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## **Dallas Genealogical Society Announces Recipient of 2013 Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award**

*Dallas, TX, December 20, 2013* - - The Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) announces that Helen F. M. Leary, Certified Genealogist (Emeritus), Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists and Fellow of the National Genealogical Society, was awarded the 2013 Lloyd Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award at its Annual Awards Luncheon held Saturday, December 14. This award is presented annually by the Society to an individual for outstanding contributions to the genealogical community on a national level. Helen embodies the spirit in which this honor is given.

During her 30+ year career, Helen has served as president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, as well as a trustee for that organization and the Association of Professional Genealogists.

In addition to her entertaining and informative lecture style, Helen has been recognized for her many scholarly contributions to the field. She was editor and contributing author of *North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History*, and has received wide acclaim for her careful and thorough research. One of her research endeavors culminated in the publication of *Sally Hemming's Children: A Genealogical Analysis of the Evidence*, in the Jefferson-Hemmings Special Issue of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly in September, 2001.

At this stage in her career, Helen has eagerly embraced high tech by capturing her presentations on video for the North Carolina Genealogical Society webinars series and posting some of her lectures to YouTube.

### **About Dallas Genealogical Society**

Founded in 1954, the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is the oldest continuously functioning society of its kind in Texas. The object of this Society shall be to educate by creating, fostering, and maintaining interest in genealogy; to assist and support the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas or to its legal successor; and to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history. The Dallas Public Library has been rated as one of the Top 10 libraries for genealogy research in the U.S. by Family Tree Magazine.

DGS is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation and a member of the National Genealogical Society (NGS) and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS).