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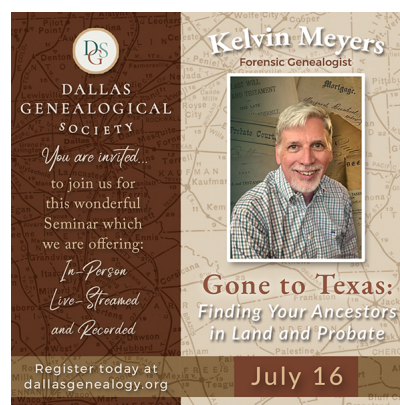
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Get ready for our Summer Seminar with Kelvin Meyers on July 16th!

A fifth generation Texan and professional forensic genealogist since 1996, Kelvin Meyers is a frequent speaker to genealogical societies and family associations throughout the United States. He specializes in southern brick wall problems for clients.

Kelvin will be presenting four lectures in "Gone to Texas - Finding Your Ancestors in Land and Probate Records".

He will use examples from Texas records, but the search strategies and research skills are applicable to anyone searching these types of records in a variety of locations.



DGS members are also getting a deep discount on the seminar due to the generosity of DGS member Shirley Sloat's donation! [Join today](#) to receive the discounted price!

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Texas State Genealogical Society Has New Podcasts Available



The Texas State Genealogical Society now has podcasts available that highlight Texas repositories, records and historical context. They are a great fit to pair with our upcoming seminar!

[Learn more.](#)

Annual Award Winners - Recap of the May Meeting

The highlight of the May meeting was the announcement of the year's annual award winners.

The Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award was given posthumously to Debbie Parker Wayne, and accepted by her daughter.

Susan Rainwater received the Award of Merit, the President's Special Award went to Ken Johnston, and Ann Brohier was the Volunteer of the Year.

The St. Louis Genealogical Society was recognized with the Heritage Preservation Award.

Learn more [here](#).



Writing Contest: Tell Us About Your Troublemakin' Ancestor!

Black Sheep



2022 DGS
Writing Contest

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!

Read more about the contest guidelines [here](#).

Writing Contest Entry - Dr. Terry Turner Explains A Disastrous Bet

Dr. Terry Turner, a recent speaker at one of our DGS meetings, has submitted a fascinating story. He explains the multi-generational damage caused to two families from a bet between two men in 1966.

[Read the full story.](#)



image credit: Will Turner, family photo album of Terry Turner

Out of the Attic - Baylor University Graduation Program, 1942

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Veteran members of the Society 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 more records in our monthly eNews. We need your help to accomplish this. Rummage around in your genealogical “attic” for unique family records. Then e-mail us a transcription, or send us a picture. Please include an introductory paragraph to

explain what the record is and where you found it. We'll do the rest. Send your records to newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org

This month, we have a transcript of the program for the 1942 graduating class at Baylor. [Check it out!](#)

May e-News Quiz Results and July Quiz

Our May quiz asked about readers' research successes and challenges using the 1950 census records. The worst part, unsurprisingly, was the lack of indexing - you had to learn to search using more than a search box and one click!

The best results included one reader finding the occupation of an uncle, and another solving the mystery of why her great-grandparents had been listed in a city directory in a state other than their usual residence.



Our July quiz asks about your Revolutionary War ancestors. [Take the quiz](#) today!

ICYMI: Bockstruck Lectures/Bibliographies



Lloyd Bockstruck explained some of the difficulties the brand new federal government of the United States faced with regards to determining land ownership in the early days of independence. It's a good read as we prepare for learning more about land records with Kelvin Meyers. [Read more.](#)

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Are You Interested In Indexing?

Indexing is a great project that volunteers can do from home or anywhere they can access a computer. One Texas-specific project happening now can be found [here](#). The project is intended to add fields of data for the Texas Death Index, 1890-1976, at FamilySearch.

Welcome/Welcome Back to New and Renewing Members!

Welcome, and welcome back, to the following members:

P. Bald, L. Barrow, L.J. Brinkley, D.H. Bumford, W.B. Carter, M.M. Chamness, B. Christensen, D. Copening, A. Crist-Sybesma, N. Cunningham, S. Davis, E.J. DeFord, M.E. Fehler, G. Godfrey, L. Gorrell, H. Hall, D. Hutchison, D. Jenett, P.C. Knox, R.L. Lane, L.A. Lang, J. Leon, M.K. Maddox, M. McCann Jones, S. McDonough, L.W. McFaul, J.L. Meyer, L.L. Miller, L.C. Parker, J. Penland, T.A. Posani, W. Poynor, G. Pumphrey, K.D. Pundsack, A. Reed, C. Roegner, C. Roper, C.F. Scheuring, F. Spencer, S.L. Spratt, S. Steele, S.E. Stephens, L. Stokes, M.L. Thomas, K.M. Wilkins, P.S. Wilson, and C.A. Wisnewski.



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Save the Date for our September 3rd General Meeting



Our next regular meeting will be held September 3rd. Stay tuned for more information about the meeting topic and speaker!

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