



Dallas Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes
4 December 2021

President Jim Thornhill opened the meeting at 11:00 am.

Treasurer's Report: October 2021 activity shows total deposits of \$518.48 and total expenses of \$679.15. The cash in the bank is \$12,934.55 and savings is \$127,987.48 and an investment account of \$35,175.07.

Minutes from the prior meeting are available on the DGS website.

Quorum: There were 25 members, and 11 visitors/non-members present at the Zoom meeting today. There was a quorum present.

Out of the Attic: We remember a time when transcriptions of family records were regularly found in the pages of our publications. We'd like to revive this practice and start featuring family records again in our monthly eNews, but we need your help! Rummage around in your genealogical "attic" for unique or unusual family records/items. Then e-mail us a transcription/explanation and a photo. Include an introductory paragraph to explain what the record/item is and where you found it. We'll do the rest! Send your photos to newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org

DGS Writing Contest: Articles regarding the black sheep (criminal ancestors) in your family are wanted! The articles will be published in the E-news during 2022. At the end of the contest a winner will be chosen, and they will receive one free DGS membership. For guidelines visit dallasgenealogy.org>Blog>search for "writing contest">2022 Writing Contest.

Nominating and Awards Committee: The Awards committee solicits nomination and selects winners for DGS awards in May. The Nominating committee recommends members for election to open offices. Two people from the general membership are



needed for each committee. If you would like to be on either of these committee's E-mail info@dallasgenealogy.org prior to the January 8th general meeting.

Facebook: Please "Like" our Facebook page! Also, when you post about genealogy or DGS subjects, please add @DGStx to your post. <https://www.facebook.com/DGStx> . If you would like to have something posted on our Facebook page, E-mail info@dallasgenealogy.org.

DGS Events are available under the "Events" tab at dallasgenealogy.org. The events include DGS and surrounding communities. It was noted that the upcoming Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings are listed there as well.

Upcoming General Meetings:

January 8	Michelle Dwyer Cohen	Using History to Solve Mysteries
February 5	Dr. Terry Turner	Where are my African American ancestors?
March 5	Dr. Steven Butler	Miles Away from Butler: How a DNA Test Rewrote My Family's History

Note the meetings will be virtual only unless indicated otherwise on the DGS website. If you would like to suggest a meeting topic please go to <https://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/meetings-events/general-meetings/program-or-speaker-suggestion/>

The January meeting is not on the first Saturday but is instead on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Upcoming Seminars:

- Spring Seminar – April 23, 2022 Diahna Southard



- Summer Seminar – July 16, 2022 Kelvin Meyers
- Fall Seminar – October 22, 2022 Paul Milner

More information: dallasgenealogy.org

SIG Highlight: This month we highlighted the Coppell Genealogy and Family History SIG. Patti Smith, leader of the group, presented a summary of the SIG's activities.

Special note: The Texas State Genealogical Society (TxSGS) awarded the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) the Website of the Year award for 2021. We would like to congratulate and thank the following for their hard work to make this happen: Tony Hanson, Todd Dedecker, and Susan Rainwater.

Educational Presentation: Paula Perkins

"*Orphan Train Riders: Tracks to Texas & Beyond, All Aboard 1854 to 1929.*" One in every 25 Americans has a connection to an Orphan Train rider between 1854 & 1929. Over 200,000 children were relocated from the East to the West coast on trains. Texas was a vital part of this history. Research techniques and resources were demonstrated in this presentation. Her website is: <http://orphantrainriderstrackstotexas.org/> and another website of interest is <http://orphantraindepot.org/>.

End time: 12: 24