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A Message from Your President: Diana White

Can you believe it is Happy Birthday DCGS again? The society organized in April of 1979, after a series of classes offered by the LDS Church. Vic and Marlene Nielson conducted the classes and suggested the formation of the society. Vic served as Interim Organizing President. Many current members were charter members. Over the past 23 years, many of these members have served as officers to further the society's goals. These goals are continuing education in genealogical principles, preservation of local records, and support of the Denton Public Library.

As is indicated in the By-Laws of the society, the Nominations Committee will present a slate of candidates for offices for the next biennium, with the election at the May meeting. Any person may submit additional names for the offices at the meeting, provided the provisions of the By-Laws are met. The membership is grateful to the committee for its work.

May is quickly coming upon us. All officers and committee chairs should remember that an annual report should be submitted to Willie Malone as soon as possible for the May Newsletter. The annual business meeting will be conducted in that meeting and after the election, the new officers will be installed.

Most of you are on line using many of the resources available to genealogists. After the last meeting, I realized that not all are aware of some of the resources available on Internet and by e-mail. One of the most useful tools for genealogy is newsletters by e-mail. The following address is from cyndislist.com and from it one can access thousands of different lists. The first address links to the general page on Cyndi's list with information about queries. The second provides information of specific mailing lists and how to subscribe. It is very easy to subscribe, and I suggest you might consider subscribing to the digest form because of the number of e-mails many of the lists send. Sometimes there are several lists for

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THE DENTON COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY MEETS ON
THE SECOND THURSDAY
DURING THE
MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER -
NOVEMBER AND
JANUARY - MAY.



1896- Denton County Courthouse-1996

7:00 P.M.
LDS CHURCH
3000 OLD NORTH RD.
DENTON, TEXAS

2001-2002 PROGRAMS

Sep - Ancestor Chronologies
Oct - Leslie Collier
Nov - Digital Cameras
Jan - Evaluating Resources
Feb - Non-Population Census
Mar - Organization/Filing Systems
Apr - Family History Center
May - Adding Flesh to the Bones

Family History Library/Centers

By
George Hubbard

I was born and raised here in Denton where my father was president of TSCW (now TWU). I spent two years in the army, married my wife, Billie, and then migrated out to California where we raised our family of two girls and two boys. During the process, I taught school one year in Carlsbad, New Mexico, then worked six years for Lockheed Missiles and Space Division in Los Angeles and Sunnyvale. I worked next for IBM where I spent 30 years, retiring in 1991. While with IBM, I was transferred to Las Colinas, so I came home and lived in Denton again since 1980. Last year, my wife and I built a home in Krum, and that's where we live now. I have a Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas, a Master's from Stanford, and a PhD. from UNT. I have been an adjunct professor at TWU, and am now on the staff of UNT.

My interest in genealogy started when I got married. At that time my aunt, an Episcopalian nun in Boston, decided that I was the one to carry on the family name, and she sent me all the family history that she had collected over the years. Billie's father did the same thing. We have enjoyed working through it and extending it. I became director of the Denton Family History Center when Dayonne Work left for her mission. Now that she is home, I hope to see her involved there again.

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City and its many branch libraries around the world belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or the Mormons. The Church has been collecting and recording genealogical material since 1894. Church members are encouraged to research their lineage and baptize their ancestors, one of the tenets of Church doctrine. In 1938, when there was

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only one library and it was located on South Main Street in Salt Lake City, the library invested in a product of new technology, microfilm and the equipment to copy records and retrieve them for reading. This relieved their members from travel to distant courthouses and churches the extract family information from the records. That investment transformed both genealogical research and the library as well.

By the 1970's the traffic was so great at the library in Salt Lake City the Church decided to expand its operations into the larger cities around the country. Soon Branch libraries were opened in Stake Centers in major metroplex areas. In order to test for usage, each library had a sign-in sheet. It was found that over 70% of the visitors to these small libraries were non-members, who had early discovered the research goldmine to be found in the microfilm records available.

The church equipped missionaries with cameras and sent them to over 110 countries to copy church and civil court records. At this time the collection extends to more than two million rolls of microfilm and the filming continues. According to Stephen Barthel, public affairs staffer and international reference consultant, filming in Poland began in 1967 and is still not complete. Hungary and Slovakia are basically complete. The filming began in Russia ten years ago and filming is currently being conducted in South Africa, Chile, Peru and Uruguay. The Church is interested in any records that have people's names, birth dates, relationships, family groups and census records.

In 1999 the library took another giant trip into technology land, putting many of its databases on the web. The site (www.familysearch.org) now draws eight million hits a day. The library is experimenting with digital photography, which will make the Internet a more powerful research tool.

The microfilm and Internet services are only a small part of research possibilities at the Family History Center Library in Salt Lake City. The printed material on the shelves and the personalized service by staff and volunteers provide another level of research tools. If you can't get to Salt Lake City to see that out-of-print history or genealogy, you can request a microfilm be made of the book (if copyright permits) and have it sent on permanent loan to your local Family History Center. Many other services are also available. Our speaker this month will explain what is new at the local Center and how these services can benefit you in your research.

(Part of text taken from "New Routes to Old Roots", by Nancy Shute, *Smithsonian*, March 2002).

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the same name with variations, so consider subscribing to all of the ones for your surname. Some people post to all boards with the information, but some use only one. If you are not familiar with Cyndi's List you must spend some time browsing it. Go to www.cyndislist.com and see what is available to you. <http://www.cyndislist.com/mailling.htm#Queries> http://www.rootsweb.com/~jfuller/gen_mail.html

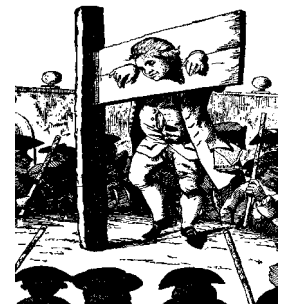
To me, one of the best lists is the old standard Roots-L. I

placed a message to the Edwards County, Illinois bulletin board on Ancestry.com. I did not get a response when I asked for someone there in the area to contact me if they were willing to do some work for me, either for pay or exchange of services. When I placed it on Roots-L, a nice lady contacted me and said she planned to be in the courthouse in the next few days. She would be glad to check the reference I needed. Not only did she do that, she sent me about 200 pages of copies she made from various books relating to the county and the families I research there. The following information is from the Roots-L site.

What is ROOTS-L? ROOTS-L is a mailing list for people who are interested in any or all aspects of genealogy, anywhere in the world. It is the original Internet genealogical mailing list (the first messages were posted in 1987), and the largest. But that doesn't mean they're not interested in new faces, new queries, new knowledge. Please join! To subscribe, just send an e-mail to ROOTS-L-request@rootsweb.com with the message subscribe. To later unsubscribe (yes, not everyone chooses to stay), just send to that same address the message unsubscribe. If you'd prefer mail mode (single messages) instead of digest mode, send your subscribe message instead to ROOTS-M-request@rootsweb.com. (The default mode for ROOTS-L is the digest.) For more information, you might want to consult our [Welcome File](#) (sent to all new subscribers) for more details, or [our various help files](#)

I also subscribe to the daily Ancestry.com newsletter. It has a wealth of information, several items which have been reprinted in this newsletter. It is most up to date with information of interest to the genealogist. Part of the information printed last month concerning the 1930 census came from Ancestry.com's daily news. One thing they said about the 1930 census is that they will be working 24 hours a day, six days a week to scan the 1930 to get it online as soon as possible. They expect to have it all available in about 3 months. Ancestry recently announces a new area of their program. It is an on-line collection of newspapers. There is an extra charge of \$29.95 for this service. The first address is the general address for information; the second lists newspapers available at this time. Probably the fact that Gale Publications purchased Ancestry.com is the reason they began to offer on-line newspapers. <http://www.ancestry.com/landing/historicnewspapers/newstoyou.htm> <http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/periodicals/news/main.htm>

Deadline
for
May
Newsletter is
April 26th!



Llanymawddwy

By

Charles M. Barnes

Did you ever wonder where your British ancestors really came from? Where those strange-sounding locations really are...or were? Or, how about that great-great-great-great-grandmother FitzNothing, from Toadstool-upon-Buxton, in Someplace England...or was it Scotland? I have lots of British ancestry. The very trees of English forests seem to drip with my kin. They are found in some wonderfully-sounding places in who-knows-where England, Scotland, Wales, and (I'll admit it) Ireland. Strangely, obscure Welsh place names found in equally obscure genealogical references always remind me of flatulence. Go figure.

Until recently, I had little idea of where these places were...or even if they really existed. Also, spellings, counties, abbreviations and the like vary from source to source. I was schooled as a geographer and still recognize that locality patterns often lead to other data. That's the "why?" in the geographical "where?" Being curious, I wanted to know these things...but how? Fortunately, I chanced across a dandy volume of British maps, published by none other than our own American Automobile Association, AAA. The one I have is the 2000 Edition of the AAA Britain Road Atlas and I bought it used for \$10.

A cursory glance at the road maps reveals these are not typical AAA fare. The cartography is obviously British and is superb, similar in many regards to the UK Ordnance Survey maps. The atlas is printed in England. I find it all very clear and easy to read. The scale, unless otherwise noted, is three miles to the inch. (I forget that the place is so small.)

Aside from the expected map sectionals that cover every area of Britain, including Ireland and the Isles, there are a couple of features that make this atlas especially helpful to an amateur genealogist like me. Not the least of these is a small map showing the modern county boundaries, an index of the county names, *and* their accepted abbreviations.

Almost everyone knows that the term "shire" denotes a British county. When the term is used as a suffix behind a principal city's name, that usually denotes the county's official name. But, unless you already know that Nottingham is a principal city, you may not know that Nottinghamshire is its county. Or, conversely, that Northamptonshire's principal city is Northampton. But, Northumberland is only a county name, having no need for a "shire" because there is no city named Northumberland. Similarly,

Derby gets a "shire", while Devon and Dorset do not. But, being English, Durham (city) gets no suffix to become Durham (county). Go figure.

Did you know that "Oxon" means Oxfordshire and "Hants" means Hampshire? Or that "Herefs" means Herefordshire and "Herts" means Hertfordshire? Did you even know that Herefordshire and Hertfordshire are not the same place, but are on opposite sides of the country? This atlas helps!

Another great feature is the index. At first glance, it is just a simple, alphabetical listing of place names – which it is. But, it appears that every place in the British Isles where people put down any roots at all was named and is still inhabited today! It doesn't seem to matter if they were Celts, Anglo-Saxons, or Normans, their habitats are still there and are listed in the index. Of course the index gives appropriate map references. Given that the Brits seem to nest very deeply, it's a wonder any ever left!

At the back of the atlas are several large-scale maps of principal cities. I have already found these useful because they show as modern neighborhoods and suburbs what in the middle ages were separate, but nearby, towns. Most modern maps just lump these areas into the metropolitan boundaries without further mention.

I must admit to being a pedigree leech, lazily copying other people's research into my own database. I really shouldn't complain that no two researchers list their data in the same fashion, and some of these are not even consistent within their own data. Oh well. Now, I search my genealogy program's location files for British place names and correct the many different ways they are listed.

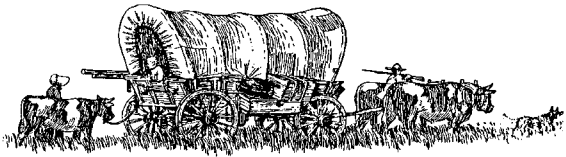
As I find the locations for different family lines, I mark them on the map sheets with colored highlighter pens. Occasionally, I'll find a generation that moved or died far from the ancestral home area and wonder why? Cross-referencing the date and place with historical references sometimes yields a general migration (as in the Scottish migrations to Ireland) or a significant battle fought there. History adds flesh to the bones!

As I stated above, I bought my atlas used. I'm a book junkie, especially for used books. I find them more interesting and varied than new volumes, and I'm a cheapskate! I make a point to find used book stores wherever I travel. If you haven't taken advantage of the used book store on the downtown square, Recycled Books, you are missing a wonderful opportunity. Recycled Books is a very good source, with large collections that are refreshed frequently. They even have sections on genealogy and heraldry in their basement, which is where they keep an extensive collection of history books. Their prices are reasonable, too. Not like some other places I've visited, where every used book is really a Gutenberg Bible in disguise, judging from the price. Atlases, genealogy, used books, the best of all worlds!

All in all, I am very pleased with my find. I can be a well-read world traveler in the privacy of my own home. So, get an atlas or two and go exploring. It's fun and inexpensive. You might even learn to pronounce Welsh place names without embarrassment



Pioneer Families by Holly Hervey



According to the family Bible record, Rev. Sumner Bacon was born in Worcester County, Massachusetts, January 19, 1794. He came to Texas in



1827, and preached one of the earliest sermons in Nacogdoches in 1828. He was a minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He married Elizabeth McCarroll (McCarroll) in San Augustine County, Texas, in January, 1836. Elizabeth was born in Orange County, North Carolina March 29, 1810.

Rev. Bacon was acknowledged to be one of the first men to conduct regular church services in the early

Republic. He was known by almost every man, woman and child in early Texas. The couple had three children, Jonathan, Mary A. C. and Hattie. Rev. Sumner Bacon died in 1843 and Elizabeth died in 1882.

Mary A. C. Bacon married John D. Thomas on December 24, 1857. John D. Thomas was an early settler of Grayson County who was born in Perry County, Alabama, February 2, 1825. His father, Francis, was born in Georgia, but moved to Alabama when young and remained there until 1855, when he moved to Texas and settled in Wharton County, where he died in 1859. Francis Thomas was a farmer and was always regarded as a successful man. He was a member of the Baptist Church. His wife was the former Mary P. Cade, and was born in Alabama. Francis and Mary had thirteen children, John D. being the fifth child.

John D. Thomas was educated in Mississippi and in 1846 moved to Clarksville, Red River County, Texas and in 1846 went to the Mexican War with Company A, of the Fifth Texas Cavalry Regiment, as a private and served until the close. Until his death he drew a pension for that service from the United States Government. In 1861 he joined the Confederate army as a private in Company A, of Colonel Hardeman's Texas Regiment, and served until the end of the war. In 1859 he settled in Grayson County and in 1866 he bought 250 acres of land

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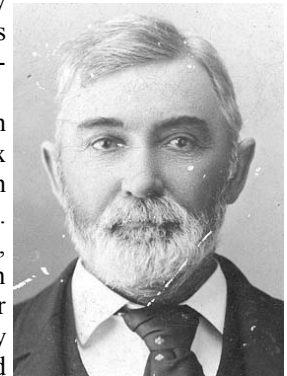
Membership is open to individuals, libraries or societies. Dues are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for couples. The membership year begins in June and expires the following May. Members will receive the monthly newsletter, except for the summer months.

Members may submit article of interest. Please cite sources. Queries, reunion notices and book reviews will be also be accepted.

near Choctaw post office.

Jonathan Bacon was born in San Augustine County, Texas, June 2, 1838. He married Susan E. Pace, born Fannin County, Texas April 12, 1850, in Denton County February 4, 1874, according to the family Bible. Susan was the daughter of John Sexton Pace and wife Rachel Jane Fitzgerald. She had two sisters, Harriett E. Pace who lived in Weatherford, and Rachel J. Pace who married John Hayhurst and lived in Chillicothe, Texas

Jonathan served in the Civil War and came to Denton County shortly after the end of the conflict. He was a member of the Sul Ross Camp of the United Confederate Veterans. He was a civil engineer and was right of way agent for the Texas and Pacific for many years. He served as County Surveyor between 1912 and 1916.



Jonathan and Susan Pace Bacon had six children, all born in Denton. Elizabeth R. was born December 14, 1874, married Dickson B. Wolfe on November 23, 1898. She died July 21, 1955 and is buried in I. O. O. F. Cemetery beside her parents and three other siblings. Myrtle Alice Bacon was born August 24, 1876 and never married. It is said that Myrtle Street in Denton is named for her. She died January 7, 1960 and is buried in I. O. O. F. Cemetery. Johnny Edmond Bacon was born December 16, 1878 and died August 16, 1886. Willis Reynolds Bacon was born October 12, 1881 and died by drowning in Lancaster, Texas on April 21, 1900. He is buried in I. O. O. F. Cemetery. Susan Anna Bacon was born November 2, 1887 and married Frank D. Thomas November 14, 1906 in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma. She died July 26, 1944. Sumner Davis Bacon married Gertrude Deppen of Louisville, Kentucky in Wichita Falls, Texas on February 1, 1921. He died August 23, 1964.

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Lectures & Seminars

Emily Fowler Public Library Quarterly Beginning Genealogy Workshop, Wednesday, April 10, 2002, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Spread the word and tell all your friends and relatives that might be interested to call 940-349-1234 to register.

Oklahoma Genealogical Society Annual Spring Seminar, Saturday April 27, 2002 will present Cyndi Howells, creator and webmaster of *Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet*. Also to be held is a First Families of the Twin Territories Luncheon. The seminar will be held at Oklahoma City Community College, 7777 South May Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Pre-registration is strongly suggested. Seminar registration is \$30 before April 15 and \$35 before April 23. Luncheon fees for same dates are \$20 or \$25. Send name, address and email to Oklahoma Genealogy Society, P O Box 12986, Oklahoma City, OK 73157.

National Genealogical Society Conference, hosted by the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society will be held in Milwaukee May 15-18, 2002. For details, log on to www.ngsgenealogy.org/conf.htm

The Walker County Genealogical Society will host a Genealogy and Family History Fair at the Walker County Fairgrounds June 22, 2002. The fairgrounds are located on State Highway 30, (I-45 exit 116), 4 miles west of Huntsville. The purpose of the meeting is for researchers to swap family information with other researchers. Area genealogical societies, patriotic organizations, libraries and others are encouraged to share what they have available for researchers. Registration fee postmarked before June 1 \$10, after \$15. Mail fee to WCGS, P O Box 1295, Huntsville, TX 77342-1295.

Angelina College Genealogy Conference, July 25, 2002, held at College Community Services Conference Center, Hwy 59 South (3500 South First), Lufkin, Texas. The theme of the one day seminar will be Using the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Conference fee will be \$50 which includes coffee and snacks, lunch and textbook. Mail registration to Angelina College Community Services, P O Box 1768, Lufkin, TX 75902-1768.

Federation of Genealogical Societies and California State Genealogical Alliance will hold a conference August 7-10, 2002 in Ontario, California. The theme is "A Goldmine of Diversity". Conference registration fees vary and decisions must be made in advance for meals and side programs. Order a conference booklet from FGS, P O Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940, or visit their site at www.fgs.org.



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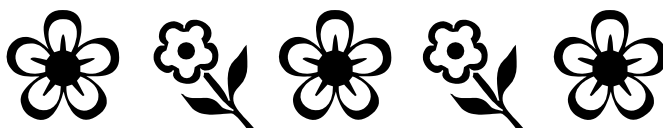
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Earlene **Cleveland**, P O Box 1523, Borger, TX 79008-1523 is searching for the parents of John Harris **Andrews**, born 1861 in Wise County. He moved to the Little Elm community in the early 1880's. He married Martha Jane **Norris**, daughter of Robert **Norris** and wife Mary Jane **Mills Norris**, on May 14, 1885. He was a member of the Floyd Chapel Baptist Church. John and Martha had seven children: Ida, who married Alfred **Hufford** and later Henry **McDaniel**; Robert Franklin who married Zula **Key**; Mary Lela who married Bill **Lambert**; Sally Katherine (Kate) who married Samuel P. **Chandler**; Flora; Rachel who married Carl **Bradford** and later a Mr. **Smithbaker**; and James Rallen (Jim) who married Ione **Walton** and later Alta **Caddell**. Jim was a jeweler in Denton for many years. John attended many Old Settlers Reunions in Wise County. Martha **Andrews** died October 1, 1930 in Quanah, Texas. John Harris **Andrews** died December 1, 1836 in Quanah, Texas. Both are buried in Quanah.

Willard L. **McQuary**, 13070 Halleluia Trail, Black Forest, CO 80106-9016 is researching his great great grandfather, Robert Ross **Kerley** and his wife Arah Adna "Addie" **Webb** who married in Oak Grove, Jackson County, MO on March 13, 1887. The couple had three children and their only son Traber William **Kerley**, is **McQuary's** maternal grandfather. The marriage ended in divorce and little is known about Robert. He was a black sheep in the family and his grandchildren thought he was dead until they were teenagers. His obituary was located in the Independence, MO newspaper stating that he died Dec 3 1942 and the body had been taken to Denton for burial. He is buried in I. O. O. F. Cemetery beside John **Kerley**, 1856 – Jan 30, 1945; Werdna Frances **Kerley**, 1900-1981; James Homer **Kerley**, St., 1898-1981; James Price **Kerley**, Apr 20, 1863 – Apr 15, 1938 and Juda Elizabeth **Kerley**, Apr 19, 1866-Aug 11, 1947. Zachary Taylor **Kerley** and wife Olivia **Eames Kerley** are also buried in I. O. O. F. Robert Ross **Kerley** was born to William **Kerley** and Vidonia **Sullivan** on Dec 27, 1860 in Lafayette Co., MO.

Cheryl **Deatherage** at badmoon74@juno.com has requested information on the burial location of Robert G. **Ritchie**, born May 1835 and died sometime after 1900, his first wife Tennessee H. **Ritchie** who died before 1889, and Newell G. **Ritchie**, born Jan. 1890 and died 1913. The family was living in Prec. 3, ED Dist 105 on the 1880 Census with sons James F., age 19 and Jessee W., age 15. Both sons were born in Arkansas. Robert G. **Ritchie** married Mrs. Mattie **Wantland**, widow of Elijah **Wantland**, March 20, 1889. On the 1900 Census of Denton County Mattie **Wantland Ritchie** is shown to be 59, mother of 8 children with 3 living. Elijah **Wantland** died Oct. 2, 1879 and is buried in Old Hall Cemetery. Family tradition states that the original burial site of the **Ritchie** family was moved when Lake Lewisville was built.





News From The Library

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO THE GENEALOGY COLLECTION AT THE EMILY FOWLER LIBRARY (March 2002)

Abstracts of Wills & Inventories, Fairfax County, Virginia, 1742-1801, by J. Estelle Stewart King. (1978) G 975.5 KIN

Loyalists and Land Settlement in Nova Scotia, by Marion Gilroy. (1995) G 971.6 GIL

Marriages of Davidson County, Tennessee, 1789-1847, Edythe Johns Rucker Whitley. (1981) G 976.855 WHI

Finding Clues In Old Photographs BY

Karen Frisch

The women in the two formal portraits from the late nineteenth century look enough alike to be sisters. Both have dark eyes, a strong chin, and a firm set to the mouth. You remember that your great-grandfather had two sisters who came to America with him. But which sister is which?



Strong resemblances will often tell you what side of the family the subject in a photo is from, but after that you're on your own. You have to rely on clues in the photos themselves to help you learn the identity of the subjects. Family photographs from both the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, fortunately, are filled with clues that will aid you in your search.

A solid knowledge of your family is your best ally. Begin by asking elderly relatives specific questions about family members they might have known. Rather than asking what they remember about Aunt Matilda, ask instead how many brothers and sisters Matilda had; whether her hair and eyes were dark or light; how tall she was in relation to her sisters; and if she had any outstanding physical characteristics. The answers will help you recognize Matilda if you should come across her in an old photo.

Once you know the names of family members from earlier generations, public records can also be of help. You might know, for instance, that your great-grandfather came to America from Germany in the 1880s. But did you know that

not only did his brother and sisters come with him, but his parents as well? That means that one generation further back left a paper trail with clues that might include names and a specific birthplace in Germany.

Familiarize yourself with the number of children in different generations and their ages in relation to one another. Knowing the birth order will help you recognize your ancestors.

If Uncle Roy tells you Great-Aunt Anna O'Leary was taller and more slender than her sister Mary, it makes it much easier to distinguish between the two in photographs no matter how similar their faces are. If you look carefully you can spot the breadth of a midsection or unusually long legs even if Anna and Mary are in separate pictures.

Look also at the studio imprint on cabinet cards or other types of photographs that have a border. A quick check in a city directory will reveal the years that a photography studio was in business at a given address. This will help you date the photo and might aid in its identification.

Clothing and hairstyles are a great help in dating photographs. Knowing that skirts were full in the Civil War era but became much narrower by the 1880s allows you to pinpoint decades more precisely. The center part popular in 1860s women's hairstyles had given way to a fringe of curls on foreheads twenty years later. A detailed book on costumes or vintage clothing will help you date your photographs with more accuracy.

In outdoor photographs landmarks can be used as clues to determine a location or date. Watch for recognizable sites: familiar streets, distant hills, or historic buildings.

House numbers can give you information as well. If your great-grandmother lived at 77 Sterry Street for a quarter of a century and you have pictures that clearly show the number 77 over the front porch door, you have a good idea whose house it is and even clues to the identity of the subjects.

Old family photos also offer a glimpse of our ancestors' activities, hobbies, and daily concerns. Photographs of your great-grandfather holding a large striped bass, your great-grandmother camping with her sisters, or those of an earlier generation enjoying a picnic at a church outing or cuddling with a pet reveal how your ancestors spent their time. Seeing the proof in photographs is, as they say, worth a thousand words. From *Ancestry Daily News*, 3/28/02 @ rootsweb.com





Minutes

The March 14, 2002 meeting of the Denton County Genealogical Society was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Diana White. She thanked the nominating committee for its prompt attention to selecting the officers for the coming two years. There were no visitors to introduce. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was approved with motion by Holly Hervey and second by Virginia Brenholtz. Mary Tate reported that there were still packets available for obtaining obituaries. Mary LeJean Sherrill advised that the 1918 to 1928 birth records had not been proofread, otherwise all the other records were in the computer ready for printing. The 1950 to 1958 birth records are ready to print but must be held for another 7 years.

Diana White reported that vital records were available on the rootsweb.com site and may be searched by entering <ftp://rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/>. The birth records do not begin until 1928.

The library has discontinued its Twilight Genealogy opening. In the past three months the volunteer was the only person to attend during the hours the research area was open for genealogists. The future of the subscription to Ancestry.com is in question. The renewal subscription price will be \$2,000.00, double that of the current subscription price.

The Denton County Clerk has announced that county records are now available online. The real estate records can be accessed from the office's website at <http://dentoncounty.com/dept.ccl.htm>. All real property records that are currently in the computer at the county clerk's office are available to be viewed. The cost to download or print a document will cost \$1.00 per page, the same price the office charges to print the documents. The cost can be charged to a credit card.

The Denton Public Library sent a thank you letter for the Society's donation of a book to honor Bill Eaton. Ralph Pyke passed out a relationship chart he has found helpful in determining his kinship to others in his family tree. He also advised that he has taken several reels of old 8mm film to U Edit Video, 413 Round Grove Rd., #103, Lewisville, TX 75067 and had it put on a video tape for easier viewing. Many computers now have programs that will allow the video tape to be edited, adding graphics, music or voice-over and added to a family history. For a preview of their other services visit their website at www.u-edit-video.com.

Martha Len Nelson announced that Dr. Frances Abernathy will be attending the Storytelling Festival in Denton later this month. She will be collecting family stories and participating in the festival.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Holly Hervey, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report



Through March 31, 2002

Bank Balance on February 28, 2002	\$1,936.95
Funds Deposited	
Interest	12.88
Dues (1)	10.00
Total Funds Collected	\$ 22.88
Funds Disbursed	
Printing & Postage	54.08
Total Funds Disbursed	\$ 54.08
Cash on Hand March 31, 2002	\$1,905.75

Number of Paid Members (Married Couples count as one)

96-97	97-98	98-99	99-00	00-01	01-02	02-03
41	59	55	49	44	42	4

	Will Books/Cost	Death Books/Cost
Copies Sold	148 3732.06	112 2504.72
Printing	200 -1618.62	300 -1593.15
Consignment Fee	-320.00	-230.00
Postage & Mailing	-376.62	-154.29
Sales Tax Paid	-113.93	-77.19
Advertising	-101.00	-237.45
Profit	1,201.89	212.64

Books bought April, 1995 thru May, 1996	576.59
Books bought June, 1996 thru May, 1997	217.76
Books bought June, 1997 thru May, 1998	577.92
Books bought June, 1998 thru May, 1999	182.50
Books bought June, 1999 thru May, 2000	44.95
Books bought June, 2000 thru May, 2001	318.50
Books bought June, 2001 thru May, 2002	76.00

Respectfully Submitted, Bob McCombs, Treasurer



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