



Dallas Genealogical Society

General Meeting Minutes

5 February 2022

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

Treasurer's Report: January 2022 activity shows total deposits of \$1,461.68 and total expenses of \$883.77. The cash in the bank is \$12,159.01 and savings is \$122,491.71 and an investment account of \$40,195.73.

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

Quorum: There were 25 members, and 29 visitors/non-members present at the Zoom meeting. There was a quorum present.

Financial Review: Thank you Susan Rainwater for the great job! The financial review was performed by the following: Jim Thornhill, Tony Hanson, Ann Broihier, and Susan Rainwater.

Awards Committee: Nominations are open for the following awards

Award of Merit,

Volunteer of the Year,

Lloyd Bockstruck Distinguished Service,

Heritage Preservation Award,

Presidents Special Award

To nominate someone for one of these awards, go to:
[dallasgenealogy.org>Events>Annual Awards](https://dallasgenealogy.org/Events/Annual-Awards).



Nominating Committee: The nominating committee consists of the following members:

Chair	Patti Smith
Board members	Suzan Younger, Ann Broihier
Society Members	Cheryl Freeman, Betty Case

Bylaws vote: The Bylaws were updated to

Better align with the current DGS activities,

Make positions easier to fill

Three elected officers

Eliminated term limits for some positions

Give voting privileges to vital board positions

There will be a membership vote on the Bylaw changes at the March 5th general meeting. A copy of the updated Bylaws can be found at:
[dallasgenealogy.org>Events>Next General Meeting](http://dallasgenealogy.org/Events/Next%20General%20Meeting).

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.



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

Special Interest Groups:

Earn \$100 for your DGS SIG

Put education@dallasgenealogy.org and webmaster@dallasgenealogy.org emails in your contact list

Present a SIG spotlight at a monthly general meeting

Send education@dallasgenealogy.org a list of SIG attendees/members

Earn an additional \$50 by writing an article for the DGS E-news

Money earned can be used for education, equipment, speaker, or open house

Must turn in receipts

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:

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
May 7	DGS Awards Banquet	Celebrate the past and look forward to the future!



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 Diahn Southard

Using DNA Strategically to Identify Ancestors

Summer Seminar – July 16, 2022 Kelvin Meyers

Gone to Texas: Finding Your Ancestors in Land and Probate

Fall Seminar – October 22, 2022 Paul Milner

Leaping the Pond: Online Research in Great Britain

More information: dallasgenealogy.org

Educational Presentation: Dr. Terry Turner

He discussed research methods and locations for finding African Americans before and after the Civil War, with an emphasis on understanding the American culture in each historical era.

SIG Highlight: This month we highlighted the African American SIG. Patti Smith presented a summary of the SIG's activities.

End time: 12: 56