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February Program

Migration into Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona



Diana White will be the featured speaker at the February meeting focusing on the westward expansion of America. She will trace the migration routes to Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona, presenting a timeline on the relevant historical events affecting migration to this area of America.



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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.

NEW PUBLICATION

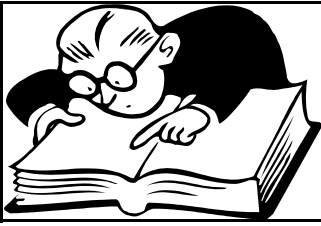


The Denton County Genealogical Society is pleased to announce that a new research tool will soon become available. The *City of Denton, Texas Birth Records, 1900-1950*, will arrive from the printer in approximately two months. The book will sell for \$30.00. An order form is printed at the end of the newsletter. Order your pre-publication copy now.

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Book Review by Holly Hervey

Deaths in Central Texas 1925-1934

Nothing makes more interesting reading than an old obituary. An obituary should be the first research tool a beginning genealogist uses. It may name the next of kin, the place of birth, religion and occupation of the deceased. An obituary can answer questions concerning military service, membership in organizations, cause of death and place of burial. For the social researcher a study of obituaries can provide statistical information on migration trends, places of birth, possible epidemics and even the changes in the journalistic style of obituary writing.

Usually obituaries are found in the local newspaper. It is a real treat to find obituaries printed in book form. Such is the book *Deaths in Central Texas 1925-1934* compiled by Monylene Stearns that contains obituaries concerning people who died in western McLennan County and eastern Coryell County, Texas. The material was gathered from local records, newspaper obituaries, cemetery records, funeral home records, and tombstone inscriptions. Each entry is followed with a source citation. The compiler used records from the *McGregor Mirror* and the Anssler Funeral Home.

There were some truly historic events recorded in the obituaries in the book. J. M. Davidson was almost 100 years old when he died October 23, 1925. His was the first married license issued in Coryell County when he married Miss Diana Moore. Mrs. Virginia McNeil was born 13 April 1849, the first white baby born in McLennan County. She died April 5, 1929.

There are some rather scary events concerning causes of death. Leasel Flott died in the arms of his daughter Mrs. Joe Ferrald as she was driving him to the doctor. Adeline Frazier died three months after her sister poisoned her soda. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hatcher were killed when their buggy was hit by a Santa Fe engine pulling only a ca-boose. The horse was not injured. August Haedler

died of burns. He was refilling the tractor when Mr. C. Krollage stuck a match to light his pipe and ignited the fuel.

Denton County residents are also mentioned in the book. According to the newspaper dated July 18, 1930, E. R. Smith died by his own hand by drinking a bottle of carbolic acid. Two sisters and one brother attended the funeral. One sister was Mrs. H. M. Watkins of Krum. In the September 11, 1931 newspaper there is a report that Mrs. Herman Watkins died Saturday in Krum, Texas. Burial was in Krum. She will be remembered by friends in McGregor as Miss Hazel Smith. Mrs. E. R. Smith is her sister-in-law. Mrs. Alice Marshall, age 65 died in Crawford, Texas September 21, 1935. She was born in Denton County, Texas December 16, 1867. Mr. W. W. Poslgrove of Pilot Point, Texas, died October 13, 1925. Mr. Poslgrove, who one lived in McGregor, was buried in Lampasas.

Deaths in Central Texas 1925-1934 was published by Heritage Books and is available for purchase at Willow Bend Books, 65 E. Main Street, Westminster, 21157-5026 and is priced \$24.50 plus shipping. Visit the website at www.willowbendbooks.com for all their books and CD-Rom publications. The review copy of this book will be donated to the Denton Public Library.

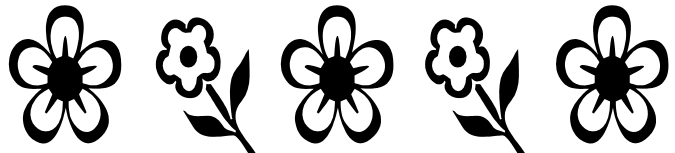


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Joyce Griffin, P.O. Box 325, Escalante, Utah 84726, cigriffin@scinternet.net is looking for information on Elizabeth Burleson (1 August 1813-27 February 1893) and Elizabeth Hendrix (3 November 1841-15 February 1893). Has information on the 1870 census for Denton County already.





Minutes

The Denton County Genealogical Society held its regular monthly meeting on January 8, 2004, at the Denton Public Library North Branch, 3020 N. Locust Street, Denton, Texas. President Bob McCombs called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. 16 members were present.

Linda Touraine introduced Holly Hervey, the speaker for the evening. Holly, a Denton County Genealogical Society member is the Collection Manager of the Denton County Historical Museum, Inc. Holly spoke on the historical events affecting migration into Louisiana. She also told members about the digital library of the Louisiana State Museum in New Orleans.

Following the program, the business meeting was held. Bob McCombs welcomed the visitors to the meeting. The minutes of the November meeting were discussed. Diana White had one correction: Mary LaJean Sherrill is printing out the corrections for the Birth Records book. The minutes were approved as corrected. The Treasurer's report was approved.

There was a discussion about purchasing the City of Denton Birth records on microfilm. Linda Touraine will contact the microfilm company to see if they are available. Linda also reported that no new books were added to the Genealogy collection at the Denton Public Library.

Diana White reported about the Birth Record book. The book is 220 pages and she received a quote from Anundsen for its publication. The cost for printing 200 copies will be \$2017.85 which includes shipping and handling. Diana moved that we accept the bid from Anundsen to publish the book. Linda Touraine seconded the motion. During the discussion period, Bob McCombs present online publishing alternatives. He suggested print on demand companies for either electronic or hard copies. The membership voted on the motion and the motion carried to accept the bid from Anundsen. Holly Hervey moved that the cost for the book be set at \$30.00 which would include shipping and tax. Diana White seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Diana White reported on her contact with Denton Connection about getting the monthly meeting on their calendar of events. She also discussed placing an ad in the magazine about the Birth Book. We also discussed having Lloyd Bockstruck review the book from a pre-publication copy and sending mailers out. Diana also suggested advertising the book on Roots-L. Holly Hervey moved that \$150.00 be set aside for advertising the Birth Book. Willie Malone seconded the motion. The motion passed.

John Beck reported on his progress on the use of Family Tree Maker 11. Holly Hervey discussed selling our books on ebay. We decided that this issue needs more discussion. Holly announced that she will take money for Birth Book order tonight.

Next month's program will be on migration into Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona. The March program will be about Gaelic and Scottish genealogy.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Strauss, Secretary

Treasurer's Report



Denton County Genealogical Society Treasurer's Report February 2004

Bank Balance November, 2003 \$1,946.44

Funds Deposited

Dues	\$20.00
Research	10.00
Consignments	75.00
Prepublication Sales	210.00
Interest Earned	<u>.41</u>

Total Deposits \$315.41

Funds Disbursed

Dues – FGS	\$ 25.00
Postage	<u>37.00</u>

Total Disbursements \$ 62.00

Cash on Hand January 31, 2004 \$2,199.85

2003-2004 Paid Members—38

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	161 \$4,025.00	123 \$2,779.72
Printing Cost	200 -1,618.62	300 -1,593.15
Consignment Fee	-430.00	-320.00
Postage	-379.31	-156.99
Sales Tax Paid	-113.93	-77.19
Advertising	<u>-101.00</u>	<u>-237.45</u>
Profit	\$1,382.14	\$ 394.94

Respectfully Submitted
Holly Hervey, Treasurer



A Visit to the Allen County Public Library

by Kathy Strauss

At the end of 2003, my husband, Chris, and I decided to spend our week's vacation doing serious genealogy research. Our itinerary included visits to seven libraries and archives in Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky, and a visit with family in Northern Ohio and Columbus. Our first stop was to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. We spent 3 very fruitful days in the library, and plan to return again in 2004. There was just not enough time to delve into everything that was available.

The Allen County Public Library's Fred J. Reynolds Historical Genealogy Department is considered the largest public library genealogy collection in the country. It contains more than 300,000 printed volumes and 306,000 items of microfilm and microfiche. Housed in a temporary location in the Lincoln Museum building in downtown Fort Wayne while the main library is being renovated, it attracts more than 100,000 researchers from across the country each year, making it a genealogy mecca, second only to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

The genealogy department is also known for its publication of PERSI, the Periodical Source Index. The library holds the largest English-language genealogy and local historical periodical collection in the world with more than 5100 current subscriptions and nearly 10,000 titles. We send a copy of our own "DCGS NEWS" to the Allen County Public Library each month.

I was amazed at the organization that surrounds the genealogy department and the helpful staff. There is a rack of helpful pathfinders, maps of the collection, and lists of useful computer databases to consult. Each visitor is requested to register at a computer terminal, with name, address, and surnames being researched. Upon returning home, we received a very nice letter thanking us for our visit from the foundation that supports the genealogy collection. I had planned to concentrate my research on this trip to two counties (Hardin and Hancock) in Ohio. There were several shelves for each county, and I

found the cemetery books most helpful since I planned to visit cemeteries following our stay in Indiana. Most of the books even gave maps to the cemeteries and locations of graves.

The best advice I can give anyone planning to attempt such a research trip is to be prepared and organized ahead of time. We spent several nights before our trip visiting the library's website and accessing the online catalog. By just entering in the counties I had planned to work on, I was able to determine which books would be the most helpful.

On our next visit, I plan to work in the microfilm holdings for new treasures. With a limited amount of time, it is best to concentrate in one area. I hope each of you will have an opportunity to visit the Allen County Public Library and sample everything it has to offer the genealogy researcher. Log on to the website at www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy to discover a true national treasure.



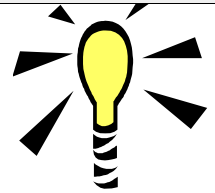
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Newsletter is
February 29



Lectures & Seminars



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Saturday, February 21, 2004. San Marcos/Hays County Genealogical Society 15th Annual Genealogical Workshop. First Lutheran Church, 130 W. Holland, San Marcos, TX. Speaker: Kathleen Hinckley. Topics are: Advanced Census Research, World Wars I and II, Locating the Living, and Organize Your Genealogical Office. \$40.00. Mail registration to: San Marcos/Hays Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 503, San Marcos, TX 78667-0503.

March 12-13, 2004 Lawton, OK. The Friends of the Oklahoma Historical Society Research Division announces its second "Native American History and Genealogy Conference." For more information, visit www.ok-history.mus/arch/friends.htm or write to OHS Research Division Friends, P.O. Box 18781, Oklahoma City, OK 73154-0781.

According to *Family Tree Magazine*, the Top 10 Public Libraries for genealogists are:

1. Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana
2. Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, Houston, Texas
3. Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham, Alabama
4. Dallas Public Library, Dallas, Texas
5. Denver Public Library, Denver, Colorado
6. Detroit Public Library, Detroit, Michigan
7. Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles, California
8. Mid-Continent Public Library, Independence, Missouri
9. New York Public Library, New York, New York
10. Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Cincinnati, Ohio



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