



Dallas Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes 4 January 2025

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 01/4/2025.

Quorum: We had 18 people at the General Meeting and 83 on Zoom for 101 attendees. The quorum is 21 members.

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2024

December

- [General Meeting](#) (YouTube - 12:30)
- [Meeting Minutes](#) (PDF)
- **Genealogy Resources at the Dallas Municipal Archives** by John Slate
 - [Video](#) (YouTube - 49:22)
 - [Handout](#) (PDF)
 - ["The Dallas Municipal Archives"](#) - Article by Suzan Younger

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DGS Financial Summary



December 2024

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



○ **CD Investments**

	...29		...30		...31		...32		Total Interest		
	\$25,000		\$25,000		\$25,000		\$25,000				
12-2023	3.00%		3.00%		4.50%		3.00%				
03-2024	3M ->	\$ 185.17	4.50%	->	\$ 185.17	->	\$ 275.74	->	\$ 185.17	\$ 831.25	
06-2024		<-	6M ->	\$ 187.21	4.25%	->	\$ 278.79	->	\$ 187.21	\$ 653.21	
09-2024		<-		\$ 236.50	<-	9 M ->	\$ 278.78	3.25%	->	\$ 187.21	\$ 702.49
12-2024	3.50%	\$ 795.92	<- 9M	\$ 260.52	<-	\$ 200.24	<-	12 M ->	\$ 185.17	3.00%	\$ 1,441.85
03-2025	3M				9 M		<-		<-		
06-2025							<-		<-		
09-2025							12 M		<-		
12-2025									12 M		
		\$981.09		\$869.40		\$1,033.55		\$744.76		\$3,628.80	

- Thank you, Investment Committee Members: Michelle Cohen Dwyer, Larry Webb, Susan Rainwater.
- Budget Increase: \$975
 - Advertising & Publicity: Increased by \$730 (from \$1,000 to \$1,730).
 - Information & Technology (Neon fees): Increased by \$245 (from \$2,220 to \$2,465).
- \$4,142 allocated to provide access to NewspaperArchive.com for patrons of the Genealogy & History section through February 2026.



Legacies Dallas History Conference

- Sponsorship increased from \$250 to \$500.
 - Volunteers needed for January 25 (8:00 AM – 12:30 PM, 7th Floor, Dallas Public Library).
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North Texas Irish Festival



- DGS will be an exhibitor (February 28 – March 2).
 - Volunteers needed to staff the booth:
 - Friday: Setup (4:30–8:00 PM), Staffing (8:00–11:00 PM).
 - Saturday: Shifts at 10:30 AM–1:30 PM, 1:30–5:00 PM, 5:00–8:30 PM, and 8:30–11:30 PM.
 - Sunday: Shifts at 11:30 AM–3:30 PM and 3:30–7:00 PM (Takedown).
 - Venue: Fair Park, Automobile Building. Admission and parking costs:
 - Friday: \$13.50 (Senior) / \$18.50 (Adult).
 - Saturday/Sunday: \$23.50 (Senior) / \$28.50 (Adult) daily.
 - Multi-day passes are available. Consider using DART.
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Cemetery Indexing Project

Adding links to FindAGrave.com and BillionGraves.com for 41,742 records in the Cemetery Database. 5,595 records (13.38%) completed (as of January 3, 2025).

Top 5 Indexers (last 30 days):

1. Suzan Younger (495)
2. Heather Hall (286)
3. Amy Halbrook (136)
4. Donald Hinson (75)
5. Megan Dobbins (70)



Dallas Public Library WiFi Hotspot

- DPL stopped offering hotspots in late 2024.
- DGS purchased a 32-user router with a wireless data plan for:
 - Meetings, seminars, and events.
 - Use by Genealogy & History staff.
 - Public use on the 8th Floor (ask at the information desk).

January SIG Meetings

- **German Genealogy Group:** January 11, 10:30 AM (6th Floor, Classroom C + Zoom).
- **Jewish Interest Group:** January 16, 10:30 AM (8th Floor, McDermott Room).
- **DNA Group:** January 16, 6:00 PM (6th Floor, Classroom D + Zoom).
- **African American Group:** January 18, 2:00 PM (6th Floor, Classroom C + Zoom).
- **Best Practices:** January 25, 1:00 PM (8th Floor, McDermott Room).

Genealogy Essentials Sessions (January 2025)



Starts January 13, 2025
Learn more at www.txsgs.org



Barbara Coakley Laura Douglas Patti Gillespie Paula Perkins Emily Richardson Deta Rogilio Jim Thornhill

- **Introduction to Genealogy Basic Knowledge**
(Instructor: Jim Thornhill)
- **Using Census Records**
(Instructor: Barbara Coakley)
- **Record Types and Evaluation**
(Instructor: Patti Gillespie)
- **Research Strategies and Techniques**
(Instructor: Deta Rogilio)
- **Vital Records Research and Alternatives**
(Instructor: Paula Perkins)
- **Free Online Resources**
(Instructor: Laura Douglas)
- **Newspaper Research**
(Instructor: Barbara Coakley)
- **Organizing, Documenting, & Sharing Your Research**
(Instructor: Emily Richardson)

- 8 pre-recorded sessions and four live Zoom sessions.
- Cost: \$70 (TxSGS members) / \$80 (non-members).
- Registration at txsgs.org.



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EXPLORE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY WITH US

Saturday, March 15

Presentations

Sunday, March 16

Consultations (for a fee)



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Next General Meeting

Judy Russell, Legal Genealogist

February 1: **NARA Mythbusters: Your Family IS in the Archives** (Virtual Presentation).

- 7th Floor, O'Hara Room, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.



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- Hospitality: Betty Case.
- Dallas Public Library Faculty & A/V Support: Jordan Bock.

Presentation by Sarah Cochran:

Locating Records in Archives from Your Couch.

