



Special Interest Groups

African American – Discusses and explores areas of research unique to the African American community. The group discusses using a variety of sources, including census research, reconstruction and Freedman Bureau records, NARA combined military records of the U.S. Colored Troops, plantation slave records, slave schedules and other records that provide information for this special area of genealogy research. Expert researchers and speakers make presentations on slavery, customs, tradition, state laws, and the techniques and methods used in their research.

Best Practices – A group of advanced researchers trying to increase their skills in all areas, especially in the area of the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS). This group also, on occasion, discusses certification/accreditation issues, but this is not the main focus of this group. Newcomers are welcome.

DNA – This group explores the use of DNA as a genealogical tool. The goal will be to help members understand and incorporate current DNA testing strategies and standards into their personal genealogy. They meet the third Thursday of each month from September thru May from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

German – German – The German Genealogy Group is open to anyone interested in German genealogy, regardless of experience level. Our interest is in tracing the histories of our German ancestors who immigrated to the United States from the 1700's through the 1900's. We typically meet from 10:30 am-12:00 noon on the second Saturday of September, November, January, March and May.

Jewish – This group is for those with Jewish ancestral lines. Learn Jewish traditions and research techniques needed to find ancestors who were Jewish. We teach 'brick wall' techniques, including some using Hebrew, like how to read tombstones. The group meets the third Wednesday of each month from 10:30am-1:00pm.

MacGen Reunion – For Mac users who want to learn how to keep their family history on a Mac, especially using Reunion software. They meet the second Saturday of even numbered months from 1:00pm-3:00pm.

You do not need to be a DGS member to participate in a SIG meeting.

Most SIG meetings are hybrid (in-person and Virtual)

Meetings are held at the Dallas Public Library at 1515 Young Street in Dallas, Texas

Please see our website for meeting details, dates & times

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