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May 4 General Meeting

By Lisa Ross

The Dallas Genealogical Society will hold the next general meeting on Saturday, May 4, in the 1st-floor auditorium at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, located at 1515 Young Street in downtown Dallas. Hospitality begins at 10:30 a.m. The business meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.



On May 4, [Victor Chapa](#) will present StoryCorps: Preserving Oral Histories. Family history through the collection of oral histories allows genealogists to capture memories, verify and preserve information that brings to life family group sheets and pedigree charts. Using StoryCorps, an inspiring archive of stories and their award-winning app, interviewers can preserve stories, testimonies, thoughts, and feelings about family history with a simple step-by-step process.

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

DGS Board Elections - May 4 - Your Vote is Needed

by Tony Hanson

We will be electing our new Executive Committee at the May 4 General Meeting:

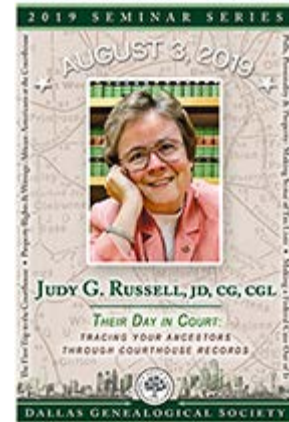
- President – Suzan Younger
- Vice President – Jim Thornhill
- Secretary – Gayla Bush
- Treasurer – Susan Rainwater
- Immediate Past President – Todd DeDecker



We are fortunate to have this talented, dedicated and qualified group of individuals who are willing to step forward and help lead our society. Per our bylaws, we need to have at least 19 members present to proceed with the election. Please show your support for our new leadership team by attending and voting!

Dallas Genealogical Society 2019 Summer Seminar

DGS [2019 Summer Seminar](#), August 3
with Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL



Texas Institute of Genealogical Research

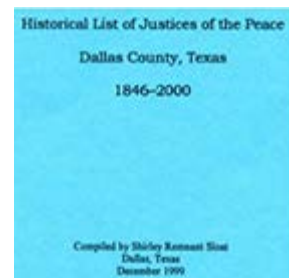
The Texas State Genealogical Society will hold the 2019 Texas Institute of Genealogical Research June 10-14 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Austin, Texas. The institute offers two tracks - *Texas Research Essentials* and *Advanced Southern Research Techniques*. Click [here](#) for details and information.



A Historical List of Justices of the Peace, Dallas County, TX, 1846-2000

by Shirley Sloat

In 1999, Shirley Remnant Sloat researched and published a Historical List of Justices of the Peace, Dallas County, Texas, 1846-2000. Recently she generously gave the Dallas Genealogical Society permission to post a PDF copy of her book on the DGS website under Publications. You can access the book [here](#).



Memorializing the Service of our Recent Ancestors

by Jim Thornhill

As Memorial Day approaches, many Americans will begin to think about the debt we owe to the millions of men and women who have made sacrifices to defend our freedom. As family historians, our thoughts often go back to ancestors who served our country several hundred years ago. But many of you have, like I have, grandparents and parents who served in World War I



& II, and yet we don't always know all about our ancestor's service, and now they are no longer with us to ask. Fortunately for us, there is a way to find details about our ancestors' service in WWI or WWII... click [here](#) for the article posted on the DGS blog.

Memorial Day

The 30th day of May, 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land.

General Orders No. 11, Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868.

The observance of Memorial Day has changed over the years. You can read the history of [Memorial Day](#) on the webpage of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.



[Image credit: ". . . we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain . . . Remember Dec. 7th!" Color poster by Allen Saalberg, 1942. 44-PA-191.* National Archives Identifier: 513637]

Military Records at the National Archives

The National Archives is the repository for federal military records. Many of those records have been digitized, many can be ordered by mail and the rest must be accessed in person. Detailed information about these records can be found at the [National Archives Veteran's Service Records](#) website.



The Genealogy Notes in the Prologue Magazine for Fall 2002, Vol. 34, No.3, is an article titled *An Overview of Records at the National Archives Relating to Military Service*. It provides an excellent overview of military records housed in the National Archives. Read the entire article [here](#).

Military Records Online at Fold3

[Fold3](#) is an internet-based website which provides convenient, online access to military records, including the stories, photos,

and personal documents of the men and women who served. The Dallas Public Library [Genealogy Section](#) subscribes to Fold3 and there is free access at the Central Library and all branch libraries in the Dallas Public Library system and from home with a DPL library card.



DGS Acknowledges National Library Week

On April 10, Sharon Bowles and Patti Smith from the Dallas Genealogical Society surprised the Dallas Public Library 7th and 8th-floor staff with lunch and gift baskets full of goodies. DGS appreciates and thanks the library staff for their assistance and support throughout the year.



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