



DGS Annual Report
September 2019 – August 2021

The Dallas Genealogical Society became a part of an unprecedented period of history beginning in March 2020. On March 11, 2020, the [World Health Organization](#) declared a pandemic brought on by the Covid-19 virus, and governments worldwide began shutting their borders. In effect, the world shut down as governments warned their citizens to stay home to stem the tide of the pandemic.

In August 2019, the DGS Board and SIG leaders met for their annual planning sessions. One goal revisited and prioritized was to present the General Meeting in a hybrid format, allowing members and guests to attend in person or virtually via the Zoom meeting platform. DGS began presenting the General Meeting in the hybrid format in January 2020. The DGS Board presented the January through March 2020 meetings in person and virtually, and then the Dallas Public Library closed on [March 14, 2020](#), due to Covid-19. The library did not reopen until [May 2021](#) and then on a limited, by-appointment basis. DGS was unable to hold in-person meetings through August 2021. The library's closing and restrictions also forced DGS to hold our seminars virtually during this entire time.

I want to acknowledge the resourcefulness, flexibility, and creativity of the DGS Boards during these challenging two years. During this time, we had no in-person meetings. DGS held all General Meetings, Special Interest Group meetings, and seminars using the Zoom meeting platform. The Board approved a new meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of every month as a virtual help desk. We encouraged people to join the meeting to share their research successes, ask research questions, and help others with research questions. The Help desk ran until October 26, 2020.

DGS Board Actions

The Genealogy Section of the Dallas Central Library was renamed the [Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck Genealogy Collection](#) in a dedication ceremony held on October 26, 2019,

The By-Laws Revision Committee (Todd DeDecker, Jim Thornhill, Susan Rainwater, and Suzan Younger) presented the draft recommendations for revising the [By-Laws](#) and [Standing Rules](#) at the November 2020 Board meeting. The Board emailed all members on February 16, detailing the recommended changes. The members attending the March 7, 2020, General Meeting approved the changes.

DGS participated in and sponsored a table at the 21st [Legacies Dallas History Conference](#) in January 2020 and the 22nd conference in January 2021. This effort aligned with a goal to interact with more

external organizations interested in North Texas History. Additionally, DGS members provided multiple lectures to external organizations covering various genealogical subjects.

DGS funded the [HistoryGeo.com](https://www.historygeo.com) website for the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Central Library. The website became active on January 31, 2020. The Board also funded an annual subscription to [NewspaperArchive.com](https://www.newspaperarchive.com), and that website went live on February 26, 2020.

The DGS Board approved a special project to update the DGS logo and branding style at the August 15, 2020, meeting. Sharon Bowles, Todd DeDecker, Tony Hanson, Ken Johnston, Kathleen Murray, Patti Smith, and Suzan Younger served on the branding committee. The Board approved a \$10,000 budget to hire a professional graphic artist to design a new logo and help create a style guide. The committee accomplished the goals of creating a brand and marketing strategy for DGS and delivered design guidelines, graphics files, and a final Style Guide.

The Branding Committee researched potential companies and individuals to provide the graphic services and contracted with Allison Burns with Allie Designs to provide these services for \$5,000. Allison collaborated with the committee to identify the persona of DGS and how best to present a cohesive and professional brand to the genealogical community. The brand represents who we are, what we value, and what we do. The result was a professional set of branding tools that included guides, a new logo, social media graphics, fonts and a coordinated color pallet, handout/presentation templates, and a final [Style Guide](#). You can view the [video introducing the DGS brand](#) on the DGS Youtube channel.

The new DGS logo.



The DGS Board approved an initial investment of \$25,000 in a TD Ameritrade account at the February 26, 2021, meeting. This was a conservative step to invest a portion of the societies' cash in a low-yield savings account. Future Boards will review the results and determine whether to continue or cancel the investment account.

Shirley Sloat, past president of DGS and long-time member, committed to a [donation of \\$25,000](#) to DGS. We are most grateful to Shirley for this generous gift which DGS will use to support

educational programs for members and the Dallas Public Library staff in the genealogy section. The Board accepted the commitment at the May 1, 2021, meeting.

DGS continued its collaborative relationship with the [Texas State Genealogical Society](#) with a supporting sponsorship of their 2019 and 2020 annual conferences. In 2019, TxSGS awarded first place to the DGS website and third place to the DGS eNews.

The DGS mission includes financial support for the Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck Genealogy Collection. In addition to funding annual subscriptions for the NewspaperArchive.com and HistoryGeo.com websites, DGS donated books to the genealogy collection. A Blog article lists the [books donated in 2019](#) and in [2020](#). In 2020, The Board set aside additional funds for books purchased in 2021.

The Dallas Genealogical Society is powered by the strength, talents, and commitments of its volunteers and supporters. At a time when the world faced grave challenges, the volunteers and members chose to grow and expand our capabilities and provide alternatives for our educational programs. We rebranded the society with a fresh and professional face that would represent DGS to our members and the genealogical community nationwide. We taught ourselves new skills and shared those skills with other societies. We reached out like never before to share our genealogical knowledge with organizations requesting our help with programming for home-bound people. I thank the DGS Board members who served from September 2109 through August 2021; I am proud to have worked with this amazing group of people. And I thank all the volunteers who stepped up and helped when called upon by the Board. We could not have accomplished these amazing programs and events without you.



Board of Directors 2019-2021

2019-2020 Officers – DGS members elected the DGS Officers at the May 2019 meeting.

The 2019-2020 DGS officers are:

President: Suzan Younger

Vice President: Jim Thornhill

Secretary: Gaya Bush

Treasurer: Susan Rainwater

Immediate Past President: Todd DeDecker

The appointed directors are:

Jean Larson	Education
Gloria Goodwin	Membership
Harmon Adair	Printing & Distribution
Sharon Bowles	Publicity/Public Relations
Deane Baron	Publication Content
Patti Smith	Volunteer Coordination

The appointed advisors and volunteers are:

Jim Thornhill	IT Administrator
Gloria Goodwin	Mail Administrator
Tony Hanson	Webmaster
Stephanie Bennett	Library Liaison
Michelle Cohen/Cathy Dempsey	Newsletter Editor
Kathleen Murray	FGS Delegate
Tammy Garrett	Hospitality

SIG Leaders

Brenda Cannon	African American Genealogy Interest Group
Liz Kutz	Best Practices
Patti Huff Smith	Coppel
Barbara Ware	DNA
Mic Barnett	DNA
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General Meetings - Programs

2019

September 7	David Passman	From Minsk to Manhattan: Using Maps to Retrace and Ancestor's Journey
October 5	Tui Snider	Spooky Symbols in the Cemetery
November 2	Kelvin Meyers	Early Suffrage Movement in Dallas
December 8		Annual Awards Luncheon

2020

January 4	Tony Hanson	Technology Enabled Collaboration for Genealogists
February 1	Patti Huff Smith	Discover New Ancestral Information by Connecting Through Social Media
March 7	Stephanie Bennett	Enhance Your Genealogy Research with Resources From the Dallas Public Library
April 4	Elizabeth O'Neal	Using Digital Libraries: Search Strategies for Family Historians
May 2	Gena Philibert-Ortega	Celebrating the Vote: 100 Years of Women's Suffrage
September 12	Ari Wilkins	Reconstructing Communities Using Sanborn Maps, Census Records, and City Directories
October 3	Gus Hinojosa	The First Official History of Texas (1630-1690)
November 7	Brandon Murray	The Archives Collection at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
December 5	Richard Schlaudroff	Researching Masons

2021

January 2	Stephanie Bennett	Basic Genealogy Research using Fold 3
February 6	Paul Beaty	Finding a Great-Grandfather with DNA
March 6	Gena Philibert-Ortega	Researching HER Life: Genealogical Tools and Methods For Researching Your Female Ancestor
April 3	Felicia Williamson	Preserving Family Memories
May 1		Annual Awards Program



Seminars 2019-2021

We wish to recognize [Ken Johnson](#) for the flyers and brochures he created for all DGS seminars.

2019 SEMINAR SERIES

OCTOBER 12, 2019
10:00 am ~ 4:50 pm

Findmypast U.S. Digital Acquisitions Manager
JEN BALDWIN

**DIGGING FOR DETAILS:
Getting the Full Story**

- *They Became American: Our Ancestor's Naturalization*
- *One Place Studies: Examining the Details of Your Ancestor's Community*
 - *Go Back to School: Utilizing University Resources*
 - *Digging for Details: Getting the Full Story*

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Student: \$50 • After Sept. 29 ~ \$60

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JEN BALDWIN

October 12, 2019 – J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
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Student**	_____	\$50/each	\$60/each
Boxed Lunch	_____	\$12/each	\$12/each
Join DGS	_____	\$35 annual dues (individual) for seminar's Member Price	
Member Price	_____	\$40 annual dues (household)	
\$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed			

→ Please indicate your boxed lunch choice:
 Smoked Turkey Ham & Swiss Veggie Wrap
 Chicken Caesar Wrap Beef Fajita Salad

* To receive the Seminar discounted rate you must either register online or mail (postmarked) by Sept. 29th.
 ** Those registering at Student rate are asked to present their school ID the day of the seminar.
 Registration fee includes parking in the Library's underground garage.
 Full refund, less \$10 handling fee, if requested by March 31st. No refund after that date but syllabus is provided.

Mail form & check (payable to Dallas Genealogical Society):
DGS Fall Seminar
P.O. Box 12446
Dallas, TX 75225-0446

Walk-ins are welcome if not sold out (check website). No credit cards onsite – payment by check or cash only. Sorry, a printed syllabus & lunch are not guaranteed.

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October 12, 2019



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9:30 - 10:00 ~ REGISTRATION | 10:00 - 4:50 ~ SEMINAR PROGRAMS

Session 1 – They Became American: Our Ancestor’s Naturalization As our ancestors made their homes in the New World, they then had to make the decision of citizenship. Understanding the naturalization process — and how to access the records it created — can reveal amazing clues for your family history. Explore the records of the Naturalization process in America, and see the many benefits of using these materials for your family history.

Session 2 – One Place Studies: Examining the Intricate Details of Your Ancestor’s Community Many of us are entirely focused on names; so it may be time to consider the place instead. A One Place Study (OPS) can give you a more complete view of your family, their day-to-day life, and open opportunities for new areas of research and discovery.

12:45 - 1:45 ~ LUNCH & DOOR PRIZES

Session 3 – Go Back to School: Utilizing University Resources The local college or university can be one of your best tools for family history research. What they offer, how they are interconnected, and how you can access these materials will all be covered in this lecture, as well as examples of using some of the unexpected or untraditional genealogical resources.

Session 4 – Digging for Details: Getting the Full Story Creating your family story is more than just locating the records; it’s learning to evaluate each record for every single clue. From the standard death certificate to PERSI and JSTOR, learn to capture every detail and take advantage of them in your research.

Jen Baldwin is a genealogist and family historian whose personal research journey began at the age of ten, as she enjoyed her grandmother’s stories — and her cookies! That early family research led her on a journey that has taken her to where she is today — being Findmypast’s Data Acquisitions Manager for North America.

Jen has been working in the realm of professional genealogy since 2010. She lectures, writes and consults on a variety of genealogy, technology, social media-related topics, fraternal societies, and more. She has particular expertise in the Western United States, where her research has tended to focus — especially the Gold Rush era.

These particular areas of knowledge, along with her exceptional research skills, led to Jen conducting research for season two of the popular PBS series, *Genealogy Roadshow*.

Jen has authored articles for *Archives.com*, *InshLives Remembered*, and the *In-Depth Genealogist*, among numerous other publications and sites. She also contributes to the online family history community as the host of #genchat, a bi-weekly genealogy conversation held on Twitter.

Additionally, Jen has written eight research guides on a variety of topics, published by Legacy QuickGuides. And she is a course author for the National Institute of Genealogical Studies.

Jen is a proud volunteer with the Federation of Genealogical Studies, where she serves as a Board Member and Education Chair. She is also very active within her local society, the Larimer County Genealogical Society, in Colorado.

Jen can be found online at ancestraljourneys.weebly.com.

Join us for lunch while at the Seminar...

Beef Fajita Salad
 On Romaine w/ grilled onions, peppers, corn, tomatoes, cilantro, Cheddar cheese, tortilla strips
 Veggie Wrap
 Havarti cheese, red onion, tomato, cucumber, red bell pepper, lettuce on spinach tortilla with light ranch dressing
 Chicken Caesar Wrap
 Chicken breast strips, shredded lettuce, parmesan cheese and Caesar dressing
 Smoked Turkey Sandwich
 Smoked turkey breast, ham, provolone cheese, Romaine, with Caesar dressing
 Ham & Swiss Sandwich
 Ham & Swiss Cheese with lettuce and tomato on 9-grain wheat bread

2020 SEMINAR SERIES

★ APRIL 18, 2020 ★

TONY BURROUGHS, FUGA

PATHS TO FREEDOM:
African American Research in the South

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Freedman's Bureau Research ★ Why You Don't Find Your Ancestors

Seven Phases of African American Genealogy ★ From Census to Slavery

The City of Dallas announced on March 14, 2020, that all libraries would be closed until further notice. The DGS Board had no choice but to cancel the April 16, 2020, Spring Seminar featuring Tony Burroughs. Jim Thornhill worked with Mr. Burroughs to reschedule the seminar to the 2020 Fall Seminar on September 19, 2020. It would be held virtually.

THE DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S INAUGURAL VIRTUAL SEMINAR

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With only three months of experience presenting a one-and-a-half-hour General Meeting using Zoom Meeting, the DGS board decided to present the two-day seminar virtually. The seminar would have three tracts running concurrently and four speakers joining via Zoom at various times. The seminar team would use the Zoom Webinar platform for the first time. It was a bold decision. But more importantly, it was the right decision and a success.

The volunteers who stepped up to present this seminar included the core technical group of Todd De Decker, Jim Thornhill, Tony Hanson, and Suzan Younger. Led by Tony, this group spent hours for several weeks practicing and documenting a schedule for nearly every minute of the two days. Tony created a set of detailed instructions that still serve as a master plan for all DGS virtual seminars. The plans included an attendee help desk to aid registered attendees who had trouble logging into the seminar. These instructions ensured an almost flawless presentation by the four speakers.

The rest of the seminar team included Susan Ball, Deane Baron, Sharon Bowles, Brenda Cannon, Sandra Crowley, Michelle Dwyer Cohen, Mark & Linda Harrison, Ken Johnston, Bernard Meisner, Kathleen Murray, Emily Richardson, Tressa Tatyrek, and Jay Tompkins. As noted, three sessions ran concurrently four times each of the two days. These volunteers were the Q&A managers, with two managers for each of the twelve presentations. They monitored the chat and the Q&A functions, answering questions when possible and queueing the questions for the speakers. All of these volunteers participated in practice sessions before the live event. These volunteers made the first DGS virtual seminar a rousing success.

DGS presented the remaining seminars through Summer 2021 in the virtual format. People registered from all over the United States to attend DGS seminars.



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8:50 AM – 4:00 PM CST | Saturday, July 25, 2020

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Welcome: 8:50 – 9:00 AM CST			
SESSION	BEGINNER TRACK	INTERMEDIATE TRACK	ADVANCED TRACK
1 9:00 – 10:10 AM CST	___ Mary Eberle: Introduction to Using DNA for Genealogy Research	___ Patricia Hobbs: Using GEDmatch for DNA Analysis	___ Blaine Bettinger: Evaluating a Genealogical Conclusion Including DNA
2 10:45-11:55 AM CST	___ Mary Eberle: Using Autosomal DNA for Genealogy Research	___ Diahan Southard: Making YDNA, mtDNA and X-DNA Part of Your Family History	___ Blaine Bettinger: Using Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries
3 1:00-2:10 PM CST	___ Mary Eberle: DNA Results Case Study	___ Diahan Southard: Organizing Your DNA Results	___ Blaine Bettinger: The Latest Advances in Third-Party Tools for Autosomal DNA
4 2:45-3:55 PM CST	___ Diahan Southard: How DNA Made a Family Out of Strangers	___ Patricia Hobbs: Using DNA gedcom and its Successor’s Multiple Tools to Analyze DNA Results	___ Blaine Bettinger: Ethical and Legal Considerations for DNA Evidence

SPEAKER & CLASS INFORMATION ONLINE:

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	#	By July 5 *	After July 5
DGS Member	_____	\$60	\$70
Other	_____	\$70	\$80
Student **	_____	\$50	\$60
Annual Membership	_____	\$35	\$35



Total Amount Enclosed _____

* *For lower rate:* Register by July 5, 2020 either online or by mail postmarked no later than midnight.
 ** Student registrants will be contacted to verify their status.

Mail form & check (payable to *Dallas Genealogical Society*):
DGS Summer Seminar, P.O. Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Each registrant must have a unique email address for this seminar! No duplicates please!

Name 2 _____

Email 2 _____

List any others on a separate page. Each registrant must select the classes they will attend!

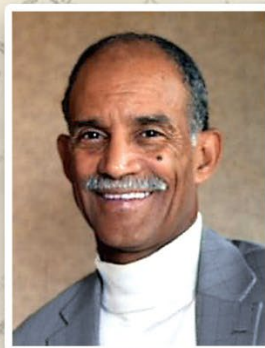
- Refund Policy:**
- Full refund, less \$10.00 handling fee, if requested by July 5, 2020.
 - No refund after that date; but, a syllabus (PDF document) will be provided.

What to Expect Prior to the Seminar: (1) You will receive an email with a link to download the syllabus.
 (2) You will receive email reminders with links to join each of your classes. Follow these links on July 25th.

More Info: dallasgenealogy.com | info@dallasgenealogy.org | 1-866-968-2347

JOIN US FOR OUR FALL VIRTUAL SEMINAR

★ SEPTEMBER 19, 2020 ★
10:00 am ~ 4:45 pm



TONY BURROUGHS, FUGA

Internationally-known genealogist, best-selling author of *A Beginner's Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree*, frequent guest expert on PBS, and more

PATHS TO FREEDOM: Essential Steps for African American Genealogy

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 - *From Census to Slavery*
 - *Freedmen's Bureau Research*
 - *Why You Don't Find Your Answers*

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TONY BURROUGHS, FUGA
 A Virtual Seminar – September 19, 2020
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Non-Member	_____	\$70/each	\$80/each
Student **	_____	\$50/each	\$60/each
Join DGS and pay Member Discount price for Seminar	_____	\$35 annual dues (individual)	
		\$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed	

Registration for the Seminar ends at midnight, Sept. 13th.
 * To receive the Seminar discounted rate you must either register online or by mail (postmarked) by Aug. 30th.
 ** Proof of your student status is required after registration.
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Tony Burroughs, FUGA

PATHS to FREEDOM:
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September 19, 2020



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A Dallas Genealogical Society Virtual Seminar • September 19, 2020

9:50 - 10:00 ~ SEMINAR OPENING | 10:00 - 4:45 ~ SEMINAR PROGRAMS

Session 1 • 10:00 - 11:15 ~ The Seven Phases of African American Genealogy This is an overview of the methods and sources in the seven distinct phases that are the building blocks of African American genealogy. It progresses from beginning to more-advanced research, highlighting some of the problems and complexities of African American genealogy along the way. It is designed for beginners, intermediate and advanced researchers.

Session 2 • 11:30 - 12:45 ~ From Census to Slavery Most African American researchers try to leap from census records to slave research, bypassing a multitude of records in between. A broad foundation between now and the Civil War will increase the probabilities of success during the slavery period.

12:45 - 2:00 ~ LUNCH ★ BONUS SESSION WITH ARI WILKINS ★

Session 3 • 2:00 - 3:15 ~ Freedmen's Bureau Research Records from the Freedmen's Bureau are some of the most important for African American genealogy, and a hidden source for other genealogists. They help bridge the gap from freedom to slavery. Many reveal the name of the former slave owner. These records also contain records of white teachers, employers, land owners, and refugees from the Civil War. This lecture will explore twelve major groups of records from the Bureau.

Session 4 • 3:30 - 4:45 ~ Why You Don't Find Your Ancestors Genealogy databases have billions of names. But after searching online you often can't find your ancestors in the databases. However, they still may be there. Why is that? There are many reasons but many of the answers may surprise you.

Tony Burroughs, FUGA is founder of the *Center for Black Genealogy*. He is an internationally-known genealogist who taught genealogy at Chicago State University for fifteen years.

Burroughs' book, *Black Roots: A Beginners Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree* (Simon & Schuster, 2001) was number one on *Essence Magazine's Best Seller List*, and is now in its fifth printing.

Burroughs has appeared as a guest genealogy expert in twenty-five national and international television broadcasts, including: *Who Do You Think You Are?* with Smokey Robinson (TLC, 2017); *Blood and Glory: The Civil War in Color* (History Channel, 2015); *Michael Johnson: Survival of the Fastest* (Channel 4 London, 2012); *Roots Remembered* (BBC, 2007); *Oprah's Roots* (PBS, 2007); *The Real Family of Jesus* (Discovery, 2005); *African American Lives with Henry Louis Gates* (PBS, 2006); *Ancestors 2* (PBS, 2000); *Ancestors* (PBS, 1997).

He has also been quoted in newspapers in London, Paris, Toronto, Hong Kong and Sydney, as well as the *New York Times*, *People Magazine*, *Time Magazine*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Ebony*, and *Jet Magazine*.

Burroughs is or has been on the Board of Directors of numerous genealogical organizations. And he has received many honors including: the *Distinguished Service Award* from the National Genealogical Society, the *Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern Humanitarian Award* from the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the *Lowell Vokel Award* from the Illinois State Genealogical Society, and *Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association*. In 2005 he was selected as one of 5,000 African Americans to be included in a video oral history archive by *The History Makers*.


Burroughs lectures throughout the United States and Canada, having delivered more than a hundred lectures and numerous keynote addresses at national, regional, state and local conferences.

Ari Wilkins is a Genealogist and owner of *Black Genesis*. She speaks nationally on African American Genealogy. She is currently a genealogy librarian and has partnered in published African American research.

Join us for this wonderful seminar!

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Michael D. Lacopo, DVM

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Michael D. Lacopo, DVM

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The Right Start Leads You to Great Results!

April 9 - 10, 2021

INTRODUCING OUR IN PURSUIT OF GENEALOGICAL EXCELLENCE SERIES

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Welcome! Research is fundamental to genealogy. This seminar will guide you through the entire research process: analyzing the problem, asking the right question, then finding the answers. Michael will share tips and tools gleaned from his experience, including using Social History for a successful conclusion. Scan the QR code or go to dallasgenealogy.com to start the adventure today!

FRIDAY SESSIONS OPENING: 9:50 AM | CLOSING: 2:30 PM

Session 1 • 9:50 - 11:15 ~ Becoming a Genealogical Thinker Instead of a Genealogical Collector This session will be key to approaching your genealogical problem. We will examine how to use critical thinking to assess the problem, develop a research hypothesis and form a workable research question.

Session 2 • 11:30 - 12:45 ~ What Am I Looking For? Genealogical Research from Hypothesis to Research Plan This session will dig deeper into focusing on one problem at a time, developing a research question and making a plan to give you answers.

Session 3 • 1:15 - 2:30 ~ The Genealogical Proof Standard in Motion: A Case Study The Genealogical Proof Standard is the foundation for modern genealogy. Follow Michael as he uses the GPS and the other tools we have learned to solve his most difficult cases.

Homework * Participants will individually take a problem they are given and work on it during the afternoon. The problems will be emailed to Michael by 5:00 PM and he will review them, select a few, and use them as review in the first session on Saturday.

SATURDAY SESSIONS OPENING: 10:00 AM | CLOSING: 4:25 PM

Session 1 • 10:00 - 11:15 ~ Homework Review

Session 2 • 11:30 - 12:45 ~ Deconstructing Your Family Tree: Re-Evaluating the "Evidence" Sometimes you have to tear down what you think you know and start over. This session will show you how to look objectively at your own work and make sure you are on the mark!

Session 3 • 1:30 - 2:45 ~ Incorporating Social History Into Your Genealogical Research This session will illustrate how important Social History is to your research and how to use it. Knowing where your ancestors lived, what the conditions were like, what were the laws, and other important parts of the "big picture" can save you time and point you in the right direction.

Session 4 • 3:00 - 4:25 ~ "She Came From Nowhere..." A Case Study Approach to a Difficult Genealogical Problem Join Michael in this case study as he shares potential mistakes to avoid, his best research tips, and how to tie all of your research together in a logical conclusion.

Michael Lacopo, DVM was born and raised in northern Indiana into a family always willing to tell tall tales. Intrigued by his maternal family's claim to be kinfolk of Abraham Lincoln, and his paternal family's stories of murder and mayhem, he took to genealogical research in 1980 to substantiate these family stories.

It was by combing libraries, archives, cemeteries and courthouses as a teenager that Michael gained the skills needed to become a keen researcher. His first major research challenge was finding his adopted mother's birthparents in 1982. You can read about this engaging adventure (and plot twists) at his blog: Roots4U.blogspot.com.

While honing his research skills as a budding genealogist, Michael completed his doctorate in veterinary medicine in 1991. Michael treats his genealogical research as he would medicine – carefully, methodically and completely.

It was in 2013 that he retired from medicine to pursue genealogical research full-time as a profession. Michael's national lecturing began at the 2004 National Genealogical Society's conference, and has continued with local, state, national, and international speaking engagements. Michael also contributes articles to numerous periodicals, as well as helping many people in their quests to locate their relatives – both living and dead.

Michael's numerous interests and strengths include Mennonite, German, and Swiss research, especially as it pertains to the 18th century immigration to America. He makes frequent trips throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Midwest states, chasing ancestors in primary repositories. He also devotes a considerable amount of time to European research, being proficient in reading German script.

Due to having ancestors from many geographic locales, and immigrants spanning the 17th to 20th century, Michael has a wide variety of proficiencies. He believes that as genealogists we should tell the tales of our ancestors, and is a vocal proponent for learning the social history that interweaves our ancestors into the fabric of the past.

In addition to his story-telling and educational blog, Michael can be found at www.Roots4U.com, and for more up-to-date lecture and research information at <https://www.facebook.com/Roots4U/>.

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Welcome! An essential part of Genealogical Excellence is communicating to others the work we have done. Whether we are communicating proven facts on our family tree, writing a blog, writing our own family's history, or writing for publication, good writing is an essential part of good genealogy and the fifth point of the Genealogical Proof Standard. In this second seminar in our *In Pursuit of Genealogical Excellence* series, Dr. Thomas Jones will show us the fundamentals of Genealogical Writing, starting with basic tools used for any type of writing, then apply those tools to writing for genealogy. Topics will include the essentials of source citations, how to keep your writing organized and easy to follow, and how to write like a professional genealogist. We look forward to you joining us as we learn to write like the pros!

FRIDAY SESSIONS OPENING: 9:50 AM | CLOSING: 2:30 PM

Session 1 • 10:00 - 11:15 ~ Gearing Up and Getting Started An overview of essential tools for genealogical writers; goals of genealogical writing; overcoming "writer's block."

Session 2 • 11:30 - 12:45 ~ Shaping Your Writing Emphasizes self-editing, including remedying common problems and reducing word count to improve readability.

Session 3 • 1:15 - 2:30 ~ Infusing Structure and Flow Guidelines for opening sentences, paragraphing, sectioning, internal transitions, enhancements (tables and figures), and overall structure of the written genealogical product.

Homework • Students will write a few paragraphs using what they learned in the day's sessions. Dr. Jones will then review a few of these in the first session Saturday morning.

SATURDAY SESSIONS OPENING: 10:00 AM | CLOSING: 4:25 PM

Session 1 • 10:00 - 11:15 ~ Live Editing The instructor "live" edits student's self-edited writing samples, to demonstrate the principles taught on the first day.

Session 2 • 11:30 - 12:45 ~ Documenting with Answer to Five Questions An overview of the essentials of genealogical source citations.

Session 3 • 1:30 - 2:45 ~ Organizing Your Ancestors in a Genealogical Format Organizing genealogical writing with widely accepted numbering systems.

Session 4 • 3:00 - 4:15 ~ Writing for Publication This session covers essentials for producing polished family histories of lasting value, whether for genealogical blogs, books, journals, or magazines.

Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D, CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS Since 2008 Dr. Jones has coordinated "Writing and Publishing for Genealogists" at ICHR. From 2003 through 2018 he co-edited sixty-four issues of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, in which every article is thoroughly edited for clarity, conciseness, and consistency.

He has written twenty-seven articles published in peer-reviewed genealogical journals, twenty-two articles in other genealogical publications, and two book reviews. He has produced two textbooks with exercises, *Mastering Genealogical Proof* and *Mastering Genealogical Documentation* and has written three chapters for other genealogy textbooks.

Holder of two graduate degrees in education, Tom teaches online and in person at genealogical institutes, seminars, and workshops locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. Audiences and students consistently report learning much from his lectures and interactive classes.

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Annual Awards Recipients

The Dallas Genealogical Society annually recognizes individuals and organizations for their contributions toward the society's goals. The DGS Board presents these awards at the Annual Awards lunch. DGS held the Awards ceremony in December for several years as a combined holiday lunch and awards ceremony. However, external events caused significant problems for the caterer, members, and guests in accessing the J. Erk Jonsson Library. The Dallas Christmas Parade on the first weekend and a marathon race on the second weekend of December resulted in most streets around the library being closed for much of the morning. The DGS Board voted to change the date of the Annual Awards program at the January 1, 2020, Board meeting. The Board decided the Annual Awards ceremony and lunch would be in May instead of December. The December meeting would be a regular General Meeting with a speaker and held at a branch library instead of the central library. There was no awards ceremony in December 2020.

2019 DGS Awards Ceremony December 7, 2019

Award of Merit	Tony Hanson
Heritage Preservation Award	Bockstruck Papers & Books Project Team
Lloyd D. Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award	Susan Kaufman
President's Special Award	Steve Rainwater
Volunteer of the Year	Pattie Huff Smith

2021 DGS Awards Ceremony May 1, 2021

Award of Merit	Liz Kutz
Heritage Preservation Award	Friends of Oakland Cemetery
Lloyd D. Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award	Thomas W. Jones
President's Special Award	DGS seminar presentation teams Core: Todd DeDecker, Tony Hanson, Jim Thornhill, Suzan Younger Q&A: Deane Baron, Brenda Cannon, Linda Harrison, Mark Harrison, Bernard Meisner, Tressa Tatyrek, Jay Tompkins, From TxSGS: Susan Ball, Sandra Crowley, Emily Richardson
Volunteer of the Year	Ken Johnston

Dallas Genealogical Society
Profit & Loss
October 2019 through September 2020

	<u>Oct '19 - Sep 20</u>
Income	
4100 · CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS & GRANTS	
4110 · Contributions - Individuals	1,045.00
4130 · Corporate Reward Card Programs	417.66
4140 · Indirect Contributions	8,930.70
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Total 4100 · CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS & GRANTS	10,393.36
4200 · PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	
4210 · Registration Fees	25,920.00
4220 · Lunches	488.00
4250 · Hospitality Donations	314.01
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Total 4200 · PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	26,722.01
4300 · MEMBERSHIP DUES	
4310 · Memberships - Individuals	8,190.00
4320 · Memberships - Households	1,960.00
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Total 4300 · MEMBERSHIP DUES	10,150.00
4400 · INTEREST INCOME	
4411 · Interest/Savings Account	32.97
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Total 4400 · INTEREST INCOME	32.97
4600 · SALES	
4610 · Sales Income	9.25
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Total 4600 · SALES	9.25
Total Income	<hr/> 47,307.59
Expense	
6100 · GENEALOGICAL EDUCATION	
6110 · Speaker Fees	7,550.00
6120 · Reimbursed Travel & Meals	1,034.05
6130 · Catering	1,763.70
6140 · Printing	1,564.95
6160 · Online Advertising & Promotion	259.00
6180 · Supplies and Other	357.17
6190 · Hospitality Expenses	280.34
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Total 6100 · GENEALOGICAL EDUCATION	12,809.21
6200 · DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY SUPPORT	
6210 · Donations	5,846.00
6220 · Gifts in Kind	2,646.87
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Total 6200 · DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY SUPPORT	8,492.87
6300 · RECORD INDEXING & PRESERVATION	
6320 · Grant/Portal to N.Texas History	250.00
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Total 6300 · RECORD INDEXING & PRESERVATION	250.00
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	35.00

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	<u>Oct '19 - Sep 20</u>
7000 · MANAGEMENT & GENERAL EXPENSES	
7100 · Credit Card Processing Fees	1,491.20
7200 · Direct Mailing	231.00
7300 · Information Technology	2,823.72
7400 · Insurance - Liability, D & O	1,275.00
7500 · Memberships and Dues	115.00
7600 · Postage, Box Rental, Permits	1,280.95
7650 · Printing and Copying	133.87
7700 · Supplies and Other	144.82
7800 · Telephone & Communications	224.15
7898 · Advertising & Publicity	550.00
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Total 7000 · MANAGEMENT & GENERAL EXPENSES	8,269.71
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Total Expense	29,856.79
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Net Income	17,450.80
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October 2020 through September 2021

	<u>Oct '20 - Sep 21</u>
Income	
4100 · CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS & GRANTS	
4110 · Contributions - Individuals	882.00
4115 · Contributions - Designated Use	225.00
4130 · Corporate Reward Card Programs	473.50
4140 · Indirect Contributions	7,893.33
Total 4100 · CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS & GRANTS	<u>9,473.83</u>
4200 · PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	
4210 · Registration Fees	28,035.00
Total 4200 · PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	<u>28,035.00</u>
4300 · MEMBERSHIP DUES	
4310 · Memberships - Individuals	8,560.00
4320 · Memberships - Households	1,360.00
Total 4300 · MEMBERSHIP DUES	<u>9,920.00</u>
4400 · INTEREST INCOME	
4411 · Interest/Savings Account	23.07
4412 · Interest/Investment Account	60.80
Total 4400 · INTEREST INCOME	<u>83.87</u>
Total Income	<u>47,512.70</u>
Expense	
6100 · GENEALOGICAL EDUCATION	
6110 · Speaker Fees	7,675.00
6140 · Printing	784.08
6160 · Online Advertising & Promotion	282.29
Total 6100 · GENEALOGICAL EDUCATION	<u>8,741.37</u>
6200 · DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY SUPPORT	
6210 · Donations	6,008.00
6220 · Gifts in Kind	2,132.14
Total 6200 · DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY SUPPORT	<u>8,140.14</u>
7000 · MANAGEMENT & GENERAL EXPENSES	
7100 · Credit Card Processing Fees	1,330.71
7200 · Direct Mailing	178.00
7300 · Information Technology	6,868.25
7400 · Insurance - Liability, D & O	1,275.00
7500 · Memberships and Dues	180.00
7600 · Postage, Box Rental, Permits	325.50
7700 · Supplies and Other	223.88
7800 · Telephone & Communications	151.84
7898 · Advertising & Publicity	6,832.00
Total 7000 · MANAGEMENT & GENERAL EXPENSES	<u>17,365.18</u>
Total Expense	<u>34,246.69</u>
Net Income	<u><u>13,266.01</u></u>