Dallas Genealogical Society

Weekly eBlast - Thursday, September 20, 2012

SIGS
October -
04 - Brown Bag, 5pm
04 - Technology, 6:30pm
13 - MacGen, 1pm
16 - Jewish, 10am
20 - African American, 2pm

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

Hold the Date
8 Dec - Annual Awards Luncheon
16 Mar 2013 - Spring Lecture
Speaker - Paula Stewart Warren
2-3 Aug 2013 - Summer Institute

DGS on the Web
DGS Blog
DGS FamilySearch Wiki
DGS sponsored Family Search Wiki for Dallas, Dallas, Texas
DGS Web Site

This Saturday!

Military Records - A Wealth of Information

Registration begins at 9:30am
Seats still available

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

Details about the presentation are on our web site.

Register online on our web site with a credit card

FGS/NARA War of 1812 Preserve the Pensions Project
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.

Join the initiative to raise funds to digitize the War of 1812 pension files and make them accessible online for free.

DGS will have a jar to collect donations at the Fall Lecture on Saturday. Loose change and checks are welcome.

Please consider donating to this important project while at the Military Records seminar.

October-December, 2012 Newsletter
Click on the image below to view the latest issue on our web site

Land Platting Webinar
2 Sessions - Thurs, Oct. 4 and Thurs, Dec. 6

Cost - $25.00 for both sessions.
The Brown Bag SIG is sponsoring a webinar on land platting using the software program "Metes & Bounds" by Sandy Knoll Software.

Presenter: William B. Dow, Jr.

Registrants can participate in these sessions either at home or in the Hamon Room on the 5th floor of the downtown Dallas Public Library via the GoToMeeting webinar software.

Register online through October 2. Registration by mail is closed.

Details and registration instructions are on our website.

DGS Writing Competition 2012
$950 in Awards

There is still time to submit your entry before the Sept 30 deadline

You can find all the details on the DGS web page or in the latest issue of the DGS Newsletter.

Georgia Closes State Archives

The Office of the Georgia Secretary of State has announced that, effective November 1, 2012, the Georgia State Archives located in Morrow, GA will be closed to the public. After November 1st, the public will only be allowed to access the building by appointment; however, the number of appointments could be limited based on the schedule of the remaining employees.

This affects all of us. Once one archives is closed, will others follow? What about genealogy
collections in libraries? You may show support by signing the [online petition](#).

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**NEHGS Spotlights Our Society**

In the [12 Sep 2012 issue](#) of their online newsletter, The Weekly Genealogist, the New England Historic Genealogical Society highlights the Dallas Genealogical Society and its web site.

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**FGS Announces New Web Site**

The Federation of Genealogical Societies has launched its newly revamped website to better serve FGS member societies and the genealogical community. Check out their [new site](#).

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**Family Tree Magazine calls DPL One of The Top 10 Public Libraries For Family Research**

In an effort to identify the [10 best public libraries for genealogists](#), the magazine weighed factors such as collection size, census records, special collections, accessibility, geographic coverage, special collections and services.

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**Upcoming**

Oct. 6 - General Meeting

**Topic:** 'DNA Testing for Genealogy' by Debbie Parker Wayne.
Nov. 10 - General Meeting
Topic: 'NARA On-line' by Mike Wright.

Other Genealogical Events

Oct. 6 - Lancaster Genealogical Society seminar
- 'Preserving Your Family History Research With Family Tree Maker' presented by Tresa Tatyrek
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