

# DCGS NEWS

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## A Message from Your President: Diana White

The annual business meeting will be held May 9, 2002. Election and installation of new officers will be the culmination of the meeting. The slate of officers was submitted during the April meeting. During the election, nominations from the floor will be accepted.

Member Vic Nielson will present the program, "Fleshing out the Family Tree." Vic and Marlene will be on a mission for the LDS Church for the next eighteen months. We will miss them and wish them God speed.

### Annual Report - President

The past two years have been interesting for the DCGS. We have had some wonderful programs arranged by our vice president, Vic Nielson. The programs fulfilled a goal of the society; continuing genealogical education.

One goal we had was the completion of the City of Denton Birth Records from 1900-1957. We have completed most of the project, but still lack completing the proof-reading of the oldest book of records. We hope that this will be done in the near future. Members who attended the April meeting completed a questionnaire concerning what our objectives should be for publication. Overwhelmingly the membership voted to publish the book in the same way we published the Wills and City Deaths. The consensus was that we should not over order just to get a price break. The majority of the respondents indicated they would buy the book.

For the past six years, Willie Malone and Holly Hervey prepared and mailed the Newsletter. Unfortunately, Willie and Holly want to relinquish the job to any newcomers who are willing to do it. The Newsletter was professional quality under their direction; Holly, as the genealogical editor, and Willie, as the technical editor, should be commended.

Willie developed a web page for the Society, but it folded with the demise of Internet Global, the server. A future goal should be the revival of the web page. Several times there

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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

## Putting Flesh On the Bones

By  
Vic Nielsen

In keeping with my earlier attempt to encourage "Paperless Genealogy—Almost," I have made a concerted effort to fully use the notes fields in my Family History database. The object is to put into my notes enough information from each source that I can discard all but the most nostalgic photocopies, pencil notes etc.

Now that we have decided to sell our house, be missionaries for 18 months, then move into something smaller, the pressure has become more intense to get rid of the mountains of accumulated paper. (I have threatened each of my children that I will split up the genealogy and store three or four boxes with each.) Meanwhile I am trying to get as much into my notes as possible.

I think of notes as something like the note cards we used to make (before the advent of computers) when preparing a term paper. We would begin each note card by citing the source. Then we would add the information to be taken from the source. We would put the cards in a logical order and begin writing the first draft. Think of your family history notes as the note cards that someone might use to write a family history.

Notes that refer to sources should (1) allow the reader to easily find the source and turn directly to the pertinent information in the source, (2) extract from the source as much information as possible, and (3) help the reader understand the strengths and limitations of the source. The notes for an individual or for a family should together communicate to the reader all that you want the reader to know.

Note fields can be used to record relevant historical and geographical information such as changes in county boundaries, migration patterns and key historical events that af-

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have been questions on the Denton Roots-L bulletin board concerning a web page for DCGS. Any techies who want this job should apply to the incoming officers and volunteer to develop one and keep it updated.

Publicity has been lacking for our Society. We need to do everything we can to promote the organization. This includes getting our meetings in the meetings section of the paper and putting notes on the Denton Roots-L bulletin board.

Two community involvement activities the past year included our participation with the Genealogy After Hours at the library and our participation with the Friends of the University of North Texas Libraries genealogical symposium. Both were well attended and well received. The Genealogy After Hours program this summer will have a little different focus this year. See the announcement in this Newsletter.

I have enjoyed working with the dedicated members of DCGS this past two years. Please continue to support your society and please help make it grow.

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fectured your ancestor.

Note fields can be used to record searches that yielded no results. Note fields can be used to lay out future research or to ask questions that need to be addressed with regard to a family. In short, note fields can replace many of the logs and agendas that we have been accustomed to maintaining as well as reams of notes and photocopies.

If you learned your family history skills the way I did, you began with the objective of completing a form, a family group record. The theme of the workshop will be that we should regard our notes as the 'real' family history. The family group record is only a convenient summary of some of the key dates, places and relationships.



## News From The Library

New Titles Added – April 2002

*Deed Abstracts of Warren County, Kentucky, 1797-1812*, by Joyce Martin Murray G 976.974 MUR

*Deed Abstracts of Warren County, Kentucky, 1812-1821*, by Joyce Martin Murray G 976.974 MUR

*History of Huron County, Ohio : Its Progress and Development, with biographical Sketches of Prominent Citizens of the County*, by Abraham J. Baughman (1998, reprint of 1909 ed.) G 977.125 BAU

*Huron County, Ohio, Cemetery Inscriptions*, by Huron County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogy Society (1997) G 977.125 HUR

*My Ancestors Came with the Conqueror : Those Who Did, and Some of Those Who Probably Did Not*, by Anthony J.

Camp (1990) G 942 CAM

*A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.*, Brian Mitchell (2002) G 929.3415 MIT

*Pedigrees of Some of the Emperor Charlemagne's Descendants, 3 vols.* (2002, reprint of 1941 ed.) G 929.7 PED

*Royalty for Commoners : the Complete Known Lineage of John of Gaunt, Son of Edward III, King of England, and Queen Philippa, 4<sup>th</sup> ed.* (2002) G 929.7 STU

*Scots in New England, 1623-1873*, by David Dobson (2002) G 974 DOB

*Ships from Scotland to America, 1628-1828, 2 vols.*, by David Dobson (2002) G 929.3 DOB

*Tracing Ancestors Among the Five Civilized Tribes : Southeastern Indians Prior to Removal*, Rachal Mills Lennon (2002) G 970.1 LEN

*West Virginians in the American Revolution*, edited by Ross B. Johnson (1977) G 975.4 JOH

## Annual Report - Librarian

During the year I have submitted the genealogy titles acquired by the library for publication in the society's newsletter. These included titles purchased by the library, donations and memorial donations. The DCGS gave three books this year as memorial donations. The titles were: *The Texas Sheriff : Lord of the County Line*, by Thad Setton; *Confederates of Elmwood : A Compilation of Information Concerning Confederate Soldiers and Veterans Buried at Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee*, by John W. Cothorn; and, *Index to Marriages and Deaths in the New York Herald, 1856-1863*, volume 2.

## Projects - Annual Report

I have had to be inactive this year because of health reasons. I have printed all the city births except the 1918-1928. I still have about twenty pages of records to proof read before I can print those dates. Diana White is going to help me finish them this summer, hopefully. It will take a few months to get all those dates corrected on the master sheets and then we will be able to print our next book. Believe me, it would already be finished if I had not been sick this winter. The last seven years would also been finished had I not been feeling under the weather. Those years are ready to print but we have until 2008 to finish them, so I have not been in a hurry! Mary La Jean Sherrill

## ATTENTION

Membership dues for 2002 - 2003 are payable now. Please pay the Treasurer at the May meeting or mail to the P.O. Box as soon as possible.



## Lectures & Seminars

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.

The Dallas Genealogical Society presents its Institute June 27-30, 2002. The program this year will be "A Southern Perspective on the American Experience, with Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, Robert Scott Davis and Brent Holcomb as featured speakers. During an intense 3 1/2 day program attendees will be learning about the history and research possibilities in Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. The Dallas Public Library will be the location of the Institute. Registration is \$200, and includes notebook, guided research, 2 lunches and 1 brunch. A deposit of \$100 is required before June 20. The hotel accommodations for the Institute will be the Aristocrat Hotel, 1933 Main Street, corner of Harwood. The DGS group nightly rate is \$79 for a single, \$89 for a double. Mail check to DGS, DGS Southern Perspective Institute, P O Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446.

The Denton Public Library's Fifth Annual Genealogy After Hours Program will be held on Friday, July 12 from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland, Denton. This year's presenter will be Barbara Rust, an archivist at the National Archives Southwest Region facility. Topics to be covered are an overview of the National Archives, the 1930 census, Indian records and naturalization records. Pre-registration is required and there will be a moderate registration fee. For more information or to register, call 349-8570.

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.

Dallas Genealogical Society is sponsoring a research trip to Salt Lake City July 27 through August 3, 2002. The accommodations will be at the Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel next door to the Family History Library. The Registration fee is \$385 for a double, \$700 for a single

room. Fees do not include airfare but covers 7 nights at the Hotel, shuttle to and from airport, Monday welcome at Family History Library and mid-week get together to exchange accomplishments. The deposit of \$ 200 is due before June 27. For a detailed plan, write to DGS Salt Lake City Trip, P O Box 12446, Dallas, TX 75225-0446

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](http://www.fgs.org). The details of the conference will be in the Spring 2002 *Forum* at the Denton Public Library.

Dallas Genealogical Society Lecture Series 2002-2003 will present Harold E. Hinds Sep. 14, 2002 speaking on New York research, State Census, Family Photographs and Transforming Your Genealogy into a Family History. On October 2, 2002 Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck will lecture on Kentucky. Diane VanSkiver Gagel will speak Nov 2, 2002 on Dating, Identifying and Caring for Historic Photographs, Researching Quaker Ancestors and California Gold Rush Ancestors. On February 1, 2003 John T. Humphrey will speak on Reconstructing Families on the Colonial Frontier, Researching Eighteenth-Century Germans, Researching Pennsylvania Ancestors and Documentation requirements.



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Helen Wilson, P.O. Box 1205, Rowlett, TX 75030-1205, 972-475-2895: I am looking for my great-grandfather, Samuel Wilson McCormick. I am interested in information from the 1880 census, death, and burial information. I believe he died soon after the 1880 census. [Note from Diana White: After I received this, I checked the census for this family. They, evidently, had not been in Denton long considering the birthplaces of the children]. 1880 Federal Census for Denton County, Enumeration District 102/page 13, Dwelling 116, Family 121: McCormick, Samuel, white male 57, farm laborer born VA, parents born VA; Bettie white female 43, wife, keeping house, born VA, parents born VA; Thomas white male 17, son, farm laborer, born VA, parents born VA; Charles white male 16, son, farm laborer, born VA; Hellen white female 14, daughter, at home, born VA; Josie white female 12, daughter, at home, born VA; Victor white male 11, son, at home, born VA; Samuel white male 7, son, at home, born VA; Bettie white female 5, daughter, at home, born VA; Rachel white female 3, daughter, at home, born VA; Augustas white male 2, son, at home, born VA. There is no will in the Will Book for Samuel McCormick, nor is he mentioned in the index. There are no marriage records.

Kristina Ashlock, 4713 Rockledge Rd., Orlando, FL

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32807 is seeking information on Henry Ogle **Jarnagin**, born Aug 12, 1919 and died Feb 20, 1988. He married Lillie Bell **Wells**, Sep 25, 1942, but they apparently divorced. He was married to Billie Jean **Helm** at the time his son was born and died in 1944. Henry **Jarnagin**'s parents were Henry J. and Pearl **Machon Jarnagin** who were living in Stony at the time of his birth. Henry J. **Jarnagin** was born Jan 23, 1877 in Bell Co., TX, and died May 3, 1948 in Denton. He and other members of his family are buried at Oakwood Cemetery. Henry J. **Jarnagin**'s parents were Thomas Jefferson **Jarnagin** and Tobitha **Daniel**. The family came to Denton County about 1898 from Bell Co., TX. Thomas Jefferson and Tobitha **Jarnagin** had 9 children: Henry J., born 1877; Newton, born Jan 5, 1883; Emma, born Feb. 1886; Lloyd, born Jan 1890; Willie Mae born Mar 18, 1891; Minnie Ola, born Jul 4 1894; Lizzie, born Dec 26, 1872; Carrie and an unknown child who must have died before the family came to Denton County. In the 1923 Denton City Directory, Newton is shown as operator of a nursery. In 1939 Thurman P. **Jarnagin** owned the Jarnagin Nursery and Florist at 1014 S. Locust. Ms. **Ashlock** is interested in finding descendants of this **Jarnagin** family.

Merl **Arnot**, 4520 174th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98006, [marnot@ix.netcom.com](mailto:marnot@ix.netcom.com), is requesting information on Emma **Degan Sturdevant**, born May 11, 1866, daughter of James N. **Degan** and wife Lucy A. Emma married Frank **Sturdevant** Dec 23, 1883 and died in childbirth Sep 29, 1884. She is buried in Chinn Chapel Cemetery. Their son, James R. **Sturdevant**, born 1884 and died 1969, is buried in Old Hall Cemetery. Mr. **Arnot** is also seeking information on E. **Sturdevant** and wife Polly who were the parents of Frank **Sturdevant**. The couple is buried in Shiloh-Bartonville Cemetery.

### Juanita Patterson McKissack

Juanita Patterson McKisack, 93, of Denton died Saturday, Nov. 17, 2001 in Denton. She was born Sept. 14, 1908 in Athens, Texas, to John J. and Bernie Brewer Patterson, both descendants of pioneer Henderson County families. On July: 17, 1926, she married Homer Taylor McKissack. He is deceased.

Mrs. McKissack was a homemaker. She formerly resided in Athens, Lubbock, and Houston. She was a member of the First Christian Church Of Denton. A graveside service was held at 2:30 P.M. November 20, 2001, at Oaklawn Memorial Park in Athens. The Rev. Jeanne Lewis and Dr. James T. Moore officiated. Survivors included one daughter, Nancy Cantwell of Denton; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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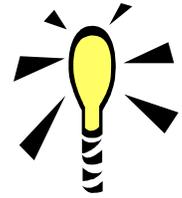
### MEMBERSHIP

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 articles of interest. Please cite sources. Queries, reunion notices and book reviews will be also be accepted.



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### Ten Cents Too Much to Pay to Be President

Some people would spend every cent they had to be nominated for the United States presidency. Not Zachary Taylor. When the Whig party nominated him their presidential candidate in early June 1848, their letter officially notifying him of the nomination carried no postage. When it reached Taylor's home, the future president refused to pay the ten cents' postage due. It was not until July that Taylor learned he was the Whig candidate.

Actually, the Post Office had issued its first stamp only one year before Taylor's nomination, in 1847. Before that time, and continuing for a time afterwards, mail was paid for by the recipient. Taylor, one of America's great heroes in the Mexican War, received volumes of postage-due mail from all across the country. Rather than spend a small fortune on unsolicited mail from total strangers, the hero of the Battle of Buena Vista routinely refused most of his mail. Thus, when the Whig presidential nomination letter came, it was turned away unread. Taylor, of course, won the presidency in November 1848. He was the last Whig ever to be elected president. [Source: Joseph Kane, *Facts about the Presidents*, 2d ed. (New York: H. W. Wilson, 1968), pg. 83]

### Carnegie Gives 16c

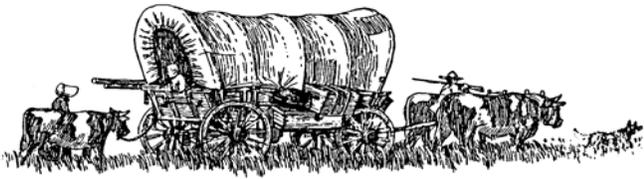
Andrew Carnegie was once visited by a socialist who preached to him eloquently the injustice of one man possessing so much money. He preached a more equitable distribution of wealth. Carnegie cut the matter short by asking his secretary for a generalized statement of his many possessions and holdings, at the same time looking up the figures on world population in his almanac. He figured for a moment on his desk pad and then instructed his secretary, "Give this gentleman 16c. That's his share of my wealth." [Source: Edmund Fuller, ed., *Thesaurus of Anecdotes* (Garden City, N.Y.; Garden City Publishing Company, 1943), pg. 362]

### Editor's Last Word

It is with mixed emotion that I publish my last edition of this newsletter. I have learned a lot these last 6 years. I will enjoy a few extra hours each month to do some of my projects. Thank you all for your patience and support. I wish the best to the new editor and will do what I can to support any future publications. Willie

## Pioneer Families

by  
Holly Hervey



Andrew Jackson Nance is a native of Illinois, but a descendant of two ancient and honorable North Carolina families; was himself reared in the South, and is a genuine Southerner in every trait and feeling. He is a son of Archibald and Cynthia J. (Miller) Nance, both North Carolinians, his father in early life was a carpenter, contractor and builder, an industrious man, and one who succeeded well in accordance with his means and opportunities. His life was distinguished for its great piety and devotion to the interest and welfare of his fellow men. Mr. Nance's mother, a daughter of Daniel Miller, an old North Carolina gentleman, was a pious, Christian woman, trained to habits of industry and economy, a noble wife and loving mother. Mr. Nance is the fourth in a family of twelve children, his brothers and sister being Pryor, Martha, Sarah, Isaac N., Minerva J., John W., Sallie A., Claborn, William, Job and Harriett.

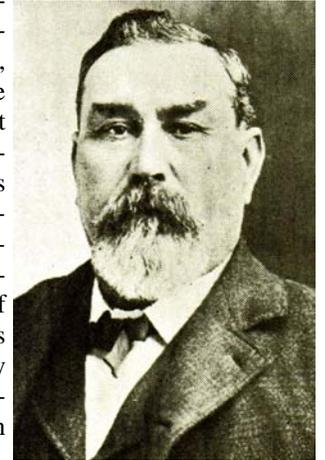
Andrew J. Nance, as stated above, is a native of Illinois, and was born in Williamson County, April 23, 1839. Leaving his parents and coming to Texas at an early day, he was ushered onto the stage of life as the maker of his own fortune, and he set about to settle the bread and butter questions as an ordinary farm laborer, but soon began farming and stock raising on such a scale as his means would then permit. His principal interests have always been of this nature.

Mr. Nance married, April 21, 1861, Henrietta, daughter of Claborn Cash, a native of Kentucky. Hardly had he and his wife become located and begun the serious duties of life, when their



joint labors, then prospering fairly well, were interrupted by the breaking out of the Civil War. Mr. Nancy, like thousands of other brave men of the South, abandoned his plow in the field, and in the spring of 1862 enlisted in Company G, Fifteenth Texas Cavalry. Beginning his services in the Trans-Mississippi department, he was in the engagements at Cotton Plant and Arkansas Post, Arkansas, was captured at the latter place and transported thence to Camp Douglas, Illinois. There he was kept in imprisonment six months, was

paroled at the end of that time, and returned home. He immediately went into the frontier service, was engaged until the close of the war, and even afterward, in guarding the frontier from Indian depredations. In this service he found a wide field and constant opportunity for the exercise of his military talent, and it was a service, too, that called for the exercise of his best courage and greatest endurance. In this field of endeavor he discharged his duties faithfully, and he and his compatriots received for their labors, and yet continue to receive, the undying gratitude of the thousands of defenseless women and children whom they protected from insult and spoliation at the hands of the Indian savages and border ruffians.



As stated, Mr. Nance has devoted his life mainly to agriculture and stock raising, and is now one of the largest farmers and most successful stock growers in his county. His fine place is known far and wide as the home of the best blooded stock in the country and is itself a perfect hive of industry and a model of neatness, order and good management. From 1881 to 1889 Mr. Nance was engaged in mercantile pursuits, in connection with his brother, W. J. Nance, at Bolivar, Denton County, but has never allowed any outside interest to interfere materially with his farming and stock growing. Mr. Nance is one of the most highly esteemed men in his part of the county and has been frequently honored with the suffrages of his fellow citizens, serving his precinct as Justice of the Peace and Assistant Tax Assessor; he has also filled the office of County Commissioner for nineteen years and has been often importuned to offer himself as a candidate for higher offices. He is a man of business, however, and not an office seeker, and the offices which he has filled have been bestowed upon him in recognition of his business qualifications and fitness for them. Mr. Nance is the father of eight children, who are named as follows: Cynthia J., now the wife of F. P. Jones; Gordia J. and Marshall J., twins, the former now deceased; Arista M., wife of B. R. Bentley; Julia M.; Minnie M.; Lizzie B. and Vadia S. A. J. Nance is now proprietor of Duck Creek Stock Farm, Bolivar, Denton County, Texas. (*Biographical Souvenir of Texas*, 1889)

In 1913 The Old Settlers' Association began efforts to assemble the history of Denton County and record the reminiscences of the early settlers. To this end the Association elected I. D. Ferguson as historian and Ed. F. Bates, J. W. Medlin and A. J. Nance to supervise and have printed the history of Denton County. Mr. Nance served as President of the Old Settlers' Association for several years.

At the time of his death on May 9, 1917, A. J. Nance was president of the Exchange National Bank in Denton. He is buried in the Bolivar Cemetery. (*History and Reminiscences of Denton County*, Ed. F. Bates, 1918)



## Minutes

The April 11, 2002 meeting of the Denton County Genealogical Society was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Diana White. Mary LaJean Sherrill introduced the speaker, George Hubbard of the Family History Center. Mr. Hubbard spoke on the materials available for research at the Family History Center.

The Minutes from the March 14, 2001 were corrected to state that Ralph Pyke was not responsible for furnishing the information about the U Edit Video in Lewisville. The corrected minutes were approved as printed in the Newsletter.

Holly Hervey made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. The second was made by Bob McCombs.

Linda Touraine reported that new books at the library would be listed in the May issue. In a poll of the members it was determined that the Call Number of each book be included in the book list. It was also reported that Heritage Quest is available at no charge at the library. If patrons have a valid library card they can get the code for remote access, just like checking out a book. (Note: At the April meeting the Librarian reported that TexShare Libraries had access to Heritage Quest Online. In actuality, Heritage Quest Online has not been released at this time. When it is available online, TexShare will have access. Currently TexShare libraries have access to Genealogy and Local History Online, a collection of 25,000 family and local history titles. The Librarian wishes this correction be made to the minutes.)

The Librarian also announced that the 1930 Denton County Census and Enumeration District Locators have been ordered by the Denton Public Library. She also stated that only one person attended the beginning genealogy seminar on April 10, which may be due to lack of advertising in the local newspaper.

Project Coordinators Mary LaJean Sherrill and Mary Tate both reported no activity on the Birth Record editing and Obituary research.

The Nominating Committee reported that the officer nominees for 2002-2004 were:

Bob McCombs, President; Linda Touraine, Vice-President; Kathy Strauss, Secretary and Holly Hervey, Treasurer. There will be no official Librarian elected unless a member wishes to volunteer. Linda Touraine can maintain the Society library as part of her other duties. Vic Neilsen made a motion to accept the nominees as submitted and the motion passed. However, members may make nominations from the floor at the May meeting.

Under Old Business, Diana White passed out a questionnaire concerning the manner in which to make the City Birth Records available. The choices included placing on CD-Rom, printing and spiral binding and publishing on the internet. The results of the questionnaire will be reported at the May meeting.

All officers and project coordinators are to prepare their

annual reports and forward them to the Newsletter Editor by April 26.

In other business, John Beck advised that advertising the Society meetings could be submitted to the newspaper on the internet. New officers will make a decision about continuing the newsletter. Anyone with ideas may share them with the new officers at the May meeting.

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Bob McCombs and seconded by Linda Touraine. Respectfully submitted, Holly Hervey, Secretary.

## Secretary's Annual Report

During the past year the Secretary has recorded the proceedings of each monthly meeting of the Denton County Genealogical Society and transcribed the minutes for entry in the monthly DCGS Newsletter. In addition, the Secretary has received and processed all mail sent by the post office to the Genealogical Society, forwarding newsletters and periodicals to the Librarian, and dues and research fees to the Treasurer. The Secretary also made contact with researchers who have either written or emailed requests for information on their families in Denton County.

The Secretary has also participated in writing articles for the DCGS Newsletter, advising members of meetings to be held by other Genealogical Societies and printing the text of research queries so that Society members would be aware of who was in need of assistance with their family history in Denton County.

The Secretary is compiling the DCGS Newsletters for the period of 2000 through 2002 and preparing an index of all articles and queries. The bound copy will be given to the Librarian at the end of the year.

As another project, the Secretary is preparing funeral home cards for obituary research and is entering the obituaries into the computer. At some point in the future, the members will determine if these obituaries should be printed in book form or entered into the Internet as another research tool in Denton County.

## Annual Report of the Vice President

It's been fun. [Holly and Willie tell me that three words are not enough. So here's some more.]

My role as Vice President has been to (1) take suggestions for programs, (2) meet with the officers who, unlike myself, know who the speakers are who can make presentations, (3) make the phone calls when there are no other volunteers to make the contacts, (4) see to it that equipment is available as needed, and (5) make sure the facilities are clean and ready for use. In other words, I have done precious little other than trying to be a good foot soldier, and I have enjoyed doing it.

Thanks for helping when asked, and a special thanks to those who have been gracious enough to participate in and present programs.

# Treasurer's Report



## Through April 30, 2002

Bank Balance on March 31, 2002 \$1,905.75

### Funds Deposited

Interest	2.47
Donation - Willard McQuarry	50.00
Research	3.36
Death Books (2)	50.00
Bates Books (2)	50.00
Dues	15.00
<b>Total Funds Collected</b>	<b>\$ 170.83</b>

### Funds Disbursed

Postage	2.72
Consignment Expense	30.00
Printing & Postage - Newsletter	40.45
<b>Total Funds Disbursed</b>	<b>\$ 73.17</b>

Cash on Hand March 31, 2002 \$2,003.41

### 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	5

	Will Books/Cost	Death Books/Cost
Copies Sold	148 3732.06	114 2554.72
Printing	200 -1618.62	300 -1593.15
Consignment Fee	-320.00	-240.00
Postage & Mailing	-376.62	-154.29
Sales Tax Paid	-113.93	-77.19
Advertising	<u>-101.00</u>	<u>-237.45</u>
Profit	1,201.89	252.64

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

## Treasurer's Annual Report

### ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Jefferson Federal	2,003.41
<b>Total Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b><u>2,003.41</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,003.41</b>

### LIABILITIES & EQUITIES

<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Loan - Bob	500.00
Loan - Diana	100.00
Loan - Holly	<u>100.00</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>

### EQUITY

Prior Years	\$1,293.94
Profit	<u>9.47</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$1,303.41</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$2,003.41</b>

### Profit & Loss Statement 5/1/2001- 4/30/2002

### INCOME

Book Sales	175.00
Contributions	50.00
Dues	492.00
Interest Income	28.07
Research	<u>28.36</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$773.43</b>

### EXPENSES

Consignment Expense	30.00
Donation - Materials & Books	101.00
Memberships	87.00
Newsletter	446.47
P.O. Box Rent	45.00
Postage	2.72
Sales Tax	1.77
Speaker Expense	<u>50.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$763.96</b>

### TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE

\$9.47

**NARRATIVE:** As your retiring treasurer, I thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity for the last 10 years. As you can see, the Society collected only enough revenue last year to pay expenses. This is in comparison to the prior year, when we collected \$604.98 more revenue than we had expenses.

The big difference is the decline in book sales from \$1215 to \$175. Offsetting this is that we do show a profit on both book projects, and we were able to buy \$76 in books for the Denton Public Library. We also have 40+ Will books and 175+ Death books available for sale, fully paid for.

Since becoming a 501(c)(3) charity in 2000, we have collected a total of \$130 in donations. This is a source of revenue that has not been actively pursued



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