DGS Privacy Policy

Personal information that the Delaware Genealogy Society (DGS) collects and publishes falls into two categories: membership data and genealogical data. We regard your personal information as confidential and do not sell or give it to anyone. We do not share your personal information with other parties except as noted below. The following policies govern our collection, use, sharing, and publication of your personal information:

Membership Data

Membership data includes your name, home/mailing address, telephone number, email address, membership date, membership number, and log-in information to access the Members Only section of our website.

We ask you to provide membership data when you join and renew your membership, and as changes occur. This information is used to manage our membership rolls, to communicate with you by postal mail and email, to grant you access to the Members Only section of the DGS website, or to fulfill any orders placed with our online store.

We provide membership data to the company that provides website services to DGS for website management only and they are not authorized to use this data for any other purpose. We do not sell or give our membership list or members’ email addresses to any other outside company or organization except in accordance with law or as noted below.

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