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John Philip Colletta headlines the Dallas Genealogical Society's 2014 Summer Symposium

Dallas, TX, April 25, 2014 - The Dallas Genealogical Society is excited to announce that nationally-known genealogy and family history speaker Dr. John Philip Colletta will be the featured speaker at our Summer Symposium, to be held July 11-12, 2014 at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, TX.

“For Today’s Generation and Tomorrow’s: The Many Ways to Preserve Family History” is a 2-day program of eight presentations by Dr. Colletta. Topics covered include organizing your materials for a family history, documenting multi-generational records, building historical context, using artifacts in researching and writing about our ancestors, principles of good writing and good storytelling, evaluating evidence, writing a narrative family history, and publishing your family history.

“Late Night at the Library” is a free bonus event. The Genealogy Division of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library will remain open on Friday evening, July 11, from 5-10 pm, exclusively for Summer Symposium attendees. Both professional librarians from the Division and DGS volunteers will be available to offer assistance.

John Philip Colletta is a popular Washington, D.C.-based lecturer on topics of family history research and writing. Dr. Colletta lectures nationally, teaches at local schools, and conducts programs for the Smithsonian Institution’s Resident Associate Program. He is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University (Birmingham, Ala.), the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and Boston University’s Certificate in Family History program. His publications include numerous articles, both scholarly and popular, two manuals, and one “murder-mystery-family-history.” Dr. Colletta has received many professional awards and honors and appears frequently on podcasts and local and national radio and television. His Ph.D. in Medieval French is from The Catholic University of America.

About Dallas Genealogical Society

Founded in 1954, the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is the oldest continuously functioning society of its kind in Texas. The mission of this Society is 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; and to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to the Dallas area 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).