



## Dallas Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes 1 February 2025

The Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) held its General Meeting on February 1, 2025, to review organizational updates, upcoming events, and ongoing projects. The meeting covered financial updates, community engagement, preservation efforts, and upcoming special interest group (SIG) meetings.

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 02/1/2025.

**Quorum:** We had 22 people at the General Meeting and 94 on Zoom for 116 attendees. The quorum is 21 members.

### Previous Meeting Minutes

A summary of the previous meeting minutes was presented. The meeting included discussions on financial summaries, project updates, and plans for future events.

[Next General Meeting](#) [Meeting Minutes](#)

2025

February

- [General Meeting \(YouTube\)](#)
- [Meeting Minutes \(PDF\)](#)
- [Handout \(PDF\)](#)

January

- [General Meeting \(YouTube - 17:32\)](#)
- [Meeting Minutes \(PDF\)](#)

DGS Member [login](#) required to view Locating Records in Archives from Your Couch by Sarah Cochran



## Financial Summary

The financial summary for December 2024 was shared, outlining the organization's expenditures and revenues. The details reflected the society's financial health and sustainability.

INCOME/EXPENSES	
Total Deposits / Income	\$2777.95
Total Payments / Expenses	-\$2511.11

CASH IN ACCOUNTS	
Checking	\$26,289.26
Savings	\$54,725.40
Investment Accounts	\$100,000.00

## Technical Service Agreement

The Technical Service Agreement has been successfully renewed, ensuring the continuity of essential technical services for the organization.



**Maintenance Invoice**

DATE	INVOICE #
1/6/2025	II2025-3800

BILL TO
<i>Dallas Genealogical Society Tony Hanson 1515 Young Street, 8th Floor Dallas, TX 75202</i>

START DATE	P.O. NO.	TERMS	
<i>January 11, 2025</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Net 15</i>	
QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	RATE	AMOUNT
<i>1</i>	<i>CopiBook OS Technical Service Agreement - SN: 384901 Renewal Period: January 11, 2025 through January 10, 2026</i>	<i>4,610.00</i>	<i>4,610.00</i>

**Legacies Dallas History Conference**

DGS extended gratitude to volunteers who contributed to the success of the Legacies Dallas History Conference, held on January 25, 2025. Special thanks were given to Corlie Storey and Julie Leon.

**North Texas Irish Festival Participation**

DGS will be an exhibitor at the 2025 North Texas Irish Festival. Volunteers are encouraged to staff the booth, which will be operational from February 28 to March 2. Volunteers must cover admission and parking costs, with discounted multi-day passes available.





We will be an exhibitor at the 2025 North Texas Irish Festival. If you like Irish Music plan to come to the Festival and help staff our table! People to staff the booth required:

Friday February 28th, Saturday March 1st, Sunday March 2nd.

Friday, February 28th

- 4:30 – 8:00 (Booth Setup)
- 8:00 – 11:00

Saturday, March 1st

- 10:30 – 1:30
- 1:30 – 5:00
- 5:00 – 8:30

8:30 – 11:30

Sunday, March 2nd

11:30 – 3:30

3:30 – 7:00 (Booth Takedown)

### Cemetery Indexing Project

DGS is actively working on linking its cemetery database (41,742 records) to FindAGrave.com and BillionGraves.com. As of January 30, 2025, 7,755 records (18.54%) have been indexed. Appreciation was extended to all who have contributed.

#### Completed in the Past 30 Days

# of Records	Name
1037	Heather Hall
772	Suzan Younger
350	Megan Dobbins
105	Julie Leon
65	Donald Hinson
54	Amy Halbrook

#### Overall Status

# of Records	Name
2885	Heather Hall
1723	Megan Dobbins
1618	Suzan Younger
428	Amy Halbrook
317	Tony Hanson
305	Gayla Bush



## DGS Leadership Questionnaire

### Consider Giving The Gift Of Leadership

The Dallas Genealogical Society is seeking energized and motivated individuals interested in becoming part of our dynamic leadership team beginning in September 2025 for a one-year term.

Thank you for responding!

## Horton Family Cemetery Preservation Efforts

DGS was contacted in early January regarding potential encroachment on the Horton Family Cemetery. Thanks to Kim Edge, extensive historical research has been conducted. The society collaborates with Preservation Dallas, the Dallas Historical Commission, the City of Dallas Historic Preservation Office, and the North Texas Archaeological Society to ensure protection.



Further details are available at: [Dallas Genealogy - Horton Family Cemetery](#)

## Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings

### February Meetings:

- **African American Group:** February 15, 2:00 PM (6th Floor – Classroom C + Zoom)
- **Best Practices Group:** February 22, 10:30 AM (8th Floor - McDermott Room)

### March Meetings:

- **German Genealogy Group:** March 8, 10:30 AM (6th Floor – Classroom D + Zoom)



- **DNA Group:** March 20, 6:00 PM (6th Floor – Classroom D + Zoom).

## March 15-16 Event: Irish Research Presentations & Consultations

- **March 15:** Presentations, Early Bird Discounts end February 23
- **March 16:** Individual consultations available for a fee
- **Key Presentation:** *Discovering a Family Left Behind* by Kathleen R. Murray, PhD
- **Registration Note:** Credit card payments may incur a Foreign Transaction Fee

### Register Now

#### Special Bonus Attraction on Sunday March 16!

##### Irish and Scots-Irish Personal Research Consultations

UHF staff members Gillian Hunt and Fintan Mullan will be providing 20-minute private consultations in the McDermott Room at the Dallas Public Library on Sunday, March 16th from 9:00 am – 2:20 pm. The cost for each session is 39.99 pounds (about \$50 at current exchange rates).

[CONSULTATION REGISTER](#)

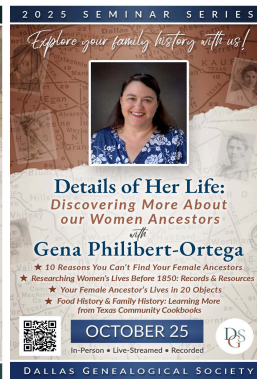
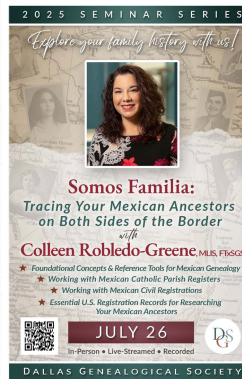
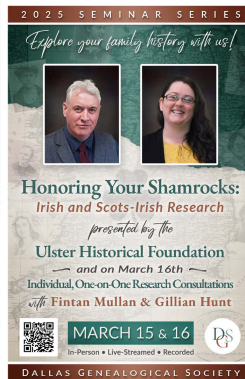
You will receive information about your scheduled time slot from the UHF in mid-late January.

Saturday, March 15

Presentations

Sunday, March 16

Consultations (for a fee)



## Acknowledgments & Thanks

- **Tech Team:** Melissa Fleming, Kim Edge, Paul Feather, Todd DeDecker
- **Hospitality:** Betty Case
- **Dallas Public Library:** For facilities, A/V equipment, and technical support (Jordan Bock)

## Upcoming



**March 1 General Meeting  
Irish Research  
Discovering a Family Left Behind**

**By Kathleen R Murray, PhD**

**Today's Presentation: Judy G. Russell – NARA Mythbusters**

Judy G. Russell will present *Your Family IS in the Archives*, with a recorded session available to DGS members for 30 days.

