May 2015 General Meeting

Saturday, May 2
Hospitality  -  10:30am-11:00am
Meeting      -  11:00am-11:30am
Program      -  11:30am-12:30pm

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

Election of 2015-2016 Board of Directors

Program: "Ancestors of Mexican American Leaders Who Helped Shape Dallas" by Susan P. Vega. Susan will present a genealogical summary of three prominent Dallas Hispanics: the Honorable Anita N. Martinez, the first female Mexican American on the Dallas City Council, the late Pancho Luna of Luna’s Tortilla and Mr. Pedro Aguirre, FAIA, CEO, Aguirre-Roden, Architecture.
Program Details

A Dallas native and an eleventh generation Texan, Susan has joined the research efforts of her mother, Jo Ann Cantu Valentin, President of HOGAR, and her aunt, Gloria Cantu, Secretary of HOGAR as historians for their family.

Patrick McKinney Retires
Genealogy Division
Dallas Public Library

On behalf of the members of the Society, the DGS Board thanks Patrick for his 14 years of valuable service to the Dallas genealogical community. His knowledge of resources and helpfulness of manner in no small way has contributed to the excellent reputation of the Genealogy Division in the family history research field.

He has also ably served the Society as Director of Volunteer Coordination for several years.

The Fiche Collection Project. DGS acquired 16,500 sheets of microfiche through the Family History Library over a four year period. In the case of many states/counties, we more than doubled or tripled the number of data resources in the Genealogy Division. Thanks to the persistance and dedication of Patrick, card catalog entries for all of the acquired fiche were created and the filing cabinets reorganized so that the fiche are easily retrievable.

Best wishes to Patrick on his retirement from his grateful genealogy friends.
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.

Dallas Public Library is looking for someone who is excited about genealogy!

They will soon have an opening for a full-time Library Associate in the Genealogy, History & Social Sciences Division. The job requires a bachelor’s degree. Applicants for the job should list their genealogy experience and education on the job application. Access information about open positions and the application process for the City of Dallas at the following link:

http://dallascityhall.com/departments/humanresources/employment/Pages/default.aspx

When the job posts, there will be a category for Library on the “Employment - Current Openings” page (link above). The Library is hopeful that it will post on Sunday, May 3. The job description will be for a Library Associate, but it will not specify that it is for a Genealogy position.

Although the job has not yet been posted, interested candidates should create profiles in NEOGOV so that you will be ready to submit an application for Library Associate when the posting appears.

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During renovation of the seventh floor, a limited selection of materials including books, directories, newspapers, and photographs are available for use in its temporary home in the back corner of the first floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, 75201.

Stop by, call 214-670-1435, or email them at texas@dallascityhall.org with any questions.

Society Newsletters
1976 - present now on DGS web site
Most of the newsletters created by DGS from September, 1976 to the present have been scanned and are now available to the public. View the collection on our website. Click the Resources tab on the home page, then Newsletters in the left column.

DGS needs your help to complete the collection. We are missing a few issues. If you own any of the issues listed below, please contact webmaster@dallasgenealogy.org to make arrangements to donate or scan them.

We will also gladly accept any of the original newsletters published by DGS from 1955 through 1976.

**Missing Issues**

1976:
- Issue 1
- Issue 4
1989:
- May/June - Volume 19, Number 3, Issue 160
1995:
- September - Volume 19, Number 5, Issue 162
- October - Volume 18, Number 6, Issue 163
1996:
- May - Volume 20 Number 5 Issue 169
- September - Volume 21 Number 7 Issue 171
- October - Volume 20 Number 8 Issue 172
1997:
- April – Issue 178
1999:
- June - Volume 23, Number 6, Issue 200
2001:
- Issue 215
- Issue 216
- Issue 217
- Issue 221
2002:
- Volume 26, Number 7

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**Genealogical Events**

07 May 2015 - [Grand Prairie Genealogical Society](#) Monthly Meeting. Stephanie Moreno, President of the Grand Prairie Historical Organization, will present a program about the records available through the GPHO Archives.
14 May - Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting. Program: Daniel Laney, genealogy librarian for the Mesquite Public Library, will demonstrate how genealogists can use The Portal to Texas History to find information about their ancestors.