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DGS Summer Symposium
August 7-8, 2015

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

Researching in Texas

Register online at
www.dallasegenealogy.org

OR

By mail (send in check with form)

Mail form to: DGS 2015 Summer Symposium, P.O. Box 12446, Dallas, Texas 75225-0446

Fees:
By July 18*     After July 18
Member $129  $149  
Non-Mem $149 $189

*Must be registered online or postmarked by July 18, 2015 to qualify for discount

Lunch, optional - $12 each day
Friday: Plate Lunch
Saturday: Box Lunch

“Late Night at the Library” (free, but registration required)

Program

Friday, August 7

10:15-11:15  
**Fundamentals of Researching Texas** - Teri Flack

11:15-11:45 Break

11:45 – 12:45  
**Finding Your Ancestors in the Republic of Texas** - Teri Flack

12:45 -1:45 Lunch

1:45 – 2:45  
**Researching at the Texas General Land Office** - Laurel Neuman

2:45 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:15  
**Researching Texas Ancestors during the Civil War and Reconstruction** - Teri Flack

5:00pm - 10:pm
**Late Night at the Library**

Saturday, August 8

10:15 – 11:15  
**Researching on the Portal to Texas History** - Jake Mangum

11:15 – 11:45 Break

11:45 – 12:45  
**Researching in the Special Collections of the University of Texas at Arlington Library** - Brenda McClurkin

12:45 – 1:45 Lunch

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Teri Flack, MA, MBA  
Featured Speaker

Additional Speakers From  
**The Portal to Texas History**  
**State of Texas General Land Office**  
**University of Texas at Arlington Library Special Collections**  
**Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division, Dallas Public Library**

**Researching in Texas** is a 2-day program of eight presentations that focus on resources, sources, methodologies, and techniques for finding your Texas ancestors.

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Teri Flack's presentations

**Fundamentals of Researching Texas**  
Learn the essential techniques for uncovering your Texas ancestors in this primer on Texas research.

**Finding Your Ancestors in the Republic of Texas**  
Researching Republic of Texas ancestors takes creative thinking and ingenuity. This presentation describes the variety of resources available to find your ancestors in pre-1846 Texas. Several case studies show how using a combination of these records can provide a picture of your republic ancestor.

**Researching Texas Ancestors during the Civil War**
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**Bonus Free Event Late Night at the Library**

The Genealogy Division of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (selected by Family Tree Magazine as one of the Top 10 Public Libraries in the US for genealogy research) will remain open on Friday evening, August 7, from 5-10 pm, exclusively for Summer Symposium attendees. Professional librarians from the Division and DGS volunteers will be available to offer assistance. A light supper will be provided by DGS. Registration is required.

For information about the Genealogy Division’s resources, collections, and services - go to <www.dallaslibrary.org>, click on the Locations/Hours tab, then choose Genealogy from the "Select a Floor" drop-down menu.

**General information**

**Refund Policy:** full refund (less $10 processing fee) when requested by July 18; no refund after July 18, but syllabus will be provided.

**Reduced Parking:** $1.50 per day available for attendees who park in the Dallas Public Library garage.

**Lunch Alternatives:** If you want to bring your lunch instead of ordering it with your registration, limited space will be available in our Hospitality room or you may go out to one of the many

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**Manuscript Collections: A Source of Hidden Gems**

Many museums and universities house collections of original documents, such as diaries and journals; personal and family papers; financial, business, and legal records; maps, newspapers, pamphlets, and broadsides; and photographs reflecting the lives and activities of government officials, politicians, soldiers, bankers, jurists, planters, merchants, physicians, clergy, educators, slaves, and homemakers. Discover some of the riches to be found in materials from Texas repositories. This presentation demonstrates how to find manuscripts and original documents and the hidden gems, which can move your research forward.

Teri E. Flack is a genealogy and historical researcher, consultant, and lecturer who has been researching family history for over 30 years. Teri chairs the Texas State Genealogical Society’s Records Preservation and Access Committee and serves as the Texas state liaison to the national RPAC. She is director of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Teri was recently appointed to the Texas State Historical Resource Advisory Board, a state-level board dedicated to the preservation and use of Texas’ documentary heritage. She is the first genealogist to sit on the board in over a decade. Teri is a member of

**Researching Texas Ancestors during the Civil War and Reconstruction**

The time period between 1860 and 1876 offers Texas researchers unique opportunities for 19th century research using records created only during these years.

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the Travis County Historical Commission for which she chairs the Research Committee and serves as Travis County historical marker chair. Teri volunteers at the Texas State Archives processing over 1,000 volumes and 300 cubic feet of Galveston County records and creating finding aids to make them accessible to the public. Teri spent much of her career in Texas government working with the Texas Legislature on higher education and consumer protection issues. She used that experience in 2013 to work with the Texas genealogical community to prevent legislation from passing that would have further restricted access to Texas birth and death records. For her work in records preservation and access, Teri was recently elected a Fellow of the Texas State Genealogical Society. Teri holds a Master’s degree in History, with a concentration in Public History; MBA; Paralegal Certificate; and B. S. in Education from Texas State University.

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**Additional Speakers**

State of Texas General Land Office  
**Laurel Neuman, Archives and Records Division**

**Researching at the Texas General Land Office**  
Learn how to research your early Texas ancestors in the records of the Texas General Land Office. This presentation will include an overview of the various types of land grants issued by Spain, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, and the State of Texas, as well as several supporting collections at the GLO that are excellent resources for genealogical research. Also included will be a highlight of the resources available on the GLO website, and a walkthrough of how to search the records of the GLO online.

Laurel Neuman was born in Dallas and grew up in Arlington – her family has deep roots in Northeast Texas. She graduated from Arlington High in 2004 and went on to Texas State University, where she received her Bachelors of Arts in History in 2008. She is
currently pursuing her Master's degree in Public History at Texas State University. She began working in the Archives at the GLO in 2008 as a summer intern in the scanning and duplication department. This initial exposure to the collection got her hooked, and she quickly fell in love with their collection. She was hired on full-time after her internship and has now worked in the Archives and Records program area for almost 7 years. She currently works in the Research Room, where she assists external customers with their research needs, gives in-house tours to the public, and works with fellow staff members to train them on the various parts of the collection. She also does several outreach events each year, traveling around Texas to spread the word about the wonderful resources at the GLO. She is passionate about Texas history, she loves the collection, and she enjoys getting to share the GLO records with the public!

The Portal to Texas History, University of North Texas Libraries

Jacob Mangum, Project Development Librarian

Researching on The Portal to Texas History

The Portal is a gateway to Texas history materials. You may discover anything from an ancestor mentioned in a 19th century Texas newspaper to a rare historical map. Learn how to explore the site to discover more about your 19th century Texas ancestor.

Jake Mangum earned both his BS in Information Science in 2013 and his MS in Library Science in 2014 from the University of North Texas. Then in February 2015 he became the Project Development Librarian for the Portal to Texas History at the University of North Texas Libraries. In this role he works with partners in the creation and digitization of collections for the Portal. As an additional function of his role at UNT Mr.
Mangum performs outreach to various organizations and associations. These include genealogical societies, museums, libraries, and private collectors.

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University of Texas at Arlington Library Special Collections

Brenda McClurkin, C.A., Department Head

**Researching in Special Collections of the University of Texas at Arlington Library**

UTA Libraries Special Collections holds a vast array of materials related to Texas history including books, sheet music, maps, county records, photographs, labor records, and collections of personal and family papers, all with great genealogical potential. Learn about the depth and breadth of Special Collections holdings and how to access and use them in your own research.

Brenda McClurkin is the former Historical Manuscripts Archivist at the University of Texas at Arlington Library Special Collections and Archives, and now heads that department. She holds an undergraduate degree in history from Colorado Woman’s College in Denver; a MLS from the University of Arizona; and an archival administration certificate from the University of Texas at Arlington. Brenda is a member of the Academy of Certified Archivists and a past president of the Society of Southwest Archivists. She has contributed articles to the Special Collections’ newsletter, *The Compass Rose; Southwestern Archivist;* and *Legacies,* a Dallas history journal; and coauthored *Weatherford: The Early Years* and *Fort Worth’s Quality Hill,* both recent titles in Arcadia Publishing’s Images of America series.

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Texas/Dallas History & Archives Division, Dallas Public Library

Brian Collins, Archivist

**Researching in the Dallas Public Library**

**Texas/Dallas Collection**
The collection of materials at the Texas/Dallas History & Archives Division is one of the largest of its kind in the nation. Our holdings span many aspects of the diverse history of not only Dallas and the surrounding area, but the entire state of Texas. Hear how these resources can help you find and learn about the lives of your Texas ancestors.

Brian Collins is Archivist of the Dallas Public Library’s Texas/Dallas History and Archives and the Fine Book Division. Brian grew up in Baton Rouge and graduated in 2000 from Louisiana State University with a B.A. in journalism. He then enrolled in the graduate history program at L.S.U. and received his M.A. in 2002. While conducting research for his thesis, he became intrigued with the “stuff of history” – i.e. archives – and started to work on his MLIS at L.S.U. After receiving this degree in December 2003, he joined the staff of the Dallas Public Library as an archivist. While remaining in this role, he attained and renewed his status as Certified Archivist. He also became a member of Texas State Library and Archives Commission review panel for the TexTreasures Grants in 2013. He has served in various capacities in the Society of Southwest Archivists, most recently completing a term as member of its Executive Board.

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