



## DGS Recognizes 2011 Award Recipients

The DGS Awards for 2011 were presented at the DGS Awards Luncheon on December 10<sup>th</sup>:

**The Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award** is presented to an individual for outstanding contributions to the genealogical community on a national level. In 1994 Lloyd himself was the first to receive this award that now bears his name, and this year he accepted the award on behalf of Brent Holcomb. Carolyn Davis, who presented the award, commented that this year's honoree, Brent Holcomb, continues in a distinguished line of recipients which includes Christine Rose, David Rencher, and Elizabeth Shown Mills among others.



*Lloyd Bockstruck accepts the award for Brent Holcomb from DGS Secretary Carolyn Davis.*

Brent has been a professional genealogist since 1973 and has authored or co-authored more than 100 books. In addition to his family history research expertise, he holds a master's degree in Musicology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Brent began speaking on genealogical topics in December 1975, when he addressed the quarterly meeting of the Georgia Genealogical Society in Atlanta. Since that time, he has spoken all over the South from Maryland to Texas (including Dallas and Ft. Worth), as well as in Colorado and at several national conferences. He continues to conduct workshops and seminars throughout the country.

A native of South Carolina, Brent has received awards for his work from both national and state genealogical groups, including the NGS Award of Merit, a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Society of Genealogists, the Award of Merit from the South Carolina Genealogical Society, and the President's Award from the South Carolina Genealogical Society. In addition, Brent has been editor since 1977 of the quarterly *South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*. In the words of one of the DGS Awards Committee members, he is the 'go-to guy for SC genealogy'."

Contacted for an interview for this article, Brent said he was honored by the award and noted he has spoken to DGS several times and always enjoyed it.

**The Heritage Preservation Award** is presented for outstanding contributions in the field of archival or historical preservation in the greater Dallas community. In announcing Carol Roark as the 2011 recipient of this award in recognition of her distinguished career as manager of the 7th floor Texas and Dallas Collection and her dedication to heritage preservation, Sammie Lee said:

"Historians, archivists, preservationists, and record keepers are all collateral cousins of the genealogist and there is a bit of these designations in all of us who do genealogy. These professionals live in the past, present, and future. They preserve and keep the records of our historical and genealogical past so that we may use them in the present and to allow future generations access when their need comes.

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## President's Column

David Temple

As 2011 ticked away, thoughts of change for the New Year occurred. Many times I have resolved to approach a most dreaded word for many genealogists, "organize." But I'll be honest; physically sifting through the many files of paper that have accumulated over the years just scares me to death.

But when better than in January to begin thinking about what can be done to better organize one's research? Not everyone has stowed away their research in the gigs of bytes on their PC. Some prefer paper: whether it is copies of original documents, actual photos, letters, maps, or pages and pages of notes. Whichever format you choose, your research files will take up space.

So plan to make time each month to review your binders, file cabinets, banker's boxes, and storage bins; look through those piles that may have grown on your table or desk; or through that hard drive and all of the its folders. Then put it all together in a way you can find it when you later need it. Yes, it may take more than a few hours, but it will force you to reconsider some conclusions you reached in the past. And it may cause you to finally pitch that research you spent months on before you found that your proposed great grandfather wasn't yours after all!

DGS has added a number of articles in the *Resources* tab on its website over the past year, including a collection of articles by our own Pat Hatcher. Take a few minutes to read her *Five Steps to Organizing Your Research*. She describes a different organization process, that of planning the research you are going to do. Resolve today to plan your research during 2012.

Your Board is excited about the events it has planned for 2012 and is looking forward to the first lecture. One of the great, younger genealogical speakers will be in Dallas on March 24<sup>th</sup> for a one-day workshop. Plan now to come learn from D. Joshua Taylor. Have a Happy New Year!

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## Education

### Awards Luncheon

We had a great awards luncheon on December 10 with deserving people being awarded the Society's and the Dallas Public Library's recognition for their work. You can read the articles about the awardees in other parts of the newsletter. Thanks go to the many people who helped put on the luncheon, including Barbara Ware, Jim and Pat Stone, Lloyd Bockstruck, Janet Khashab, Janine Khashab and her friend Rachel, Carolyn Davis, and Sandra Crowley.

### Programs

For those of you who missed the RootsTech conference in February we have just the speakers for you. Tony Hanson, Sandra Crowley, and Kathleen Murray will give a presentation on some of the topics presented there at our March meeting. In April Brian Collins will teach us how to research in the *Dallas Morning News* Archives and in May Lynell Moss will discuss research strategies for using, abstracting, analyzing, and correlating the information in locality associated records.

### Salt Lake City Trip

We will be going to Salt Lake City to research in the Family History Library September 12-19. This is a Wednesday to Wednesday trip instead of our traditional Sunday to Sunday trip. Some of last year's attendees found a steep increase in plane fares on Sundays so we decided to move the dates to lower the transportation costs. We will be giving more information in the near future.

### Speakers

The Society has been receiving requests from community groups for speakers to make brief presentations to their organizations about genealogy. These are not professional presentations but beginner level. We would also like to make beginner presentations and other activities to tie in with the television programs "Who Do You Think You Are?" and the PBS show "Finding Your Roots" when they air in the spring. If you are willing to help, please send me an email to [education@genealogy.org](mailto:education@genealogy.org).

## DGS Presents 2011 Awards (cont'd)

The Texas and Dallas History Collection is all about preserving the past and present of Dallas and the State of Texas through books and serials, manuscript and photo collections, clipping files, maps, and anything Texas. The 7<sup>th</sup> floor collection is what it is because for the past twenty years there was a woman in charge who cared so much about the preservation and archiving of our regional materials. It is her lifeblood.

Carol Roark is both a librarian and a certified archivist. She is a member and past president of the Society of Southwest Archivists. She is a preservation consultant and was editor of five volumes of the *Tarrant County Historic Resources Survey Series*, as well as author of *Fort Worth's Legendary Landmarks* and *Fort Worth Then and Now*. In September 2011 she happily retired from the Dallas Public Library to pursue other interests and is currently serving as the interim Director of Preservation Dallas.”



*Carol Roark accepts award from Sammie Lee.*

Carol considers herself a cultural historian who is interested in people, their cultures and things they create, particularly architecture and photographs. Looking at genealogy from a distance, she didn't think that it fit her interests because it was so individual and family centered. However, she discovered that learning genealogical research tools greatly enhanced her research skills. She found pieces of information that she would never have found otherwise.

**The Volunteer of the Year Award** is presented to the DGS member who stands out for having generously volunteered time, expertise, talents and abilities to the Dallas Genealogical Society during the previous year. In the words of presenter Jean Larson: “That certainly describes this year's recipient of the award, Sandra Crowley. Sandra has gone above and beyond in providing her considerable skills to the Society this year.”

At the beginning of Board term 2010/11, Sandra was the Society's representative to FGS, a position she had held since 2009. When the Vice President of Education position became vacant, she volunteered to assume that position. Later when the critical position of VP of Fundraising suddenly fell vacant, she took on a leading role in the Board committee that was formed to take over this job, which she handled with considerable skill. Sandra holds the position of Vice



*Sandra Crowley accepts award from Ora Penn.*

President of the Society for the 2011/12 term.

In addition to her position in the Dallas Genealogical Society, she has been elected the Vice President of Membership for the

Texas State Genealogical Society (2012-2013), and is currently the President of the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society, and President of the Eules Library Foundation.

She has a business degree from the University of Memphis and has more than 25 years experience working with technology products from design to marketing, including serving as Vice President of Marketing and as a marketing consultant for several technology companies, including ColorSpan Corporation, Gelco Expense Management and Hewlett-Packard.

Born in Tennessee, she grew up attending family reunions where she developed a natural curiosity about her family, which led to her researching her family history for more than 20 years. Sandra is a frequent speaker at local and national genealogical events, including RootsTech 2011 and 2012. She also teaches PowerPoint, Online Genealogy, and Family Tree Maker classes at Tarrant County College, which allow her to combine her interest in genealogy with her technology background.

**The Award of Merit** is presented to a DGS member for outstanding volunteer contributions over many years. Sammie Lee presented this award to Barbara Ware for her long-time hard work, dedication, and contributions to DGS, which she summed up as follows:

“Throughout the history of the Dallas Genealogical Society, there has always been a unique group of members who are the real backbone of DGS. They are the worker bees. Some may work a few years and move on. Others are always working. We see them doing one task or another, great or small. They are dedicated to genealogy and to the society's goals. Sometimes they are very much in the foreground. Sometimes they work in the background without calling attention to themselves.

The 2011 Award of Merit recipient is one of those members who is always willing to do whatever job needs to be done, in addition to working on specific projects.

Whether she is preserving the records of one of the most historic cemeteries of Dallas while also making them easily accessible, or she is making sure we get the best on-line website and news delivery, Barbara Ware is a worker bee. Now that she has retired from a distinguished career with the Dallas Independent School District, we are pleased that DGS is getting a lot more of her time and talent. While she has received other awards from DGS for her services to the Society, this year we are privileged to present her the 2011 DGS Award of Merit.”

**The Genealogy Section Library Award for Volunteer Service** was presented by library liaison Sharon Perry-Martin who described this year's award winner, Fran Hawkins, as follows:



*Barbara Ware accepts Award of Merit from Sammie Lee.*

“The Genealogy Staff at the Dallas Public Library chose Fran Hawkins as the Volunteer of the Year Award for her great spirit, dependability, and willingness to help anyone who comes to the Genealogy Division. She shows up, without fail, for her volunteer shift each week, always smiling and ready to help researchers with their needs. She is very knowledgeable about the collection in the Genealogy Division, so if staff is busy and a researcher needs help, she helps them cheerfully and professionally. She is always courteous and cheerful to everyone, and researchers, volunteers, and staff all look forward to her volunteer day.”



*Fran Hawkins and Sharon Martin.*

Fran says she started her research in 1999 with her native Texan mother, using the resources in the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Genealogy Section, and continues working on her southern lines. In 2006 she turned to her paternal grandfather, who emigrated from Denmark in 1902. She has followed his Larsen family back several generations and says her most incredible experience was her visit in 2009 to the farming villages where her paternal ancestors lived. Alvin Harper recruited her to work the volunteer desk, and she thanks him for introducing her to a very rewarding experience.

### Seeking Editor for DGS Newsletter

Retired? Work part time? Work full time but really organized? Have a way with words? Believe in the DGS Newsletter? Volunteer to be the Editor!!

The Publications Committee is working hard to make the Newsletter as relevant, useful, and entertaining as possible, but we need an editor to help us make it happen.

Responsibilities include:

- following up with contributors of regular content and articles to meet deadlines
- editing submitted copy
- completing layout of newsletter
- managing publication schedule for each issue
- meeting with the Publications Committee as needed (much of this can be done via online communication – no attendance at Board Meetings is required)

Qualifications:

- ability to edit/write clearly
- familiar with word processing/desktop publishing (Word, Publisher or similar)
- photo editing experience a plus
- acquainted with accepted standards for genealogy publications

If interested, send an email to:

[editorial@dallaskgenealogy.org](mailto:editorial@dallaskgenealogy.org) with details of your background and qualifications.

## Special Interest Groups\*

### **Technology - 1st Thursday of each month; 6:30 p.m.**

**March 1, 2012 - Studio, 3rd Floor**

"Understanding Optical Character Recognition" - DGS member Kathleen Murray will provide an overview of OCR and how it is employed in the genealogical community. This presentation will help you understand some of the strange results you may encounter when searching documents (such as newsletters) that have been indexed utilizing OCR technology.

### **Brown Bag - 1st Thursday of each month; 5:00 p.m.**

Do you want to learn advanced methodology skills and techniques? Then this is the place for you. Currently the group is focusing on writing genealogical research reports and will be looking at other projects in 2012.

**No February meeting**

**March 1, 2012 - Check DGS website for details**

### **Jewish - 3rd Tuesday of each month, except December; 10:00 a.m.**

For anyone with actual (or suspected) Jewish ancestral lines. Learn the terminology of the Jewish faith and race, and the differing methods for researching these families. Emphasis is put on the cultural differences which often lead to differing genealogical research methods and records.

**February 21, 2012, McDermott Room, 8th floor**

### **MAC Gen - 2nd Saturday of even numbered months, except December; 10:00 a.m.)**

**February 11, 2012** - "How to Turn your Genealogy Reports into a Book using Word"

**April 14, 2012** - "Creating a Family Tree Website with Reunion," Carolyn Davis

### **AAGIG - 3rd Saturday of each month; 2:00 p.m.**

February 18, 2012 - Pamela Safisha Hill, Ph.D., Founder Act of Change Dallas, TX

March 17, 2012 - Emma Harrell

*\* Dates and times subject to change based on holidays and library closings.*

Visit [www.dallaskgenealogy.org](http://www.dallaskgenealogy.org) to learn more about Special Interest Groups.

## Welcome New Members

John Bunning

Sheniqua Cummings and Jerry Michael (AAGIG)

Gerelyn Janet Reynolds (AAGIG, surnames: Everett, Wright, Jordan)

## Depiction of Ninth Great-Grandfather Found at AHAC Museum

*Shirley Remnant Sloat*

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts [AHAC], formed in 1638 as the first chartered militia organization in America, was a training facility for the earliest settlers of the first towns in the Massachusetts Bay area: Boston, Charlestown, Dorchester, Watertown, Braintree, Cambridge, Saugus, Ipswich, Lynn, and Newbury. The mostly Puritan settlers learned to work together to effectively defend their families and settlements. The organization has been housed in the center of Boston in the upper floors of Faneuil Hall since 1746, where today there is an interesting and well-kept museum of artifacts and history associated with the organization's past and present.

My tenth great-grandfather, John Johnson, served as the Clerk of the AHAC in its first year, 1638; his son Isaac Johnson became a member of the group in 1645 and served as its Captain in 1667. Isaac was killed at the battle known as "The Great Swamp Fight" fought on December 19, 1675, in what is now South Kingston, Rhode Island. Other ancestors involved in the early years of the group included my ninth great-grandfathers Isaac Johnson, William Lyon, Lawrence Smith, and Francis Chickering, and eighth great-grandfather John Pease.

In hopes of shedding additional light on those ancestors, I contacted AHAC Executive Secretary Brigadier General Emory Maddocks to schedule a visit. I also hoped to find some idea of my ancestors' appearance – a difficult goal for that period of time, with no cameras and few portraits.

Executive Secretary Maddocks greeted me and Ed Millis on our arrival and introduced us to the Assistant Curator (now Museum Interim Curator), Staff Sgt. Chuck Fazio, who shared material



*Shirley Sloat and Chuck Fazio, Museum Interim Curator.*

that included copies of historical information about each of the men I had named. He had taken these from the first volume of the primary AHAC history publication, the four-volume set *History of the Military Company of the Massachusetts now called The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts 1637-1888*, by Oliver Ayer Roberts, published in 1895.<sup>1</sup>

Sgt. Fazio provided the history of the AHAC and the museum, liberally interlaced with entertaining tidbits about Boston and Massachusetts. His enthusiasm made history come alive, and our visit was truly memorable. The walls of the

museum are lined with portraits of past Commanding Officers of the AHAC, but none as early as my ancestors. However Sgt. Fazio did show us the large historical painting of *The Great Swamp Fight Kingston RI Dec. 19, 1675* that had been presented by Capt. A.A. Folsom in 1901.

The painting is based on the recorded descriptions of the military attack December 1675 during King Philip's War on the Narragansett Indian stronghold, known as the Great Swamp Fort, in

what is now the town of South Kingston, Rhode Island. It shows Massachusetts troops in various stages of death and dying, including one man standing on a log leading to the Indian fortification across the frozen water. It seemed I could take my choice of which man to claim as my ancestor!

After returning to Dallas, I sent notes to both Brig. Gen. Maddocks and Sgt. Fazio, thanking them for making our visit so rewarding.

A subsequent e-mail from Sgt. Fazio said that my note to Emory Maddocks "is going to be read by the Company Clerk to the assembled membership at the next monthly AHAC meeting. The Clerk mentioned that it was one of the best letters he



*The Great Swamp Fight*

has ever received and he's reading it to point out to the members that the Ancients have an important role to play on many fronts, both visibly and behind the scenes." Sgt. Fazio further added that this will "appraise or remind the members that the museum's archives are in fact used for serious research."

I was thrilled to realize that 373 years later, the 2011 AHAC Company Clerk would be reading a letter written by the tenth great-granddaughter of the original 1638 Company Clerk, John Johnson!

Back in Dallas, I researched in the AHAC History volumes in the Genealogy Section where I found the official description of the Great Swamp Fight, likely used by the painting's creator. In Volume 1, page 235, I read: "The customary entrance [to the fortification] was over a fallen tree, across a 'place of water', over which but one could pass at a time. When the Indian outposts retreated into the fortification, the Massachusetts troops were able to follow on the ice as well as on the log.... **Capt. [Isaac] Johnson was mortally wounded while crossing on the log....**"

Looking closely at the painting, there is only one man clutching his breast and falling from the log—I'm satisfied that I have come as close as possible to finding a depiction of my ninth great-grandfather Isaac Johnson!

<sup>1</sup>Set is also available in the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Central Library, R974.4 R646H.

## Countdown to the Release of the 1940 Census – April 2, 2012

On April 2, 2012, the National Archives & Records Administration (NARA) will release the long-awaited 1940 census to eager genealogists around the world.

For the first time, these records will only be available online and will be accessible free of charge through NARA's public access computers and on personal computer via the internet. Statutory restrictions prohibit release of census records for 72-years for privacy reasons. The official date of the 1940 census was April 1, 1940, thus the first day it can be made publicly available is April 2, 2012.

### 1940 Census Records



*Countdown to the release of the 1940 Census, April 2, 2012!*

**Census Questions** – The questions on the 1940 form included the standard information about name, sex, color or race, age, marital status, education, and place of birth among others. It also included questions about employment status for persons over 14 as well as the individual's occupation. For the first time, the enumerator was asked to place a circled X by the name of the person furnishing the information about the family and to specify their income for the 12 months ending December 31, 1939. Another question asked all women who were or had been married if they had been married more than once and at what age they were married the first time. A complete list of questions is available at [www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov).

**Preparing to Research** – The key element for everyone to remember is that the 1940 census will NOT be indexed when it becomes available on April 2, 2012. To locate someone, you will need to know where he or she lived in 1940 and the enumeration district in which that address was located. Some easy steps to prepare:

- Make a list of all people you want to look for in the 1940 census.

- Collect addresses for those people for whom you plan to search. Use City Directories, the 1930 Census, World War II Draft or service records, etc.
- Identify the enumeration district (ED) in which each address was located.
- Search the 1940 Census Maps.
- Search the 1940 Census Enumeration District Descriptions.
- Use Search Utilities at <http://stevemorse.org/census/>.

Other Finding Aids are available [www.nara.gov/research/census/1940](http://www.nara.gov/research/census/1940).

**What was it like in 1940?** – If you'd like to know more about what it was like during the 1940s when the census was taken, check out YouTube videos as well as video at NARA's website. Training videos are available for the population, agriculture, and housing census.

### Summary

More than 3.8 million original document images containing 130 million plus records will be available. Archives.com, FamilySearch International, and findmypast.com have joined forces to begin "indexing" these records as soon as the data images are released as part of the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project; indexing will be completed by online volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, visit [www.the1940census.com](http://www.the1940census.com). Additional support is being provided by organizations including Federation of Genealogical Societies, National Genealogical Society, and Ohio Genealogical Society.

You can find a blank 1940 census form, print a 1940 census template, or even get a fillable online 1940 census form at NARA's website.

## Help Index the 1940 Census

FamilySearch.org is partnering with Archives.com and findmypast.com in the "1940 U.S. Census Community Project" to index the 1940 U.S. Census which will be released on April 2, 2012 by NARA.

A new website has been launched to solicit volunteers to index this census: [www.the1940census.com](http://www.the1940census.com).

It appears that if you already have been indexing for FamilySearch.org you don't need to do anything additional to participate when the new database is released. For those who haven't been indexers, the site allows you to download the indexing software and register with a Family Search account. If you don't have a FamilySearch account, you can create one at the web page.

FamilySearch.org has been soliciting volunteers for this project for some time on their own website, with the option to indicate which state you would prefer to index. There is no such option at the new site, and it's not clear if previous requests for particular states will be considered.

The site highlights several indexes that can be used as "training projects" prior to tackling the 1940 Census. These include state censuses, tax rolls, and passenger lists.

How quickly the index is completed depends on the number of volunteers who participate.

Sign up now!

## Texas State Genealogical Society Announces Plan to Publish Volume 3 of Texas First Families Lineages

This new volume will include all applications approved from #5279 through the ones approved through June 30, 2012.

Applicants do not have to be members of TSGS nor residents of Texas. Applications can be completed online and printed or complete instructions can be downloaded from the TSGS website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsgs/>

Applicants must prove direct or collateral descent from an ancestor who settled in Texas before February 19, 1846, the day of the ceremony on which the Republic of Texas turned the government over to the State of Texas. The applicant must prove descent from the ancestor by an official record for each generation and each date and event that is listed on the application, such as births, deaths, and marriages. Proof that the ancestor was in Texas by this date should also be provided by an official document. A non-refundable fee of \$30 must accompany each application.

TSGS is planning to publish Vol. 3 of the Texas First Families application lineages by November of 2012. The deadline for submitting an application to be included in Vol. 3 is June 30, 2012. The certificate program will remain open and applications can be approved after this date but the lineages will not be included in Vol. 3 if not received by June 30, 2012.



- Two volumes of Texas First Families application lineages have been published.
- Vol. 1 contains lineages from applications 1 through 2400, 431 pp, \$35.00.
- Vol. 2 contains lineages from applications 2401 through 5278, 540 pp, \$35.00.
- Shipping is \$6.50 per book. Bundle order for Vol. 1 and 2 is \$60.00.

All members of SRT, DRT, and CRT, and their descendants, as well as siblings and other direct line relatives, are eligible for this certificate but must submit a complete application with documented proof of descendancy. These certificates are nice for family members who may not wish to belong to the lineage group and pay dues but would like a certificate recognizing their ancestor.

All applications and supporting documentation will become the property of Texas State Genealogical Society. All previously approved applications are available for research at the East Texas Research Center located in Steen Library at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. Copies from any of those files are allowed.

If you have questions or need assistance please contact the Texas First Families Director Marynell A. Bryant, 254 County Road 4705, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482-1831. Send email to [marynellabryant@verizon.net](mailto:marynellabryant@verizon.net) or call [903-885-3523](tel:903-885-3523).

**Applications and appropriate fees should be sent to Treasurer Scott Fitzgerald, TSGS, PO Box 7308, Tyler TX 75711-7308.**

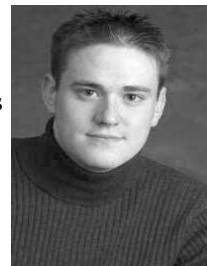
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### Spring Lecture Series—March 24, 2012

#### “Exploring Connections”

with D. Joshua Taylor

The Dallas Genealogical Society invites you to join us for a one-day workshop featuring D. Joshua Taylor, a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher. Josh believes that “exploring connections ... offers a unique and fulfilling experience, as we uncover the roles our ancestors played in the past.” In this workshop, we will explore using resources to help find ancestors before 1830 as well as new tools and ideas in research, and ways to put it all together.



**Topics** will include:

- Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the United States between 1780 and 1830
- New Tools and Ideas in Research
- Mapping your Success: Employing Maps for Genealogical Research
- Putting it Together: A Case Study

D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS is a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher. He has authored articles in *American Ancestors*, *UGA Crossroads*, *FGS Forum*, *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*, and *New England Ancestors*, and was a columnist for *Digital Genealogist*.

Joshua is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including RootsTech's Distinguished Presenter Award, the Federation of Genealogical Societies Award of Merit, and the Rubincam Youth Award from the National Genealogical Society. He holds an MLS (Archival Management) and an MA (History) from Simmons College and was a featured genealogist on the series premiere of NBC's *Who Do You Think You Are?* with Sarah Jessica Parker and the second season's finale with Ashley Judd.

Visit [www.dallasgenealogy.org](http://www.dallasgenealogy.org) for additional information about Joshua, topic descriptions, and registration details.



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**New Writer's Guidelines for *DGS Newsletter***—As part of the Publication Committee's efforts to enhance and broaden the subject matter published in the *DGS Newsletter*, new Writers' Guidelines have been posted on the DGS website. Of particular interest throughout this year are articles about the 1940 U.S. Census: finding aids, how-to articles using your own research, tips and workarounds, how the census was conducted, experiences as an indexer, or unique features of that census. In addition to this year-long emphasis on the 1940 U.S. Census, each newsletter will have themes related to monthly meeting topics, and the Spring and Fall Lectures. These themes will be announced in advance of each issue. The theme of our next issue is: **using maps and newspapers in genealogy**. The Guidelines also describe six additional categories of subject matter where we encourage submissions: book reviews, favorite archives, tech tidbits, news of note, theme articles, beginning methodology, advanced methodology, case histories, and serendipity. Send questions about these guidelines to: [editorial@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:editorial@dallasgenealogy.org).

### DGS Special Events 2012

**General Meeting: Social hour begins 10:30 a.m.; Business meeting and program begin 11:00 a.m.  
First Saturday of the Month in the First Floor Auditorium**

**Saturday, March 24, 2012—"Exploring Connections" Spring Lecture—D. Joshua Taylor**

**July 2012—DGS Summer Institute**

**NEW DATE! Saturday, September 29, 2012—"Military Records" Fall Lecture—Craig Scott**

**All group meetings will be at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library  
1515 Young Street, Dallas, TX 75202**

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