



Dallas Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes
4 November 2023

President Tony Hanson opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes from the prior meeting: There were no corrections or additions. They are available on the DGS website as of 11/4/2023.

Quorum: We had a total of 30 people at the General Meeting: 8 in-person and 22 on Zoom. The quorum is 21 members.

Previous Meeting Minutes From October.

October

- [Business Meeting](#) (YouTube - 11:37)
- [My Journey back to Spain via My Sephardic Roots](#) - Gustavo "Gus" Hinojosa (YouTube - 49:23)
 - View the list of [Documents Required for Sephardic Citizenship](#)
 - View Gus's [Family Tree](#)
- [Meeting Minutes](#) (PDF)

DGS Financial Summary October 2023

INCOME/EXPENSES	
Total Deposits / Income	\$1229.38
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Investment Account		\$4,175.49

Investment Changes

- DGS invested \$40,000 in several Bond Mutual Funds beginning in 2021.
- These funds have performed poorly.
 - The investment committee recommended selling the mutual funds (at a ~\$6,400 loss).
- We are in the process of opening a higher performing saving account (FDIC insured) and moving funds there.

DGS Donates \$500 to the Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society



Carol Roark
Archivist

Brenda Sanders-Wise
Executive Director

Archive Room

Take a look at the Portal to Texas History where they have digitized and archived pictures, <https://texashistory.unt.edu/>.

Bockstruck DPL Scholarships Sponsored by DGS

The scholarship has been continued for the employees of the Dallas Public Library for another Year to help achieve their educational and research goals. Thanks to the Friends



of the Dallas Public Library for administering the distribution of funds!

Board Positions Filled

Barbara Coakley has volunteered to become our new Seminar Administrator!
Cheryl Freeman has volunteered to serve as Texas State Genealogical Society Delegate!

Board Vacancies

Director of Information Technology

Director of Publication Content

Volunteer Coordinator

DPL Volunteer Day (Oct 19)

This was an effort to get the society in front of some people and we were able to make some good contacts.

October 20 Family History Day at the Dallas Public Library

Family History Day was a day-long event sponsored by the Genealogy Network of Texas (GNT), a state-wide initiative to connect libraries/genealogical societies and provide educational and research opportunities at DPL! The Genealogy Network of Texas is spearheaded by the Genealogy Center of the Waco-McLennan County Library. Co-sponsors include the Central Texas Genealogical Society, The Genealogy Center and the Texas State Genealogical Society.

DGS had volunteers setup to answer questions about Family History and DNA for individuals who wanted to improve their research skills. Thank you everyone who participated and volunteered your time.

Community Interest Survey

- Sent to 2,253 people
- Received 307 responses (13.6% response)



- 160 DGS Members (39% of total membership)
- 247 were not current DGS members
- Typical Respondent
 - Female (81%)
 - Lives in the DFW area (71%)
 - Between 61 – 75 years of age (58%)
- Detailed Analysis of responses is being performed.

Writing Contest

There are several contests you can choose to participate in: Out of the Attic, Movers and Shakers and Families on the Move!

We encourage our members to write about their families and let DGS publish your family history for you.

National Genealogical Society Hall of Fame Nomination for Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

Help DGS get Loyd Dewitt Bockstruck elected to the NGS HF letters of support are encouraged from anyone willing to help!

- Send letters via email to: president@dallasgenealogy.org
- By December 1, 2023 please!

More information can be found at the NGS Hall of Fame webpage:

<https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/hall-of-fame/> and DGS Bockstruck Papers Page:

<https://dallasgenealogy.org/bockstruck-papers/>

Seminars for 2024

Tom Jones, Genealogy Jackhammer: Methods for Breaking Brick Walls. April 13, 2024.

Nicka Smith Sewell, The Legacy of Forced Removal: Finding Formerly Enslaved and Indigenous Kin. .

Blaine Bettinger, Autosomal Analysis: Tools for Finding Your Ancestors. September 28, 2024.



A Special DGS Event At the Dallas Public Library.
Saturday, June 8, 2024.

Topics: Getting Started with DNA, Submitting a DNA Sample. Autosomal DNA, Y-DNA, Mitochondrial DNA.

DGS: Special Interest Groups

African American

Best Practices

Coppell

DNA

German

Jewish

Mac/Gen Reunion

Special Interest Groups Meeting Dates!

- Nov 11: German Genealogy Group
- Nov 16: Jewish Group
- Nov 16: DNA Group
- Nov 18: African American Group
- Dec 9: MacGen Group

Refer to the DGS website for place and times for meetings.

Next meeting

Kevin Klaus, Information Specialist, Archives and Records at the Texas General Land Office. Topic: *Genealogy Research at the Texas General Land Office.*



Saturday December 2 beginning at 11:00 am CDT

White Rock Hills Branch: 9150 Ferguson Road, Dallas, Texas 75228

Tech Team

Thank You!!

- Melissa Flemming, Todd DeDecker, Paul Feather, Kim Edge.

Dallas Public Library

- Fabulous Facilities, A/V Equipment
- Technical Support
 - Matt Stubbanas
 - Jordan Bock

The General Meeting ended at 11:16.