

# Dallas Genealogical Society



DGS eBlast - Monday, 01 Feb 2016


## Special Interest Groups

### Feb

- 13 - [MacGen Reunion](#). 1pm
- 17 - [Jewish](#). 10am.
- 18 - [DNA](#). 6pm.
- 20 - [African American](#). 2pm.
- 27 - [Brown Bag](#). 10:30am.

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## Membership

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

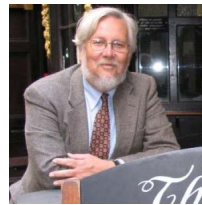
## Hold the Date

2016

Meeting is Free and Open to All

## February, 2016 General Meeting Saturday, February 6

This month's program - *How to Find Your English Convict Ancestor* presented by Dr. Steven Butler, Associate Professor of History at Richland College in Dallas and Collin College in Plano.



Program [details](#)

- Hospitality - 10:30am-11:00am
- Let's Talk - 10:45am-11:00am\*
- Meeting - 11:00am-11:30am
- Program - 11:30am-12:30pm

J. Erik Jonsson Central Library Auditorium  
First Floor

1515 Young Street  
Dallas, TX 75201

[Directions](#)

[Agenda](#)

[Secretary's Minutes of January 2016 General Meeting](#)

\*Let's Talk

Board members will be available in the Auditorium to

**05 Mar - North Texas Naturalization Records at NARA Ft. Worth**

**02 Apr - Renovated Texas/Dallas History and Archives Div (7th Floor, Dallas Public Library)**

**07 May - Celebration of DGS's 60th Anniversary**

**29-30 Jul - Summer Seminar, Denise Levenick**

**17 Sep - Fall Seminar, Kurt Witcher**

**10 Dec - Annual Awards Luncheon**

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### DGS on the Web

[DGS Blog](#)

[DGS FamilySearch Wiki](#)

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

[DGS Web Site](#)

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hear comments, suggestions, compliments, criticisms, questions or anything else you want to say about your society.

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### 2016 Spring Seminar Saturday, 12 March

[Program details and registration instructions](#)

**From Whence They Came**  
featuring  
**Paul Milner**



Millions of people immigrated to this country. This seminar will help attendees understand why their ancestors left, how they got here and how to trace their steps, with an emphasis on the British Isles.

[Paul Milner](#) has been designing workshops and lecturing to a wide variety of audiences for over 35 years. As a genealogist he speaks on a variety of topics relating to research in the British Isles, migration to North America and research methodology.

Register by 21 Feb and save \$10  
DGS Members, \$45; Non-members, \$55  
Optional boxed lunch, \$12

J. Erik Jonsson Central Library  
Auditorium  
1515 Young Street  
Dallas, TX 75201

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

[Program details and registration instructions](#)

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**DGS Members  
Want to Attend the Summer Seminar for Free?**

Bring a friend who is not a current member of the

Dallas Genealogical Society to our monthly general meetings in February, March, April or May. For each qualified friend you bring, you will receive an entry for a drawing to be held at our special 60th Anniversary meeting in May. The winner of the drawing will receive one free admission (including lunch both days) to our July 29-30 Summer Seminar featuring Denise Levenick, the Family Curator!

[Drawing Details](#)

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### **DGS 2016 Writing Contest Is Now Open Closes March 31**

Now that the rush of the holidays is over, the Dallas Genealogical Society reminds all genealogists that its 2016 Writing Contest is now open. This is a great opportunity to publish a part of your family history. This is the fourth year the Society has sponsored this contest, which comes with cash prizes.

[Complete Rules](#)

Entries will be judged on accuracy, clarity of writing, and overall impact and interest. First prize is \$500; second prize is \$300 and third prize is \$100.

Winning articles are eligible to be published in *Pegasus: Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society*.



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### **2015 Awards Luncheon Honorees**

At DGS's 2015 Awards Luncheon, held Saturday, December 12, the Society honored the following for their contributions to the genealogical community:

- *Award of Merit* – Sandra Crowley, DGS Immediate Past President
- *Volunteer of the Year* – Todd DeDecker, DGS Webmaster
- *Historic Preservation Award* – Dallas Jewish Historical Society, Debra Polsky, Executive Director
- *Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award* – Sammie Townsend Lee, Dallas Public Library,

Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division

- *Renee Jackson Smith Award* – Elizabeth Kutz, DGS Jewish SIG Leader and former President
- *President's Special Award* – Jeri Steele, former IT Administrator, Treasurer, VP, and President of DGS
- *2015 Writing Contest Winners* – Diane Gawedzinski, 1st place; RL Canady, 2nd place



From l to r: Crowley, Polsky, Canady, Lee, Gawedzinski, Kutz, DeDecker. Missing-Steele

Wholehearted congratulations to the winners with sincere acknowledgement of their dedication to family history research.

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**RootsTech to Livestream Sessions  
February 4- 6**



Several sessions at RootsTech, including the general keynote sessions on Thursday and Saturday, will be streamed live on the home page of RootsTech.org. After the conference, recordings of these sessions will be posted on the website for a limited time.

[Details](#)

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**National Archives Launches New Pilot Project:  
History Hub**



NARA has launched a new limited pilot project called the "History Hub." The aim is to find new ways to connect with customers interested in historical topics relating to the Archives holdings.

This is a six-month project testing the platform and usefulness as a crowdsourcing platform. To learn more read our [blog post](#).

[History Hub](#) - beta site

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**Obituary**  
**Florence Elizabeth "Betty" Miller**  
**1932 - 2015**

Betty Miller, was the wife of long-time DGS member Dr. Alan Miller who has been involved in so many Society projects over the years such as the book *Dallas County Records of interest to the Genealogist at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library* and articles in the *Dallas Journal*. Betty and Alan served on the Board as Sales Managers from 2003-2005.

[Obituary](#)

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**Genealogical Events**

3-6 Feb 2016 - [Rootstech](#). Salt Lake City, UT.



4 Feb 2016 - [Grand Prairie Genealogical Society](#) monthly meeting. *Southern Antebellum Plantation Records*. Grand Prairie, TX.



11 Feb 2016 - [Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society](#) monthly meeting. *The Eagle and the Raven*. Mesquite, TX.



10-12 Mar 2016 - [Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy](#) Institute. San Antonio, TX.



4-7 May 2016 - [National Genealogical Society](#) Annual Conference. *Exploring the Centuries: Footprints in Time*. Fort Lauderdale, FL. Registration now open.



2-5 Jun 2016 - [Southern California Genealogical Society](#) Jamboree. *Giving to the Future by Preserving the Past*. Burbank, CA.



31 Aug-3 Sep 2016 - [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#) National Conference. *Time Travel; Centuries of Memories*. Springfield, IL. Celebrating FGS's 40th anniversary. Hotel reservations now open.



28-30 Oct 2016 - [Texas State Genealogical Society](#) Family History Conference. Dallas, TX.



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