



Dallas Genealogical Society

General Meeting Minutes

7 September 2024

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 3/2/2024.

Quorum: We had 56 people at the General Meeting, 23 in person and 33 on Zoom. The quorum is 21 members.

Officers for 2024 - 2025

President	Tony Hanson
Vice President	Sharon Bowles
Secretary	Terry Turner

Officers/Directors for 2024-2025

Director of Finance	Susan Rainwater
Immediate Past President	Todd DeDecker
Director of Information	Melissa Flemming
Director of Membership	Kim Edge
Director of Volunteer Coordination	Patricia Hernandez
Seminar Administrator	Barbara Coakley
Website Administrator	Todd DeDecker
Newsletter Administrator	Michelle Dwyer Cohen
General Meeting Administrator	Sue Gover-Lee
Carol Roark,	Director At Large
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Welcome Sue Gover-Lee!

Our new General Meeting Administrator/Treasurer for the Colin County Genealogical Society, She retired from a career with AT&T and Verizon.

Welcome Carol Roark!

Our new Director-at-Large Librarian, an archivist, was the recipient of the DGS Heritage Preservation award in 2011. She retired from the Dallas Public Library in 2011 and has been active in many area organizations.

Thank You Gus Hinojosa! Outgoing Director at Large



Previous Meeting Minutes

These minutes are on the dallasgenealogy.org website under events, next meeting, and meeting minutes. The YouTube video for the meeting can also be found.



DGS Financial Summary August 2024

INCOME/EXPENSES	
Total Deposits / Income	\$5301.08
Total Payments / Expenses	-\$1491.17

CASH IN ACCOUNTS	
Checking	\$22,753.63
Savings	\$54,721.75
Investment Accounts	\$100,000.00

June 8 DNA Workshop

- 78 registered
- We received good feedback from participants.





Summer Seminar: Nika Sewell-Smith

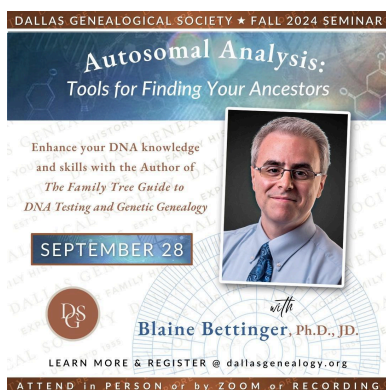


Attendee's feedback

"I was not all that excited about the seminar... I wasn't sure it would be that relevant. "

"When I sat down and listened to her sessions, I was blown away at her knowledge and enthusiasm about the subject. She is a firecracker that I can imagine being pretty intimidating in person. I listened to every session and learned a lot even though it may only aid my research tangentially. I am so glad I got to view her presentation and would gladly do so again in the future."

Fall Seminar: Coming September 28



Focusing on Autosomal DNA Analysis

Blaine helped develop many of the tools available on DNA Painter.

Early Registration ends Sunday!

June 8 Workshop Participants – don't forget your \$10 discount code!



New Releases from Ancestry.com: DNA Shared Matches Pro, and DNA Painter were reviewed.

Our 2025-2026 presenters will be here in person and streamed via Zoom..., and recordings will be available.

Speakers for next year!

<p>2025 SEMINAR SERIES</p> <p><i>Explore your family history with us!</i></p>  <p>Honoring Your Shamrocks: <i>Irish and Scots-Irish Research</i> <i>presented by the</i> Ulster Historical Foundation <i>and on March 16th</i> Individual, One-on-One Research Consultations <i>with</i> Fintan Mullan & Gillian Hunt</p> <p>MARCH 15 & 16 In-Person • Live-Streamed • Recorded</p> <p>DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY</p>	<p>2025 SEMINAR SERIES</p> <p><i>Explore your family history with us!</i></p>  <p>Somos Familia: <i>Tracing Your Mexican Ancestors on Both Sides of the Border</i> <i>with</i> Colleen Robledo-Greene, MLIS, FT&SGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Foundational Concepts & Reference Tools for Mexican Genealogy ★ Working with Mexican Catholic Parish Registers ★ Working with Mexican Civil Registrations ★ Essential U.S. Registration Records for Researching Your Mexican Ancestors <p>JULY 26 In-Person • Live-Streamed • Recorded</p> <p>DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY</p>	<p>2025 SEMINAR SERIES</p> <p><i>Explore your family history with us!</i></p>  <p>Details of Her Life: <i>Discovering More About our Women Ancestors</i> <i>with</i> Gena Philibert-Ortega</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ 10 Reasons You Can't Find Your Female Ancestors ★ Researching Women's Lives Before 1850: Records & Resources ★ Your Female Ancestor's Lives in 20 Objects ★ Food History & Family History: Learning More from Texas Community Cookbooks <p>OCTOBER 25 In-Person • Live-Streamed • Recorded</p> <p>DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY</p>
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Cemetery Indexing Project

Project to add links to FindAGrave.com and BillionGraves.com to the 41,742 records in our Cemetery Database.
One thousand one hundred twenty records (2.68%) have been completed!



Top 5 Indexers

Megan Dobbins	359
Tony Hanson	307
Gayla Bush	295
Suzan Younger	131
Barbara Ware	24

Proposed Bylaw Changes

The board of directors recommends making several changes to our current bylaws:

Elimination of term limits for the President.

Elimination of the requirement of prior board service for the President.

Clarification of circumstances for the end of a term in office.

Section 5.3 – Qualifications for Serving as an Office of the Society.

Current:

Each Officer must be a member of the Society in good standing. An Officer shall hold only one elected position at a time. The President is term-limited to two full one-year terms. A partial term served because of a vacancy does not count as a one-year term. The Secretary and Vice President are not term-limited.

The President shall have served as an Officer or Director of the Society for at least one term.

Section 5.3 – Qualifications for Serving as an Office of the Society.

Proposed:

Each Officer must be a member of the Society in good standing. Prior service as an Officer or Director of the Society is desirable (but not



required) for the office of President.

An Officer shall hold only one elected position at a time.

Article 7 – The Executive Committee:

Current:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Director of Finance, Secretary, Immediate Past President, and Director of Information Technology.

The Executive Committee shall appoint, subject to the approval of the membership, the directors enumerated in Article 8, Section 8.1.

The Executive Committee may perform the duties of the Board of Directors concerning emergency matters between Board meetings. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to approve line item expenditures before the Society budget is approved by the membership.

Article 7 – The Executive Committee:

Proposed:

No change to the above, but add the following:

Each member of the Executive Committee will remain in office until:

The installation of a duly elected or appointed replacement assumes responsibilities for their position or Resignation or Removal from office as outlined in section 9.6, or Completing all steps required for the dissolution of the Society as outlined in Article 17.

2024 – 2025 Budget:



Income		
4110	Contributions, Gifts and Grants	\$1,000.00
4130	Corporate Reward Card Programs	\$75.00
4140	Indirect Contributions	\$5,000.00
4210	Genealogical Education	\$21,000.00
4250	Hospitality Donations	\$250.00
4300	Membership Dues	\$10,700.00
4411	Interest/Savings Account	\$20.00
4412	Investment Account Dividends	\$3,000.00
		\$41,045.00

\$1,400.00

\$39,825.00

2023-2024



Expenses		
6110	Speaker Fees (General Meeting)	\$2,500.00
6110	Speaker Fees (Seminar)	\$4,600.00
6120	Reimbursed Travel/Meals	\$5,200.00
6130	Catering	\$2,250.00
6140	Printing (seminar, general meeting, event)	\$2,000.00
6160	Online Advertising & Promotions	\$400.00
6180	Supplies / Other	\$150.00
6190	Hospitality Expenses	\$300.00
6210	Donations to the Dallas Public Library	\$10,725.00
6200	Gifts in Kind (book donations to DPL)	\$2,000.00
7100	Credit Card Processing Fees	\$1,200.00
7300	Information Technology	\$5,923.00
7400	Insurance - Liability, D and O	\$1,400.00
7500	Memberships and Dues	\$130.00
7600	Postage, Box Rental, Permits	\$1,090.00
7650	Printing and Copying	\$250.00
7700	Supplies and Other	\$250.00
7898	Advertising & Publicity	\$1,000.00
7800	Telephone	\$150.00
		\$41,518.00

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\$2,000.00 \$12,725

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Vote to Approve the Budget



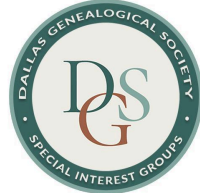
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All Meetings

General Meetings

Special Interest Groups

Seminars

Other Organizations

Share Your Events

Join us for our

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Saturday, February 3, 20

(Hara Hall) and Zoom

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an American Records"

MORE INFO

MEETING MINUTES

HANDOUT

September SIG Meetings

German Genealogy Group, Sept. 14th at 10:30 am. 6th Floor – Classroom C + Zoom
Speaker: Günter Ofner – President of Familia Austria. Topic: The History of the Habsburg Empire.

DNA Group

Sept. 19th at 6:00 pm, 6th Floor – Classroom D + Zoom.
Speaker: Arthur Sissman's Topic: Ancestry DNA ThruLines.

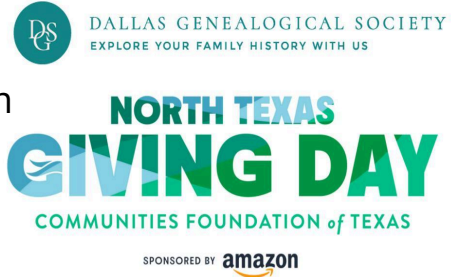
African American Group

Sept. 21st at 2:00 pm. 6th Floor – Classroom B + Zoom.



Goal: \$6,600

NewspaperArchive.com & HistoryGEO.com
www.northtexasgivingday.org



8TH Floor After The Meeting

Join us and try them yourself!

1:30 – Zoom demonstration of HistoryGEO by Greg Boyd
(On this same Zoom bridge)

Upcoming General Meetings

October 5: Kim Richardson (In-Person)
Turn Your Brick Wall into a Yellow Brick Road



This presentation will discuss the most common oversights in genealogy research and how to avoid being stuck behind a brick wall, giving you a yellow brick road to follow instead.

Upcoming General Meetings

November 2: Janice Lovelace
Lunacy and Asylums: Mental Health in the 19th Century

December 7: John Slate
Dallas City Archivist

Thank You!!!!

Tech Team

Melissa Fleming, Kim Edge, Paul Feather & Todd DeDecker

Hospitality

Betty Case, Sharon Bowles & Kim Edge



Dallas Public Library
Fabulous Facilities, A/V Equipment
Technical Support
Jordan Bock

Today

Chris Bryant:



Back to the Basics - A Deeper Look at Genealogical Resources

<https://cdbryantgenealogy.com/>