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**January, 2018**

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### **Next General Meeting January 6**

Our next General Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 6th, in the 1st floor Auditorium at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, located at 1515 Young Street in Dallas. Hospitality begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by our Business Meeting, which will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Our Educational Presentation will be made by Bill Buckner, of the Waco-McLennan County Library. He will be discussing "1890 Census Substitutes: Bridging the Gap." The presentation will provide some history on the 1890 US census itself as well as the circumstances surrounding the destruction that left us with very few records. Bill will also provide several alternative sources for filling in the gaps on your ancestors between 1880 and 1900.



As a reminder, you do not need to be a member of the Dallas Genealogical Society to attend the meetings. We welcome everyone who is interested!

### **Upcoming Meeting: Saturday, February 3**

Please join us in February, when Bill Covington, TXDAR State Winner of the 2017 Outstanding Teacher of US History Award, will present "Black Courage." This presentation will examine the contributions by African Americans to the American Revolution and the reasons they served on both sides of the conflict.

Meeting minutes, video recordings of previous Business Meetings, and videos of our Educational Presentations (when the speakers permit) are all available on our website.

## Genealogy Is Contagious!

Bring a non-member friend, neighbor, or relative to a meeting. Help us spread the word about all good things DGS has to offer! Our meetings are interesting and informative. Let's all encourage others to attend!



Between now and May, bringing a guest to a meeting will place your name in a drawing to win a registration to the seminar of your choice. You will be entered for each visitor that you bring!

Come one, come all and share the joy of genealogy!

## Volunteers Needed!

So, you have a passion for genealogy?! Fantastic! Getting involved in our society is a fun way to meet people with similar interests, expand your skills and give back to the genealogical community. Let's join our combined resources to make our 2018 events the best ever!

There are various opportunities for you to serve the Dallas Genealogical Society at our DGS events.

Qualifications to volunteer: Willingness to attend meetings, promote our events, be flexible, have a friendly and inviting countenance, and serve where needed. Let's begin with our first 2018 program on **Saturday, January 6**. Arrive early, if possible, to prepare to greet and serve our members and guests.

Currently, we need assistance with hospitality for our events. This includes, making coffee, set-up, serving snacks, and clean-up. Also, we need greeters to welcome before, during and after events.

For additional information, please contact:  
Patti Huff Smith | Director of Volunteer Coordination  
[volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org)

## 2017 DGS Awards and Donations

A wonderful Annual Banquet attended by many DGS members and their guests was held on December 9th in O'Hara Hall at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. The festive occasion honored this year's award recipients as well as the recipients of DGS donations. Additionally, our Society website was recognized as the recipient of the Texas State Genealogical Society's third place website winner for a TxSGS Partner Society.

### Award Recipients

- Ken Johnston, President's Special Award
- Linda & Bob Lane, Renee Jackson Smith Award
- Jean Larson, Award of Merit

- Susan Rainwater, Volunteer of the Year
- Tony Hanson, Heritage Preservation Award
- Fred Moss, Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award
- DGS Donation Recipients
- \$7,500 to the Cathy Nelson Hartman Portal to Texas History Endowment Fund at the University of North Texas
- \$7,500 to the Texas General Land Office Endowment
- \$5,500 to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library

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Tony Hanson presents books to Library Liaison Gayla Bush



## DGS Writing Contest Winner Announced

The Dallas Genealogical Society announces the winner of their 2017 Writing Contest. In "Defending Dicy Dillon," this year's winner Karen Claridge Walker outlines the various rumors and stories about her great-great grandmother that have filtered down through the years and then makes her case for the real facts. Some of this information had even been published in books and manuscripts through the years by others. It is through Karen's meticulous attention to details and documenting her findings that she's able to prove her conclusions.



Karen Claridge Walker is a native of San Antonio, Texas, earned a Bachelor of Music Literature degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio, is a former Tulsa, Oklahoma, public school music teacher, worked two years in the Tulsa City/ County Library Genealogy Center and is a serious amateur genealogist. She has lived in San Antonio, Austin, Tulsa, Honolulu, and Dallas and recently returned to Tulsa with her husband Stephen D. Walker. They have a son and daughter living in Tulsa.

## Spring Seminar - March 31

We are pleased to welcome Michael L. Strauss, AG, as the speaker on March 31 at our Spring Seminar, "Revolution to Reconstruction: Seeking Those Who Shaped America." He is an expert on military research and will be speaking on:

- Revolutionary War Genealogical Research
- Manifest Destiny: Researching Your Mexican War Ancestors



- Refugees, Claims, and Conscription: Researching Your Ancestors during the Reconstruction Era
- More than Just Politics: Genealogical Research in Washington DC

Michael has been an avid genealogist for more than 30 years and is the principal owner of [Genealogy Research Network](#). He holds a BA in History and is a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. Other interesting facts about Michael include:

- He's a registered Private Investigator in the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Criminal Justice Services.
- He's a qualified Expert Witness in various counties in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia.
- He is an approved genealogist for the U.S. Army to locate DNA-qualified family members of MIAs and POWs from WWII, the Korean War, and Vietnam.
- He served as the film historian/genealogist for the documentary "Finding Vivian Maier," which was nominated in 2015 for the Documentary Oscar.

Michael also serves as a faculty member for various genealogical courses at Brigham Young University and Samford University, among others. He has served as President and Vice President of the Virginia Beach Genealogical Society.

Please join us for what is sure to be a fascinating day!

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## **Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society Meeting**

### Portal to Texas History

Jacob Magnum joins the Mesquite Historical and Genealogical Society to explain the Portal to Texas History, one of the newest genealogical and historical research tools for the cultural history of Texas. Created and maintained by the University of North Texas Libraries, the Portal to Texas History is a gateway to rare, historical, and primary source materials from or about Texas.

The Portal works with its partners to digitize newspapers, photos, books, and documents and to make them available online to teachers, students, historians, and genealogists.

Join us on Thursday, January 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mesquite Main Library to learn more about this amazing research tool. Come early for visiting and refreshments. You do not have to be a member to attend

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## Annual Report Now Available

The Annual Report for 2016-2017 is now available. The report covers operational activities from September 2016 through August 2017 and financial activities from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

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## DGS Donations to the Dallas Public Library

The first recorded donation from the Dallas Genealogical Society to the Dallas Public Library occurred in 1933. Since then, our society has been a consistent supporter of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. A recent analysis by Tony Hanson, Past President, has revealed that the total value of all donations made by the society exceeds \$686,000. A summary of all of the donations is available on our website.

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## 2018 Nominations Committee

The DGS Nominating Committee is composed of two members of the Board of Directors and three members-at-large to nominate a slate of officers to be elected at the May general meeting. The three members-at-large are nominated and elected to the Nominating Committee by the general membership at the February general meeting and the Board representatives are elected at the February Board meeting. The Committee's work is to nominate a member in good standing for each officer position and to report its nominations at the General Meeting in April.

This means that every member who attends the February general meeting will have an opportunity to help select the three members-at-large for the Nominating Committee. So, make plans now to attend the February general meeting and be a part of selecting our leadership for 2018-19.

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## January Special Interest Group Meetings

Did you know that the Dallas Genealogical Society has special interest groups that meet at various times during the month? The groups that meet in December are listed below.



- **Technology Special Interest Group** meets January 4, 2018 @ 6:00 - 8:00 pm on the 7th Floor - Stone Room, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Dallas, TX 75201.
- **Jewish Special Interest Group** meets on January 17, 2018 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm on the 8th Floor- McDermott Room, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Dallas, TX 75201.
- **DNA Special Interest Group** meets January 18, 2018 @ 6:00 - 8:00 pm on the 5th Floor - Harmon Room, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Dallas, TX 75201.
- **African American Genealogical Interest Group** meets on January 20, 2018 @ 2:00 - 4:45 pm on the 1st Floor - West Room, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Dallas, TX 75201.

**Brown Bag Special Interest Group** meets January 27, 2018 @ 10:30 am - 1:00 pm on the 8th Floor - McDermott Room, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Dallas, TX 75201.

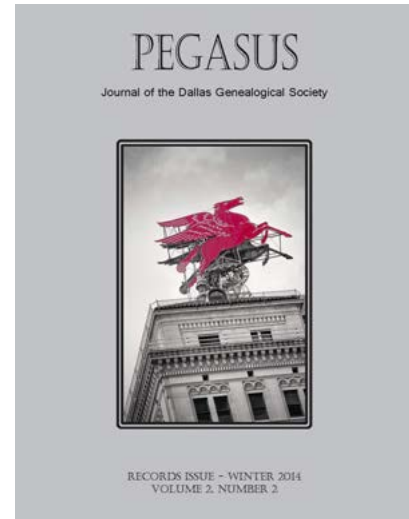
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## DGS is seeking a Pegasus Editor

We are looking for somebody who would be willing to serve as the Editor of Pegasus, our award-winning Journal.

Responsibilities for this position include the following: Managing our annual writing contest, selecting articles suitable for publication, working with authors to perform necessary editing prior to publication, coordinating the design of each issue with our design editor and coordinating printing and distribution of each issue.

Please contact the DGS at [info@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:info@dallasgenealogy.org) if you are interested in filling this position.



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