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## Dallas Genealogical Society



Weekly E-blast - January 31, 2012

### SIGS

February

11 - MacGen Reunion Group

18 - AAGIG

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### Membership

Ind. Membership - \$35

Household - \$40

Life (under 65) - \$700

Life (65+) - \$500

Organizational - \$35

### Hold the Date

Mar. 24th - Spring Lecture -

Joshua Taylor

July 20-21 - Summer

Institute

### DGS on the Web

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Dallas, Texas](#)

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## Surfing, Plucking and Planning

Today, most genealogists begin their research by searching the Internet and print materials compiled by other genealogists, grabbing everything they find. Next, microfilm sources for original records. But what do you do when you've analyzed those results and the sought-after information isn't there? How do you expand your thinking to include new and different sources? In this lecture, we'll talk about the ten steps for developing a plan to identify and prioritize new sources designed to solve your specific research problem

Join us as Janet Branstetter explains about "Surfing, Plucking and Planning" in our research.

When: Saturday, February 4, 2012

Where: First Floor Auditorium, Main Library

10:30 - Hospitality

11:00 - Business Meeting

11:30 - Meeting

J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St.,  
Dallas, TX

## Who Do You Think You Are?

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3rd Season

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!



The goal of the Dallas Genealogical Society shall be to educate, by creating, fostering, and maintaining interest in genealogy; to assist and support the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas, or to its legal successor; and to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history.



Episode 1, **Martin Sheen**: local broadcast on NBC Channel 5, Friday, Feb. 3 at 7pm.

Join a group of interested viewers the following morning to “Saturday morning quarterback” the show during **Hospitality Time** prior to our General Meeting, Saturday, Feb 4. Hospitality Time begins at **10:30am**, followed by the meeting and program at 11:00. We meet in the Auditorium of the Central Library in downtown Dallas. Details about and directions to the meeting are on the DGS web site: [Calendar of Events](#).

What did you like about the program?  
What tips did you pick up?  
Do you have a question about a particular resource or methodology used?  
Has your research taken you down a similar path? What suggestions do you have for the producers to improve the show? etc.

If you are new to family history research, watching the show then sharing your impressions and questions with others will be both fun and informative. If you are more skilled, your perspective will very valuable.

Come join us Feb 4 at 10:30am. Bring a friend who loves the show as much as you or even one who doesn't get what all the fuss is about - maybe we can make a convert!

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## RootsTech

RootsTech is a new conference designed to bring technologists together with genealogists to learn from each other and find solutions to the challenges faced in family history research today. The conference's activities and offerings are focused on content that will help genealogists and family historians discover exciting new research tools while enabling technology creators to learn the latest development techniques from industry leaders and pioneers.

## RootsTech Conference Will Broadcast Select Sessions Free Online

SALT LAKE CITY—RootsTech, a leading family history and technology conference held in Salt

Lake City, Utah, February 2-4, 2012, announced today that fourteen of its popular sessions will be broadcasted live and complimentary over the Internet. The live broadcasts will give those unable to attend worldwide a sample of this year's conference content. Interested viewers can watch the live presentations at [RootsTech.org](http://RootsTech.org). The second-year conference has attracted over 3,000 registered attendees.

The free online sessions include the keynote speakers and a sampling of technology and family history presentations. Following are the fourteen broadcasted sessions and speakers. All times are in Mountain Standard Time (MST):

#### **Thursday, February 2**

8:30-10:00 am, **Inventing the Future, as a Community** (Keynote Address) by Jay L. Verkler  
11:00 am-12:00 pm, **Do I Trust the Cloud?** by D. Joshua Taylor  
1:45-2:45 pm, **Effective Database Search Tactics** by Kory Meyerink  
3:00-4:00 pm, **Twitter – It's Not Just "What I Had for Breakfast" Anymore** by Thomas MacEntee  
4:15-5:15 pm, **Eleven Layers of Online Searches** by Barbara Renick

#### **Friday, February 3**

8:30-9:30 am, **Exabyte Social Clouds and Other Monstrosities** (Keynote Address) by Josh Coates  
9:45-10:45 am, **Publish Your Genealogy Online** by Laura G. Prescott  
11:00 am-12:00 pm, **Optimize Your Site for Search Engines** by Robert Gardner  
1:45-2:45 pm, **Genealogists "Go Mobile"** by Sandra Crowley  
3:00-4:00 pm, **Google's Toolbar and Genealogy** by Dave Barney

#### **Saturday, February 4**

8:30-9:30 am, **Making the Most of Technology to Further the Family History Industry** (Keynote Address) by Tim Sullivan and Ancestry.com Panel  
9:45-10:45 am **Genealogy Podcasts and Blogs 101** by Lisa Louise Cooke  
11:00 am-12:00 pm, **Future of FamilySearch Family Tree** by Ron Tanner  
1:45-2:45 pm, **Privacy in a Collaborative Environment** by Noah Tatuk

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## New Members

We would like to welcome these new members to DGS:

John Bunning  
Sheniqua Cummings and Jerry Michael - AAGIG  
Gerelyn Janet Reynolds - AAGIG, surnames:  
Everett, Wright, Jordan

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## National Archives News

The National Archives is putting its "records workshops" online via [YouTube](#).

Washington, DC...For the first time, the National Archives has launched online videos of its most popular genealogy "how to" workshops. These videos cover "hot topics" in genealogical research such as census, immigration and military records. Now, these popular workshops led by National Archives experts are available on the [National Archives YouTube channel](#).

The National Archives-produced Know Your Records video shorts cover the creation, scope, content, and use of National Archives records for genealogical research. "The National Archives is proud to make our most popular genealogy lectures available online and ready for viewing by anyone, anywhere, at any time," said Diane Dimkoff, Director of Customer Services.

Click on the links and check out all the great information they have listed.

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## 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 (Microsoft Publisher preferred)
- photo editing experience a plus
- acquainted with accepted standards for genealogy publications

If interested, send an email to:

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

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## DGS General Meeting Programs

Feb. 4th - Janet Branstetter, "Surfing, Plucking and Planning"

Mar. 3rd - Sandra Crowley and Tony Hanson, "Rootstech Report"

Apr. 7th - Brian Collins, Dallas Public Library, "Searching the Dallas Morning News Archives"

May 5th - Lynelle Moss, "Proven Research Strategies"

All meetings at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, unless otherwise noted. A hospitality time starts at 10:30 a.m. Business meeting begins at 11 a.m. and the program follows.

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## Upcoming

Feb. 2-4, 2012 - [RootsTech](#), Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mar. 24, 2012 - [DGS Spring Lecture](#) - Exploring Connections with D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS

May 9-12, 2012 - [National Genealogical Society](#) - "The Ohio River - Gateway to the Western Frontier"

Cincinnati, Ohio

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