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July 2020

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Last Chance To Join Our Virtual DNA Seminar - Register by July 19th



By Jim Thornhill

On July 25, 2020, in our inaugural virtual seminar, Dallas Genealogical Society will host four expert speakers discussing the use of DNA to assist in solving genealogical challenges. Participants of all levels are welcome, and lectures will be available in three tracks: beginner, intermediate, and advanced.

If DNA is not part of your genealogy toolbox yet, you may be missing an opportunity to break through some of your brick walls. Read [more...](#)

Don't miss this opportunity - [register](#) today! Registration closes July 19th.

July 20th Author Talk: Libby Copeland

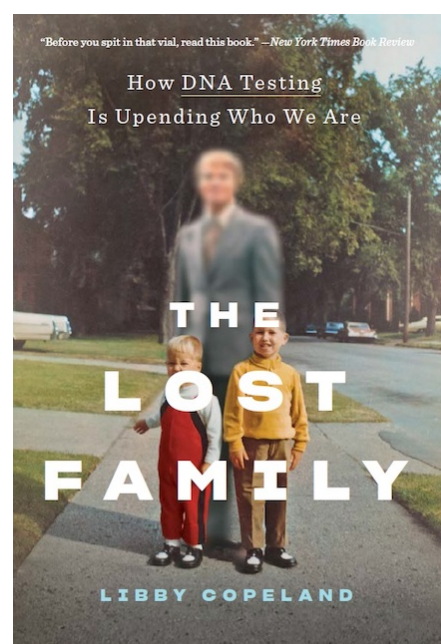
By Stephanie Bennett

The Dallas Genealogical Society & Dallas Public Library are pleased to present a virtual author talk with Libby Copeland on Monday, July 20th, at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Registration is required.

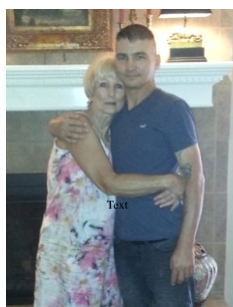
DGS Webmaster Tony Hanson will be moderating the conversation with Libby Copeland which will discuss Copeland's new book, *The Lost Family: How DNA Testing*

is *Upending Who We Are*. Her book investigates how home DNA testing has impacted many communities, including adoptees, the donor-conceived, and those who didn't start out with questions about their families – but found questions posed by their DNA results.

[Register](#)



Successful Reunion - A DNA Adoption Story



Patti Huff Smith, DGS Volunteer Coordinator, jumped into action to help an adoptee in his search to find his biological parents, using their shared DNA match as a starting point!

Persistence, creativity and strong research skills led to a positive result.

Get the details [here](#).

McGowan Funeral Home Indexing Completed!

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of DGS' African American Genealogical Interest Group (AAGIG), the digital index to the McGowan funeral home records is now complete!

This wonderful resource includes information on over 5,000 individuals whose remains were handled by the McGowan funeral home in Dallas between 1956 and 1995.

The group has described the type of details that can be found in the collection, and provided an analysis of their results [here](#).

Happy searching!



Free Online Resources from American Ancestors

By Gayla Bush

New England Historic Genealogical Society, (NEHGS), is well known for providing the premier collection of resources on early American history online through its American

Ancestors website,
www.americanancestors.org.

NEHGS also has a strong focus on educating genealogists, and American Ancestors' educational content reaches far beyond the subjects of early American or New England genealogy. With a guest membership, you'll have access to a sample of searchable databases and content. Take a look at what is available for free by going to <https://www.americanancestors.org/guest-user-resources>



(Note: for access to all 1.4 billion searchable names on their site, you will need a full membership.)

2020 - A Year of Changes



It's been a year of changes, and there are more to come. The DGS board announces adjustments to the DGS calendar of events, which we hope will solve problems encountered in the past. Read about the schedule changes [here](#).

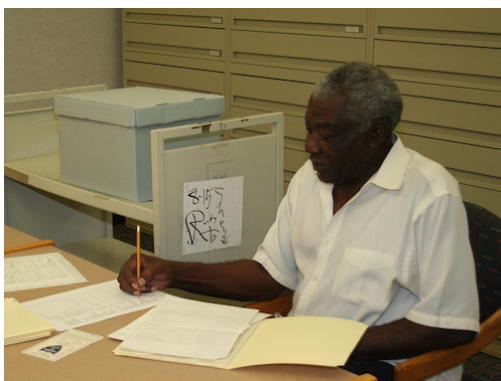
Google Is My Friend, Especially in a Pandemic

By Jim Thornhill

I have talked briefly about Google Books in previous articles, but let's drill down on this marvelous website. During this time of restricted access to our libraries, Google Books can be even more useful for your genealogy research. [Learn more](#)



DGS Members, Send Us Your Stories!



Calling all DGS members! We know that working only at home can make it challenging to progress your family tree. On the other hand, maybe all this extra time has led you to an unexpected breakthrough?

Either way, we would like to hear about your struggles and successes during this new era of COVID-19 restrictions. Please send a short story (no more than 250 words) about your experience to michelle@dallasgenealogy.org.

Save the Date for September 12th General Meeting with Ari Wilkins

Our September 12th meeting will begin at 11:00 am.

The general meeting will be followed by Ari Wilkins, presenting "Reconstructing Communities Using Sanborn Maps, Census Records, and City Directories."

Recreating neighborhoods can provide rich and insightful details about an ancestor's life and surroundings. This lecture will demonstrate ways to build a map in Google Maps, using Sanborn Fire insurance maps, census records, and city directories.



More information available [here](#).

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