

# ◆ DCGS NEWS ◆

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## What's Waiting for the Genealogist at the North Branch Library

September 11, 2003

Our first program for the 2003-2004 year will be a presentation on the special collections and materials housed at the North Branch Library during the closure and renovation of the Emily Fowler Library. We want you to be familiar with what you will have access to during this interval so that you can continue your genealogical research. Following the presentation, we will take a brief tour of the area and answer questions.



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

7:00 P.M.

DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
NORTH BRANCH  
3020 N. LOCUST ST.  
DENTON, TEXAS



1896- Denton County Courthouse-1996

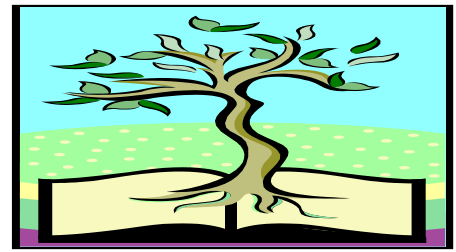
### MEMBERSHIP

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.

## Annual Dues

A reminder that annual Denton County Genealogical Society membership dues are now past due. If you have not renewed your membership, you will miss out on the monthly DCGS News and other benefits of the society. Be an active member and join us for our interesting programs. Send your dues in to the DCGS Treasurer at P.O. Box 424707, Denton, TX 76204.



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# Minutes

The Denton County Genealogical Society held its regular monthly meeting on May 8, 2003, 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 7:04 p.m. by President, Bob McCombs. Sixteen members were present.

The business meeting was held before the program for the evening. The minutes and the treasurer's report were approved. Linda Touraine reported that there were no new genealogy books at present at the library. She also said that some of the Genealogy collection will be moved to the North Branch. The collection will be located in the middle of Reference, with new reader-printers, microfilm readers, and CD-ROMS. It will be possible to get materials from Emily Fowler Library to be sent to the North Branch. More special project packets were handed out for the Obituary Project.

In Old Business, the Marriage Record Proofing should be done by September 2003.

In New Business, it was announced that the Texas State Genealogy Society will have their conference in Austin in October or November.

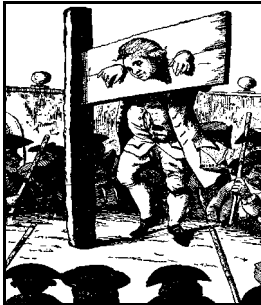
Following the business meeting, there was a Round Robin, with members sharing their genealogy research.

Linda Touraine moved that a memorial book be donated to the library in memory of Velma Selby. Mary Tate seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m., followed by cookies and punch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Strauss, Secretary

**Deadline  
for  
October  
Newsletter is  
September 30**



# Treasurer's Report



Bank Balance April 30, 2003	\$1,530.86
Funds Deposited	
Dues	\$310.00
Research	16.00
Will Book Sales	150.00
Death Book Sales	150.00
Interest Earned	<u>1.85</u>
Total Deposits	\$627.85
Funds Disbursed	
Postage	\$ 5.39
Box Rent	58.00
Consignment Fees	<u>120.00</u>
Total Disbursed	\$183.39
Cash on Hand August 31, 2003	\$1,975.32

2003-2004 Paid Members— 28

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	799.15

	Will Books/Cost	Death Books/Cost
Copies Sold *156	\$3, 957.06	*123 \$2,779.72
Printing Cost 200	-1,618.62	300 -1,593.15
Consignment Fee	-390.00	-320.00
Postage	-379.31	-156.99
Sales Tax Paid	-113.93	-77.19
Advertising	<u>-101.00</u>	<u>-237.45</u>
Profit	\$1,354.20	\$ 394.94

\*This summer a physical inventory of the books remaining on hand revealed that we have 19 Will Books, and 165 Death Books. Our report shows 44 Will books and 177 Death Books unsold. There are 25 Will books and 12 Death Books unaccounted for.





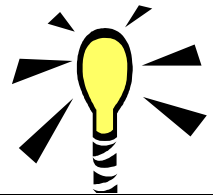
## News From The Library

### GENEALOGY TITLES ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

- Armstrong, Zella, compiler. *Some Tennessee Heroes of the Revolution* [1932, 2002] G 976.8 ARM
- Bockstruck, Lloyd DeWitt. *Naval Pensioners of the United States, 1800-1851* [2002] G 359 BOC
- Campbell, William S. *One Hundred Years of Fayetteville, 1828-1928; the Journal of Marian Tibbetts Barnes* [1977] G 976.714 CAM
- Coldham, Peter Wilson. *More Emigrants in Bondage, 1614-1775* [2002] G 929.373 COL
- Coldham, Peter Wilson. *More English Adventurers and Emigrants, 1625-1777, Abstracts of Examinations in the High Court of Admiralty with Reference to Colonial America* [2002] G 929.3 COL
- Coldham, Peter Wilson. *Settlers of Maryland, 1679-1783. Consolidated edition* [2002] G 975.2 COL
- Dobson, David. *Scots in the Mid-Atlantic Colonies, 1635-1783* [2002] G 974 DOB
- Dobson, David. *Scots in the Mid-Atlantic States, 1783-1883* [2002] G 974 DOB
- Flom, George T. *A History of Norwegian Immigration of the U.S. from the Earliest Beginning Down to the Year 1848* [1909, 2002] G 948.1 FLO
- Holcomb, Brent H. *Passenger Arrivals at the Port of Charleston, 1820-1929* [1994] G 975.7 HOL
- Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society. *Johnson County Illinois 1850 Census* [1994] G 977.3996 JOH
- Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society. *Johnson County, Illinois 1860 Census* [1993] G 977.3996 JOH
- King, J. Estelle Stewart. *Abstracts of Early Kentucky Wills and Inventories* [1933, 2002] G 976.9 KIN
- MacWethy, Lou D. *The Book of Names, Especially Relating to the Early Palatines and the First Settlers in the Mohawk Valley* [1933, 1999] G 974.7 MAC
- Newman, Harry Wright. *Maryland Revolutionary Records, Data Obtained from 3,050 Pension Claims and Bounty Land Applications* [1938, 2002] G 975.2 NEW
- Peterson, Clarence Stewart. *Known Military Dead during War of 1812* [1955] G 973.526 PET
- Rasmussen, Louis J. *San Francisco Ship Passenger List, vol. 2* [1978] G 929.3 RAS
- Sullins, Richard D. *1920 Federal Census Johnson County, Illinois, 2 vols.* [1996] G 977.3996 SUL
- Wilder, Minnie S., compiler. *Kentucky Soldiers of the War of 1812* [1891, 1969] G 976.9 KEN



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### KEEPING TRACK OF FILM LOANS AND SEARCHES

I live in Phoenix, AZ and frequently visit the Family History Center in Mesa. I have ordered many film loans from the Salt Lake City Family History Center. I have over thirty of those little pink slips. I found that I would forget from time to time what I had ordered previously, and what I had searched for on what film. I decided that an organizational system was needed. I bought some heavy stock paper, and stapled one pink slip per page. I then arranged them in numerical order (by film number) and put them in a notebook. I went back through my files and deciphered as best I could, what information I had gleaned from which microfilm. I also made notes on some of the pink slips. In fact, I now put a note on each pink slip immediately after requesting a film, that reminds me why I decided to order it in the first place (e.g., for a microfilm of Iowa marriage records for Wapello County, 1880-1890, I might note: "records for Julia, Nora, or Bridget Sullivan marriages").

Whenever I go to the Family History Center now, I take along my notebook of pink slips. I can then tell which film I've ordered, what I've already searched the film for, and what I'm searching for now. This saves me a lot of time from double researching, and it also saves money (since the Family History Center charges for the loan of a film from Salt Lake City).

Hope this helps others who are drowning in pink slips.

Molly Harrington

Ancestry Daily News June 12, 2002

### Ancestry Quick Tip: Locating Cemeteries

Before a recent genealogical trip, my mother called ahead to a funeral home for instructions to a small country cemetery. The instructions were complex, so the funeral home director suggested we stop by and get instructions in person. However, we were stymied when the funeral home director was called away unexpectedly before we arrived. As we drove down the street wondering how to locate this cemetery, we noticed a florist. Of course! Florists know where all the cemeteries are located. We stopped to ask, and received excellent directions. Now we know to call florists for locations of cemeteries as well as funeral homes. Susan

*Thanks to Susan for today's Quick Tip! If you have a tip you would like to share with researchers, you can send it to: [ADNeditor@ancestry.com](mailto:ADNeditor@ancestry.com)*

## Former UNT professor Velma Selby dead at 92

Velma Olive Smith Selby, a former UNT music professor whose family owned the historic Victorian Bayless-Selby House in Denton, died on May 5 at her home in Denton. She was 92.

Mrs. Selby had a passion for music and loved teaching it. She also taught at an elementary school and a settlement school in the Appalachian area, as well as the University of North Texas.

Mrs. Selby was born Sept. 24, 1910, in Howe to Lula Belle and Marshall Smith, a Disciples of Christ minister who served in several churches in East Texas. After her parents were killed in an accident when she was 9 years old, she was raised by her aunt and uncle in Tyler, where she graduated from high school.

In 1932, Mrs. Selby earned a bachelor's degree in music from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. She then received a master's degree from the Teachers College at Columbia University in New York in 1935.

After graduation, Mrs. Selby taught for seven years, first at a remote school in Crossnor, N.C., and then in Baltimore.

Mrs. Selby returned to Texas to a position at North Texas State Teachers College, now the University of North Texas, supervising student teachers in the Music Education Department.

She married George D. Selby on Aug. 23, 1941, in Wichita Falls. They moved to Fort Ord, California during World War II. After the war, they returned to Denton to raise their children. Mrs. Selby returned to teaching, first for a few years at Jefferson Davis Elementary School, then to North Texas State College as assistant professor of music in the Music Education Department.

She was inducted into the Alpha Theta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity at Columbia University in 1933. As a member of NTSTC and its Laboratory School, she organized the Iota Theta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota. She served as faculty sponsor and adviser until retirement in 1975.

She spent her post-retirement years pursuing longtime interests in family genealogy and travel. Because she was an orphan, she had a special interest in tracing her family. Part of her research into the lives of her father and his brothers, who were all Disciples of Christ ministers, was put into a publication at TCU's library.

Mrs. Selby was also a member of the Benjamin Lyon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a long-time member of First United Methodist Church, serving in chancel choir and as treasurer of United Methodist Women.

She and her husband recently contributed to a project for UNT's Oral History Collection. Mr. Selby grew up in what is now the Bayless-Selby House Museum, 317 W. Mulberry St.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m., May 8 in the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. William C. Crouch officiated. Visitation followed the services at the church. Memorials may be made to the Media/TV Fund of First United Methodist Church or to Ann's Haven Hospice of the Visiting Nurse Association.

Survivors include her husband, George Selby of Denton; one daughter, Susan Buehner of Louisville, KY; one son, Richard "Dick" M. Selby of Denton; and two grandchildren.

## Lectures & Seminars

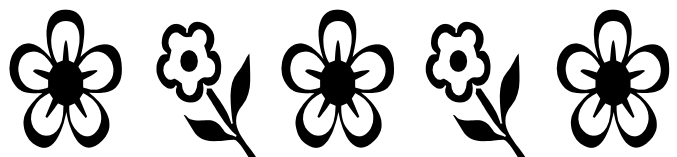
**September 12, 2003—Dallas Historical Society.** Former Governor Bill Clements will be the Inaugural guest speaker for the "Great Dames and Tall Texans" Lecture hosted by the Dallas Historical Society. The event will take place at 7:00 p.m., Friday, Sept. 12, 2003 in the Margaret and Al Hill Lecture Hall in the Hall of State at Fair Park. Tickets are \$10 for Dallas Genealogical Society members, \$15 for non-members.

**September 27, 2003—Mesquite Historical & Genealogical Society Fall Workshop.** John Sellers will present *Texas Courthouse Records*. The workshop will be held at the Mimosa Lane Baptist Church, 1233 N. Beltline Rd., Mesquite. Registration: \$23.00 per person at the door will begin at 8:30 a.m. Call Marjorie Byas at 972-288-6648 for information.

**October 4, 2003 — Mid-Cities Genealogical Society Fall Workshop,** featuring Pat Gordon. The workshop will take place at Legacy Church of Christ, 880 Mid-Cities Blvd, North Richland Hills, TX. Lectures: "Newspaper Research," "Wife Unknown," and "Underused Resources." Registration is \$20.00 per person and \$25.00 at the door. Mail registrations to Mid-Cities Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 407, Bedford, TX 76095-0407.

**October 27-31, 2003—Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGS Alliance) workshop at the National Archives Southwest Region in Fort Worth.** This workshop is designed for genealogists, historians, and librarians with a general genealogical or historical grounding who want to learn skills and techniques for researching original records at regional archives. Enrollment is limited. For details, visit the RIGS Alliance web site at: [http:// RIGS Alliance.org](http://RIGSAlliance.org).

**November 7-8, 2003 — 43rd Texas State Genealogical Society Conference in Austin at the Hilton Austin Airport Hotel.** Information at the TXSGS website, [www.rootsweb.com/~txsgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txsgs).



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