

March 2022 Annual Board Meeting Agenda

9 March 2022

The annual board meeting of the Dunham-Singleton Family Connections – Dunham Genealogy Research Association is scheduled for Sunday, 13 March 2022 at 1:00 pm Pacific – 4:00 pm Eastern. If you would like to attend the conference call, please Contact James Streeter at: james8313@sti.net

Item 1 - Secretarial Report: [SecReport-Mar2021.pdf \(dunham-singleton.org\)](#)

Item 2 - Treasurer Report: [FinReport-2021.pdf \(dunham-singleton.org\)](#)

Balances as 9 Mar 2022: General 6345.12 – DNA 215.55 – Memorial 100.00 -- Research 234.41 – Total 6895.08 plus 9.88 on PayPal – Total 6904.96

Item 3 – 2021 Budget

2021 Budget	Amount
Annual Corporation Reporting Fee	20.00
National Genealogical Societies	50.00
Research Fees and Supplies - Gratia Mahony	1,800.00
Domain Registration - paid to 1 May 2020	0.00
Board Meeting Teleconference expense	25.00
Total	1,895.00

Item 4 – Membership Report: James Streeter

In 2021 DGRA had 44 DGRA Members, 11 Bronze Members and 6 Gold Members for a total of 61.

The 2022 Membership as of 9 March we have 24 DGRA Members, 8 Bronze Members and 5 Gold Members for a total of 32. A 2nd notice has been sent to all who did not respond to the initial membership letter.

Item 5 – Election of Board of Directors

DGRA has had several changes on the Board. Jackie Coniglio resigned in the fall of 2021 and John Duguid submitted his resignation as a Board member and the DNA Project Coordinator effective 28 February 2022.

The Bi-Annual Election of the Board of Directors will take place in February and in addition to the 2020-2021 members we have 1 former and 2 new members that will also be on the Ballot. Terry Ruppel has agreed to rejoin the Board along with Patricia Meyer and Michael Flynn as new members.

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

Election Results: I sent ballots to the 61 active members of 2021 and received 25 ballots back. A review of the returned ballots indicated that all were in favor of all the candidates.

Item 6 - DNA Project Report: John Duguid

Following is a breakdown of the members of the Family Tree Dunham-Singleton 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.

- Haplogroup I-M253 - Deacon John = 43 members •
- Haplogroup I-M253 - not named Dunham = 13 •
- Haplogroup I-M223 - Dunham = 26 •
- Haplogroup I-M223 - Singleton = 6 •
- Haplogroup I-M223 - not named Dunham/Singleton = 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 Singleton = 6 •

TOTAL= 129

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

Suggestion from John: Now that there is some money built up in the research fund might it be an idea to say something on the website along the lines of "If you become a member of our genealogy research group, we may be able to assist in paying for a DNA test with Family Tree. Please contact the DNA Coordinator for further information." It's a question of whether the Board wants to spend the funds that way, and what percentage they would want to kick in. I don't think we would be overwhelmed with responses. If we were, we could just remove the sentence from the website.

Item 7 - New DNA Coordinator – Position Description

The DNA Project Coordinator answers enquiries from people who have accessed our website and who have questions about DNA and how it relates their Dunham ancestry. The coordinator needs to have basic DNA knowledge; Y-chromosome (Y-DNA), mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), and autosomal DNA. Because the Family Tree website looks complicated, the coordinator should be able to explain with simple and specific directions how an inquirer can reach their objective on the site. Familiarity with the Family Tree website and the Dunham Project database is important. Being able to navigate around the website and extract the information required for answering enquiries and compiling the annual report is necessary. The site itself has considerable DNA information and help. Paul Dunham, the first DNA coordinator set up five categories of men in the project; Deacon John, Singleton, etc. The coordinator must look at the result of a new member's DNA test and code him into the group to which he belongs. The DNA coordinator must work with the treasurer to facilitate payment for DNA tests organized by our group. We also may receive enquiries from other projects who believe we may have information that could assist them with their DNA research. By no means is this a fulltime job. Months can pass between enquiries.

By John D. Duguid

Jeff Dunham has volunteered to take over the position of DNA Coordinator.

Item 8 - Dunham's in America – Report from the Newsletter Editor/Historian - Gratia Mahony

After a slow start to 2021 (and recovery from Covid, plus two hospital stays due to a blood clot) 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 Thomas² 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 Dunham's 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 Dunham Mahony, Newsletter Editor/Historian - 31 January, 2022

The Newsletter Staff could use any Article from the Membership on Dunham Landmarks, Locations and anything else connected to the different spellings of Dunham. We are also looking to add a new collection of Photo's of members of Dunham individuals and Families. We 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. We 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. We 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.

Item 9 - Website Status – DGRA / DS-FC

Domain Registration is Current and paid to May 2024

The Newsletter indexes have been updated to the Jan 2022 issue.

Item 10 – Facebook Update:

2020 Report: There were about 125 people on the Dunham/Singletary Family Connections / Dunham Genealogy Research Association Facebook page. It appeared that some are DGRA members.

2021 Report: by Trudy Dunham

The [Dunham Genealogy Research Association](#) / DSFC has 2 FaceBook sites:

Agenda Items/mentions:

- Trudy changed the names on the FB page & group to Dunham Genealogy Research Association on 3/7/22.
- Do we publicly abbreviate [Dunham Genealogy Research Association](#) as DGRA? We can change the "about" statement to reflect this. Limited # of characters so we need to delete something to add anything.
- Can we create an email address to list on the site for inquiries about family history? Trudy currently does a cut & paste to forward to Gratia, who responds to Trudy and Trudy posts to FB. It would be nice to have an email address that automatically forwards to a couple people so responses are not lost or delayed, and our Historian can communicate directly with the person asking if this is desirable.
- Do we want to update the map with another image, add our logo to the FB Group?

FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/Dunham-Singletary-Family-Connections-151134759503>

210 people like this, 214 people follow this

Contact info listed: http://www.dunham-singletary.org/mw/index.php/Main_Page

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Posted Bd meeting announcement Feb 2 2022, 58 people saw it

FB Public Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/550652078445733>

Members: 134

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Post from March 2021: The Dunham/Singletary Family Connections / Dunham Genealogy Research Association can help answer questions about your family history through our Family History Research and DNA Project. You may want to visit and bookmark our Website at: www.dunham-singletary.org. Our organization and research is supported by donations from its members. We invite you to join. Membership information can be found on our website at: <http://www.dunham-singletary.org/mw/index.php/Membership> The Family History information can be found in the "Dunhams in America" pages that our Genealogist has placed online. Recent work is available through our quarterly newsletters to members.

Posted Bd meeting announcement March 7

Questions this year included the Wisconsin Dunhams and Phineas Dunham, to which Gratia responded. There were other discussions online, but insufficient info to determine their line. Selma and others have also posted.

Item 11 – Zoom Video Conferences

Possible uses by DGRA – Training, Research, Meetings. This still needs to be looked into.

From Joann: The board should really consider the value of getting a zoom subscription and retiring the phone dial in system which is antiquated. Zoom is useful for meeting with members about a line or researching, DNA education or explanation, Board Meetings etc. We need to lead by example - this is the norm...