



**Dallas Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes
5 October 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 10/5/2024.

Quorum: We had 13 people at the General Meeting, 45 in person and 45 on Zoom, for a total of 58 attendees. The quorum is 21 members.

Welcome Courtney Barnes, our new Director of Marketing.

2024 – 2025 DGS Leadership Team

Tony Hanson	President
Sharon Bowles,	Vice President
Terry Turner	Secretary
Susan Rainwater,	Director of Finance
Todd DeDecker,	Immediate Past President
Melissa Flemming,	Director of Information Technology
Executive Committee	

Kim Edge, Director of Membership	
Courtney Barnes,	Director of Marketing
Patricia Hernandez	Volunteer Coordinator
Carol Roark,	Director at Large
Barbara Coakley	Seminar Administrator
Todd DeDecker	Webmaster
Sue Gover-Lee,	General Meeting Administrator
Michelle Dwyer Cohen	Newsletter Administrator
Directors and Administrators (Voting)	

Stephanie Bennett	Library Liaison
Linda Harrison,	NGS Delegate
Cheryl Freeman	TxSGS Delegate
Other Appointed Administrators (Non-Voting)	



**Quorum Check.
Quorum Reached.**

Motion to Approve Officers (Leadership Team). The motion was made second from the floor, and the vote was unanimous.

2023 – 2024 Annual Report

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2024 - 2025 Leadership Team
Executive Committee
President

Society Leaders

for the 2025-2026 Leadership Team

DATE	NAME	FISCAL YEAR	ANNUAL REPORT
9/2024-9/2025	Tony Hanson	Oct - Sept	
9/2023-9/2024	Tony Hanson	Oct - Sept	2023 - 2024 Report
9/2022-9/2023	Jim Thornhill	Oct - Sept	2022 - 2023 Report



**Annual Report
September 2023 – August 2024**

Overview

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.

Previous Meeting Minutes: <https://dallasgenealogy.org/general-meeting/meeting-minutes/>



DGS Financial Summary

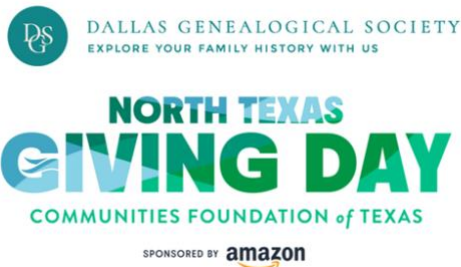
September 2024

INCOME/EXPENSES	
Total Deposits / Income	\$7009.62
Total Payments / Expenses	-\$3685.37
CASH IN ACCOUNTS	
Checking	\$28,456.84
Savings	\$54,722.67
Investment Accounts	\$100,000.00

From our treasurer, Susan Rainwater

Total Cash (This Month): \$183179.50 (Increase of \$5,704.11)

Total Cash (Last Month): \$177,475.40



Goal: \$6500 to continue providing access to NewspaperArchive.com & HistoryGEO.com

Raised \$3,736.09 (53%)

35 Donations

33 Unique Donors

Cemetery Indexing Project

Project to add links to FindAGrave.com and BillionGraves.com to the 41,742 records in our Cemetery Database.

One thousand three hundred fifty-five records (3.25%) have been completed!



Top Indexers (Past 30 Days)

Megan Dobbins	150
Donald Hinson	48
Gayla Bush	20
Melissa Flemming	10
Suzan Younger	10
Audrey Lindsey	7

<https://dallasgenealogy.org/2024-cemetery-indexing-project/>

Volunteers are needed to help with this project! We have created a [custom interface](#) to use to find and add the desired links to our database. The videos below provide information about the project, the custom interface, and the requirements for accessing it.

- [Introduction & Overview](#) - YouTube (3:51)
- [Requirements and Registration](#) - YouTube (2:10)
- [Accessing and Using the Indexing Program](#) - YouTube (15:36)
- [Oakland Cemetery Records](#) - YouTube (4:48)
- [Administration](#) - YouTube (6:43)

📁 Frequently Asked Questions/Tips & Tricks

Downloads

- [FAQ/Tips & Tricks](#)
- [Accessing and Using the Indexing Program](#)

Proposed Bylaw Changes

The following proposals were formally approved at the October 2 meeting of the Board of Directors:

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.

Elimination of the Director of Publication Content position.

The board voted on and accepted these changes at the October 2, 2024 Board meeting.

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

Current:



Each Officer must be a member in good standing of the Society. 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.

Proposed:

Each Officer must be a member in good standing of the Society. 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.

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 The completion of all steps required for the dissolution of the Society as outlined in Article 17.

Section 8.1.5 – Director of Publication Content,

Current:

The Director for Publication Content shall be responsible for soliciting content for the Society’s publications, ensuring consistency in information published in the newsletter on the website, on all social media platforms, and any other publications created by the Society.

The following positions coordinate with the Director of Publication content:

Newsletter Administrator
Editors of other publications, not specified.

Proposed:

This position was eliminated in 2024

Vote For Approval

It will take place during the November 2, 2024 General Meeting.

Comments/Questions?

Send email to info@dallasgenealogy.org
Contact any member of the Board of Directors.



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BEST PRACTICES



DNA INTEREST



GERMAN GENEALOGY



JEWISH GENEALOGY



October SIG Meetings

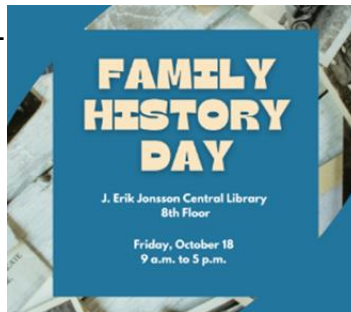
Jewish Interest Group
17th at 10:30 am
8th Floor – McDermott Room

African American Group
19th at 2:00 pm
8th Floor – McDermott Room

Best Practices
26th at 1:00 pm
6th Floor – Classroom D + Zoom

Family History Day at the DPL

Friday, October 18th
9:00 am – 5:00 pm



7 Presentations at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
See the DPL website for registration information.
DGS members will staff a Genealogy Information Table at the event.
Volunteers Welcome!
Contact Tony Hanson (president@dallasgenealogy.org)

44th Annual Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference

Friday-Saturday October 4-5

- DGS is exhibiting at the event.
- Sharon Bowles & Kim Edge are there now.
- Is anyone interested in staffing a table at a future event? Contact Tony Hanson (president@dallasgenealogy.org)






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EXPLORE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY WITH US

2025 SEMINAR SERIES

Explore your family history with us!



Honoring Your Shamrocks:
Irish and Scots-Irish Research
presented by the
Ulster Historical Foundation
and on March 16th
Individual, One-on-One Research Consultations
with Fintan Mullan & Gillian Hunt

MARCH 15 & 16
In-Person • Live-Streamed • Recorded


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Saturday, March 15
Presentations

Sunday, March 16
Consultations (for a fee)

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Somos Familia:
Tracing Your Mexican Ancestors
on Both Sides of the Border
with
Colleen Robledo-Greene, M.L.S., F.T.S.G.S.

- ★ 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


JULY 26
In-Person • Live-Streamed • Recorded

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2025 SEMINAR SERIES

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Details of Her Life:
Discovering More About
our Women Ancestors
with
Gena Philibert-Ortega

- ★ 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

OCTOBER 25
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DGS General Minutes

10/05/2024



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 Faculties, A/V Equipment
Technical Support
Jordan Bock

Turn Your Brick Wall into a Yellow Brick Road





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Kim Richardson