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**March 2020**

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### **March 7 General Meeting**

The Dallas Genealogical Society will hold the next general meeting on Saturday, March 7, on the 8th-floor Genealogy section at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. The library is located at 1515 Young Street in downtown Dallas. Hospitality begins at 10:30 am. The business meeting starts at 11:00 am immediately followed by the presentation.



Our presentation this month, “Enhance your genealogy research with resources from the Dallas Public Library”. Have you ever been researching online and hit a brick wall? The Dallas Public Library has resources to help! Genealogy & History Division Manager Stephanie Bennett will outline the plethora of print and electronic resources available for free through the Dallas Public Library. Join us for this special presentation on the 8th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library and receive a tour of the Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Genealogy Collection after the presentation.

For more information, please click [here](#). The meeting will be live-streamed over the Internet, using Zoom. Instructions for how to use and access the meetings with Zoom can be accessed [here](#).

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### **Ongoing Construction: How to Access the DPL Parking Garage**

Until March 16th Wood Street in downtown Dallas will be closed from Browder Street (just west of the library parking garage entrance) to Field St. for storm sewer repair. The only entrance to the library parking garage will be from the intersection of Ervay Street and Wood Street, east of the parking garage entrance. Since Ervay is one way traveling from South to North, you will need to get on Ervay south of the library, proceed to Wood and turn left on Wood to the library garage entrance. You can look at a map [here](#).

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## Finding Your Roots

by Jim Thornhill

Join us on Saturday, April 18th for the DGS Spring Seminar *Paths to Freedom: African American Research in the South* featuring Tony Burroughs. Click [here](#) for more information.



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## Portal to Texas History: Collection Highlight

By Suzan Younger

The collection - Rescuing Texas History 2018 - collects photographs, newspaper articles, letters, postcards, and other historical materials from across the state and beyond to document and preserve the rich history of Texas. A prime example of the collection is the *Official Directory: Dallas Negro Churches, Schools and Other Activities Civic, Business, Fraternal, Social, Etc.* You can access a digital copy of the directory [here](#). And be sure to browse the collection for other genealogical [gems](#).



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## The NewspaperArchive.com Website

by Suzan Younger

On February 26, 2020 the NewspaperArchive.com website became available to all researchers on the computers in the Genealogy Section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in downtown Dallas. You can access the images of 14,357+ newspapers from every U.S. state and twenty-eight other countries. Every newspaper in the archive is fully searchable by keyword, date, place, and title. Access to the website is free of charge, however, you must use the computers in the Genealogy Section to search the database.



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## Google is Your Friend: Google Scholar

by Jim Thornhill

Google Scholar is a free web search engine and an entry point to scholarly literature. Use this Google app to search for academic journals, conference papers, theses, dissertations, technical reports, court opinions, patents, and more. Jim Thornhill explains how to use Google Scholar for genealogical research [here](#).

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## Engaging the Next Generation

by Patti Huff Smith

When my youngest son Nathan attended New Tech High @ Coppell, he became interested in the Civil War. Together we began searching for records for his great-great-grandfather, William Edward Peters from Marshall County, Alabama who was a Union soldier for Co. M, 12th Tennessee Calvary.

Little did I know a passion would be ignited to continue researching my family history. Now that my four children are young adults and out on their own, I wish we would have spent more time discussing our family history.



Click [here](#) to continue reading.

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## German Genealogy SIG Meeting

The next German Genealogy Group meeting will be Mar 14th at 10:30 am in the Stone conference Room – 7th Floor.

Duane Stabler, President, North Texas Chapter of Germans from Russia, will be speaking on "*In Search of Freedom: The Germans from Russia Story*".



This presentation is intended to be an overview of a group of people who immigrated from various parts of modern-day Germany to undeveloped territories in the Volga River valley and South Russia. Years later, with changes that occurred in Russia, many immigrated to the Americas in search of a homeland that would offer them freedom and the ability to establish themselves. Come hear about this story and how this small group of immigrants has impacted their new homeland through the past century.

For more information, please click [here](#).

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## DGS Events Calendar

by Tony Hanson, DGS Webmaster

In addition to DGS Events, the calendar on the DGS website provides information about Regional, State and National conferences and seminars.



Local societies are also invited to submit information about their events. This service is restricted to counties immediately surrounding Dallas County (Collin, Cooke, Denton, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Henderson, Hill, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Parker, Rains, Rockwall, Tarrant, Van Zandt and Wise).

Information should be emailed to the DGS Webmaster at [webmaster@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:webmaster@dallasgenealogy.org) at least 1 month before the scheduled event. Be sure to include the date, location and information about the sponsoring group.

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