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**September 2018**

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## **Experience the Luck of the Irish!**

*Jim Thornhill*

September 29th brings a special guest to town! David Rencher, noted expert on Irish Genealogy, will be here to help all of us track down our Irish Ancestors. Whether your forefathers came directly from Ireland, or migrated to England and then “crossed the pond” like mine did, our Fall Seminar will be a great help to discover your Irish roots. Let’s fill in that hole on our family trees!

**Register Now**

Be sure to register by September 16th to take advantage of early bird registration, and consider volunteering at the seminar. Most volunteers don’t miss any of the program,

and you will be entered in a drawing to win a free seminar for 2019!

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## September 8 General Meeting

*Lisa Ross*

Our next General Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 8, in the 1st floor Auditorium at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, located at 1515 Young Street in Dallas. This is the second Saturday in September. Hospitality begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by our Business Meeting, which will begin at 11:00 a.m.



Our Educational Presentation on *Dating, Identifying, Preserving, and Sharing Old Photos*, will be made by **Betsy Mills**, current President of the Lamar County Genealogical Society and Treasurer for the Texas State Genealogical Society. Old photographs provide a window into our ancestors' lives. Betsy will show us how to identify unknown photos by analyzing the type of photograph, the people in the photograph, the styles in the photograph, and other often-missed clues. She will also talk about how to preserve and share our photographs. This will be an interactive presentation that is sure to inspire you to go home and work on your own unidentified photographs!

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

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## Genealogy Network of Texas on Oct 19th

*Stephanie Bennett*

Join the Genealogy & History Division of the Dallas Public Library for a special Family History Month celebration from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the 8th Floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.



A series of eight programs will be live-streamed from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The programs are provided by the Genealogy Network of Texas (GNT), a state-wide initiative to connect libraries/genealogical societies and provide educational and research opportunities. Topics covered will include census records, brick-wall research, autosomal DNA, Native American ancestors, preserving photographs, using land records, and locating female ancestors.

### Speakers and Volunteers are needed:

- 30 - 45 minute presentations will be scheduled between 10:00 and 4:00 pm in the McDermott Conference Room.
- Volunteers will provide one-on-one research assistance to attendees.

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## **Please Donate on September 20**

*Tony Hanson*

The Dallas Genealogical Society will be participating in the 2018 North Texas Giving Day campaign, raising funds to have high quality digital images of our newsletters placed on the Portal to Texas History.

SAVE THE DATE  
**9.20.18**  
6AM-MIDNIGHT

[Watch our video](#) for more details.

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## **Lloyd's Legacy**

*Tony Hanson*

The memory of Lloyd D. Bockstruck is still very much alive: there are several activities under way related to his legacy.

Donations to the memorial fund established by the Society totaled \$1,001. Tony Hanson is working with Stephanie Bennett (DPL Genealogy Section Manager) to determine how these funds should be utilized.



Donations are still being accepted!

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## **Mark Lowe an Overwhelming Success!**

*Jim Thornhill*

Our Summer Seminar with Mark Lowe was enjoyed by all. The surveys you filled out gave the seminar a score of 4.6 out of 5, with comments like *“He was superb and entertaining, bring him back”* and *“maybe the best genealogy seminar I have ever attended”*. Participants enjoyed Mark’s unique ability to combine humor with an exceptional knowledge of southern research to make for a truly entertaining and educational experience.



I want to personally thank all of the volunteers that helped make this seminar a success. You are the reason the seminar went so smoothly and was enjoyed by all! DGS could not do what we do without YOU!

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## Get Involved With: Food

*Tony Hanson*

If you have attended one of our General Meetings, you know how nice it is to chat with friends, drink coffee and enjoy some light snacks before the meeting begins.



You also probably know that we depend on volunteers to bring the snacks we all enjoy so much.

Please consider taking a turn at an upcoming meeting. We will reimburse your costs and have a board member there to assist you get things set up before the meeting. Its a great way to get involved and meet people!

See our [Volunteer Signup Page](#) for meeting dates and additional information.

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## DGS Receives Digitization Grant

*Todd DeDecker*

The Dallas Genealogical Society was recently notified that it has been awarded a \$1000 grant from the Rescuing Texas History program administered by the University of North Texas Libraries. This grant will provide a portion of the funds required to digitize our Societies newsletters published between 1976 and 2015. Funds to complete this effort will be raised on September 20 during the North Texas Giving Day.

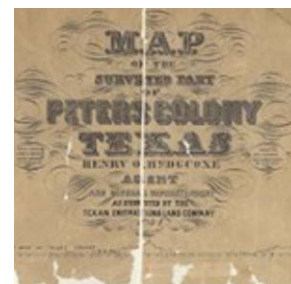
The DGS has received multiple grants from this program:

- 2017 - \$1000 towards digitizing our Quarterly publications
  - 2016 - Funds to digitize our Pegasus publication
  - 2015 - Funds to digitize several issues of our Journal publication
  - 2013 - Funds to digitize microfilm of the Dallas County Probate Records from 1850 to the early 1900's
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## Peters Colony Conservation Update

*Tony Hanson*

The Dallas Genealogical Society donated \$7500 to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) in December, 2017 for the purpose of conserving Peters Colony records. The GLO was able to match that donation with an additional \$7500 which expanded the scope of the conservation effort.



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## Why I Volunteer

*Patti Huff Smith*

When I thought of asking you, “Why not volunteer?” I had to ask myself the question, “Why do I volunteer?” To be honest, there are literally dozens of reasons I love to volunteer!

First of all, I love people. Whether I volunteer at one of my kid’s events, church, community or a genealogical society event my goal is to connect with and serve people.



My desire to volunteer for the Dallas Genealogical Society was simple: a chance to get to know like-minded people who shared a common interest and enthusiasm. Also, as a (5-years) ‘newbie’ at genealogical research, surrounding myself with smarter people has proven to be educational and FUN!

- Being with fellow historians, genealogists and enthusiasts is a great learning experience.
- There is a tremendous satisfaction in helping others and being a part of something bigger than me.
- Hanging out with DGS leaders and our professional speakers is a great way to improve my own genealogy skills.

Yet, the purpose of our time together today is to inspire you to serve your society! Your skills, experiences and personality offer value and uniqueness that will contribute to the growth of our society.

Get started by volunteering at an upcoming event. It's easy: just go to our [Volunteer Signup Page](#) and sign up for a task.

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### **Focus on: Stephanie Bennett**

*Unit Manager, Genealogy & History section, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library*

I grew up in Waxahachie, Texas, and then left Texas to go to college at the University of Missouri-Columbia. I ended up back in the Dallas area with two degrees, and not really using either one of them much to the dismay of my parents. I was on my way to work as manager of a retail store one day when I heard a radio ad for TWU’s master’s degree programs. I had always wanted to pursue a degree in Library Science, and this seemed like the perfect opportunity – I set off for my career as a librarian.



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### **Making Us Smile**

*Tony Hanson*

We just received a notice from the AmazonSmile program informing us that we would be seeing a \$21.96 deposit in our checking account soon.



So a hearty "Thank You" to all of you who have made our Society your designated non-profit and made purchases through the AmazonSmile program!

If you haven't signed up, please consider doing so. It is a painless way to generate donations to our society.

More details (Kroger and Tom Thumb have similar programs) are available on the [Business Support](#) page on our website.

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## Special Interest Group Meetings

*Tony Hanson*

We are fortunate to have a variety of Special Interest Groups that meet throughout the month. Meetings scheduled in the next month are listed below. See the complete calendar of upcoming meetings on our [online calendar](#).



All groups meet at the J. Erik Jonnson Central Library.

- Sept 6 - [Technology](#) - 6:00 pm in the 7th Floor Stone Room
- Sept 9 - [Roots Magic](#) - 1:30 pm in the 5th Floor Hamon Room
- Sept 9 - [Next Gen Sitebuilder](#) - 3:00 pm in the 5th Floor Hamon Room
- Sept 15 - [African American](#) - 2:00 in the 1st Floor West Room
- Sept 19 - [Jewish](#) - 10:00 am in the 8th Floor McDermott Room
- Sept 20 - [DNA](#) - 6:00 pm in the 7th Floor Stone Room
- Sept 22 - [Brown Bag](#) - 10:30 am in the 8th Floor McDermott Room

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## Denton Family Discovery Day: Sept 15

*Lisa Ross*

The Denton Genealogical Society and the Denton Family History Center are holding a Family Discovery Day in Denton on Saturday, September 15 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. They will be offering four multi-track sessions, and will also be conducting a training session for a Billion Graves Youth (ages 12 - 18) Project.

This event is FREE and open to the public (registration is required).

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## Next Meeting: Saturday, October 6

*Lisa Ross*

Please join us at the October General Meeting for a presentation by **Greg Boyd**, President of Arphax Publishing Co. and developer of HistoryGeo.com. Greg will be talking about the First-Landowners Map Project and Upcoming Research Tools from HistoryGeo.com.

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

## 2018 Family History Conference

Hosted by the Texas State Genealogical Society, the 2018 Family History Conference, Journey through Generations, brings you sessions with a wide variety of topics from many of the nation's top family history experts.



Workshops and sessions are aimed at strengthening your research skills no matter what your level or area of expertise might be.

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## TSGS Annual Awards

One component of the Texas State Genealogical Society conference is the presentation of several annual awards. They recognize the best Society Website, a Volunteer of the Year and several Writing awards. Nominations must be submitted by September 15.



Information about the [Writing Awards](#) as well as the criteria for the [Volunteer of the Year](#) award are documented on the TSGS website.

If you know of somebody who you think should be considered as this year's DGS nominee for the Volunteer of the Year award please contact any board member or send email and tell us why: [info@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:info@dallasgenealogy.org)

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