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## Dallas Genealogical Society



Weekly eBlast - May 14, 2012

### SIGS

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### Membership

Ind. Membership - \$35

Household - \$40

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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](#)

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

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## SUMMER INSTITUTE - July 13-14, 2012

"Finding My Way Home: Methodology, Records and the Old South"

Keynote Speaker: J. Mark Lowe, CG



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

Topics:

1. Balancing on North Carolina
2. Cheap Land on the Prairie (or That's What the Railroad Man Said ...)
3. Dower, Dowry, and Detinue: Women and their Men's Property
4. Here Comes the Bride: Extracting More Information from a Marriage Record
5. Peeking Behind the Scenes of the Tennessee State Library & Archives
6. Using that Brick Wall as a Foundation

Online [registration](#) opened in April. For more information about Mark and the topics that will be presented check out our [overview](#) and [flyer](#).

Registration Fees:  
(Lunch and breaks included, discounted parking)\*

\$190 per Member - \$220 per non-member  
**Register by June 24, 2012 for Early Bird**



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.



**discount:**

**\$140.00 per member - \$170 per non-member**

Register [online](#) or by mail (send in check with mailed form from downloaded form or from the brochure you received in the mail ) Make checks payable to **Dallas Genealogical Society** and mail to: DGS Summer Institute - P.O. Box 12446 - Dallas, TX 75225-0446, Postmark deadline for Early Bird registration is June 24, 2012.

\*Parking in the library's underground garage will be at the reduced rate of \$2.00

### **DGS Receives \$40,500 Bequest from Morrison Estate**



The Dallas Genealogical Society has received a bequest from the Estate of C. Maxine Morrison in the amount of \$40,500. C. Maxine Morrison was born June 15, 1917 in Cloverdale, Indiana to Louis Franklin Morrison and Nora Elizabeth Cunningham. She graduated from Indiana State University and worked for the FDIC, GAO and Post Office Department in Washington, D.C., Asheville, NC, and Dallas, TX. After early retirement in 1971 she traveled to Australia and New Zealand, China, Europe, and Japan, as well as to many places in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

A member of DGS for almost 20 years, Maxine did genealogical research, including visits to courthouses, libraries, and cemeteries in Indiana, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

She died January 11, 2011, and was buried in Cloverdale, Indiana.

A check in the amount of the bequest was received from Maxine Shaw, Executrix, also a former DGS

member. The DGS Board is considering how best to use this bequest, and will announce their decision at a future General meeting of the Society when Ms. Shaw can be present.

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### **How to Make a Bequest to the Dallas Genealogical Society**

If you are interested in including the DGS in your estate plans, you may do so by making a provision in your will for a specific amount, or for a percentage of your estate to be paid to the DGS.

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### **DGS Beginners' Classes a Great Success**

The Education Committee conducted classes for beginning genealogy researchers on three consecutive Saturdays in April. We wanted to piggyback on the interest generated by the *Who Do You Think You Are* and *Finding Your Roots* television series. They were well-attended and well-received by ethnically-diverse attendees who varied in age from the thirties to the sixties.

The Education Committee is now looking at ways that DGS can continue to serve as a knowledge source for such individuals, either with more classes or with informal sessions at the Library.

Presentations and resource lists for all three sessions are on the DGS [website](#).

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### **Volunteers Needed for Media Committee**

#### **DGS Social Media Policy Development**

The Dallas Genealogical Social has made great strides this past year in providing a number of different avenues to engage members and potential members. The social media currently being used by the society include a website, blog, Twitter, Facebook, wiki and Google+. Now we are developing a Social Media Policy for the society. We are seeking one or two DGS members to assist Carolyn Davis, Tony Hanson and Barbara Ware in the policy development process. The

policy will address what media we will use, who will manage it, and what can be posted. If you are interested, please e-mail **[administrator@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:administrator@dallasgenealogy.org)**. Most meetings will be handled through Google+ Hangout and e-mail responses.

- DGS [Website](#)
- DGS Blog - Go to the DGS website and click on Blog on the top menu bar.
- DGS Twitter - Go to your Twitter account and search for DGStx
- DGS Facebook - Search for Dallas Genealogical Society via your Facebook account. Be sure to select the page that identifies DGS as a "non-profit" organization.
- DGS Google+ - Search for Dallas Genealogical Society via your Google+ Page.
- DGS adopted [Wiki](#)

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### **New, Easy Access to DGS Newsletter**

in response to member and non-member feedback, the DGS Board approved changes in how the quarterly DGS Newsletter will be distributed effective immediately.

Members will receive an email on the date of publication each quarter that includes a direct link to the most recent Newsletter. Only one click will be required to view the newsletter (which can also be printed or saved to your computer). There will no longer be a need to go to the DGS website to read the Newsletter.

Members: be sure that you provide your email address in your member profile, accessed by logging into the "Members Only" section of the DGS website!

The Board saw opening the DGS Newsletter to anyone who visits our website as a way to further promote our activities and to grow our membership.

While members may still opt to receive a printed DGS Newsletter (to be done when completing the form to start or renew membership to the DGS), the electronic version is the fastest, easiest way for

Newsletter access.

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## **DGS is Talking About the 1940 Census!**

Link up with the DGS Blog to be a part of the discussion. Ask questions or give advice about indexing the census. Or share a what you found and how you found it. The DGS Blog is on the main menu bar of the DGS [website](#).

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## **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@dallaskenealogy.org](mailto:editorial@dallaskenealogy.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*

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## **Interesting Links from the National Archives**

[Civil War Widow's Pension Digitization Project](#)

[Veterans Personnel Records at the National Archives, St. Louis](#)

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## **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. **At this time, we have 5 rooms left, so please make your reservations now!** After you make your reservations, please contact Jean Larson at [jeans48gen@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jeans48gen@gmail.com).

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## **Texas State Genealogical Society announces plan to publish Volume 3 of Texas First Families Lineages**

This new volume will include all applications approved from #5279 through the ones approved through June 30, 2012.

Applicants do not have to be members of TSGS nor residents of Texas. Applications can be completed online and printed or complete instructions can be downloaded from the TSGS [website](#).

Applicants must prove direct or collateral descent from an ancestor who settled in Texas before February 19, 1846, the day of the ceremony on which the Republic of Texas turned the government over to the State of Texas. The applicant must prove descent from the ancestor by an official record for each generation and each date and event that is listed on the application such as births, deaths and marriages. Proof that the ancestor was in Texas by this date should also be provided by an official document. A non-refundable fee of \$30 must accompany each application.

TSGS is planning to publish Vol. 3 of the Texas First Families application lineages by November of 2012. **The deadline for submitting an application to be included in Vol. 3 is June 30, 2012.** The certificate program will remain open and applications can be approved after this date but the lineages will not be included in Vol. 3 if not received by June 30, 2012.

Two volumes of Texas First Families application lineages have been published.  
Vol. 1 contains lineages from applications 1 through 2400, 431 pp, \$35.00  
Vol. 2 contains lineages from applications 2401 through 5278, 540 pp, \$35.00  
Shipping is \$6.50 per book. Bundle order for Vol. 1 and 2, \$60.00

All members of SRT, DRT and CRT and their descendants as well as siblings and other direct line relatives are eligible for this certificate but must submit a complete application with documented proof of descendancy. These certificates are nice for family members who may not wish to belong to the lineage group and pay dues but would like a certificate recognizing their ancestor.

All applications and supporting documentation will become the property of Texas State Genealogical Society. All previously approved applications are available for research at the East Texas Research Center located in Steen Library at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. Copies from any of those files are allowed.

If you have questions or need assistance please contact the Texas First Families Director Marynell A. Bryant, 254 County Road 4705, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482-1831. Send email to [marynellabryant@verizon.net](mailto:marynellabryant@verizon.net) or call 903-885-3523.

**Applications and appropriate fees should be sent to Treasurer Scott Fitzgerald TSGS, PO Box 7308, Tyler TX 75711-7308.**

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***Who Do You Think You Are?***

Local broadcast on NBC Channel 5, Fridays at 7

p.m. Friday, May 18th will be the final episode of this season featuring **Paula Deen**.

If you missed the stories about *Martin Sheen, Marisa Tomei, Blair Underwood, Reba McEntire, Jerome Bettis, Helen Hunt, Rita Wilson, Edie Falco, Rob Lowe, Rashida Jones or Jason Sudeikis*, 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.

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## 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 Michelle Rodriquez.

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## SIG Meeting

15 - Jewish Group - 10:00 am, 8th floor, McDermott room  
19 - AAGIG - Speaker, Paul Beaty - 2:00 pm, West Room, 1st floor

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## DGS General Meeting Programs

June, July and August - No Meetings  
Will resume General Meetings in September

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## Upcoming

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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