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A DGS HYBRID SEMINAR — APRIL 22nd, 2023

Transform your research skills by discovering how your ancestors can be tracked through history using court records and understanding the law. Spending a day with Judy Russell will provide insight and instruction into how the legal system worked during your ancestor's lifetime. Researching court records will give fresh insight into your ancestors' lives, adding valuable information to their life stories.



Welcome! • 10:00 - 10:10 am (Central Daylight Time)

Session 1 • 10:10 - 11:10 am ~ Finding the Law Time and time again we're told as genealogists that we need to look at records in the context of the law at the time and in the place where the records were created. Easier said than done! With 50 states and the federal government all passing laws, how do we find the laws we need?

Session 2 • 11:30 - 12:30 pm ~ Making a Federal Case Out of It Even genealogists who have a good background in court records often overlook the wealth of detail available in the records of the federal courts: the District Court, the Circuit Court, the modern Circuit Court of Appeals, and even the Supreme Court. From bankruptcies to copyrights to patents to cases in admiralty and more, federal court records merit a close look.

Session 3 • 1:30 - 2:30 pm ~ From 1619 to Juneteenth - Slavery and the Law Before the Civil War No issue more bitterly impacted early America than slavery. Defended by some, decried by others, slavery left its mark on the laws of the nation and all the states, enslaved or free. The records created by those laws provide critical clues for genealogists, whether descended from enslaved or enslaver. [For northern states only, see "Deemed a Runaway."]

Join us virtually or in-person for this great seminar!

Session 4 • 2:45 - 3:55 pm ~ Dower and Dowry: Women, Property, & Legal Records Bringing property into marriage or trying to take it out, our female ancestors were governed by laws that generated valuable records. Learn about the common law dower and the civil law dowry, how they differed, and how to find the stories the records tell.

Seminar Closing 3:55 - 4:00 pm



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HOW OUR HYBRID SEMINAR WORKS:

- Register online by going to the Fall Seminar link at dallasgenealogy.org. When registering, you will choose whether your attendance will be In-Person (at the Dallas Central Library) or Live-Streamed (via Zoom).
- Prior to the event you will be contacted to verify how you want to participate — In-Person or Online. At that time, In-Person participants will also be able to designate their lunch meal choice from a menu of three sandwiches or two salads. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch.
- A few days before the seminar you will receive an email with a link to the syllabus, and a link for joining the seminar (online) on the day of the event.
- Recordings are made of each seminar session and are available to registrants for two weeks after the seminar.

Register Online ~ By April 2nd: After April 2nd:
 Member \$50 each \$60 each
 Non-Member \$70 each \$80 each
 In-Person Box Lunch \$14 each

Join DGS (\$35 annual dues per individual) and pay the Member Discount price for this seminar.

- Registration for this seminar ends at midnight, April 19th.
- The seminar registration fees shown are in U.S. dollars.
- Refund requests prior to April 19th granted (less \$10 handling fee). No refunds after this date, but a PDF of syllabus and access to recorded lectures provided two weeks after seminar.

Register online at dallasgenealogy.org



Judy Russell, *The Legal Genealogist* is a genealogist with a law degree. She writes, teaches and lectures on a wide variety of genealogical topics, ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing.

A Colorado native with roots deep in the American south on her mother's side and entirely in Germany on her father's side, she holds a bachelor's degree in journalism with a political science minor from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and a law degree from Rutgers School of Law-Newark. She has worked as a newspaper reporter, trade association writer, legal investigator, defense attorney, federal prosecutor, law editor and, for more than 20 years before her retirement in 2014, was an adjunct member of the faculty at Rutgers Law School.

She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society and numerous state and regional genealogical societies. She has written for the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* (from which she received the 2017 Award of Excellence), the *National Genealogical Society Magazine*, the *FGS Forum*, *BCG's OnBoard*, and *Family Tree Magazine*, among other publications.

On the faculty of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh, the Midwest African American Genealogy Institute, and the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records, she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists®, from which she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical Lecturer™. Her award-winning blog appears at www.legalgenealogist.com.

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