

Birmingham Genealogical Society



2022

Annual Report

Message From BGS Board President

Our society would like to begin this message by saying **THANK YOU** to everyone that helped BGS throughout 2022 as we made our way back from the two years of restrictions imposed by COVID-19. Our society held several in-person Board and General Membership Meetings this past year as well as several Zoom Board Meetings and one Zoom program.

A special "thank you" to:

- The Birmingham Public Library for providing meeting rooms and the Southern History Department for providing programs.
- The Birmingham LDS Family History Center for providing meeting rooms and programs.
- Paul Boncella, Lynn Schlick, Robert Davis, and Mary Beth Newbill for their participation in program presentations.
- Mark Olsen of Family Tree Maker for providing a great presentation on how to use the Family Tree Maker program.
- All of our Board Members for their time and effort contributed to keeping our society up and running.

BGS looks forward to the new year as we invite new members to join, search for new Board Directors, create a strategic plan, revise our Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules, introduce a new newsletter, elect Board Members in October, and plan great programs.

Looking forward to furthering our mission in 2023!

Caroline Thomas

BGS Board President

2022 Board of Directors

President: Caroline Thomas

1st Vice President/Programs: Barbara Tillery

2nd Vice President/Membership: Barbara Adams

Secretary/Web Master: Patrick Henry

Treasurer/Parliamentarian: Gary Gerlach

Immediate Past President: Ann Gilbert

Director/Facebook Admin: Melissa Hogan

Director: Jyl Hardy

Director/Newsletter Editor: Scott Martin

Director: Mary Beth Newbill

Director: Terri Hicks

2022 Board Accomplishments

- Made a decision to return to a combination of Zoom and in-person Board Meetings, General Meetings, and programs for 2022.
- Held four programs for members and guests - April, June, July, and August.
- Partnered with the Southern California Genealogical Society to promote their August Jamboree in Alabama and received an online booth for BGS to promote our society on the Jamboree website.
- Continued monthly newsletters with educational articles.
- Made a decision to continue our present website for two more years.
- Published the 2020/2021 Annual Report.
- Applied for and received a free *Canva* subscription to use for graphic presentations.
- Set up a BGS Instagram account.
- Filled one of the vacant Director positions.

People Served in 2022

22 Members received monthly newsletters

32 Members/Former Members received program notifications

22 Members received informational letters from the President

9 Members and Guests attended the April Online Program

15 Members and Guests attended the July Meeting and Program

19 Members and Guests attended the August Meeting and Program

Facebook and Instagram Program Notices were made available to the public

Financials

Bank Balance Brought Forward on January 1, 2022:	\$ 9,511.01
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2022:	\$ 8,879.27
Total (Membership) 2022 Revenue:	\$ 445.00
Total 2022 Expenses:	\$ 1,076.74

Financial Explanation: Expenses included speaker fees, website renewal for two years, Post Office Box, new key, application to the IRS for our 501(c)(3) status, and IRS 990N filing. Expenses for 2022 were in excess of revenue. Our successful application to the IRS for our 501(c)(3) status was a one-time expense. The website renewal and hosting charges cover two years and will not have to be paid again in 2023. Expenses are expected to be close to or less than expected revenue for 2023.

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501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Nonprofit Organization
Incorporated in the State of Alabama
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Our Mission

- Maintain a society for the study of genealogy.
- Collect genealogical and historical records and deposit them in libraries and archives where they will be accessible to students of genealogy.
- Aid members in tracing their ancestry.
- Promote professional research, documentation, and writing.
- Educate members and the public through programs, publications, and partnerships with other organizations.
- Promote the preservation of genealogical and historical materials.