



Dallas Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes
8 January 2022

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

Treasurer's Report: December 2021 activity shows total deposits of \$611.53 and total expenses of \$1,928.37. The cash in the bank is \$11,614.88 and savings is \$127,989.62 and an investment account of \$35,138.26.

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

Quorum: There were 23 members, and 19 visitors/non-members present at the Zoom meeting today. There was a quorum present.

What a gift: If you would like to include DGS in your estate planning you can email info@dallasgenealogy.org or go to the website dallasgenealogy.org, click on the tab "get involved" then select "donate"

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, click on the tab “Blog” then search for “writing contest” and select the 2022 Writing Contest.

2021 Writing Contest Winner:

First Place: Tony Hanson – *J. Erik Jonsson, Namesake of the Dallas Central Public Library*

Runners-up:

Susan Rainwater – *Remembering the Compton Citadel, 1500 Corinth Street*

Liz Roop – *Heritage House (Formerly the C.P. Schultze Home), Irving, Texas*

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 the nominating committee’s E-mail info@dallasgenealogy.org prior to the February 5th 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:

February 5	Dr. Terry Turner	Where are my African American ancestors?
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March 5	Dr. Steven Butler	Miles Away from Butler: How a DNA Test Rewrote My Family's History
April 2	Dr. Deborah Liles	Finding Your People in Antebellum Dallas County

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/>

Upcoming Seminars:

- Spring Seminar – April 23, 2022 Diahan 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 DNA SIG. Barbara Ware, one of the leaders of the group, presented a summary of the SIG's activities.

Educational Presentation: Michelle Dwyer Cohen

She presented "Using History to Solve Mysteries". This was a discussion about the importance of understanding historical context for your ancestors, with examples of how historical research helped to dismantle ancestral brick walls.

End time: 12: 19