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Dallas Genealogical Society



Weekly E-blast - April 02, 2012

SIGS

April

05 - Brown Bag Group
05 - Tech Group
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Membership

Ind. Membership - \$35
Household - \$40
Life (under 65) - \$700
Life (65+) - \$500
Organizational - \$35

Hold the Date

July 13-14 - Summer Institute - J. Mark Lowe - "Finding My Way Home- Methodology, Records and The Old South"
Sep. 12-19 - Salt Lake City Trip
Sep. 29 - Fall Lecture - Craig Scott on Military Records

DGS on the Web

[DGS Blog](#)

[DGS FamilySearch Wiki](#)

[DGS sponsored Family Search Wiki for Dallas, Dallas, Texas](#)

General Meeting

Come join us Saturday, April 7, 2012 for Brian Collins' presentation on "Searching the Dallas Morning News Archives".

10:30 - Hospitality
11:00 - Business Meeting
11:30 - General Meeting

J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young Street
Dallas, Texas

April-June Newsletter

The April-June Newsletter has been posted to the DGS [website](#). There are some very important items that occur early in April so check out the newsletter ASAP.

It's Here!! 1940 U. S. Federal Census Released Digitally

DGS has joined the 1940 U. S. Census Community Project to help index the 1940 U. S. Federal Census. Indexing records from our state, we will be an essential part of this monumental grass-roots effort that will put one of the richest genealogical data sets in the world online, complete and free of charge forever.

Texas records will not come up for indexing immediately, but the more people we have indexing, the faster it will appear.

Go to this [link](#) and register to participate with our society. Simply select Dallas Genealogical Society on the profile screen when creating your account.

[DGS Web Site](#)



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.



If you already have an account, select Dallas Genealogical Society as your group. Every new person indexing with our society gets us closer to milestones that qualify us for incentives provided by the sponsors of the project, so sign up today!

Thank you in advance for your participation. We look forward to the impact this resource will have for researchers of our area and so many others.

Stress Reduction For Indexing The 1940 Census

FamilySearch has some tips to make the 1940 Indexing Project easier. Here are some ways we can all help to reduce the system stress and keep everyone busily working to complete the census. Here are some ideas to consider:

1. **Take your time getting started.** We're all anxious, but there will still be plenty of work to go around after a few days. The first five states that will be available by Monday evening are:
 - Delaware
 - Virginia
 - Kansas
 - Oregon
 - Colorado
2. **Avoid peak usage times.** Saturday evening through Monday evening is the busiest period. Try Wednesday or Thursday if you want the best chance of working online.
3. **Only download as much work as you think you'll do in an hour or two.** If you want to work offline, download two or three batches at a time, but not ten. For more information on working offline, [click here](#).
4. **Work offline.** If you start to see the system acting slowly, you may want to download a couple of batches and work offline.
5. **Review the training available now.** Watch the How to Index the 1940 US Census [video](#). Review the tips and tricks slide [presentation](#). Read the project [instructions](#). All of these helpful hints will get you prepared to index the census quickly and accurately.

Remember, it may take up to two weeks to make all of the states available for indexing. If your

favorite state isn't available yet, feel free to work on any other state, but only download what you think you'll finish. This will help everyone have a chance to participate.

Beginner Classes

The Dallas Genealogical Society
Offers
Getting Started With Your Family History

Three Free Sessions

Saturday, April 14 Learn the Basics
Saturday, April 21 Ancestors in the Census
Saturday, April 28 Find New Resources

Dallas Public Library System
J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
Hamon Room, 5th Floor
10:30 - Noon

Space is Limited / Register at:
dallasgenealogy.org>Resources>New Genealogist

or

[link](#)

Questions?

info@dallasgenealogy.org

Salt Lake City Trip

Our trip to Salt Lake City will be September 12-19 this year. If you are planning on going or if you think you might be going, please make your hotel reservations at the Plaza Hotel as soon as possible. The hotel would like to take some of our reserved rooms back, so to make sure we have all the rooms we need, please make your reservations early. If you have any questions you can contact Jean Larson at jeans48gen@gmail.com.

Who Do You Think You Are?

Local broadcast on NBC Channel 5, Fridays at 7 p.m. This Friday's show, April 6th, will feature Edie Falco and will be discussed during the hospitality time before the general meeting on Saturday, April 7.

If you missed the stories about *Martin Sheen*, *Marisa Tomei*, *Blair Underwood*, *Reba McEntire*, *Jerome Bettis*, *Helen Hunt* or *Rita Wilson*, the full episodes are available to view at [Who Do You Think You Are - All Videos : Newest - Videos - NBC.com](#). This site also contains short clips of deleted scenes.

Finding Your Roots

There has been a scheduling change for the new PBS genealogy series *Finding Your Roots* with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. that started Sunday, March 25 at 8 p.m.

KERA TV often changes their schedule around so be sure and check your local TV schedule for times in your area. You can also check out the schedule on their [website](#).

The 10-part series will explore the genealogy and genetics of famous Americans including *Kevin Bacon*, *Robert Downey Jr.*, *Branford Marsalis*, *John Legend*, *Martha Stewart*, *Barbara Walters* and *Rick Warren*.

On the show's [website](#), you can learn more about the research team (the New England Historic Genealogical Society staff did a lot of work for the series) and share your story.

SIG Meeting

Apr. 05 - Brown Bag Group - 5:00 pm - McDermott Room, 8th floor - Liz Kutz, Leader

Apr. 05 - Tech Group - 6:30 pm - 3rd Floor Studio - Barbara Ware, Suzan Younger and Carolyn Davis will provide an overview of **Google+** and **Hangout**

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DGS General Meeting Programs

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

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

June, July and August - No Meetings, will resume

General Meetings in September

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.

Upcoming

Apr. 6-7, 2012 - [Houston Family History Expo](#) - Your Family History Starts Here! - Keynote Speaker, Lisa Louise Cooke, Genealogy Gems, GenealogyGems.TV

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

Cincinnati, Ohio

Jun. 9, 2012 - [Mesquite Historical & Genealogical Society](#) featuring Tresa Tatyrek

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