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April 4 General Meeting

DGS will present the April 4 General Meeting virtually.

The presentation is **“Using Digital Libraries: Search Strategies for Family Historians”** by Elisabeth M. O’Neal, recorded at the 2019 Texas State Genealogical Society conference.



Looking for books about your family history? You may be able to find them without leaving the comfort of your home! Millions of books have already been digitized and are free to use, as well as download to your personal library. Learn where to find the best digital book collections, how to strategically search them, and how to save your finds to your computer or cloud storage for later reference.

Elizabeth O'Neal is a professional genealogist who writes, lectures, and consults on a variety of topics. Her passion is using technology and social media to enrich the experience of genealogy research and family history storytelling. Elizabeth has been researching her own family history for more than thirty years, and she is the owner of Swan Genealogy Services. She is the author of the award-winning family history blog My Descendant's Ancestors and is a regular contributor to online genealogy publications.

Please click [here](#) for instructions on how to join the meeting using your computer, tablet, or smartphone with an Internet connection and to download the handout.

Online Access to Databases at the Dallas Public Library

by Suzan Younger



The Genealogy Section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library offers several online databases used by genealogists. Researchers can access some of the databases remotely with a Dallas Public Library (DPL) card, while they must access others in the Genealogy Section of the Central Library. The good news is, for the duration of the library's closing due to COVID-19 concerns, you can access Ancestry Library Edition and NewspaperArchives.com remotely with your DPL library card. [Continue reading..](#)

Free Online Genealogical Resources for a Limited Time

MyHeritage.com: FREE and unlimited access to [MyHeritage In Color™](#) from March 23 to April 23. Colorize your black and white photos.

Legacy Family Tree Webinars: All 24 lectures presented during the Genealogy Webinar Marathon are available free until April 6. Access the classes [here](#). Look for additional free classes on this site.

Dallas Public Library: If you have a Dallas Public Library card, you can access the Ancestry Library Edition and NewspaperArchives.com from home at no cost to you while the library is closed.

Grove Hill Cemetery Interment Cards - 1911 to 1985

by Barbara Ware

The interments for Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas are available on the Family Search website under the title "Burial index file, death, and interment records, 1911 – 1985. These are digitized versions of the microfilm of originals at the Grove Hill Memorial Park. Read more [here](#).



Aerial Photographs Online

by Barbara Ware

Vintage Aerial, an exhibitor at RootsTech 2020, has fourteen million aerial photographs of rural America spanning the 1960s to early 2000s. Their website allows you to search for buildings and farms across the United States at [VintageAerial.com](#). You can search the site by state and county. If you locate and document a photo, you will receive credit toward the purchase of a photo. Of course, you can purchase a photo outright. [Continue reading..](#)



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Google is Your Friend, Part 4: Google Translate

by Jim Thornhill

I am proud to say I am bi-lingual. I speak two languages: Texan and English. As English is my second language, sometimes I struggle but I do the best that I can. My ancestry is also from England and Ireland, where they speak English as well. Because of this, I haven't had much need for Google Translate, until recently.



Recently I discovered that my dad's first wife died while traveling in Spain. I found this information on Ancestry's Reports of Deaths of American Citizens Abroad database, but it did not give any details of her death, only what the consulate did after she died. Naturally, I wanted to know the circumstances surrounding her death. Was she in a car accident? Was she the victim of foul play? Was she poisoned because she was a Nazi spy? So many questions that need answers!

I did some searching on Google to find out how to order a Spanish death certificate, and it led me to the right page. Fortunately, there was a link to convert the page into English. However, the form itself was still in Spanish. Enter Google Translate!

Continue reading [here](#).

Save the Date

The Dallas Genealogical Society will present our General Meetings virtually until further notice. Instructions for joining the April 4 meeting are found [here](#). SIG leaders have the option to do virtual presentations or cancel their meeting. Check the SIG websites. Be sure to check directly with any event listed on the Other Organizations website; it is probable many will be canceled.



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