

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



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, Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland St., Denton, TX 76201

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MAY MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2006

Program:

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for 2006-2008

The annual meeting of the Denton County Genealogical Society will take place in the meeting

room at the Emily Fowler Central Library at 7:00 p.m. Come early to network with fellow members and enjoy some light refreshments.

During this meeting we will have the election of officers for 2006-2008. If

you have any questions or suggestions about programs, please bring them with you on Thursday night, May 11. Come and share information about your year of researching.

Denton Public Library Historical Photograph Collection

Getting a glimpse into Denton's past is easier than ever now that the Denton Public Library's Historical Photograph Collection is available online as part of the Portal to Texas History, a web site developed by the University of North Texas Digital Projects Department.

The Portal to Texas History provides access to digital scans of primary source material from collections held in Texas libraries, museums, archives and historical societies. Among the other institutions providing access to their collections

through the Portal to Texas History are Courthouse on the Square Museum, University of North Texas, Euless Public Library, Fort Bend Historical Museum, Texas General Land Office, San Jacinto Museum of History, Southern Methodist University Libraries, Texas State Library and Archives Commission and University of Texas. The Denton Public Library's participation in the project was made possible by a grant from the Forrest C. Lattner Foundation to the library and its partners, University of North Texas, Courthouse on the Square Museum and Texas

Woman's University. To access the Historical Photograph Collection, go to the Portal to Texas History web site at texashistory.unt.edu and click on the Researchers' Portal link. (The web site can also be accessed by from a link on the Electronic Resources page of the Denton Public Library catalog.) The search interface allows searches to be limited to only material in the Denton Public Library's collection, but users can also do broader searches to find material housed at other institutions.

P R E S I D E N T ' S C O L U M N

In some ways it hard to believe that our 2005-2006 year is just about over and yet it other ways, I thought it never would get here. I have enjoyed serving as your president the last two years but just wish I had gotten everything done I had planned back in May 2004. I did have a few stumbling blocks along the way, or a few snags in the road that may have contributed to some of my plans not getting completed as I wanted but not all. For those, I can't come up with a good reason other than to say I didn't manage my time well. I will just keeping plugging along

and try to get them completed.

I want to thank all the officers that have served the last two years for a job well done. I especially want to thank Mary Jo for the excellent job she did in lining up our programs. While there have been 2 newsletter editors, Anita Cowan for 2004-2005 and Kathy Strauss for 2005-2006, I think we have had excellent newsletters from each of them. I know it is a hard job and we should all give them both a big hand. We also need to give a hand to Chris Strauss for getting

the web site updated and getting the newsletters available online, not only for our members but also for the other genealogists throughout the states. For you members that brought the refreshments each meeting and those of you that help put the tables and chairs away each meeting, a thank you also goes to you. It goes to show that it takes all of us, not just a few, to have a good organization.

At our May meeting, we will elect our officers for 2006-2008. This will be a good time for input from you, the members, as to what you

want to continue and what you want to change as well as what you want that is new. For example, do you still want the refreshments before the meeting and if so, will more of you sign up to bring them? Do you have an idea for a program or a specific topic you would like for the new vice-president to line up? If so, bring that information to the meeting. There are a couple of other things we will discuss regarding future meetings.

Linda

T R E A S U R E R ' S R E P O R T

Denton County Genealogical Society	Library Donations		Death Books Sold (136)
Treasurer's Report	April 1995 - May 02	\$1,994.22	\$3,104.72
April 30, 2006	June 2002 - May 03	799.15	Printing Cost (300) -1,593.15
	June 2003 - May 05	83.15	Consignment Fees -390.00
			Postage -156.99
Balance March 31, 2006			Sales Tax Paid -77.19
\$ 1,323.59	Birth Books Sold (52)	\$1,670.00	Advertising <u>-237.45</u>
			Profit \$ 649.94
Funds Deposited	Printing Cost (200)	-2,049.13	
Dues \$ 55.00	Postage	-118.69	Respectfully Submitted, Holly
Interest <u>.17</u>	Sales Tax Paid	-104.78	Hervey, Treasurer
Total Deposits \$ 55.17	Advertising (1)	<u>-30.00</u>	
	Profit	\$ -632.60	
Balance April 30, 2006			
\$1,378.76			

2005-2006 Paid Members—45



MINUTES – APRIL 2006 MEETING

The Denton County Genealogical Society met in the meeting room of the Emily Fowler Central Library on April 13, 2006. Mona Carrico provided wonderful refreshments for the 6:30 to 7:00 social time.

President Linda Touraine called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and presided over a short business meeting. Guests were welcomed and encouraged to join DCGS. Minutes for the March meeting and the treasurer's report were both approved as published in the news letter.

Diana White led a short discussion concerning new officers for next year. She stressed the need for members to volunteer themselves and others for each office. Please contact Diana if you are willing to serve. We will need a slate of officers for the May meeting. At the May meeting, we plan to have a "Round Robin" for members to share many genealogical adventures over the year.

At 7:30. Vice President Mary Jo Bruce, introduced Rodney Hess, our speaker for the evening. Rodney used his teaching skills

to amaze our group. He brought Civil War artifacts, relics and wonderful stories for us to experience. He was dressed in an authentic Civil War uniform and transported us back in time. After the presentation, the group was encouraged to comment and ask/or ask questions. By evening's end, we all felt that we had experienced history by living it through his colorful and dramatic speaking style.

Following the presentation, the meeting was adjourned by President Linda Touraine and the 29 members present helped

clear the room so we could be out of the building by 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Marilyn Simms,
Secretary



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Look for the new Denton Chamber of Commerce map coming out soon. Inside is an advertisement for the Denton Public Library Special Collections. We hope this will introduce our valuable collections and genealogy reference services to visitors and newcomers. Make sure you pick one up and show it to your friends!

While you are planning your

summer research trips, plan to take part in the Denton Public Library Adult Summer Reading Club, Tales and Trails. The club takes place from 26 May to 31 July 2006. You can read your favorite novel, listen to an audio book, read magazines or newspapers, or read a how-to book. You just need to keep a log of your reading and your exercise. You can exercise by walking up stairs, walking, parking at the back of a parking

lot and walking into a store, mowing the grass, walking around a cemetery, or walking around the old homestead. Stop by the genealogy department for a list of novels that include genealogy themes. Fill out your log and be entered for a drawing for a Grand Prize at the end of the summer!



THIS AND THAT

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE FGS/NGS RECORDS PRESERVATION AND ACCESS COMMITTEE

There is great concern that the National Historical Publications and Records Commission is targeted for zero funding in the President's budget for the second consecutive year. It is urgent that members sign onto the "Dear Colleague" letter now being circulated by Rep. Jim Leach (R-IA) and Rep. David Price (D-NC), requesting \$12 million for the NHRPC for FY 2007. Of this amount, \$10 million will be for grants and \$2 million will go toward staffing and other program-related costs.

This small federal program within the National Archives deserves continued support. It is the only grant-making organization, public or private, dedicated to editing and publishing the papers of significant figures and themes in American history.

While the National Archives concentrates on federal records, the NHRPC helps archivists, documentary editors, genealogists, and historians by making available both federal and non-federal records that are also essential to our national story and to the daily functioning of our democracy and our economy.

Over the past forty years the Commission has awarded more than \$150 million to four thousand state and local government archives, colleges, universities, and independent researchers to preserve and publish important historical records that document American history. Published

historical documentary editions, microfilm editions, preservation projects, presidential papers, and other funded projects incorporate material of crucial value to genealogists such as local history infused with specifics about families, individuals, and their life events; the Freedom History Project (events of black life in America from the Civil War through the Reconstruction); oral history and tribal records of American Indian tribes; photographic and motion picture archives; county records, and more.

We urge you to sign onto the "Dear Colleague" letter for the NHRPC.



Ancestry Quick Tips

Census Search Tip

My tip involves a little, heretofore overlooked (at least by me) gem in connection with census searches. When you are looking for someone and you know the approximate area (town, city, community) where they lived, and you know a family member or neighbor who lived very near to them, do a search on that family member or neighbor. Click on the "(year) United States Federal Census Record." Look down at the info provided before you click on the census image itself. You will see either "Neighbors: View Results" or "Family and Neighbors: View Results."

I knew one of my grandmother's first cousins lived less than a quarter mile down the road from her, but could not find them in the census records. By locating the cousin in the index and clicking on "Neighbors: View Results," there he

and his wife were--with their last name definitely misspelled!

As the phrase I coined says: "The rainbow is where you find it, not necessarily at the end of the rainbow." I found him, but not where I expected.

Pat Almquist

Lost Military Pension Papers

Several years ago I sent off to the National Archives to get military and pension papers for my Civil War ancestors and they were extremely interesting to read. Last year, I moved to a new house in a new city and, yes, you guessed it--I lost all the papers from NARA. So, I went on the Internet and re-ordered these papers again. I was pleasantly surprised to find out that the National Archives is sending out more information than they used to. I received personal accounts of the military tours of my great-grandfather and two of my great-grand-uncles. Like I said, I was pleasantly surprised at this turn of events. I heard somewhere that this was happening but I did not believe it. Trust me, it is true. Log onto the [National Archives website](#) and order online. It is easy.

William Adna Crawford

Quicksheet for Citing Sources

I am not really good citing my sources, but since "Citing Online Historical Resources" by Elizabeth Shown Mills came along I am getting better at it. This QuickSheet is 4 pages, and she went one step further and laminated them.

Anyone can learn how to cite their sources with this QuickSheet.

Diane D. Shaw

Treasurer's Annual Report 2005-2006

ASSETS

Cash Accounts	
First Bank	\$1,378.76
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,378.76

EQUITY

Prior Years	\$ 535.67
Gain	<u>843.09</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	\$1,378.76

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT May 1, 2005/April 30, 2006

INCOME

Book Sales	\$ 375.00
Dues	685.00
Library Lock In	545.00
Silent Auction	158.00
Donations	100.00
Interest Income	6.83
Research	<u>10.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,879.83

EXPENSES

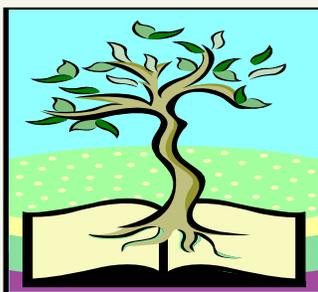
Consignment Expense	\$ 40.00
Lock-in Expenses	317.13
Memberships	110.00
Speaker Fee	190.00
Box Rent	58.00
Postage	282.44
Sales Tax	23.51
Domain Fee	<u>15.66</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,036.74

TOTAL GAIN \$ 843.09

Narrative:

The Income/Expense statement reveals that the Society has a profit of \$843.09 for the year. There were no book publishing fees or loan repayments. The Society also conducted some fund raising events with the Library lock-ins and the silent auction. The records show that only 5 Birth Record books and 5 Death Record books have been sold this year. The Society should continue to explore new marketing areas to advertise the books.

Respectfully Submitted
Holly Hervey, Treasurer



More Ancestry Quick Tips

Vogel or Bird

Yesterday, I had a break through! I called a church in Kalamazoo, Michigan to ask if they had a copy of my great-grandparents marriage license from 1887. The woman who answered the phone referred me to their historian who would know what happened to the surviving records since there was a fire in the church in 1925. I called the historian who was just getting ready to leave her home to go to the church and she said that she would look into other records for me such as member records.

When I told her the bride's name was Catrina Vogel. She said Vogel is the German word for "bird." That totally blew me away as on the marriage records of my great-grandmother's children their mother is sometimes listed as Catrina Bird. All this time, I have been wondering if my great-grandmother had another marriage and these children were from a previous marriage. Now I know that she was only married once and her children used the English word "bird" for her last name. Mystery solved.
Char

Making a Game of It

For fun, I used to recite my ancestors, starting with the immigrant ancestor Thomas Porteous (he came to Vermont then Montreal circa 1785-1790), and name the subsequent direct-line, male descendants down to me. I would then ask one of the children on the spur of the moment who their great-great-grandfather was, and they would tell me. Then I would ask who his father was and his father too. I'm sure you get the idea. My children are now ages 28, 23, 22, and 16, and they know their Porteous direct-line ancestry as far back as we have been able to go. When children are young, make it a game and it becomes fun.

Glen Porteous
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