DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



Dallas Genealogical Society Annual Report October 2012—September 2013

David Temple, DGS President

This annual report covers from October 2012 to September 2013. This Board assumed responsibility at the Board turnover meeting on September 8, 2012 and continued through September 7, 2013.

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 2012-2013:

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 2012-2013 were diverse:

Monthly Meeting	Topic	<u>Speaker</u>
October 2012	DNA	Debbie Parker Wayne
January 2013	World War II Records	Carl Oehmann
February 2013	Family Trees at FamilySearch	Lynell Moss
March 2013	American Revolution	Lloyd Bockstruck
April 2013	Organization of Digital Records	Tony Hanson
May 2013	Organizing for Research Success	Janet Branstetter
September 2013	FamilySearch Website	Lynell Moss

DGS continues to *publish in print and online on our website*. The quarterly Newsletter features articles and news of interest to our members. News of current interest is distributed to our members by email with our weekly E-blasts. The last issue of *The Dallas Journal*, our former annual publication of a scholarly nature, was published and is being replaced by *Pegasus: Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society*. The new publication will contain articles reflecting more scholarly research covering North Central Texas.

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 are free and open to the public. Our active SIGs for 2012-2013 included African-American, Brown Bag Advanced Genealogists, Technology, Jewish, and MacGen Reunion.

The DGS *website has expanded its content* in 2012-2013 under the direction of the DGS Webmaster, Tony Hanson.

DGS maintains a Facebook page and has adopted pages on Dallas, Dallas County, Texas and on the Dallas Genealogical Society in the FamilySearch Wiki.



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The *annual DGS sponsored trip to Salt Lake City* took place in October 2012 with seven participants.

Other *DGS activities usually classified as "fundraising" are also basically* educational. In 2012-2013 these included the following:

- Records, Research and Stories by Paula Stuart-Warren, March 16, 2013
- DGS Summer Institute, Bits of Yesterday: Using Maps and Other Records to Complete Your Family Story with Pamela Boyer-Sayre and Richard Sayre, August 2-3, 2013
- Lectures by D. Joshua Taylor will take place on October 12, 2013

DGS *sponsored a second Writing Contest in 2013*. The writings of many of the winners will be published in future issues 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 fund-raising 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 outgoing Board term and the amount is administered by the incoming Board. No funds for the section were allocated in 2012-2013. The Board considered doing so at the September 2013 turnover meeting.

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 when they renew their membership.

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

The DGS *Dallas Journal* has been the publishing venue for information related to Dallas County. Volume LVIII (October 2012) of the *Journal* included articles and listings on "Remembering 55 Years in the Dallas Genealogical Society" and "Military Identified in the 1918 Dallas City Directory: Last Names A to L."

The Oakland Cemetery transcription project continues to make progress toward completion. Section 5 was published in *The Dallas Journal 2012*. Current volunteers working on this project are Carole Ruska, Suzan Younger and Barbara Ware.

In summary, judging by the range of our activities that are driven by our mission statement, the DGS Board of 2012-2013 has been successful in achieving its goals.

Finances

Nathan White's Treasurer's Report dated 15 August 2012 shows that the financial status of the society remains strong: "As of July 31, 2012 the Society remains well funded with a balance of \$39,158.86 in its checking account and one CD in the amount of \$33,798.41. Total cash balances ended the period with \$92,098.28." This balance compares favorably with that of previous years although income from membership dues and fundraising events has been steadily declining since 2005. In contrast profits from sales of DGS items at events were much higher than normal as there was no competition from other vendors due to a reduction in available space at the library.

Income for the 2012-2013 period exceeded expenditures and in general DGS remained within its budget limits. In summary, the financial situation of DGS is very strong.

Society Officers—2013-2014				
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Hospitality	Robert and Linda Lane			

The Budget Committee presented a proposed budget for 2014 for approval by the general membership at the September 2013 meeting. A summary of the approved budget is in the left column.

Administration

One of the most important problems facing the DGS Board in 2012-2013 has been the continuing

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DGS 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget

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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		<u>51,385</u>
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		
Total Emperior		51,385

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.

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

In the 2012-2013 period the Publication Committee focused on the published content for DGS, including the *DGS Newsletter* and *Pegasus*. Members Janet Khashab, Sandra Crowley and Marianne Szabo established a regular production and distribution schedule for the newsletter, launched a new Writing Contest that included monetary awards for the winners as well as ensured publication in *Pegasus*, and monitored the uniform appearance of our eBlasts and the contents of the final issue of *The Dallas Journal*.

The duty of organizing and leading the 2012 Salt Lake City trip was accepted by Jean Larson, Director of Education. No trip is planned for 2013 and the future of the event is in question.

Robert and Linda Lane continued to do a fantastic job with the hospitality duties at DGS events. Their addition of home baked goodies are big hits at every function.

DGS was fortunate to have outstanding support from its Webmaster Tony Hanson, IT Administrator Barbara Ware, Mail Administrator Elizabeth Thurmond and Sales manager Jimmy Walters. All have gone beyond the call of duty to anticipate and address problems, develop new content, and determine new ways to communicate with the membership and web users everywhere.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the very successful Board of 2012-2013 for their hard work and can-do attitude. It has been my honor to work with them these past two years for the benefit of the Dallas Genealogical Society.



Premiere Issue of *Pegasus: Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society* Sent to All Members

DGS Publications Committee

The Premiere Issue of our new journal, *Pegasus*, was sent to all members in early September. It features the four prize-winning articles from the 2012 DGS Writing Contest, and we thought all members would want to read these examples of outstanding genealogy research.

From 1995 to 2012 DGS published a journal annually, and all members in good standing could receive a free copy as a benefit of membership. Some members did not want to receive a copy of those journals, so DGS offered the option on the Membership/Account Manager page of its website for members to indicate whether or

not they wanted a print copy mailed to them.

The new *Pegasus* will be published at least twice a year: one issue of research articles such as in the Premiere Issue, and one issue of extracts/transcriptions, etc. (such as the Oakland Cemetery Records). Two issues of genealogy information relevant to Dallas and North Texas, still free to members.

The next issue of *Pegasus*, which will feature Oakland Cemetery and other transcriptions, will be published in late 2013. That issue, and future ones, will <u>only</u> be sent to members who indicate they want to receive a print copy by checking the box "Print and mail me *Pegasus* (periodically)." Go to your member profile now to make your preference known.

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Special Interest Groups *

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

Their 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 there is enough interest the group will begin in September. 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 <u>www.dallasgenealogv.org</u> to learn more about Special Interest Groups.

Education

Dallas Genealogical Society General Meetings are held on 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:

October 5—Family History Writing—Exposition, Narrative. Or both? Speaker Janet Khashab

November 2—Lloyd Bockstruck—The Name IS the Game

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

We shape our lives not by what we carry with us,



"BLAZING THE FAMILY HISTORY TRAIL"

Texas State Genealogical Society
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Round Rock, Texas
(20 miles north of Austin)

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Key Speaker: Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS



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A Blog As A Tool For Your Genealogy Research

by Thomas MacEntee

You may already know about blogs, especially some of the more popular genealogy blogs including <u>Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter</u> (blog) http://blog.eogn.com/ by Dick Eastman and Pat Richley-Erickson's <u>DearMYRTLE Genealogy Blog</u> (blog) http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/. While these sites can be read like online magazines and offer informative content about genealogy, did you know that you could create your own blog to help with your own research?

Personal Genealogy Blogs

There are thousands of personal blogs created by genealogists and family historians; many of them simply share recent finds or contain articles about ancestors. There are many ways in which you can harness the power of a personal blog, but some may not be obvious:

- **Update family members**: This is one of the most popular uses for a genealogy blog, and as more and more of our loved ones exchange information online, genealogists need to be where they are. Instead of creating a quarterly or yearly newsletter sent to relatives, create a blog and let them read the updates based on their own schedule.
- Cousin bait: Have you ever wanted to connect with others who might also be researching shared family lines? Since so many people use Google and other search engines to look up information, again you have to be where these researchers are! The minute you post to your blog, the information is picked up by the major search engines; this makes it easier for others to find the information you've posted.
- Track your own research: One little known fact about blogs is that they don't have to be public—you can have a private blog! Since a blog is good at categorizing information and has a powerful search engine, it makes sense to use a blog as a notebook. Create posts about research theories, recent finds, to-do lists, etc. Also, most blogs allow you to share access with a select group of others, by sending an invitation via email.

Tips for Creating Your Own Research Blog

Here's some advice on getting started with your own blog and how to make the blogging platform work to suit your own research needs:

- Choose a blog platform that works for you. The two blog platforms used by most genealogy bloggers are Blogger (http://www.blogger.com) and WordPress (http://www.wordpress.com). Both are free to use, but Blogger is simpler to use and you can get your blog set up in five minutes or less.
- Understand how blog access works. Make sure you know how to set a blog to be private if that is what you need for research. Also learn how to invite others and control what they can see and what they can add to the blog.
- Take advantage of tags and labels. A tag or a label is a "keyword" that you assign to a blog post before you publish. Examples include surnames, place names, record types and more. Each blog post can have multiple tags and once you have a few posts, add the labels list to the sidebar of your blog. In doing so, you only have to click a specific keyword to see all content related to that topic.
- Leverage the search function. Each blog has a built-in search engine that allows you to look up any keyword or phrase. The more content you add to your blog, the more robust your genealogy "knowledgebase" becomes.

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What Do You Think?

Let us know what you think of our new publication, Pegasus: Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society!

Tell us what you like or don't like, with suggestions as to how we might improve it. Potential articles (or ideas for them) are welcome.

Send your comments to editorial@dallasgenealogy.org, or to Dallas Genealogical Society, Dallas Publications Committee, P.O. Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446.

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GenealogyBank and Digital Sanborn Maps: Exciting New Additions to the Dallas Public Library

Carolyn Davis, DGS Director of Publicity

GenealogyBank, a resource from NewsBank, Inc., is a database comprised of the following collections:

- *Historical Newspapers* (1690 1999) is a newspaper archive that features over 1000 titles covering 320 years of fully searchable historical newspapers printed in small towns and big cities throughout the U.S. Find old newspaper articles, obituaries, birth, and marriage records, sports articles and stats, photographs, advertisements, and more.
- *Historical Books (1749 1900)* provides the complete text of more than 11,700 books, pamphlets, and printed items including: genealogies, biographies, funeral sermons, local histories, cards, charts and more.
- Historical Documents (1789 1994) includes military records, casualty lists, Revolutionary and Civil War pension requests, widow's claims, orphan petitions, land grants, and other interesting historical documentation. Two of the prominent titles in this collection are the "American State Papers" and the "US Congressional Serial Set."
- America's Obituaries (1977 Current) often provides ancestor names, dates, birthplaces, marriage info, death records, and other relevant family history information.
- Social Security Death Index (1937 Current) contains more than 92 million death records for individuals with US Social Security numbers.

If you live within the city of Dallas and have a DPL library card, you can connect to GenealogyBank from home via their web site: http://dallaslibrary2.org. Click on the Databases tab on the home page, then scroll down to "NewsBank Online Service," and then

choose "America's GenealogyBank" from the list. If you don't have a library card, you can still access these databases via the public computers available at all Dallas Public Library locations: http://dallaslibrary2.org/hours.php.



The Dallas Public Library has also expanded its geographic coverage of the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. For some time, the digitized maps that provide detailed property and land-use records maps have been available for Texas cities and towns. Now you can access maps for more than 12,000 U.S. towns and cities. The maps cover the time period from the mid-1860s to 1970 and depict the commercial, industrial, and residential sections of these towns and cities. From the Library of Congress web site - "the maps were designed to assist fire insurance agents in determining the degree of hazard associated with a particular property and therefore show the size, shape, and construction of dwellings, commercial buildings, and factories as well as fire walls, locations of windows and doors, sprinkler systems, and types of roofs. The maps also indicate widths and names of streets, property boundaries, building use, and house and block numbers."

Like GenealogyBank, the Sanborn Maps can be accessed in two ways - from home, if you live within the Dallas city limits and have a DPL Library card, or from the public computers at any DPL physical location. From the Databases tab on the Library's home page, scroll down to "Texas Digital Sanborn Maps". The title of the database link has not yet been updated to reflect the new geographic coverage.

Dallas Genealogical Society Seeks Editor for Pegasus—Paid Position

Are you passionate about genealogy and believe good writing promotes interest in this area? Do you like what you see in this new publication? Do you have previous writing/editing experience?

You may be the ideal candidate to be the Editor of Pegasus. As Editor you would solicit articles, work with contributing writers, serve as a judge in the DGS Annual Writing Contest, edit and approve all content, and work with the Layout Editor on final production of each issue. A complete job description can be found at http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/Info/pegasuseditor.pdf. The Editor reports to the DGS Director of Publications Content.

Requirements include knowledge about genealogy, writing and sourcing standards such as *The Chicago Manual of Style* and *Evidence Explained* by Elizabeth Shown Mills, production scheduling, and proper procedures to obtain permission to use copyrighted material. Previous editing/publishing experience with print and digital media, and experience with publishing software such as Adobe InDesign is a plus. This is a paid contractor position.

If you are interested, send a cover letter and resume to pegasus@dallasgenealogy.org. Do not send work samples with your initial inquiry; instructions on uploading samples will be provided if needed. Send any questions to the same email address.

For more information on the Dallas Genealogical Society see www.dallasgenealogy.org

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Conquering the Paper Monster

by Elyse Doerflinger



Keeping track of all the genealogy papers that we as genealogists collect can be pretty tricky.

Genealogists love to save every piece of paper about an ancestor. It doesn't take long before we are drowning in a sea of papers. In order to stay afloat, there must be a clear system for organizing each piece of paper that comes across our desk. But how do you pick an organization system?

Rather than picking an organizational system that someone else designed and trying to make yourself fit into it, why not create your own organizational system? It's easy to do and it's more likely you will use the system because it will meet your style and

The first step is to create an organization plan where you decide how you will divide and subdivide the paper, and how you will store the paper. Start by asking yourself how you think about your ancestors—how your mind naturally divides up your ancestors. Secondly, ask yourself how you think about the details related to your ancestors (time periods, locations, documents, relationships, and other facts)—once once again, your mind should naturally subdivide your ancestors. For example, I divide my ancestors by surname and subdivide each surname by couple because this is how I naturally think of my ancestors.

Finally, decide how you will store all of that paper. Most people choose either binders with page protectors and oversized dividers or file folders and hanging folders. There are pros and cons to each option. For example, a downside to file folders is that the pages within the file folders are not secured in a particular folder (but you could use a hole puncher and brads to secure pages in a particular order). A downside to binders is that each binder can be really bulky and heavy when filled with lots of paper. What Elyse Doerflinger is a professional genealogist with a focus on entirely up to preference and your available storage space. For large legal sized documents, some people also choose to purchase *Elyses Genealogy Blog. com*.

legal sized boxes and file folders for storage, or to simply use a copy machine to reduce the image to letter sized paper.

With your plan in place, it is time to pick a large work area and get to separating all of your papers into piles. Use post it notes to label each divided and subdivided pile so you don't lose track. If you have more paper than you can sort in one sitting, schedule some time on your calendar so the sorting phase gets done rather than just collect dust. Make sure you stick to your schedule and reward yourself for a job well done when finished.

Once you know how much paper you have, you can estimate the amount of organizing supplies you will need. Create a list of each thing you need, like file folders or dividers, and head out to your favorite office supply store. Summer and early fall are great times to buy your supplies on a discount because of Back to School Sales.

With supplies in hand, it is now time to put each pile into its new home. But in what order do you place your documents in your file folder or divider tab? Depending on how you subdivide your files, it might be easiest to put the papers in chronological or alphabetical order. For example, I subdivide my genealogy papers by couple so within each couple file folder, I sort the pages in chronological order. I choose to keep wives and children in their respective parents' files until marriage.

Now that all your papers are organized and put away, how are you going to keep it that way? The secret to organizing your genealogy is to be consistent, dedicated, and flexible to change if your system stops working for you. It is so important to stay on top of the paper mountain by putting your papers away on a regular basis. If you are struggling with consistently putting your papers away, schedule a regular time on your calendar to file away any stray papers.

storage system you choose, whether it is file folders or binders, is using technology tools to research and share her genealogy. She blogs genealogy about her adventures

Nominations Sought for DGS Annual Awards

for genealogical contributions. They are:

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

Each year DGS presents awards to members and organizations 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

Please send nominations to: <u>awards@dallasgenealogy.org</u>



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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 of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, Dallas, TX—"Meet & Greet" at 10:30 a.m.; Program Begins at 11:00 a.m.

DGS Fall Lecture 2013—October 12, 2013
D. Joshua Taylor

DGS Awards Luncheon—December 14, 2013

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

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