**Weekly E-blast - January 31, 2011**

**SIGS**
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**Genealogical Resources at the Texas General Land Office - Feb. 5th DGS Meeting**

Presenter: James Harkins, MPA Archives & Records Texas General Land Office

The history of land is the history of Texas. Among the 35 million documents and 80,000 maps of the General Land Office are the stories of millions of individuals who came to Texas to find a new life. This presentation will put into historical context many of the reasons for coming to Texas for your early Lone Star ancestors. Learn how, when, and where your ancestors came to Texas, and learn how you can access the documents that tell their story.

**Land Grant Search at GLO**

DGS meeting in the Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

- Hospitality Time - 10:30 a.m.
- Business meeting - 11:00 a.m.
- Program - 11:20 a.m.

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

**Hold the Date**
- July 21-23 - DGS Institute
- Oct. 9-15 - Salt Lake City Trip

**DGS on the Web**
- [DGS Blog](#)
- [DGS FamilySearch Wiki](#)

**Special Interest Groups (SIG)**
DGS sponsored Family Search Wiki for Dallas, Dallas, Texas

DGS Web Site

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.

Technology SIG Meeting

Technology SIG Meeting meets Thursday February 3rd from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, Studio (3rd Floor).

Want to help improve the DGS Web Site? Join DGS Webmaster Tony Hanson in an interactive review of several web sites from other Genealogical Societies to identify their strengths and weaknesses. Then compare and contrast those characteristics with our own site to help identify areas for improvement.

Brown Bag Group

Brown Bag Group meets Thursday, February 3rd from 5:15 to 6:15 pm. in the McDermott Room (8th floor) of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. Jean Larson will lead the discussion of the article: by Dawn C. Stricklin, "Namesakes, Name Changes, and Conflicting Evidence: The Search for the Mother of John Little Crow." NGSQ 94 (December 2006): 245-58, dealing with multiple John Little Crows.

Genealogy Podcasts

A number of genealogists have created web "radio" shows called podcasts. These shows are available via the Internet or may be downloaded to an iPod/iPhone/iPad or other MP3 player. Search iTunes to subscribe to free podcasts or click on the links below to visit the websites.

- The Genealogy Guys
- Genealogy Gems
- Family History: Genealogy Made Easy
- Family Tree Magazine Podcast

Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteering can be an activity for couples. Couples serve on the DGS Volunteer Desk and as DGS Directors of Sales.

George and Joan Smith volunteer on the DGS Desk at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library on Saturdays from 10 am to 2 p.m.

Ernestine and Willie Taylor volunteer on the DGS Desk from 3 to 5 p.m. on the third and fourth Saturdays.

Pat and Jim Stone maintain the vendor of DGS items for sale, man the sales table at all DGS
events and fulfill additional sales requests that are received online or by mail.

DGS Journal

Do you have access to a set of records for Dallas County institutions, churches, or schools? Do you have Bible records of a Dallas County related family? Have you transcribed a Dallas County cemetery? Would you be willing to complete the transcription of Dallas soldiers and sailors identified in the 1917-1919 city directories?

Contact Ora Penn, DGS Journal Editor, at journal@dallasgenealogy.org.

Upcoming Events

February 10-12, 2011 Rootstech Conference, Salt Lake City, UT

- DGS members presenting at the Rootstech Conference are: Sandra Crowley, Kathleen Murray, and Tony Hanson.

May 11-14, 2011 NGS Conference, Charleston, SC

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