

◆ DCGS NEWS ◆

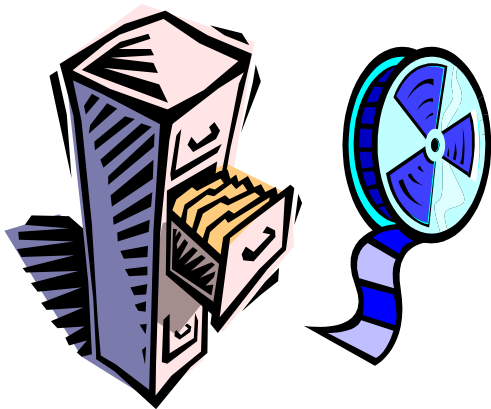
Volume 16, No. 3

November 2002

November Program:

What to Expect at the Denton County Courthouse

A speaker from the Denton County Clerk's office will speak about how the county clerk's office can help genealogists and what rules and procedures they have in place.



1896- Denton County Courthouse-1996

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

7:00 P.M.

LDS CHURCH
3000 OLD NORTH RD.
DENTON, TEXAS

You Know You're Taking Genealogy Too Seriously When...

- You are the only person to show up at the cemetery research party with a piece of chalk.
- Your house leans slightly toward the side where your genealogical records are stored.
- You decided to take a two-week break from genealogy, and the U.S. Post Office immediately laid off 1,500 employees.
- You plod merrily along "refining" your recently published family history, blissfully unaware that the number of errata pages now far exceeds the number of pages in your original publication.
- Ed McMahon, several TV cameras and an envelope from Publishers Clearing House arrive at your front door on Super Bowl Sunday, and the first thing you say is, "Are you related to the McMahons of Ohio?"
- "A Loving Family" and "Financial Security" have moved up to second and third, respectively, on your list of life's goals, but still lag far behind "Owning My Own Microfilm Reader."
- A magical genie appears and agrees to grant your any one wish, and you ask that the 1890 census be restored.
- You collect dust bunnies as pets!



- I. Call to Order
- II. Introduce Guests
- III. Program- What to Expect at the Denton County Courthouse
- IV. Minutes & Treasurer's Report
- V. Librarian's Report
- VI. Special Projects
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Announcements & Adjourn

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



News From The Library

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE GENEALOGY COLLECTION AT THE EMILY FOWLER LIBRARY

BOOKS:

Cemeteries of Lawrence County, Alabama: Surveys and Field Studies, 2 vols., by Phil Waldrep. (1993)
G 976.192

Decatur City Cemetery (Alabama), by the Morgan County Genealogical Society, Inc. (1997)
G 976.193 DEC

Hidden Sources: Family History in Unlikely Places, by Laura Szucs Pfeiffer. (2002)
G 929.1 PFE

Historical Genealogy of the Woodsons and Their Connections, by Henry Morton Woodson. (1915, 199?)
Morgan County, Alabama, 1850 Federal Census: Schedule 4 / Agricultural Census; Schedule 5 / Industrial Census; Schedule 6 / Social Statistics, by Marilyn Sue Short Marine. (1984)
G 976.193 MAR

Morgan County, Alabama, Tid-bits: Births, Marriages, Deaths and Other Interesting Items, from the Alabama Enquirer (1897-1901), 3 vols., by the Morgan County Genealogical Society, Inc. (1995)
G 976.193 MOR

Tennessee Records: Bible Records and Marriage Bonds. (1933, 2000 reprint)
G 976.8 ACK

Union County, Illinois, Cemeteries, 2 volumes, by Dexter, Darrel. (1990)
G 976.193 JOH

West Virginia Revolutionary Ancestors: Whose Services Were Non Military and Whose Names, Therefore, Do Not Appear in Revolutionary Indexes of Soldiers and Sailors, compiled by Anne Waller Reddy. (2001)
G 975.4 WES

CD's

Census Record United Kindgom, 1851 (1999)
Family Tree Maker Census Index: Mid Atlantic States, 1900 (1999)
Family Tree Maker Index to Griffith's Valuation of Ireland, 1848-1864 (1998)
Family Tree Maker World Family Tree, volumes 78-82, 83-87, 88-92 (2002)
Heritage Quest, the Genealogy Magazine, Sept. 1985-Dec. 1999
U.S. Marriage Record Index, 1691-1850

DENTON COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY
PO Box 424707
DENTON, TX
76204

** OFFICERS **

BOB McCOMBS	PRESIDENT
LINDA TOURAINE	VICE-PRESIDENT
HOLLY HERVEY	TREASURER
KATHY STRAUSS	SECRETARY
LINDA TOURAINE	LIBRARIAN
KATHY STRAUSS	NEWSLETTER
JUNE KNOX	PARLIAMENTARIAN

Deadline
for
December
Newsletter is
November 30



OBITUARIES

The Denton County Genealogical Society is saddened to announce the death of three of its members. Their obituaries are included in this newsletter.

**Leon F. Brown
1918-2002**

Leon F. Brown, 84, of Denton died Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2002, at Denton Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

He was born Jan. 14, 1918, in North Carolina. He attended the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy and was part of the faculty at the U.S. School of Music from 1942 to 1946. In 1971 he married Juanita Money in Denton.

Mr. Brown joined North Texas State College (now the University of North Texas) in 1947 as the school's first trombone professor. Over the next 25 years, he built one of the largest and most productive trombone programs in the United States. He inaugurated the North Texas Brass Choir and the North Texas Trombone Choir.

A service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at First Baptist Church. The Rev. Cliff Feeler will officiate. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Park, Denton.

Visitation will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at DeBerry Funeral Directors.

Memorials may be made to the Leon F. Brown Trombone Scholarship Fund, c/o Elida Tamez, UNT College of Music, P.O. Box 311367, Denton, TX 76203.

Survivors include his wife of Denton; one daughter, Marilyn Ruga of Fullerton, Calif.; two step-daughters, Penny Helsley of Granbury and Carol Ford of Lewisville; one son, Kenny Brown of Dallas; one sister, Betty Neal of Bartlesville, Okla.; and six grandchildren. One son, Terry Brown, died in 1996.

**Lee Abbe
1928-2002**

William Lee Abbe, 74, of Denton, beloved husband, father, grandfather, son and brother lost his 22-year battle with lymphoma Thursday, Oct. 24, 2002. He was born July 8, 1928, in Marietta, Okla., to William Ralph and Gladys Foster Abbe. He graduated from Gainesville High School in 1946. He married Margie Hall on Feb. 24, 1951, in Sanger. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1950 to 1954, serving aboard the USS Antietam and the USS Philippine Sea during the Korean conflict. He graduated from North Texas State University in 1957. He was a member and deacon at Grace Temple Baptist Church in Denton. He retired from Moore Business Forms in 1990 after 33 years.

He is survived by his wife: Margie Abbe of Denton; sons Devin and wife, Laren Abbe, of Mountain Home, Ark., Mark and wife, Donna, of Albuquerque, N.M.; grandson Todd Abbe of Lexington Ky.; step-grandsons Devin, Nick and Eric Canafax; mother Gladys Abbe Parker of Gainesville; sister Peggy Byrom Houlette and husband, Jim, of Whitesboro; brothers Leon Abbe and wife, Peggy, of Yukon, Okla., Don Abbe and wife, Renate, of Denton, Gary Abbe of Sherman, Johnny Abbe of Lewisville and Mike Abbe of Pennsylvania.; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of loving friends.

He is preceded in death by his infant son, Maury Lynn Abbe; father, William Ralph Abbe; brother Ronnie Abbe; and in-laws, George and Eunice Hall.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, at DeBerry Funeral Directors. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, in the chapel of DeBerry Funeral Directors with the Rev. Robert Richardson and the Rev. Al Camp officiating. Burial will follow in Pilot Point Community Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, North Texas Chapter, 12850 Spurling Drive, Suite 220, Dallas, TX 75230 and the Emily Fowler Public Library for big print books or genealogy, 502 Oakland St., Denton, TX. 76201.

DeBerry Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Carolyn Cawley Silvernale

1930-2002

Dr. Carolyn Cawley Silvernale, 72, of Denton ended her 24-year fight with cancer Sunday morning, Nov. 3, 2002, at Denton Regional Medical Center.

Born in El Dorado, Ark., Sept. 23, 1930, to Charles Preston Cawley and Carnall Nash Cawley, Carolyn earned bachelor's and master's degrees in drama and speech from Texas State College for Women in four years. After marrying Paul Silvernale in 1952 and raising three children, she earned a Ph.D. in textile chemistry from Texas Woman's University.

Carolyn was an owner of the Southwest Textile Laboratory and The Sample Boutique. She taught speech and public communications at TWU, Cooke County Community College, North Lakes College and Collin County Community College, and she taught history of costumes at North Texas State University. She remained active in the Beta Sigma Phi sorority and the Domino Girls and was one of the founders of the Denton Community Theatre.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Paul Silvernale Jr.; a son, Wade Preston Silvernale; and a daughter, April Silvernale. She is survived by her children, Cecily Silvernale Dyer of McAllen, Melissa Silvernale Ross of Spring, and Paul Baker Silvernale III of Denton; grandchildren, Sarah Dyer of College Station, Noah Francis Dyer of College Station, Briannah Dyer of College Station, Joseph Micah Dyer of McAllen, and Zachary Paul Ross of Spring; and son-in-law, J.W. Dyer of McAllen.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Fred Cassell, officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, Carolyn had requested that people express their respect by taking a child to see a play. Memorials may be sent to the Denton Community Theatre, P. O. Box 1931, Denton, TX 76202.

Mulkey-Mason, Jack Schmitz and Son Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

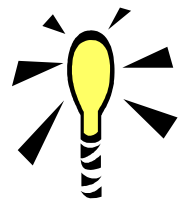
Lectures & Seminars

ANCESTRY IN ACTION

Ancestry in Action, a series of six genealogy related classes will be offered Saturday, November 16th, at the Fort Worth Public Library, Central Branch, 500 West 3rd Street. This series is free to the public, however registration is required. Seating is limited for the classes so register early. To register, please use the online form at: www.fortworthlibrary.org/ancestryregister.htm. Speakers and topics include: Genealogy Basics, Scrapbooking Techniques, Archival Management, HeritageQuest Online, Lesser Known Resources at the Fort Worth Public Library, and Organizing Your Research.



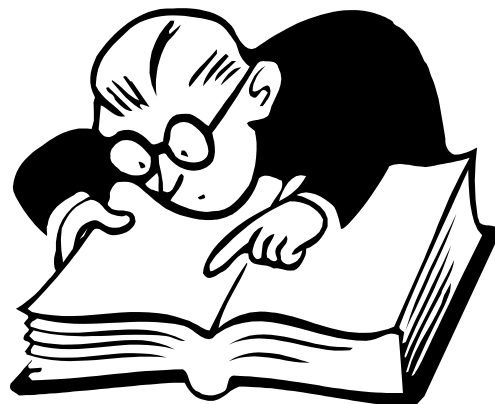
THIS
&
THAT



A patron at the Clayton Library in Houston stumbled across a familiar name while searching the 1930 census.

McClennan County, Texas, ED 155-1, sheet 3B—among the inmates of the McClennan County jail appears Clyde Barrow, age 18.

It looks like Clyde wasn't in McClennan County for long...He escaped from the jail in March, 1930. Also, it appears that someone lied about his age. He is listed as age 18 on the census, but most biographies agree that he was born March 24, 1909.





Minutes

The Denton County Genealogical Society held its regular monthly meeting on October 10, 2002, at the Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3000 Old North Road, Denton, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, Bob McCombs. 17 members were present.

The program for the evening, "Immigration to and Emigration from Virginia," was presented by Bob McCombs. Bob's interesting presentation included an historical timeline dating from 1607 to 1870. His handouts illustrated migration patterns into and out of Virginia for various ethnic groups.

Following the program, there was a discussion about ancestral charts and the request that members bring their own charts to share with other members.

The minutes of the September 12th meeting were approved as corrected. Linda Touraine made the motion for approval and Diana White seconded the motion. Martha Len Nelson moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Linda Touraine seconded the motion. The Treasurer's report was approved.

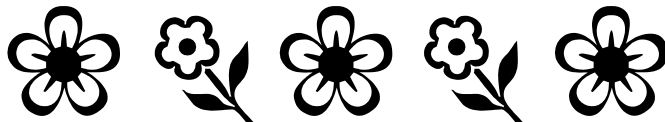
Linda Touraine gave the Librarian's Report. She reported about new CD-ROMS in the library. She has not yet made a trip to Recycled Books to purchase books for the library.

There was no report about Special Projects.

In Old Business, Kathy Strauss requested that members send in any interesting articles to be included in the newsletter. Martha Len Nelson moved that a book be purchased for the Denton Public Library Genealogy Collection in memory of Hazel Roberts Pearson, Diana White's mother. Kathy Strauss seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Linda Touraine passed out brochures of upcoming workshops from the Dallas Genealogical Society. There was a discussion about the TexShare electronic resources available through the Denton Public Library and the use of the TexShare card. Mention was also made during this discussion about the genealogy resources at the Clayton Library in Houston.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Strauss



Treasurer's Report



Denton County Genealogical Society
Treasurer's Report
October, 2002

Bank Balance September 30, 2002	\$1,923.27
Funds Deposited	
Dues	\$ 50.00
Will Book Sale	<u>25.00</u>
Total Funds Collected	\$ 75.00
Funds Disbursed	
Consignment Expense	\$ 10.00
Postage Expense Newsletter	<u>37.00</u>
Total Funds Disbursed	\$ 47.00
Cash on Hand October 31, 2002	1,951.27

2002-2003 Paid Members – 45

Library Donations	
Books bought April, 1995 thru May, 2000	\$1,599.72
Books bought June 2000 thru May 2001	318.50
Books bought June 2001 thru May 2002	76.00
Books bought June 2002 thru May 2003	400.00

	Will Books/Cost	Death Books/Cost
Copies Sold	151 \$3,807.06	116 \$2,604.72
Printing Cost	200 -1,618.62	300 -1,593.15
Consignment Fee	-340.00	-260.00
Postage	-376.62	-154.29
Sales Tax Paid	-113.93	-77.19
Advertising	<u>-101.00</u>	<u>-237.45</u>
Profit	\$1,256.89	\$ 282.64

Respectfully Submitted
Holly Hervey, Treasurer



Denton County Genealogical Society
PO Box 424707
Denton, TX 76204