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We'll get back to this later in the presentation.



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September 14, 2024

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- Announcements
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- Questions & Discussion





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Fort Bend Libraries – George Memorial library: Genealogy & Local History Department

Host: Sue Kaufman

Guest Speaker: Daniel Sample, Genealogy Manager

The Genealogy and Local History Department at Fort Bend County Libraries provides a wealth of information for those researching the southeastern United States and nearby areas, including Fort Bend County. As part of the George Memorial Library and the Regional Historical Resource Depository (RHRD), the department offers numerous resources that are invaluable to genealogy researchers. [Learn more on our blog!](#)

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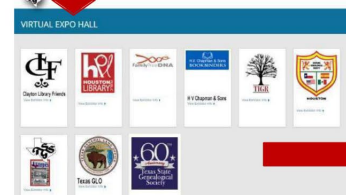
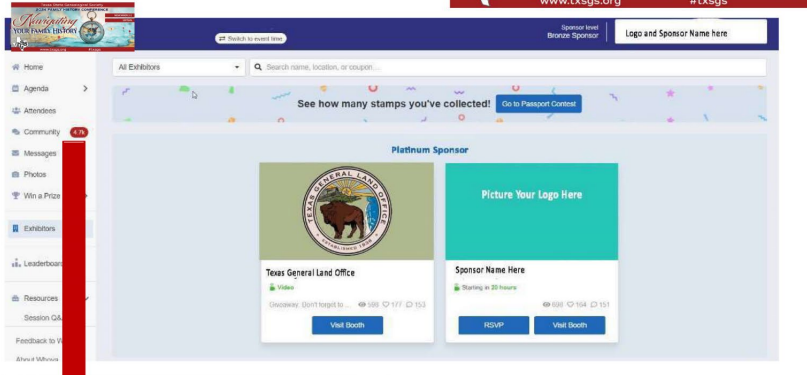
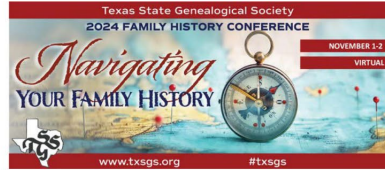
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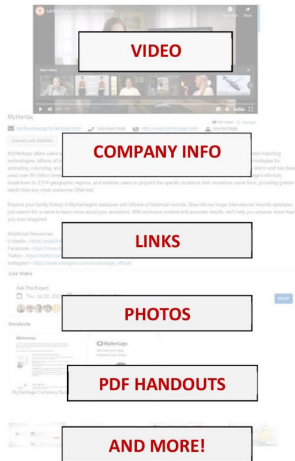
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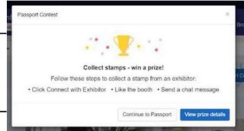
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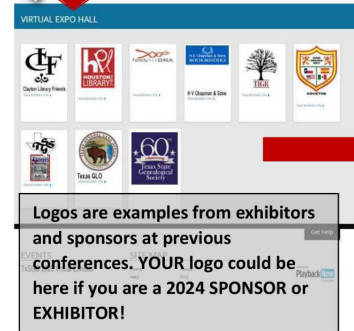
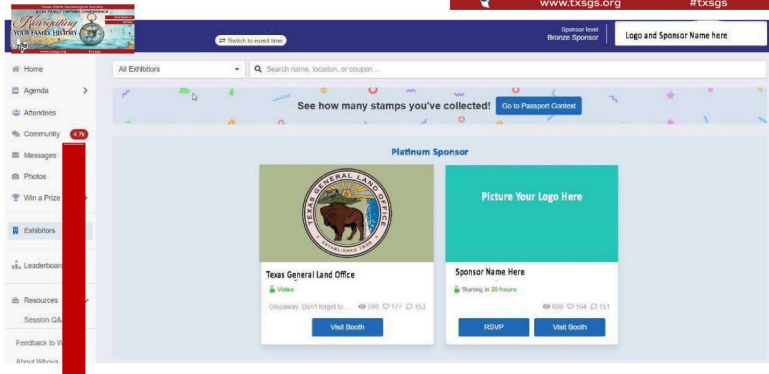
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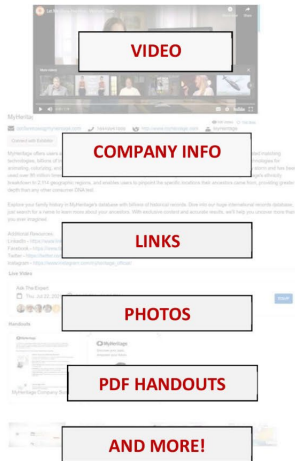
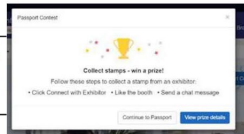
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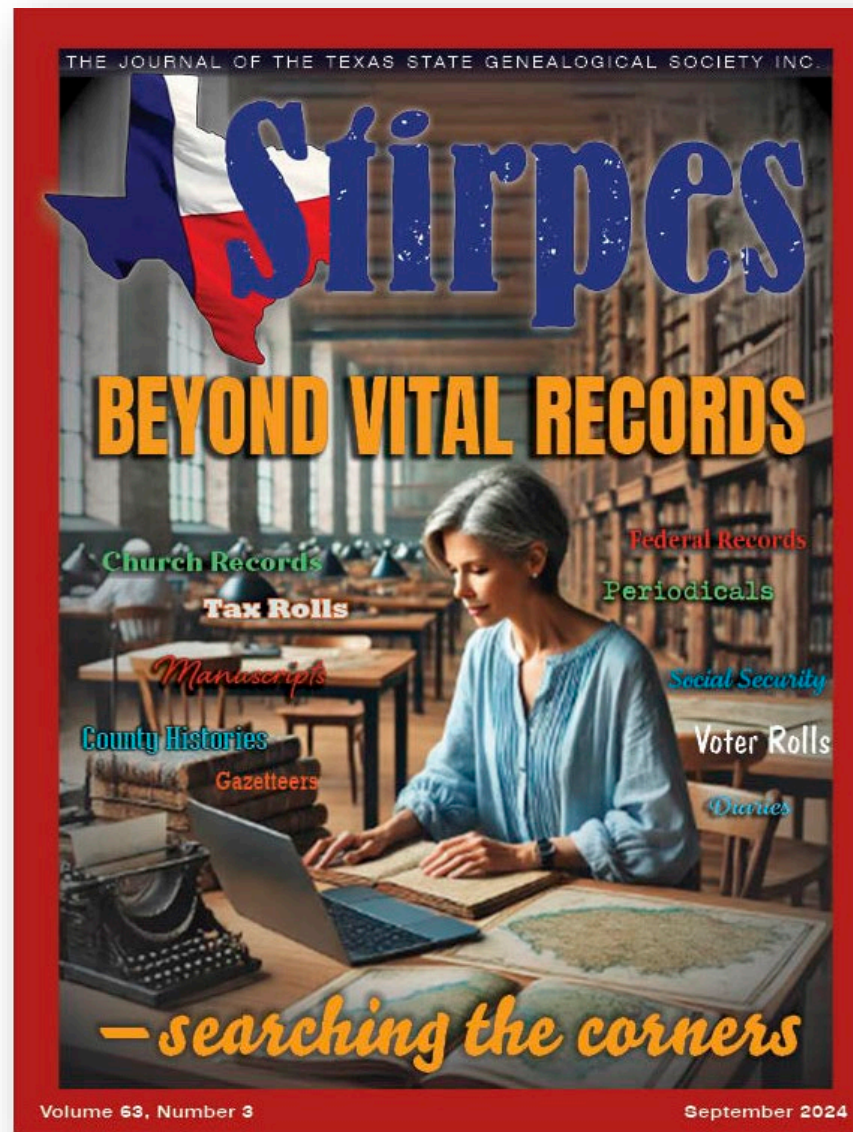
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Nominations due: September 30, 2024

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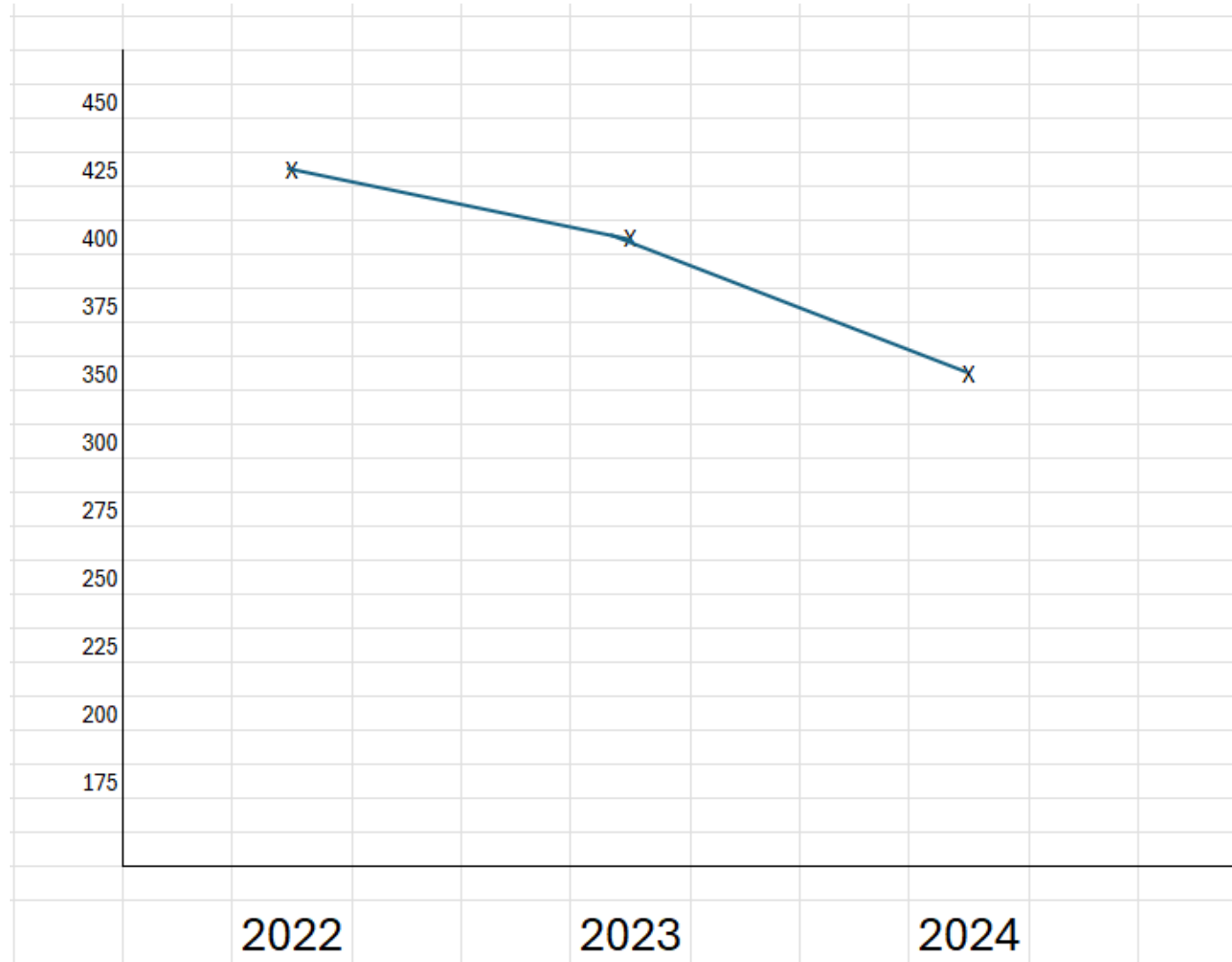
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The DGS board recently donated the funds to the Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society in support of their digitization project.



Dallas Public Library Receives Dallas Genealogical Society's Fall 2022 Book Donations

The Genealogy & History Division of the Dallas Public Library was pleased to receive over \$1,600 worth of new books from DGS for our genealogy collection.



- 3.5 Million Subscribers
- 27 Billion Records
- 20 Million DNA samples
- Free Tree



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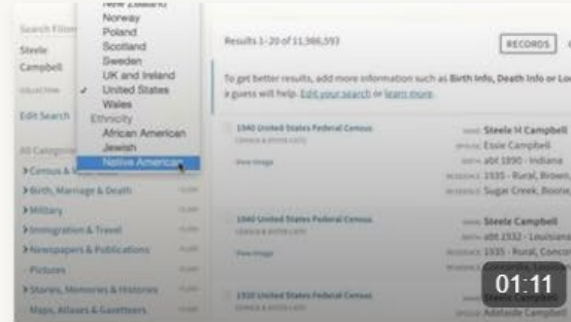
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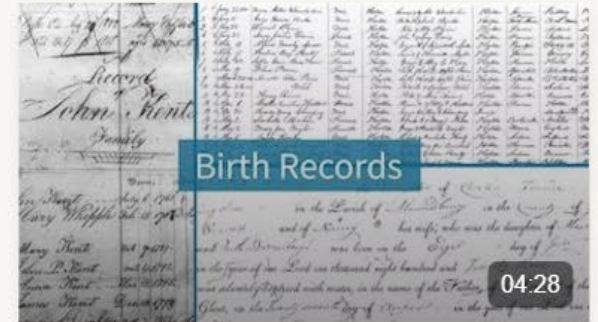
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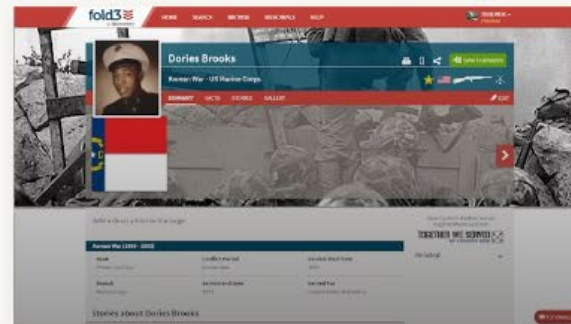
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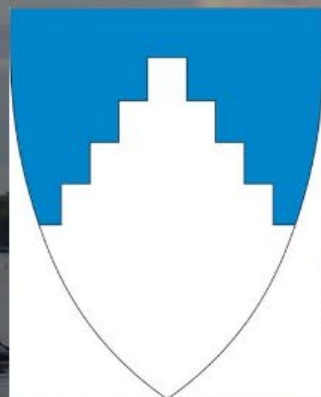


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The project is for test kits with Y-DNA and/or mtDNA from this region of Norway. Please read the project description.



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Impact of Technology

- Everybody has a smart phone with internet access on their belt, in their purse or in their pocket.
- Information (and entertainment and distractions) are just a few clicks away, any time of day, from just about any location.
- It is no longer necessary to physically travel (and be somewhere at a specific time) to have access to information.



Americans' Cell Phone Usage and Habits

0% 50% 100%



89%

Americans check their phones within the first 10 minutes of waking up



75%

Americans feel uneasy leaving their phone at home



75%

Check their phones within 5 minutes of receiving a notification



75%

Use their phone on the toilet



69%

Have texted someone in the same room as them before

How often we check our phones per day



0% 50% 100%



60%

Sleep with their phone at night



57%

Consider themselves addicted to their phones



55%

Say they have never gone longer than 24 hours without their cell phone



47%

Feel a sense of panic or anxiety when their cell phone battery goes below 20%



46%

Use or look at their phone on a date



27%

Use or look at their phone while driving

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Q: How do we compete?
A: We can't!

Problem Statement

Societies are having problems attracting:

- Members
- Volunteers
- Leaders



New Researchers are Different

- Research is being done whenever time is available.
- Their focus is on information that is available on-line.
- They have many sources of information to choose from.
- In many cases, interest stems from receiving DNA test results.
- They would benefit from learning basic methodologies.
 - But they may not know what they don't know...

Needs of Experienced Researchers Have Changed

- They have also shifted much of their focus to on-line resources.
- They may plan physical visits to archives of interest to their specific needs and interests.
- Their need for training/education are probably focused on more specific topics:
 - They no longer need to learn basic research methodology

Societies Need to Adapt and Evolve

We need to understand how people interact with the world today.

- The “Field of Dreams” approach (*“If you build it, they will come”*) is not working any more.
- We need to provide something researchers want.
 - Beginners
 - Experienced Researchers
- We need to appear to be an organization that people want to become involved in.

The Challenge

Reinvent/reorient your society to provide activities, events and information that will attract ~~members~~ **constituents**

“Constituent” vs. “Member”

Constituent: a part of a whole, a member of a group, or a component of a system (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/constituent>)

This can be:

- Someone who visits your website or your Facebook page
- Anybody who participates in one of your meetings
- Someone who wants to learn how to research their family history
- An experienced researcher seeking help with their research
- Someone who is willing to become more involved by contributing their time (or money) to your society.

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- Who will be motivated to become **volunteers**
- That you can groom to become **leaders**.

Look At Your Mission and You Activities

- How well are you meeting the needs of today researchers?
 - Beginners
 - Intermediate researchers
 - Advanced researchers
- Are you providing **resources**, **services** and **opportunities** that will attract Constituents -> Volunteers -> Leaders?

Perceived Benefits of Becoming Involved

- Direct Benefits
- Social Perception/Social Status Elevation
- Badge of Honor
- Fun
- Indirect Benefits

Indirect Benefits of Becoming Involved

- **Belonging** – satisfying a need to belong, providing a sense of self.
- **Social Needs** – a chance to meet and interact with other people.
- **Learning** – From/with others who have similar interest.
- **Sense of Purpose** – Supporting a cause or purpose they believe in.
- **Skills Development** – Genealogy, leadership, management and/or technical skills.
- **Networking** – Making advantageous connections with others
- **Goal Achievement** – something that may be difficult to do alone.



Becoming a Service Oriented Society



If You Can't Compete, What Can You Do?



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Compliment

Compliment What The Big Players Offer

There is an overwhelming amount of information available from the Big Players about the focus of your society.

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Searchable listing of all record collections

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












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County Information [edit | edit source]

Description [edit | edit source]

The county was named for George Mifflin Dallas, the 11th Vice President of the United States under U.S. President James K. Polk. The county is located in the northeast area of the state.^[1]

County Courthouse [edit | edit source]

Dallas County Courthouse
600 Commerce St
Dallas, TX 75202
Phone: 214-653-6000
[Dallas County Website](#)

County Clerk has birth and death records from 1903, marriage records from 1846, probate, court and land records. District Court has divorce.^[2]

Dallas County, Texas Record Dates [edit | edit source]

Information for this chart was taken from various sources, often containing conflicting dates. This information should be taken as a guide and should be verified by contacting the county and/or the state government agency.

Known Beginning Dates for Government County Records ^[3]						
Birth*	Marriage	Death*	Court	Land	Probate	Census
1903	1846	1903	1846	1846	1842	1829

*Statewide registration for births and deaths began in 1903. General compliance by the 1930s.

Record Loss [edit | edit source]

- **1880**--Courthouse interior destroyed by fire. Courthouse was rebuilt adding a third story to the building.^[4]
- **1890**--Courthouse destroyed by fire on 7 February 1890. All records were saved except those of the 44th District Court. ^[5]

For suggestions about research in places that suffered historic record losses, see:

- [Burned Counties](#). ^ℹ By Michael John Neill at [24-7 Family History Circle](#).
- [When the Records are Gone](#). ^ℹ By Arlene Eakle at [Arlene Eakle's Tennessee Blog](#).
- [Burned Counties Research in the FamilySearch Research Wiki](#).
- [List of counties in the United States with Record Loss](#)

Boundary Changes [edit | edit source]

Texas Online Genealogy Records

County Facts	
County seat:	Dallas
Organized:	July 13, 1846
Parent County(s):	Robertson, Nacogdoches

Neighboring Counties
Collin • Denton • Ellis • Kaufman • Rockwall • Tarrant See County Maps

Courthouse



Location Map



Become knowledge experts about what is available and how to access it.

- Identify record sets, training and resources relevant to your society's areas of interest.
 - Focus on what can be accessed at no cost.
 - But be knowledgeable about what is available from fee-based sources.
- Have opinions, recommendations and expertise about the strengths and weaknesses of the fee based services.
- Have opinions, recommendations and expertise about genealogy software products.

Can your society respond to questions like these?

- I'm just beginning... can you help me get started?
- What software should I use to create my family tree?
- If I'm going to subscribe to a commercial service, which one should I choose and why?
- How do I begin researching in [Some Location] ?
- I have multiple trees... how do I keep them all up to date?
- Should I do DNA testing?
- Which DNA company should use?
- Should I test with more than one company?
- How do I interpret my DNA results?

Compliment

Help Your Constituents Learn New Skills

- Know the relevant training materials that are available from the Big Players.
- Provide presentations on topics of interest to your constituents
 - Hint: Ask them!
- Don't forget about beginners
 - They probably are not (yet) constituents of your society.
 - Market/cater to them.
- Don't forget about your more experienced researchers either!

Compliment

Help Your Constituents Learn New Skills

Two Current Key Areas That Should Be of Interest:

1. Helping constituents learn how Artificial Intelligence is being utilized in the field of Genealogy.
2. Provide information about emerging DNA tools, techniques and resources.

Compliment

If You Can't Compete, What Can You Do?



Complete

Complete By Filling In The Gaps

Do What They can't do/won't do.

- Become Subject Matter Experts in the location/ethnicity/heritage that is the focus of your society.
- Actively engage in making local records discoverable and accessible.
- Establish a means of communications with your constituents.
 - Be reachable
 - Be responsive

Complete

Complete By Filling In The Gaps

- Become active in the FamilySearch Wiki.
- Initiate indexing projects for records of interest.
 - Look at what is available on FamilySearch.
- Organize trips to archives
- Conduct workshops
 - Wiki Tree
 - DNA
 - Writing
- RootsTech Watch Day
- Stirpes Study Group

Complete

Do You Have
Other Ideas?



Embrace The Virtual Experience

Expand your reach by learning and adapting technology.

- Every Society should be capable of hosting a virtual presenter.
 - Cheap (compared to an in-person presenter)
 - Wide range of speakers and topics are available
 - Requirements:
 - Computer
 - Speakers
 - Large Screen/Projector
 - Microphone(s)
 - Zoom (or equivalent) subscription
 - Group of knowledgeable people who can make it work.

Go Virtual Yourself

Expand your reach by learning and adapting technology.

- Conduct Hybrid Meetings/Presentations
- Recording Meetings/Presentations
 - Make them available on YouTube
- Why?

Dallas Genealogical Society's Experience

- 2018
 - Our General Meetings attracted a total of 272 participants (all in-person).
- 2023
 - Our General Meetings attracted a total of 190 in-person participants.
 - We had an additional 1,435 participants who attended remotely and/or watched a recording of the meeting.
 - 1,625 in total.
 - A 497% increase in participation over 2018.

Working Together

Having the ability to host a virtual meetings opens other opportunities:

- Your Society can become a satellite location for another Societies Meeting, Seminar or Special Event.
 - Dallas had a DNA workshop last June.
 - 10 Robson Ranch members met and participated from their location in Denton*.
 - To Dallas, they appeared to be just one more Zoom participant.

* Each participant registered and paid to participate

Working Together

Having the ability to host a virtual meetings opens other opportunities:

- If you are hosting a live event, other Societies can participate as satellite locations.

Technology is an Enabler

A key tool for the success of your society.

Contact me if you want to discuss how I can help your society learn how to learn how to use this technology

Tony Hanson – aehanson@swbell.net

Discussion




The New TXSGS Beginner Series

- Will happen in January 2025
- One month, eight (8) taped webinars
 - Two (2) will be released each week
 - One “live” talk with the presenters each week
- Focused on Beginners!
- Will have at least one (probably two) additional webinars as follow-up in Feb/Mar time
- More to be released after the Annual Conference


Launched

- Lone Star College – Tomball Community Library
- Robson Ranch Genealogy Club



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Stirpes Study Group

ARTICLE

Walking with Your Ancestors

by Pat Gordon

Nothing is better than researching your ancestors where they lived. You've searched records in the courthouse. You've searched books in the library. Finally, you're ready to stop. Wait. Don't quit now. Take time to walk where your ancestors walked, if for no other reason than to be able to add social history to their stories.

While you may be able to find courthouse records elsewhere and books in other libraries, you can only follow their footsteps on site. If you are lucky, the part of your journey will begin at the courthouse. Many of our ancestors used the same courthouses that you now search for records. They climbed the same steps to get their marriage licenses, register their land, pay taxes, view an affidavit, and file probate estates. Even grave registers will show you from the thousands of feet that have climbed them for centuries. You may even hold a document that your ancestor held. Some states, such as Alabama, kept marriage certificates instead of giving them to the married couple. Other states, such as Texas, will give you the marriage certificate that your ancestor never picked up.

It happened to me. I have two original marriage certificates from Cullman County, Texas, one issued to W. W. Head and Mar. Jane J. Beggs, dated 4 April 1884. The other is from Washington County, dated 17 February 1884, for Thomas R. Brown to Miss M. S. Suggins. I remember both, knowing that the weddings must have been a joyous occasion for these families.

For years I had searched for the graves of my great-grandfather, James (then J.) Beggs Head, who had died from tuberculosis. From family stories, I knew his second husband, William Wilcox Head, their six children, ages 2 to 16, and that the women had needed to wagon from Cullman County to Cullman. I just didn't know their destination. This was prior to the records, so it took a while to locate a relative who knew the answer. Thanked, Clandine. My first step was the local library where I learned she died 19 November 1901, a month after the family arrived, and was buried in the Cullman Order of Old Folks Cemetery. When I finally found flowers on her grave, I could only think about the great love among children and the sorrow of her husband and brother.

Cemeteries are often well-kept, despite our joy in knowing them. That said, the ones when walking on your ancestor's property. Finding the property's location can be more than an effort, but it is worth the effort. If it is located on a public's road, from a street that helps you see where that

is just over by using a county parcel map, which has today's roads on it. The information you need is also online at a subscription website, www.historicalmaps.com, or on the Texas General Land Office's website (search for land grants, homesteads, and land patents at <http://tgs.gov/land-grants/>).

Some gravesites don't border going to cemeteries anymore, most pictures of grave markers and other information are now available online. Still, there is something about walking about standing in an ancestor's gravesite, thinking about the family members who gathered there at the time of the funeral, and knowing that the same headstones of your great-grandfather Board Beggs had



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QUESTIONS



Questions

These are the most common questions asked by our members. A Stirpes Study Group member may find these questions helpful about Stirpes Study Group. If you are a member, please contact your local Stirpes Study Group member for more information. If you are not a member, please contact your local Stirpes Study Group member for more information.

Walking with Your Ancestors by Pat Gordon, STIRPES, December 2021, pages 38-40

Did you enjoy Pat Gordon's article, "Walking with Your Ancestors"? What value do you see in visiting locations that your ancestors lived? Are there connections that can be made that might not happen through any other kind of research?

Were you aware that the State of Texas, and some other states, will give you the marriage certificates of your ancestors if they did not post them up? Have you obtained any marriage certificates that way?

Have you visited the cemeteries your ancestors are buried in? Did you learn anything new? Did you find additional family members you were unaware of? Perhaps you may have recognized names on nearby grave markers as those belonging to in-laws, neighbors, etc.

Have you visited any of the properties where your ancestors lived? What took you there in order to identify the physical location? How did it feel to be there? Were you able to visualize what the area may have looked like when your ancestor lived there?

Have you visited any of the churches, courthouses, businesses, or other places your ancestors may have frequented? If you have information about the military service of your ancestor, have you visited the relevant sites - forts, battlefields, POW camp locations, etc?

Did Pat's article inspire you to take a genealogy road trip so you can walk with your ancestors?

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RESOURCES



Courthouse Research for Family Historians: Your Guide to Genealogical Resources

Stirpes Study Group A Genealogy Discussion Group (insert location of meeting)

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AI – or Artificial Intelligence

- One of the newest biggest trends in Genealogy
 - NGS named Stephen J Little, Jr as their AI Program Director
- We are seeing AI programming at GRIP and other institutes
- Multiple webinars available
 - Legacy FamilyTree Webinars
 - 15 Virtual Webinars listed at ConferenceKeeper for September 2024
 - 12 in October 2024

Why is AI important for Genealogists

Transcription

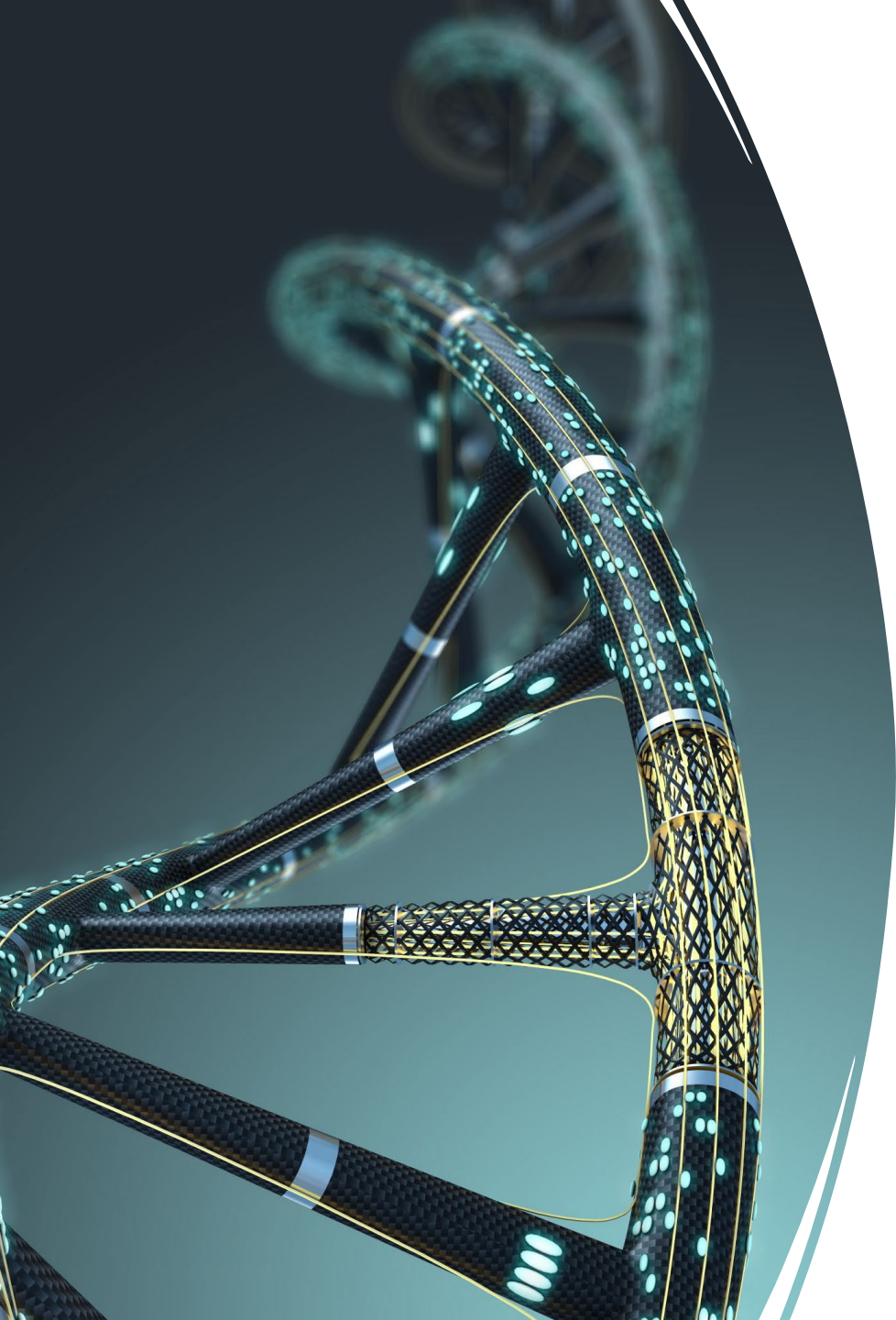
- From one language to another
- Deeds and probates (look at FamilySearch's use)
- Speech to Text

Analysis

- Summarization of information
- Format information

Create Images

Provide ideas for research



Recent Developments in DNA

Tony Hanson



Distant Family



Elisabeth L

3rd cousin 1x removed or half 3rd
cousin

Paternal side

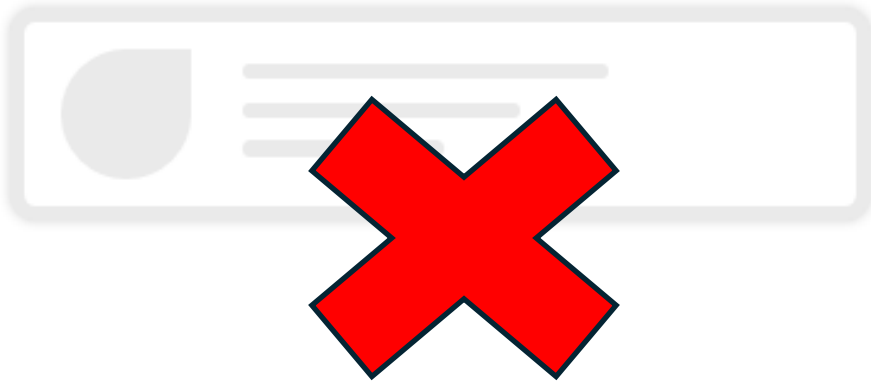
46 cM | < 1% shared DNA



Unlinked tree

Common Ancestors

We can't find any common ancestors for you and Elisabeth L. This can happen if your Ancestry family trees aren't linked to your DNA results, or if you don't have the same people in your trees. If we find any common ancestors for you and Elisabeth Lorentzsen, you'll be able to see them here.



Elisabeth L. has an unlinked public tree.

You can view any of Elisabeth's unlinked public family trees appear in any of them. Invite Elisabeth Lorentzsen to link a tree to their way to find out how you might be related.

[Contact Elisabeth](#)

Select a tree to view

A card representing a public family tree. The top half has a green background with the text 'Public tree' in white. A large red 'X' is overlaid on this section. The bottom half has a white background and contains the text 'L Family Tree' and '1 People' below it.

Public tree

L Family Tree

1 People

You and Elisabeth L

Trees

Ethnicity

Shared Matches

PRO



AnaLisa G



Your:
3rd cousin 2x removed
95 cM
Paternal side



Katherine J



Your:
3rd cousin
126 cM
Paternal side



Elisabeth L
Aunt or half sister
1,712 cM



Kl



Your:
3rd cousin 1x removed or half 3rd cousin
41 cM
Paternal side



Elisabeth L
Sister
2,669 cM



ThomasL



Your:
3rd cousin
75 cM
Paternal side



Elisabeth L
Father
3,484 cM



Elsa V



Your:
3rd cousin 2x removed or half 3rd cousin 1x removed
34 cM
Paternal side



Elisabeth L
Daughter
3,484 cM



1 Million Subscribers



2 Million Subscribers



20 Million DNA Samples

DNA Painter is an award-winning website that can help demystify your DNA results



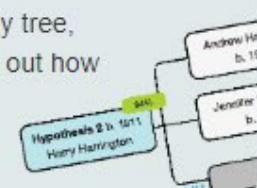
→ Top FAQs

Register for a free account

WHAT YOU CAN DO AT DNA PAINTER

Investigate family mysteries


If you have a group of matches you can fit into a family tree, What are the Odds? (WATO) *plus* can help you figure out how you might be related to them



→ WATO *plus* User guide

Map segments of DNA to ancestors


Chromosome mapping is a fascinating puzzle that helps you to decode your inheritance by tracking known matches and comparing them to others



→ More info

Visualize your direct line


Create an elegant, searchable page for your direct ancestors and enhance it with custom visualisations such as religion, country of birth and age of death



→ More info

Figure out how you're related to a DNA match

Enter the number of cMs of DNA you share with a match and the shared cM tool will help you consider possible relationships



→ Visit the Shared cM tool

... and many more standalone tools to help you work with your DNA matches →

Enter the total number of cM for your match:

reset

or enter %

Then any relationships that fit will stand out below

[Click here for a shareable link to the cM amount above](#)

Most distant common ancestors

Assuming no [pedigree collapse](#) or [endogamy](#), and that you're related in just one way, the **furthest** back you might need to go to find common ancestors for a match of 75cM is **8th-Great-Grandparent level** or generation 11 on your pedigree chart.

The connection may be closer.

Relationship probabilities (based on stats from [The DNA Geek](#))

👉 Click on any relationship to view a histogram

[New: View these relationships in a tree](#)

31% 3C Half 2C1R 2C2R Half 1C3R

29% Half 3C 3C1R Half 2C2R 2C3R

21% Half 2C 2C1R Half 1C2R 1C3R

13% 4C Half 3C1R 3C2R

3% 4C3R † 5C2R † 5C3R † 6C † 6C1R †
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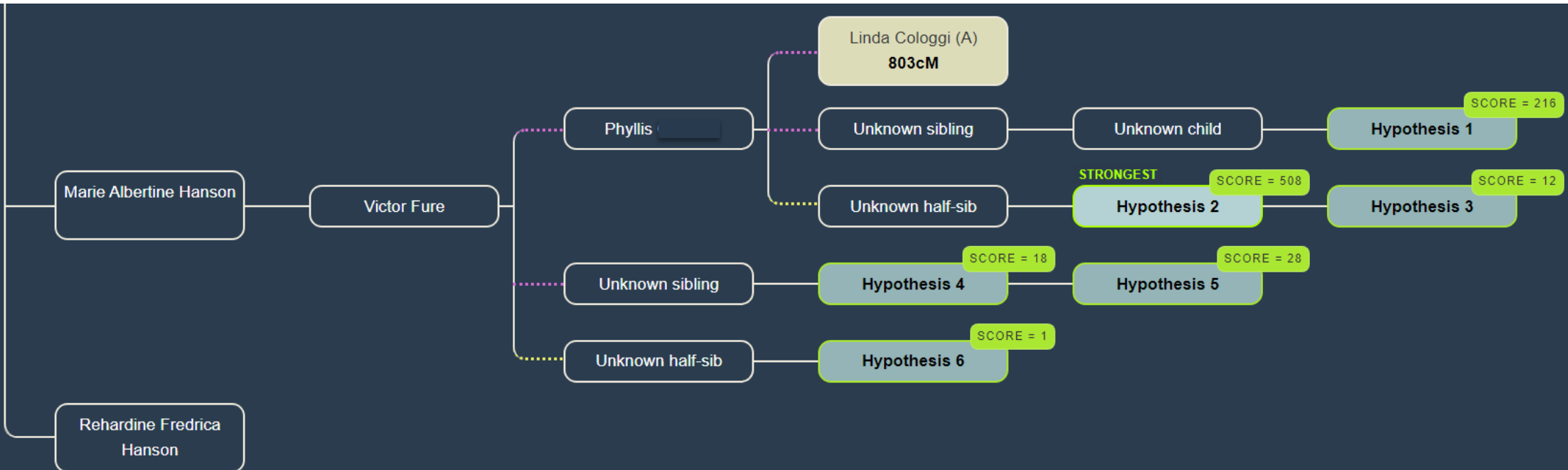
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Half GG-Aunt / Uncle † 2C Half 1C1R 1C2R

The Shared cM Project 4.0 tool v4

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What Are the Odds?

[Show tips](#)[Read the FAQ](#)

More Information

Ancestry Pro Tools matches of matches: my experience so far

Jonny Perl

<https://blog.dnapainter.com/blog/ancestry-pro-tools-matches-of-matches-my-experience-so-far/>

Mapping Your Chromosomes With DNAPainter

Duane Bettinger

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyjcJxywTZI>

Wrap Up