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Dallas Genealogical Society



Weekly eBlast - April 30, 2012

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Ind. Membership - \$35
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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

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General Meeting

Saturday, May 5, come join us for Lynell Moss's presentation on "Proven Research Strategies". A discussion of research strategies for using, abstracting, analyzing, and correlating the information in locality associated records.

10:30 - Hospitality and discussion of this week's WDYTYA

11:00 - Business Meeting

11:30 - Presentation

1st Floor Auditorium
Dallas Public Library System
J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young Street
Dallas, Texas

Brown Bag Group

Hi Brown Baggers!

Plans for the May meeting are finalized! Janet arranged for a guest speaker for the meeting. Rondina Muncy, a full time professional genealogist who lives in Fort Worth will be our speaker. She will be sharing how she does reports. Now Rondina is excellent (and a perfectionist) at anything that she does, so this will be a huge treat for us. Rondina's claim to fame is that she was so picky that Elizabeth Shown Mills picked her to be one of the proofreaders for her book, *Evidence Explained!*

Please bring note taking materials, as there will not be a handout.

Be there at 5 pm, if you can, so we can give her the

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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.



most time possible before the Technology SIG. I also will be discussing the Land Platting Webinar right at 5 pm for a couple of minutes. It looks as we are near finalizing plans for the fall.

Let me know if I can answer any questions. Janet will be on her trip, but if you need her, she will try to answer emails.

Liz Kutz

5K Indexing Challenge

The Dallas Genealogical Society is holding a 1940 US Census indexing challenge and contest. The goal is to index at least 5000 names (125 census pages) between Thursday, May 3 and Sunday May 6. The person who indexes the most records (with the highest quality) will win a Years individual membership in the DGS (or may elect to donate the \$30 to the DGS general fund). Note that the prize money is being provided by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Here are the contest rules:

1. The target of 5000 names must be reached or no prize will be issued.
2. You must designate the Dallas Genealogical Society as your local Group or Society on the Family Search web site.
3. Submit the information from your 'Recently Arbitrated Batches' page. Information must be received by Tony Hanson (webmaster@dallasgenealogy.com) no later than Friday, May 11 2012.
4. Your score will be calculated by multiplying the number of pages indexed during the contest period times 40 names per page times your Arbitration Results percentage.
5. In the event of a tie the winner will be selected at random from the top finishers.
6. You do NOT need to be a DGS member to participate
7. The winner will be notified by email.
8. All entrants agree (by entering) to allow the DGS to publish their names and the results in the various DGS publications.

Need some help getting started? The Technology SIG meeting on Thursday, May 3 will be dedicated

to helping you get started. Experienced indexers will be on hand to help guide you through the registration process, assist you in downloading and installing the software and provide you with tips and techniques. So bring your laptop on Thursday, help others get started and help the DGS meet their target of indexing at least 5000 names! The meeting will be held in the Hamon room on the 5th Floor of the Dallas Public Library from 6:30 to 7:45 pm.

DGS 2012 SUMMER INSTITUTE

The Dallas Genealogical Society 2012 Summer Institute, July 13-14 with Keynote Speaker: J. Mark Lowe is now open for registration on the DGS [website](#).

Check out the website for all the details and there will be further details in next week's eBlast.

2012 FGS CONFERENCE



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

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?

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Local broadcast on NBC Channel 5, Fridays at 7 p.m. Friday, May 4th will be a new episode on **Rashida Jones**.

Join a group of interested viewers the following morning to "Saturday morning quarterback" the show during **Hospitality Time** prior to our General Meeting, Saturday, May 5. Hospitality Time begins at 10:30 am, followed by the meeting and program at 11:00 am.

If you missed the stories about *Martin Sheen, Marisa Tomei, Blair Underwood, Reba McEntire, Jerome Bettis, Helen Hunt, Rita Wilson, Edie Falco or Rob Lowe*, 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](#).

This week's episode will feature Margaret Cho and Sanjay Gupta.

SIG Meeting

03 - Brown Bag Group - 5 pm, 8th floor, McDermott room - Speaker, Rondina Muncy

03 - Tech Group - 6:30 pm, 5th floor Hamon room - Bring your laptop!

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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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