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May, 2018

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Next General Meeting: Saturday May 5

Our [next General Meeting](#) will be held on Saturday, May 5, in the 1st floor Auditorium at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, located at 1515 Young Street in Dallas. Hospitality begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by our Business Meeting, which will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Our Educational Presentation, "*Proving Long Lost Family the Indirect Way: Finding the Ancestors of F.N. Raymond*", will be made by Patti Gillespie, founding member and third-term president of the Wise County Genealogical Society.



Sometimes, we have to go all the way around in order to prove what is right in front of us. Using a case study, Patti will show us where to turn when the standard records sets don't have all the answers we are looking for. Learn how indirect research can lead directly to helping break down those brick walls.

As a reminder, you do not need to be a member of the Dallas Genealogical Society to attend the meetings. We welcome everyone who is interested!

April Meeting Recap

Our April meeting was attended by 31 members and 8 visitors. Lynell Bennett Moss, of the Plano Family History Center, gave a power packed and interactive presentation on the FamilySearch Family Tree. Lynell discussed many of the recent updates and did a live demonstration on working in the tree. She also discussed several different apps that are available from FamilySearch that can be used in conjunction with the universal tree. The [syllabus](#) and a [video](#) of the full presentation (as well as recordings of previous meetings) are available on our [website](#).

Upcoming Meeting: Saturday, September 8

As a reminder, the Dallas Genealogical Society will not hold regular meetings during

the summer months of June, July, and August. Please [join us on September 5](#) (the second Saturday of the month) for a presentation by Betsy Mills on *Dating, Identifying, Preserving, and Sharing Old Photos*.

During the summer break, please check the DGS calendar for other educational opportunities, such as, our upcoming [Summer Seminar with J. Mark Lowe on August 4](#). There are also several Special Interest Groups that will still be meeting during this time.

Meeting minutes, video recordings of previous Business Meetings, and videos of our Educational Presentations (when the speaker permits) are all available on our [website](#).

Vote at May Meeting

One of the items of business to be handled at the May 5 General Meeting is the election of the 2018 – 2019 Executive Board. Please show your support for those who have volunteered to serve our society by attending and casting your vote:

- President – Todd DeDecker
 - Vice President – Jim Thornhill
 - Secretary – Caroline Simpson
 - Treasurer – Travis Tynes
 - Immediate Past President – Tony Hanson
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Bring a Friend Contest - Drawing Delayed

We goofed! In one of our recent "clean up the storage closet" frenzies we inadvertently disposed of the tickets we have been collecting for our 'Bring A Friend' promotion. So... no drawing in May as planned.

If you brought a friend in the past year and have *your* ticket, please contact Gloria Goodwin (membership@dallasgenealogy.org) and provide her with the details. In order to give everybody a chance to provide us with their information we will delay the drawing until the September 8, 2018 meeting.



As an added bonus... you now have a chance to bring a friend to the May 5 meeting and enter for your chance to win free admission (plus lunch) and an upcoming DGS Seminar.

Summer Newsletter Schedule

Because the Dallas Genealogy Society does not meet in the summer, the next newsletter will be published in mid July.

Help DGS While You Shop

Tom Thumb, Kroger and Amazon donate to organizations like ours by providing a percentage of each purchase made by registered customers. The Dallas Genealogical Society receives about \$500 each year from these programs.

Tom Thumb's Good Neighbor Program - If you shop at Tom Thumb and have one of their Rewards cards, you can link your card to our account, as well as to two other organizations. DGS is organization number 4253.

- **Kroger Community Rewards** - If you shop at Kroger and use one of their loyalty cards, you can link your account to DGS organization number 61033.
- **Amazon Smile** - Once you select the Dallas Genealogical Society (and shop using the URL listed in the article linked below), Amazon will donate 0.5% of every purchase you make!

For additional information about participating in these programs see our [Business Support web page](#).

Save the Date for the Summer Seminar

Be sure to mark your calendar for our [Summer Seminar on Saturday, August 4, 2018](#). Our speaker will be J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA. He is a full-time professional genealogist, author, and lecturer who specializes in original records and manuscripts throughout the South.



Mark lives in Robertson County, Tennessee which lies in Northern Middle Tennessee along the Kentucky border. With family history in both states, a knowledge of the interaction of citizens along borders helps Mark resolve difficult issues using often overlooked records. As a national and regional speaker, he has brought these areas of expertise along with his unique humor and southern style to many diverse audiences.

- Session 1: Finding Uncle John by Talking to the Neighbors
 - Session 2: Finding Black Roots in a White World
 - Session 3: The Migration Triangle: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee
 - Session 4: Circuit Riders and the Early Methodist Church
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Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society

Join the Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society on Thursday, May 10th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mesquite Main Library as Dr. Steven Butler relates the history of John Neely Bryan, the enigmatic founder of Dallas, one of the largest cities in America. Doc Butler, a writer, historian and professor, is fascinated by the quiet tragedy of Bryan's life. Considering Bryan's story, he relates that "Bryan had this big idea to build a town or trading post, and then he just kind of gave up on it," and "He started one of the biggest cities in America, and it never really benefited him." The public is invited and welcome and you do not have to be a member to attend. Come early for visiting and refreshments.

May and June Special Interest Group Meetings

Do you want to explore a special genealogical interest? The Dallas Genealogical Society has special interest groups that meet at various times during the month. The groups that meet in



May and June are listed below.

May Meetings

- **Technology Special Interest Group** meets May 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on the 7th floor - Stone Room, J Eric Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St. Dallas TX 75201.
- **Jewish Special Interest Group** meets **May 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on the 8th Floor - McDermott Room**, J Eric Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St. Dallas TX 75201.
- **DNA Special Interest Group** meets **May 17 at 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on the 7th Floor - Stone Room**, J Eric Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St. Dallas TX 75201.
- **African American Genealogical Interest Group** meets May 19 at 2:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. on the 1st Floor - West Room, J Eric Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St. Dallas TX 75201.
- **Brown Bag Special Interest Group** meets May 26 at 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **on the 8th Floor - McDermott Room**, J Eric Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St. Dallas TX 75201.

June Meetings

- **MacGen Reunion Group** meets June 9, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **on the 8th Floor - McDermott Room**, J Eric Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St. Dallas TX 75201.
- **Roots Magic Special Interest Group** meets June 10 at 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. on the 5th Floor - Hamon Room, J Eric Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St. Dallas TX 75201.
- **Next Gen Sitebuilder Special Interest Group** meets June 10 at 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on the 5th Floor - Hamon Room, J Eric Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St. Dallas TX 75201.
- **Jewish Special Interest Group** meets June 20 at 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **on the 8th Floor - McDermott Room**, J Eric Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St. Dallas TX 75201.
- **Brown Bag Interest Group** meets June 23 at 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **on the 8th Floor - McDermott Room**, J Eric Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St. Dallas TX 75201.

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Spotlight on Gloria Goodwin Director of Membership

I was raised in a small town in west Texas in a family that had little contact with extended family. There was no discussion about the extended family except on the occasions that my father's brother visited about once a year. I knew that my father had brothers and my mother had brothers and a sister. Beyond that, there was little information. By the time I started



school, I had no living grandparents.

My interest in my family history was precipitated by two events. First, on a weekend visit to see my parents, my mother informed me that “Aunt Mela” was visiting. When I asked my mother about her, she informed me that she was my Dad’s aunt, the sister of his mother. I had no knowledge of this person. At the dinner table, “Aunt Mela” tossed a picture toward my Dad stating, “Here’s a picture of your mother. You know your daddy killed her. I was there.” My Dad left the table. The picture he left behind was his mother in her casket. “Aunt Mela” didn’t visit again and the event was never discussed. My mother told me not to ask questions.

The second event was following my move to Dallas and going to work for a pediatrician who referred me to an internist so I would have a “family doctor.” My initial visit included questions about my family medical history. I am a nurse and I had never thought about my family medical history. (I was healthy). I realized I had no clue. I had never asked. I began asking some questions, but my mother cautioned me about asking my Dad questions, stating “he doesn’t talk about it.”

The real “hook” for me was getting a copy of my grandmother’s death certificate listing the cause of death as “self-inflicted Strychnine poisoning.”

My journey began. I had to know about my family. I wanted to know if there were other surprises. Moving to Dallas and finding the treasure of the Genealogy section of the Dallas Public Library and the guidance of Lloyd Bruckstrook fueled my curiosity and turned it into a passion.

Giving my time to the Dallas Genealogical Society as Membership Chairman allows me to share that passion with many others. It is fulfilling to give back to that which has opened up my doorway to the past and finding my family.



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