



Dallas Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes 2 November 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 11/2/2024.

Quorum: We had 14 people at the General Meeting, and 40 on Zoom, for a total of 55 attendees. The quorum is 21 members.

Previous Meeting Minutes

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Next General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

2024

October

- [General Meeting](#) (YouTube - 15:09)
- [Meeting Minutes](#) (PDF)
- [Kim Richardson: Turn Your Brick Wall into a Yellow Brick Road](#) (YouTube - 1:04:44)
- Handout: [Turn Your Brick Wall into a Yellow Brick Road](#)



DGS Financial Summary

INCOME/EXPENSES	
Total Deposits / Income	\$1,995.61
Total Payments / Expenses	-\$1,099.12

CASH IN ACCOUNTS	
	\$27,186.22
Savings	\$54,722.67
Investment Accounts	\$100,000.00



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BILL TO
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INSTRUCTIONS
Please remit payment within 30 days.
Make check payable to UNT Libraries Digital Libraries Division.
UNT Departments may remit by issuing an IDT. Please contact us for details.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
3754	Digitization of Dallas Genealogical Society Newsletters	.45	1,689.3
321	Metadata creation of Dallas Genealogical Society Newsletters	3.00	963.00
	2018 Rescuing Texas History Credit	1000.00	-1,000.00
TOTAL DUE BY 11.30.2024			\$ 1,652.30

Thank you for partnering with The Portal to Texas History!

Our Expense Budget Has Increased

6310	Digitization Grants	\$1,652.30
6320	Grant/Portal to Texas History	\$200.00
7300	Information Technology	\$6,463.70
	+\$2,393	\$43,911.00
		\$ 41,418.00

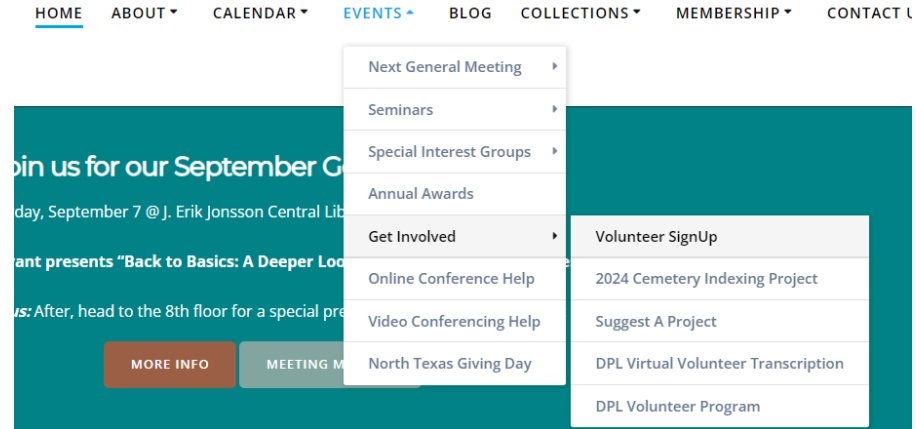


Cemetery Indexing Project

- Project to add links to FindAGrave.com and BillionGraves.com to the 41,742 records in our Cemetery Database.
- 2,982 records (7.14%) have been completed!

- Top 5 Indexers (Past 30 Days)

1105 Heather Hall
444 Megan Dobbins
45 Pat Hernandez
25 Suzan Younger
23 Donald Hinson



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](#)



44th Annual Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference

Friday-Saturday October 4-5



Thank you Kim Edge & Sharon Bowles!

Family History Day at the DPL

Friday October 18th



Thank you (Again!) Kim Edge & Sharon Bowles!



Proposed Bylaw Changes

If approved, these changes will go into effect immediately.

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 Addition

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

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

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.



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.

Motion to Approve

The motion to approve changes the by-laws as recommended, was made by Jean Larson and seconded by Sue Golverd.

DGS & The Portal to Texas History

“Carolyn Davis moved, seconded by Sandra Crowley, that DGS submit copies of the 1995-2010 issues of the Dallas Journal to the University of North Texas to be digitized and placed onto the Portal to Texas History. DGS will pay digitization costs of up to \$1700.00.”

DGS Board Motion

April 2, 2011



2013: Probate Records
\$1,000 Rescuing Texas History grant
from the UNT Libraries
DGS paid \$900 to duplicate the microfilms.

Dallas County, Texas
Probate Cases
1846 – Early 1900's

[Case Number 1753-2](#)

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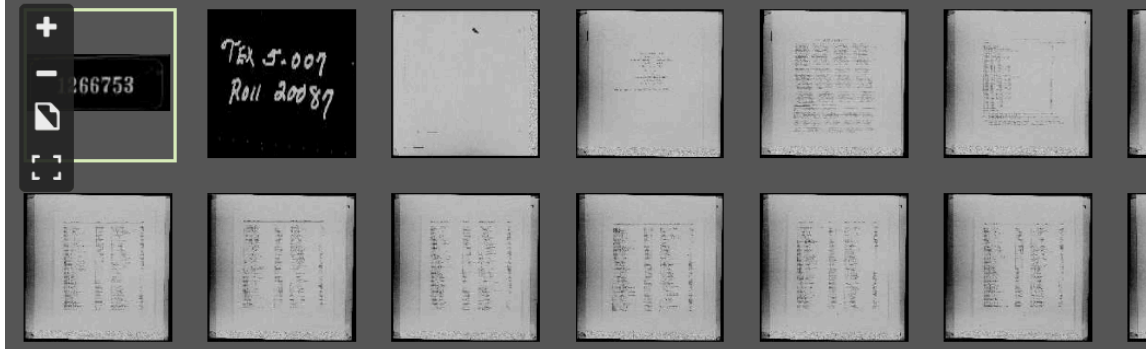


Family Tree Search Memories Get Involved Activities

Records Images Family Tree Genealogies Catalog Books Wiki

Film # 005781997

Image 1 of 2658





Dallas County Probate Case 6: Akard, W.C. (Deceased)

Named Persons

People who are significant in some way to the content of this legal document.
Additional names may appear in [Subjects](#) below.

- Akard, W. C.
- Akard, Sarah C.

Description

Dallas County probate record regarding the case of Akard, W.C. (died August 1869) and Sarah C. Akard "G" (Executor or Guardian)

The Dallas Journal



015: 2011 & 2012 Journals

\$1,000 Rescuing Texas
History grant from the UNT
Libraries

October 2011

Dallas, Texas



2016: Pegasus

- \$1,000 Rescuing Texas History grant from the UNT Libraries

December 23, 2016


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Thank you for your gift to the University of North Texas!

The beginning of the academic year signifies new inspirations and eagerness for our students and faculty. It's an exciting time at UNT – a time when knowledge is expanding, ideas are becoming discoveries, and possibilities are limitless. Through your contribution, you are advancing opportunities at UNT and changing lives in the process.

We appreciate your support of UNT! Your gifts play an integral role in shaping the next generation of leaders and innovators. Go Mean Green!

Sincerely,



David F. Wolf, Ph.D.
Vice President for Advancement

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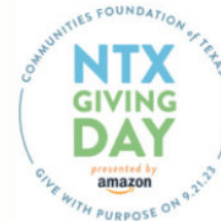
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The Cathy Nelson Hartman Portal to Texas History Endowment	\$5,239.73

	Total	\$5,239.73
	Fair Market Value of benefits you received	\$0.00
	Charitable	\$5,239.73

No goods or services were provided in exchange for this gift.

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2016: DGS Donated \$5,239.73 to the Cathy Nelson Hartman Portal to Texas History Endowment fund.



**GUIDE
to
The Dallas Quarterly**
Volumes I – XXXIX
1955 – 1994



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2017: Quarterlies

\$3,720.48 raised through the North Texas Giving Day

\$1,000 Rescuing Texas History grant from the UNT Libraries

Donated an additional \$250 to the Endowment Fund.



2018: Newsletters

\$1,830.04 raised through the North Texas Giving Day

\$1,000 Rescuing Texas History grant from the UNT Libraries



2018 Newsletter Digitization Audit

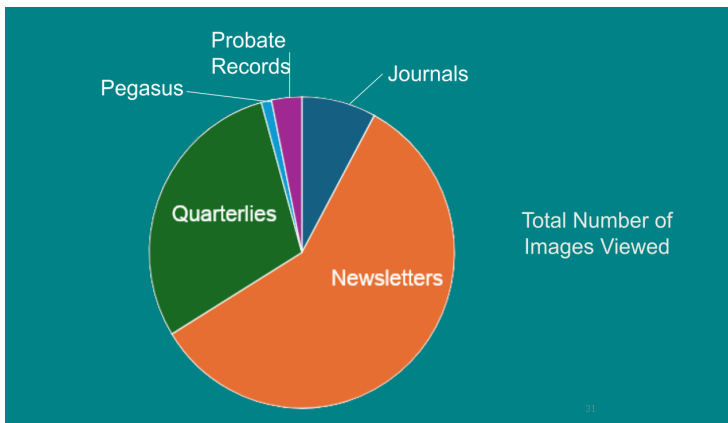
\$2,830.04 Funds Raised
- \$2,652.20 Cost of digitization
\$ 177.74 Remaining Funds
\$ 200.00

We committed to donate excess funds to the
Cathy Nelson Portal to Texas History Endowment fund.

Dreanna Belden
Assistant Dean for External Relations
University of North Texas Libraries
Digital Libraries

DGS Is In The Top 5%!

#24 in images viewed (1,114,710)
Just behind the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza (1,276,944) – They
average 1100 visitors each day....
Ahead of: Texas General Land Office (1,059,307)
Hopkins County Genealogical Society (766,687)
Dallas Public Library (656,619)
Collin County Genealogical Society (498,510)





Most Viewed DGS Publications

Usage	Title
9442	The Dallas Journal, Volume 48, 2002
7040	The Dallas Journal, Volume 53, 2007
6987	The Dallas Journal, Volume 50, 2004
6785	The Dallas Journal, Volume 49, 2003
6767	The Dallas Journal, Volume 55, 2009
6682	The Dallas Journal, Volume 46, 2000
6598	<i>DGS Newsletter, Volume 22, Number 3, March 1998</i>
6178	The Dallas Journal, Volume 56, 2010
5944	The Dallas Journal, Volume 44, 1998
5936	The Dallas Journal, Volume 44, 1999
5504	The Dallas Journal, Volume 47, 2001
5325	The Dallas Journal, Volume 51, 2006
4948	The Dallas Journal, Volume 51, 2005



DGS

NEWSLETTER

March 1998
Volume 22, Number 3 (Issue 187)

"Let's Get to Know Them - Our Ancestors from Overseas"

The second lecture in the 1998 series will feature John Philip Colletta from Washington, D.C. With a family ancestry of Sicilian, Bavarian, Alsatian, and Swiss, his interest in European genealogy began early during his days as a graduate student in Paris. He ventured into the primary sources of Italy, Germany, and France. Since completing his Doctorate in French Literature, he has combined his interest in genealogy with his expertise in history and writing.

Since 1985, he has conducted workshops for the National Archives, Smithsonian, and local and national genealogical societies. Dr. Colletta is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University and of the Institute of Genealogical Studies here in Dallas.

His publications include *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record*, *Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans*, and numerous articles in popular and scholarly magazines. He contributed the chart "How to Find Your Immigrant Ancestor's Ship" in the permanent exhibit on Ellis Island. Four episodes of "Ancestors," the

1997 PBS series, featured Dr. Colletta.

Passenger Arrival Records

This lecture discusses the U.S. passenger arrival records of 1820 through 1957 that are available at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., the Regional Archives, and through the many thousands of Family History Centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It explains what facts family researchers need to know to begin their search for an immigrant ancestor's ship, as well as how to conduct the search. Specific examples illustrate how to utilize National Archives indexes, published indexes, and other pertinent research tools. Also addressed is how to find arrival information for the colonial ancestors who came before 1820.

Naturalization Records

This lecture explains the U.S. naturalization process and describes the records that resulted from it, 1790 through the 1920's. It addresses the naturalization of both alien "classes" and individuals, and it provides guidance on how to find an ancestor's records, whether the naturalization

occurred in a municipal, state, or federal court. Pertinent research tools such as manuals, indexes, and catalogs are covered. Citizenship in colonial America is also briefly described.

Research in European Records

This lecture discusses how Americans can prepare here in the United States for successful genealogical research in European records. This research can be conducted in person, through correspondence, using microfilm, or via the Internet. Numerous examples address the facts that are needed to get started on European research, how to break through the language barriers, familiarize yourself with the records of the target country, and learn to read the old script. Stressed in this presentation is the importance of writing letters of introduction, knowing the historical and cultural context in which the old records were created, and planning the travel for foreign research. Many examples from France, Germany, and Italy are used, but the methodology and principles addressed apply to all European countries.

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At a Glance

3,561 Items	6 Types	8 Titles
7 collections	21 Decades	1 Language
12 Counties	4 States	1 Country
1,146,215 Usage	13 years, 1 month ago Partner Added	7 months ago Last Updated

DPL WiFi Hotspot

The Dallas Public Library will no longer provide WiFi hotspots for use by library patrons or organizations.

DGS is in the process of purchasing a 32 User Router and a Wireless data plan for use at DGS events and by the Genealogy & History staff on the 8th Floor.

November SIG Meetings

German Genealogy Group

14th at 10:30 am
6th Floor – Classroom C + Zoom

Speaker: Ann Broihier

Topic: Resources for information about our Baden-Württemberg ancestors.



African American Group

16th at 2:00 pm
Virtual (Zoom) Only

DNA Group

21st at 6:00 pm
6th Floor – Classroom D + Zoom

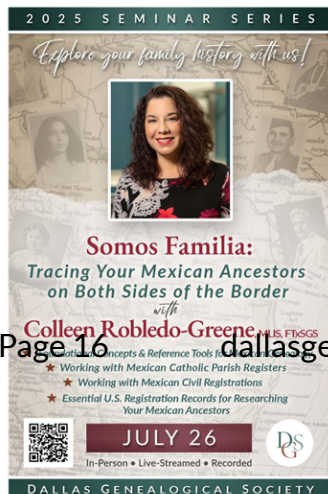
Best Practices

23rd at 1:00 pm
6th Floor – Classroom D + Zoom



Saturday, March 15
Presentations

Sunday, March 16
Consultations (for a fee)



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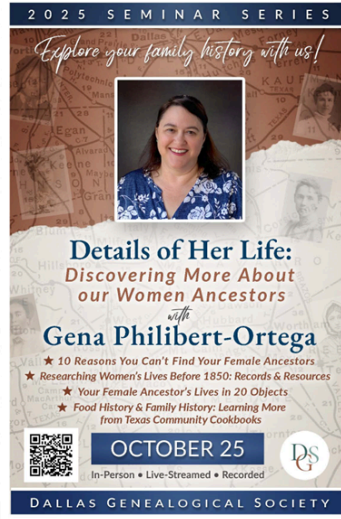
Colleen Greene

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So... because of my earlier post about genealogy conference and institute syllabi and accessibility shortcomings, I have to also point out that genealogy conferences and institutes do virtual events (and [Dallas Genealogical Society](#) with hybrid events) WAY better than academic and library professional events do.

11/02/2024



Artwork courtesy of Ken Johnston
<https://www.kenjohnston.com/>

Upcoming General Meetings

December 7: John Slate
Dallas City Archivist

Genealogy Resources at the Dallas Municipal Archives

Note that this meeting will be held at the Lakewood Branch of the Dallas Public Library (6121 Worth Street, Dallas TX).

Thank You!!!!

Tech Team
Melissa Fleming, Kim Edge, Paul Feather & Todd DeDecker

Hospitality
Betty Case

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



Speaker:
Janice Lovelace

Lunacy and Asylums: Mental
Health in the 19th Century

