

# 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

## MAY MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009



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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: Round Robin Discussion

This is your opportunity to talk about your genealogy research. Bring your successes, brick walls, and exciting new discoveries to share with the members.

There will be no formal speaker at the meeting, and we will all use the time to help each other out, make

suggestions, and learn more about each other.

Come early to socialize and find out what's in store for everyone's summer of researching. We're all especially eager to hear from our new members.

We will also discuss upcoming programs for next year.

### In Memoriam



Nancy Cantwell was born in Lubbock, Texas on January 21, 1933. She died in Dallas, Texas on April 30, 2009, after open-heart surgery.

She married J. Edward Cantwell in Athens, Texas, on Dec. 26, 1959. She is a member of the First Christian Church. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Denton County Genealogical Society and Zeta Tau Alpha.

## THE DENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: JOIN US

The Denton County Genealogical Society offers a wealth of programs, information, and fellowship to all those interested in tracing their family roots. Membership is also quite a bargain in this day of tight budgets. Individual membership is only \$15.00 per year and a membership for couples is only \$25.00 per year.

Meetings are scheduled on the second Thursday of the months of September-November and January-May.

Programs and speakers cover a wide range of topics, including: genealogy tips, records, and migration.

The Denton County Genealogical Society also publishes a newsletter, maintains a website, and offers assistance to beginning genealogists.

Come join us for an exciting, educational year!

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## MINUTES—APRIL 2009

President Linda Touraine opened the meeting at 6:30, April 9<sup>th</sup> with a special dinner celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Denton County Genealogy Society. The dinner was a great success ending with a wonderful desert prepared by Martha Len Nelson. A special thank you to Marilyn Simms for organizing the meal and program.

Mrs. Simms introduced the speaker,

Bob Montgomery. Mr. Montgomery presented on informative and enjoyable program on the Butterfield Overland Trail.

There was no old business.

Diana White suggested that we auction a copy of Denton County, Texas Will book. Copies of Denton Birth and Denton Death

books are available for purchase. We had 22 in attendance including our speaker.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shirley Harris



## FGS CONFERENCE

The FGS Conference this year will be in Little Rock, Arkansas, a short 5-hour drive from us in Denton, on September 2-5. The theme of this year's conference is "Passages Through Time," which represents both the passage that our ancestors took through time as well as our own passages as genealogists learning and sharing our discoveries and skills with others during the conference. Whether you have Arkansas ancestry, ancestry in the surrounding or feeder states, or far beyond, this conference features

many sessions to fit your genealogy education needs. Visit the FGS website, [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) for more information, or stop at the genealogy desk in the library for a brochure.



## DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SUMMER INSTITUTE

The Summer Institute of the Dallas Genealogical Society will take place at the Dallas Public Library, 23-25 July 2009. The institute is called: "Land and Court Records— and Other Special Topics." Registration is \$200 per person, and must be postmarked by 9 July 2009.

Speakers for the institute will be Lloyd Bockstruck and Patricia Law Hatcher. Classes will include: Serial Set and Other Special Government Documents, First Transfer of Land, Court Records: Far More Varied than We Realize,

Colonial Land Records-Proof and Possibility, Court Records Related to the Military and Conflicts, State Statutes & Legislative Journals, Bounty Land, Bastardy and Illegitimacy, The Language of Court, The Taxman Cometh-Year after Year after Year, Land Causes-Those 'Other' Virginia Land Books, and Memorials: Couth Carolina and Georgia's Special Land Records.

For registration, visit [www.dallasgenealogy.org](http://www.dallasgenealogy.org).

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

### Traveling Exhibit “Benjamin Franklin: In Search of A Better World” Comes to Denton Public Library

After a competitive application process, the Denton Public Library was designated the sole site in Texas to host the exhibit “Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World”.

“Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World” was organized by the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, Philadelphia, and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The traveling exhibition for libraries has been made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities: great ideas brought to life.

The traveling exhibition is based on a major exhibition of the same name mounted by the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Franklin’s birth. The Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary is a nonprofit organization established through a major grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts to educate the public about Franklin’s enduring legacy.

The unique 1,000 square foot exhibit combines photographs of original documents with artwork and artifacts to explore one of the most extraordinary human beings the world has ever known. Many papers come from organizations that Franklin himself helped to create, like the American Philosophic Society and the Library Company of Philadelphia. Maps, painting, drawings, and objects owned by Franklin give insight into this prolific writer, scientist, humorist, diplomat, civic leader and international celebrity. Franklin’s most famous work, his experiments with electricity, and his work forging the American colonies into a new nation are just a small slice of the exhibit, because Benjamin Franklin, the man, was so much more.

In addition to the Franklin exhibition on display at the Emily Fowler Central Library arrangements have been made for the simultaneous showing of two exhibits from the Texas Council for the Humanities at the other library locations. The first, “Bonfire of Liberties: Censorship of the Humanities” will be on display at the North Branch Library. The second exhibit, “The

Blessings of Liberty: The U.S. Constitution” will be hosted by the South Branch Library.

In addition to the programs listed below each library will host special programs for children and adults which support the exhibition themes. Pocket Constitutions will be provided by the University of North Texas Government Documents Department for distribution at the exhibits and programs.

#### Schedule of Programs

**May 9, 2009; 3:00 pm**

Exhibit Opening Reception

Presentation by Dr. Guy Chet "From the Albany Plan to the War of Independence: the American Revolution in American Memory."

**May 12, 2009; 7:00 pm**

**Emily Fowler Central**

**Library**

“Benjamin Franklin, Poor Richard, and the Importance of Libraries in America.”

**May 21, 2009 7:00 pm**

**Emily Fowler Central**

**Library**

“A Public and Private Life: A Discussion of the Letters and *Autobiography* of Benjamin Franklin.”

**May 30, 2009 3:00 pm**

**Emily Fowler Central**

**Library**

“Benjamin Franklin’s Shocking Discoveries”

**June 2, 2009 7:00 pm**

**Emily Fowler Central**

**Library**

“Benjamin Franklin & the Creation of the Constitution”

**June 13, 2009 3:00 pm**

**Emily Fowler Central**

**Library**

“Benjamin Franklin: Free Thinking, Political Revolutionist”

#### 2008-2009 OFFICERS

President—Linda Touraine

Vice-President—Marilyn Simms

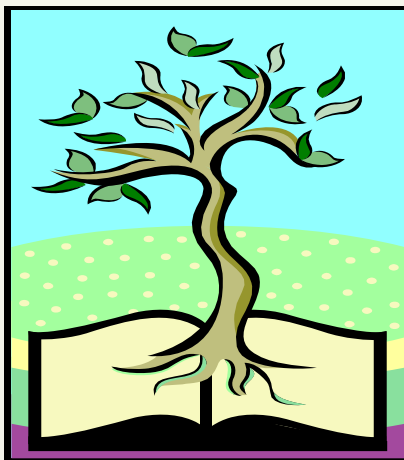
Secretary—Shirley Harris

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**NEXT MEETING OF  
THE DENTON  
COUNTY  
GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY WILL BE ON  
Sept 10, 2009  
Emily Fowler Central  
Library  
502 Oakland St.  
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