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October 2019

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October 5 General Meeting

Tui Snider will present *Understanding Cemetery Symbols*. Whether you are a genealogist, historian, ghost hunter, or curiosity seeker, this photo-laden presentation reveals the forgotten meaning behind historic cemetery symbols.

Tui Snider is a writer and travel blogger specializing in offbeat sites, overlooked history, quirky travel destinations, and haunted places. Tui has worn a lot of hats in her life – literally – and is especially fond of berets.



For Tui, travel is a mindset. Her motto is “Even home is a travel destination,” and she believes that “The world is only boring if you take everyone else’s word for it.” Tui’s bestseller, *Unexpected Texas* is a quirky travel guide to offbeat and overlooked places within easy reach of the Dallas-Fort Worth region of North Texas. 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

DGS [Fall Seminar](#), October 12
Digging for Details
with Jen Baldwin

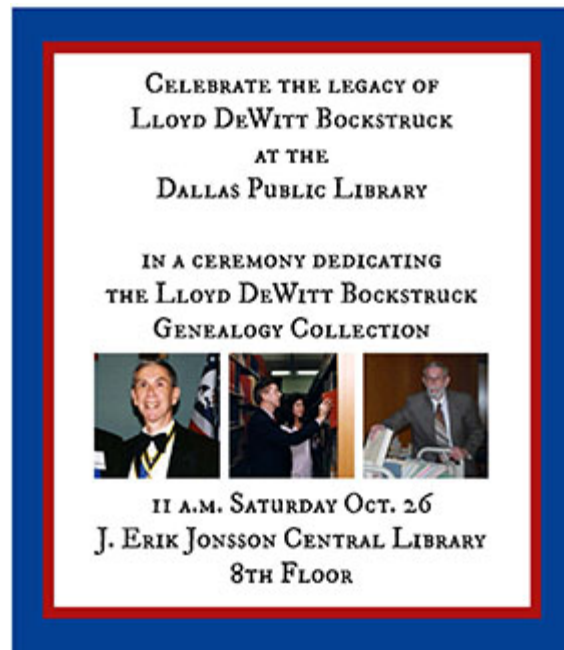


Early Bird discount ends Sunday,
September 29!

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Genealogy Collection - Dedication Ceremony

It is with the greatest pleasure that the Dallas Genealogical Society shares this announcement by the Dallas Public Library. In celebration of the legacy of Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, there will be a ceremony dedicating the [Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Genealogy Collection](#) in the Genealogy and History Division, 8th Floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Library. Please plan to attend the [dedication ceremony](#) at 11:00 am, Saturday, October 26, 2019.

Lloyd D. Bockstruck (1945-2018) was a distinguished genealogical scholar, librarian, writer, educator, and lecturer. He was Supervisor of the Genealogy Section - Dallas Public library for most of the 30 years he spent at DPL (1979-2009.) His leadership directed the creation of one of the top ten genealogical libraries in the United States. That legacy continues today, and researchers from all over the country benefit from his vision of what an outstanding genealogical library should and can be.



Save the Date -- Family History Month Edition

by Suzan Younger

October is Family History Month. In recognition of Family History Month, there is a special DGS Blog article which lists 29 genealogy-related lectures, meetings, seminars, workshops and conferences. You can choose to attend a local event in person and network with fellow genealogists. You can stay at home and access lectures, a course and a conference via the Internet on a device of your choice. Or you can travel to Houston for the TxSGS Conference or the Chinese American Genealogy Workshop. There is something for everyone in this list of events, so check out each item. Read more [here](#).



Celebrate Family History Month with Us

by Susan Chance-Rainwater

On September 14, Stephanie Bennett, unit manager of the Dallas Public Library -Genealogy & History, 8th Floor, officially opened the new Heritage Lab on the 8th Floor. The lab is a joint venture between the Dallas Public Library and the Dallas Genealogical Society to provide specialized equipment for the public and library staff to digitize books, documents, photos, audio, and videotapes.

Volunteers from the LDS Church have been in the lab for several



months now digitizing books from the DPL Genealogy Section which will be available on FamilySearch.org. DGS Volunteers used the lab to scan some of the [Lloyd D. Bockstruck Papers](#). Now it is your turn to use the equipment to digitize items from your personal collection.

Friday, October 18 is a perfect time to stop in and see the Heritage Lab. In observance of Family History Month, the Dallas Public Library, the Dallas Genealogical Society, and the Genealogy Network of Texas will offer a full day of lectures, lab demonstrations, tours, genealogy/DNA help desks, and door prizes. The fun begins at 10:00 am and lasts until 8:30 pm, providing special extended hours for the Genealogy Section. Read more [here](#).

Hispanic Heritage Month

by Suzan Younger

The United States observes September 15-October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month. President Lyndon Johnson originated the designation as the Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968. President Ronald Reagan expanded the observance to 30 days and enacted the observance into law on 17 August 1988.



The National Archives holds extensive documents regarding Hispanic Americans including subjects on genealogy, military and immigration. NARA and its partners, including Ancestry.com, are digitizing records of genealogical interest. A sample of those records include:

- [Manifests of Airplane Arrivals at Del Rio, TX, 6/1906 – 7/1953](#)
- [Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Hidalgo, TX, 10/31/1907 – 5/26/1955](#)
- [Nonstatistical manifest and Statistical Index Cards of Aliens Arriving at Eagle Pass, Texas, 6/1905 – 11/1929](#)
- [Lists of Aliens Arriving at Brownsville, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, El Paso, Laredo, Presidio, Rio Grande City, and Roma, Texas, and at Aros Ranch, Douglas, Lochiel, Naco and Nogales, Arizona, 5/1903 – 12/1910.](#)

Explore these records and additional resources at the [National Archives website – Hispanic Heritage Month](#).

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Looking for College Yearbooks?

by Barbara Ware

Yearbooks from Texas A&M University are part of the Cushing Memorial Library and Archives online. The collection begins with *Olio*, published in 1895 and continues with the *Longhorn* in 1903 to 1948 and *Aggieland* 1949 to 2014. The books are digitized and searchable within each year. Select a year and then search



within it at [Texas A&M University Yearbook Collection](#).

All of the books are available at the Cushing Memorial Library on the A&M campus. The [online digital collection](#) is a project of the Class of 1949. The library website also has an interesting online digital collection that is worth exploring.

The Dallas Public Library, Texas/Dallas Archives, 7th floor, has copies of the *Longhorn* and *AggieLand* yearbooks. To see which yearbooks are available in DPL, [click here](#).

Exploring ConferenceKeeper.org

by Sharon Bowles

It's a no-brainer that you will put the DGS annual seminars in your genealogy educational event calendar first; however, how do you find out about other worthwhile conferences you would like to attend? I recently checked out Jen Baldwin's site ConferenceKeeper.ORG. I was impressed by the number of listings, as well as how well organized this site is. I found it easy to use.



Read more [here](#).

Restoration Effort Underway at Warren Ferris Cemetery

by Susanne Starling

The Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery are restoring the neglected landscape of this historic cemetery. Located just five blocks east of the southern tip of White Rock Lake at St. Francis and San Leandro, the cemetery was established in the mid-1800s on the Warren Angus Ferris homestead.

Originally a mountain trapper, Ferris was among the first to chart the marvels of what became Yellowstone National Park. As a Texas pioneer, he came to the Three Forks of the Trinity River as a surveyor in the late 1830s. Camping on the banks of White Rock Creek, he surveyed land that eventually became Dallas and Dallas County and then moved to what became his 640-acre homestead. [Continue reading](#).



German Genealogy SIG Initial Meeting

by Ann Broihier

The German Genealogy Group is excited to announce that the first meeting will be Saturday Nov 2nd at 1:30pm in the Dallas Library Hamon Training Room on the 5th floor.



For those attending both the Dallas Genealogy Society and the German Genealogy Group meetings on Nov 2nd, you can bring and eat your lunch in the McDermott Room on the 8th floor from 12:30-1:30.

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