



DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

EXPLORE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY WITH US

Annual Report September 2022 – August 2023

The Dallas Genealogical Society is a non-profit tax-exempt Section 501(c)(3) organization that provides resources and services of interest to family history researchers in (or with an interest in) Dallas and North Texas. We partner with the Genealogy & History Division of the Dallas Public Library to provide services and educational activities that cultivate and nurture an interest in Family History Research.

We are committed to education, service, preservation, and keeping abreast of new developments in genealogical resources, technology, and information providers while pursuing these primary goals:

1. Educate by creating, fostering, and maintaining interest in Genealogy and Family History.
2. Assist and support the Genealogy & History Division of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas.
3. Collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history.

Society Leaders

- **Jim Thornhill** – President
- **Patti Huff Smith** – Vice President & Director of Marketing
- **Ann Broihier** - Secretary
- **Susan Rainwater** – Director of Finance
- **Todd DeDecker** – Immediate Past President & Website Administrator
- **Tony Hanson** – Director of Information Technology, NGS Delegate, TxSGS Delegate
- **Kim Edge** – Director of Membership
- **Barbara Coakley** – Director of Volunteer Coordination
- **Brenda Cannon** – Seminar Administrator
- **Michelle Dwyer Cohen** – Newsletter Editor
- **Stephanie Bennett** – Library Liaison

Membership

September 2022

427 total members

- 288 Individual Members
- 57 Household Members
- 27 Associate Members
- 55 Life Members

September 2023

412 members

- 289 total Individual Members



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- 44 Household Members
- 22 Associate Members
- 57 Life Members

Education

General Meetings

We conduct 9 General Meeting each year. Each meeting consists of a short business meeting followed by an educational presentation on a topic of interest to Genealogists. Meetings are held at the Dallas Public Library (usually the downtown location) and are open to the public. Each meeting is also broadcast live via Zoom, and a recording of the meeting is also available on our website.

Meeting	Speaker & Topic	Total Audience*
September	David Rencher: What's New at FamilySearch and the Family History Library?	128
October	Candice Buchanan: Local History & Genealogy Research at the Library of Congress	183
November	Geyden & Barry Sage: Dreams and curiosity becomes a mission	84
December	Paula Perkins: Orphan Train Riders	39
January	Michelle Dwyer Cohen: Using History to Solve Mysteries	100
February	Dr. Terry M. Turner: Where are our African American Ancestors?	238
March	Dr. Steven Butler: Miles Away from Butler: How a DNA Test Rewrote My Family's History	122
April	Bernard Meisner: The Value of Collateral Line Research	204
May	Awards Luncheon	51

* Total Audience includes those attending in person, Zoom Participants and those who watched a recording of the meeting.

Special Interest Groups

Our Special Interest Groups meet throughout the year to discuss issues and topics of interest to group participants. These meetings are open to the public: many of them are hybrid (allowing members to participate in-person or via Zoom).

- **Brenda Cannon** – African American Group.
- **Elizabeth (Liz) Kutz** – Best Practices & Jewish Groups.
- **Mic Barnette, Jean Larson & Barbara Ware** – DNA Group.
- **Ann Broihier & Bernard Meisner** – German Genealogy Group.
- **Happi McQuirk** – MacGen Reunion Group.
- **Patti Huff Smith** – Copell Genealogy Group (Merged with the Coppell Historical Society in June).



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Seminars

Seminars are the primary source of income for the Society. These are fee-based events held at the Dallas Public Library. They are hybrid, allowing participants to attend the seminar in-person or remotely via zoom. Recordings are also available to registered participants for two weeks following the Seminar.

This year's events were organized by Brenda Cannon, Jim Thornhill and Kendi Hubbard with the assistance of Betty Case, Barbara Coakley, Todd DeDecker, Kim Edge, Melissa Flemming, Tony Hanson, Patti Huff Smith, Corlie Storey, and Jay Tompkins. Society is deeply indebted to member Ken Johnston for the outstanding artwork he created for each event.

Fall: Paul Milner (109 registrants)



Spring: Judy Russell (117 registrants)



Summer: Cyndi Ingle (188 registrants)





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Assist and support the Genealogy & History Division of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library

The Society has a long-standing history of supporting the Genealogy & History Division of the Dallas Public Library. The total value of the cash, books, microfiche, microfilm, equipment and other donations provided directly or indirectly by the Dallas Genealogical Society to the library is \$789,093.12. Donations made during this period include the following:

- The total value of books donated to the Genealogy & History Division was \$1,595.67.
- The society donated \$3,970.00 to fund a service contract on the i2S CopiBook Scanner located in the 8th floor Heritage Lab).
- The society provided funds to provide library patrons with access to NewspaperArchive.com (\$3578.00) and HistoryGeo.com (\$2600.00).

Bockstruck Scholarships

The society continues to provide scholarships of up to \$1,500 each year to be used by members of the Genealogy & History Division staff to fund attendance and participation at Genealogical Seminars and related events.

Equipment Donation

The society donated two Sennheiser wireless microphones to the library to be used at meetings and events. These devices had been purchased by the society several years ago but are no longer required because the library now provides all equipment required for our meeting and seminars.

Collecting, Preserving and Copying Information

Oakland Cemetery

The Oakland Cemetery Association has donated paper burial records to the Archives section at the Dallas Public Library. DGS members are working with members of the Friends of the Oakland Cemetery group to organize and catalog the documents.

Family Search has digitized records created prior to January 1, 1999. A major focus of this project is to identify records created after that date:

Burial Information will be entered into the Dallas Genealogical Society Cemetery Database.

Relevant documents will be identified and made available to Family Search so they can be microfilmed and added to the existing collection of images. Family Search personnel are aware of this effort.



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DGS Publications

- All DGS Newsletters, Journals and Quarterlies are now indexed and linked to digital images on the DGS Website.
- We continue to add records to our online database of Cemetery Records: at present there are 41,717 records available in a database that is available to the public on our website.

Other Activities

Annual Awards

The society presented the following awards at the May Awards Luncheon:

- **Carolyn Davis** – Award of Merit
- **Family Search Library** – Heritage Preservation Award
- **Michelle Dwyer Cohen** – Volunteer of the Year
- **Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award** – Ari Wilkins
- **Todd DeDecker, Tony Hanson & Susan Rainwater** – Presidents Special Award

North Texas Giving Day

The society participated in the 2022 Campaign and raised a total of \$1,820 which will be used to offset the cost of providing access to HistoryGEO.com and NewspaperArchive.com.

\$10,000 Donation

A generous targeted donation allowed the society to hire a Social Media marketing consultant to work with our Director of Marketing throughout the year.

Website Update

We launched a revised and updated website in January. This was made possible by a 12-month effort by Todd DeDecker, Tony Hanson & Susan Rainwater.

Report created and submitted by Tony Hanson following the October 2, 2023 resignation of Jim Thornhill, President of the Society from September 2021 - September 2023.

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Profit & Loss
October 2022 through September 2023

	Oct '22 - Sep 23
Income	
4100 · CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS & GRANTS	
4110 · Contributions - Individuals	1,265.00
4115 · Contributions - Designated Use	10,550.00
4130 · Corporate Reward Card Programs	439.97
4140 · Indirect Contributions	8,228.00
	20,482.97
Total 4100 · CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS & GRANTS	20,482.97
4200 · PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	
4210 · Registration Fees	22,570.00
4220 · Lunches	156.00
4250 · Hospitality Donations	314.00
	23,040.00
Total 4200 · PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	23,040.00
4300 · MEMBERSHIP DUES	
4310 · Memberships - Individuals	9,615.00
4320 · Memberships - Households	1,400.00
4330 · Memberships - Life	500.00
	11,515.00
Total 4300 · MEMBERSHIP DUES	11,515.00
4400 · INTEREST INCOME	
4411 · Interest/Savings Account	21.52
4412 · Interest/Investment Account	1,273.87
	1,295.39
Total 4400 · INTEREST INCOME	1,295.39
Total Income	56,333.36
Expense	
6100 · GENEALOGICAL EDUCATION	
6110 · Speaker Fees	8,045.00
6120 · Reimbursed Travel & Meals	2,137.58
6130 · Catering	4,180.00
6140 · Printing	2,014.32
6160 · Online Advertising & Promotion	434.10
6180 · Supplies and Other	240.33
6190 · Hospitality Expenses	342.57
	17,393.90
Total 6100 · GENEALOGICAL EDUCATION	17,393.90
6200 · DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY SUPPORT	
6210 · Donations	6,507.00
6220 · Gifts in Kind	5,900.84
	12,407.84
Total 6200 · DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY SUPPORT	12,407.84
7000 · MANAGEMENT & GENERAL EXPENSES	
7100 · Credit Card Processing Fees	1,044.37
7200 · Direct Mailing	375.00
7300 · Information Technology	5,516.75
7400 · Insurance - Liability, D & O	1,261.00
7500 · Memberships and Dues	130.00
7600 · Postage, Box Rental, Permits	1,034.98
7650 · Printing and Copying	84.44
7700 · Supplies and Other	304.46
7800 · Telephone & Communications	154.42
7898 · Advertising & Publicity	10,839.86
	20,745.28
Total 7000 · MANAGEMENT & GENERAL EXPENSES	20,745.28
Total Expense	50,547.02
Net Income	5,786.34