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DGS Recognizes 2012 Award Recipients

The Dallas Genealogical Society held its 2012 Awards Luncheon on Saturday, December 8. The Society presents several awards each year which recognize and honor members or community individuals or organizations who contribute to the Society specifically or to genealogical, historical, or preservation activities in general.

The Award categories and very deserving 2012 recipients are:

AWARD OF MERIT

The DGS Award of Merit is presented annually to a DGS member who has consistently contributed time, talent, expertise, and abilities to the Society over a period of years.

Honoree: Liz Thurmond. A 20-year member of the Society, Liz has worked tirelessly on so many events and projects over the years. She is a member of the Board of Directors, serving as Mail Administrator, as well as volunteering at the registration table for events and meetings.



Jean Larson presents Award of Merit to Liz Thurmond

HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD



Mike Hazel receives Heritage Preservation Award from Marie Navarro.

The DGS Heritage Preservation Award is presented annually to an individual, group, or organization in recognition of contributions to preserve, conserve, house, or collect family history.

Honoree: Mike Hazel. Mike is the long-time editor of *Legacies: A History Journal for Dallas and North Central Texas*, published by the Dallas Historical Society. He also plans and organizes the annual Legacies Dallas History Conference.

LLOYD DEWITT BOCKSTRUCK DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual for outstanding contributions to the genealogical community on a national level.

Honoree: Gary Boyd Roberts. The retired Senior Research Scholar of the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), Gary, a native Texan, is a nationally-respected genealogist who has a deep knowledge of Americans of royal descent and the ancestry of U.S. presidents and other notable Americans, as well as a special ability to



John Turner and Lloyd Bockstruck accept the Distinguished Service Award on behalf of Gary Boyd Roberts from Carolyn Davis.

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President's Column

David Temple

It's hard to believe the start of another year is here—it seems to fly by faster and faster. We start the year with resolutions—perhaps to get organized or to attack a new research problem. Then before we know it, the year is almost over and so much precious time is already gone.

This past holiday season made me think about my ancestors, trying to fill in details of where they might have been during the holidays.

Could future generations find us?

Silas Messer Sitton died from smallpox while a prisoner in the notorious Camp Douglas in Chicago, Illinois. Fortunately the Union Army kept detailed records of their prisons which can be found on microfilm in the genealogy section of our Dallas Public Library. They tell us Silas died November 29, 1864, five days after the new Thanksgiving holiday. What was he giving thanks for?

While organizing the World War II service records of my father-in-law, I noted one of his missions occurred the day after Christmas in 1944. He took off as the bombardier/navigator of one of the A-20 Havocs from Rosignano, Italy, heading for targets in the Po River Valley. He was a long way from Washington University, his home in St. Louis, and likely a turkey dinner by a nice warm fire. Fortunately, he kept his service records and his family holds them today. But you have to ask family members if they have records and then ferret them out. They're likely hiding somewhere.

So it's time to start planning again, making new resolutions to complete this or that project, organizing our papers. Plan to join DGS in 2013 and experience one of our many speakers we have lined up to educate you. Bring a notepad and an open mind. We think it's going to be fun.



Museum of the Confederacy—Appomattox Annex

Here's another military museum you might add to your list to visit.

The Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia added an annex last summer dedicated solely to Appomattox history and artifacts.

There are 5000 feet of gallery space that could take two days to explore fully. Even the path from the parking lot is inlaid with an historical timeline: e.g. "April 20, 1861—Robert E. Lee resigns from the U.S. Army."

The gallery itself holds 179 artifacts, 166 images and graphics, 95 documents, and 14 map reproductions. Among those that might be of most relevance to genealogists are family papers: receipts of slave sales, letters back home from soldiers, and others.

Most of the exhibit space is dedicated to the 18 months leading up to the surrender, including synopses of the key battles, plus five display cases that display artifacts in a way that leads you through the gallery and encourages you to take the time to read every panel. There are letters that Lee and Grant exchanged in the days before the surrender.



Society Officers—2012-2013

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Lee's uniform is here as well – be sure to read about the controversy surrounding it!

The last few galleries focus on the South after Lee's surrender.

The museum is located at 1201 E. Clay Street, Richmond, VA 23219. Toll-free phone: (855) 649-1861. Website: www.moc.org

DGS Recognizes 2012 Award Recipients (cont'd)

bring this scholarship to a broad audience as a bibliographer, teacher, lecturer, author, and editor.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The DGS Volunteer of the Year award is presented annually to a member who has generously volunteered time, expertise, talents, and abilities to the Society during the previous year.

Honorees: Linda and Bob Lane. As Hospitality Co-chairs, Linda and Bob plan, organize, set-up and serve refreshments for our monthly meetings. Members are treated each month to seasonal- or program-specific homemade goodies that Linda and Bob have prepared.



Sandra Crowley (center) presents the Volunteer of the Year award to Bob and Linda Lane.

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL AWARD

The President's Special Award honors individuals or groups whose contributions to the Society fall outside the criteria for our other awards.

Honoree: Lea Markoff. Lea, a reference librarian on the staff of Dallas Public Library's Genealogy Division, is DPL's liaison with the Society. She is critical to the smooth running of the many meetings and events that the Library hosts for DGS.



Lea Markoff receives President's Special Award from David Temple.

Sam V. Akins Receives President's Special Award, Honorary Life Membership

This President's Special Award and an Honorary Life Membership were awarded for a memoir of the early years of DGS that will help to preserve the society's history.

The DGS archives for the years 1955 to 1964 have been lost along with the original seal and photos of the original members. For the early years of the society we have had to rely upon short mentions of meetings published in the *Dallas Morning News* and in copies of DGS publications preserved in the library. This memoir filled in much of that missing history and has been published as the lead article in the *The Dallas Journal* for 2012.



Sam Akins receives President's Special Award and Honorary Life Membership from DGS President David Temple and Marianne Szabo.

Sam V. Akins is a native of Jacksboro and a seventh-generation Texan. His McCommas ancestors first came to Dallas County in 1843. Dallas residents will be familiar with McCommas Boulevard in the M Streets neighborhood near Southern Methodist University.

He has a BA in Business Administration from the University of North Texas, and did graduate study at Southern Methodist University (SMU), the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Indiana.

After serving in the Army in Korea from 1956 to 1958, he became a bank officer at Dallas Federal Savings and First

American Savings, eventually retiring as President of United Bank & Trust.

He has been a member of the Dallas Genealogical Society since 1957 and is also a member of the Dallas County Pioneer Association, the Sons of the Republic of Texas, and the Sons of the American Revolution. He also is a charter member of the Irving Genealogical Society and the Irving Heritage Society.

In addition to genealogy, he enjoys travel, antique-hunting, and exploring Texas history.

He has done community service with libraries, universities, charitable organizations, and his church.

He and his wife of 57 years, Malta Evans Akins of Olney, Texas, have three daughters and five grandchildren.



Sam V. Akins (3rd from right) is joined by his wife (2nd from right), friends, and other family members as he accepts his award.

Welcome Members

All members below live in the DFW area, except as indicated. SIGs, localities, and surnames being researched are in parentheses.

NEW MEMBERS

Albert S. Baines

Kendra Kleinik Davis, Petersburg, IL (Tech; IL, Dallas/San Angelo, Germany; Surnames: Hauser, Smith)

Albert Engle (IL, NY, Scotland, England; Surnames: Hooper, Myers)

Linda Dennis Miller, San Angelo, TX (Surnames: Dennis, Gilbreath, May, Parker, Thompson, Webb)

Diana Wiles (Tech, DNA)

NEW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Sam V. Akins (IL, NY, Scotland, England) - see article elsewhere in this newsletter

We encourage all members to add their surnames to the DGS [Surname Registry](#) on our website.

Education

Dallas Genealogical Society General Meetings are held the first Saturday of each month (except June, July, August). Hospitality and registration begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Dallas Rooms; meeting begins at 11:00 a.m. in the first floor auditorium. Upcoming meetings will feature the following topics:

Jan. 5 **World War II records**, speaker Carl Oehmann

Feb. 2 **Family Trees at FamilySearch**, speaker Lynell Moss

FamilySearch Family Tree is not just another online tree. It is open to registered users to participate in building the most accurate tree online. This presentation will demonstrate how to access, view, add and edit information, add source citations and keep watch on selected individuals in the tree for changes made by others. The speaker will also show how to find “how-to” handouts and videos online to view from home.

Mar. 2 **American Revolution**, speaker Lloyd Bockstruck

Meeting topics and speakers are subject to change so be sure to sign up to receive eBlasts via email or visit our website at www.dallasgenealogy.org.

Special Interest Groups*

Technology—1st Thursday of each month; 6:30 p.m.

January 3, 2013—Flickr photo sharing service and how it can be used by genealogists

February 7, 2013 and March 7, 2013—TBD; visit www.dallasgenealogy.org for updates

The Tech SIG hopes to be able to allow remote web-based participation in its meetings for up to 25 participants who are not able to come to the library for each meeting. More information will be provided about this possibility before each meeting.

Brown Bag—1st Thursday of each month; 5:00 p.m.

The first 2013 meeting of the Brown Bag SIG will be held on January 10, 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the DPL McDermott Room on the 8th floor. The discussion will center on the “Genealogy Maturity Model” as an evaluation tool for measuring proficiency in genealogical research. The group will also discuss program plans for 2013 meetings. The moderator will be Janet Khashab.

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

January meeting is on January 23 due to a scheduling conflict with the 3rd Wednesday. All other meetings are on the 3rd Wed. of each month.

The Jewish SIG will continue to work on brick walls using the needed research skills—urban, traditional, religious, etc. Questions can be sent to jewishgen@dallasgenealogy.org.

MacGen—2nd Saturday of even numbered months, except December

Bring your questions, dilemmas, and suggestions to MacGen as they discuss all things Mac, getting the most out of your genealogical research. Next meeting: February 9, 2013

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

African-American Genealogical Interest Group meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

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

Salt Lake City Research Trip

The DGS annual members-only research trip to Salt Lake City will be October 27—November 2, 2013. It is a great opportunity to research in the library, spend time with other genealogists, learn tips, and exchange information. We will be staying at the Plaza Hotel at Temple Square, next to the library. Watch for the brochure in the mail and the eBlast in our email for information on how to register or visit our website at www.dallasgenealogy.org.

Winners of the 2012 DGS Writing Contest

The 2012 DGS Writing Contest was a great success!

There were 16 entries from 15 people; seven of these were from DGS members. Five entrants live outside TX (CA, CO, ID, IN and MA). Three entrants have either a CG (Certified Genealogist) designation or are APG (Association of Professional Genealogists) members.

Prior to judging, entries were stripped of information that as far as possible might identify the author, to eliminate any bias because of the author being known by reputation or personal knowledge.

Entries were then evaluated by the Publications Committee based on the point criteria outlined in the Rules:



Accuracy: 1 to 15 points
Clarity and writing mechanics: 1 to 20 points
Overall impact and interest: 1 to 15 points

Individual judge's scores were averaged for each entry. An entry had to earn at least 25 point to be eligible for an award. A summary score sheet of the scores was reviewed by President David Temple, who agreed with those rankings.

The top six entries were then sent to professional genealogist and DGS speaker J. Mark Lowe. No identities or rankings were provided to Mark. He evaluated these top six under the same criteria and submitted his scores to the Publications Committee.

The top entries were all very well-written, as proven by a tie for Third Place. The Board opted to award the full \$150 prize to each of the tying authors.

The results are as follows:

FIRST PLACE—\$500

“Francis A. Claridge (1824—1887)” by Karen Claridge Walker (DGS member)

Karen is a native of San Antonio, Texas. She worked two years in the Tulsa City/County Library Genealogy Center and is a serious amateur genealogist. She recently moved to Dallas with her husband of 40 years, Stephen D. Walker, who is general manager of the Children's Aquarium at Fair Park. They have a son and daughter living in Tulsa.



The article is about Karen's paternal great-great-grandfather, to whom she said “she is grateful for having such an interesting life about which to write.”

SECOND PLACE—\$300

“Bailing, Bigamy, and Brother Love: the Family of Henry Parker and Nancy Black” by Debbie Parker Wayne, CGsm

Debbie Parker Wayne is a full-time genealogist experienced using laws and DNA analysis, as well as more traditional techniques, for genealogical research. Debbie is a Trustee for the BCG Education Fund, a board member and Advocacy Chair of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), president of the Lone Star Chapter of APG, and Texas State Genealogical Society's DNA Project Director. She is part of the core staff of Angelina College Genealogy Conference and was the featured speaker on DNA at the Texas General Land Office's 2011 Save Texas History Symposium.



Her website is at <http://debbiewayne.com>.

THIRD PRIZE (TIE)—\$150

“Sarah Luse Larimer (1836—1913): Indian Captive, Photographer, and Business Woman” by Loretta Luce Evans, AG[®]

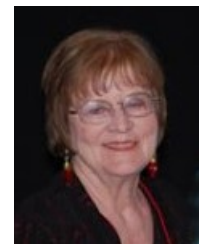
Loretta Evans, AG[®], is a freelance writer and lecturer with over 30 years of genealogical experience. Accredited in Midwestern United States research, she is a graduate of the National Institute on Genealogical Research in Washington, DC, and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. Her writings have appeared in a number of magazines, including *Crossroads*, *Ancestry*, *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, *Heritage Quest*, the *Genealogical Journal*, and *Ohio Records and Pioneer Families*. Loretta has served as a Commissioner and as Public Relations Committee Chairman for the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists. Loretta recently spent almost two years as a volunteer for FamilySearch in Salt Lake City, Utah.



THIRD PRIZE (TIE)—\$150

“Chronology of Land Lot 128, District 20, Baldwin (Morgan) County, Georgia and How It Led to Polly Ware's Maiden Name” by Barbara A. Ware (DGS Member and IT Administrator)

Barbara A. Ware is a third generation Texan. After spending the first two years of her life in



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College Station, Texas, she has since lived in Dallas. She worked for the Dallas Independent School District for 40 years, first as a teacher and then for 33 years as a central office curriculum administrator. She has been an active genealogist for 20 years, a member of the Dallas Genealogical Society board several times, and has worked on a number of transcription projects to make Dallas County records available. Her family research activities have taken her to most of the Southern states, England and Italy.

Marianne Szabo, Director of Publications Content

National Archives on YouTube

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) creates videos of many of their lectures and programs. These are available for viewing on YouTube.

Anastasia Sutherland Harman, lead historian for Ancestry.com, recently gave a presentation “Using Arcestry.com to Access NARA Records” at the NARA weekly “Know Your Records” lecture. You can watch this on YouTube by entering this URL, <http://www.youtube.com/user/usnationalarchives> and selecting the Know Your Records option. While not all the NARA YouTube segments are specific to genealogy, they do expand one’s knowledge of the history of this country.

- Passport Applications 1795—1925
- Genealogy Introduction – Immigration Records
- Exciting Discoveries
- Genealogy Introduction – Military Research at the National Archives: Pension Records
- Genealogy Introduction – Military Research at the National Archives: Volunteer Service
- Genealogy Introduction – Military Research at the National Archives: Regular Records
- Public Lands and Claims in the American State Papers, 1789—1837

You can also subscribe to the NARA YouTube RSS feed so that as new videos are placed on YouTube, you will receive an email.

Another helpful NARA link is the Know Your Records site at URL <http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/>.

Contributed by Barbara Ware.

Paula Stuart-Warren to be Keynote Speaker for DGS Spring Lecture— March 16, 2013

Registration is open for DGS Spring Lecture 2013, *Records, Research & Stories*, to be held on Saturday, March 16, 2013, at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. Our keynote speaker is professional genealogist Paula Stuart-Warren, CGSM, FMGS, FUGA.



Paula works full time in the area of genealogical and historical research, lecturing, consulting, and writing. Paula has been a Board-certified genealogist since 1988. She is currently co-chair of the Federation of Genealogical Societies’ 2013 Conference to be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She has lectured at NGS and FGS national level conferences since the early 1990s.

She has written for *Ancestry Magazine*, *FGS Forum*, *NGS Magazine*, *New England Ancestors*, *Minnesota Genealogist*, and is co-editor of FGS Conference News Blog and *Paula’s Genealogical Eclectica*. Her articles and lectures focus on unusual resources, manuscripts, methodology, analyzing records, Midwest and Native Americans.

Her presentations are lively, yet professional and educational. Since 1997 she has been a Course Coordinator for the annual Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy’s American Genealogy Records and Resources week-long intermediate course, which includes classroom instruction and one-on-one assistance in the Family History Library. She has coordinated courses and taught at other multi-date institutes.

Topics include:

- *Tho’ They Were Poor, They May Have Been Rich in Records*
- *Research Reports for Ourselves: More than a Research Log*
- *Stuck? Have You Tried . . . ? Have You Overlooked . . . ?*
- *A Baker’s Dozen: Easy Ways to Begin Writing Your Family History*



Registration is open online or via mail. Register by February 27 and save. Visit www.dallasgenealogy.org for additional details and to register.

Pegasus: Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society to Pay Authors

DGS is launching a new scholarly journal, *Pegasus: Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society*, to not only preserve records but also to attract a more diverse membership, find new authors, and create a revenue stream for the benefit of the Society.

To encourage article submissions DGS will pay authors for their material after publication. We believe we are the first genealogical society journal to do so.



Permission for use of Pegasus image per The Magnolia Hotel

The Publications Committee chose the name *Pegasus* because the winged horse is regarded as the symbol of the Muses and of aspiring to great accomplishments, and more importantly, because a Pegasus has been an icon of the City of Dallas for decades.

First erected in 1934 on the roof of the Magnolia Petroleum Co. headquarters on Commerce Street, the winged horse sign became one of Dallas' most enduring and recognizable landmarks. In 1959 it

became the logo of Mobil Oil when it merged with Magnolia Petroleum. The original sign stopped rotating in 1974, and in 1977 Mobil sold the building to the city. The following year the building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Developers bought the building in 1997 and converted it to the present-day Magnolia Hotel. In anticipation of Dallas' Millennium Celebration, in 1999 the original Pegasus was taken down to be restored, but proved to be beyond repair and was moved to the Old Red Museum of County History & Culture. A completely new, fully-rotating Pegasus was lit for the first time at midnight on January 1, 2000.

Pegasus' first issue will be published in spring 2013, and the DGS Publications Committee is actively seeking articles that

showcase both genealogy research and writing and compilations that feature unpublished genealogy records.

Articles may be submitted by members and non-members of DGS, both hobbyists and professionals. Articles may not have been previously published elsewhere.

There will be two categories of publication: regular issues that feature research articles (case studies, methodologies, family genealogies); and special issues that feature transcriptions, abstracts, or indexes of records not yet filmed, digitized, or published elsewhere (cemeteries, bibles, civil, religious, and business groups).

Guidelines for submission and payment terms can be found at: http://dallasgenealogy.org/DGS_Docs/Temporary/PegasusWritersGuidelines.pdf

Pegasus will also offer the opportunity for professionals to promote their skills and for genealogical societies to feature their programs in a sponsorship section. Single issue rates are:

- 1/4 page or business card, \$25
- 1/2 page, \$50
- Full page, \$100

Send submissions or questions to email addresses below.

For editorial: pegasus_editorial@dallasgenealogy.org

For sponsorships: pegasus_sponsorship@dallasgenealogy.org

Marianne Szabo, Director of Publications Content

DGS Newsletter 2013—Be Sure Your Email Address Is In Your Member Profile

DGS is at the leading edge of best practices for providing easy and timely access to its *Newsletter* not only by sending it directly to members via email the moment it is published, but also by posting it on our website to attract new members.

Communicating electronically has become the preferred method for newer DGS members as well.

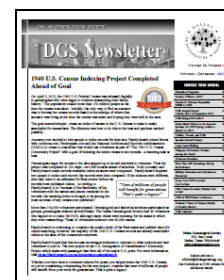
Because the primary method of distribution to members is by direct email to the email address in members' profiles, if you have indicated you don't want emails from DGS, you won't receive the *DGS Newsletter* in this way.

Check your member profile and include your email address to receive the *DGS Newsletter* electronically. If you still do not want to provide an email address, you can access the *DGS*

Newsletter electronically on the home page of the DGS website.

A print edition of the *DGS Newsletter* will still be available in 2013 to those who request that format in their profiles.

Finally, in 2013, rather than focusing on an 8-page issue, the number of pages in each *DGS Newsletter* will vary based on the material available. Content will always include the information that members have indicated in numerous surveys is most important to them. (President's Letter, SIG events, Spring/Fall Lectures, Summer Institute, Members Information, etc.).



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DGS Special Events 2013—Visit our web site for details: www.dallasgenealogy.org

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

SPRING LECTURE—Paula Stuart-Warren, CGsm, FMGS, FUGA
Saturday, March 16, 2013

DGS SUMMER INSTITUTE—Pamela Boyer Sayre, CGsm, CGL and Richard Sayre, CGsm
Friday and Saturday, August 2-3, 2013

FALL LECTURE—D. Joshua Taylor
Saturday, October 12, 2013

All group meetings will be at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young Street, Dallas, TX 75202

If you need to contact DGS, you can email the particular board member with whom you wish to communicate or you may send an email to info@dallasgenealogy.org or you may leave a voice mail at 1-866-YOU2DGS (1-866-968-2347)