



Dallas Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes
5 March 2022

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

Treasurer's Report: February 2022 activity shows total deposits of \$1,656.85 and total expenses of \$5,088.69. The cash in the bank is \$12,712.12 and savings is \$122,493.56 and an investment account of \$39,879.56.

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

Quorum: There were 25 members, and 10 visitors/non-members present at the Zoom meeting. There was a quorum present.

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

Of the members present, all voted to approve the changes with one member abstaining.

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).

1950 Census: The 1950 census process to be used by Ancestry and FamilySearch was reviewed. If you would like to help review the automated indexing of the 1950 census, please email volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org.

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.

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:

April 2	Dr. Deborah Liles	Finding Your People in Antebellum Dallas County
May 7	DGS Awards Celebration	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 Diahan 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

SIG Highlight: This month we highlighted the Best Practices SIG. Betty Case presented a summary of the SIG's activities.

Educational Presentation: Dr. Steven Butler

He presented "Miles Away from Butler: How a DNA Test Rewrote My Family's History." He told the story of how a DNA test led to the discovery of a ninety-one-year-old family secret. He faced a crisis of conscience: Should he tell the person who lay at the heart of the secret or remain silent for fear of potentially doing more harm than good.

End time: 12: 37