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DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
EXPLORE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY WITH US

eNews - February 2022

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Join Us for the February 5th General Meeting

Dr. Terry Turner will present "Where Are My African American Ancestors?"

He will discuss research methods and locations for finding African Americans before and after the Civil War, with an emphasis on understanding the American culture in each historical era.



Join us on the Zoom meeting, which opens at 10:30 am, with the society's presentation starting at 11:00 am, [here](#).

Register Now for our Spring DNA Seminar with Diahan Southard



We are very excited for our upcoming seminar with Diahan Southard, the founder of the Your DNA Guide website, on April 23, 2022.

Diahan is a recognized author and speaker on genetic genealogy. DGS is looking forward to hearing her expertise in four separate sessions as part of the seminar. Read more about Diahan and the seminar details [here](#).

Join fellow genealogists for a day filled with tips, tricks, and information for doing your DNA research. [Register now!](#)

Tell Us About Your Troublemakin' Ancestor! Enter the DGS Writing Contest for 2022

Do you have a pirate or an outlaw in your family? A "gal who done him wrong"? A bootlegger, bank robber, or all-around loser? Then you have a black sheep. For the DGS 2022 Writing Contest, we're asking you to trot out your troublemaker and tell all.

Worthy articles will be selected for publishing in the DGS eNews during 2022. At the end of the year, we will pick a winner. The prize is a free 1-year membership to DGS for 2023!

[Get the details!](#)

Black Sheep



2022 DGS
Writing Contest

Writing Contest Entry: This Black Sheep Had a Run-in with the Law

By Deane Baron



Read all about the troublemaking ancestor of DGS' director of publications in our latest contest entry.

[Learn more.](#)

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Results from the January Quiz...and Take Our February Quiz!

In each issue of the 2022 eNews, we will be including a fun quiz with a different genealogy-related question each time. In January, we asked readers about genealogical resolutions.

The top two resolutions were: writing up your research, (60% of respondents choosing that one), and taking a class on an aspect of genealogy that is new to you (46%). In the write-in category, many people mentioned working on lineage applications and a few were planning a trip to their ancestral homeland.



In honor of Valentine's Day, the February quiz asks about the longest marriage in your family tree. A summary of results will be available in the following month's newsletter. We'd love to see your response - it's multiple choice, and it will take just a few minutes to participate.

[Check it out!](#)

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Out of the Attic...and into the e-News!

Out
of the
Attic

Veteran members of DGS will remember a time when transcriptions of family records – bible pages, newspaper articles, obituaries, funeral programs, commencement programs, and so on – were regularly found in the pages of our publications.

We'd like to revive this practice and start featuring family records again in our monthly eNews, but we need your help! Rummage around in your genealogical "attic" for unique or unusual family records/items. Then e-mail us a

transcription/explanation and a photo. Include an introductory paragraph to explain what the record/item is and where you found it. We'll do the rest! Send your photos to newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org.

[Check out](#) what we found this month - a middle school band program!

New Collection of Family Letters Available at the Dallas History & Archives Division

Processing is now complete on a manuscript collection about the Stallworths, an African American family who lived in the State Thomas District of Dallas, starting in the 1930s.

Read the collection's finding aid details to [learn more](#).



image credit: Keystone View Company, Dallas, 1926, at Library of Congress

Dallas Genealogical Society Has Updated the Privacy Policy



We are updating our privacy policy, which was first adopted in 2009. You can view the entire policy at the link below.

[Read more](#).

RootsTech is on the Way...Get Registered!

Over one million people attended RootsTech 2021 virtually!

RootsTech 2022 will be virtual and free again this year, but you do need to [register](#). Sessions will have a mix of on-demand, livestream and interactive parts that will allow attendees to learn, grow and connect to people all over the globe.

Participants will also be able to connect with fellow attendees, speakers, experts, and enthusiasts. In 2022, the planners of RootsTech are looking to take that experience to the next level.



Proposed Updates to the DGS Bylaws



Our hard-working board has been making some changes that will make the Dallas Genealogical Society operate more efficiently and effectively. These proposed changes will need to be voted on by the society members.

[Read more](#).

ICYMI: Lloyd Bockstruck on Passenger Lists

We have included a link to another great article by Lloyd Bockstruck this month. The book he discusses in the article is available in the Dallas Public Library, and information about its table of contents can be viewed [here](#).

[Read Lloyd's full article.](#)

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Save the Date: March 5th General Meeting



Dr. Steven Butler will present "Miles Away from Butler: How a DNA Test Rewrote My Family's History."

Dr. Butler will tell the story of how a DNA test led to the discovery of a ninety-one-year-old family secret. This finding had the effect of pruning several branches from his family tree, rendering decades of research wasted.

Dr. Butler faced a crisis of conscience: Should he tell the person who lay at the heart of the secret or remain silent for fear of potentially doing more harm than good?

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Upcoming Events

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Dr. Terry Turner

February 26th
[VanZandt County Genealogical Society](#)
Bernard Meisner speaking on the 1950 census

March 3rd -5th
[RootsTech](#)

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