2013 DGS Writing Contest
Deadline Is August 31

J. Mark Lowe, CG℠ to Judge Contest Again

Professional genealogist, author and lecturer J. Mark Lowe, CG℠ will provide his expertise as a judge of the DGS Writing Contest for a second year.

There are still 2 weeks to enter our 2013 Writing Contest for original material on topics of interest to genealogists and family historians. While DGS has a goal of preserving Dallas history, topics may range beyond the Dallas city and county geographic area as specified in the guidelines available on our web site.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning articles: first prize is $500, second prize is $300 and third prize is $150.
Membership
Ind. Membership - $35
Household - $40
Life (under 65) - $700
Life (65+) - $500
Organizational - $35

Hold the Dates
07 Sep - General Meeting. Speaker: Lynell Moss, New FamilySearch web site.
05 Oct - General Meeting. Speaker: Janet Khashab, Creative Writing for Your Family History.
02 Nov - General Meeting. Speaker: Lloyd Bockstruck, The Name Is the Game: Onomatology and the Genealogist.
07 Dec - Annual Awards Luncheon

D. Joshua Taylor Returns for our Fall Lecture
Saturday, October 12

Back by popular demand, Josh will show us how to unravel the real story behind family legends, take advantage of online archival materials, use research time wisely to maximize results, and take advantage of various methods to share our stories with friends and family.

- Finding the Roots of Your Family Legends
- Treasures in the Archives: Using Archive Grid
- The Modern Genealogist: Timesaving Tips for Every Researcher
- Sharing in the 21st Century

Early Bird Registration fee (by September 27): $40 (DGS Member) and $50 (Non-Member).

Details and Registration
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.

Ancestry.com is Coming to Texas
Saturday, September 21

Mid-Cities Genealogical Society Sponsoring Texas Ancestry Day

Sessions by the experts from Ancestry.com will include "Getting the Most from Ancestry.com", "Texas Records on Ancestry", and "Sharing Your Family Story".

Meg Hacker, Director of NARA's Southwest Regional Office, will speak during the lunch break about some of their "Cool Overlooked and Underused Records".

A live Q&A panel featuring the presenters and door prizes are also part of the day's fun.

The cost is $35.00 plus lunch.

Program Details
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Who Do You Think You Are?

The new season premiered Tuesday, July 23 at 8pm CDT on TLC, The Learning Channel.

If you don't have access to TLC via cable or satellite, full episodes are available for free on TLC's web site a day or two after they air:

Christina Applegate - available
Kelly Clarkson - available
Cindy Crawford
Zooey Deschanel - available
Chelsea Handler - available
Chris O'Donnell
Jim Parsons
Trisha Yearwood

GenealogyBank and US-wide Digital Sanborn Maps Now Available at the Dallas Public Library

Dallas Public Library has added these two databases to their collection of online research sources.

GenealogyBank, a resource from NewsBank, Inc. is a database comprised of the following collections:

Historical Newspapers (1690 - 1999)
DPL has also expanded its geographic coverage of the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. For some time, the digitized maps that provide detailed property and land-use records maps have been available for Texas cities and towns. Now you can access maps for more than 12,000 U.S. towns and cities.

If you live within the city of Dallas and have a DPL library card, you can connect to these from home via their web site: DPL. If you don't have a library card, you can still access these databases via the public computers available at all Dallas Public Library locations.

101 Best Websites for Genealogy in 2013

The Family Tree Magazine web site has just posted its annual survey.

Categories:
Interested in Improving Your Writing Skills About Family History?

DGS May Form a Writers Special Interest Group

The group would be lead by DGS Secretary Marie Navarro and would meet either the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Saturday at the Central Library downtown. This SIG would discuss methods and techniques of writing about family history and how to obtain stories from family members to include in your genealogies.

If you would be interested in joining this group, please send an email to Marie. Include which Saturday and
what time works best for you.

If there is enough interest, the group will begin in September.

**Other Genealogical Events**


Trail". Key Speaker: Thomas W. Jones. Co-hosted by Williamson County Genealogical Society. Registration is open.

2 Nov 2013 - [Great Family Search](#) Conference. Plano. TX.


5-12 Jan 2014 - [SLC Research Trip](#). National Genealogical Society. Salt Lake City, UT.
6-8 Feb 2014 - RootsTech 2014. Salt Lake City, UT. Registration will go live later this summer.

Contact Information: DGS, P.O. Box 12446, Dallas, TX, 75225-0446 / 1-866-YOU2DGS (866-968-2347)

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