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## eNews - July 2024

**DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2024 SUMMER SEMINAR**



**The Legacy of Forced Removal:  
Finding Formerly Enslaved & Indigenous Kin**

with  
**Nicka Sewell-Smith**

Register at  
[dallasgenealogy.org](http://dallasgenealogy.org)

**JULY 27**



**ATTEND in PERSON or by ZOOM or RECORDING**

How Much Do You Know About Our Seminar Speaker?

Did you know that our Summer Seminar speaker, Nicka Sewell-Smith, was named in Legacy Family Tree Webinars' "Top 30 Webinars of 2023" list?

In fact, her video on "Afro-Louisiana History and Genealogy 1718-1820" was #1 on the Top Ten Highest Rated Webinars (not including those of Elizabeth Shown-Mills.)

Don't miss the opportunity to hear this outstanding researcher and speaker present four additional fascinating topics at our Summer Seminar on July 27th!

Attend in person, by Zoom, or watch the post-event recordings.

**Early Bird rate ends July 8th - don't delay!**

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## ICYMI - Dr. Turner's Latest Discovery



DGS Secretary Dr. Terry M. Turner shared his latest discovery about his great-grandmother, Elvira Davis, just in time for Juneteenth. We couldn't resist sharing it again in case you hadn't seen it!

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## Help Wanted - We Need Volunteers!

We are fortunate to have so many talented and generous volunteers who all make a huge contribution to the ongoing success of our organization!

However, we could use a few more in several key areas:

- Creating Facebook and/or Instagram Posts – Help us market our meetings, seminars and other activities by creating content for our social media channels.
- Generating Email – Email is another valuable component in our marketing efforts, and we are looking for someone willing to help compose, format and distribute two or three email messages that are distributed to our constituents each month.
- General Meeting Speakers – Help make our General Meetings entertaining and informative by identifying and engaging speakers. This is made easier by our meeting formats (hybrid, so we can engage remote speakers) and our generous honorarium.

All of these tasks can be done from home and do not require a huge time commitment, and you will be working with one (or more) board members who will provide training and assistance. We cannot provide our wonderful programs without volunteers!

Please contact Tony Hanson at [president@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:president@dallasgenealogy.org) to volunteer or for more information about these opportunities.



### DNA Workshop - Huge Success!



Seventy-eight people registered to participate in our workshop, “You Have Your Ancestry.com DNA Results: Now What?”, held on June 8th at the Dallas Public Library.

Thirty-three people participated in person at the library, while the others participated virtually via Zoom.

In a first for this type of event, we had an additional remote location: twelve members of the Robson Ranch Genealogy Club participated from their location.

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### Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Inducted into the National Genealogy Hall of Fame

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck has been selected by the National Genealogical Society to be inducted into the National Genealogy Hall of Fame.

This award honors outstanding genealogists whose achievements in American genealogy have had a great impact on the field and who have been deceased for at least five years.

Their contributions to genealogy in this country need to be significant in a way that was unique, pioneering, or exemplary. Entries are judged by a panel of genealogists from various parts of the United States..





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## Welcome, New DGS Members!

A warm welcome to Richard Allen, Pamela Haltmeyer, Barbara Hertger, Elke Hedstrom, Belinda Johnson, Diane Marek, Wendy McLean, Nicole Moss, Emily Ouren, Rita Parrish, Robert Westphal, and Anne Whitaker.



These new members shared their research interests:

- Dianne E. Jennett - Dallas, McKinney, and Waxahachie history, especially the 1880's; Coming to the Table, a group that works to help African Americans research enslaved ancestors.
- Toni Smith - Central and southwest Virginia; east and south Texas, especially Shanklesville, and DNA

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## Upcoming Events

[DGS Summer Seminar with Nicka Sewell-Smith](#)

27 July

[Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference](#)

4 October

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