September, 2017

Event Schedules:  General Meetings  |  Special Interest Groups  |  Seminars

Fall Seminar with D. Joshua Taylor: Registration Discount Ends Sept. 17

You won't want to miss this great opportunity to spend a day in Dallas with D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS, a nationally recognized genealogical author, lecturer and researcher.

He has been a featured genealogist on *Who Do You Think You Are?* and can be seen as a host on the popular PBS series *Genealogy Roadshow.*

**Register Now**

Next General Meeting: Saturday, September 9

This will be a busy meeting as we ill be installing our new Executive Board, approving appointed positions and approving the 2017 - 2018 budget.

This months speaker will be DGS member **David Passman** who will be sharing the results of his research and discussing the use of collateral lines as a research methodology.

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**Help Us Preserve Our History!**

We will be participating in the 2017 North Texas Giving Day again this year with the goal of raising enough funds to digitize
our Quarterlies published from 1955 through 1994. Once digitized they will be available on the Portal to Texas History. Learn more from our video...

You can donate two ways:

- Schedule your North Texas Giving Day donation between September 7 - 13
- Donate on September 14

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**Our Summer Seminar Was Fabulous!**

Our Summer 2017 Seminar featured the dynamic trio of Lisa Louise Cooke, Diahan Southard and Sunny Morton. More than 100 attendees registered to attend the two-day event with presentations on DNA, US Religious records, historical newspapers, writing your life story, using video, and much more.

'Thank you' to our presenters, our fabulous volunteers and all who attended for making our seminar a success!

**Award Nominations Wanted**

The Dallas Genealogical Society annually recognizes individuals for their contributions so the society and to the National Genealogical community (read about last years recipients here) If you feel somebody is deserving of recognition this year please take a few minutes to nominate them.

The award categories are listed below. Click on any category to see the online nomination form.

- Award of Merit
- Heritage Preservation
- Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award
- Volunteer of the Year
- Texas State Genealogical Society Volunteer of the Year (Presented by the TSGS at their annual conference in October)

The DGS Awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet on December 12, 2017.
Texas State Genealogical Society Annual Conference

The 2017 Family History Conference will take place October 20—October 22, 2017, in Houston, Texas. Our program features two extraordinary instructors—Dr. Michael Lacopo, D.V.M. and J. Mark Lowe, CG℠!

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DGS Receives Digitization Grant

The Dallas Genealogical Society is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of a 2017 Rescuing Texas History grant from the University of North Texas. The $1000 grant will help the society digitize our Quarterly Journals published between 1955 and 1994 which will be archived on the Portal to Texas History.

The Dallas Genealogical Society has benefited from several previous grants: in 2016 we received funds that allowed us digitize recent issues of Pegasus: Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society. A 2015 grant resulted in the digitization of Dallas County Probate Records from 1850 to the early 1900’s.

New eNews

As you have no doubt noticed by now, our eNews format has changed. As we were going through the update we had a couple of primary objectives in mind:

- We wanted to provide information in a format that was easier for you to read. This layout should work better on tablets and Smart Phones which are increasingly becoming the primary way publications like this are viewed.
- We also wanted to make it easier to create each issue, and to make sure you are provided with timely and accurate information.

Finally, we are very pleased to announce that Karan Marshall has volunteered to step into the role of Editor of this newsletter. Karan will be leading the effort to improve the layout as we work to adapt it to the needs of our organization. She will also be
reaching out to all of our members to provide additional content.

Since this is your newsletter, we would be very interested in hearing your thoughts on what we have done (and on what Karan will be doing). Send us some email at info@dallasgenealogy.org and let us know what you think.

Upcoming Meeting: Saturday, October 14

Please note that our next General meeting will be held on the 2nd Saturday in October. Read More...