



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 01/06/2024.

**Quorum:** We had a total of 10 people at the General Meeting, in-person and 41 on Zoom. The quorum is 21 members.

### Previous Meeting Minutes.

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Next General Meeting ▶ Meeting Minutes

**January**

- [Business Meeting](#) (YouTube - 16:38)
- [Meeting Minutes](#) (PDF)

### DGS Financial Summary

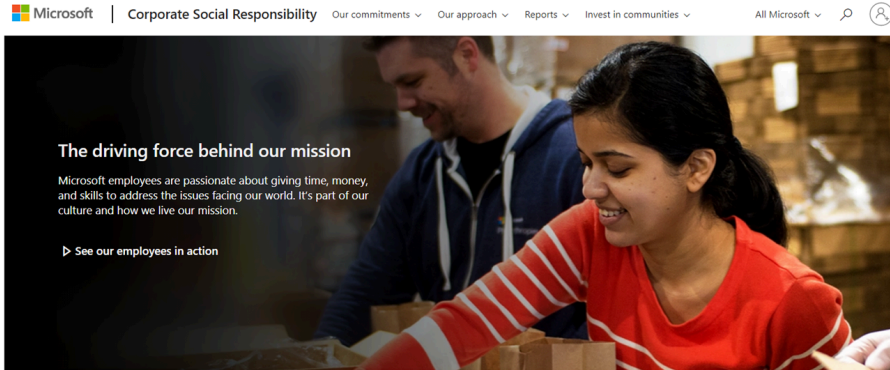
January 2024

INCOME/EXPENSES	
Total Deposits / Income	\$9,598.31
Total Payments / Expenses	-\$16,191.18
CASH IN ACCOUNTS	
Checking	\$22,216.15
Savings	\$54,715.46
Investment Accounts	\$100,000.00



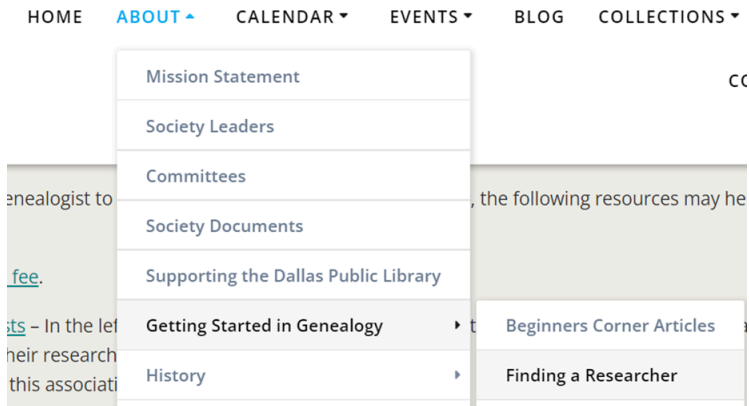
# DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Researchers Page

- A new benefit for DGS.
- Identifies researchers who conduct research for a fee.





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DGS Members Who Provide Genealogical Research For A Fee

Disclaimer: *The Dallas Genealogical Society does not endorse or recommend any specific researcher. This information is supplied by each researcher listed and is provided as a benefit to DGS members.*

[Submit/Update Information using this Form](#)

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**Cheryl W Freeman**

Dallas TX (United States of America)  
[cherylw.freeman@gmail.com](mailto:cherylw.freeman@gmail.com)  
214-207-0055

Accepting New Clients: No

Areas of Expertise: Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas; 18th - 20th Century.

Education/Credentials: Boston University Certificate in Genealogical Research, May 2020; B.A. (Liberal Arts), Webster University

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**Michelle Dwyer Cohen**

Poulsbo WA (United States of America)  
[mdwyerresearch@gmail.com](mailto:mdwyerresearch@gmail.com)

Accepting New Clients: No

Areas of Expertise: Catholic, Heir Searcher, Irish American, Lineage Societies; United States: New England, Southeastern US, Texas, Ireland, England; 18th - 21st Centuries

Education/Credentials: Certificate in Genealogical Research (Boston University); B.A. (English), cum laude, Cornell University; M.B.A. (International Business), New York University Stern School of Business

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Website: <http://thdwyerresearch.com/>

Revised: 01/29/2024

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## Dallas Public Library Hours

- New Hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9-8

Wednesdays & Fridays 9-5

Saturdays & Sundays 9-4

Closed Feb 16 (Staff Training) & March 31 (Easter)

Need Help Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 2-3

*“Preserving Family Memories: Scanning”*

Contact Stephannie Bennett if interested.

## Nominating Committee

Todd DeDecker  
Michelle Dwyer Cohen  
Kim Edge  
Cheryl Freeman  
Brenda Cannon



[nominating@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:nominating@dallasgenealogy.org)

## Awards Committee

4 Members Required (2 Board & 2 General Membership)

Award of Merit

Heritage Preservation

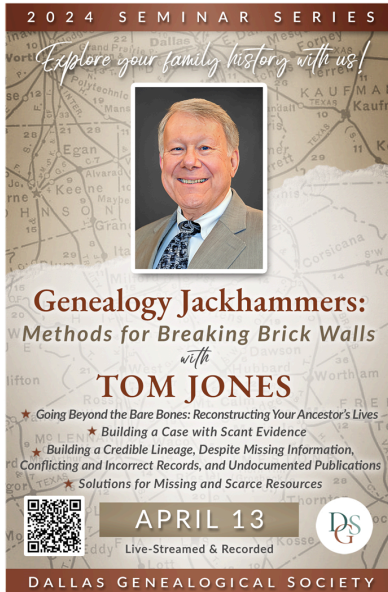
Volunteer of the Year

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service

Contact [president@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:president@dallasgenealogy.org)

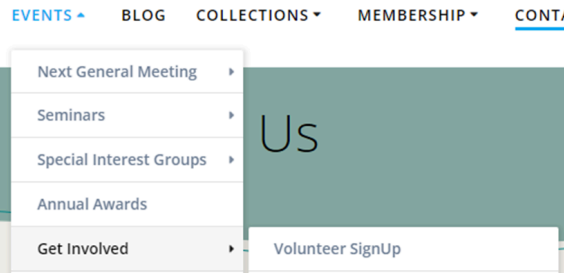
if interested

Registration is open



### Volunteer Opportunities

- Attendees
- Non-Attendees
  - Tech Team
  - [president@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:president@dallasgenealogy.org)



## You Have Your Ancestry.com Results Now What?

- DGS workshop on Saturday, June 8th at 10:00
- Dallas Public Library – 7th Floor O’Hara Room
- In Person & Zoom
- Registration Cost: \$15
- Lunch: \$15
- Participants will receive a \$10 discount for the Fall Seminar with Blaine Bettinger.
- Introduction to Genetic Genealogy Basics
- Overview of Ancestry.com DNA Tools & Resources
- Breakout Groups
- Other Testing Platforms
- Q & A
- We want you to have your own DNA results to work with!
- Recommendation: Submit your test no later than April 1
- See our website for ordering considerations & information

**Event Registration will be online soon...**



<https://dallasgenealogy.org/dna-testing-with-ancestry-com>

## DNA Testing With Ancestry.com

### Are You Sure You Want To Take a DNA Test?

DNA testing is a powerful tool that has the potential to reveal information about your family that cannot be obtained any other way. Usually that is a good thing. However DNA testing can also reveal hidden secrets.

It is not uncommon for DNA testing to reveal adaptations, out of wedlock births and other unanticipated or unexpected relationships. If you are not willing to face the possibility of such discoveries then taking a DNA test may not be the thing for you to do.


Suggested Reading: [The Lost Family: How DNA Testing is Upending Who We Are](#) by Libby Copeland.

### Ordering Your Kit from Ancestry.com

The cost of a DNA kit varies. A basic AncestryDNA kit can be purchased for \$100 (see [Ancestry DNA Kit website](#)). However, Ancestry routinely offers discounts (especially around holidays), so look for special offers.

2024 SEMINAR SERIES



*Explore your family history with us!*



**The Legacy of Forced Removal:  
Finding Formerly Enslaved & Indigenous Kin**

with  
**NICKA SEWELL-SMITH**

- ★ From Tulsa to Beyond: African American Genealogy in Oklahoma
- ★ Finding Isaac Rogers
- ★ Giving Them Their Glory: First Kansas/US Colored Troops
- ★ Lost to Time, Unearthed by Access


 **JULY 27** 

In-Person • Live-Streamed • Recorded

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2024 SEMINAR SERIES



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**Autosomal Analysis:  
Tools for Finding Your Ancestors**

with  
**BLAINE BETTINGER**

- ★ Shared Matches & Genetic Networks
- ★ Genetic Genealogy Year in Review
- ★ Using DNA Painter to Map Your DNA
- ★ The Helen Marley Story: A Case Study

 **SEPTEMBER 28** 

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### Special Interest Groups



AFRICAN AMERICAN



BEST PRACTICES



DNA INTEREST



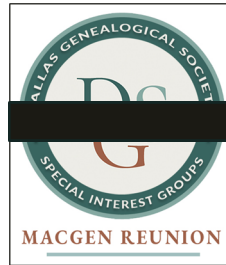
GERMAN GENEALOGY



JEWISH GENEALOGY

### MacGen Group

No interest has been expressed in continuing this group...



MACGEN REUNION



AFRICAN AMERICAN

- Meets at 2:00 pm on the 2nd Saturday of each Month (Sept-May)
- West Room
- Hybrid
- Brenda Cannon
- Next Meeting: February 17th



BEST PRACTICES

- Meets at 10:30 am on the 4th Saturday of each Month
  - McDermott Room (8th Floor)
  - Hybrid
  - Liz Kutz
  - Next Meeting: February 24th
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- February: How to develop a research plan.
  - March: Location, Location, Location.
  - April: Develop a research plan for your road trip/vacation.
  - May: Planning a research trip to Salt Lake City.



DNA INTEREST

- Meets at 6:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday.
- September - May
- Odd Months
- Virtual Only
- Mic Barnett & Jean Larson
- Next Meeting: March 21.





**GERMAN GENEALOGY**

- Meets at 10:30 am on the 2nd Saturday
- January, March, May, September & November
- Hybrid – 6th Floor Classroom
- Ann Broihier & Bernard Meisner
- Next Meeting: March 9th

We have excellent recordings from many of their previous meetings.



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Videos

**Kent Cutkomp**  
[German Pronunciation for Genealogists](#)  
 Handout: [German Pronunciation](#)  
 Recorded 13 January 2024 - YouTube: 1:02:26  
 The objective of this presentation is to teach you to improve your pronunciation by comparing German sounds to English sounds. This will be standard German pronunciation unless otherwise mentioned. Different regions will pronounce words slightly differently.  
 Note: **This recording will not be available after 13 March 2024.**

**Bernard Meisner**  
[Hansen's Map Guides to Parish Registers](#)  
 Handouts:  
 • [Complete List of Hansen's Map Guides](#)  
 • [Using Hansen's Map Guides To Locate Your Ancestor's Parish Records](#)  
 Recorded 11 November 2023 - YouTube: 53:32  
 Hansen's Map Guides to Parish Registers simplify the process of locating the parish registers containing the records of your ancestors. The Guides contain detailed information about Catholic and Lutheran jurisdictions for



**JEWISH GENEALOGY**

- Meets at 10:30 am on the 3rd Wednesday
- In Person or Virtual – 8th Floor McDermott
- Liz Kutz
- Next Meeting: February 21



- February: DPL Resource for Finding Your Jewish Roots
- March: No Meeting
- April: The Challenges of Jewish DNA Testing with Kitty Monson Cooper

### Next General Meeting

- Saturday March 2nd beginning at 11:00 am CDT
- 7th Floor O'Hara Room



**Let Your Fingers Do the Walking:  
Exploring City Directories, Telephone  
Books, and Criss-Cross Directories.**

**Ari Wilkins**

### Thank You

Tech Team

- Kim Edge & Melisa Fleming

Hospitality

Betty Case

Dallas Public Library

- Fabulous Faculties, A/V Equipment
- Technical Support
- Matt Stubanas & Jordan Bock

General Meeting Ended 11:21 am



**Speaker**  
**LaDonna Garner**

Historic Consultant

Surfing for African-American Records

