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Dallas Genealogical Society 2015 Writing Contest Closes April 30

Dallas, TX, April 7, 2015 - -The Dallas Genealogical Society's Publications Committee cites an age-old 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.

Enter that story in the DGS 2015 Writing Contest by April 30. The contest is open to both members and non-members of DGS as well as amateurs and professionals. Only original material not previously published elsewhere in any format is eligible. 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 website. In 2014, *Pegasus* was awarded 1st Place, Category VI (Official Periodicals of Partner Societies/Journals) by the Texas State Genealogical Society.

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

About Dallas Genealogical Society

Founded in 1954, the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is the oldest continuously functioning society of its kind in Texas. The object of this Society 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 Dallas County and its early history. The Dallas Public Library has been rated as one of the Top 10 libraries for genealogy research in the U.S. by Family Tree Magazine.

DGS is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation and a member of the National Genealogical Society (NGS) and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS).