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A Message from Your President: Diana White

How to develop a chronology could be a dry subject, but Holly certainly put on her creative cap when she planned our September meeting. Her demonstration of how to use sources to create a family history through chronology was very interesting. We really did enjoy it.

We hope that all of you will feel like coming to our October meeting. Leslie Collier of Dallas will give the same program she gave at the NGS Seminar last spring. She investigated Federal Land Records to prove the information in Laura Wilders' Little House books: a unique idea. All who are interested in researching land records should be sure to come. Those who want to hear an interesting presentation should be here too.

We will be co-hosting the first UNT Friends of the Library Seminar on October 27th at 10 a.m. Parking will not be a problem since it is on Saturday. There is more information concerning this presentation in another article. Be sure to call for a reservation, although there is no charge.

Please consider serving as a volunteer for the library [Public] on the special once a month Friday evening opening. The planned time is from 6:30-9:00 p.m.. See Carole Weller for more information.

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being paid for 2001—2002. If you feel that this is in error, please see our Treasurer, Bob McCombs. If payment is not made by the November newsletter deadline, then you will not receive any more newsletters until payment is received. Don't miss a single edition! Send your payment now!

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

One Heck of a Genealogist: Laura Ingalls Wilder by Leslie Smith Collier

Laura Ingalls Wilder: that's her name. Perhaps she's familiar to you? Laura's intimate stories of pioneer life describe vividly the joys and the sorrows of a bygone era. But her greatest gift is to the family history community, for in writing her books she talks of real people and places in a way that brings them alive. This talk quotes snippets from her tales and then mounts them against the actual, and very typical, records left by the Ingalls and Wilder families. Laura's lesson to us is that the documents left by our own ancestors have a story to tell, if only we listen closely enough. Little House on the Prairie is set in DeSmet, South Dakota. Grandma and Grandpa lived ten pages away on the census of Little House in the Big Woods. The witness on the Charles Ingalls land case file is Royal Wilder. There was a long hard winter, and the Ingalls family did move into town to live in the railroad surveyor's house. Records (land, census, tax, etc.) and pictures are applied to great effect.

Yes, this lecture is a story, but it's true. It teaches that our ancestors are people, too. The accompanying handout focuses on searching for local history and contemporary accounts that will better describe our forebearers' lives.



Summary: Laura Ingalls Wilder is a clincher. Through her books and stories we come to appreciate that the records left by our own ancestors tell tales, too, if only we listen. Stories from the Little House books are actual historical records with photos interwoven.



News From The Library

NEW ADDITIONS August - September, 2001

BOOKS

Davenport, Robert. *Roots of the Rich and Famous*. (1998)
G 920 DAV

Nobles, Charles N. *A Nobles Family in the United States*.
(2001) G 929.2 NOB

Pitts, Alice E. *Collin County, Texas, Families*, 2 volumes.
(1994/1998) G 976.4556 COL

CDs

Family Search : 1880 United States Census (35 Discs) and
National Index (20 discs)

Texas Sanborn Maps (8 Discs)

NGS 2001—Portland

Frances Miers Muller

Several times during this four-day conference, I was either in the presence of or participated in conversations about how we choose talks we attend. The conversations usually started when someone would say, "I have noticed that people attend talks by their favorite speakers rather than attending talks on subjects that they wish to know more about." Hmm, I tended to do this. After thinking about it, for several days, I see nothing wrong with this. After all, I discovered these favorite speakers when I attended talks about which I wanted to know more.

I attended three talks by Leslie Smith Collier. She is the newest on my list of favorite speakers. She speaks slowly, distinctly, her delivery style commands attention, and she gives useful information. All three of her talks were in the Methodology grouping and all three were excellent, despite the fact that she had a terrible case of laryngitis and was talking over it. I had first heard her speak on land records at a genealogical institute in Dallas in 1996. This was when I discovered her.

Her first talk at this conference was "Piggyback Genealogy." The description was, "Your ancestor did not live alone. Hitch a piggyback ride on the records of his friends to learn more about your family if you can identify his associates. Adjust your focus more widely to search others." This is a good description of the talk. In short, she suggested that we research the neighbors, extended family, and other names found on land and death records in order to find information about your family and she described how she did this.

The next day, I heard her talk, "Unlucky William Casteel: Confessions of a Hurried Genealogist." Here, she described how she had found William Casteel, years ago, when she

was only looking for names and dates, which is called "s. o. b." Or "straight-on-back." She summed up her talk in her notes as "The lesson of William Casteel is this - immerse yourself in the lives your ancestors led. Don't be satisfied with mere names, dates, and places, for these are as dry as the dust they have become. We can best know those who paved our way if we research their lives and times broadly instead of through the narrow focus of a genealogical microscope." If your ancestor was a farmer, find out what farm life was like in the years he was living. What was the topography of his land; his accessibility to main roads? What type of equipment did he use? What national, state, and county events occurred during this time? She encourages us not to be S.O.B. genealogists. In her notes, she ended with "Slow down, spread wide your nets, and gather riches." This is my newest fascination. I have learned it is called social history.

On the last hour of the last day, her last talk was scheduled, "One Heck of a Genealogist." How many reading this were "Little House on the Prairie" TV fans? Anyone who was a fan of this show or the books would have loved this talk, genealogist or not. Knowing that this story was based on a real family, Leslie Collier researched this family as if it were her own. Her talk and notes are filled with historical facts of the time period that concern family life, literacy, birthing information and how they tie into this family. Through her research, she has learned that the names in the Little House books were the actual names of the people except for two families (two families that gave her a good deal of pain). The Ingalls family's land purchases are recorded in land records and they are in the census records. When the Ingalls moved into a new area, the home they left behind is found in later records as owned by either Charles' or Caroline's family. In fact, this was one of the points of this talk - that families stick together even though separated for years and miles. As with her talk on William Casteel, she encourages us to study how our family lived. She suggests sources to check when our family did not leave personal record.

She says, "It is easy as a family historian to become so involved in the intricacies of searching for records that we forget that our predecessors were real people with real loves and hates, with strong points and weak ones."



- I. Call to Order
- II. Introduce Guests
- III. Program—Leslie Smith Collier
- IV. Minutes & Treasurer's Report
- V. Librarian's Report
- VI. Project Coordinator's Report
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Announcements & Adjourn

NGS Library Gets New Home



The National Genealogical Society's circulating collection of more than 20,000 volumes will have a new home by the end of this year. At its September board meeting in Davenport, Iowa, the NGS Board of Directors ratified its decision to create a strategic partnership with the St. Louis County Library. The NGS circulating collection, part of which is currently housed in off-site storage, will be moved to the St. Louis County Library where it will be available to researchers by January 2002. In February of 2002, the NGS circulating book collection will become available in its entirety for interlibrary loan to both NGS and non-NGS members throughout the country.

Both NGS and the St. Louis County Library are committed to significantly growing the circulating collection so that members have a dramatically larger number of books available to them via interlibrary loan. The St. Louis County Library staff will handle loan services previously processed by the NGS librarian and volunteers. The county library's experienced interlibrary loan staff and their expert special collections librarians make this partnership particularly strong. Loans will be executed in a timelier manner and will usually be less expensive for the researcher. Special collections librarians will assist in answering reference questions generated by the loan service.

This partnership will enable the NGS librarian and the volunteers to focus on providing programs, projects, and access to other important materials such as the NGS manuscript collection, which will continue to be housed at the NGS headquarters site in Arlington, Virginia. An exciting new project is the development of plans for a genealogical reference help-desk. This help-desk will give members access to reference and referral services to help them find and interpret historical and genealogical information. Tailored to the individual needs of each researcher, this will be a tremendous benefit to NGS members.

NGS will continue to accept donations for the circulating collection, and with its partner, make these additional materials available to the entire genealogical community. While the St. Louis County Library will maintain its core genealogy collection as a non-circulating reference collection, the NGS circulating collection will provide the whole genealogical community with access to a significant and growing circulating collection of genealogical reference materials.

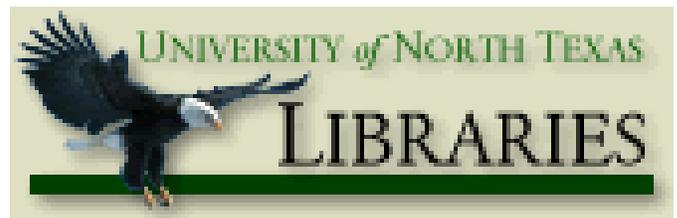
The National Genealogical Society's core mission is education. It is committed to forming strategic partnerships that will increase benefits its members as well as the whole genealogical community. This strategic partnership increases important services without duplication. The NGS

Board of Directors is dedicated to exploring all possible avenues of increasing member benefits while working to fulfill the society's core mission as a service organization that leads and educates the national genealogical community.

More information about the National Genealogical Society and its many programs and services can be found at the society's web site: <http://www.NGSGenealogy.org>. The society's mission and objectives can be found at the following link: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/amission.htm>.

Information about the St. Louis County Library Special Collections can be found at: <http://www.slcl.lib.mo.us/slcl/sc/sc-genpg.htm>

Contact: Curt B. Witcher President, National Genealogical



LOOKING FOR YOUR ANCESTORS

**An Introduction for the
North Texas Community
George Mitchell
Saturday, October 27, 2001
10:00 A.M. To 12 Noon
Willis Library, Room 035**

Attendees will learn how to access the rich resources of the UNT Libraries to find evidence of their ancestors. A clue in one area often will lead to discovery in another.

Presentations will include Texas County and City Histories collection in Rare Books, Archives, General reference and Government documents.

The panel of presenters will be: Mary Durio, Curator of Rare Books and Texana Collection; Richard Himmel, University Archivist; Stacy Anderson, Reference Librarian and Karrie and David Hardin, Genealogical Researchers.

Sponsors of the event will be The Friends Of The UNT Libraries, in cooperation with the Denton County Genealogical Society, Inc.

For an idea about the breadth of UNT's family and local history resources, search the Libraries web site, <http://www.library.unt.edu/>, using keyword "genealogy."

Parking for The Willis Library is located on Highland Street, south of the UNT Administration Building, Denton. Highland is one-way, going east from Avenue C. Convenient parking is available on Saturday in D zone spaces of Lot 30 across from the steps leading up to the library mall.

This presentation is free of charge. Coffee, juice, and pastry will be available at 9:45 a.m. To register please call 565-2769.



Lectures & Seminars

Family History Seminar, October 13, 2001, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Lewisville LDS Stake, 615 MacArthur, Copell, Texas. It is too late to register for a syllabus or lunch, but you can register at the door for the 22 free workshops (3 in Spanish). For information call 972-393-6976 and leave a message.

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, you missed. 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

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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.

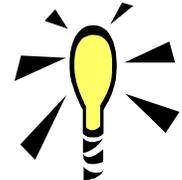
Members may submit article of interest. Please cite sources. Queries, reunion notices and book reviews will be also be accepted.

Program" and "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.



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THAT



M. T. Tabor, Jr., 2617 Big Oaks Drive, Garland, TX 75044-7445, former Quarterly Exchange/Mailing Chairman of the Garland Genealogical Society, has written to inform all interested parties that the Garland Genealogical Society will not be publishing a quarterly in the foreseeable future. Volume 10, #2, was the last quarterly that the Society published. It was mailed July 19, 1999. Mr. Tabor had submitted his resignation as Quarterly Exchange/Mailing Chairman at that time and no one was appointed to replace him.

Johnie Lee, Rt. 2, Box 327, Detroit, TX 75436, johnie_lee@hotmail.com, is advertising a new book on Lamar County and Red River County titled *It Happened in Post Oak (or Thereabouts) – A slice of Lamar and Red River County History*. The book is a comprehensive history of an approximate 25-square mile area along the Lamar/Red River County line, centering on the Post Oak Community. Also included are histories of the nearby communities of Red Oak, Walnut Ridge (in Lamar County) and Cross Roads (in Red River County). The time period covers, roughly, 1840-1960, and many families are traced to their former residences in other states. The cost of the book is \$49.95 plus \$3.52 tax and \$3.50 shipping, payable to Johnie Lee at the above address.

Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools, P O Box 413, Fredericksburg, TX 78624 advises that in November voters will have the opportunity to vote on Proposition 13 which is a "constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize the board of trustees of an independent school district to donate certain surplus

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property of historical significance in order to preserve the property". Currently SB 116 applies only to schools donated under the Gilmer Aiken Act of 1948 and are used as Community Centers. For more information contact the Friends at www.savetexasruralschools.org or email them at ruralschools@savetexasruralschools.org.

The LDS Church has released a new tool for Scandinavian research. The eight disc vital records index for Scandinavia on CD-ROM contains 4.5 million records from original birth, christening and marriage certificates from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. The CD-ROM set is available at Church distribution centers worldwide or on the internet at www.familysearch.org.

The Postal Connection, 7000 Independence Parkway, Suite 160, Plano, TX 75025, 972-618-8815 announces that they carry a variety of genealogy items in their store. They have hand-colored family trees by artist, Tony Matthews. Rootstamps offers a large selection of rubber stamps related to genealogy. They also have a selection of books geared to the family researcher. The store hours are Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Payne County Genealogical Society, P O Box 2708, Stillwater, OK 74076-2708 announces several publications for sale. *Payne Co. Marriage Book* Vol. I (1893-1907) and Vol. II (1908-1916) at \$30 each. The *Payne County Probate Index* (1890-1951) is \$20, *Collection of Obituaries from Stillwater NewsPress*: Vol. 1, A-E, Vol. 2, F-M, Vol. 3, N-Z are \$45 each, or set of 3 for \$105. There is also an *Index to Collection of Obituaries from the Stillwater NewsPress* for \$12. *The Payne County Cemetery Index*, containing 67 cemeteries with 37,500 name entries is available from the author, Mahlon G. Erickson, P O Box 1565, Stillwater, OK 74076 for \$60. The other books are available from the genealogical society and the prices include shipping and handling.

Ancient Faces, www.ancientfaces.com is a free visual genealogy website. AncientFaces contains thousands of old photos that families have shared for free over the internet. Having these old photos online allows other members of the family to share a common past with distant relatives. It also allows the researcher to add pictures from their collections to share with others. Visitors are encouraged to share family stories, recipes newspaper clippings and other materials to add a more personal touch to genealogy.

Just four miles west of downtown Columbus, Ohio, is Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery, the final resting place of 2,163 Confederate soldiers from thirteen different southern states. These soldiers died between 1862 and 1865 while at the Civil War prison camp located there. The information contained in the database was compiled from an actual reading of each grave marker in the cemetery as well as information contained in the book *The Story of Camp Chase*, which was written in 1906 by William H. Knauss. It includes each soldier's name, military company and unit, date of death, and grave number. Some records also include the soldier's rank. Source Information: Sekeres, Michael, comp. "Camp Chase Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio: Franklin County." [database online] Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 2000. Original data:

Original cemetery and *The Story of Camp Chase*, Nashville Methodist Episcopal Church, 1906 and Camp Chase Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio: Franklin County. The article was taken from *Ancestry Daily News*, June 11, 2000. To search the database, go to <http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/inddb/5642.htm>.

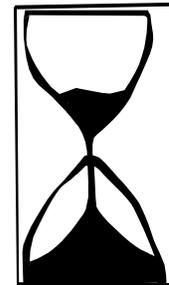
A tombstone entry from a cemetery in England:

"Remember man, as you walk by,
As you are now, so once was I,
As I am now, so shall you be,
Remember this and follow me."

To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone:

"To follow you I'll not consent,
Until I know which way you went."

100
Years
Ago



The average life expectancy in the United States was forty-seven.

Only 14 percent of the homes in the United States had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. A 3 minute call from Denver to New York City cost \$11.00

There were only 8,000 cars in the US and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was ten mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the twenty-first most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in the U.S. was twenty-two cents an hour. The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1500 and \$4000 per year and a mechanical engineer about \$5000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the United States took place at home.

Ninety percent of all U.S. physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee cost fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason, either as travelers or immigrants.

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The five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

Drive-by-shootings -- in which teenage boys galloped down the street on horses and started randomly shooting at houses, carriages, or anything else that caught their fancy -- were an ongoing problem in Denver and other cities in the West.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was thirty. The remote desert community was inhabited by only a handful of ranchers and their families.

Plutonium, insulin, and antibiotics hadn't been discovered yet. Scotch tape, crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

One in ten U.S. adults couldn't read or write. Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Some medical authorities warned that professional seamstresses were apt to become sexually aroused by the steady rhythm, hour after hour, of the sewing machine foot pedals. They recommended slipping bromide -- which was thought to diminish sexual desire -- into the women's drinking water. Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores. According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and the bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."

Coca-Cola contained cocaine instead of caffeine.

Punch card data processing had recently been developed, and early predecessors of the modern computer were used for the first time by the government to help compile the 1900 census.

Eighteen percent of households in the United States had at least one full-time servant or domestic.

There were about 230 reported murders in the U.S. annually. Contributed by Sue Solomon



Deadline
for
November
Newsletter is
October 26th!



VETERAN WALKING TO THE REUNION

BY MARION McCRELESS
LEWISVILLE, TX

J. C. Williams, a Confederate veteran seventy-two years old, whose home is with his son, near Lewisville, Tex., is walking to Macon, Ga. of Company I, Regiment, and the war. He was and was in Camp some of the time. had the opportunity to attend a Reunion, and be unable to go to solve to make Having a knapsack the one he carried started on his February 27. The Dallas to Macon hundred miles, expects to walking his knapsack. fashion, without the confidence with whom he

He was a member 20th Mississippi served throughout wounded twice, Douglas Prison N ever having nity to attend a ing financially Macon, he re- the trip on foot. sack made like during the war, he journey afoot on dis tance from is about eight and Mr. Williams all the way, carry- He goes in soldier gun, worthy of and respect of all may come in contact. This is written to assure all who may see him that he is in every respect a worthy veteran and a sincere gentleman.



J. C. WILLIAMS.



**MORE
THIS & THAT**



An alternative source for 1790 & 1800 VA burned census records. A new web site makes tax records readily available: <http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~ysbinns/vataxlists/index.htm>

For personnel records of those who served in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) write: National Personnel Records Center, Civilian Personnel Records, 11 Washington Street, St. Louis, MO 63118.

The second edition of Cyndi Howells, *Cyndi's List: A Comprehensive List of 70,000 Genealogy Sites on the Internet* (2001), 2 Vols., xxvi + 1,614 pages; indexed, soft cover, perfect-bound; \$89.95. Order from Genealogy Publishing Co., Inc., 1001N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202. Include \$3.50 for shipping.

Net Speak: Egosurfing. Using a search engine such as Alta Vista or DejaNews to see how many times your name is cited. (From the TechWeb Tech Encyclopedia.)



Minutes

The September 13, 2001 meeting of the Denton County Genealogical Society was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Diana White. Our guest, Gloria Delaney, was acknowledged. It was announced that one of our early members, Rebecca Reid Porter of Pilot Point, had died. She was very active in the Pilot Point Cemetery Association and other historical projects in Pilot Point. The reading of the U. S. Constitution by members of the D. A. R. is to be held September 17, 2001 outside the Courthouse on the Square. On September 28 the Denton Public Library will be open from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for genealogy researchers and volunteers are needed to help. The event has been advertised in the newspaper. Depending on attendance, the time may be changed in October.

The North Texas Friends of the Library at the University of North Texas have planned a two-hour program on Saturday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. at the Willis Library. Librarians and archivists from different departments with genealogical material will discuss their holdings. Bob McCombs made a motion to have the Society participate. Yvonne Mesler made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Diana White stated that she is to be on a panel including Bill Lynch and Natalie Massengale to discuss Denton County genealogical resources which will be held in the 1896 Room at the Courthouse on the Square on September 22, 2001 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The public is welcome to this event.

Census Tools is a shareware program that can be downloaded and used for census entry for any year between 1790 and 1920. The program is capable of compilations and can also accommodate state census information. It is available for \$10 from www.censustools.com.

The minutes from the May meeting were accepted with motion from Holly Hervey and second by Bob McCombs. The treasurer's report was accepted with motion by Bob McCombs and second by Holly Hervey.

Linda Touraine reported that the library was processing the donations from Dorothy Hickingbottom, a former member, and Marcella Henderson, mother of member Martha Len Nelson. The library is purchasing several books on Panola County, a history book and two volumes of court records. These books are sold through Ericson Books. The library has also acquired the 1880 Census on CD-Rom from the LDS Church. They have also purchased the Sanborn maps on CD-Rom for the state of Texas. A motion was made by Yvonne Mesler and second by Jean Pekara to purchase *Confederates of Elmwood: A Compilation of Information Concerning Confederate Soldiers and Veterans Buried at Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee*, by John W. Cothran as a memorial for Dorothy Hickingbottom. The motion passed unanimously.

No proofreading of the Denton Birth Records was done

during the summer. Mary Tate announced that she still has packets to hand out for obituary research.

After the program, Diana White announced that the National Genealogical Society was moving its interlibrary loan books to the St. Louis, Missouri public library.

The program in October will be Leslie Smith Collier who will be discussing the use of Federal Land Records in research.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Holly Hervey, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report



Through September 30, 2001

Bank Balance on August 31, 2001	\$2,123.20
Funds Deposited	
Dues	65.00
Research	<u>10.00</u>
Total Funds Collected	\$ 75.00
Funds Disbursed	
Newsletter Printing & Postage	<u>59.93</u>
Total Funds Disbursed	<u>\$ 59.93</u>
Cash on Hand September 30, 2001	\$2,138.27

Number of Paid Members (Married Couples count as one)

96-97	97-98	98-99	99-00	00-01	01-02	02-03
41	59	55	49	44	27	3

	Will Books/Cost	Death Books/Cost
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

