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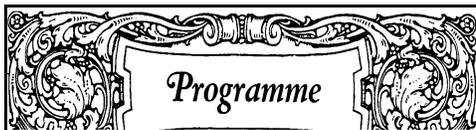
January 2004

January Program

European Settlement of Louisiana



Holly Hervey will be the featured speaker at the January meeting focusing on the westward expansion of America. She will trace the migration routes to Louisiana, presenting a timeline on the relevant historical events affecting migration to this area of America by the European population.



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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.



Put Genealogy on your New Year's Resolution List!

1. Talk to your family members about their stories.
2. Brush up on your computer skills in order to take advantage of the treasure trove of information available online.
3. Read about places and events that influenced your ancestors.
4. Attend a regional or national genealogy conference.
5. Investigate a new line of your family tree.
6. Work on a special project for the Denton County Genealogy Society.
7. Attend Denton County Genealogy Society meetings regularly and bring a friend.
8. Share your expertise by helping a new genealogist.

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Minutes

The Denton County Genealogical Society held its regular monthly meeting on November 13, 2003, at the Denton Public Library South Branch, 3228 Teasley Lane, Denton, Texas. President Bob McCombs called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Twelve members were present.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report was corrected to reflect a total of 39 members.

Joann Lee presented a copy of *Henry Bryden and his Descendants* to the Denton County Genealogical Society. The book will be placed in the Denton Public Library Genealogy Collection.

Diana White reported on Special Projects. She indicated that all corrections on the Birth Record book are completed. She is now in the process of printing out and writing information for each section. The book should be ready to publish by the beginning of 2004. Diana indicated that the Denton County Genealogical Society has sold half of the Death Records book and that there are 5 Will Books left. There was a discussion on the fact that many libraries and counties are pulling birth records. The membership discussed purchasing microfilmed Denton records to place in a safe location. Holly Hervey reported that there are 5 special project packets ready for look-ups and that several are still out. Holly also announced that the Denton County Historical Museum, Inc. has acquired the 20 rolls of the Sanger Courier, 1930-1992, and is extracting the marriages, births, and deaths.

There was no Old Business to discuss.

In New Business, John Beck gave a update on his problems with Family Tree Maker and shared an email from the company. Holly Hervey reported on her trip to the Texas State Genealogical Society Conference in Austin, September 8-11, 2003.

January's program will be about the European settlement of Louisiana. Holly Hervey will be the featured speaker.

Bob McCombs announced that Bob Velke, the writer of the Master Genealogist program would be the speaker at the upcoming meeting of the North Texas PC Users Group.

Bob McCombs presented a program on the migration into Missouri and Arkansas.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Strauss, Secretary

Treasurer's Report



Denton County Genealogical Society Treasurer's Report December 2003

Bank Balance October 31, 2003 \$1,946.04

Funds Deposited
Interest Earned .40

Total Deposits \$.40

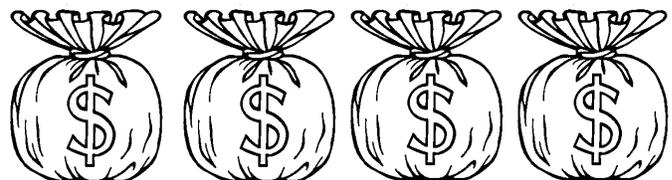
Cash on Hand November, 2003 \$1,946.44

2003-2004 Paid Members—39

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

Respectfully Submitted
Holly Hervey, Treasurer



GENEALOGY TOP TENS

While looking through the internet for interesting genealogy websites and information, I was amazed at the number of Genealogy Top Ten's. These lists provide interesting tidbits of wisdom to help all those searching for their ancestors.

TOP TEN TIPS

By Douglas and Della Moore
www.genealogybeginnersguide.com

Are you hooked yet on the idea of researching your family history, finding out the identity of your ancestors and compiling a family tree for future generations? Are you ready to become a member of the ever-growing number of genealogy enthusiasts worldwide? Hopefully, the answer is yes!

The following are our Top Ten Tips for getting you off to a flying start and helping you to trace your ancestors and discover your roots.

You are a detective looking for clues - what seems like a trivial piece of information may end up being a great lead, so record anything and everything that may relate to your ancestors!

Document everything as you go along and keep an accurate note of the source of the data so that you can revisit the record and pass the source on to other genealogy researchers, who will probably want to verify the data for themselves.

If possible, acquire a good genealogy software package. If you do keep your genealogy records on your computer, make frequent backups of your data and preferably store them at work or at a friend's house.

It is good practice to capitalize or underline surnames, as some surnames could be mistaken for first names. Use the genealogy standard international date format, i.e. 23 Jun 1869. Places should be detailed in full - parish or township, county, state or province and country.

Always check various spellings of your ancestors' names. The earlier the time pe-

riod, the more likely it is that you will find variations in the spelling of surnames. Also, due to illiteracy some of your ancestors were unable to tell the record keeper how their names should be spelled.

Don't add anyone to your family tree until you're sure they belong there and the information you have for them is 100% accurate. N.B. Don't assume that because information is on computer or in print, it is fact. For instance, some families published inaccurate family histories to disguise an unsavoury alliance or some other fact that they did not want to become public knowledge!

Find out the address and opening times of your local FHC (Family History Center) and do go along. Also, join your local Family History Society and draw on the experience of others.

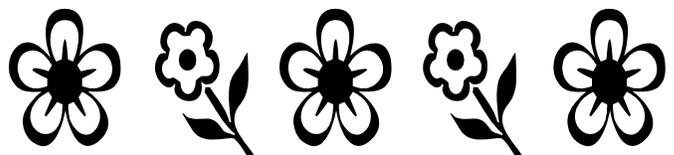
You will save yourself valuable time and find out the best research methods if you invest in at least one good genealogy reference book.

Check back on the genealogy online search pages at least monthly - they're constantly changing.

Join genealogy message boards for the surnames that you are researching.

Most important of all try and have fun when tracing your ancestry! It is amazing how good you feel when you find a difficult to trace ancestor - especially if you found them in an unusual source.

Deadline
for
February
Newsletter is
January 31



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