



**Dallas Genealogical Society**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**3 December 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 68 members/visitors present: 55 on Zoom and 13 in-person. There was a quorum present.

**Treasurer's Report:** November 2022 activity shows total deposits of \$478.62 and total expenses of \$2,559.85. The cash in the bank is \$28,385.38 and savings is \$117,511.19 and an investment account of \$36,540.13.

**Writing Contest Winner:** The winner of the Black Sheep writing contest is Sharon Bowles with the story "Did My Black Sheep Briggs Start a DGS Feud?". Congratulations Sharon!

The next writing contest will be "Families on the Move". Your story can include things like immigration, emigration, or migration.

**Texas State Genealogy Society Awards:** We are proud to announce that DGS President Jim Thornhill won first prize in the Professional Manuscripts category, DGS Director of IT Tony Hanson won first prize for his family website, and DGS eNews won second prize in periodicals produced by societies!

Visit [TXSGS' Awards page](#) to see more and get the link to Tony's site!

**DGS and the Dallas Public Library (DPL) Upcoming Joint Meetings:**

- Jan. 14 at 1:00 p.m. – Intro to Genealogy
- Feb. 11 at 1:00 p.m. – Intro to DNA
- Mar. 11 at 10:30 a.m. – Jack & Jill (Children's Genealogy) ages 8-12

**Spring Seminar:** The Spring seminar with Judy G. Russell will be in-person and via Zoom April 22, 2023. Judy G. Russell will be presenting "Research and the Law: Legal Knowledge Needed to Find Your Ancestors". Judy G. Russell will be here in-person. More information can be found at: [dallasgenealogy.org](http://dallasgenealogy.org).



**Other Upcoming 2023 Seminars:**

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| 22 Jul 2023    | Cyndi Ingle     | Genealogy and the Internet:<br>Successfully Mining the World<br>Wide Web |
| 23 Sep<br>2023 | Michael Strauss | The Twentieth Century Wars:<br>Military Records and Research             |

**Upcoming General Meetings:**

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| Jan 7 | Patti Gillespie | Forgotten Treasures in the Texas<br>Courthouse: Discovering the<br>Miscellaneous Records, and<br>preparation for a genealogy road<br>trip |
| Feb 4 | Ari Wilkins     | African American Research   |
| Mar 4 | Jake Mangum     | Getting the most from the Portal to<br>Texas History  |

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

**Library Event:** The library will be hosting “Home for the Holidays” on Saturday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 pm. Come celebrate on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor with genealogy games and sharing your family history stories and adventures. Bring an ancestor’s picture, a family recipe, or a crazy family story.



**DGS Events** are available under the “Events” tab at [dallasgenealogy.org](http://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 Website Update:** The DGS website will be updated Dec 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Please plan accordingly.

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

We are looking for someone that would like to help with publicity. The candidate only needs basic computer skills and a willingness to learn.

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

**Educational Presentation:** DGS' own Tony Hanson spoke on "Why Finding Atlantic Shipping Records is Challenging." Between 1500 and 1914 approximately 40 million people crossed the Atlantic and settled in the United States, and another 5 million settled, at least initially, in Canada. Finding records for these emigrants can be challenging and frustrating. The presentation provided attendees with an understanding of how emigrants traveled to North America during this timeframe, an overview of the records that documented their journeys and a strategy for locating available records.

End time: 12:28 pm