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Dallas Genealogical Society Announces Winners of 2013 Writing Contest

*Dallas, TX—December 19, 2013--*The Dallas Genealogical Society presented the winners of their 2013 Writing Contest with certificates of recognition and prize checks at their Annual Awards Luncheon on December 14, 2013. Among the judges reviewing the contest entries was J. Mark Lowe, a professional genealogist.

The winners are:

First Place—\$500

“From Kentucky to Texas: the Story of One Pioneer Family” by Jo Archer Arnsperger

Jo Archer Arnsperger 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.

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

Second Place—\$300

“A Double Murder in Mills County” by Charles (Chuck) Curtis

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 like waving a tennis ball in front of a golden retriever and I was off on the hunt!”

He holds Bachelor of Journalism and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Missouri. In 2006 the University of Missouri School of Journalism awarded him its Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism. He is a member of the Dallas Genealogical Society.

There was no award for Third Place this year.

Look for the announcement of the 2014 DGS Writing Contest coming soon.

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