each state. In some instances, an individual filed at different times from different states. Each state will be shown under the index entry for that individual. In some instances, pardon seekers are mentioned only in the miscellaneous file of the state from which they sought pardon. In such instances, their names are not included in the alphabetical name index.

Examples

Petition filed by G. F. Wells of Laurens District, South Carolina, describes his worth before the war as over \$20,000 but goes on to explain that he is now unable to fix a value to his estate. His amnesty oath is dated 5 July 1865 and the petition contains his original signature. A description of the petitioner is given as 66 years of age, five feet six inches high, grey hair, blue eyes, dark complexion and is a farmer by occupation. Rosanna E. Clayton of Lynchburg, Virginia, filed application for amnesty 26 June 1865 as a *femme sole* with property valued over \$20,000. Her original signature is also on the petition.

Correction to March-April *DGS Newsletter* (Volume 17, Number 2)

The March-April issue of the *DGS Newsletter* contained an article entitled, *My Most Interesting Ancestor, Rebecca Towne Nurse, 1620-1692* by Barbara Roberts Baylis. This article had been an entry in the 1992 DGS Book Award Contest. Following the article was a chart erroneously named an Ahnentafel Chart. The chart style following this article is a *lineage* chart. An Ahnentafel is a numbering system which is known as a "standard numbering system." In an Ahnentafel chart, a person's father is twice that person's number and a person's mother is twice that person's number, plus 1. A later issue of the *DGS Newsletter* will detail charts and their differences.

Please make the following corrections on page 39 of the March-April *DGS Newsletter*:

4th generation marriage should be 7 Apr 1875 (changed from 1912)

11th generation death should be 22 Nov 1695 (changed from 1965)

Bulletin Board

Do you have information you would like to share with other genealogical researchers in DGS? Have you found a "good deal" in genealogy, a rare library, a new source? If so, send the information to us. This column is your forum for exchange. Please send original information only and include the source.

Send to: Bulletin Board Editor; DGS; P.O. Box 12648; Dallas, TX 75225-0648

LDS Catalog on Microfiche

Microfiche reader at home? Would you like a catalog to the world's largest genealogical collection at your beck and call? Pat Law Hatcher pointed out at the March DGS meeting that the LDS Library sells its catalog on microfiche at very reasonable cost. The Locality Catalog lists its holdings for all 50 states and each of the counties for \$33.00; individual states cost considerably less. The IGI may be purchased as well; for example, entries for the state of Texas are on 20 fiche and cost \$3.00. An order blank and further information may be obtained by calling or writing the library in Salt Lake.

Address: Family History Department; The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; 50 East North Temple Street; Salt Lake City, UT 84150. Phone: 801/240-1290.

Coleman Ancestry

If there is a Coleman interest in your background, request a *free* copy of *Coleman World*, a surname quarterly in publication since 1980. This quarterly accepts queries from subscribers and non-subscribers alike and actively solicits material and articles for publication. It tracks all descendants of any Coleman immigrant. The editor has donated a complete set of back issues to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, which will be available for use by patrons as soon as they are bound. Annual rate is \$6.00.

Address: *Coleman World*; Fred W. Field, Editor; 1516 Avenida Selva; Fullerton, CA 92633-1531.

Freedom of Information

Should you feel that your access to public records in Texas is being restricted, questions may be directed to The Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. A handbook explaining the statutes is also available for purchase.

Address: The Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas; 400 S. Record, 6th Floor; Dallas, TX 75202. Phone: 977-6658. Hotline: 1-800/580-6651.

New England Roots

If you have ancestry in New England, New York, Pennsylvania, or the midwest, treat yourself to a membership in the NEHGS. This society, the oldest of its type in the U.S., maintains a research library in Boston; of greater interest to Dallas researchers may be the 20,000 volume loan-by-mail collection. Annual membership is \$45.00; books are loaned for \$10.00 per three volumes ordered. The society also runs a photocopy service for members at \$.25 a page.

Address: New England Historic Genealogical Society; 101 Newbury Street; Boston, MA 02116. Some membership forms may be had in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library.

Problems in Sweden

George Hanson, researcher and genealogist, will be teaching the Swedish language to members of Vasa, the international Swedish association. Both of his parents were born in Sweden, although they married in Pennsylvania, affording him the opportunity to master the language and the intricacies of Swedish genealogy. He has kindly offered to share his expertise with interested Dallas researchers.

Contact: George Hanson at 381-3479.

National Archives Branch in Fort Worth

What, you haven't been to the Southwest Branch of the National Archives? That surely means that everyone in whom you have a genealogical interest lived in Texas prior to 1900, and that you have bought a full copy of the Revolutionary War pension file on all neighbors and relatives of your

revolutionary-era families. But if you've missed an item or two, help is 30 miles west of the Dallas Public Library. This Archive has the U.S. Census 1790-1920, including every roll of Soundex where applicable. Also available are the complete Revolutionary War pension files, not just the first ten pages. There is no charge for using the facility.

Address: National Archives and Records Administration; 501 W. Felix Street; Fort Worth, TX 76115. Phone: 817/334-5525.

New Hours: 9:00-4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, with extended hours until 9:00 P.M. on Wednesday only.

Caution: You may be asked to show a valid driver's license and current proof of insurance on entry at the guard's gate.

Directions: Take I-30 west from Dallas; just before downtown Fort Worth, turn south from the left lane of I-30 on to I-35 West. Continue south on I-35 for several miles to the Felix Street exit. Leave the freeway and turn right at the stoplight onto Felix Street; the Archive is on the left about a mile further.

Friends of the Archives

Memberships and donations are being sought to support the Fort Worth Branch of the National Archives. The funds are used to make available equipment and materials to improve the research experience at the NARA. Annual memberships are \$10.00; donations are accepted in any amount.

Address: Friends of the National Archives, Southwest Region; % Brenda Buchanan, Treasurer; P.O. Box 171091; Arlington, TX 76003-1091

Hawkins County, TN

A family history of Hawkins Co., TN, is underway; many northeast Texas families trace to this early Tennessee county. If you have ties to Hawkins County at any point in its existence, you may submit up to three lines for the book. There is no cost to submitters. Articles should be written in story form, typed and double-spaced, and should be no longer than 700 words each. An identified photo may be included with each submission. Your name and address should be on the bottom of each page and on a piece of paper taped to the back of the pictures. Materials will be returned if a SASE is provided. The deadline for articles is 25 June 1993.

Address: Book Committee; Hawkins County Genealogical and Historical Society; P.O. Box 429; Rogersville, TN 37857.

Bulletin Board - Events

22 May — Developing Basic Research Skills; Dallas, TX

Half-day workshop at Richland College, taught by Sammie Townsend Lee and Kelvin Meyers. Phone: 238-6144

2-5 June — NGS Conference Baltimore, MD

Brochures in the DPL Genealogy Section. Also from National Genealogical Society; 4527 17th St. North; Arlington, VA 22207-2399

5 June & 10 July — Beginner's Genealogy; Lancaster, TX

First meeting dates for the summer courses at Cedar Valley Community College, taught by June Shipley. Phone: 372-8210

12 June — Beginner's Workshop Mesquite, TX

Mesquite Genealogy Society's annual workshop taught by Lola Lindsey at the Mesquite Public Library. Phone: 216-6229

13-18 June — Samford Institute Birmingham, AL

Week-long courses. Brochure: Marilyn Miller Morton; SU IGHR; Samford University Library; Birmingham, AL 35229

6 July — Beginning Genealogy Irving, TX

First session of course at North Lake Community College, taught by Rose Marie Snell. 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. Phone: 659-5200

26-30 July — Genealogical Institute of Texas; Dallas, TX

Week-long courses at the Richardson Civic Center. Brochures in the DPL Genealogy Section. Also: Mary Reid Warner; P.O. Box 799004-118; Dallas, TX 75379

Queries

Queries do not require a Texas connection and are free to members of the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS). Nonmembers should include \$3 for each query. DGS reserves the right to abbreviate and condense queries and assumes no responsibility for their accuracy. Send as many queries as you wish, and they will be printed as space permits. Mail all queries: Editor, *DGS Newsletter*, P. O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648.

THETFORD THEDFORD

Seeking information on Henry Masco THETFORD (THEDFORD) who was born in Tennessee in June 1866. He married Eloise (?) who was born in Apr. 1867 in West Virginia. They were parents of three daughters: Bessie B., born in 1892; Lorna M., born 1894, possibly married O. J. Colquitt; Eloise S., born 1899, possibly married U. E. Hill. In 1900 this family lived on Live Oak St. in Dallas; in 1910 they were living on Bryan St. in Dallas.
Duane L. Patrick, 323 W. College St., Bradford, TN 38316-8614

ALLEN

Seeking information on the family of Robert Grady ALLEN, born in Ferris, Ellis County, Texas, 9 Oct 1892. He died in 1971 in San Leandro, CA. He was married to (1) Dorothea Louise Gehrken, born in 1897 in Detroit, MI. He married (2) Ruth Brown. Robert's parents were Richard Nunn & Hannah Parks (Smith) Allen. Richard was born in Harford Co., Maryland, in 1865. Any help would be appreciated.
Phyllis Hines, 6249 Bridgeview Dr., West Linn, OR 97068

ADKINS

Seeking any information on Fernando A. Adkins, M.D., who died 1920 in Kerens, Navarro County, TX. Need proof of his death. He left a wife, Gwendolyn, who was pregnant at the time with daughter, Jacqueline. Also, seeking proof of birth of Jacqueline 1920 or 1921, place unknown.
Linda Shaddock Rogers, 401 Kimberly Drive, Mesquite, TX 75149

LONG PATRICK GRIFFITH

Seeking any information on Robert F. LONG, born circa 1874 in Dallas, TX. He married Mollie Foster PATRICK in Dallas in 1901. Their only child together was Georgia (LONG) GRIFFITH, born in Dallas in 1904. Georgia's parents might have divorced/separated before she was born. Did Robert Long remarry and have more children? Where is he buried?
Mrs. Linda Burgess, 620 Antioch Rd., Powder Springs, GA 30073-4205

SHACKLEFORD CARLILE

Seeking information on Howard B. SHACKLEFORD, born in SC circa 1797. He married, circa 1824, Margaret CARLILE, daughter of James and Margaret (BOLES) CARLILE, born in 1800 in Abbeville Co., SC. Howard and Margaret moved in the late 1830s to Meriwether Co., GA with their five children. No records located after 1850 census. Where did they move to? When and where are they buried?
H. A. Carlisle, Box 112, Lowndesville, SC 29659

SNEED HATTER

Need parents of James SNEED (born VA in 1790s) and Lucy HATTER (born VA circa 1800). They married in 1816 in Nelson Co., VA. James may be from Amherst Co., VA. By 1837 the family was in Casey Co., KY and in southern Illinois after 1840. The children were: James Madison, Eldridge, Elizabeth, Mary J., Hannah, Josephine, Alexander J., Hester A., Sarah and Adaline. Will share information.
Nova A. Lemons, 12206 Brisbane Ave., Dallas, TX 75234-6528

**PRYOR
MONTGOMERY**

Any help appreciated on William Jackson PRYOR, born in (Morgan Co.-?) TN and died in Rusk Co., TX in 1876. His wife was Martha Jane MONTGOMERY and their children were Mariah, Elmira, Rosalie (born in McNairy Co., TN in 1846), John M., Martha Matilda, Amanda, and Emma L. Is William an older brother of my ancestor Lemuel PRYOR, born circa 1826 in Tennessee? Need their parents. Both men appear on 1849 Rusk Co., TX tax list but not on the 1850 Rusk Co. tax list, Rusk and Smith Co. censuses, or Texas census index. Were they in 1850?

Nova A. Lemons, 12206 Brisbane Ave., Dallas, TX 75234-6528

**LEDFORD
RUFFETT
LORD
SIMPSON
HART
BROMLEY
BURCH
ALLEN**

Need help with families of Moses M. LEDFORD, born 1841/4 Yancey Co., NC and died in 1925 in Byars, Oklahoma. He married Sabra Laraceena (RUFFETT-?), a full blooded Choctaw Indian. Sabra died late in 1900 or early in 1901 in a house fire. Children: Samuel David LEDFORD, born 1868/9, died 1935 in Byars, OK, married Mattie LORD; Lauraceena LEDFORD, married W. L. SIMPSON; Geri Lucinda LEDFORD, married a Mr. HART, she died in Oklahoma in 1953; John Thomas LEDFORD, b. 1882 in Denton Co., Texas, married Minnie Lee BROMLEY; Mozella LEDFORD, b. 1889, married George Washington BURCH; Ada LEDFORD, b. 1891 in Texas and died in California, married Mr. ALLEN. What happened to this family?

Mary Ellen Ledford, 702 Fouts Drive, Irving, TX 75061-4126

**JANES
HARDIN
SLOAN**

Researching the JANES line in Arkansas: Lawrence Co. 1805-1835, Clark Co. 1835-1880. Am interested in exchanging info with other JANES researchers. Other counties of interest are Hot Springs, Hempstead, Lafayette. William JANES (1780/90-1846) was a judge in Clark Co. from 1836 to 1838 and was engaged in farming, brick manufacturing, and operating a ferry. His wife, Jane (possibly HARDIN), also died in 1846. He had close association with James SLOAN. I am trying to identify his siblings (possibly brothers George and Joseph) as well as parents and other associates. Will exchange info.

Linda Shaddock Rogers, 401 Kimberly Drive, Mesquite, TX 75149

**NGS
CONFERENCE**

Is there anyone going to the National Genealogical Society Conference at Baltimore in June with whom I could travel?

Geraldine E. Cook, 992 Viejo Drive DCBE, Granbury, TX 76049-5150

ROYALL

Wish to correspond with anyone doing research on the ROYALL family of Virginia.

Fern Schreiber, 1104 N. Edwards Ct., Irving, TX 75062

**McDONALD
PHELPS
COMPTON
BIGGS
OSBURN**

Seeking information on John McDONALD, married Rosanna PHELPS, born in Tennessee circa 1814, died in 1861. Lived in Jefferson County, Illinois, Texas County, Missouri, and Fannin County, Texas, by 1860. Children mentioned in will: Mary McDONALD, Nicholas D., Maria Jane COMPTON, Nannie BIGGS, and Rosanna Virginia OSBURN. Two other children, Angeline Cornelius McDONALD and Lyna Belle McDONALD were minors at that time.

Craig McDonald, 77 Washington Street, Marblehead, MA 01945-3529

**CO. H
PLEASANT'S
REGIMENT**

Want to contact anyone whose ancestor served in the 1st Ark. Trans-Mississippi Regiment (37th Ark. Regiment) 1862-1863. This was also known as Bell's Regiment and Pleasant's Regiment. This regiment fought at the Battle of Helena on July 3, 1863.

Linda Shaddock Rogers, 401 Kimberly Drive, Mesquite, TX 75149

DGS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1993

Check One: Renewal _____ New Member _____ DATE: _____

Name _____ Telephone _____ / _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Dues: _____ Your Check # _____

Annual, per household \$18 _____

Sustaining Member (\$10 is tax deductible) \$25 _____

Patron Member (\$35 is tax deductible) \$50 _____

Life Membership, per individual (inquire of Treasurer)

For New Members - Surname Exchange: Each new member may submit up to 8 surnames and 1 state for each surname being researched. Example: Johnson, NC. Surnames are printed in the Membership Roster or its update.

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

**Make your check payable to DGS and return today to a DGS Board Member or
Mail to: Membership; Dallas Genealogical Society; P. O. Box 25556; Dallas, TX 75225-1556**

[Rev 2/93]

Summer Lecture Series Seminars: J. Erik Jonsson Central Library Auditorium, 1515 Young Street at Ervay in downtown Dallas. Auditorium is located on the plaza level.

Registration: Begins at 9:00 a.m. and lectures begin at 9:30 a.m. Each seminar will conclude at 4:00 p.m.

Lunch: You may bring a brown-bag lunch, and tables will be provided in the East/West Rooms for your convenience. Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be provided. A list of nearby restaurants will be available.

Parking: Please park in the public lot located to the west of the Library (old Federal Reserve Bank parking lot). This lot is accessible from either Young or Wood Streets. We request that you not park in the Library's underground garage as there are a limited number of spaces for the use of Library Patrons.

↓ PREREGISTRATION FORM ↓

1993 Summer Lecture Series Registration Form

Please use one form for each registrant.

Are you a DGS member? Yes ___ No ___

My check is attached for:

- \$60 for 4 Seminars (\$15 each)
- \$48 for 3 Seminars (\$16 each)
- \$34 for 2 Seminars (\$17 each)
- \$18 for 1 Seminar

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Phone _____

My Seminar Choices are:

- Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck
- Gordon L. Remington
- Baylis, Hatcher, Lee, & Rubeck
- Helen F. M. Leary

Make Check payable to: Dallas Genealogical Society

**Mail to:
DGS Summer Lecture Series
P. O. Box 25556
Dallas, TX 75225-1556**

Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for confirmation ticket(s).

In This Issue

Member's Choice! The 1993 Summer Lecture Series	49
Masthead	50
1993 DGS Calendar of Events	51
An Important Announcement: Capital Expansion Project	52
DGS News	
The President's Message	53
Treasurer's Report	53
Membership	53
Report of the Nominating Committee	54
Writing Award Winners	54
DGS People: The Spring Seminar: Thanks!	54
1993 DGS Fall Symposium: Call for Lecture Proposals	55
DGS Bylaws Changes	55
The DGSCIG	56
1993 Year of the Volunteer: Renee Jackson Smith	57
1993 Summer Lecture Series: Speakers & Topics	58
1993 Writing Award Winner: Essay of 1,000 Words or Less	
"Nancy Emiline Caldwell Lauderdale"	60
Beginner's Corner: Military Records	62
Guide to Resources: "Amnesty Papers"	65
Bulletin Board	67
Queries	69
Membership Form & Summer Lecture Series Form	72

DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 12648 DALLAS, TEXAS 75225-0648

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Nonprofit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Dallas, Texas
Permit No. 7123

PAGE 52

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
CAPITAL EXPANSION PROJECT!**

Volume 17, Number 3 (Issue 148)
May-June 1993