

# TRACING PASTS: Tallahassee genealogy seminar is worth anticipating

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Amid the joys of the holidays, there also is a lot of commotion. If you feel the need to close your eyes and think about something pleasant and peaceful after the holidays, how about a terrific genealogy seminar? The Tallahassee Genealogical Society has announced its annual spring seminar on Feb. 21, and an outstanding speaker is scheduled. Dick Eastman, publisher of my favorite online publication, will be the presenter.

Those who read my column have heard him mentioned many times. He created Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, a daily e-publication that the seminar flyer says is read by more than 25,000 genealogists around the world.

It says he also is a frequent presenter at major national and international conferences including GENTECH. He has published numerous articles and was an advisor to PBS' "Ancestry" series, and he appeared as a guest in one episode.

His newsletter has both a free and a paid subscription option at [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com). At \$19.95 a year, I consider my subscription essential, because it gives me access to extra material including columns by George G. Morgan and Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck.

Eastman is an experienced researcher who writes unbiased reviews of all types of genealogy software. He explains new technology in terms we all can understand. Thanks to his extensive contacts in the genealogy world, he receives and shares all the latest news. Thanks to him we have learned about past problems at the National Archives and Library of Congress. I'm quite a fan. I wish I could join you.

I also am a fan of the seminars by the Tallahassee Genealogy Society. I attended many of while I lived in Florida, and they have always been first-class. One of the features is Research Day in the Florida State Archives from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST Friday, Feb. 20.

There will be a tour of the Archives at 9:30 a.m., and help will be available for beginners throughout the day. The Archives' collection covers many states, so don't hesitate to go if you don't have Florida ancestors. If you do have Florida ancestors, get there at 9 a.m. so you can research all day.

On Friday evening, you can attend a dinner with the group at the Golden Eagle Golf & Country Club. Eastman will present "Putting the Genes in Genealogy." The cost is \$30.

The main seminar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday begins Saturday with 8:30 a.m. registration. Eastman's topics include "Photographing Old or Delicate Documents and Photographs," "Genealogy Searches on Google," "Tombstone Photography" and "Where is Genealogy Software Headed"? The cost is \$60 for non-members of TGS and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

For more information, see [www.talgen.org](http://www.talgen.org). The contact person is Melissa Corson at (850) 893-9764 or [mcorsn@earthlink.net](mailto:mcorsn@earthlink.net)