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## **Dallas Genealogical Society Announces Winner of 2017 Writing Contest**

*Dallas, TX—September 25, 2017—*The Dallas Genealogical Society announces the winner of their 2017 Writing Contest. In “Defending Dicy Dillon,” this year’s winner Karen Claridge Walker outlines the various rumors and stories about her great-great grandmother that have filtered down through the years and then makes her case for the real facts. Some of this information had even been published in books and manuscripts through the years by others. It is through Karen’s meticulous attention to details and documenting her findings that she’s able to prove her conclusions.



Karen Claridge Walker is a native of San Antonio, Texas, earned a Bachelor of Music Literature degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio, is a former Tulsa, Oklahoma, public school music teacher, worked two years in the Tulsa City/ County Library Genealogy Center and is a serious amateur genealogist. She has lived in San Antonio, Austin, Tulsa, Honolulu, and Dallas and recently returned to Tulsa with her husband Stephen D. Walker. They have a son and daughter living in Tulsa. Karen’s contest winning article will be published in an upcoming issue of [Pegasus: The Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society](#).

### **About DGS**

The Dallas Genealogical Society was formed in October 1954 when 22 people met at the downtown Dallas YMCA to discuss having a society with goals to preserve heritage and records. It was chartered as a non-profit corporation in November 1955.

The Society’s mission is to educate, by creating, fostering, and maintaining interest in genealogy; to assist and support the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas; and to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to the Dallas area and its early history. To achieve those objectives DGS conducts general meetings on the first Saturday of each month except June, July, and August with local speakers. DGS also hosts a Lecture Series with nationally recognized speakers several times during the year. DGS is a member of the [National Genealogical Society \(NGS\)](#) and the [Federation of Genealogical Societies \(FGS\)](#).

The **DGS** is organized and operated as a non-profit tax-exempt Section 501(c)(3) as defined by the Internal Revenue Service and eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions in accordance with Code section 170.

For more information about DGS or the contest, visit [www.dallasgenealogy.org](http://www.dallasgenealogy.org).

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