



**Dallas Genealogical Society**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**1 October 2022**

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

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

**Quorum:** There was a total of 60 members/visitors present: 45 on Zoom and 15 in-person. There was a quorum present.

**2022-2023 Board of Directors:**

**Elected Officers:** Jim Thornhill – President, Patti Smith – Vice President, Ann Broihier – Secretary

**Additional Executive Committee Members:** Susan Rainwater – Dir of Finance, Tony Hanson – Dir of IT, Todd DeDecker – Past President

**Directors:** Kim Edge – Membership, Barbara Coakley – Volunteer, Brenda Cannon – Seminar, Todd DeDecker – Website Admin, Patti Smith – General Meeting Admin, Michelle Dwyer Cohen – Newsletter Admin

**Treasurer’s Report:** September 2022 activity shows total deposits of \$3,365.76 and total expenses of \$2,596.67. The cash in the bank is \$19,083.46 and savings is \$117,505.32 and an investment account of \$35,597.19.

**Family History Month Celebration:** President Jim Thornhill mentioned that the Dallas Library 8<sup>th</sup> floor genealogy section will be hosting seven free live streamed presentations to celebrate family history month on Oct 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 6pm. If you are willing to volunteer as a genealogy research helper, please email [info@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:info@dallasgenealogy.org).

**Fall Seminar:** The fall seminar with Paul Milner will be in-person and via Zoom October 22, 2022. Paul Milner will be presenting “Leaping the Pond: Online Research in Great Britain”. More information can be found at: [dallasgenealogy.org](http://dallasgenealogy.org).



**Upcoming General Meetings:**

Nov 5	Stephanie Bennett	Unlocking Fold 3's Secrets
Dec 3*	Tony Hanson	Why Finding Atlantic Shipping Records is Challenging

\*NOTE: the Dec meeting will be held at the Lakewood branch Library 6121 Worth Street (near Abrams south of Gaston)

If you would like to suggest a meeting topic please go to <https://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/meetings-events/general-meetings/program-or-speaker-suggestion/>

**2023 Seminars:** The following is a list of the 2023 seminars. More information can be found at: [dallasgenealogy.org](https://dallasgenealogy.org).

Research and the Law: Legal Knowledge Needed to Find Your Ancestors  
Speaker: Judy Russell

Genealogy and the Internet: Successfully Mining the World Wide Web  
Speaker: Cyndi Ingle

The Twentieth Century Wars: Military Records and Research  
Speaker: Michael Strauss

**DGS Events** are available under the “Events” tab at [dallasgenealogy.org](https://dallasgenealogy.org). The events include DGS and surrounding communities. The upcoming Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings are listed there as well.

**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 email 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](mailto:newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org)

**DGS Writing Contest:** Articles regarding the black sheep (troublemaking ancestors) in your family are wanted! The articles will be published in the eNews 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](http://dallasgenealogy.org), click on the tab "Blog" then search for "writing contest" and select the 2022 Writing Contest. **Note: Submissions must be received by 15 Nov 2022.** All entries will be published on our website with a link from the eNews. Space may not allow all to be fully published in the eNews.

**DGS needs you:** We need help in the following areas:

Director of Publication Content

If you are interested in helping, please email [info@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:info@dallasgenealogy.org)

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**Educational Presentation:** Cari A. Taplin, CG is the owner of GenealogyPANTS, she provides speaking services. Her website is <https://genealogypants.com>. She also currently works for Ancestry ProGenealogists. Cari's personal research focuses on midwestern and Great Lakes states. She is also an administrator of <https://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogysquad>. Her topic was "Analysis techniques including examples of timelines and tables". The engaging presentation included creating a timeline, creating tables, and case study examples demonstrating timelines and tables.

End time: 12:14