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 its legal successor; and to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history.

September SIGS
Refer to the DGS website for news and events of the Special Interest Groups.

DGS Facebook Page
If you are a Facebooker, look for the new Dallas Genealogical Society Facebook page. Become a friend. Be sure to choose the page that identifies DGS as a non-profit organization and has the current meeting day (i.e. Saturdays).
Attendance Critical at Town Hall Meetings

A message from the Friends of the Library. "The City Council members are divided about the issue of raising taxes. There are three "swing votes" on the City Council who, if all three vote to raise taxes, will make a majority in favor of raising taxes. There are Jasso, Hunt, and Medrano. If any of you live in their districts or have pliable friends or relatives who do, it is VERY important that you rouse that person to contact these council members and state an objection to the library budget cuts. Also, whether you live in the district or not, it is important to maintain a visible presence at the town hall meetings in support of the libraries -- invariably there are residents there who will agree once a pro-library spokesperson speaks up."

From the Dallas Genealogical Society Board. Remember that the specialized floors, three through EIGHT, of the central library will only be open 26 hours if the currently proposed budget passes. DGS needs members to join in the disapproval of budget cuts.

Electronic Newsletter

The August issue of the DGS Newsletter is now available online. Go to the main page of the DGS website. Use the information below to login into the Newsletter Login at the bottom left of the home page.

- Username: dgsmember
- Password: 1850census#

Click on Newsletters (Current) that appears in the top left menu. Download any of 2009 and 2010 newsletters here including August 2010.

*Members who requested a printed copy of the newsletter will receive theirs by U.S. Mail.*

News of Members

Dorothy Jones

Dorothy Jones passed away very suddenly on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at her apartment in Dallas. Dorothy was a DGS
member and a volunteer on Fridays from 10 am. to 12 pm at the Volunteer Desk of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. Dorothy was excited to learn of her Swedish ancestors and had traveled to the island of Gotland off the coast of Sweden to further her research. She will be missed by the Genealogical Society and the staff of the Dallas Public Library.

September Meeting
Rediscovering America's First Frontier. This year’s Federation Genealogical Societies (FGS) conference in Knoxville, Tennessee, in August drew hundreds of dedicated genealogists and included more than 100 seminars and workshops, plus a gathering of vendors offering the latest in resources and technology. Come hear from several DGS members who attended this conference and you will get a snapshot of society trends; research in Tennessee and Kentucky; product, resources and event announcements; and much more. It's the next best thing to being there.

An important order of business at the meeting will be revisions to the
DGS Bylaws.
The proposed bylaws are posted on the DGS web site.