

# DCGS NEWS

D E N T O N C O U N T Y G E N E A L O G I C A L S O C I E T Y

## NOVEMBER MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2005



1896- Denton County Courthouse-

The Denton County Genealogical Society meets on the second Thursday during the months on September-November and January-May. 6:30 P.M.  
Denton Public Library North Branch, 3020 N. Locust St. Denton, Texas

### Program: “Findy Grandma Lacy”

Our speaker, Jane Routt Power described this program as “a story of a search for my great-great-grandmother’s family which should not have been a problem, but for these factors: Lacy was born in 1820, in South Carolina, and was adopted as a child! In genealogical lingo, this is one huge ‘brick wall.’”

Jane Rout Power is a fourth-generation Texan, born in Fort Worth. She

is married to John Michael Power, and has been a resident of Garland, Texas since 1967.

Jane has been researching and enjoying history and genealogy for 30+ years. She is a professional lecturer, and listed in “Who’s Who in Hereditary Societies,” within the *Hereditary Society Blue Book*

She serves as an officer within various hereditary societies, including, DAR, Associated Daughters of Early American Witches, National Society Sons and

Daughters of Antebellum Planters, Hereditary Order Descendants of Loyalists and Patriots of the American Revolution, Magna Charta Dames, Dames of the Court of Honor, New England Women, and Daughters of American Colonists. She maintains membership within several other hereditary societies.

The November meeting will be held at the Denton Public Library North Branch, 3020 North Locust St., Denton, Texas. 6:30—Social Time 7:00—Program/Business

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### AN UPDATED LOOK FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

The Denton County Genealogical Society newsletter has a new look! The vintage style format is in keeping with our historical research, and resembles some of the old documents we

are used to seeing. We hope you will enjoy reading the newsletter on the web.

There will be two versions of the publication on our website. There

will be the original html version, as well as a version that will print in Adobe Acrobat Reader. There will be a link for you to download the reader if you do not have it on your computer.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It seems like it was just yesterday but with a blink of my eyes it is already November and our meeting is just around the corner. It is getting so that it seems as if time is flying by and I am having difficulty keeping up. And to think people use to comment on my organizational skills.

Won't tell you what they say now.  
  
Don't forget that we are having a 'Silent Auction' at our November meeting. For those of you who want to bring something – a nice gift item or just something nice to have – be sure to note what you want the minimum bid to start at. For those who

want to buy something, bring you checkbook or money. Remember this is to help the society's treasury which means we can give some books to the library or use it to help with the publishing of the next book.  
  
At our September meeting we decided to vote at the November meeting on whether we

want to continue meeting at the North Branch or to move to the Emily Fowler location to where the Genealogy collection is housed. Think about it and be prepared to vote.  
  
I'm looking forward to our meeting and the program. Hope to see you all there

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Balance July 31, 2005**  
**\$ 1,296.79**

**Funds Deposited**

Dues	\$ 45.00
Birth Book	35.00
Interest	<u>.30</u>
Total Deposits	\$ 80.30

Balance October 31,  
2005 \$1,287.09

**2005-2006 Paid  
Members—42**

**Library Donations**

<b>April 1995 - May 01</b>	\$1,918.22
<b>June 2001 - May 02</b>	76.00
<b>June 2002 - May 03</b>	799.15
<b>June 2003 - May 05</b>	83.15

Birth Books Sold (51)	\$1,635.00
Printing Cost (200)	-2,049.13
Postage	-118.69
Sales Tax Paid	-104.78
Advertising (1)	<u>-30.00</u>
Profit	\$-667.60

Death Books Sold (136)	\$3,104.72
Printing Cost (300)	-1,593.15
Consignment Fees	-390.00
Postage	-156.99
Sales Tax Paid	-77.19
Advertising	<u>-237.45</u>
Profit	\$ 649.94

Respectfully Submitted, Holly  
Hervey, Treasurer



## MINUTES – OCT 2005 MEETING

The Denton County Genealogical Society met in the meeting room of the Denton Public Library North Branch on October 13, 2005.

After a social gathering from 6:30 to 7:00 with tasty and beautifully presented Halloween-style refreshments provided by Diane Abner and Vickie Davis, we officially began our meeting with 18 people in attendance.

President Linda Touraine called the group to order at 7:02 and presided over our business meeting. Because many members did not have an opportunity to see the minutes and treasurer's report printed in this month's Newsletter, Linda asked us to wait until the next meeting to approve or

correct them. Kathy Strauss announced that she would be hosting a program showing how to search for ancestors using the Ancestry Library Edition. The program will be at Denton Public Library North Branch from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday October 22, 2005. Anyone can call or email her to sign up for the presentation.

In response to a question from the floor by John Beck, Linda suggested that we discuss at one of our next meetings the possibility of DCGS donating more books to the Public Library. We also agreed to have a "silent auction" to raise money for our society. Several members agreed to bring

items marked with a base price to set out for the auction. Diana White reminded us that we have a book about the births in Denton County from 1950-2007 ready for publication.

Diana White, one of the founding members of DCGS, introduced Kris Richens a genealogist, trainer volunteer worker, and our speaker for the evening. Her presentation for the evening "*Was your Grandmother an Indian Princess?*" was a delightfully informative program that lasted about one hour. We received information stressing the importance of Native American Heritage that gave us specific methods

for understanding and respecting the Native American style, religion and customs. One handout prepared by the speaker helped us easily follow her slide show and the second handout gave very specific information listing Indian Rolls available on microfilm. Kris Richens gave us her email address and said she would welcome email questions from any of us at **Buttons922@AOL.com**. The program was over at 8:35 and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Simms,  
Secretary

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The Denton Public Library Genealogy and Special Collections Department has received a grant of \$6000 from the Friends of the Denton Public Library. These funds will be used to purchase new materials for the Genealogy and Special Collections. It will also be used to bind materials in need of repair. The Genealogy Department is extremely

grateful to the Friends of the Library for their generosity and hard work on behalf of the library. Members who wish to request specific material for purchase should present a list to Kathy Strauss for consideration.

Leslie Couture has designed a very interesting display on the art and architecture of the Emily

Fowler Central Library. Please stop by the Genealogy Department to see this display.

There will be a workshop on Scrapbooking at the Emily Fowler Central Library on November 10, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Those interested in attending should register by calling the library at 940/349-8713.

## DIGITIZING AT SALT LAKE

The LDS Family History Library has announced that it has begun the process of digitizing and making available on the Internet all of the Family History books in their collection. These are primarily books in the "929.273 Series" that are currently housed on the first floor of the Family History Library (previously housed on the fourth floor of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building). At the present time (September 2005), about 5000 books have been digitized and are available, and they have announced that they are adding about 100 titles a week to the on-line collection. Copyright issues are playing a role in determining the order in which they progress through this task; books out of copyright are being done first.

As these Family History books are digitized and placed on-line, an entry is being placed in the Family History Library on-line catalog with a hyperlink to the digitized image. By going to the FHL On-Line Catalog, you can search for a specific name, find a book that has been indexed using the name, and view it on-line, flipping through the pages as separate "pdf" images, much the same as if you were on the first floor of the Family History Library. Of course, the indexing that is available through the FHL Catalog is only as good as the human indexers made it; typically they only include the "top" 4 to 6 names that appear in each book in their indexing

efforts.

### **But there is even better news!**

The digitized images of these Family History books are actually being stored on the electronic servers at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. By going directly to the BYU web site to view the images, there are several additional possibilities that provide genealogists functionality that they have never had before. You are now able to do full-text searches on each book, and on every digitized book in the collection. Now you can locate the small two- paragraph entry on Grandpa Ebenezer McGarrah that is buried in one of the Family History books that you would have otherwise never thought to look at before. This can open up a huge new possibility for extending lines, getting past brick walls, and uncovering new relatives!

### **How to Find The Digitized Images?**

Go to the web site of the Harold B. Lee Library at BYU at <http://lib.byu.edu> and on their home page, follow the links "Find Other Materials/Electronic/ On Line Collections at BYU". Click on the "Text Collections" tab and select the "Family History Archive" from the list of collections that are displayed. You would then normally want to use the "Search All" feature with the "Search Full Text" box

checked, although the "Advanced Search" will allow very high-powered searches that will allow certain phrases to be searched for and other words to be used to exclude potential hits. As you make selections from the "hits" that are displayed, you will need to use the "Click Here to View Item" button near the top of the screen to display the actual image of the page. You can page through the entire document using the index displayed on the left side of the screen. Each page may be printed after being viewed.

One interesting sidelight is, when you are at the first web page for the Family History Archive (the page that lets you begin a search), click on the "Browse the Collection" button. This will display every Family History book that has been digitized and is available in the collection. You can scroll through this list much the same as if you were walking up and down the stacks at the library. At the top of the first page of the search results, it displays the number of hits, which (in this case) is the number of books in the collection. If you keep track of this number, you can get a pretty good idea of how fast they are adding titles to the collection as you revisit the web site from time to time. I think you will want to visit this site often as the collection grows!

## THIS AND THAT

Ohio Historical Society online death index now covers 1913-1944. They have updated the site with these new years added. Previously it covered up to 1937.

[www.ohiohistory.org/dindex/](http://www.ohiohistory.org/dindex/)

If you are interested in researching the December 7, 1917 explosion in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, have a look at the November/December Featured Resources on our "Roots to the Past" website at the Halifax Public Libraries: [http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/roots/feat\\_res.html](http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/roots/feat_res.html)

The Board for Certification of Genealogists announced that, effective immediately, it has consolidated three research categories into one category that will be called Certified Genealogist. All those holding a current credential as Certified Genealogical Records Specialist, Certified Lineage Specialist, or Certified Genealogist will hold the designation of Certified Genealogist. The board also established application requirements for the single credential and voted to continue the existing renewal requirements for those already certified. Complete details for each requirement will be posted on the BCG website:

[www.bgc certification.org](http://www.bgc certification.org), by December 1 of this year. Beginning January 1, 2006, only applications using the new requirements will be accepted. The new BCG Application Guide will be available at the National Genealogical Society conference in Chicago in June 2006.

The West Virginia Division of Culture and History now has selected county birth, death, and marriage records online on their website: [www.wvculture.org](http://www.wvculture.org)



There is an exhibit on Crypto-Jews at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The exhibit is called: "Voyages to Freedom: The Jewish Diaspora from Iberia to the Americas 1492-2000. Hidden Jews of the southwestern United States and northern Mexico are thought to be descended from the Sephardic Jews who began fleeing Spain more than 500 years ago. See a description of the exhibit at: [www.nhccnm.org](http://www.nhccnm.org)

[www.distantcousin.com](http://www.distantcousin.com) is home to one of the largest free online archives of city and farm directories in the world, combining both scanned images of directory pages with surname indexes.

The 1851 Census for the United Kingdom is now available on Ancestry.com. The Denton Public Library subscribes to Ancestry Library Edition, and makes it available for free to all library users.

### Census Searching Tips

Susan Zmrzel

I have a subscription to Ancestry.com census collection. I found most of the census records for my direct line so I decided to start on the siblings of my direct lines. I did this in hopes of finding someone else searching in my area and to answer questions and tie in surnames that keep showing up. It has really helped, and I hope to break thru a couple of my brick walls soon.

While entering the exact information, such as Samuel M Robinson, I was not getting anywhere in some cases. I then started doing all kinds of combinations. Examples: No first name, just last name and use "soundex." Enter state and county where they should be if you know it. Enter the place of birth and year with two years either way. Then you can weed thru the index and see if any match. Sometimes if the husbands name does not come up put in the wife or childrens' names.

When the census taker entered information they did not always use the person's legal name such as Jane Anna Martin. It could have been Jennie or Ann or even a nick name of Polly. Sometimes they just used initials, or Thos or Thomas, Sml for Samuel, and sometimes they put their middle initial first. Example Samuel Martin Robinson would be M Samuel Robinson.

This is just a reminder to use every combination you can think of and to look at neighbors when you do find your person. Sometimes there are siblings, parents and children living nearby.

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