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September 2019

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September 7 General Meeting

The Dallas Genealogical Society will hold the first general meeting for the 2019-2020 year on Saturday, September 7, 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 starts at 11:00 a.m.

David Passman will present *From Minsk to Manhattan: Using Maps to Retrace an Ancestor's Journey*. Passenger lists, published memoirs, newspaper accounts, meteorological data, naturalization indexes, and UK census records, used in conjunction with period maps, reveal aspects of David's journey in researching his ancestor's travels during the Age of Steam.



David Passman is a member of the National Genealogical Society, the Dallas Genealogical Society, and JewishGen.org. As a DGS member, he actively participates in the Brown Bag and Jewish Special Interest Groups. As a speaker, he's presented at the Texas State Genealogical Society's Family History Conference, the Dallas Genealogical Society, Plano Friends of Genealogy, the Dallas Jewish Historical Society, and the Mesquite Genealogical Society. Read more [here](#).

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

Dallas Genealogical Society 2019 Fall Seminar

by Jim Thornhill

Our next seminar, coming up October

12th, will feature an extraordinary genealogist, Jen Baldwin. I have to admit before I took on my current role with DGS I had not heard of Jen Baldwin.



In conversation, Jen commented that she doesn't get down to our area that much. So, what do we do as family historians when we want to know more about someone? RESEARCH! [Read more..](#)

DGS [2019 Fall Seminar](#), 12 October
Digging for Details: Getting the Full Story
Jen Baldwin

German Genealogy Group

By Ann Broihier

There's a new special interest group coming to the Society's SIG line-up. You may be a beginner in your German ancestor research or a seasoned pro needing additional inspiration and encouragement.



Either way, join enthusiastic, like-minded researchers at the new German Genealogy Group meetings. Share your research experiences and learn new sources and research strategies. Sign up for the mailing list and read more about the new German Genealogy Group on the [DGS Blog](#).

[Image credit: 1856 Map of Germany by G. W. Colton, David Rumsey Map Collection.]

Dallas County Records

by Suzan Younger

Dallas County Records Held in the Dallas Public Library, 7th Floor History and Archives Division

The Genealogy Section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library is one of the top genealogical libraries in the United States. Many researchers visiting the library press the 8th-floor elevator button without thinking about another destination in the library. However, there are treasures to be found elsewhere in the library and the 7th-Floor Dallas History and Archives Division should be a routine stop for genealogists.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) officially designated the Dallas Public Library as the Regional Historical Resource Depository for Dallas County. Under this agreement, older government records with permanent historical value that are no longer needed by the agency that created them may be placed on

deposit in the Dallas History and Archives Division. Read more [here](#).

DGS Board Email Address Changes

The new Board of Directors will assume their responsibilities in September, which means that several officers will soon be using different email accounts. Please [check out our blog article](#) explaining the changes.



Change of
Address

NGS and FGS Announce Intent to Merge

Joint News Release by NGS and FGS



In a historic move, the boards of the National Genealogical Society (NGS) and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) announced on 21 Aug 2019 their intent to merge. The two organizations, both non-profit leaders in the dynamic genealogy industry, will form one consolidated group that will continue to operate as the National Genealogical Society.

Both boards approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) earlier, and jointly announced the news at the Opening Session of the FGS Family History Conference in Washington, D.C. The original announcement is available on the [FGS website](#) and [NGS website](#).

Burned Records and DNA

By Tony Hanson

Many genealogists are distressingly familiar with the term “burned courthouses.” In the United States, we associate this phrase with locations where fires destroyed birth, marriage, and death records. Similar tragedies occur in other countries, too.



When I began researching my Norwegian relatives, I quickly learned about the importance of church records and heard about the tragic loss of records due to a church fire that occurred in Eidsvold, Akershus, Norway in 1877. “Burned churches” entered my vocabulary. What I did not realize at the time was that my great grandmother was born in Eidsvold and that the 1877 fire destroyed most of the records I needed to identify her parents.

Thanks to records from many sources, help from other researchers, and confirmation from DNA matches I think I have identified her family. Curious to find out how I did it? [Read More...](#)

The Almost Forgotten Community of Cemento Grande

It is difficult to get to, locked behind the gates of the large AT&T facility on Cockrell Hill Road, but a request at the gate will, after a few minutes to find someone who knows what you are asking about, gain you admission to the hallowed ground of a cemetery which is the last physical vestige of an Hispanic community that thrived nearby for over forty years. The community, Cemento Grande, was the company town for Mexican immigrant laborers of Trinity Portland Cement. The cemetery commemorates the life of that community, and the hundreds of people who lived and worked there. [Continue reading.](#)



Up-coming Events

Dallas Genealogical Society General Meeting
[From Minsk to Manhattan: Using Maps to Retrace an Ancestor's Journey with David Passman](#)
7 September 2019



Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy Virtual Program
[Intermediate Foundations](#)
10 September – 19 November, 2019

[Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society meeting](#)
Speaker: Patti Huff Smith
Topic: "Between the Lines: What your Ancestors Didn't Tell You -- Using your DNA Research"
Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr., Mesquite, TX
Thurs. 12 September, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy Virtual Program
[Virtual Nordic: In-depth Swedish and Finnish Research](#)
10 September – 19 November, 2019

[40th Annual Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference](#)
Hosted by the Hispanic Organization for Genealogy and Research (HOGAR de Dallas)

Omni Dallas - Park West, Farmers Branch, TX
3 - 5 October 2019

Dallas Genealogical Society's 2019 Fall Seminar
[Jen Baldwin: Digging for Details - Getting the Whole Story](#)
12 October 2019

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy Virtual Program
[All-DNA Advanced Evidence Analysis Practicum](#)
12 October – 23 November, 2019

Texas State Genealogical Society 2019 Conference: Houston, TX

[Blazing Family Trails](#)

11-13 October 2019

[\(Free Annual\) Great Family Search Conference](#)

Sponsored by the Plano & Richardson Texas Family History Centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Plano Texas Stake,
2700 Roundrock Trail, Plano, Texas 75075

19 October 2019

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