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DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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eNews - October 2023

Event Schedules: General Meetings | Interest Groups | Seminars | Other Groups

Join Us for the DGS General Meeting on Saturday, October 7th

Join us as Gustavo "Gus" Hinojosa, President of HOGAR and Director-At-Large of DGS, discusses Hispanic Heritage.

The meeting will be both in-person on the 8th floor of the J. Erik Johnson Central Library in the Genealogy section, and virtual.

Join us in-person or on-line at 10:30 am to socialize. Program begins at 11 am Central time.

Join at https://dallasgenealogy.org/event/dgs-general-meeting-19/

Learn About The Lives of African Americans with Our SIG Members

Alvin Blake, one of our members who is part of the DGS African American Genealogical Interest Group (AAGIG), is a blogger and speaker. He explores the life of Harriet Percy, an enslaved (and eventually free) person on the Edgefield Plantation in Mississippi.

Read about his experience researching her journey in his blog: http://almostdisappeared.com/following-harriet/

Letter from the DGS President, Tony Hanson

DGS Board Members and a few others participated in a SWOT (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis earlier this summer.

The results were illuminating:

- Our relationship with the Dallas Public Library, our hybrid meeting abilities, our Newsletter, and our website were identified as our top strengths.
- We need to focus on leadership development, succession planning and engagement with the broader Dallas genealogical community.
- We face challenges from the availability of online resources, declining interest in joining societies and the increasing age of our members.
- There are many exciting opportunities for us to pursue, especially in the area of expanding and improving our relationship with other historical and genealogical organizations in the Dallas area.

The information from the analysis helped focus discussions at our August 5th planning conference. We identified and prioritized many projects and process improvements which will be implemented in the coming months. Stay tuned!

Lloyd Bockstruck Scholarship Winner

Each year, DGS sponsors a scholarship for the DPL staff members to attend an institute course.
This year's recipient was Samantha Diaz, pictured at left.

Learn more about her experience and the course that she chose on our blog: https://dallasgenealogy.org/2023-bockstruck-scholarship-recipient/

My grandmother was a hero....and it brought her romance!

When DGS member JoAnn Graham opened her story with that line, we were hooked! You will be too.

Read the full story on our blog:

https://dallasgenealogy.org/oota-grandmother-was-a-hero/

Fall Seminar Wrap-up: You Can Still Register for the Recordings!

Genealogist Michael Strauss focused on twentieth-century wars and taught us a lot about how to research relatives and ancestors in those timeframes.

DGS member Suzan Younger explains more and has information on how to register to watch the recordings before time runs out!

Get more details here:
https://dallasgenealogy.org/reviewing-the-fall-2023-seminar/

DGS Reader Quiz - Was your ancestor part of a labor union?

Thank you to our readers who responded to last month's quiz on genealogical discoveries while on vacation. We will be contacting a few people to get a story for the eNews!

If you wrote to us about your vacation cruise in Normandy, please contact us at
newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org.
We did not receive your complete email information.

This month, our quiz focuses on labor unions.

Take the Quiz!

DPL Activities for Family History Month - Don't Miss Out!

Join us for Family History Day On Friday, October 20, celebrating Family History Month ALL DAY with the Dallas Public Library, Dallas Genealogical Society and the Genealogy Network of Texas (GNT), a state-wide initiative to connect libraries/genealogical societies and provide educational and research opportunities.

Seven FREE programs will be live streamed from genealogy speakers in Texas and throughout the U.S. This program is available both in-person at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 8th floor (in-person attendees get research assistance, tours & door prizes!) OR join us online from home. Registration is required, and **closes October 19th**.

Get registration details: https://dallaslibrary.librarymarket.com/event/family-history-day

Welcome New Members!

Welcome new members Nancy Bergvall, Gus Hinojosa, Phyllis Moynihan, and Marye Thomas.

These new members shared their research interests with us:

- Sandra Lewis: Surname Lewis in North Carolina, Towner in Vermont; LaFon, Wilbanks, and Wisdom in Texas
- Mary Russell-Evans: Surnames Russell, Buck, Gore and Wash in Texas; Carroll County, AR and Overton County, TN

Connect with members and see their research interests at https://dallasgenealogy.org/DGS_Apps/Surnames.php

Your DGS eNews Needs You!

We are looking for people interested in working with the production of the eNews! We produce ten issues per year, and meet once a month to generate ideas. Experience is not necessary, but a willingness to learn how to use the software is important. We will teach you! Please contact us at newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org .

About the Dallas Genealogical Society

- Society Leaders
- Mission Statement
- History of the Dallas Genealogical Society

Upcoming Events

DGS General Meeting
and Scanning Saturday
7th October

DPL Family History Day
20th October

WikiTree Day
3rd - 5th November

TXSGS Conference
10th November

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