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D. Joshua Taylor Returns to DGS for Fall Lecture 2013

One of the most popular speakers to come to the Dallas Genealogical Society is back by popular demand to continue helping us connect with our ancestors. Join us on Saturday, October 12, at 10:00 a.m. at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library at 1515 Young Street, Dallas, Texas, for the DGS 2013 Fall Lecture. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Discounted parking is available in the library garage.

From tips on ways to track down the roots of your family's legends to ways to share your story in the 21st century, Joshua will inform and entertain you. His topics include: "Finding the Roots of Your Family Legends," "Treasures in the Archive: Using Archiving Grid," "The Modern Genealogist: Timesaving Tips for Every Researcher," and "Sharing in the 21st Century."



Registration information and additional details are available on our web site at www.dallasgenealogy.org.

Biography

D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS is the Lead Genealogist and Business Development Manager – North America for **brightsolid** online publishing, the creators of findmypast.com, and a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher. A frequent speaker at genealogical societies, libraries, and other organizations, his previous speaking engagements include the Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Conferences, the National Genealogical Society Annual Conference, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and RootsTech. 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*.

Active in the genealogical community, Joshua is the current President for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). Joshua is the former Director of Education and Programs at the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

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 has been a featured genealogist on NBC's *Who Do You Think You Are?* with Sarah Jessica Parker, Ashley Judd, Reba McEntire, and Rob Lowe.

2013 DGS Writing Contest Deadline Is August 31st

If you've been thinking about entering the 2013 DGS Writing Contest, it's time to stop thinking and start writing if you haven't already! The three top winners will receive awards of \$500, \$300, and \$150 for their work, and will be honored at the annual DGS Awards luncheon in December. Distinguished genealogist J. Mark Lowe again will be the final judge of the entries. See the rules and guidelines and an entry form on the DGS website.

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President's Column

David Temple

Genealogy research has changed dramatically the past few years, with more and more genealogists using the Internet to expand their family "tree."

We are fortunate to have familysearch.org, where millions of records are now available for free with many more being added daily. Any genealogist or family historian who is willing to take the time can now sit at home in pajamas and find many records on this site alone.

Some of us who have been researching for years remember lifting and searching through 25-pound record books, sneezing through dust clouds, trying to find that single elusive marriage record. We won't miss lifting those heavy probate case file boxes from high up on the wall! Long car trips to county courthouses may eventually be like buggy whips—gone for good.

DGS is working as well to make records easily available. Go explore the DGS website at www.dallasgenealogy.org where our webmaster adds new ones regularly. The largest record group is that for Dallas area cemeteries, a searchable database of more than 28,000 burials within Dallas County. These records do not include the largest perpetual care cemeteries, whose records are readily available in their offices. An interactive map shows the cemetery locations.

There is a list of cemeteries along the left side of the opening page. Click the name to find a brief description, location and notes about burials there. Some, like Oak Cliff Cemetery, provide a link to photographs of the markers or a link to a map of the cemetery. The database is searchable both by individual cemetery and in the total collection. I used it recently to find the burial place of Judge John M. Spellman, a Dallas attorney active in Masonry and a number of other hereditary societies.

Remember that only about 10 percent of all records are on the Internet. Genealogists still need to learn about online resources, but also about other options as well. One great opportunity to do so is the DGS Summer Institute. Register soon to hear Pamela and Rick Sayre on August 2nd and 3rd. See page 15 for more information. Also, as noted in our front page article, Josh Taylor will be back by popular demand on October 12th—save the date.

Have a great summer!

David Temple



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Jason W. Crews Named New *DGS Newsletter* Editor

Marianne Szabo, DGS Director of Publication Content

Jason W. Crews is a native of the Dallas-Fort Worth area and is an active member of multiple genealogical organizations, including DGS, the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society, Lamar County Genealogical Society and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Jason served on the Marketing Committee for the Texas State Genealogical Society's 2012 Annual Conference, and also is a Social Media Intern with the Federation of Genealogical Societies. He is a member of the GeneaBloggers online community at GenealogySphere.com, where he writes about his personal genealogy and family history including his wife Shannon and son Jaden. Be sure to welcome Jason when you see him at our meetings. You may submit articles for the Newsletter to newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org.



Dallas 2013 Summer Institute

Bits of Yesterday: Using Maps and Other Records to Complete Your Family Story

Keynote Speakers:

Pamela Boyer Sayre, CGsm, CGL
Richard Sayre, CGsm, CGL

The [2013 Dallas Summer Institute](#) on August 2-3 will focus on using land records, maps, and other government records to help complete your family story. There is more to our ancestors than birth, marriage, and death. Where did they live? What land was “their” land, not just what county or state was their home? The [2013 Dallas Summer Institute](#) will focus on looking at the *Bits of Yesterday* through maps and records and show us how to use that information to tell a complete family story.



We are privileged to have gifted educators, Pamela Boyer Sayre and Richard Sayre, as our keynote speakers for the event.

Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, CGL, has presented in more than thirty states. She is co-coordinator for two Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy courses (Researching in Washington, D.C., Without Leaving Home and All About Land), coordinator for Samford University’s IGHR Techniques and Technology course, and former instructor in Boston University’s Genealogical Research Program. She co-authored *Online Roots: How to Discover Your Family’s*

History and Heritage with the Power of the Internet (Nashville, Tenn.: Rutledge Hill Press, 2003) and *Research in Missouri* (Washington, D.C.: NGS, 1999, 2007), penned the FGS FORUM’s Digitools column for five years, and was editor of the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*. She was director of education and publications for the National Genealogical Society, and she served on the board of both NGS and FGS.

Richard Sayre, CG, CGL, is a longtime researcher, lecturer and writer. His areas of interest include urban research methodology, mapping tools for genealogists, military records, immigration, the Ohio River Valley, and Western Pennsylvania, and he has lectured about these topics to genealogical societies across the United States. He is co-coordinator for two Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy courses (Researching in Washington, D.C., Without Leaving Home and All About Land), coordinator for Samford’s IGHR Land Mapping: Using Maps course, and he teaches in IGHR’s Advanced Methodology, Advanced Military, and Techniques and Technology courses.

Rick is a member of the board of the Virginia Genealogical Society and a former vice president of the National Capital Area Chapter of APG.

Details about registration and topics are available on our web site in the [Calendar of Events](#).

**CG-Certified Genealogist; CGL-Certified Genealogical Lecturer*

New Database Collection Available at Dallas Public Library: New England Historic Genealogical Society American Ancestors

Carolyn Davis, DGS Director of Publicity

The Genealogy Division of the Dallas Public Library (DPL) has added a premier resource to its online collection of databases for the family history researcher.

DPL has secured an Institutional Research Membership to The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), giving Dallas patrons access to 500 searchable online databases offering information on more than 200 million people. From the broad-based appeal of *The American Genealogist* and *American Ancestors Magazine* to niche items such as *Danbury, CT: Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1848–1851* and *The Town Book of Bow, New Hampshire*, this collection is invaluable to anyone with New England ancestors.

[NEHGS Databases](#) - You can view database descriptions, citations, and search tips. A particularly useful feature is the database-specific “Search Tips” that NEHGS provides for each database in the collection.

DPL patrons can only access *American Ancestors* through the public computers in the Genealogy Section; they cannot be

accessed from home. It is accessed in the same manner as people currently access Ancestry.com.

Patrons can print to the printer at the Genealogy Reference Desk (the cost is 25 cents per page) as they do now with the other databases, but if a user has a flash drive, he/she can download records to it at no cost.

If you have ancestors from New England or even “back East,” plan a trip to the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library to check out this new treasure.

Here are two examples from the collection:

1. *Searching for Missing Friends; Irish Immigrant Advertisements, 1831-1920*. Category—Journals and Periodicals.
2. *Descendants of Thomas Lamkin of the Northern Neck of Virginia*. Category—Genealogies, Biographies, Heraldry, and Local Histories.

Special Interest Groups*

Technology—1st Thursday of each month; 6:30 p.m.

Technology SIG investigates technologies relevant to the pursuit of genealogy with the goals of helping members to understand and incorporate current technology into their personal genealogy tool kit and to improve their ability to perform research and to share and/or publish the results of what they discover. Leader: Tony Hanson.

The group meets the 1st Thursday of each month (does not meet June, July or August) from 6:00-7:30pm in the Hamon Room on the 5th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

September 5—YouTube

Brown Bag—4th Saturday of each month; 10:30 a.m.

Brown Bag SIG is a group of advanced researchers trying to increase their skills in all areas, especially in the area of the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS). For several meetings this year, the group is discussing chapters from the book, *Becoming an Excellent Genealogist: Essays on Professional Research Skills* by Kory L. Meyerink, Tristan L. Tolman, and Linda K. Gulbrandsen. Leader: Liz Kutz.

The group meets at 10:30 a.m. on the 4th Saturday of each month in the McDermott Room on the 8th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

July 27—Chapter Six: "Migration Methodology," by Karen Clifford, AG, FUGA

August 24

September 28

Jewish—3rd Wednesday of each month, except December; 10:00 a.m.

Jewish SIG is 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 (from other races and creeds) which often lead to differing genealogical research methods and records. Leader: Liz Kutz.

The group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the McDermott Room on the 8th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

July 17

August 14

September 18

AAGIG—3rd Saturday of each month; 2:00 p.m.

African American Genealogical Interest Group SIG

The group meets the 3rd Saturday of each month (except June, July, and August) from 2:00 p.m.—4:45 p.m. in the West room on the 1st floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

MacGen—2nd Saturday of even numbered months, except December; 1:00 p.m.

MacGen Reunion SIG has a two-fold purpose—learning to use the full power of the Reunion genealogy software for the Mac and keeping abreast of the best Mac-based software and equipment for genealogical research and distribution. Leader: Happi McQuirk.

Their meetings are held from 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of even-numbered months in the McDermott Room on the 8th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

August 10—Recording and Publishing Their Stories

Family History Writers—Considering Reinstating

We are considering reinstating the **Writers SIG** under a new name "**Family History Writers SIG**," which will be concerned with writing family history narratives. The group would be led by Marie Navarro, and would be held on either the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Saturday. If there is enough interest the group will begin in September. If you would be interested in joining this group, please send an email that includes which Saturday, and what time would work best for you to education@dallasgenealogy.org

* Dates and times subject to change. Visit www.dallasgenealogy.org to learn more about Special Interest Groups.

Education

Dallas Genealogical Society General Meetings are held the first Saturday of each month (except June, July, August). Hospitality and registration begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Dallas Rooms; meeting begins at 11:00 a.m. in the first floor auditorium. Upcoming meetings will feature the following topics:

September 7—Family Search Website, speaker Lynell Moss

Confused by the latest update to FamilySearch.org? Lynell will show how to make the most of these changes.

October 5—Family History Writing—Exposition, Narrative, or both? speaker Janet Khashab

Meeting topics and speakers are subject to change so be sure to sign up to receive eBlasts via email or visit our website at www.dallasgenealogy.org.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the DGS Desk in the 8th floor Genealogy Section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street. Individuals who volunteer weekly for at least 2 hours each week receive free parking on the day they volunteer. An additional bonus for volunteers who do not reside in the city of Dallas is a free Dallas Public Library card. This card enables them not only to check out books, but also gives them access from home to the library's online resources, such as Heritage Quest, *The Dallas Morning News* archive, and Sanborn maps. Substitutes are also needed. Subs will receive free parking on the days they volunteer 2 hours or more. Please contact Patrick McKinney at the Dallas Public Library (214) 670-1433.

Finding Joshua Lambard, Confederate Soldier

Barbara Ware, DGS IT Administrator

A tombstone in the Cleburne Memorial Cemetery, Cleburne, Texas, records that Joshua K. Lambard, who was born in 1849 and died in 1906, was a Confederate soldier in Co B 2 Texas Cavalry. Is J. K. Lambard buried there? Was he a Confederate soldier?



Joshua Lambard, Cleburne, Texas

The Lambard family plot contains eight markers. One is engraved “Father”. A small stone, engraved “Tony”, is next to it.

At the foot of the grave is the Confederate tombstone. The other stones in the plot are engraved “Mother,” “Edgar,” “Gilma,” “Gladys,” “Joe,” “Telulah,” and “Thomas.” Next to the stone engraved “Mother” is a small stone marked “Foia [sic].”

There has not been a death certificate found for a Joshua K. Lambard in Texas in 1906. However, *The Dallas Morning News* and the *Cleburne Morning Review* reported the death of a J. W. Lambard. The Dillon Funeral Home in Cleburne recorded his death on November 26, 1906, age 58, of natural causes at his residence, 309 Granbury, Cleburne. His occupation was noted as real estate and insurance.

Lambard – Cleburne, Texas. Nov. 26 – J. W. Lambard, who had been in business here for twenty years and who was a prominent Mason, died at his home last night. He was 56 years of age.

Death of Mr. J. W. Lambard Occurs. Well Known Citizen Dies at Home Here at 11:45 Sunday Night. Funeral Today. Mr. J. W. Lambard, a prominent business man, Presbyterian and Mason of this city, died at his home in this city at 11:45 on Sunday night after a lingering illness with what was supposed to be Bright’s disease... He was fifty-six years old and a native of Alabama, but had been a resident of this city for twenty-four years, having moved here in 1882. He was engaged in the the [sic] real estate, and loan business and had a wide acquaintance. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church and of Cleburne Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He leaves to mourn him a wife and three daughters.

While he had no death certificate, Joshua W. Lambard’s will was probated in Johnson County in 1906. He designated his estate to his wife, Flora Lambard.

Between 1850 and 1910, Joshua W. Lambard appears on census records in Clarke County, Alabama; Grimes County, Texas, and Johnson County, Texas (see Table 1). J. W. Lambard appears on the tax records for Grimes County in 1880 and 1881 and for Johnson county beginning in 1884. He was married to Flora Philo Hand, daughter of John T. Hand and Harriet Jane Spurlin on 5 Sep 1879, Brazos County, Texas, by Rev. J. H Stribbing [Stribling]. He appears in the extant city directories of

Cleburne, Texas, in 1899—1900 and 1900—01. His wife, Flora Lambard, appears in the Cleburne city directory as “wid Joshua W.” or “wid J. Wilson” from 1907 through 1916 at 309 Granbury. He and his family members appear in “society” reports in Dallas, Cleburne, and Fort Worth papers from 1886 and continuing after his death.

There was no mention of Confederate service in his death notices or other articles. Joshua W. Lambard would have been twelve years old at the outbreak of the Civil War. And, although there is a Confederate marker at the Cleburne Memorial Cemetery with his birth and death dates, it is doubtful that the man buried there served in a Texas Confederate unit. It is probable that he was still in Alabama during the war. In 1869, he was a passenger on the steamer *Virginia* that sank near Mobile, Alabama. He is one of the signees on a letter of support to the crew of the sinking of the steamer. His brother, Jesse Sanford Lambard, did serve in “Monroe Guards,” Co C, 5th Alabama Regiment from 1861 through 1864 and remained in Alabama. Perhaps J. W. Lambard came to Texas as a single man with his sister and her family around 1877.

Joshua Lambard, Meridian, Texas

So who is the Confederate soldier? Military service records for Joshua K. Lambard show that he enlisted as a private in Capt. Charles L. Pyron’s Company, 2nd Regt. Texas Mounted Rifles on 14 Apr 1861 in San Antonio at age 18 [1843]. He was mustered in at San Antonio on 23 May 1861 for 12 months. In July of that year he was on detached service at Fort Stockton.

According to the transcribed military record, a J. R. Lambard enlisted as a private in Co. C, Baird’s Regiment, Texas Cavalry (4 Regt Arizona Brig, Showalter’s Regt). He appears on the Regimental return of August 1864 reported on 15 Aug 1864 as deserted Brownsville. This is the only card in this file.

Table 1: Census Records

	Joshua W. Lambard*	Joshua K. Lambard*
1850	Clarke County, Alabama	Gardiner, Kennebec County, Maine
1860	Clarke County, Alabama	Gardiner, Kennebec County, Maine
1870	None found	None found
1880	Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas	Brown County, Texas
1900	Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas	Hamilton County, Texas
1910		Meridian, Bosque County, Texas

*Census and other records spell the name as Lambert in several instances.

Joshua K. Lambert enlisted as a private in Co B 2nd Regt Texas Cavalry, Union regiment, at Brazos Santiago, Texas, on 1 Mar 1865 and mustered in on 29 May 1865 at the same location. He was described as a farmer, age 22 [1843], 5 ft. 7 ½ inches tall, with blue eyes, light hair, and fair complexion. He was born in Gardiner, Kennebec, Maine. He was present on 30 Jun 1865. In August 1865 he was reported on detached service in "Com Dept" since 12 June 1865. On 31 August 1865 he was reported as on extra duty service in Q.M.D since 1 August 1865. In September 1865, he was listed as absent since 5 September 1865 as an interpreter for Col. Whittesey. He mustered out at Brownsville, Texas, on 10 Nov 1865.

No other Civil War era military records for Joshua K. or J. K. Lambard (Lambert) in Texas were located.

J. K. Lambard appears on the tax records for Brown County, Texas in 1878, 1884, 1885, and 1890.

On 24 May 1882, J. K. Lambard married Nancy Ann Sullivan, daughter of Daniel Sullivan and Mary Rackley, in Brown County, Texas. He appears on census records between 1850 and 1910 in Gardiner, Kennebec County, Maine; Brown County, Texas; Hamilton County, Texas; and Bosque County, Texas (see Table 1). Mrs. N. A. *Lambert* appears on the tax records for Hamilton County, Texas in 1901, 1903, and 1905. In 1899, Joshua K. Lambard applied for and received a Confederate pension from the state of Texas while living in Clifton, Bosque County, Texas. He stated that he had served with Co B, 2nd Texas Cavalry under Capt. Pyron.

Nancy A. Lambard lived in Bosque County when she applied for a Texas Confederate Widow's pension in 1912. She moved to Johnson County in 1913 and applied again. She reported that they married in Brown County on 24 May 1880 and that he died 13 August 1912 in Bosque County, Texas. She resided in the Confederate Widow's Home in Austin from around 1930 until her death in 1942 and was buried in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin, Texas.

No will or probate was found in Bosque or Johnson County for Joshua K. Lambard. He is not listed in available cemetery transcriptions for either county. On August 16, 1912, *The Meridian Tribune* reported:

J. K. Lambard, an old Confederate, died at this place Tuesday afternoon after an illness of several weeks duration. The remains were buried in the Meridian Cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

Confederate Tombstone

A military tombstone application was submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1997 for a CSA tombstone for J. K. Lambard buried in Cleburne Memorial Cemetery. It is understandable that an error could be made in the military tombstone application given the similarity of the men's names, the availability of records in 1997, the fact that the J. K.'s widow filed one of her pension requests from Johnson County, and the lack of a cemetery record in Bosque County. Joshua Knight Lambard, the Confederate veteran, was buried in Meridian Cemetery, but his exact plot is still unknown. The Confederate tombstone with his name and service, but with J. W. Lambard's dates, remains in the Cleburne Cemetery at the gravesite of J. W. Lambard.

Dallas County Connections

Both men named Joshua Lambard have connections to Dallas. Joshua Wilson Lambard was the son-in-law of John T. Hand, who was Dallas superintendent of schools from 1888 to 1891. He and his wife are listed in various articles in *The Dallas Morning News*. The daughter of Joshua Knight Lambard, Mary Lambard Beaty, is buried with her husband Rev. W. G. Beaty at Oakland Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.

~ Family Summaries ~

Joshua Wilson Lambard, son of Jesse A. Lambard and Sarah Elizabeth Amelia White, was born in June 1849 in Clarke County, Alabama. His father was born in Maine; his mother in Georgia. His parents died young and he and his two siblings, Jesse Sanford Lambard and Barbara Dorliska Lambard were placed in the care of their mother's uncle, Joshua Sanford Wilson. There is no record of his serving in the Civil War, although his brother, Jesse S. Lambard, did serve in an Alabama unit. Perhaps he came to Texas with his sister and her husband who moved to Texas before 1877. He married Flora Philo Hand on 25 Sep 1879 in Brazos County. Her father, John T. Hand, served as Dallas superintendent of schools between 1888 and 1891. Joshua, his wife, and children lived briefly in Plantersville, Grimes County, and settled in Cleburne, Johnson County, by 1884. In 1900, the census documents state that they had seven children and three were living. Their children were: Telulah (1880-1900); Joseph (1882—1883); Thomas (1884—1885); Flora May (1888—1960) wife of John W. Floore, Jr.; Glima Elizabeth (1892—1967) who was briefly married to Frank Lodle; Gladys (1896—1958); and Edgar (1897—1899). He was engaged in real estate and insurance, at times with his brother-in-law, Bartow B. Hand. Joshua W. Lambard died on 25 Nov 1906 in Cleburne, Texas. His wife died in 1951 in Fort Worth, Texas, and is buried beside him at the Cleburne Memorial Cemetery. [N.B. according to a descendant of his brother, J. W. Lambard was called "Uncle Tony" by the family]

Joshua Knight Lambard was born on 22 Dec 1843 in Gardiner, Kennebec, Maine, to Jesse Lambard and his second wife, Elsie Cleaves. At age 18, he traveled from West Gardiner, Maine, to San Antonio, Texas, where he joined a Confederate Army unit as a private for the duration of one year. In 1864 he enlisted in another unit, but was reported as deserting. In 1865 he joined a Union army unit for one year. His military service might be construed to be a way to earn a living rather than take up a cause. He married Nancy Ann Sullivan, daughter of Daniel Sullivan and Mary Rackley, on 24 May 1882 in Brown County, Texas. They had four children. Three are: Mary Iberte Earl "Ellie" (1887—1956), wife of Rev. W. G. Beaty; Hattie Amanda (1888—1983), wife of Durward Thomas Dunn; and Thomas William Lambard. They lived in Brown, Bosque, and Hamilton Counties, but do not appear to have owned a farm. His census record says that he did odd jobs and rented their home. In 1899, his Confederate pension application states that he suffers with rheumatism and chronic diarrhea contracted in service. In 1897, he injured his foot so severely that he was not able to work. He died on 13 August 1912 in Meridian, Texas, and is buried in Meridian Cemetery. His wife died in 1942, after living for more than 12 years at the Confederate Widow's Home. She was buried in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

DGS Members Get Discounted DNA Tests

Did you know that as a DGS member you can order DNA tests through our website and get a discount off the standard rates? And that when you do so, DGS gets a small referral donation each time someone joins or purchases additional testing? This reduced rate is made possible through [The Dallas Genealogical Society Group Project](#) with Family Tree DNA (FTDNA).

DNA testing has become a popular tool for genealogists. Family Tree DNA began operations in April of 2000 and hosts extensive genealogical DNA databases. It offers DNA tests to allow genealogists to find relatives with common ancestors. In addition to the Dallas Genealogical Society Group, you can join numerous surname and/or geographical projects with one kit. FTDNA tests consist of a cheek swab that painlessly collects a sample of cells from the inside of your mouth.

Why get a DNA Test? DNA testing can help prove or disprove genealogical research by determining if two people are related or if they descend from a common ancestor. When genealogical records do not exist, DNA testing can help! As DNA is passed from one generation to the next some parts change, but others can remain unchanged for thousands of years.

The answers you seek will determine which DNA test is most likely to assist you. For example the Y-DNA test traces your direct paternal line because the Y chromosome passes down almost unchanged from father to son, but because of this the Y-DNA test only applies to males. This is the best test to use to prove your direct paternal line.



Mitochondrial DNA tests trace your direct maternal line. Mitochondrial DNA is passed down by the mother unchanged, to all her children. This is the best test to use to prove your direct maternal line. Autosomal DNA tests trace all your direct ancestral lines. Autosomal DNA is passed down from your great-grandparents, great-great grandparents, and so on. This is best to prove all other ancestral lines.

One individual's DNA sample holds very little genealogical information on its own. When you submit a DNA sample it is compared to all other samples in the database. A match in the results between your DNA and another individual's indicates that you share a common ancestor. This is called the Most Recent Common Ancestor or MRCA for short. The DNA results themselves will not tell you the identity of your MRCA, but it can narrow it down to a few generations. With this you can compare your family tree with your matches and possibly determine the exact MRCA. While DNA testing can help genealogical research, it cannot provide you with your entire family tree or tell you who your ancestors are.

In conclusion, DNA testing should not be used as a substitute for traditional family history research. Instead, think of DNA testing as another tool in your genealogy toolbox!

To learn more about this opportunity, go the DGS website, then click on the Resources tab, then DNA in the left-hand column.

DGS Supports Preserve the Pensions

The Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is proud to support the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Preserve the Pensions.

The War of 1812 Pension Records are among the most requested documents from the National Archives. There are over 180,000 individual pension files that total over 7.2 million pages! The National Archives handles over 3,000 requests for photo copies of these records every year. Due to the handling of these fragile documents the information is in grave danger of being lost forever. By digitizing these records the National Archives can retire the original files and halt further damage to these historical documents. The digitized images that have already been captured are available for FREE and will always be FREE. You may view these images at <http://go.fold3.com/1812pensions/>.

In support of the digitization efforts DGS will match all contributions made to FGS Preserve the Pensions, up to the first \$1,000. For example if you donate \$100, DGS will match your contribution for a total of \$200. In addition to the DGS matching program, Ancestry.com is matching all contributions. This means

that your \$100 contribution is actually \$400. At a cost of 45 cents per page, your contribution will digitize 888 pages!

If you are a DGS member or have an account, you may donate online. Just log in to Account Manager from the Membership page and click "My Donation" on the dropdown box. When you've entered the amount of your donation, select "War of 1812 Pension Fund" as your choice for where the donation should be used.



To learn more about the campaign to preserve War of 1812 pension files, visit our website at http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=237&Itemid=58



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