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**October 2018**

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## **Next General Meeting: Saturday, Oct. 6**

*Lisa Ross*

Our next General Meeting will be held on Saturday, **October 6**, 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 will be made 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*. We will be learning about all the great tools available on the HistoryGeo.com website and how to use these tools to make new discoveries about our ancestors. Additionally, Greg will discuss some projects currently in the works that will provide even more discovery opportunities in the near future.

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!

## **Genealogy Network of Texas: Friday, Oct. 19**

*Patti Huff Smith*

The Genealogy department of the Dallas Public Library will be hosting a FREE, all-day genealogy event on the 8th floor of the J Erik Jonsson Library, 1515 Young Street in downtown Dallas on Friday,



October 19 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Forty state-wide additional libraries and societies will be celebrating Family History Month with their own events and activities as part of the Genealogy Network of Texas (GNT).

This state-wide initiative connects libraries and societies to provide educational and research opportunities for the public. The GNT will provide a series of eight live streamed programs with up-to-date topics accessible at participating libraries and genealogical societies.

The Dallas Genealogical Society is proud to participate, offering Genealogy Research Mentors to assist with beginning your family tree to helping break down brick walls. In addition, several DGS members will be making local, live presentations throughout the day on a variety of topics.

Lunch and dinner are 'on your own.' Restaurants are close by or you may bring your own brown bag meal.

Remember to bring your laptop, flash drive and any additional genealogy research tools. DGS Members are encouraged to attend this event, as well as assist in a volunteer position during this exciting event!

For questions or additional information, please see the [DPL Website](#) on contact Stephanie Bennett at: [Stephanie.Bennett@dallascityhall.com](mailto:Stephanie.Bennett@dallascityhall.com).

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### **Attention Kroger Shoppers!**

*Tony Hanson*

Kroger offers a Community Rewards program that allows shoppers to designate a non-profit that will receive a 1% matching donation from Kroger. Unfortunately, Kroger has made some changes to their program that removed all DGS designations.



So... please take a few minutes to log into the Kroger website and re-designate the Dallas Genealogical Society as your selected non-profit.

<https://www.kroger.com/topic/kroger-community-rewards-3>

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### **Why Volunteer?**

*Patti Huff Smith*

You never know who you might meet! Volunteers have become some of my best friends. When serving as a volunteer I've met professional, dedicated, loyal and amazing people.

It seems I've always had a passion to volunteer and to get involved. This is how I met a new friend and found out we are actually cousins!!



While I've lived in the Dallas area since 1979 as a young adult, my family is from Waco. I'd been serving at the CTGS in Waco about five years. Realizing every time I drove past downtown Dallas to Waco I was passing by the Dallas Genealogical Society.

I felt a tug in my heart, but couldn't help the interest in my family history in Waco. Both maternal and paternal families came from Marshall County Alabama to Waco Texas in the mid-to-late 1800s.

I'd joined every genealogical society in Texas where my family had lived, yet still didn't get involved in DGS. My 90-year-old grandmother encouraged me and recommended to also join the Texas State Genealogical Society.

TxSGS is where I met a young serious genealogist who happened to be a board member of DGS! Of course, we met volunteering and hit it right off! We exchanged numbers and became fast friends.

Lisa Ross (our Director of Education) is the reason why I am part of the Dallas Genealogical Society and now a Board Member. Lisa encourage me to attend DGS events and invited me to my first board meeting. How could I say no? What a great, professional group of men and women! If you haven't gotten involved yet, I would like to warmly invite you to be part of this exciting genealogical Society...DGS!

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## Thinking Outside the Box

*Gloria Goodwin*

Facing a brick wall in your research? Consider looking in these (and other) unusual sources...

Hospital records (prior to the 1996 Health Care Privacy Act) were often printed in local newspapers listing those hospitalized, births, and deaths. Small communities often printed details of accidents (example: details of my accident and broken bones from a fall from a horse made the front page!).



Newspaper advertisements lists business owners and banks lists bank officers. (example: advertisement also listed dates of service of the bank officers).

Divorce records - sometimes there are surprises (example: divorce of couple who continued to reside together unknown to 2 of their 3 children that they had divorced).

Church Centennial or Bicentennial Celebrations often listed original members and dates that other members joined or moved to another church.

Older church business minutes often have notes that problematic members were "visited."

Community Centennial or Bicentennial Celebrations (example: one small community in Illinois had short "memories" of people in the community. One such story was of the family move from West Virginia to Illinois up the Ohio River on a flat boat. The brother then wrote about the first cabin that was built there and described in detail the trees and plants surrounding the cabin).

Accomplishments and adventures of Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts often appear in newspaper articles.

Police activities and arrests are often newsworthy, especially in smaller communities (example: 'An unclothed and unidentified male was found under the street light at the William Johnson's home at 312 West 13th Street on Friday evening. William's wife, Mamie, and three of their children, James, Billy, and Amanda, were at home at the time, but not aware if the "visitor." Due to privacy, the male was identified and charged with trespass.' Due to the date of newspaper, this provided evidence of residence of a family that had not be located by other means.

Leave no stone unturned! Some flat cemetery stones have been covered with soil. If you think it is there, get a poker and check. The deceased won't object to being "poked!"

Happy Hunting!

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## 2019 Seminars - Save the Dates!

*Jim Thornhill*

We have an exciting seminar lineup in store for 2019!

- **April 13:** Michael Lacopo is back by popular demand! He will be helping us with our Methodology. His presentation, "A Method to Our Madness: Sound Methodology for Successful Research" will cover points that everyone researching family history needs to hear on a regular basis.
- **August 3:** Judy Rusell - Legal Genealogist. Judy will be bringing her "wit and wisdom" on to the DGS stage. We are still sifting through the wide variety of presentations in Judy's portfolio, but look for updates coming soon!
- **October 12:** Jen Baldwin. Jen is a professional genealogist and Data Acquisition Manager, North America at Findmypast. Her focus areas include the Western United States, gold rush history, fraternal societies, and using technology and social media in family history. She has authored articles for the National Genealogical Society Magazine, IrishCentral, Irish Lives Remembered, and the In-Depth Genealogist, and is a course author for the National Institute of Genealogical Studies.



2019 looks like a great year for DGS! I hope to have the privilege of meeting you at one of our seminars!

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## Annual Awards Lunch: December 8

*Todd DeDecker*

With fall fast approaching, we have an opportunity to look back over the year and consider the people and organizations that have made a difference in our society as well as the broader genealogy community. The Dallas Genealogical Society will hold our annual luncheon on Saturday, December 8, 2018. This is time for fellowship, having fun and recognizing the leaders and great volunteers that help make this organization strong!



The society has a variety of awards and we need your help to identify all the great candidates. Please take a few minutes to submit someone you believe should be recognized.

- **Award of Merit** - Presented annually to a DGS member who has consistently contributed time, talent, expertise, and abilities to the Society over a period of years. This member's dedication and hard work in the name of the society usually goes way above the norm. Their contributions stand out.
- **Heritage Preservation** - Presented annually to an individual, group, or organization in recognition of contributions to preserve, conserve, house, or collect family history. Past recipients in this category cover many varying types of genealogical and historical preservation endeavors.
- **Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award** - Presented to an individual for outstanding contributions to the genealogical community on a national level. The first person to receive this award in 1994 was Lloyd and it was decided then that the award would bear his name.
- **Volunteer of the Year (DGS)** - Presented annually to a member who has generously volunteered time, expertise, talents, and abilities to the Society during the previous year to the extent to make that member stand out and draw attention.
- **President's Special Award** - The President's Special Award honors individuals or groups whose contributions to the Society fall outside the criteria for our other awards.

There are two easy ways to submit candidates:

1. Visit our [Awards webpage](#), or
2. Send email to [nominating@dallasgenealogy.com](mailto:nominating@dallasgenealogy.com) and include the nominee name, the award you are nominating them for, and a brief explanation of why you feel they deserve the award.

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## September Meeting Recap

*Lisa Ross*

Our September meeting was attended by 35 members and 5



visitors. Those in attendance had the pleasure of seeing Betsy Mills, current President of the Lamar County Genealogical Society and Treasurer for the Texas State Genealogical Society. Betsy did a great presentation on Dating, Identifying, Preserving, and Sharing Old Photos! She gave us several ideas on what to do with those old and inherited photos we all have sitting around our house and offered several resources to help identify the time period and who may be in the photos.



If you were unable to attend the meeting, you can view the powerpoint presentation and other resources on Betsy's website at <http://www.betsymills.com/datingphotos/>.

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

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## North Texas Giving Day a Success for the DGS

*Tony Hanson*

Thanks to the generosity of our members and supporters, North Texas Giving Day 2018 was another success for us! The final results are not yet available, but we raised about \$1,800 which, when added to our \$1,000 grant, provides us with more than enough money to digitize our newsletters and have them archived on the Portal to Texas History.

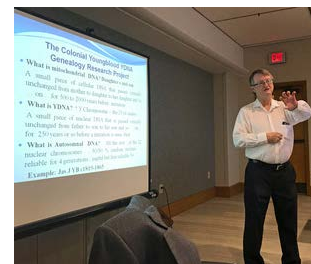


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## Special Interest Group Meetings

Todd DeDecker

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 Jonsson Central Library.

- Oct 04 - [Technology](#) - 6:00 pm in the 7th Floor Stone Room
- Oct 13 - [MacGen Reunion](#) - 1:00 pm in the 8th Floor McDermott Room
- Oct 17 - [Jewish](#) - This meeting has been cancelled
- Oct 18 - [DNA](#) - 6:00 pm in the 7th Floor Stone Room
- Oct 20 - [African American](#) - 2:00 in the 1st Floor West Room
- Oct 27 - [Brown Bag](#) - 10:30 am in the 8th Floor McDermott Room

Please note the October [Jewish](#) Special Interest Group meeting is cancelled.

[More Information](#)

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## National Archives - Our Records at Your Fingertips

*Sandra Eckstein*

Digitization has changed the way we research--and now more records are at our fingertips than ever before! Learn where the most current digitized National Archives' records can be found and what interesting records are out there waiting to be explored.

Join the Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society on Thursday, October 11th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mesquite Main Library to discover all the available resources for researchers, genealogists, and teachers. Jenny Sweeney, education specialist at the National Archives in Fort Worth, will guide us through the resources currently available on the NARA web site. The public is invited and welcome and you do not have to be a member to attend. Come early for visiting and refreshments.

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