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Dallas Genealogical Society



Weekly eBlast - April 23, 2012

SIGS

May

03 - Brown Bag Group
03 - Tech Group
15 - Jewish 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](#)

Beginner Classes - Final Session

The first two sessions of the Beginner Classes were held on the 14th and 21st. The last one is this Saturday, the 28th. The sessions were designed to be independent of each other so there is still time to sign up. All the information needed to get started is below.

The Dallas Genealogical Society Offers Getting Started With Your Family History

Three Free Sessions

(One Lesson Left)

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

2012 FGS CONFERENCE

[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.



2012 FGS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Indians, Squatters, Settlers and Soldiers in the "Old Southwest" A Conference for the Nation's Genealogists

Registration for the 2012 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, scheduled for August 29 - September 1, 2012, in beautiful Birmingham, Alabama, is now open. This year's conference theme is "Indians, Squatters, Settlers and Soldiers in the 'Old Southwest'," and the local host is the Alabama Genealogical Society (AGS).

This year's FGS conference offers an exciting opportunity for anyone interested in researching their family history. Over 175 educational sessions and 13 luncheons are designed to balance the needs of genealogists at all levels, exploring a variety of records, strategies, and other tools available to those interested in researching their family history. Special sessions include a wide variety targeting members and leaders of genealogical and historical societies. In addition, special events, such as the Alabama Genealogical Society Opening Social at the Alabama Theater, the FGS Evening Social at the historic Sloss Furnaces, Spotlight on Societies, and daily sponsored lectures provide an excellent environment to meet and network with others interested in family history and genealogy.

Session sponsors include FamilySearch, Ancestry.com, findmypast.com, the National Archives and Records Administration, and others.

Conference Highlights

- **Librarian's Day:** On Wednesday, August 29, 2012, ProQuest is sponsoring a full day of sessions designed for librarians, archivists, and other information professionals serving family history researchers.
- **Conference Sessions:** A wide variety of genealogy-related lectures and workshops for all experience levels. Topics include Southern research, Settlers and Indians, soldiers, strategies and techniques, technology, and writing.
- **Special Events:** Include the AGS Opening Social at the Alabama Theater and the FGS Evening Social at the Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark—all providing an excellent environment to meet and network with others interested in family history and genealogy. This exciting week of genealogy closes with a Farewell Brunch on Sunday.
- **Exhibit Hall:** Filled with a wide array of vendors and organizations, Cyber Cafe and lounge area sponsored by RootsMagic, and a special Spotlight on Societies area will showcase local and regional genealogical and historical societies.

There are more activities and research opportunities too numerous to list. However, you can learn all about the 2012 FGS Conference and [register](#) for this exciting four-day event. Be sure to also visit or subscribe to the FGS Conference [Blog](#) for more information and travel advice. We look forward to seeing you in Birmingham in August!

Learn More and Stay Connected

- Visit the Conference [News Blog](#):
- Follow the Conference on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#)
- Greater Birmingham [Convention & Visitors Bureau](#)

About the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) was founded in 1976 and represents the members of hundreds of genealogical societies. FGS links the genealogical community by helping genealogical societies strengthen and grow through resources available online, *FGS Forum* magazine (filled with articles pertaining to society management and genealogical news), and Society Strategy Series papers, covering topics about effectively operating a genealogical society. FGS also links the genealogical community through its annual conference -- four days of excellent lectures, including one full day devoted to society management topics. To learn more visit our [website](#).

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Press Release – FGS 2012 Conference
Registration Is Open

Fold3 WWII Records Free

Fold3 (formerly Footnote) is providing all [World War II](#) records FREE! for the month of April. It is a great opportunity to check out Fold3 and to get your WWII ancestor's records at a tremendous rate, Free!

1940 U. S. Federal Census

Send Us Your 1940 Census Finds!

Now that the 1940 U.S. Census is here, what new information have you found about your ancestors?

Did this census help you break through a brick wall? What surprises were there? Were family secrets uncovered? Did something make you laugh? Cry?

Were any of your ancestors chosen to answer the supplementary information questions?

Did anyone supply misleading or incorrect information? (My maternal uncle told the census enumerator my Slovak-speaking grandmother was a naturalized citizen, which was false, as proven by the Alien Registration Form she submitted later in 1940. He also said she only had two children, instead of five. He harbored a deep distrust of government authority his entire life, and may have felt the detailed questions on this census were too personal.)

Send your stories to editorial@dallasgenealogy.org. We'll publish the most interesting ones in the Oct-Dec issue of the DGS Newsletter. Start submitting material now, but the final deadline date is August 1. *Marianne Szabo, Director of Publication Content*

Salt Lake City Trip - Reserve Rooms Now!

The trip to Salt Lake City will be September 12-19, 2012. If you are planning on going or if you think you might be going to Salt Lake, you need to make your hotel reservations at the Plaza Hotel as soon as possible.

We have ten rooms reserved for us at the Plaza Hotel. Apparently there is some huge convention going on at that time and the hotel is filling up fast and they would like to take some of our reserved rooms back. To make sure we have all the rooms we need, please make your reservations early. After you make your reservations, please contact Jean Larson at jeans48gen@gmail.com so she has a record of who has made a room reservation and let her know if you need a roommate.

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. Friday, April 27th will be a new episode on Rob Lowe.

If you missed the stories about *Martin Sheen*,

Marisa Tomei, Blair Underwood, Reba McEntire, Jerome Bettis, Helen Hunt, Rita Wilson or Edie Falco, 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

Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. started Sunday, March 25 at 8 p.m. on KERA TV. 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*.

SIG Meeting

NO SIG MEETINGS THIS WEEK

J Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young Street
Dallas, Texas

DGS General Meeting Programs

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

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

Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2012 - [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#) - "Indians, Squatters, Settlers and Soldiers in the "Old Southwest", A Conference for

the Nation's Genealogists

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