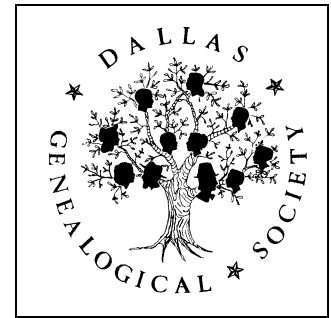


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DGS Recognizes 2014 Award Recipients

Members and guests of the Dallas Genealogical Society met on Saturday, December 13, 2014, for their Annual DGS Awards Luncheon. Each year DGS recognizes individuals and organizations for their hard work and dedication to the genealogical community that contributes not only to a successful 2014 for the Society but also to the genealogy community as a whole. Award categories and 2014 recipients are:

AWARD OF MERIT – LYNELL BENNETT MOSS AND FRED MOSS

This 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.

Honorees: Lynell Bennett Moss and Fred Moss have been frequent contributors to the genealogical community in a variety of ways. Lynell is the prime organizer and Director of The Great Family Search Conference that is presented free of charge annually to our local genealogical community. She is a member of the Texas State Genealogical Society and the National Genealogical Society. Lynell and Fred have made many contributions to the Dallas Genealogical Society, such as an annual presentation to a DGS General Meeting which updates members on the FamilySearch web site and search software. In addition, Lynell has extracted information from the 1850, 1860, and 1870 Dallas County Mortality Schedules for the Mortality Schedule database on the DGS web site. Fred serves as the Legal



Fred and Lynell Moss accept Award of Merit from Jean Larson, DGS Vice President.

Advisor to the Federation of Genealogical Societies, an active participant on the Records Preservation and Access Committee, and an advocate of the Genealogists' Declaration of Rights.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD – DALLAS MEXICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL LEAGUE (DMAHL)

The DGS Preservation Award recognizes an individual, group, or organization that has contributed to the collection, preservation, and conservation of varying types of genealogical and historical materials.



Juanita Nanez, DMAHL VP, and other league members accept the award from DGS member Cheryl Freeman (back right).

Honoree: The Dallas Mexican American Historical League was established in 2008. Its mission is to research, collect, document, and preserve the city's Mexican American history and to educate the public on the historical and cultural experiences and contributions of Mexican Americans in Dallas, Texas, beginning from the

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President's Column

Sandra Crowley



2015 promises to be a busy and exciting year for genealogy and for DGS.

As the second most popular hobby in the U.S. after gardening, according to ABC News, genealogy and related publications and web sites have become a billion-dollar industry. You can not only search and find family records online, you can also take courses on everything from finding where records are located to learning about DNA testing. Some days, I feel like there are just not enough hours in the day!

DNA has become a very popular way to research your family and DGS is pleased to have Debbie Parker Wayne as featured speaker at our Spring 2015 Lecture. Debbie has a knack for making DNA something we can all understand. Join us on March 21 for DNA and Genealogy.

Mark your calendars too for other exciting events:

- Monthly programs on the 1st Saturday of March, April, May, September, October, and November (visit www.dallasgenealogy.org for current information on speakers)
- 2015 Summer Symposium on August 7-8. The Dallas Public Library will again host extended hours on Friday evening for Symposium attendees. Our featured speaker and other details will be announced soon; watch the web site and eBlasts for the latest information.
- 2015 Fall Lecture on October 24, 2015
- DGS 60th Anniversary: DGS was founded on December 12, 1955. Join us on December 12, 2015, as we celebrate DGS, its past and its future. If you would like to be part of the 60th Anniversary Committee, send an email to president@dallasgenealogy.org.
- One event happening this year is the **Global Family Reunion**. It's billed as "an event like no other." The reunion is scheduled for June 6 at the New York Hall of Science on the grounds of the World's Fair. There will be talks by celebrities, scientists, and comedians. See more at globalfamilyreunion.com. The event will be live-streamed to a number of locations. Stay tuned to find out more!

Whether you're just getting started with genealogy, have researched for years, or are finally ready to write that book, DGS has something to offer you in 2015.

We hope you'll join us!

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early 1900s. DMAHL's Projects have included oral and video interviews with elders in the community, mini-community exhibits, bus tours of historical locations, and community outreach to seek historical data, photographs, artifacts, and volunteers from Dallas's Mexican American barrios.

Their web site and Facebook page is www.dmahl.org.

LLOYD BOCKSTRUCK DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD – ROBERT SCOTT DAVIS

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

Honoree: Robert (“Bob”) Scott Davis is a professor, a prolific author, a speaker, and an advocate of continuing education, local history, and archive initiatives. He is Senior Professor of History at Wallace State College, Hanceville, Alabama. Bob has more than 1,000 publications to his name about history, genealogy, records, and research. His articles have appeared in many national and state-level genealogical and historical journals. He and co-author Ted Brooke received the 2013 NGS Award for Excellence in the category of Genealogical Methods and Sources for their publication, *Georgia Research: A Handbook for Genealogists, Historians, Archivists, Lawyers, Librarians, and Other Researchers*.



Mic Barnette accepts the Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award on behalf of Robert Scott Davis from Carolyn Davis, DGS Director of Publicity.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD – CAROLYN DAVIS

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

Honoree: Carolyn Davis currently serves as the Publicity/



Brenda Cannon, member of the DGS Awards Committee, presents the Volunteer of the Year Award to Carolyn Davis.

Public Relations Director for DGS. She has previously served as Secretary. During 2014, Carolyn made presentations to the Technology SIG and MacGen Reunion SIG. She has worked on the committee to develop a beginning genealogy seminar and has presented programs at the Dallas Public Library. Carolyn was responsible for the messaging and content of the DGS exhibit at the FGS meeting in San Antonio, which she staffed during the event. Carolyn is an example of what makes an organization like DGS work effectively; she is a dedicated volunteer.

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL AWARD – GAYLA BUSH

The President's Special Award honors an individual or group whose contributions to the Society fall outside the criteria for other DGS Awards.

Honoree: In 2010, the City of Dallas announced a series of budget cuts that affected the Dallas Public Library. Staffing for the genealogy section was cut and hours for the library were reduced – both of which greatly impacted access to the collection.

Following these changes, there were several individuals who managed both the 7th and 8th floor history and genealogical collections. In February 2013, DPL announced Gayla Bush as the new manager for these collections.

Gayla has handled the reduced hours and staffing, renovations, and other changes with professionalism, patience and grace. Working with Gayla has been a true partnership of sharing information about how we can work together to serve the genealogical community.

She secured an alternative location when an unexpected library closure occurred on the morning of the DGS Spring 2014 Lecture; we began only 15 minutes late. She was instrumental in facilitating Extended Hours for registrants of the DGS Summer Symposium who wanted to research “after hours,” and she has worked with the City to gain approval for DGS to install a book scanner in the library in 2015.

This is the type of cooperative effort and willingness to think “outside the box” that makes Gayla Bush the recipient of the DGS 2014 President's Award.



Gayla Bush accepts the President's Award from Sandra Crowley, DGS President.

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TSGS 2014 AWARDS: CATEGORY VI OFFICIAL PERIODICALS OF PARTNER SOCIETIES

Each year the Texas State Genealogical Society presents awards to Partner Societies in a variety of publishing categories. Judging criteria includes binding, design, organization, content, interest, editing and index.

Honoree: *Pegasus: Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society* is the winner of the 2014 first place award in Category VI, Official Periodicals of Partner Societies.

Open to Partner Societies only, the requirements are that the Journals must be published at least once each year, but could be more than once. DGS submitted copies of all issues published in 2014 (Research and Records issues). These copies will be archived as part of TSGS's archival collection at the Stephen F. Austin Library.



The chair of the awards committee said that Pegasus was clearly at the top from the time they received it. One of the TSGS directors indicated that if there had been a "Grand Prize" for this category, *Pegasus* would have received that because of the quality and content. *Pegasus* sets a new standard for society publications; any group considering starting or improving their publication should be sure to look at it.

WINNERS: 2014 DGS WRITING CONTEST

The Dallas Genealogical Society announces the first place winners of the 2014 Writing Contest, the husband and wife team of Deborah Harvey and Gary Wood, for their article *As the Angus Roam*.

Deborah Harvey is a professional genealogist with over 25 years of experience researching family history records across Virginia and the South. Ms. Harvey's educational training includes completion of the National Genealogical Society's Home Study Course, the Boston University Certificate in Genealogical Research, and the ProGen Study Group. She has attended genealogical conferences and events including Samford University's Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research, Fairfax County Genealogical Society, and National Genealogical Society conferences. Ms. Harvey is completing her portfolio for submission and review by the Board for Certified Genealogists. She is currently accepting research clients at Bak2rootsgen@gmail.com.



Gary Wood is a native of the Lowesville area on the Amherst and Nelson County lines in Virginia. An engineer by training and an administrator in real life, he has been involved with genealogical research as a hobby since 1984. He feels fortunate to have a number of colorful characters in his family tree, which keeps the journey back in time interesting. He is a first cousin, 4x removed, of Thomas J. Angus.



The winners received a check for \$500 for their entry, and a certificate of recognition.

There were no other writing awards this year.

See related article about the DGS 2015 Writing Contest on page 7.

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August 28—September 4, 2015



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DGS 2015 Spring Lecture to be Held Saturday, March 21, 2015

Topic: *Genetic Genealogy Analysis and Tools; a step beyond the beginner level*



The Dallas Genealogical Society invites you to join us for a one-day lecture featuring Debbie Parker Wayne, a noted professional genealogist who is experienced in using DNA analysis for genealogical research.



The DGS 2015 Spring Lecture will be held at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, Texas. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. and the lecture begins at 10:00 a.m.

Debbie will begin with a brief review of genetic genealogy basics and advice about choosing a DNA testing company. The remaining sessions will provide in-depth

information about tools and applications for mitochondrial DNA, Y-DNA, and autosomal DNA studies. Each session will include a real-life case study which uses the latest tools and techniques to analyze these DNA types.

TOPICS

Debbie's topics will include the following:

Genetic Genealogy Today: Review and Updates—A brief review of genetic genealogy basics such as the inheritance of each type of DNA used for genealogy. This includes an introduction to some of the tools to be illustrated in later sessions.

Genetic Genealogy Company Comparisons—Information on how to choose a DNA testing company, the pros and cons of each company's offerings, and the tests available today.

Tools and Applications for mtDNA—Illustration of a real-life case study using the latest tools and techniques to analyze mitochondrial DNA (passed along the matrilineal line).

Tools and Applications for Y-DNA—Illustration of a real-life case study using the latest tools and techniques to analyze Y-DNA (passed along the patrilineal line).

Tools and Applications for atDNA—Illustration of a real-life case study using the latest tools and techniques to analyze autosomal DNA (inherited through all ancestral lines).

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Debbie Parker Wayne, CGsm, CGLsm, is a full-time, professional genealogist experienced using DNA analysis, as well as more traditional techniques, for genealogical research. Her DNA research focuses on client projects and on research into her own family projects that include YDNA, mtDNA, XDNA, and autosomal DNA studies. Her traditional research focuses on Texas, the Southwest, and the Southern U.S. She has performed research for genealogical television series such as the Canadian series *Ancestors in the Attic*, the PBS series *Finding Your Roots* with Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and The Learning Channel's *Who Do You Think You Are?*

Debbie is a Trustee for the BCG Education Fund, the Texas State Genealogical Society's DNA Project Chair, a former board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), and former president of the Lone Star Chapter of APG. Debbie has presented at the National Genealogical Society and Federation of Genealogical Societies conferences, International Genetic Genealogy Conference, Family Tree DNA Project Administrator's Conference, Southern California Jamboree DNA Day, several genealogy institutes, and many genealogical societies in Texas and other states.

Her publications include a column on using DNA analysis for genealogical research in *NGS Magazine*, a column on genetic genealogy in the *Association of Professional Genealogy Quarterly*, and award-winning articles in writing competitions held by the Dallas Genealogical Society and the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors.

Visit Debbie's web site at debbiewayne.com.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is open for the DGS Spring Lecture 2015 to be held Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the J. Eric Jonsson Central Library. Register online at www.dallasgenealogy.org or download a registration form and mail it with your check.

Onsite registration is available; however, there is no guarantee that syllabus materials will be available and lunch cannot be purchased onsite.

Cost is \$55 for DGS members and \$65 for non-members. **Register by February 28** and save \$10 (DGS members, \$45; non-members \$55). Lunch is available for \$10; a reduced parking fee of \$1.50 is available for those who park in the Dallas Public Library garage.

Visit www.dallasgenealogy.org for additional details and to register.

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:

Mar. 7 Research in Colonial New England
Speaker: Glenn Kinkade

Apr 4 Adoption Records
Speaker: Connie Gray

May 2 To be announced

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

Dallas Public Library News



NEW HOURS

Effective January 2, 2015, the Dallas Public Library increased hours and staffing at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. The library is now open seven days a week and is open two evenings per week. Hours are:

Monday, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Thursday, 10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
Friday, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

RENOVATIONS IN 2015

The Texas/Dallas History & Archives Division on the 7th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library will be closed for renovation starting Monday, March 2, 2015. Beginning Monday, April 20, the division will have a limited selection of Dallas reference materials available on the first floor of the library. The 7th floor will reopen in the summer of 2016 with a new look that will include an updated reading room, built-in display cases, a fine books gallery, improved meeting spaces, and more. Details: <http://goo.gl/Qp97F1>

Special Interest Groups*

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

March 5, 2015—to be announced

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—4th Saturday of each month; 10:30 a.m.

The discussions 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.

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: April 9, 2015

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.



Learn how you can help [preserve the War of 1812 Pension records](http://www.dallasgenealogy.org).



2015 DGS Writing Contest Opens January 1; closes April 30

Question: How do you eat an elephant?

Answer: One bite at a time.

The same might be true of how you write a family history – one story at a time, until you have a collection that can be passed down for generations. Even if you have only one story you want to write, that is a worthy accomplishment.

In 2013, former DGS President Janet Khashab gave a lecture (*Genealogical Writing: Fact and/or/not Fiction?*) that offered excellent suggestions on how to write a story that is both accurate and entertaining. She included 11 books related to writing family stories. These books have been purchased by DGS for the Dallas Public Library's collection in the 8th floor.

Winners of the DGS 2014 Writing Contest will receive a monetary reward. The contest is open to both members and non-members of DGS, either amateurs or professionals. Only original material *not previously published elsewhere in any format* is eligible. Entries will be accepted January 1 through April 30, 2015. Winners will be announced in July 2015.

While DGS has a goal of preserving Dallas history, subject matter for the competition may range beyond the local geographic area. Articles may include :

- advanced methodologies and case studies (not limited by geography)
- family histories and genealogies, particularly those linked to North Texas, including those who came from or left to settle elsewhere
- transcriptions, abstracts or indexes of record groups (including family records) not yet filmed or digitized that relate to Dallas or North Texas
- ethnic, house, or military histories related to Dallas and surrounding counties.

Entries will be judged on accuracy, clarity of writing, and overall impact and interest. First prize is \$500; second prize is \$300 and third prize is \$100. Complete Rules and Guidelines are available at:

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

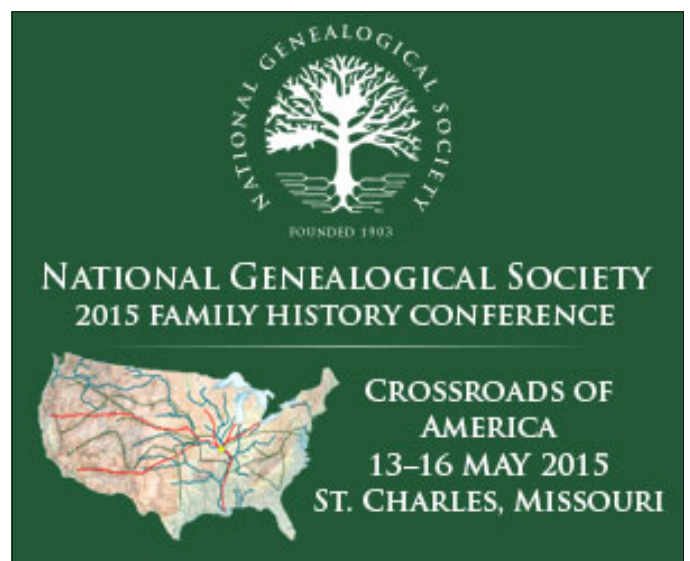


Winning articles are eligible to be published in *Pegasus: Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society*. Past winning entries can be read in the 2013 and 2014 Research Issues of *Pegasus*, which members can access through the DGS web site. Use them as examples of outstanding research and writing.

Send entries via email only, with "DGS Writing Competition" in the subject line to: editorial@dallasgenealogy.com

We all make promises to ourselves about projects we want to complete. Don't let another year go by without writing part of your family history. Every year there are many entries that come in the last two weeks of the Contest – we wonder how many other entries never were sent because their authors kept putting it off – don't let that be said of your entry.

—DGS Publications Committee





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