

# DCGS NEWS

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## FEBRUARY MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2008



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  
[www.rootsweb.com/~txdcgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txdcgs)

### Program: "Using Newspapers in Research"

**Speaker: Kelvin Meyers**

A professional genealogist for the last eighteen years, and an avid researcher-historian for the last twenty-eight years, Kelvin brings a great knowledge of social sciences, history, genealogy and some PI

techniques to his work. The Dallas Public Library employed him for ten years in the Genealogy Section. Now, he contracts with various companies as a forensic genealogist, searching for missing or unknown heirs to estates and to oil and gas leases. In January of 2007, he was appointed Chairman of the Archives and History Committee of the First United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas.

A native of Crosby County, he has published three books on his home county; deed abstracts and a compilation of early records and abstracts of probate minutes.



## GENEALOGY AFTER HOURS

Dig out our family files and spend some time researching at the Denton Public Library during the "Genealogy After Hours" night. The event will take place on 29 February 2008, 6:00 PM-11:00 PM.

The library will be open exclusively for genealogists. There will be a light supper and snacks available in the meeting room.

Aaron Holt from the Southwest Region of the National Archives will be our speaker. He will tell us about the resources of the National Archives and how it can be used in genealogical research.

Tony Matthews of Paper Tree will also be there. He owns a company that sells custom-made family trees suitable for display.

There will be plenty of time to work on your family research and get help from experienced Denton County Genealogical Society members and the staff of the Special Collections department.



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## Take Advantage of Local Genealogy Workshops

Two of our members, Chris and Kathy Strauss, recently attended the Technology Day and the Lock-In sponsored by the Dallas Genealogy Society. Both events took place at the Dallas Public Library.

The Technology Day focused on providing guidance, tips, and new features of the various genealogy software available. There were also very interesting programs about DNA in genealogy research.

Chris and Kathy use Legacy Family Tree for their personal research. The speaker for the

programs was from Legacy. He gave updated information about what features would be available in the newest version of the software.

The Lock-In took place following the Technology Day. The entire staff of the Genealogy Section were available for consultation and assistance. Many shelves were filled with new acquisitions. This new material contained records from all over the U.S. and around the world.

With so many excellent libraries and research centers in the Metroplex area that offer special

programs and workshops, it is important for all of our members to take a look around. These workshops are often publicized in genealogy periodicals and on websites. Cost of local workshops and travel time is usually minimal. Take the opportunities available locally to add to your genealogy education and use these excellent resources.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Balance December 31, 2007**      **\$2,028.96**

### Funds Deposited

Dues	\$ 55.00
Contribution	10.00
Interest	<u>.39</u>
Total Deposits	\$ 65.39

### Funds Disbursed

Speaker Fee	\$ 55.00
Sales Tax	4.70
Dues (TSGS & FGS)	<u>60.00</u>
Total Disbursed	\$ 119.70

**Balance January 31, 2008**      **\$2,028.96**

**2007-2008 Paid Members—39**

Library Donations	
April 1995 - May 02	\$1,994.22
June 2002 - May 03	799.15
June 2003 - May 06	83.15

Birth Books Sold (58)	\$1,880.00
Printing Cost (200)	-2,049.13
Postage	-118.69
Sales Tax Paid	-104.78
Advertising (1)	<u>-30.00</u>
Profit	\$ -422.60

Death Books Sold (141)	\$3,229.72
Printing Cost (300)	-1,593.15
Consignment Fees	-400.00
Postage	-156.99
Sales Tax Paid	-77.19
Advertising	<u>-237.45</u>
Profit	\$ 764.94

Respectfully Submitted,  
Holly Hervey, Treasurer

## MINUTES – JANUARY 2008

The Denton County Genealogical Society met in the meeting room of the Emily Fowler Central Library on January 10, 2008. Refreshments were provided by Cindy Gage, Sandra Marsh, and Shirley Sawyer for the 6:30 to 7:00 social time.

President Linda Touraine called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed everyone back from the holidays. We had four visitors, our guest speaker and his wife, and 23 members present. Linda presided over the business meeting, during which the minutes and treasurer's report from the November meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Under old business Linda noted that we still need someone to volunteer for refreshments for the May meeting. She reminded us that copies of the membership

roster are available. She also read a note of thanks for our donation given to the University of North Texas. Under new business, Linda received a request from Tony Matthews, who prepares decorative family tree charts, to set up a table at one of our meetings. Members would be able to purchase the charts. It was suggested that he set up by 6:00 pm to allow members to shop before the meeting. Linda will contact him to find out if he can set up before the February meeting.

Librarian Kathy Strauss was out of town. In her absence, Linda mentioned that there will be a program at the library on online censuses on January 26 and that the next lock in will be on February 29.

Mel Brewer introduced our

guest speaker, John Wylie, who continued his 2007 topic "What Pros Know – Tips Learned from Working on Other People's Lines". Mr. Wylie provided a review of his first presentation, as many of our members missed his first visit. He offered many good suggestions for our research and offered very interesting examples. Mr. Wylie also mentioned that he is now our representative for the Texas State Genealogical Society, having been recently elected to their board.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm in order for us to clear the room before library closing time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vickie Davis, Secretary

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 16, 2008—Grand Opening of the Denton County African American Museum.**

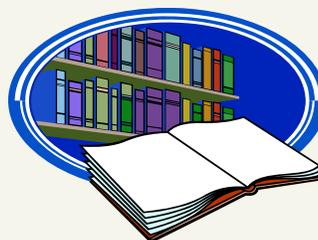
TX. Speaker: Lloyd Bockstruck. Contact Joan Lawrence at 512-869-1560, jil@gtnw.net.

**February 23, 2008—**"Research and Writing." Lecture by Kory Meyerink. Dallas Genealogical Society. \$40.

**March 29, 2008—**"Farmers and Soldiers in the Western South." Lecture by Tony Burroughs. Dallas Genealogical Society. \$40.

**February 29, 2008—**"Genealogy After Hours." 6:00 PM-11:00 PM. Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland St., Denton. \$10.00 registration required.

**March 15, 2008—**Williams County Genealogical Society presents its Annual Seminar at the First United Methodist Church, 1004 North Mays, Round Rock,



# NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



## GENEALOGY AFTER HOURS



Special Guest Speaker:

### AARON HOLT

National Archives, Southwest Region

Friday, February 29, 2008

6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Emily Fowler Central Library  
502 Oakland Street

DISCOVER THE RESOURCES  
HELD AT THE NATIONAL  
ARCHIVES IN FT. WORTH.

### \$10.00

Registration fee includes dinner.

Join us for dinner and a presentation about the wealth of genealogical resources available at the National Archives Regional office in Ft. Worth. After the presentation, knowledgeable staff and volunteers will be available for one-on-one help with your family research.

Co-sponsored by the Denton Public Library & the Denton County Genealogical Society

Register at the Emily Fowler Central Library Genealogy Department or by mail.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail Check (payable to the Denton County Genealogical Society) to: Denton Public Library Genealogy Dept.  
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## ANCESTRY QUICK TIPS

### Don't Assume. . . and Check Other Records!

Do not assume that all the youngsters listed in a pre-1880 U.S. census record are the children of both the man and the woman named in the record, even though all the parties were enumerated with the same surname. A case in point: In the 1870 census of Fayette, Kennebec County, Maine, the following household members are all listed with the surname "Neal:" George, 37; Mary, 48; Charles, 16; Frank, 10; and Herbert, 8. However, none of the three boys appears in any other census, at least not as "Neals." Probate records for Mary reveal that the surname of these three young men was actually "Merrill." (A land record names George W. Merrill as her first husband.) Mary's maiden name (Dexter) is given in an article on the Merrill family in a history of the town of Livermore, which reveals that she had six older children and confirms that George Neal was her second husband.

Another case (also from 1870): The following were all enumerated with the surname "Hubbard" in a household in the Town of Hull, Portage County, Wisconsin: Daniel, 55; Jane, 50; Eliza, 18; and Frank, 9. There is no other record of this Frank "Hubbard," but that is because he was actually their grandson, Frank Target, the orphaned son of their oldest daughter, Edward G. Hubbard

### More on Preserving Albums

Recently [advice was given about how to maintain old photo albums intact](#). I have a different experience. My old albums were falling apart since scrapbooks and photo albums seemed to have been made from the poorest paper available. Then my mother had removed some pictures and put newer ones in their places so there was no good arrangement of the photos. After taking digital images of the original pages (they were too big for a

scanner) it was easy for me to remove pictures since my mother was sparing of glue and a paper knife used carefully did not hurt the pictures. The bonus benefit was that the backs of two photos revealed information that I have found nowhere else.

Wayne Woodward  
Jackson, Mississippi

### Student Researchers

My mother's family helped settle and then lived for the most part in the same town for generations. While looking for obituaries, I learned a nearby university had microfilm copies of the town newspaper since its beginnings. Several years ago I made a list of my direct ancestors and their brothers and sisters, and in-laws by name (with maiden names in parentheses), along with dates of birth and death. I sorted them chronologically by death date with the earliest first. I had a cousin who taught at the university--which was very convenient! I sent the list to him with a request that he inquire from his students if anyone would be willing to find the obituaries of these people in the microfilms for a fee.

I roughly calculated how long it would take me to do each search, if I were there, and offered a minimum wage price for the total. It cost me just over \$100 (today it would probably be more) and I now have printed copies of sixteen (out of the eighteen requested) obituaries. The student was terrific! She made two copies of each—one with a fuller view of the page.

Beth Pany

### 2006-2008 OFFICERS

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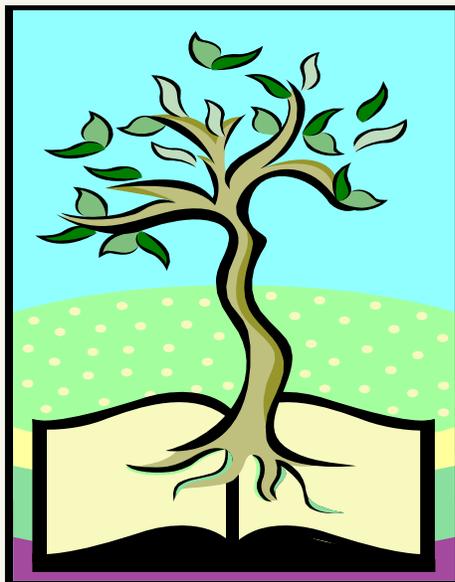
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**NEXT MEETING OF  
THE DENTON  
COUNTY  
GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY WILL BE ON  
MARCH 13, 2008**

**Program: "Genealogical  
Research in Federal  
Depository Libraries"  
Speaker: Suzanne Sears**

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