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DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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eNews -February 2023

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Join Us February 4th for Our General Meeting

Ari Wilkins will present "Black and White Families in Southern Plantation Records". Learn about the genealogical value of the Southern Antebellum Plantation Records – how they are organized, how to search the collection, and how to apply it towards your genealogical research.



Ms. Wilkins has spoken at the National Genealogical Society, the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, the Texas Institute of Genealogical Research, and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh. She specializes in African American Research.

The meeting will be both virtual and in person at the Dallas Public Library. The online meeting will open at 10:30 am Central time to allow for socializing, and the business meeting will begin at 11 am.

Join the meeting [here](#).

Save the Date for the Spring Seminar with Judy Russell - April 23rd



DGS is excited to welcome back Judy Russell for our Spring 2023 Seminar. Known as The Legal Genealogist, Judy is a genealogist with a law degree from Rutgers School of Law-Newark.

Judy will cover how to locate relevant laws for your ancestors, and how to navigate Federal records. In addition, she will explain laws and records concerning slavery, and records likely to impact and include more information about female ancestors.

[More Info](#)

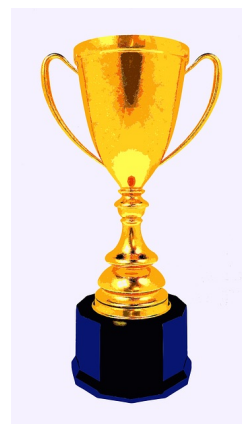
[Register Now](#)

2022 Writing Contest Winner

Congratulations to Sharon Bowles, our 2022 Writing Contest winner! Sharon has received a free one-year DGS membership for her story, ["Did My Black Sheep Briggs Start A DGS Feud?"](#)

Thank you to all the authors who submitted entries. Our readers and judges thoroughly enjoyed them all, and it was very difficult to select a winner.

Visit our website to read all of [last year's entries](#)!



2023 Writing Contest: Families on the Move



In 2023, we are asking for your family's migration stories - and that can include families moving across oceans, across countries, or even across town. Read all the rules and submission guidelines [here](#).

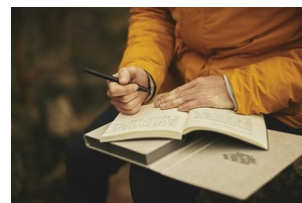
Our entry this month is from DGS member Tony Hanson, and it discusses his ancestors' migration from Norway.

[More Info](#)

eNews Readers Respond: What Are Your Genealogical Resolutions?

Our January quiz asked eNews readers to tell us about their genealogical resolutions this year.

We have an ambitious crowd! One respondent told us that she plans to "Compile fifty years of research and find a place for it after I am gone." A full third of respondents told us their goal this year was to compile their family history, and another third said they plan to write an article about some aspect of their family's history.



Sounds great! Let's get those submissions to the writing contest going!

February Quiz - Tell Us About Your Parents' Relationship



Since it's February, the DGS newsletter team thought it might be fun to ask people about how their parents' marriage or partnership got started...

[Take the Quiz!](#)

Out of the Attic: Next Installment of the Hogarth Civil War Diary

Veteran members of DGS will remember a time when transcriptions of family records – bible pages, newspaper articles, obituaries, funeral programs, commencement programs, and so on – were regularly found in the pages of our publications. We have revived this practice, but we need your help!

Out of the Attic

Rummage around in your genealogical “attic” for unique or unusual family records/items. Then e-mail us a transcription/explanation and a photo. Include an introductory paragraph to explain what the record/item is and where you found it. We’ll do the rest! Send your photos to newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org.

Read the [next installment](#) in Thomas Hogarth's diary.

Dallas Central Appraisal District Site is Back Online



Local Dallas residents may be aware that the Dallas Central Appraisal District (DCAD) website was hacked in a ransomware attack in November 2022. The site, sometimes used by genealogists for property history, is back online, operating in recovery mode. Read about the [original attack](#). Visit the site [here](#).

Welcome, and Welcome Back, to New and Renewing Members

Welcome to P. Haynes, L. Holland, J.C. Pearce, and S. Sow!
We look forward to learning more about our new members and their research interests in the coming months.



Are You an Editor, or Someone with Newsletter Experience?

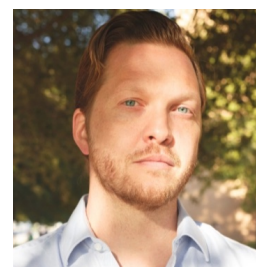


If so, we would love to talk to you about joining our all-volunteer newsletter team!

We have a wide variety of skills and experience and are always looking for new ideas.

Save the Date for our March 4th General Meeting

Save the date for our next General Meeting, when Jacob Mangum, Project Development Librarian from the University of North Texas, will explore the Portal to Texas History Collections with us!



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