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December 2020

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Join us for the DGS General Meeting on Saturday, December 5th



We are looking forward to seeing you for our next general meeting, held virtually, starting at 11:00 am on December 5th.

Richard E Schlaudroff, Vice-Chair of the Grand Lodge Masonic Education and Service Committee and also the Librarian, Archivist and Historian of the Dallas Scottish Rite Library and Museum, will discuss the use of Masonic records.

Join the monthly meeting [here](#).

New at Dallas Archives - the Jackson Family Papers

At last month's general meeting, Brandon Murray's presentation on the Dallas Library Archives highlighted many interesting records. Just recently, the archives added the Jackson family papers to its collection, including some lovely handwritten letters from the 1930s.



This particular family operated the Jackson Laundry in Oak Cliff for several decades in the 20th century.

If you think this might be your family, you may want to reach out to the 7th floor librarians at texas@dallascityhall.com for more information.

Have you used the online finding aid to see if any of the other manuscripts might hold research gems for you? [Check it out!](#)

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Researching during the pandemic: DGS members respond

Teresa Howell, a long time DGS member who has been researching for over thirty years, was not going to let this pandemic get in the way of her research!



She explains how to locate manuscript collections for your research, as well as useful tips and tricks for navigating two popular websites, Internet Archive and WorldCat.

[More information](#)

ICYMI: Lloyd Bockstruck columns from *Dallas Morning News*

DGS eNews will occasionally run previously published genealogical columns written for *Dallas Morning News* by Lloyd Bockstruck. Mr. Bockstruck was a leading genealogical authority here in Dallas during his lifetime. This month's article is entitled "Even Jesus Had Ancestors with Less-than-pristine Backgrounds".

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'Tis the Season...for Genealogy Gifts!



In preparation for the holidays, have you considered giving family and friends genealogy-related gifts?

DGS members shared some of their gift ideas, which are convenient to prepare at home, or perhaps with some online ordering included. Family history gifts may draw a younger generation into being interested in their own family stories.

[Learn more.](#)

Hidden History - Maps of Texas

The Texas General Land Office has a set of maps that allow you to easily switch between an old version and a modern vision of several Texas cities. Learn more [here](#)!



2020 Holiday Gift from DGS to the Dallas Library

DGS plans to donate three books on New England research to the Dallas Public Library this holiday season. The books have been selected by Stephanie Bennett, the manager of the Genealogy Division. To find out more about the chosen books, and learn how to make a donation to support the gift, read the full story [here](#).



U.S. - Mexican War Database Available on National Park Site

Palo Alto Battlefield, located near Brownsville, Texas, is a National Historical Park site. The battle marked the start of what would later become the United States - Mexican War.



What do you know about the war? Do you know which soldiers fought, and where they were from?

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Library of Congress, Currier

Save the Date! January 2021 General Meeting - Saturday, January 2nd

Stephanie Bennett, the manager of the Genealogy and History Division of the Dallas Public Library, will present "Genealogical Research Using Fold3" at the January meeting.



Upcoming Events

Going to RootsTech 2021? We hope so! It's online and it's free!

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Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society's December 10th Meeting featuring speaker Elizabeth O'Neal discussing digital libraries

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