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Fall Seminar
Blaine Bettinger

Autosomal Analysis:
Tools to Finding Your Ancestors

~ SEPTEMBER 28, 2024 ~



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The DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Invites You to Our 2024 SUMMER SEMINAR

The Legacy of Forced Removal:
Finding Formerly Enslaved & Indigenous Kin

with

Nicka Sewell-Smith

JULY 27



PLEASE JOIN US for this WONDERFUL EVENT ★ REGISTER NOW!

The Legacy of Forced Removal:
Finding Formerly Enslaved & Indigenous Kin
 with
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 A DGS HYBRID SEMINAR – JULY 27, 2024

Early U.S. policies uprooted and displaced both enslaved African Americans and Native Americans, who often found themselves living near one another. They forged new blended communities of mixed African and indigenous American heritage. Nicka will highlight records and offer guidance for uncovering the exceptional experiences of individuals within these communities.

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Welcome! • 9:25 - 9:30 am (Central Daylight Time)

Session 1 • 9:30 - 10:30 am ~ From Tulsa to Beyond: African American Genealogy in Oklahoma Attendees will learn how to research the lives of their ancestors using tribal records (Cherokee, Chickasaw, Muscogee, and Seminole), federal records, newspapers, college/university collections, historical society records, and more! Nicka's understanding of these records will help those researching family trees to discover deep roots in the Sooner State.

Session 2 • 11:00 am - 12:00 pm ~ Finding Isaac Rogers Isaac Rogers was a well-known Cherokee Freedman, U.S. Civil War veteran and Deputy Marshal. But who was he outside of those titles? This is the story of how traditional genealogy, oral history, and DNA collided to reveal his family origins, which include connections to Cherokee Nation leaders, stories of resilience during the Trail of Tears/forced removal, and the true story of life as people of African descent within an indigenous group.

Session 3 • 12:45 - 1:45 pm ~ Giving Them Their Glory: First Kansas/U.S. Colored Troops 79th Regiment Organized in August 1862, the First Kansas Colored Infantry was the first Black unit recruited in the North, and the first to see and die in battle in the

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Civil War. Made of both free and enslaved men, including those from the Five Tribes, its exploits were legendary; yet, the lives of its rank and file outside of their service were prolific and unsung.

Session 4 • 2:15 - 3:15 pm ~ Lost to Time, Unearthed by Access Follow the journey of formerly enslaved families whose origins and life during enslavement were nearly forgotten, but were revealed due to expanded access to records.

Final Remarks 3:25 - 3:35 pm

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How Our Hybrid Seminar Works:

- Register online by clicking the Summer Seminar link at dallasgenealogy.org.
- Join us live on July 27th at the Dallas Central Library, 1515 Young Street.
- If you decide to participate remotely via Zoom, follow the Zoom registration instructions provided when you registered.
- Each session will be recorded. Recordings will be available to registrants for two weeks after the seminar.

Register Online	~	By July 8th:	After July 8th:
Member	\$50 each \$70 each
Non-Member	\$60 each \$80 each
In-Person Box Lunch	\$15 each	

Join DGS (\$35 annual dues per individual) and pay the Member Discount price for this seminar.

- You must register by July 22nd if you want to order lunch.
- The seminar registration fees shown are in U.S. dollars.

Register online at dallasgenealogy.org



Nicka Sewell-Smith is a professional speaker, host, consultant, and documentarian with more than 20 years of experience as a genealogist. She has extensive experience in researching enslaved communities and is an expert in the Mississippi Delta area genealogy. She currently serves as a senior story producer at Ancestry.

Nicka has diverse experience in media with a background in audio, video, and written communications. She's appeared on the TODAY Show, CNN, MSNBC, and on the series "Who Do You Think You Are," among others. She is the host of BlackProGen Live, an innovative web show with more than 125 episodes focused on people of color, genealogy, and family history.

She is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, a member of two lineage societies, Sons and Daughters of the Middle Passage (SDUSMP), and the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She is a past board member of the California Genealogical Society (CGS) and the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC). Nicka is also the former project manager for the Alameda County, CA Youth Ancestral Project where more than 325 youth were taught the value of family history.

Join us for this wonderful seminar!

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