

DCGS NEWS

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A Message from Your President: Diana White

It is hard to believe that September arrived so soon. As the summer turns into fall, or so it seems with the cooler weather and rain, our thoughts turn to our programs and activities for the next year.

On August 3rd, the Society worked with the Denton Public Library on their annual late night at the library. This year, there were 57 in attendance, including a couple who are librarians from Longview. They said they were considering offering something similar to what we have, so they came to see what it involved. We hope to have some new members as a result.

The Friends of the University of North Texas Library would like for us to work with them on a two-hour panel discussion of their genealogical resources. This seminar will be October 27th at the library from 10:00 a.m. until noon. A Saturday morning was chosen to minimize the problems of parking on campus. The panel will consist of persons in different divisions of the library who will point out important collections of use to genealogists. We notify area genealogical societies. More details will be in the next newsletter.

As some of you know, I have terrible handwriting and my typing skills are not much better. Because of these weaknesses, I am very excited about a shareware program available on the Internet. The spread-sheets were created by Gary Minder, 729 Graves Ave, El Cajon, CA 92021 to help researchers organize their census data on a single spread sheet. To download the spreadsheets, go to <http://www.censustools.com>. The spreadsheets are not freeware but shareware. He requests that you send him \$10.00 to cover his work. I think they are very good and worth the price. On this site, he has census extraction forms of many different state censuses, as well.

There is an additional site where you can download forms, which you can fill in on the computer or copy blanks for taking to libraries, etc. The site is The Family Tree Book

THE DENTON COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY MEETS ON
THE SECOND THURSDAY DURING THE
MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER AND
JANUARY - MAY.



1896- Denton County Courthouse-1996

7:00 P.M.
LDS CHURCH
3000 OLD NORTH RD.
DENTON, TEXAS

2001-2002 PROGRAMS

Sep - Ancestor Chronologies
Oct - Leslie Collier
Nov - Digital Cameras
Jan - Evaluating Resources
Feb - UNT Library
Mar - 1930 U.S. Census
Apr - The Non-Population Census
May - Organizing Materials

Store: <http://genealogy.theshoppe.com> There are ancestor worksheets, correspondence sheets, forms for keeping a record of all films ordered, source description form, etc. I believe there are ten different forms available as zip files.

Developing A Time-Line by Holly Hervey

Holly Hervey is a charter member of the Denton County Genealogical Society who began family history research in the 1960's. In addition to research on her own family lines she has traced the families of several friends and many researchers requesting information on their families in Denton County. In the early days of research she, like others seeking their roots, traveled to many states to search their records and learned a great deal about remote research sources. Between 1979 and 1992 she wrote a Heritage Hunters column for the *Denton Record-Chronicle*, giving research advise and printing queries received by the Genealogical Society. By this time the addiction was very bad. In 1994 she went to work at the Denton County Historical Museum, Inc., where she helped establish a research library using records in the Museum's archives and materials collected from researchers using the facility.

The family group sheet form asks for the birth date, marriage date, death date and burial date The Federal Census establishes his presence in a location every ten years. The tax list will show that he was in a certain district every year. What else did he do with his life? By researching the time lines and life patterns of an individual the person becomes real. He served on a jury, worked on a road crew, served in a war and signed a petition. The program this month will explore how to ask the right questions to find your ancestor in records that will verify his place in the family and the community.



News From The Library

NEW ADDITIONS May – August 2001

- Allen, Penelope. *Leaves from the Family Tree* (1982)
G 976.8 ALL
- Beach, Ursula S. *Along the Warioto; or, A History of Montgomery County, Tennessee.* (1964) G 976.845 BEA
Bell County History. G 976.4287 BEL
- Benge, Barbara L. *1880 Cherokee Nation Census Indian Territory (Oklahoma)* (2000) G 970.3 CHE
- Burke, Ashworth P. *Family Records.* (1965) G 929.72 BUR
- Butler, Mann. *Valley of the Ohio.* (1971) G 976.9 BUT
- Chapman, Blanche A. *Marriages of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, 1628-1800.* (c1933, 1982)
G 975.554 CHA
- Chinn, George M. *Kentucky Settlement and Statehood, 1750-1800.* (1975) G 976.9 CHI
- Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Founders & Patriots of the Republic of Texas, Book V.* (2000)
G 929.3 DAU v.5
- Doliente, Sharon. *Maryland and Virginia Colonials: Genealogies for Some Colonial Families.* (1991)
G 975.2 DOL
- Dolzier, Gloria. *Kerrville (Texas) Mountain Sun & Kerrville Advance Obituary and Death Notice Index in 1898-1965.* (1998) G 976.4884 DOZ
1830 Census of Schuyler and McDonough Counties, Illinois. (1971) G 977.34 EIG
Families of Fisher County. (1986) TEX 976.4732 FAM
Fulton County Historical and Genealogical Society Index to 1830 Census. (1974) G 977.348 FUL
The Goodspeed Histories of Giles, Lincoln, Franklin and Moore Counties of Tennessee. (c1886, 1972)
G 976.861 GOO
The Goodspeed Histories of Madison County, Tennessee. (c1887, 1972) G 976.827 GOO
The Goodspeed Histories of Maury, Williamson, Rutherford, Wilson, Bedford and Marshall Counties of Tennessee. (1971) G 976.856 GOO
The Goodspeed Histories of Sumner, Smith, Macon and Trousdale Counties of Tennessee. (c1887, 1972)
G 976.847 GOO
- Grime, J. H. *History of Middle Tennessee Baptists.* (1902)
G 976.86 GRI
- Head, Thomas A. *Campaigns and Battles of the Sixteenth Regiment, Tennessee Volunteers.* (c1885, 1961)
G 976.8 HEA
- Heinegg, Paul. *Free African Americans of Maryland and Delaware, from the Colonial Period to 1810.* (2000)
G 975.2 HEI
- Heinegg, Paul. *Free African Americans of North Carolina, Virginia & South Carolina, from the Colonial Period to About 1820.* [2 volumes] (2000) G 975.6 HEI
- Hendrix, Ge Lee. *The Jury Lists of South Carolina, 1778-1779.* (c1975, 1980) G 975.7 HEN
- Hill, Yates M. *Hill Family Cousins of Early Central Texas – Bowers, Cole, McGehee, Michel, Roessler, Shelby : Descendants and Ancestry.* (1990) G 929.2 HIL
- Hunter, James. *Scottish Highlanders, Indian Peoples: Thirty Generations of a Montana Family.* (1996)
G 978.7 HUN
- Huston, Cleburne. *Bold Legacy : the Story of the Houston-Huston Ancestors.* (c1968) G 929.2 HOU
- Johnston, Ross B. *West Virginia Estate Settlements.* (1985) G 975.4 JOH
- Kelsey, Michael. *Miscellaneous Texas Newspaper Abstracts – Deaths, volume 2.* (1997) G 976.4 KEL
- King, George B. *Greene County, Illinois Marriages, May 5, 1870-Feb. 26, 1891.* G 977.384 KIN
- Lowry, Terry D. *22nd Virginia Infantry.* (1988) G 975.5 LOW
- McClure, Luci. *Abstracts of Ococee District: Early Land Records.* (1990) G 976.8 MCC
Marriage Records, Sangamon County, Illinois, 1821-1840. (1977) G 977.356 MAR
- Murray, Joyce M. *Red River County, Texas Deed Abstracts : vol. 1, Republic of Texas and State of Coahuila and Texas (Mexico); vol. 2, 184-1855.* (1986, 1990) G 976.4212 MUR
- Murray, Joyce M. *Sumner County, Tennessee Deed Abstracts : v. 1, 1793-1805; v. 2, 1806-1817.* (1988, 1989) G 976.847 MUR
- Murray, Joyce M. *Williamson County, Tennessee Deed Abstracts, 1799-1811.* (1919) G 976.856 MUR
- O'Donnell-Rosales, John. *Hispanic Confederates.* (1997)
G 973.742 ODO
- Perkins, David C. *Tazewell County Illinois Marriage Records Index.* (1991) G 977.354 PER
- Ramsey, J. G. M. *The Annals of Tennessee to the End of the 18th Century.* (1967) G 976.8 RAM
- Reid, Frances June. Redford. *Descendants of Francis Redford, Emigrant to American, 1635.* (1990)
G 929.2 RED
- Rejected or Suspended Applications for Revolutionary War Pension.* (1969) G 973.3 REJ
- Roden, Cecile D. *The Journey Across America : The Texas Dentons, 1630-1931.* (1985) G 929.2 DEN
- Saffell, W. T. R. *Records of the Revolutionary War.* (c1894, 1969) G 973.3 SAF
- St. Clair, Gladys. *A History of Hopkins County, Texas.* (1965) G 976.4274 SAI
- Shorb, Linda Pollick. *Lines by Linda [Mahan surnames]* (1982) G 929.2 MAH
- Sistler, Barbara. *Tennessee Land Grants, Surnames: M-Mz; R-Rz; T-V.* G 976.8 SIS

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- Stevenson, Mrs. James Harold. *Index to Wills and Administrations of Arkansas, from the earliest to 1990*. (1986) G 976.7 STE
- Tennessee Genealogical Society. *Tennessee Settlers and Their Descendants : Genealogical Data about Some of the Men and Women Who Helped Shape the Volunteer State*. (1994) G 976.8 TEN
- Thompson, Ruby F. *Finch Families of Dixie – 300 Years in the South*. (1972) G 929.2 FIN
- West Texas Genealogical Society. *A Bulletin of Local History and Genealogy*. (1980-82) G 976.46 BUL
- White, Katherine K. *King's Mountain Men : the Story of the Battle with Sketches of the American Soldiers Who Took Part*. (1977) G 973.336 WHI
- Winters, Ralph L. *Historical Sketches of Adams, Robertson County, Tennessee and Port Royal, Montgomery County, Tennessee, from 1779 to 1968*. (1968) G 976.845 WIN
- Womack, Walter. *McMinnville at a Milestone, 1810-1960*. (1960) G 976.865
- Young, Pauline. *New Index to "Abstracts of Old Ninety-Six and Abbeville District Wills and Bonds*. (1977) G 975.735 YOU

CD's

- 1890 City Directories: Massachusetts, 1885-97; New England States, 1881-1902; New York, 1886-94; Northern Midwest, 1884-98; Pennsylvania, 1887-98; Southern Midwest, 1882-98
- Freedman's Bank Records (Records cover approximately 1864-71 and document names and relationships of those who used the bank – approximately 480,000 names for those with African-American ancestry.)
- Family Search update; the International Genealogy Index Addendum which has been expanded from 17 discs to 31 discs; also includes a Social Security Death Index which goes through March 1999.
- Family Tree Maker Mortality Index: United States, 1850-1880
- Family Tree Maker Topographical Dictionaries: Lewis's Gazetteers of England, Ireland, and Scotland
- World Family Tree, volumes 53-67



2001 Conference Portland, OR

2001 National Genealogical Society Conference - Portland

The day of the conference was here. Miriam (my genealogy friend from our local Whittier Area Gen. Soc.) and I had planned ahead to bring our breakfast. She brought a pot for heating water. She brought cereals and boxed milk. I brought instant hot cereal to be mixed with hot water and individual sized plastic tubs of canned fruit. She is a tea person; and I am a coffee person. We calmly had our breakfast and casually walked across the street to the conference center. It saved us at least an hour in the mornings by not having to go out for breakfast. With nearly two

thousand people hitting the local restaurants at once, this could have been a problem.

In the late afternoon, the day before, we had exchanged our conference registration receipts for our packets containing a 608-page syllabus, which contains all the speaker notes for all the classes. Although heavy, this is a wonderful idea, because I have been in classes where much time is lost in distributing speakers' notes throughout the room. It is a good idea to go through the syllabus, earlier, and put bookmarks (or the sticky tabs that we should never use in library books) for the sessions you wish to attend. Some of the speaker use their notes as an outline for their talk. For others, it is simply the source list for the talk and, for others, additional information.

The opening session of the conference was at 8:30 am. on Wednesday. The officers of the NGS were introduced and various awards were distributed. There was an opening talk by the president, Curt Witcher, who works at the Allen County Library in Indiana; and a Chinese Lion dance. Children, who looked to be from about eight to twelve in age, performed this dance. Portland has a definite Chinese influence. I have been, now, to three national conferences. The most impressive opening ceremony that I have seen was in San Diego in 1995, when the Navy band and the Marine Color Guard performed in the large foyer near the ballrooms.

The Exhibit Hall opened at 10:00 am. Many products were shown here, some for increasing knowledge (genealogically) and other are for fun. Included were preservation materials, books, maps, rulers, key chains, bumper stickers, and even a couple of drawings for quilts. Local genealogical societies had representatives here to offer memberships, as well as their products and services. You could even get baby shower gifts of T-shirts containing statements, "I'm the Newest Twig on the Family Tree," or, "I'm at the Heart of Grandma & Grandpa's Family Tree."

Classes started at 10:30. Each hour, there were ten talks and two Computer Labs. The headings, or tracks, as they are called at conferences, were the same: Methodology, Records, United States, Family Health History, International, Pacific Rim (this varies with the location of the conference), The Basics, Workshops, Computer, Computer Lab. There was an additional fee for the computer labs, as computers have to be installed for use. There was one talk for each of the above subjects each hour.

Different associations and societies hosted luncheons and dinners each day of the conference. Prices to attend ranged between twenty to forty dollars. I attended one luncheon and one dinner National Genealogical Society Library Luncheon (open to all) with Lloyd Bockstuck as the speaker and the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors Dinner (also open to all) with Myra Vanderpool Gormley as speaker. If you attend many dinners, you can see how the price of the conference goes up. I agree with one of our other society (WAGS) members who attended several dinners, "These luncheons and dinners are really overpriced. \$25.00 for a salad luncheon! No salad is worth that much."

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If you are interested in family history, especially if you are a member of at least one genealogical society, I would recommend trying to attend a national conference. The variety of speakers and subjects is simply not available to a local genealogical society. I went to my first conference in 1995 when it was in San Diego. "Too close not to go," I told my family and friends. Then, in 1998, it was in Denver, where one of my daughters lives in a neighboring community. I had no special reason for going to Portland except that it was in the West. Miriam and I talked about going for two years. It is always fun to go new places, and in genealogy, the learning never ends.

In 2002, it will be in Milwaukee and in 2003, Pittsburgh. I won't go to either of those, but maybe you would like to go. Frances Miers Muller, Txresrch@earthlink.net, Whittier, California



Lectures & Seminars

FGS Quad Cities Conference – Sept. 12-15, 2001: This seminar will be underway by the time the newsletter reaches members. It is too bad we do not have a representative in attendance on the first day. The society should order the tapes for two intriguing lectures: - "Avoiding 'Bored' Meetings" by Amy Crow and "Preventing Volunteer Burnout" by Barbara Little. Since the seminar is being held in the Midwest there are many lectures involving research in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and tracing immigrants from Europe into the area. Watch for the tapes of the conference.

North Texas Genealogical Association: Sept. 15, 2001, Wichita Falls, 10th & Broad Church of Christ. Nancy Hengst and Carlian Pittman, Hamilton County Genealogical Society, will share experiences in renovating a building to use as a genealogical library. Michael Collins, Dean of Liberal Arts, Midwestern State University will discuss the Military in 19th Century Texas, especially the Rangers. Norman Lewis, Business and Government, Midwestern State University will explain how to build and maintain a web page. Registration \$20. payable to NTGA, P O Box 4602, Wichita Falls, TX 76308.

Dallas Genealogical Society, Sept. 29, 2001: African American Genealogy Interest Group will present lectures by Tony Burroughs on "The Nature of Genealogy", "Slave Ancestry", Locating Sleepy Hollow" and "Creating Order out of Chaos". The program will be held at the Christian Church C. M. E., 14120 Noel Road, Dallas. The church is located just off the toll-way and Alpha, near the Galleria Mall.

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to individuals, libraries or societies. Dues are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for couples. The membership year begins in June and expires the following May. Members will receive the monthly newsletter, except for the summer months.

Members may submit article of interest. Please cite sources. Queries, reunion notices and book reviews will be also be accepted.

Registration \$30. payable to DGS Lecture Series, P O Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446. Upcoming lectures will be Lloyd Bockstruck, Oct. 20, Curt B. Witcher, Feb. 9, 2002 and Dick Eastman Apr. 6, 2002. Pre-registration for all four lectures is \$95.

Fort Worth Family History Center: Nov. 3, 2001, "Molecular Genealogy – A DNA Approach" will be presented by Brigham Young University Molecular Genealogy Research group. The seminar will focus on the family tree by identification of genetic markers. Registrants are asked to provide a completed pedigree chart, 2 tablespoons of blood and be over the age of 18. There is no registration fee. The seminar will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 5001 Alta Mesa, Fort Worth, TX. Beginning at 10 a.m.

Brookhaven College, 3939 Valley View Lane, Farmers Branch, TX 75244-4997 is offering two courses in genealogy. The first, "Introductory Genealogy" begins Sept. 5, 2001 and runs through Oct. 31, every Wednesday 9 a.m. till noon. The second, "Intermediate Genealogy" is being held every Wednesday from Nov. 7 to Dec. 5, 2001 at 9 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Sammie Lee is instructor for both classes. Call 972-860-4807 or 972-860-4698 for registration information.

Texas State Genealogical Society will hold its 41st Annual Conference Nov. 9 and 10, 2001 at the Sheraton Hotel in Tyler. John Sellers, Barbara B. Wylie and Paula S. Parke will be the speakers at the Friday session. On Saturday Dr. George K. Schweitzer will be the featured speaker. His lectures will be done in the appropriate costume for "Scots-Irish Genealogical Research", "Frontier Religion and its Genealogical Effects" and "German Emigration, Immigration and Migration Patterns." Make reservations before October 19 at the Sheraton Tyler Hotel (903-561-5800) and mention TSGS Group Block. Conference registration is \$60 for Partner members and \$65 for others. Send fee to TSGS Treasurer Danna Elliott, P O Box 27356, San Antonio, TX 78227-7356 by Oct. 29, 2001.

Utah Genealogical Association will present the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, Jan. 7-11, 2001 at the Wyndham Hotel in Salt Lake City. The courses offered will be "American Records & Research: Focusing on Families", "Preparing for Accreditation and Advanced Methodology", Ancestors in the Isles: British, found in FHL Records", "Southern States Research", "Producing a Quality Family History", "Genealogical Research using the Internet", "Research Methodology: Problem Solving I & II", "Becoming Master of Your Genealogy Computer Program" and

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“Genealogy Librarianship”. Some of the instructors are John Philip Colletta, Patricia Law Hatcher, Paul Smart, Kory Meyerink and Alan E. Mann. Contact UGA at 1-888-INFO-UGA, or email info@infouga.org, or on the web at www.infouga.org.

GENTECH 2002 will be held in Boston January 25-26, 2002. This is the 10th year for GENTECH and how it has grown. The New England Historic Genealogical Society will host the conference. For information write GENTECH2002, c/o NEHGS, 101 Newbury St., Boston MA 02116-3007 or visit their website at www.gentech.org/2002.



What I Did on my Summer Vacation By Holly Hervey

In January plans were being made to go to the National Genealogical Society Conference in Portland. Then one day a brochure came announcing a genealogical cruise to Alaska, featuring John Philip Colletta and Helen Leary as speakers. Portland was forgotten and plans made for this new adventure.

Before the cruise, we stopped in the Seattle area to meet a second cousin once removed with whom we had corresponded for some time. This cousin was the son of the author of the Woods Family History, written in 1909, that was the basis for most of the research since conducted on that family.

We all gathered in Vancouver, British Columbia on May 27, for the experience of a life time aboard the Regal Princess. After a sailing celebration by the cruise line, our group of eighteen gathered in the Dome Lounge to get acquainted and prepare for the conference, which would begin the next day. Seven of our party had just come from the Portland conference. Some people never get enough genealogy! But they felt they owed themselves this trip after the work their host societies had done in preparing for the NGS conference.

Our sessions were held while the ship was at sea, but since this was an inland-passage cruise, the shoreline with its snow capped mountains were close enough to observe out the window of the Captain's Lounge where our seminar was held. The first day, John Colletta and Helen Leary alternated lecturing on the “Fundamentals of Family History Research”, “Real People, Real Records”, “Published Resources” and “Pre-850 Original Records.”



On the morning of the second day the talks were “Post-1850 State and County Records” and Research Problems and Plans Designed to Solve Them.” In the afternoon, it was time to explore Juneau and its salmon fish

hatchery, the Mendenhall Glacier and enjoy a salmon bake – all in the rain. But, who cared. We sailed from Juneau to Skagway during night.

Early Wednesday morning we set out from Skagway by bus to follow the trail of the gold rush miners into the Yukon Territory. The ground was still covered with snow at the top of White Pass. We returned to Skagway by the narrow gauge railroad and prowled the shops in town before boarding the ship. During the night and into the next day we traveled into Glacier Bay and watched the glaciers calf into the water. We saw bear, whales, sea otters and bald eagles and took far too many pictures trying to capture each special moment.

On Friday we were back at sea on our way to Sitka. The morning was spent in Sitka, touring the raptor center and being entertained by the New Archangel Dancers, an all-female group who specialize in Russian folk dances. The buildings in Sitka reflected their Russian heritage. Bald eagles entertained us diving for fish in the bay. Sitka, the largest city in the United States is on an island, with no roads in or out so this might be a good place to hide away from the world.

On Friday afternoon we were back at sea and our seminar continued. “Migration and Migration Trail” by Helen Leary and “Post-1850 Federal Records” by John Colletta occupied the remainder of the day. The best thing about small classes is the availability of all the participants to share information and to have the undivided attention of the speakers.

Saturday was the last day of our on-board seminar. During the morning Helen Leary discussed “Evidence Evaluation” and “Ancestor Timelines and Life Patterns.” That afternoon John Colletta discussed the “Family Narrative: A Reliable Document and A Readable Story.” We had a chance to purchase a signed copy of his books, *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record*, *Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans*, and *Only a Few Bones: A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and Its Aftermath*.

Saturday night we had a farewell gathering in the Dome Lounge to discuss the seminar and our trip. We also had a chance to evaluate the cruise and the seminar and to make suggestions about future seminars to be held aboard a ship bound somewhere. Both speakers have committed to participate in future seminars.

A separate discussion of the ship board experience could consume pages but that should be left for a future participant to discover.

GenCruise.com was planned by Richard Miller and J. Mark Lowe, who want interested participants for future cruises. The next cruise will be October 6-13, 2002 to the Western Caribbean on the Grand Princess. If this type vacation sounds appealing, contact richard.miller@wku.edu and get your name on his mailing list. We will see you on board!





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Tanna **Kovich**, 2801 Bolin Road, Santa Fe, TX 77510 is looking for cemetery records and other information for anyone in the **Nicholas** and **Rochester** families who were on the 1900 Census for Denton County. Some of the **Rochester** family members were Reubin, Manora, Fannie, John Charles, Jim, Frank, William, Jacob and Annie. Annie **Rochester** married Jessie **Stanley** 24 Feb 1906 in Denton.

Lynn **Clark**, P O Box 1577, Blanchard, OK 73010 is looking for Enoch Jackson **Needham** and wife Sina Matilda **Leath** in Denton County prior to 1880. They were found in the Jack County, TX, 1880 Census. Enoch was born in McNairy County, TN 29 Aug 1847, the son of Alfred **Needham** and Mary **Dyer**. Alfred supposedly died in Texas in 1893. Enoch and his wife moved to Oklahoma before 1910. Sina died in Pottawatomie County, OK, in 1916 and Enoch died in Pontotoc County, OK, in 1935. Their oldest daughter, Matilda Elizabeth **Needham** married William "Tony" **Wade** in 1884, probably in Jack County. William **Wade's** father was C. T. **Wade**. Anything found on these families would be appreciated.

Carol H. **Brown**, 1 Shannon Way, Saratoga Spring, NY 12866 send a copy of a marriage license from Denton County for J. A. **Cannon** and Miss E. D. **Caloway** dated 7 Dec 1890. The marriage ceremony was performed by J. P. **Adcock**, Minister of the Gospel. Ms. **Brown** states that the only names she has are John **Cannon** and Emma **Calloway**. Evidence is needed to verify which town the marriage was performed in, the full names of the participants and any other information about their families.

Barbara Parks **Howe**, 1155 Warner Rd., Little Torch Key, FL 33042 is a descendant of John Dudley **Parks** and wife Eugenia **Simmons** who lived and died in Denton County and are buried in I. O. O. F. Cemetery. The couple was active in the Sul Ross Camp of Confederate Veterans and the Katie **Daffen** Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mr. **Parks** was County Clerk from 1888-1890. They came to the county about 1882. Their daughters were Anna and Mabel. Anna married Otis M. **King** and Mabel married Frank M. **Rayzor**. John D. **Parks** had a sister, Helen, was married to C. A. **Smith**. That couple is also buried in I. O. O. F. Cemetery. Mrs. Howe is seeking descendants of Anna Parks **King** and Mabel Parks **Rayzor**.

Randal **Son**, 10701 Mill Creek Road, Walla Walla, WA 99362 is the grandson of Mary Marcella **Walker Webb**, daughter of Henry Clay **Walker** and wife Nancy **Mattingly**. She was born in Frisco, TX about 1900. According to her obituary, she married Claude Samuel **Webb** 12 Dec 1916 in Dallas, TX. Claude was born 1992 in Gallatin, Sumner Co., TN. Henry C. **Walker** may have been a Cherokee Indian, but have no proof. Any information on the family of Claude

Webb would be helpful.

Lawanda J. **Tanner**, 102 W. Kingwood, Lovington, NM 88260 is the great-great-granddaughter of Jane **Carpenter Bates** who died in childbirth 24 Dec 1874. She married Louis Hamilton **Bates** 2 Nov 1873. She is buried in Swisher Cemetery beside her mother, Margaret **Hager Carpenter**, in the Solomon **Carpenter** plot. Solomon was Jane's younger brother. They were born in North Carolina and came to Denton County after 1870 from Missouri. Ms. **Tanner** would like to correspond with any relatives of this family.

Mary Alice **Dickenson**, P O Box 138, Angel Fire, NM 87710-0138 is seeking the burial location of William Alfonso **Johnson**, who is supposedly buried in or near Pilot Point, TX, but is not in any cemetery listing. William **Johnson** is a "mystery" ancestor. The family never discussed him. He was married to Lilli Leanor **Hittson**, but the couple divorced before his death. She later married William Mack **England** and moved to Des Moines, NM where she died in 1952. Lilli was supposedly born in Pilot Point in 1868. According to the 1870 Denton County Census, her parents were William D. **Hittson**, deceased, and Eliza. Her siblings were William F., John H., Martha J., Mary E., David S., Beaton S. and Charles.

paulad@jps.net states that Alonzo Tapline **Davis** was her great-grandfather. He lived in Denton in the early 1930's. He was a minister there. His wife was Lone **Bell**, sometimes called Lonie. She was a Cherokee Indian. The couple moved to Oklahoma and then to California. He has children buried in an old church cemetery.

New Members

Ethelmae Benson, P O Box 443, 79 Stuckey Rd., Gordonville, TX 76245 is researching the family of her late husband, Carl Henry Benson. His grandfather's name was Isaac Benson. Family tradition states they were Indians who never lived on the reservation or registered as Indians. They were farmers who came to the Greenville/Garland area back in the late 1800s from Green Forest, AR. Her email is eben-son@texoma.net

Nancy Lewis, 2505 Cape Hatteras Ct., Denton, TX 76210, nancylee@airmail.net has ancestors who came into Pennsylvania early. She is anxious to have advice on getting her research materials in order.



- I. Call to Order
- II. Introduce Guests
- III. Minutes & Treasurer's Report
- IV. Librarian's Report
- V. Project Coordinator's Report
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business



Minutes

The May 10, 2001 meeting of the Denton County Genealogical Society was called to order by Diana White at 7:05 p.m. The speaker was Dale Odom, who discussed migration patterns into the early Peters Colony and Denton County.

The minutes of the February 2001 meeting were approved with motion by Linda Touraine and second by Bob McCombs. The minutes of the April 2001 meeting were approved with motion by Bob McCombs and second by Linda Touraine. The Treasurers Report was approved as printed, with one exception. The ending cash balance should be changed to read April 30, 2001 instead of February 28, 2001. Motion was made by Bob McCombs and second by Willie Malone. The treasurer also reminded members that dues for the coming year are now payable.

The Texas Sheriff: Lord of the Count Line, by Thad Sitton, was donated to the Denton Public Library in the name of Helen Whitten. (Her sister, Mrs. J. Frank Clark, of Dallas Texas, acknowledged the donation, stating that the book was appropriate since their grandfather, John Simeon McConnell, was the sheriff of Tom Green County for several years.)

Linda Touraine announced that the Ancestry program is now on the computer at the Public Library. The subscription costs \$600.00 per year, with \$100.00 additional charge if the program is added to another computer.

Several years ago the Society made a policy to donate books to the library in the name of deceased members or their spouses. Dorothy Hickingbotham, who died recently, was a former member and had donated a large portion of her genealogy collection to the Public Library. Some of the materials were in need of rebinding, or placed in hard cover for library use. Mattie Frank Pierce made a motion to contribute a sum toward this project. Mary Tate made the second. Bob McCombs amended the motion making the limit \$30.00 to be spent. Mary Tate made the second and the motion passed. Diana White is to contact the library and follow the progress of the processing the collection into the library.

Mary Tate reported that she still had packets to hand out to anyone interested in obtaining obituaries. Diana White reported that Mary LaJean Sherrill is better and will return to the City to finish editing the birth records.

There will be an executive meeting held in early June to plan the programs for the coming year. Program suggestions are welcomed. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

On June 12, 2001, the Executive Committee met to plan the programs for the coming year. No other business was conducted at this meeting. Respectfully Submitted, Holly Hervey, Secretary.

DUES MUST BE PAID THIS MONTH

Treasurer's Report



Through August 31, 2001

Bank Balance on April 30, 2001	\$1,991.89
Funds Deposited	
1 Will Books	25.00
2 Death Books	50.00
Dues	182.00
Research	15.00
Interest—4 months	<u>9.44</u>
Total Funds Collected	\$ 281.44
Funds Disbursed	
P.O. Box Rent	45.00
Denton Public Library-Whitten	25.00
Newsletter Printing & Postage	<u>80.13</u>
Total Funds Disbursed	<u>\$150.13</u>
Cash on Hand August 31, 2001	\$2,123.20

<u>Number of Paid Members (Married Couples count as one)</u>						
96-97	97-98	98-99	99-00	00-01	01-02	02-03
41	59	55	49	44	21	3

	<u>Will Books/Cost</u>	<u>Death Books/Cost</u>
Copies Sold	146 3682.06	110 2454.72
Printing	200 -1618.62	300 -1593.15
Consignment Fee	-300.00	-210.00
Postage & Mailing	-376.62	-154.29
Sales Tax Paid	-113.93	-75.42
Advertising	<u>-101.00</u>	<u>-237.45</u>
Profit	1,171.89	184.41

Books bought April, 1995 thru May, 1996	576.59
Books bought June, 1996 thru May, 1997	217.76
Books bought June, 1997 thru May, 1998	577.92
Books bought June, 1998 thru May, 1999	182.50
Books bought June, 1999 thru May, 2000	44.95
Books bought June, 2000 thru May, 2001	318.50

Respectfully Submitted, Bob McCombs, Treasurer



Deadline
for
October
Newsletter is
September 28th!

