



**Dallas Genealogical Society**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**7 January 2023**

Vice-President Patti Huff Smith opened the meeting at 11:00 am.

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

**Quorum:** There was a total of 73 members/visitors present: 51 on Zoom and 22 in-person. There was a quorum present.

**Treasurer's Report:** December 2022 activity shows total deposits of \$8,426.52 and total expenses of \$7,248.94. The cash in the bank is \$20,713.69 and savings is \$107,512.86 and an investment account of \$44,579.60.

**Writing Contest:** The next writing contest is "Families on the Move". Your story can include things like immigration, emigration, or migration.

**Website Update:** A big thank you to Todd DeDecker, Tony Hanson, and Susan Rainwater for all their hard work getting our website updated. See the new website: <https://dallasgenealogy.org/>

**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](https://dallasgenealogy.org).

**Other Upcoming 2023 Seminars:**

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



**Upcoming General Meetings:**

Feb 4	Ari Wilkins	African American Research
Mar 4	Jake Mangum	Getting the most from the Portal to Texas History
Apr 1	Christopher D Bryant	How DNA Worked together with Genealogy Research
May 6	Annual Awards Banquet	

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

**Special Interest Groups (SIG):** Anyone is welcome to come to our SIG meetings. See <https://dallasgenealogy.org/events/category/special-interest-group/>

**Dallas Public Library (DPL) Events:** The library will be hosting several events on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor.

- Jan 10<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm - Preserving Family Memories Scanning
- Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Using the HistoryMaker Digital Archive for Genealogy

**DGS and DPL Upcoming Joint Meetings:** These events will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor

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

**All DGS Events** are available at <https://dallasgenealogy.org/meetings-events/> .



**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 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.

We are also looking for people to join the IT team and help with the monthly Zoom meetings

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

**Educational Presentation:** Patti Gillespie spoke on "Forgotten Treasures in the Texas Courthouse: Discovering the Miscellaneous Records". Texas gems hidden away in our county courthouses may hold an answer for you. The presentation featured 2 touching stories of Texans and abundant examples of useful assorted documents found within Miscellaneous records. Her website is <https://www.familylinesandstories.com>

End time: 12:12 pm