

# DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS



2014 FALL LECTURE

Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist

Genealogy and the Law:  
From the Past to the Future

Saturday, September 27, 2014



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PROGRAM - 10AM-4:30PM

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**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN (90 minutes).** DGS will provide a list of local restaurants. If you want to bring your lunch, limited space will be available in our Hospitality room on a first-come, first-seated basis.

(a) Must be registered online or mail-in form postmarked by September 6, 2014 to qualify for discount.

Reduced Parking fee of \$1.50 is available for attendees who park in the Dallas Public Library garage.

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Mail this form and check to:

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## TOPICS

***From Blackstone to the Statutes at Large - How Knowing the Law Makes Us Better Genealogists.*** To understand our ancestors' lives - why they did what they did, we need to understand the law that governed their lives in so many ways. Learn how knowing the law our ancestors lived by helps us make sense of the records they left and find clues to more and different records.

***Don't Forget the Ladies” - A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law.*** In early America, women were all too often the people who just weren't there: not in the records, not in the censuses, not on juries, not in the voting booth. The common law relegated women to “protected” – second-class –status and understanding how they were treated under the law provides clues to finding their identities today.

***Through the Golden Door: Immigration After the Civil War.*** America's doors were open to all before the Civil War, with few restrictions. Afterwards, the laws began tightening, with exclusions, quotas, even required visas. How did the immigration laws affect your ancestors who immigrated after the Civil War? What hoops did they have to jump through to enter America's “golden door”?

***The Ethical Genealogist.*** Genealogists deal with sensitive issues all the time: how to handle family secrets, what to say about living people, crediting the work of others. Learn more about the ethical challenges of trying to solve family history mysteries in the 21st century.

## ABOUT JUDY G. RUSSELL

Judy Russell is a genealogist with a law degree, whose purpose, in part, is to help folks understand the often arcane and even impenetrable legal concepts and terminology that are so very important to those of us studying family history. Without understanding the context in which events took place and records were created, we miss so much of both the significance and the flavor of what happened.

Judy has 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, has been an adjunct member of the faculty at Rutgers Law School.

She holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist<sup>SM</sup> and Certified Genealogical Lecturer<sup>SM</sup> from the Board for Certification of Genealogists<sup>®</sup> where she currently serve as a member of the Board of Trustees. Judy is a member of the National Genealogical Society, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and, among others, the state genealogical societies of New Jersey, North Carolina, Virginia, Texas and Illinois.

Several of her articles have been published in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and the *National Genealogical Society Magazine*.

Visit Judy’s web site at <http://legalgenealogist.com>.

