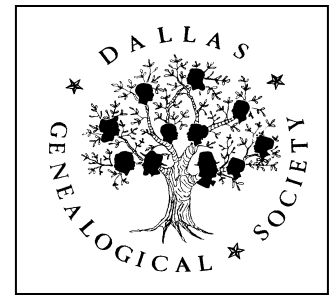




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Dallas Genealogical Society Annual Report

October 2013—September 2014

This annual report covers from October 2013 to September 2014. This Board assumed responsibility at the Board turnover meeting on September 7, 2013 and continued through September 6, 2014.

Activities

The overall mission of the Dallas Genealogical Society consists of three aims which guide all activities: education, support, and preservation. These are further described below with related accomplishments:

1. To educate, by creating, fostering, and maintaining interest in genealogy. In this regard DGS promoted the following activities in 2013-2014:

General Membership Meetings, free to the public, are held monthly except for the summer months, and include a brief business meeting followed by a local speaker presenting topics of interest to local genealogists. Topics for 2013-2014 were diverse:

<u>Monthly Meeting</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
October 2013	Meeting cancelled; Library repairs	n/a
November 2013	<i>The NAME is the Game</i>	Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck
January 2014	<i>Genealogical Writing: Fact/and/or/not Fiction</i>	Janet Khashab
February 2014	<i>DNA Testing for Genealogical Purposes</i>	Michael Bassett
March 2014	<i>Arthur Babb, A Man I Never Met</i>	Stephen Butler
April 2014	<i>NARA's Online Public Access (live demo)</i>	Meg Hacker
May 2014	<i>Westward Ho: Migration Routes of the U.S.</i>	Judy Allen Knight
September 2014	<i>Research in the Texas Land Records</i>	Don Raney

DGS continues to **publish in print and online on our website**. The quarterly *DGS Newsletter* features articles and news of interest to our members. News of current interest is distributed to our members by email with our periodic eBlasts.

Both a research and records issue of *Pegasus: Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society* were published this year. The Research Issue contains articles reflecting more scholarly articles covering North Central Texas; the Records Issue is published as transcriptions and extractions of records are available. Julie Tahill Carr was named Editor of *Pegasus* this year. Her responsibilities include reviewing and editing articles, working with the writers to make any



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necessary changes, and graphic design and layout of the publication. Feedback on the new publication has been positive. The editor's position is a paid position and appears as such in our budget. One of the goals for *Pegasus* is to enhance the quality of DGS Publications and thus increase the visibility and reach of our Society. *Pegasus* was submitted to the Texas State Genealogical Society for consideration for an award in the Society Publications category. Award winners will be announced in November.

The Society continued to *sponsor several Special Interest Groups* within the organization for those who want to meet regularly and work with other genealogists on specific topics. These meetings are free and open to the public. Our active SIGs for 2013-2014 included African-American, Brown Bag Advanced Genealogists, Technology, Jewish, and MacGen Reunion.

The *DGS website continues to expand its content* under the direction of the DGS Webmaster, Tony Hanson. This year Technology SIG programs are recorded and the videos available for viewing on DGS's YouTube account.

DGS maintains a Facebook page and has adopted pages on Dallas, Dallas County, Texas and on the Dallas Genealogical Society in the FamilySearch Wiki. *DGS also maintains a Twitter account and blog*. Additional social media venues are monitored as they become available and their viability as a communications medium for DGS are evaluated.

Other *DGS activities usually classified as "fundraising" are also basically educational*. In 2013-2014 these included the following:

- *DGS Spring Seminar, with Laura Prescott—March 22*
- *DGS Summer Symposium, with John Colletta—July 11-12*
- *DGS Fall Lecture, with Judy G. Russell—September 27*

Our **Spring Seminar** had to be relocated at the last minute due to a water main break at the Central Library. With the help of Gayla Bush, Manager of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, other DPL staff, and members of DGS and the DGS board, the event was relocated to the Lakewood Branch. The cooperation and quick work of everyone involved resulted in only a 15-minute delay in the start time of the seminar. This event made us realize the importance of implementing a backup plan for our activities and a committee was formed that included DPL and DGS representatives to research potential venues and other issues and recommend how to handle emergency

Society Officers—2014-2015

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in all men's lives
William Shakespeare

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events in the future.

One of the most important issues facing the DGS Board for the past several years, including in 2013-2014, has been the continuing reduced library staff, library hours and facilities caused by budget cuts by the Dallas City Council since 2009. While DGS activities have become more difficult to arrange, the library staff has assisted the Board in successfully meeting the challenge. In July 2014, the Library agreed to provide “extended hours” for research on Friday evening during the **Summer Symposium**. This event was open only to individuals registered for the two-day symposium. DPL staffed the event and DGS members volunteered to provide snacks and to be available to assist with research. Over 50% of registrants of the Summer Symposium stayed for the extended hours. We hope to repeat this in 2015.

DGS *sponsored a Writing Contest in 2014*. There was only a first place winner in 2014; this article was published in the most recent issue of *Pegasus*.

2. To assist and support the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas

Since 1955 DGS has supported the collection of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, which is known nationally. Often a portion of the profits from the Society’s annual fundraising events are set aside and used for collection building in the Genealogy Section. The amount set aside depends upon the net income which is usually determined at the end of the outgoing Board term and the amount is administered by the incoming Board.

An expenditure of \$25,000 was approved to purchase a new book scanner for the 8th floor genealogy collection of the library. The technical aspects of incorporating this product were presented to the City for their review and approval, which has been completed. Installation and training will take place in FY 2015.

DGS also encourages our members individually to donate money through us to the Genealogy Department either in honor of an ancestor or friend or as an annual donation

DGS 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget

INCOME

Contributions	200
Transfer (Subsidy) from Permanent Fund (<i>Pegasus</i>)	4,000
Transfer from Operating Fund (Prior years’ surplus)	6,405
Dues	12,600
Investment	600
Safeway	600
Fundraising Events	25,580
Hospitality	200
Other (Sales/Publications/Mdse)	1,200

Total Income 51,385

EXPENSES

Awards & Awards Luncheon	1,200
DGS Operations	4,430
Insurance (D&O)	1,100
Hospitality (non-revenue events)	200
Mailing	1,480
Publicity	1,000
Treasurer (credit card and bank)	2,500
Education	600
Publications	18,240
Membership Development	1,500
Preservation	1,200
Fundraising Events	17,935

Total Expense 51,385

when they renew their membership.

3. To collect, preserve, and index information related to Dallas County and its early history

Preservation projects included:

- *Pegasus* (Records Issue)
- Probate records scanned and published at the University of North Texas, Portal to Texas History. This project was coordinated by Tony Hanson who continues to identify other projects that might benefit from cooperation



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- A Preservation Committee was established to identify materials that are stored at the library that could/should be considered for digital preservation and potential partners to assist with the process.
- The Board approved digitization of DGS Presidents' records from previous years, approximately 1200 pages. Janet Khashab is handling this project.

In summary, judging by the range of our activities that are driven by our mission statement, the DGS Board of 2013-2014 has been successful in achieving its goals.

Finances

One of the first actions of Linda Lane as Treasurer was to move the DGS bank accounts from Legacy to Chase to provide more locations for better access and to streamline our services. It was decided that a minimum amount would remain in Legacy while automatic payments and transactions were being switched to new accounts. When this is completed, the Legacy account will be closed. This is expected to happen in early 2015.

Treasurer's Report dated September 6, 2014 shows that the financial status of the society remains strong: "As of September 1, 2014, the Society remains well funded with a balance of \$12,337.44 in its Legacy account; \$58,499.16 in its Chase checking account and \$100,032.68 in its

savings account. Total cash balances ended the period with \$170,869.28." This balance compares favorably with that of previous years. Income from membership dues and fundraising events remained flat in 2014. Sales of DGS items at events was steady compared with last year.

Income for the 2013-2014 period exceeded expenditures and in general DGS remained within its budget limits. In summary, the financial situation of DGS is very strong.

An expenditure of approximately \$25,000 was approved by the Board for the purchase of a book scanner for the Dallas Central Library, but this will not take place until 2015 based on the City's implementation schedule. These funds have been earmarked as such in the 2015 budget.

The Budget Committee presented a proposed budget for 2015 for approval by the general membership at the October 2014 meeting. A summary of the approved budget is on the previous page.

Administration

Like many volunteer organizations, the hunt for volunteers continues to be a challenge. Recruiting qualified and dedicated volunteers to take positions of responsibility on the Board takes time and diligence.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Board of 2013-2014 for their hard work and can-do attitude. It has been my honor to work with them this past year for the benefit of the Dallas Genealogical Society. We are looking forward to 2015.

Prepared by Sandra J. Crowley, President, DGS

Where Were They Born?

In August 2014, *The New York Times* published an interactive map of the United States showing where the residents of each state were born. It indicates the percentage of natives of each state, along with other states where people were born and the percentage of residents born outside of the U.S. Within a state, larger shapes mean a group makes up a larger share of the population. The map shows data from 1900, 1950, and 2012.

The state with the highest percentage of residents born in that state is Louisiana (79%); the state with the lowest percentage of residents born in it is Nevada (25%). Texas shows 61% of its residents were born in Texas.

Also included are a series of charts compiled from census microdata. For more information, check them out online.

United States Migration Map— <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/16/upshot/mapping-migration-in-the-united-states-since-1900.html?abt=0002&abg=0>

Charts— <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/08/13/upshot/where-people-in-each-state-were-born.html?rref=upshot&abt=0002&abg=0>



Source: nytimes.com, August 16, 2014

A Little-Known Government Genealogy Service

A little-known program of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provides genealogy information that may be difficult or impossible to obtain elsewhere. The records include naturalization files, visa applications, and citizenship tests, and may reveal family secrets and mysteries. In addition to relatives, historians or researchers can also request files.

Under the **USCIS Genealogy Program**, which started in 2008, requests are usually completed within 90 days. The government will run a search of the name, as long as the person is deceased. If there are records available, the government charges additional fees for the files. The fee for a record copy from microfilm identified as (M) is \$20 per request. The fee for a copy of a hard copy file identified as (HC) is \$35 per request. More information about the fees associated with each file series may be found at <http://www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy/genealogy/historical-records-series-available-genealogy-program>.

The documents typically include immigration information, often (but not always) including exact hometowns in their ancestors' native countries. The files often have information on brothers,



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sisters, aunts and uncles. Many times it is useful to obtain the records of your uncles, aunts, and cousins who also immigrated from “the old country.”

If the immigrant applied for American citizenship, the details are also included in these files. For anyone of Japanese, German, or Italian origin who lived in the United States during World War II, the documents often include FBI reports about the person's activities, including friends, family, and political activities.

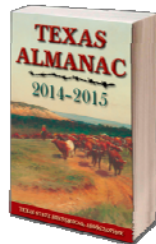
For more information about the program, check out <http://www.uscis.gov/genealogy>.

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The Texas State Historical Association is making a valuable reference book available free of charge to everyone. It is a useful guide for anyone researching Texas ancestry as well as for many other purposes. It has long been considered “the go-to guide for all things Texas.”

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Special Interest Groups *

Technology—1st Thursday of each month; 6:00 p.m.

Technology SIG investigates technologies relevant to the pursuit of genealogy with the goals of helping members to understand and incorporate current technology into their personal genealogy tool kit and to improve their ability to perform research and to share and/or publish the results of what they discover. Leader: Tony Hanson.

The group meets the 1st Thursday of each month (does not meet June, July or August) from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Hamon Room on the 5th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

Brown Bag—4th Saturday of each month; 10:30 a.m.

Brown Bag SIG is a group of advanced researchers trying to increase their skills in all areas, especially in the area of the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS). For several meetings this year, the group is discussing chapters from the book, *Becoming an Excellent Genealogist: Essays on Professional Research Skills* by Kory L. Meyerink, Tristan L. Tolman, and Linda K. Gulbrandsen. Leader: Liz Kutz.

The group meets at 10:30 a.m. on the 4th Saturday of each month in the McDermott Room on the 8th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

Jewish—3rd Wednesday of each month, except December; 10:00 a.m.

Jewish SIG is for anyone with actual (or suspected) Jewish ancestral lines. Learn the terminology of the Jewish faith and race, and the differing methods for researching these families. Emphasis is put on the cultural differences (from other races and creeds) which often lead to differing genealogical research methods and records. Leader: Liz Kutz.

The group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the McDermott Room on the 8th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

AAGIG—3rd Saturday of each month; 2:00 p.m.

African American Genealogical Interest Group SIG

The group meets the 3rd Saturday of each month (except June, July, and August) from 2:00 p.m.—4:45 p.m. in the West room on the 1st floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

October 19—Christopher Tave, author of *LatroFremo, a Historical Narration of the Events Surrounding the Existence of Black A.F. & A.M. USA/Texas. Most Worshipful, St. Joseph Grand Lodge of Texas.*

MacGen—2nd Saturday of even numbered months, except December; 1:00 p.m.

MacGen Reunion SIG has a two-fold purpose—learning to use the full power of the Reunion genealogy software for the Mac and keeping abreast of the best Mac-based software and equipment for

genealogical research and distribution. Leader: Happi McQuirk.

Meetings are held from 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of even-numbered months in the McDermott Room on the 8th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

Family History Writers—Considering Reinstating

We are considering reinstating the **Writers SIG** under a new name “**Family History Writers SIG**,” which will be concerned with writing family history narratives. The group would be led by Marie Navarro, and would be held on either the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Saturday.

If you would be interested in joining this group, please send an email that includes which Saturday, and what time would work best for you to education@dallasgenealogy.org

* *Dates and times subject to change . Visit www.dallasgenealogy.org to learn more about Special Interest Groups.*

Attend DGS Awards Luncheon, December 13

Join DGS to honor those who have contributed their time and talents to the genealogical community. Each year DGS presents awards to members and organizations for genealogical service and achievements.

The following awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Luncheon to be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014, in the O’Hara Room on the 7th floor of the Dallas Central Library.

Award of Merit—to a DGS member who has contributed over a number of years

Heritage Preservation Award—to an individual or organization for preserving family history

Volunteer of the Year Award—to a member who has generously contributed during the previous year

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award—to an individual for outstanding genealogical contributions on a national level

President’s Special Award—to individuals or groups whose contributions fall outside the criteria for the other awards (special award which is not presented every year)

Current DGS members may attend at no cost; however, a reservation is required. There is a \$15 fee for guests and non-members. The luncheon will be catered by Baker’s Rib Restaurant.

Visit the “Get Involved” tab on the DGS website to review past winners. You may register on our web site at www.dallasgenealogy.org. Online registration closes December 4.

The luncheon begins at noon, followed by the awards presentations at 1:00 p.m.

Research at DAR Library Now Free to the Public

The following announcement is courtesy of the DAR Library:

The DAR Library, one of the country's premier genealogical research facilities, is now FREE to all researchers. In October, the entrance fee for use of the Washington, D.C. family history library will be eliminated as part of ongoing efforts to make the extensive DAR genealogical resources more accessible to the public.

"We are so pleased to be able to now offer the DAR Library resources free of charge," says Eric Grundset, Director of the DAR Library. "We invite and encourage anyone who may have been deterred in the past by the usage fee to come visit and explore our vast holdings. You never know what you may be able to discover about your family at the DAR Library."

From novices to professionals, the DAR Library offers a wealth of unique materials for researchers of all levels. Since its founding in 1896, the DAR Library has grown into a specialized collection of American genealogical and historical manuscripts and publications, as well as powerful on-site databases. The DAR Library collection contains more than 225,000 books, 10,000 research files, thousands of manuscript items, and special collections of African American, Native American, and women's history, genealogy, and culture. Nearly 40,000 family histories and genealogies comprise a major portion of the book collection, many of which are unique or available in only a few libraries in the country.



DAR Library, Washington, D.C.

Further details may be found at:

<http://www.dar.org/national-society/media-center/news-releases/research-dar-library-now-free-public>

Take a Virtual Tour of different places inside the DAR Headquarters at

<http://www.dar.org/national-society/visitor-information/dar-virtual-tour>



DAR Library



Constitution Hall Lobby



Constitution Hall Auditorium



DAR Museum Gallery



DAR Museum Gallery

Save the Date—DGS 2015 Spring Lecture—March 21, 2015

Genetic Genealogy Analysis and Tools; a Step Beyond the Beginner Level

Debbie Parker Wayne, noted professional genealogist with experience in using DNA analysis for genealogical research, will be the featured speaker for the DGS 2015 Spring Lecture. Debbie will begin with a brief review of genetic genealogy basics and advice about choosing a DNA testing company. The remaining sessions will provide in-depth information about tools and applications for mitochondrial DNA, Y-DNA, and autosomal DNA studies. Each session will include a real-life case study which uses the latest tools and techniques to analyze these DNA types.

Additional information will be available in January. Visit www.dallasgenealogy.org to learn more.





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DGS General Meetings are the first Saturday of each month (except June, July, and August) in the First Floor Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, Dallas, TX—"Meet & Greet" at 10:30 a.m.; Program Begins at 11:00 a.m.

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**DGS Spring Lecture 2015—March 21, 2015
Debbie Parker Wayne**

**All group meetings will be at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
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