




## Dallas Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes 7 December 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 12/7/2024.

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

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- [General Meeting](#) (YouTube - 16:29)
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### Financial Summary

Notes indicate that Sharon Rainwater is expected to update the financial information.

### Cemetery Indexing Project

Cemetery Database Linking 41,742 cemetery records to FindAGrave.com and BillionGraves.com. 2,982 records (7.14%) have been completed!

Sharon Boles provided directions to the Cemetery Indexing Project on the DGS website.



### **Top 5 Indexers (Past 30 Days):**

- Heather Hall: 1,105
- Megan Dobbins: 444
- Pat Hernandez: 45
- Suzan Younger: 25
- Donald Hinson: 23

Instructions for updating statistics are provided.

### **North Texas Giving Day Final Results**

#### **Funds Raised:**

- \$813.09 from matching fund donations.
- \$2,908.00 from North Texas Giving Day donations.
- **Total:** \$3,721.08.

**Use of Funds:** Applied towards \$6,545 for HistoryGEO.com and NewspaperArchive.com access for Dallas Public Library patrons.

### **Dallas Public Library (DPL) Wi-Fi Hotspot Changes**

DPL no longer provides Wi-Fi hotspots.

DGS has acquired a 32-user router, a wireless data plan for events, and the Genealogy & History staff on the 8th floor.

### **Participation in the North Texas Irish Festival 2025**

We plan to be an exhibitor at the 2025 North Texas Irish Festival at Fair Park (Friday, April 28 – Sunday, March 2).

If you like Irish Music, plan to attend the Festival and help staff our table!

### **Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings December 2024:**

**African American Group:** December 21, 2:00 PM (Virtual via Zoom).

**DNA Group:** December 21, 6:00 PM (6th Floor, Classroom D + Zoom).



**Best Practices:** December 28, 1:00 PM (6th Floor, Classroom D + Zoom).

**January 2025:**

**German Genealogy Group:** January 11, 10:30 AM (6th Floor, Classroom C + Zoom).

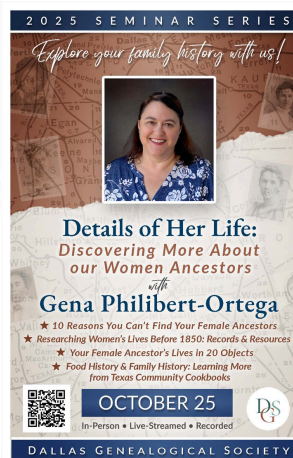
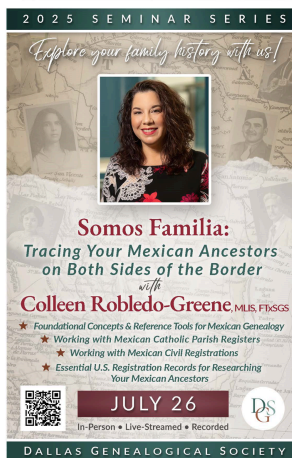
**March 2025 Presentations and Consultations**

Honoring Your Shamrocks: Irish and Scots-Irish Research

Presented by: Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt

Presentations on Saturday, March 15.

Consultations (fee-based) on Sunday, March 16.



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**Upcoming General Meetings**





- **January 4, 2025:**
  - **Speaker:** Sarah Cochran.
  - **Topic:** "Locating Records in Archives from Your Couch."
  - **Location:** 7th Floor O'Hara Room, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street.

### **Acknowledgments**

- **Tech Team:** Melissa Fleming, Kim Edge, Paul Feather & Todd DeDecker.
- **Hospitality:** Betty Case.
- **Support:** Dallas Public Library, Jordan Bock (A/V Technical Support).

### **General Meeting Guest Speaker**



John Slate, Dallas City Archivist.

**Topic:** Genealogy Resources at the Dallas Municipal Archives.