



The annual Board of Directors meeting of the Dunham-Singleton Family Connections dba Dunham Genealogy Research Association was held on Sunday March 13, 2021 at 1:00 pm PDT via conference call. The meeting was announced in advance to members on the Website and Facebook.

President Jeff Dunham called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm PDT. Board Members present were:

- Selma Blackmon (VP & Dir),
- Jeff Dunham (Pres),
- Joann Dunham (Newsletter Editor & Dir),
- Trudy Dunham (Secretary, Asst. Treasurer & Dir),
- Lisa Eschenburg (Dir),
- Michael Flynn (Dir),
- Audrey Hancock (Dir),
- Gratia Mahony (Historian & Dir),
- Patricia Meyer (Dir),
- Terry Ruppel (Dir), and
- James Streeter (Treasurer & Dir)

Former DNA Project Coordinator & Director John Duguid was also present; John resigned from the Board effective February 28, 2022.

Director Eric Stoltz was absent.

Secretarial Report: The minutes of the 2021 Board meeting were presented. It was moved by Trudy Dunham and seconded by Gratia Mahony to accept the minutes as posted online at <http://www.dunham-singleton.org/mw/images/4/4d/SecReport-Mar2021.pdf>. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report: James Streeter presented the Treasurer Report, posted online at <http://www.dunham-singleton.org/mw/images/4/43/FinReport-2021.pdf>.

Balances as 9 Mar 2022: General 6345.12 – DNA 215.55 – Memorial 100.00 -- Research 234.41 – Total 6895.08 plus 318.28 on PayPal – Total 7213.36

It was moved by Jeff Dunham and seconded by Gratia Mahony to accept the Treasurer report. The motion carried.

2022 Budget: Treasurer James Streeter presented the proposed 2022 budget:

Item	Proposed	Adopted
Annual Corporation Reporting Fee	20.	20.

National Genealogical Societies membership fee	50.	50.
Research Fees and Supplies (paid to Gratia Mahony)	1800.	1200.
Domain Registration and hosting to 1 May 2024 (donated by Jeff Dunham)	0.	0.
Board Meeting Teleconference expense	25.	25.
Total	1895.	1295.

Discussion followed. Jeff Dunham confirmed that he will continue to donate the domain registration and website hosting service. As Gratia Mahony is no longer Newsletter Editor and has reduced her time as Historian, her expenses are less and she proposed a lower fee for research and supplies. \$1200 was agreed upon. Joann Dunham is taking on the Newsletter Editor role and will assist Gratia in the Historian role. Joann is donating her services. Joann also noted that she is a full member of the National Genealogical Societies and could provide some services through her membership that are not provided under the limited membership our organization has. Zoom membership, estimated at \$180/year, was discussed in lieu of the teleconference budget item; it was decided to use the free Zoom service as needed, and if the 40 minute limit on sessions was inadequate we could revisit this item. James Streeter moved the amended budget, seconded by Jeff Dunham. The motion carried.

Membership Report: In 2021 DGRA had 44 DGRA Members, 11 Bronze Members and 6 Gold Members for a total of 61 members in good standing. The 2022 Membership as of 12 March was 29 DGRA Members, 8 Bronze Members and 5 Gold Members for a total of 42 members in good standing. A 2nd notice has been sent to all who did not respond to the initial membership emailed letter. It was moved by Jeff Dunham and seconded by Gratia Mahony to accept the Membership report. The motion carried.

Election of the Board of Directors:

Jackie Coniglio resigned in the fall of 2021 and John Duguid submitted his resignation effective 28 February 2022. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Gratia Mahony, had proposed 1 former (Terry Ruple) and two new board members (Patricia Meyer and Michael Flynn). The Bi-Annual Election of the Board of Directors took place in February. James Streeter emailed ballots to the 61 members in good standing in 2021 and received 25 ballots back. All voting members voted in favor of all the board candidates. Jeff Dunham was accepted as the new DNA Project Coordinator, to be assisted by Joann Dunham. It was moved by Jeff Dunham and seconded by Audrey Hancock to accept the updated Board members and roles report. The motion carried.

Biographies of the new members were added to the Board of Directors Biographies Page and can be viewed at: http://www.dunham-singletary.org/mw/index.php/Board_Bio%27s

Dunham DNA Report: Former Director and DNA Project Coordinator John Duguid presented the DNA Project Report, a breakdown of the members of the Family Tree Dunham-Singletary Y-DNA group. There are 180 people in the group of which 129 have had their Y-DNA tested. This means there are 180 - 129 = 51 others (women and untested men) in the group. The Haplogroups and membership numbers are:
Haplogroup I-M253 - Deacon John = 43

Haplogroup I-M253 - not named Dunham = 13
Haplogroup I-M223 - Dunham = 26
Haplogroup I-M223 - Singletary = 6
Haplogroup I-M223 - not named Dunham/Singletary = 1
Haplogroup R-M269 - Dunhams = 13
Haplogroup R-M269 - non Dunhams = 15
Haplogroup G-M201 - Dunhams = 3
Haplogroups various - Dunhams = 3
Haplogroups various - non-Dunham or Singletary = 6
TOTAL= 129

Note: Names similar to Dunham (e.g., Denham) are counted as Dunhams.

The Board discussed offering to pay for DNA testing for individuals. The Board had previously paid to upgrade all DNA submissions to 37 markers. Since the cost of DNA testing has dropped significantly, it was decided to assist members in covering the cost of the testing on a case by case basis. It was moved by Jeff Dunham and seconded by James Streeter to accept the DNA Project report. The motion carried. The Board expressed gratitude for John's contributions to the Board and the DNA Project. Jeff Dunham volunteered to serve as the new DNA Project Coordinator, Joann Dunham as the assistant Coordinator.

Dunhams in America: Gratia Mahony reported on her work as Historian and Newsletter Editor: I began a systematic study of Plymouth Colony, Massachusetts during the settlement period. My goal was to locate the John Dunham home site and to follow on with finding the locations of the homes of all John Dunham's children. I did this through the study of Plymouth Colony Records and Records of the Town of Plymouth. This produced an article for the April 2021 newsletter showing the location of the John Dunham home site. (In June of 2021 I went to Plymouth with my daughter and saw the area where John Dunham lived and farmed.) On that summer trip I also visited the Jonathan Dunham house in Woodbridge, NJ where Warden David Wilson gave me a tour of the house and Trinity Church. Another article in the July 2021 issue was submitted by James George Dunham who has been very helpful in detailing how to use ThruLines™, a recent genealogy tool of Ancestry.com.

The October 2021 newsletter contained an article on the research that Pat Meyer and I did to try to find her ancestor Hannah Dunham of Canaan, CT and Genesee Co. NY. This research produced a second article about Gideon Dunham and his involvement in Shays' Rebellion. Another article from James George Dunham provided additional proof to the genealogy research showing DNA evidence that Thomas 2 Dunham (of Hebron CT) was a son of Deacon John Dunham.

In my final newsletter as editor, I published the results of 20+ years of research on the search for Van Rensselaer Dunham, and a second article about Dunham's Basin in Kingsbury, New York. In addition, as historian for DGRA, I answered numerous queries from Dunhams searching for their Dunham lines. Some queries were easily answered from the data already in my files, and several others necessitated deeper research to find the connections and the answers. I have enjoyed serving as newsletter editor for the past 14 years, and I will still submit articles for publication, but I look forward to the future issues that Joann Dunham will produce.

Gratia Mahony and Joann Dunham requested that Board members each write a brief article on a Dunham Landmark, and submit captioned photos of Dunham individuals and families to supplement the longer research articles in the newsletter. They would like to hear from any member who has made arrangement on how they plan to protect their Family History Research and the Books and Records that they have collected when they are no longer able to continue their research. They also would like to hear from anyone who has make updates to their Dunham lines that may not be in the DGRA/DSFC Dunhams in America Collections, and stories of Dunhams who have served in wars. They plan to begin to add the 5th Generation Descendants with their children (6th generation) to the Dunhams in America Collection and can add additional descent lines from the 5th Generation pages at this time. Mike Flynn emailed Board members a list of the Dunham Landmarks already covered in the newsletter.

It was moved by Jeff Dunham and seconded by James Streeter to accept the Historian and Newsletter report. The motion carried. Gratia was thanked for her long service to the organization and her willingness to continue to contribute her leadership and research.

Website Status: The domain registrations for dunham-singletary.org and dunhamgenealogy.org are current and paid to May 2024. Jeff Dunham continues to host the site. The Newsletter indexes have been updated to the January 2022 issue.

Facebook Page & Group: Trudy Dunham changed the names on our FB page (<https://www.facebook.com/Dunham-Singletary-Family-Connections-151134759503>; 214 followers) & group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/550652078445733>; 134 members) to Dunham Genealogy Research Association and edited the About statement to reflect this identity. Jeff Dunham is exploring creation of an organizational email address that can be listed on the FB and websites to enable people to directly send their questions and information to the Historian and others. Lisa Eschenburg is working on several images for the Board to consider to freshen the FB appearance.

Video Conferencing: The Board agreed to try the free version of Zoom (limited to 40 minutes) in lieu of teleconferences in the coming year to consult with individuals on their Dunham history and Board business.

Other: Mike Flynn suggested that we explore funding a graduate student Intern to conduct research on advanced DNA topics, historical research around specific Dunham/Singletary ancestors or other areas that complement specific DGRA areas of interest. The cost for funding an internship is generally several thousand dollars.

There being no further business, President Jeff Dunham adjourned the 2022 Board meeting 2:30 pm PDT.

*Minutes submitted by Trudy Dunham, Secretary
March 15, 2022*