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**March 2019**

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## **March 2 General Meeting**

*Lisa Ross*

Please join us at our March general meeting for a presentation by Tony Hanson. Tony will be sharing tips and advice on *How to Avoid Becoming a Victim of Cybercrime*. He will discuss the various ways scammers will attempt to obtain personal and financial information from you as well as a variety of steps you can take to protect yourself.

Information about his presentation, including an extensive handout you can download and print before the meeting, is available on his website:



<http://www.rayson.us/ae Hanson/presentations/current/psap/>

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

## **2019 Spring Seminar with Dr. Michael Lacopo - April 13**

*Jim Thornhill*

Keeping the Story Alive!

As Family Historians, we wear many hats. We may be the caretakers of our family's story, both past, and present. We may handle artifacts and records, both public and our own, gingerly and with reverence for the memories they represent. Maybe we



keep an album that visually represents our family's history. One thing we all have in common, however, is our need to find our family's history, verify it, and record it in a way that others can understand.

The technical term for this skill is Methodology, and it is an essential part of every genealogist's toolbox. Realizing this, we have made Methodology the subject for our Spring Seminar, so you can hone your skills and become better at a craft that is your passion. Nationally known speaker Michael Lacopo will be helping us hone our skills in our quest to become better genealogists. And by coincidence, Michael also happens to be one of the leading experts in the country on Germanic ancestry, so I'm sure his examples will be filled with hints for those with Germanic roots.

As we have said before, we could not conduct these seminars without our volunteers. Our volunteers don't have to miss any of the seminar. All that is required is that you either come a few minutes early, help a few minutes during lunch, or when the session is over go directly to your volunteer station and help out until the next session starts. Volunteering also has its benefits. Not only do you get the admiration of your fellow seminar attendees, but you get one entry for each time you volunteer in a drawing for a free seminar, and our speakers often will join us for dinner after the seminar. This time is no exception if you volunteer you can have dinner with Michael (at your own expense.)

[Volunteer Now](#)

Join us on April 13th for a fun time with Michael Lacopo as we learn new skills and network with other like-minded family historians. April will be here before you know it, so register today!

[Register](#)

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## **It's Time to Give Back**

*Tony Hanson*

If you are a regular reader of our newsletter then you know that we have been talking about the need for candidates for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer for a few months now. Time is getting short: we need to have the slate of officers identified in time for the April 6 meeting.



A successful organization like ours needs capable and committed leaders in these positions. The current holders of these positions are nearing the end of their two-year terms and, per our bylaws, cannot serve a third year, so it is time for somebody else to step up and give some time and energy back to the society.

Being on the board is a great way to meet new people, learn some new technology and sharpen your management skills. The links below provide information about the positions we are trying to fill (click on the "Responsibilities and Duties link):

- [Treasurer](#)
- [Secretary](#)

If you are interested or want more information send email to the nominating committee (Tony Hanson, Caroline Simpson, Liz Kutz, Gayla Bush and Cathy Dempsey Baumgartner) at [nominating@dallasgenealogy.com](mailto:nominating@dallasgenealogy.com)

You can also (anonymously) recommend somebody using [this form](#):

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## **Et Cetera...Bockstruck Bibliographies Online**

*Kathleen Murray*

Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck (1945-2018) was a distinguished genealogical scholar, librarian, writer, educator, and lecturer. He was Supervisor of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library for 30 years (1979-2009). During his career, Lloyd lectured throughout the country at genealogical society workshops, seminars, and conferences.



Lloyd donated his papers to the Dallas Genealogical Society in 2018. The collection, the Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck Papers, will be housed in the Dallas Public Library. The Society has digitized several bibliographies from his lectures and made them publicly available. You can find the "[Bockstruck Bibliographies](#)" under Publications on the DGS website.

Many are organized by genealogical record types, such as military, probate, and census. Often they include a catchall category: "Et Cetera". It was never abbreviated.

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## **Tales, Trails, and Stories Untold**

*Gloria Goodwin*

There are treasures among our keepsakes and stories that should be shared and included in our genealogy stories. Does



your family share stories? Are there clues hidden in the stories? Do you look at those stories with a critical eye and follow-up on any new leads? Gloria Goodwin shares her experiences and shows how stories can engage a younger generation and lead to new family history information.

[Read more ...](#)

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## **The Case of the Missing Community. Little Egypt and the History Detectives of Richland College**

*Fred Durham*

Our story begins, like all good mysteries, with a series of seemingly unrelated facts, events, and people: a street curb, two professors, a shopping center, a phone book, and a chance encounter at a library.



*The community's Egypt Chapel Baptist Church at its original location in 1962.*

Once, not so long ago, there was a black community, Little Egypt, which was founded by a former slave on thirty acres along Northwest Highway in what is now the Lake Highlands neighborhood of Dallas. For eighty years, little Egypt existed, and then, in a single day in 1962, this community of about 200 people (many of whom were related) completely disappeared, seemingly leaving behind no trace of its existence.

[Click here](#) to read more about the story of Little Egypt.

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## **Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society March 14 Meeting**

Revolutionary War Reenactor

Join the Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society on Thursday, March 14th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mesquite Main Library when William Covington, history teacher, and reenactor, presents the life of a revolutionary war soldier. Uniformed as a Continental soldier of the Congressional cause of the late war period, Bill will display, explain and demonstrate the clothing, weapons, and accouterments with which the common soldier fought against the troops of the British Empire. Through his presentations to groups all across Texas and outside the state, Bill hopes to bring honor to the memories of the men, women, and children who stood, endured, and suffered through the dark days that preceded the birth of our great nation. 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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## **North Texas Chapter of Germans from Russia Forms in the DFW Area**

*Duane Stabler*

Germans from Russia settled in the mid-west areas of the USA from West Texas all the way to North Dakota and within time into southern Canada. They also settled in other locations including Colorado, Washington, and California. As the name implies, these people arrived in the USA from Russia where they had settled along the Volga River in the late 1700s and the area north of Odessa (currently Ukraine) in the early 1800s. These immigrating Germans originated from various parts of Germany and were originally invited to come to Russia by a manifest signed by Catherine the Great.



Duane Stabler is organizing a North Texas Chapter of Germans from Russia. He invites researchers interested in these immigrant communities to attend the organizational meeting on March 2.

[Read more...](#)

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## Special Interest Groups (SIG)

The Dallas Genealogical Society sponsors several Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to provide members with an opportunity to meet and work with other genealogists on specialized topics. DGS invites you to attend any of the following SIG meetings:



- [African American Group](#)
- [Brown Bag Group](#)
- [DNA Interest Group](#)
- [Jewish Group](#)
- [MacGen Reunion](#)
- [Family Tree Maker](#)
- [Roots Magic Group](#)
- [Technology Group](#)

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## Tips and Tricks from the 8th Floor Genealogy Section

The 8th-floor genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library offers several genealogy-specific, [online websites](#) which are free to researchers visiting the central library. The library version of Ancestry.com is just one of those free-access websites. Several of these websites, such as Fold 3, are free to use from your own home with a Dallas Public Library card and login to your account. [Click here](#) for the genealogy section's webpage with additional online resources, finding aids and information.



Dallas Public Library branch libraries offer access to these databases and websites as well, including Ancestry.com.

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