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Dallas Genealogical Society Announces Laura G. Prescott as Speaker For Its 2014 Spring Lecture

Dallas, TX, January 10, 2014 - - The Dallas Genealogical Society is pleased to present Laura G. Prescott as the featured speaker at its March 22, 2014 Spring Lecture. She is a professional researcher, writer, and speaker. She worked for the New England Historic Genealogical Society for seven years before starting her own research business. Originally from Charleston, West Virginia, she has lived in New Hampshire for over thirty-five years. Laura graduated with a B.A. in History from Dartmouth College in 1980, ultimately putting her degree to good use over a decade later when she discovered a latent passion for genealogy. She is past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists and a consultant for Fold3.com. She lectures and writes for national audiences on a variety of genealogical topics. Her specialties include the use of manuscripts in genealogical research, genealogy on the internet, online military records, and merging history with genealogy. Laura's articles have appeared in *Ancestry*, *New England Ancestors*, *Genealogical Computing*, *NGS NewsMagazine*, and *Digital Genealogist*. Her web site is lauraprescott.com.

Her program topics are:

Playing Hide-and-Seek with Ancestors in City Directories - Explore the history and growth of city directories, discover their value to genealogists researching urban and suburban families, and learn tricks and tips in using them to trace family migrations, address changes, careers, and events.

Timelines: Placing Your Heritage in Historical Perspective - Match historical events to an ancestor's life, or synchronize one ancestor's events to another's through timelines. Literally the outlines of our ancestors' lives, timelines lead us to solutions and surprises.

Treasures Within the Ivory Tower: Finding Family In Academic Archives - College and university libraries are historical repositories for their communities and their special collections are overlooked resources. Your ancestors did not have to attend a college for you to find them through this unique town-and-gown connection. Learn where to look, what you can find, and the most efficient techniques to get the information you seek.

The Rest of the Story: Using Manuscripts to Create a Family History - Tap into great repositories of historical treasure! Discover where to find information about your ancestors in special collections and why manuscripts and artifacts are essential to building your family's story.

Details are on the DGS web site: www.dallasgenealogy.org.

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).