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Join DGS for a Virtual Town Hall Meeting

Join DGS board members for a virtual Town Hall meeting on Saturday, April 25 at 10:00 AM Central Time.



The link to the meeting is:

<https://zoom.us/j/98292678072?pwd=STYrVFI4azRZeEVPNWovTzdaSUVRUT09>

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May 2 General Meeting

DGS will present the May 2 General Meeting Virtually

Our business meeting will begin at 11:00. This will be followed by our educational presentation which will be "*Celebrating the Vote: 100 Years of Women's Suffrage*" by Gena Philibert-Ortega.



The 19th amendment was passed in 1919 and ratified in 1920, ending a long struggle for women's voting rights, but some women were already voting and leaving a record trail. When did your female ancestor first vote? What records survive? And what can we learn about her based on extant records?

Click [here](#) for more information about Gena Philibert-Ortega and for instructions on how to register for and access the Zoom meeting.

The DGS Help Desk Is Open! (Virtually)

Dallas Genealogical Society is excited to announce a new monthly event for the summer. We will hold a virtual Genealogy Help Desk meeting on the 4th Tuesday nights at 7:30PM, from April through August 2020. The first one will take place on April 28. Researchers of all levels of experience are welcome.



Registration is required. You can register for this meeting at:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Apr 28, 2020 07:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUucOuurDwvHdb3zH5ZP4ZcsbqS0kCQJJ1g](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJUucOuurDwvHdb3zH5ZP4ZcsbqS0kCQJJ1g)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

NGS 2020 and IGHR 2020 Go Virtual

The National Genealogical Society 2020 Conference ([more information](#)) and the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research ([more information](#)) announced that their 2020 events will be virtual this year. Both events offer excellent genealogical education. Click on the links for details and registration information.



Dallas and Pandemics: We've Been There Before

It all seems very familiar—people saying that it's "a hoax,"

science scrambling to find an answer, businesses closing, shortages of certain peculiar items, restrictions on public gatherings, canceled sporting events, and people offering all kinds of cures—some genuinely sincere and some only genuinely concerned about making money. One could think that we're talking about today and the COVID-19 virus, but we're actually talking about the 1918 outbreak of Spanish Influenza. [Continue reading...](#)



The National Park Service and the 19th Amendment

by Suzan Younger

"What a lot of people don't realize, is that the story of the Homestead Act of 1862 is closely connected to the story of women's suffrage. Nearly all the states granting women full voting rights prior to the Nineteenth Amendment gave away land under the Homestead Act. Women homesteading in these states participated in local, statewide, and national suffrage networks, and as the ranks of land-owning women swelled between 1862 and 1920, and it was these homesteading women who led the way to the 19th Amendment." - Jonathan Fairchild, Historian, Homestead National Monument of America.



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Free Access to Yearbooks

MyHeritage is offering access to their yearbook collection for FREE, through May 23, 2020! The yearbook collection consists of 290 million names in 36 million pages, from yearbooks across the U.S. from 1890 until 1979. Take this opportunity to reminisce about your own high school years or search for your family in the collection. [Search MyHeritage U.S. Yearbooks for Free Now.](#)



Save the Date

The Dallas Genealogical Society will present our General Meetings virtually until further notice. Instructions for joining the May 2 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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