



Connections

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Adventures in Genealogy

Pat Mc Dowell



Pat Mc Dowell

Pat is a fascinating speaker. Though she got involved in Genealogy rather late in life, the experience gained during the 30 years that she owned her own consulting firm has helped her become a very clever researcher. She specialized in organizational analysis/development, training for executive leadership and sales training. I think her ability to see the big picture and her keen analytical practice helped make her a fine genealogist.

She spoke to us two years ago, just before she left on a trip to rural Missouri to learn more about her family. I was reminded of what an amusing person she is during a conversation with her recently when I asked her about that adventure. I felt we would all enjoy and learn from hearing about her experiences.

Pat will recount some memories of her Pursuit of the Past! She said she will share anecdotes, tips for locating sources, personal contacts and related experiences.

"They were all memorable, though most unexpected and unanticipated."

Genealogy Adventures as a Continuing Feature

Many of us have experienced the excitement of going to the area where our ancestors settled... to the old court house and finding dusty and yellowed documents that told so much about their lives.

Then driving to the land where they had built their homes, saw the schools and churches where they had married and christened their children.

Perhaps, we were even fortunate enough to meet other descendants still living in the neighborhood.

There is nothing more exciting to a genealogist, than making this connection with previous generations.

Lets share some of these adventures from time to time during the coming year.



**Saturday
October 27
Our annual
Dinner
On The
Grounds!**

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The President's Message

Bob Franklin



August was a slack month for many GenCom members as we did not have a monthly meeting.

The August board meeting and Program Planning session went quite well. Patte Bettis and Pat McDowell have agreed to co-chair the Program Committee. As it stands now, we have programs scheduled through February.

GENFEST planning is also coming along nicely thanks to all the diligent work Patte has put forth. There will be a GENFEST planning session after the September meeting. It is important for the members who are going to demonstrate programs or display genealogical material to come prepared with your ideas and plans. Also be prepared to stay for the planning session. This year GENFEST will have a new format. Displays and program demonstrations will all be conducted at tables placed around the edge of the room. Members and guest can move from table to table and chose what interest them. After lunch, the Scottish Society will present a program at 2:00.

I think GenCom should have a strong focus on the genealogical programs that host our family trees. I have asked several members to be the contact person for some of the various programs. Don Davis will continue to give support information for the all popular Family Tree Maker. Joy Stephenson will be the Master Genealogist support person. Pat McDowell will be the support person for Roots Magic.

Bernie Conradi will be our new Technical Advisor and Windows support person. Bernie will give us a special Windows report at each meeting, something new for GenCom.

Bob

Carolina Ancestors? Check this out!

New Dobson book to be out next month!



DIRECTORY OF SCOTS

in the Carolinas, 1680-1830. Volume 2
(Available October 2007)

Publication of David Dobson's "Directory of Scots in the Carolinas, 1680-1830" in 1986 was the first attempt to build a comprehensive list of Scottish settlers in that region. Since 1986, Mr. Dobson has gathered an overwhelming amount of new information on another thousand early Scottish emigrants to North and South Carolina based on his research in Scotland, England, and the U.S., but especially at the National Archives in Scotland. Similar in scope and arrangement to the original, this sequel to the 1986 volume contains those findings.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9811&NLC-GenPointers1

THE LOYALISTS in North Carolina

During the Revolution

To the genealogist, the Appendices at the back of this book will doubtless hold the greatest interest, for herein are found (1) lists of soldiers and civilians who supported the Crown throughout the Revolution, (2) lists of Loyalists who suffered land confiscation, (3) lists of Loyalists who made application to Great Britain for compensation for loss of office or property, and (4) lists of North Carolina Loyalists who received pensions from Great Britain.

Was \$29.50 Now \$21.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1415&NLC-GenPointers1

Texas Weapons of Choice

Trevia Wooster Beverly (Contributed By Bob Reed)



Reading newspapers is a terribly addictive pastime. I was supposed to be looking for something specific, came across this and thought I'd share it.

What does it have to do with genealogy? Are you descended from one of these men? Or did one of your ancestors have a like weapon? Did your ancestor serve in the fight for Texas Independence?

Jim Bowie was married, and had two children who died young. No descendants, but his brother, John Jones Bowie, married America Watkins, sister to my Virginia Watkins. The younger kids in the family do not yet have a real appreciation of family genealogy but they love the 'romance' of Jim Bowie and his lesser known brothers, the story of the Bowie knife (designed by brother, Rezin Bowie) and Jim's lost San Saba silver mine (I think I see a glimmer of a treasure hunter in the family).

Texas weapons of choice were mentioned in a Houston Chronicle "Texas Magazine" article on Oct. 6, 1985. Reproductions of these were sold as commemorative items for the Texas Sesquicentennial.

"Stephen F. Austin carried two tomahawks. Jim Bowie was known for his hand-to-hand combat and carried two of his 'Bowie knives.' He had a sword which he left in his brother's care when he moved to Texas. --

Travis probably owned both a European straight-blade sword and a cavalry sword. The Knecht-Lamothe sword on display at the Alamo was chosen as the commemorative sword for Travis. -- Houston, however, was a man of the sword. "Gen. Sam Houston won Texas independence from Mexico with his battle scimitar in hand." The sword is on view at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville. "

Of course, there were commemorative items of all kinds offered during this celebration period: maps to sculptures to pins, pens and lesser items.

Should you have any Texas Sesquicentennial commemorative item, be sure you record it appropriately and if it's something you want a grandchild or other person to inherit, make sure you make your wishes known . but first,

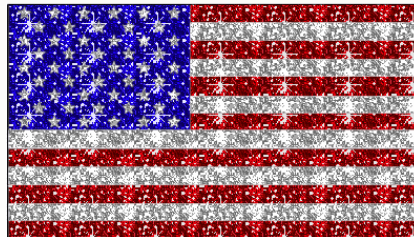
be sure that person knows its history and wants the item.

If you had an ancestor who served in any war, a study of the weapon he would have carried will add flavor to your family history.

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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

Americans can read the news before it was history on new Web site "Chronicling America" offers historic newspapers from six states and D.C. in first release



www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica

WASHINGTON (March 21, 2007)-The National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress today announced that "Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers" is debuting online with more than 226,000 pages of public domain newspapers from California, Florida, Kentucky, New York, Utah, Virginia, and the District of Columbia published between 1900 and 1910.

The text of the newspapers is fully searchable, and search terms can be limited to a particular state, a specific newspaper, by year or years of publication and even by months.

The new site is available at www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica. "Chronicling America" is produced by the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). NDNP, a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Library of Congress, is a long-term effort to develop an Internet-based, searchable database of U.S. newspapers with select digitization of historic pages, as well as information about newspapers from 1690 to the present. Supported by NEH's We the People program and Digital Humanities Initiative, this rich digital resource will continue to be developed and permanently maintained at the Library of Congress.

Ultimately, over a period of approximately 20 years, NDNP will create a national, digital resource of historically significant newspapers from all the states and U.S. territories published between 1836 and 1922.

Also on the Web site, an accompanying national newspaper directory of bibliographic and holdings information directs users to newspaper titles in all types of formats. The information in the directory was created through an earlier NEH initiative, the United States Newspaper Program.

The Library of Congress will also digitize and contribute to the NDNP database a significant number of newspaper pages drawn from its own collections during the course of this partnership. For the initial launch the Library of Congress contributed more than 90,000 pages from 14 different newspaper titles published in the District of Columbia between 1900 and 1910.

"It is one thing to read about historical events from the perspective of historians, narrated with the value of hindsight. It is entirely different to read the story as it was happening," said NEH Chairman Bruce Cole.

"Chronicling America will be available to the American public for free, forever. The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world. Its more than 132 million items-books, newspapers, periodicals, manuscripts, maps, photographs, films, sound recordings and digital materials-are accessible through its 22 reading rooms on Capitol Hill. The Library's newspaper collections have grown to comprise more than 1 million current issues, more than 30,000 bound historical volumes and more than 600,000 microfilm reels. NEH media contacts: Elissa Pruett at (202) 606-8446 or Noel Milan at (202) 606-8439 LOC media contact: Guy Lamolinara at (202) 707-9217

"The Library congratulates all the partners in this extraordinary program to make historic newspapers available through our Web site," said Librarian of Congress James H. Billington. "The National Digital Newspaper Program is providing access to one of our best sources of information about what was considered important to Americans at a given point in time."

In March 2005 the following six institutions received the [first NDNP grants](#) to digitize papers in their respective states from the first decade of the 20th century:

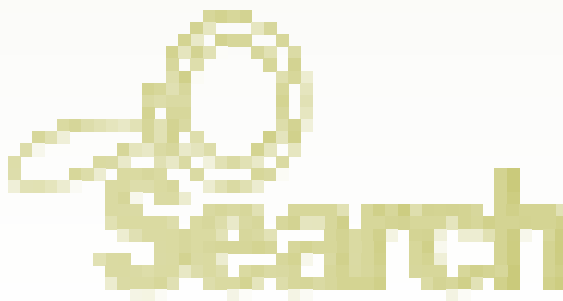
- University of California, Riverside, \$400,000;
- University of Florida Libraries, Gainesville, \$320,959;
- University of Kentucky Libraries, Lexington \$310,000;
- New York Public Library, New York City, \$351,500;
- University of Utah, Salt Lake City, \$352,693; and
- Library of Virginia, Richmond, \$201,226.

New NDNP awardees will be announced later this summer.

Created in 1965 as an independent federal agency, the **National Endowment for the Humanities** supports learning in history, literature, philosophy, and other areas of the humanities. NEH grants enrich classroom learning, create and preserve knowledge, and bring ideas to life through public television, radio, new technologies, museum exhibitions, and programs in libraries and other community places.

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Carolyn's Corner

Carolyn Franklin

Carolyn's Tips and Tricks for September 2007

Vintage radio shows for you to listen to online in mp3 format, all for free.

<http://www.radiolovers.com/>

Music "Oldies but Goodies"

Juke box favorites

<http://www.jhegarty.com/sounds/music.htm>

BIG BAND ERA SELECTIONS

<http://hometown.aol.com/cle1019/index.htm>

Game Pegz

A new variation of the classic Chinese Checkers game.

<http://www.gamescraze.com/games/?g=pegz.swf>

Want to learn more about the internet?

This is an Internet tutorial by AARP (American Association of Retired Persons).

This site instructs you how to do many useful things on the Internet. You will learn how to create and organize Favorites, how to make text larger, how to customize your browser, how to capture Internet information, and much more. Each lesson contains written information along with pictures of what you actually see on the computer screen.

<http://www.aarp.org/learninternet/>

F7 Spell check

Finished writing a word document?

Hit F7 to spell check before saving it! It also works in composing email in Outlook Express. It's fast and simple, Try it.

I collect and save recipes to my computer

This is a list of common shortcuts that I keep nearby. They are some of the ones I use the most: You must use the number key pad on the left of your keyboard. The numbers at the top will not work.

For the Degrees symbol: ALT + 0176 = °

For the Cross symbol: ALT + 0134 = †

For the Trade Mark symbol: ALT + 0153 = ™

For the Copyright symbol: ALT + 0169 = ©

For the 1/4 symbol: ALT + 0188 = ¼

For the ... symbol: ALT + 0133 = ...

For the cents symbol: ALT + 0162 = ¢

For the Registered symbol: ALT + 0174 = ®

For the 1/2 symbol: ALT + 0189 = ½

For the 3/4 symbol: ALT + 0190 = ¾

That is all for this month. Let me know what you think about these tips. Carolyn

CEMETERIES, FUNERAL HOMES and OBITUARIES:

" . . . Beyond the edge of time, there is a place where happiness and rest wait hand in hand, and sunlight skips across the very face of God. It is a place where everlasting peace has embraced your loved one and taken this very special person home. . . . a loving God always knows best." - Poem by Linda E. Knight



Sites of Memory: Historical Markers, Memorials, Monuments and Cemeteries.

- * Cemetery: Cemeteries by Country - List of Famous Cemeteries
- AGS: The Association for Gravestone Studies
- Cemeteries and Cemetery Records: Interment.net
- Electronic Journal Devoted to Cemeteries
- Cemeteries and Cemetery Symbols
- Cemeteries, Graveyards, Burying Grounds
- Cemetery & Tombstone Transcriptions & Death Registers Online
- Find A Grave and Saving Graves
- Genealogy.com: Virtual Cemetery
- List of Tombs and Mausoleums
- Mausoleum: List of Mausolea
- Plotting a Trip to the Cemetery
- RootsLink Search Results - Cemetery

Funeral Home: Funeral

- funeralCENTRAL™
- Internet Directory of World Wide Funeral Homes
- * Historical Marker: The Historical Marker Database
- * Memorial and Monument: Monuments and Memorials by Country
- The Church Monuments Society: Links
- Death Memorials in the WWW
- List of Noted Memorials: War Memorial

* Obituary: Deaths in 2007 and Previous Years

- Free Obituaries On-Line
- Obituaries 101 (Canada)
- Obituaries on Yahoo!® News
- Obituary Central
- Obituary Daily Times Search Index of published obituaries world wide.

* Resource Information: Death Customs

- * USA:
- Legacy.com™
- Legacy.com/ObitMessenger (USA)
- National Obituary Archive (NOA)™
- Nationwide Gravesite Locator
- Search for burial locations of veterans and their family members.
- ObitsArchive.com (USA)
- Obituaries 101 (USA)
- Obituaries Search (USA)
- Online Searchable Death Indexes & Records (USA)



THE CYBER COMMAND

The NLA PCUG has issued a special invitation to GENCOM to attend a meeting to be held at the Science Lecture Auditorium LSUS at 7:00 September 27.

Jack Barnett says “We are a computer-oriented group attuned to the advantages and efficiencies made available in many different ways through computer usage.” As many of us are Barksdale retirees. It is logical that we should be most interested in this historic development.

Lt Col David Fahrenkrug of Eighth Air Force will speak on the mission of this powerful new major command.” Its purpose will be to prevent attacks on the electric and cyber networks that control and link military, industrial, and other operations., and to give us the ability to conduct war through electronic impulses. While Barksdale currently has the upper hand in securing this operation, it isn't a foregone conclusion that it can stay. Our show of support will be a consideration as the “powers” make a final selection”

I am sure we have all been intrigued by the stories which have appeared in The Shreveport Times regarding the proposed development of the Cyber Command at Barksdale. On Sept 11. Gen. Pace briefed the Shreveport City Council. Last night The Secretary of the Air Force, seemed to intimate that Barksdale is to be the home of the Cyber Command! (The official announcement is expected Tuesday the 18th).

Of course, the protection of our country is the underlying purpose and goal of the project, but the benefit to the community is inestimable.—As well as to the future of Barksdale. There will be high financial impact on the job market with thousands of high tech, high paying jobs .and the birth of a whole new knowledge based economy! Satellite industries are already investigating property in the surrounding area.

It seems that public approval and community acceptance are important factors in the approval of this plan. We are asked to show our support by attending this meeting! I look forward to seeing you there!

Patte Bettis

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