

# DGS Newsletter



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## DGS Recognizes 2013 Award Recipients

On Saturday, December 14, the Annual DGS Award Luncheon recognized and honored Society members as well as individuals and organizations for their hard work and dedication that contributed not only to a successful 2013 for the Society, but also to the genealogy community as a whole

Award categories and 2013 recipients are:

### **AWARD OF MERIT—PAT AND JIM STONE**

This award acknowledges a DGS member who has consistently contributed time, talent, expertise, and abilities to the Society over a period of years.

Honorees: The team of Pat and Jim Stone has provided double the dedication, double the service, and double the contributions to our society over many years. They were DGS Board members for many years, as co-VPs of Sales for 7 years and as Salt Lake City Trip Coordinators. Pat also served as Director of Publicity. They have been a helping hand to many committee projects through the years as well.



*Jim and Pat Stone receive Award of Merit from Carolyn Davis.*

### **HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD—**

#### **UT SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER LIBRARY**



*Bill Maina, Cameron Kainerstorfer, Lauri Thompson accept the Heritage Preservation Award from Jean Larson, DGS VP.*

This award recognizes an individual, group, or organization that has contributed to the collection, preservation, and conservation of varying types of genealogical and historical materials.

Honoree: In its History of Medicine and Archives collections, the Library has collected and preserved photographs, publications and unpublished papers that cover the historical aspects of health care, with a focus on Texas and the United States. Record groups include a history of Dallas County medical organizations from 1894 to the present, and a large collection of digitized images that portray institutions, people, and events

which played a role in the progress of medicine and medical care in Dallas.

Visit their online collections:

UT Southwestern Images, 1943-Present at <http://utsouthwestern.edu/library/utswimages>;  
Dallas medical images, 1890-1975, at <http://utswlibrary.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p13044coll6>

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See Guidelines on back page or on DGS website for additional details.

## President's Column

*Sandra Crowley*

This is the season to count our blessings. Thank you to our members for their continued support of DGS. Special thanks to all the volunteers who serve in a variety of roles throughout the year. It takes time and talent by a lot of individuals to build a team that makes an organization work, and DGS has one of the best teams I know.



Since my year as President began in September 2013, we welcomed Josh Taylor as our Fall Lecture speaker, and just announced both the winners of the 2013 Writing Contest and the recipients of this year's DGS Awards. Be sure to read about all of them in this newsletter.

We'll kick off 2014 with general meetings about writing our own family story and new capabilities of FamilySearch.org. Then professional genealogist and popular lecturer Laura Prescott will be our featured speaker at the Spring Lecture in March. There are more exciting events planned for the rest of the year, so stay tuned for up-to-date news. Be sure to check our award-winning website regularly!

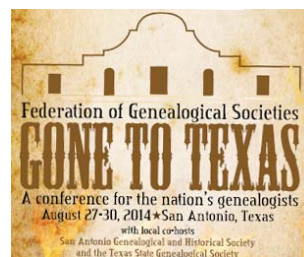
Texas is definitely the place for genealogists to be this year as the Federation of Genealogical Societies hosts its annual conference in San Antonio on August 27-30. We're hoping to attract a few of those researchers to Dallas and the Dallas Library's collections.

One of my personal goals for 2014 centers around documenting memories and sharing them with my family. I realize that the best way to achieve this goal is simple: take it a memory at a time. It sounds so easy when you say it, but I need a specific goal. Therefore, I'm setting aside time each week devoted to writing or in some way recording that memory. I've "given" myself a list of topics and questions to help me get started. Why not challenge yourself this year to tackle that genealogical project you've been wanting to tackle.

2014 promises to be a busy and exciting year for all of us!

**FGS 2014 Conference to  
be held August 27-30  
in San Antonio**

**Learn more at  
[www.fgsconference.org](http://www.fgsconference.org)**



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### “FINDING JOSHUA LAMBARD, CONFEDERATE SOLDIER” – CORRECTION

Murphy's Law struck the Oct-Dec issue of the *DGS Newsletter*: Sources for both the main body of the article and for the Family Summaries were inadvertently omitted during the production process. A revised version of this article, complete with sources, will now be printed in the Spring 2014 issue of *Pegasus*.

*Marianne Szabo, DGS Director of Publications Content*

## DGS Recognizes 2013 Award Recipients (cont'd)

### LLOYD BOCKSTRUCK DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD—HELEN F. M. LEARY



*Helen F. M. Leary, Recipient of Lloyd Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award*

This award honors an individual for outstanding contributions to the genealogical community on a national level.

**Honoree:** Helen Leary is a Certified Genealogist (Emeritus), a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, and Fellow of the National Genealogical Society. She served as President of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, as a trustee for both that organization and for the Association of Professional

Genealogists. Helen is recognized for her many scholarly contributions to genealogy research, and is well-known for her entertaining and informative lecture style. During her 30-plus-year career, her contributions have ranged from publishing scholarly books and journals to creating webinars for the internet.

### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD—JANET KHASHAB AND MARIANNE SZABO

This award acknowledges members who have generously volunteered time, expertise, talents, and abilities to the Society during the previous year.

**Honorees:** This year's honorees were recognized for developing and launching *Pegasus: Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society*. This new journal raises the profile of the Dallas

Genealogical Society in the genealogy community nationwide and provides a place to not only research information but also to publish scholarly articles about ancestors who lived in North Texas. DGS members and non-members, hobbyists and professionals are encouraged to contribute material.



*Janet Khasha (left) and Marianne Szabo (right) accept Volunteer of the Year Award from Jean Larson. (center).*

### PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL AWARD—JANINE KHASHAB AND MARY RINALDI

This award honors individuals or groups whose contributions to the Society fall outside the criteria for other DGS Awards.

**Honorees:** The two volunteers honored this year have ably supported hospitality and other services during our Spring and Fall Lectures, Summer Institutes, Awards Luncheons, and other programs over the past 3 1/2 years with grace and good humor. Janine Khashab and Mary Rinaldi will graduate from high school and attend college in 2014. In honor of their hard work and dedication, the DGS Board presented them with monetary awards as they prepare to begin college in the fall. We will miss them.



*Sandra Crowley, DGS President (center) presents the President's Special Award to Mary Rinaldi (left) and Janine Khashab (right)*

### TSGS AWARD: WEBSITE FOR A PARTNER SOCIETY—TONY HANSON

President Sandra Crowley also announced that DGS was awarded Second Place in the Web Site for a Partner Society category at the Texas State Genealogical Society's Annual Conference on November 2, 2013. Tony Hanson, DGS webmaster, has developed a website that presents the face of DGS to the genealogical community and also offers resource information for those researching in the Dallas area with the Oakland Cemetery database. He also has developed records retention procedures and metadata tools to insure that DGS records are archived and easily accessible by users. This is the second time the DGS website has won a TSGS Award.



*Sandra Crowley presents TSGS Website award to Tony Hanson.*

Ancestors are watching ...

and they will take you in the right direction—when it's time!

## Winners of the 2013 DGS Writing Contest

By Marianne Szabo, DGS Director of Publications Content

The entries to the 2013 DGS Writing Contest were evaluated by the Publications Committee and by professional genealogist J. Mark Lowe, under the criteria outlined in the Contest Rules:

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

Individual judges' scores were averaged for each entry. An entry had to receive an average of at least 25 points to be eligible for a prize.

### FIRST PRIZE—\$500

#### *FROM KENTUCKY TO TEXAS: THE STORY OF ONE PIONEER FAMILY*

BY JO ARCHER ARNSPIGER

Jo Archer Arnspiger is a professional genealogist and owner of *Those Who Went Before*. She is retired from a career as an Information Technology trainer in the education field. She is currently accepting research clients and subcontracts with Bridge to Yesterday to create Ancestry Albums, merging her technology and graphic art skills with genealogical research. She began doing genealogical research in 1974. She has been editor of the Northern Arizona Genealogical Society's quarterly newsletter, *The Bulletin*, for three years. She also maintains the Jessamine County (Kentucky) Genealogical Society's website and attends national conferences and week-long genealogical institutes.



She has been married for 43 years to her husband, Gene. They have three daughters and two grandsons. She has lived in Prescott, Arizona, for the last thirteen years, after spending twenty-five years in Phoenix, Arizona.

Her website is <http://bty.arnspiger.us>.  
Her blog is <http://arnspiger.blogspot.com/>.  
Her family website is <http://arnspiger.org>.

### SECOND PRIZE—\$300

#### *A DOUBLE MURDER IN MILLS COUNTY*

BY CHARLES (CHUCK) CURTIS (DGS MEMBER)

Chuck Curtis became interested in genealogy after he saw an Ancestry.com commercial in 2010. He was inspired to write about the events in his entry by his daughter-in-law, who "told me somewhat timidly that her great-grandfather may have been involved in a murder and may not have served time for it. This was live waving a tennis ball in front of a golden retriever and I was off on the hunt!"



That hunt led him through archives, museums, newspapers, trial transcripts, and interviews with people who had attended the trial. He also visited the site of the murders. He wanted to document what he found for his grandson and decided to enter the Contest because "it provided a deadline, and clear rules about length, subject, endnotes, etc." He's filed the manuscript, his notes, and copies of all his sources in a bright red file box for his grandson to read in the future.

He holds Bachelor of Journalism and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Missouri.

He moved to Dallas when he retired in 2006. He served on the North Texas Crime Stoppers Board from 2007 to 2010 and was the Chairman of the North Texas Crime Commission in 2010. Chuck became a member of DGS in December 2013.

## Obituary: Madilyn Louise Coen Crane

*Held many DGS Board positions in the 1980s and 1990s*

Madilyn Louise Coen Crane died Sunday, December 8, at her home in Austin, Texas, after a long battle with cancer. She was the VP Journal for the *Dallas Quarterly* 1989-1991, executive VP Fundraising 1991-1992, Parliamentarian 1993-1994, and VP Publicity 1996-1997. She was still a member of DGS at the time of her death. From 1995 to 2005 she was office manager for FGS and received the President's Citation for her work.

She authored several articles and books as well. Her complete obituary is at

<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Madilyn-Crane&lc=4885&pid=168500302&mid=5766949>



## Laura G. Prescott to be Featured Speaker for DGS Spring Lecture March 22, 2014

Registration is open for the DGS Spring Lecture 2014 to be held Saturday, March 22, 2014, at the J. Eric Jonsson Central Library. Our featured speaker is Laura G. Prescott, a professional researcher and writer.

Laura graduated with a B.A. in History from Dartmouth College in 1980, ultimately putting her degree to good use over a decade later when she discovered a latent passion for genealogy.

She worked for the New England Historic Genealogical Society for seven years before starting her own research business. Originally from Charleston, West Virginia, she has lived in New England for over thirty-five years.



Laura is past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists and a consultant for Fold3.com. She lectures and writes for national audiences on a variety of genealogical topics. Her specialties include the use of manuscripts in genealogical research, genealogy on the internet, online military records, and merging history with genealogy.

Her articles have appeared in *Ancestry*, *New England Ancestors*, *Genealogical Computing*, *NGS Magazine*, and *Digital Genealogist*.

Topics to be presented at the DGS Spring Lecture include:

***Playing Hide-and-Seek with Ancestors in City Directories***—Explore the history and growth of city directories, discover their value to genealogists researching urban and suburban families, and learn tricks and tips in using them to trace family migrations, address changes, careers, and events.

***Timelines: Placing Your Heritage in Historical Perspective***—Match historical events to an ancestor's life, or synchronize one ancestor's events to another's through timelines. Literally the outlines of our ancestors' lives, timelines lead us to solutions and surprises.

***Treasures within the Ivory Tower: Finding Family in Academic Archives***—College and university libraries are historical repositories for their communities and their special collections are overlooked resources. Your ancestors did not have to attend a college for you to find them through this unique town-and-gown connection. Learn where to look, what you can find, and the most efficient techniques to get the information you seek.

***The Rest of the Story: Using Manuscripts to Create a Family History***—Tap into great repositories of historical treasure! Discover where to find information about your ancestors in special collections and why manuscripts and artifacts are essential to building your family's story.

Registration is open online or via mail. Register by March 9, 2014, and save. Visit [www.dallasgenealogy.org](http://www.dallasgenealogy.org) for additional details and to register.

## DGS Members to Speak at RootsTech in Salt Lake City, February 6-8, 2014

RootsTech is a global family history event where people of all ages learn to discover and share their family stories and connections through technology.

This year is the fourth annual conference which has grown from more than 2,000 attendees in 2010 to over 6,500 in 2013. Each year, more and more people flock to Salt Lake City to discover the latest technologies and solutions to better connect with their family regardless of their experience in family history or skill level in technology.

DGS is pleased to have two of our members speaking at RootsTech 2014. Sandra Crowley, DGS President, and Tony Hanson, DGS Webmaster, have each been invited to present at RootsTech. Their topics combine their interest in genealogy with their knowledge and use of technology to organize, research, and store information and to tell their family's stories.

If you are attending RootsTech 2014, be sure to attend their sessions. Go to [www.rootstech.org](http://www.rootstech.org) to learn more about the conference.

This year, their topics will be:

### ***PERSONAL DIGITAL ARCHIVING FOR THE GENEALOGIST, BY TONY HANSON***

Learn steps you can take today to organize your electronic documents and images to make them easier to manage and to ensure that they will be discoverable by (and useful to) researchers and historians in the future.

### ***I REMEMBER, BY SANDRA CROWLEY***

Everyone has memories of family to pass down to future generations, but telling the story can be time-consuming and daunting. Learn how to get started by using blogs and other technology to save and share your stories and what additional tools are available to help you. The important thing is to begin. Set goals for yourself by creating a challenge or working in a group.

## 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. 4 Genealogical Writing: Fact and/or/not Fiction?

Speaker: Janet Khashab, AG

Does story telling equal fiction? Is there a role which fiction can play in genealogical writing? The recent lecture by Tom Jones at the 2013 FGS conference at Fort Wayne, entitled "Creating Family Histories for Future Generations" emphasizes the importance of beginning the creation of worthwhile and accurate family histories by collecting and sharing family stories and DNA test results. He proposes four important factors for family history, and these will be illustrated by examples from the articles in the premiere issue of *Pegasus: Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society*. In addition, websites and tools helpful for genealogical writing will be mentioned.

### Feb. 1 DNA Testing for Genealogical Purposes

Speaker: Michael Bassett

### Mar. 1 To be announced

### Apr 5 NARA's Online Public Access, Live Demonstration

Speaker: Meg Hacker, Director, Fort Worth Archives

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](http://www.dallasgenealogy.org).

## Editor Wanted

Paid Position

### Dallas Genealogical Society Seeks Editor for *Pegasus: Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society*



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.

The Editor reports to the DGS Director of Publications Content. A complete job description can be found at

<http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/Info/pegasuseditor.pdf>.

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.

## Special Interest Groups\*

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

January 2, 2014—No meeting in January

February 6, 2014—No meeting in February because of RootsTech

March 6, 2014—Metadata discussion

Visit [www.dallasgenealogy.org](http://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—4th Saturday of each month; 10:30 a.m.

The first 2014 meeting of the Brown Bag SIG will be held on January 25, 10:30—noon in the DPL McDermott Room on the 8th floor. The discussion will continue on *Mastering Genealogical Proof Research* by Thomas W. Jones centering on Chapter 3: *GPS Element 1: Thorough Research*. The February and March meetings will discuss Chapter 4: *GPS Element 2: Source Citations*. The moderator will be Janet Khashab, AG.

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

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](mailto: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 8, 2013—Mac genealogy software by Carolyn Davis

### 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](http://www.dallasgenealogy.org) to learn more about Special Interest Groups.

If you are interested, send a cover letter and your resumé to [pegasus@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto: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](http://www.dallasgenealogy.org).

## Where's Pegasus? – Corrections to Its History

Some details of the history of the Magnolia Building and of the location of the original pegasus neon sign were incorrect in the Premiere Issue of *Pegasus*. The sign in the Old Red Court House is one that sat atop the Casa Linda Mobil Station near White Rock Lake. The original sign had been stored at the Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs Public Art Storage Unit, but was recently removed from storage for condition inspection and renovation



First erected in 1934 on the roof of the Magnolia Petroleum Co. headquarters on Commerce Street, the winged horse sign, fabricated by Texlite Signs in Dallas, became one of Dallas's most enduring and recognizable landmarks. In 1959 it became the logo of Mobil Oil when it merged with Magnolia Petroleum. The city conferred landmark status to the sign in 1973. In 1976 it became the property of the City of Dallas.

In 1978 the Magnolia 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's Millennium Celebration, in 1999

the original sign was taken down and put into storage when a new sign was commissioned. A completely new, fully-rotating sign was lit for the first time at midnight on January 1, 2000. This work was accessioned into the Public Art Collection in 2000.

Our thanks to Life Member George L. Bennett for bringing these discrepancies to our attention.

*Marianne Szabo, Director of Publications Content*

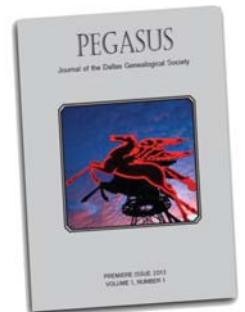
## Pegasus for Sale on DGS Website

Those who would like to buy a print copy of *Pegasus: Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society* may do so on the DGS website.

Price is \$10 for DGS members and \$15 for non-members, excluding postage/shipping.

For more information, see:

<http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/>



## Announcing the DGS 2014 Writing Contest—Deadline April 1, 2014

*By Marianne Szabo, Director of DGS Publications Content*

In past years, we've held our Writing Contest during the summer months, but they may be the busiest time of the year for many genealogists, with family reunions, conferences, or vacations. There is sometimes a letdown after the end-of-the-year holidays, not to mention winter weather that keeps many indoors!



Therefore the DGS Publications Committee changed the contest dates to the first quarter of the year, in the hopes this might add an incentive for potential entrants to sit down and write something about their ancestors.

As with previous contests, this year's is open to both members and non-members of DGS. Hobbyists, transitional, and professional genealogists are welcome to submit entries. Entries may include genealogies, family histories, and case

studies that demonstrate use of genealogical methodology techniques and sources.

While DGS has a goal of preserving Dallas area history, subject matter for the competition is not limited to the local geographic area as defined in the Rules and Guidelines:

<http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/Info/Guidelines.pdf>

Entries will be judged on accuracy, clarity of writing, and overall impact and interest. They may not have been previously published. Submission deadline is April 1, 2014.

First prize is \$500; second prize is \$300; and third prize is \$150.

An Entry Form is available at:

[www.dallasgenealogy.org/Info/Entry.pdf](http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/Info/Entry.pdf)

Winners will be announced in July, 2014.



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**DGS Special Events 2014**—Visit our web site for details: [www.dallasgenealogy.org](http://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, Texas— "Meet & Greet" at 10:30 a.m.; Meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.**

**SPRING LECTURE—Laura Prescott  
Saturday, March 22, 2014**

**DGS SUMMER INSTITUTE—Speaker(s) to be announced**

**FALL LECTURE—Speaker and date to be announced**

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

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