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Dallas Genealogical Society Announces 2013 Writing Contest with Cash Prizes

Dallas, TX, May 20, 2013 – The Dallas Genealogical Society is pleased to announce its 2013 Writing Contest for original material on topics of interest to genealogists and family historians. The contest is open to members and non-members of the DGS. Hobbyists, transitional, and professional genealogists are welcome to submit entries. Submissions may include genealogies, family histories, and case studies that demonstrate use of genealogical methodology, techniques, and sources.

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

Entries will be judged on accuracy, clarity of writing, and overall impact and interest. They may not have been previously published. The submission deadline is August 31, 2013. Winners will be announced at the DGS Annual Awards Luncheon in December 2013. Among the judges will be J. Mark Lowe, a professional genealogist, author and lecturer.



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

Complete Rules and Guidelines are available at: <http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/Info/Guidelines.pdf>

“This is an opportunity for genealogists and family historians to preserve some of their family history and to achieve recognition for their work,” said Marianne Szabo, Director of Publications Content. “The contest offers a unique venue for researchers to tell part of their story.” The winning articles from the 2012 contest will appear in the premiere issue of *Pegasus: Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society*.

For an entry form and information about the DGS or the contest, visit www.dallasgenealogy.org.

About DGS

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

The Society’s mission is to educate by creating, fostering, and maintaining interest in genealogy; to assist and support the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas; and to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to the Dallas area and its early history. The genealogy collection at the Central Library has been recognized as one of the Top 10 research libraries for genealogists in the United States.

DGS conducts general meetings on the first Saturday of each month except June, July, and August with local speakers. DGS also hosts a Lecture Series with nationally recognized speakers for a full-day workshop each spring and fall, and a 2-day Institute during the summer.

DGS is a member of the National Genealogical Society (NGS) and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS).

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

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