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## Dallas Genealogical Society



Weekly eBlast - July 30, 2012

### SIGS

August

02 - Brown Bag Group  
11 - MacGen Reunion

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### Membership

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

### Hold the Date

Sep. 12-19 - Salt Lake City  
Trip  
Sep. 29 - Fall Lecture -  
Craig Scott on Military  
Records

### DGS on the Web

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## DGS FALL LECTURE - Sept 29 MILITARY RECORDS

Keynote Speaker - Craig R. Scott, CGsm  
Saturday, September 29, 2012



### TOPICS

- Basic Military Research
- Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestors
- Pension Research: You Stopped Too Soon
- Researching Your Civil War Ancestors

### Military Records A Wealth of Information

War and peace—there are military records for individuals throughout history regardless of whether there was a war being waged. Sometimes, it's only a military registration form, but it is still a record that can provide valuable information about your ancestor.

You can use military records to find evidence of their military service, including time of service and any pensions paid. These records can also find or confirm birth information and give evidence of



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.



family relationships. Pension files can be great sources of information not only about the veteran but also about family members who survived if the individual perished during the war or later. There may even be details about capture or illness.

State or federal governments generally created and preserved these records and today many are available online and at the National Archives and other repositories around the country.

Whether you're just getting started with military research or you want to more deeply explore records you've accessed previously, there is something here for you.

According to the National Archives, the most requested military records are from the War of 1812. Now these more than 7.2 million images are being digitized and will be available online.

Join us as we spend the day with Craig Scott discussing various types of military records, where to find them and how to use them.

**Registration Fee (Lunch is NOT included)\***

\$50 per member; \$60 per non-member  
Add \$10 for box lunch.

***Early Bird —  
Register by September 15 & SAVE!***

\$40 per member; \$50 per non-member  
Must be postmarked by September 15, 2012 to qualify for discount.

\*Add \$10 if you order lunch

Register on our [website](#) or make checks payable to: Dallas Genealogical Society

Mail to: DGS Fall Lecture  
P.O. Box 12446  
Dallas, Texas 75225-0446

Location: J. Erik Jonsson Central Library  
1515 Young Street

## Dallas, Texas

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

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### Annual DGS Writing Competition

The Dallas Genealogical Society is sponsoring an Annual DGS Writing Competition for original material submitted by members and non-members, hobbyists and professionals. Entries may not have been published previously. Submissions must be sourced as outlined in *Evidence Explained* by Elizabeth Shown Mills.

Multiple entries per person are allowed, but only one award per person will be given.

You can find all the details on the DGS [website](#) or in the latest issue of the DGS Newsletter.

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### 1940 U. S. Federal Census

Extraordinary news! The overall percentage of indexing is up to 99.01%! Texas is now 100% indexed. All states should be 100% by next week and we should have 100% searchability in the next few weeks. Thanks to all the great volunteers for making this happen so quickly.

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### Research

#### Do You Research Genealogy at Family Gatherings?

The theme for the Oct-Dec DGS Newsletter is “preserving your family’s story through genealogy research at holiday celebrations or reunions.” If you have found such gatherings to be fruitful for your genealogy research, tell our members about how you did it.

Send your stories to [editorial@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:editorial@dallasgenealogy.org). We’ll publish the most interesting ones in the Oct-Dec issue of the DGS Newsletter. Start submitting material now; there is an

extended deadline date of August 15.

Marianne Szabo, Director of Publication Content

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### **Salt Lake City Trip**

Richard, the Director of the Plaza Hotel, has volunteered to hold open the final two unreserved rooms for a while longer. Anyone who wants to reserve will have to call Richard direct at 1-801-606-2410. You will have to say you are with DGS. Hurry, time is limited!

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### **SIG GROUP MEETINGS**

02 - Brown Bag Group - 5:00 pm - The McDermott room - 8th Floor

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

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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**

Aug. 04 - [The Oklahoma Genealogical Society](#) & Oklahoma Historical Society Research Library presents "Ancestry Day in Oklahoma"

Aug. 11 - [Fort Worth Genealogical Society's Summer Seminar](#) at Trinity Towers in Ft. Worth, TX

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

Nov. 1-3 - [Texas State Genealogical Society](#) (TSGS) Annual Conference - Saddlebags to Social Networking: Following Ancestors Through History at the Riley Center, Fort Worth, TX

Nov. 3 - [2012 Great Family Search Conference](#) - Plano and Richardson Texas Family History Centers

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