

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

FEBRUARY MEETING THURSDAY, FEB. 11, 2010

Program:

“A Happy Home Without Husbands: The Women’s Commonwealth of Texas”

Speaker: Kelvin Meyers

ancestors and heirs. Kelvin is a popular speaker to many genealogical societies and family associations throughout Texas and brings a real knowledge of social sciences, history, genealogy, and some “P.I.” techniques to his work. His genealogical research includes that of one family, an entire surname or a direct line of descent or ascent. His skills also include documenting existing research and family data to complete family searches.

Kelvin’s program is one that includes genealogy with humor and the satire of history. Kelvin’s work as a forensic genealogist includes innovative methods for locating hard-to-find



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

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100 Years of Scouting

February 2010 marks the 100th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America. Denton’s first troop was established in 1914. Jim Morriss has been researching the history of Scouting for the past year at the Denton Public Library. He wrote an excellent article that appeared in the Denton Record Chronicle on February 2, 2010.

He will be presenting a lecture on the 100 years of Scouting and Scouting in Denton on Friday, February 12, 2010, 12:15 at the Commissioners’ Courtroom, Courthouse on the Square, 110 W. Hickory.



MINUTES—JANUARY 2010

President Linda Touraine opened the January 14, 2010 meeting at 7:00. The minutes and treasurer's report from the November DCGS meeting were approved as published. There were 18 members present at the meeting.

Linda began the meeting with several announcements.

- The library has duplicate materials to give to interested members. The only restriction is to take what you want but do not return them to the library.
- We are saddened to hear about the death of Holly Hervey's mother who had lived a long and spirited life.
- Ralph Pyke is recovering from a stroke. Presently he is in a nursing home and gets much attention and help from his devoted wife, Barbara. We wish them well.
- Our DCGS secretary, Shirley Harris, is being treated for cancer. She says she is doing well and for that we are thankful.
- The Dallas Genealogical Society as a part of their lecture series includes a session on English Genealogical Research by Paul Milner on February 27. Mel Brewer mentioned that their web site has been updated and is very helpful.
- The Bowlby Family Reunion is to

be held at the Radison Hotel, Fort Worth North-Fossil Creek on May 21-23 and anyone interested is welcome to attend; the complete list of spellings includes Bowlby, Bolby, Bopwisby, Bowsley, Boulby, Bolby and Bolsby.

Old business:

We discussed the Denton Collection papers housed in the library. They need to be prepared and organized for use. Holly Hervey will train those willing to help with this endeavor. Members were given an opportunity to sign up for the training. One of our members had a question about the ANIMAP book discussed at the November meeting. It was explained that the book is a family tree of counties that explains the history of how and when the counties got their beginnings.

New business:

The library has asked to use our DCGS email list to send information as it becomes available that would be of interest to DCGS members. We voted to approve this request. Linda asked that we come to next

month's meeting prepared to serve on a nominating committee to prepare for electing 2010-2012 officers.

Marilyn Simms introduced our speaker, Helen Garrison, who has been regaling her stories all over Texas for nearly 20 years using the moniker Granny G. Tonight she shared her portrayal of Cynthia Ann Parker, the young Texas girl who was taken by the Comanche Indians from Fort Parker in Southeast Texas. Helen gave us a delightful and historically informative portrayal of this pioneer woman's unusual life. Her easy style and storytelling skills filled the evening with fun and facts about the history of life and times in early Texas.

Linda Touraine adjourned the meeting at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted in the absence of Shirley Harris, our Recording Secretary
Marilyn Simms



TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Balance Dec 31, 2009 | \$ 2,566.91 | Birth Books Sold (61) | \$1,985.00 |
| Funds Deposited | | Printing Cost (200) | -2,049.13 |
| Interest | .21 | Postage | -118.69 |
| Total Deposits | \$.21 | Sales Tax Paid | -104.78 |
| Funds Disbursed | | Advertising (1) | -30.00 |
| Speaker Fee | \$ 75.00 | Profit | \$ -317.60 |
| Total Disbursed | \$ 75.00 | Death Books Sold (143) | \$3,329.72 |
| Balance Jan. 31, 2010 | \$2,492.12 | Printing Cost (300) | -1,593.15 |
| 2009-2010 Paid Members-35 | | Consignment Fees | -415.00 |
| Library Donations | | Postage | -156.99 |
| April 1995 - May 06 | \$2,876.52 | Sales Tax Paid | -77.19 |
| June 2006 - March 2009 | 560.00 | Advertising | -237.45 |
| | | Profit | \$ 849.94 |

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Hervey, Treasurer

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The Denton Benefit League Awards the Special Collections a Grant

The Special Collections Department of the Denton Public Library was awarded a grant for \$7,625.00 from the Denton Benefit League to purchase replacement microfilm of the Denton Record Chronicle. The microfilm needing replacement is 1960-1969, and is on acetate film. The film has developed a condition called vinegar syndrome, which causes the film to break down, resulting in the loss of the images. The new film will be purchased from NewsBank, Inc., and will be on silver halide film. We are grateful to the Denton Benefit League for helping us to preserve part of the history of Denton.

Finding your Family Online

There are a number of online genealogical resources to aid in locating people missing from your family tree. Learn what online resources are available through the library's website to help with your search. We will focus on Ancestry Library Edition

and Heritage Quest and introduce two new resources, Footnote.com and NewspaperArchives. (2 hours) This program is free, but seating is limited. Please call 940.349.8749 to register for the class. 02/27/10 Emily Fowler Central Library 10:00 am

Genealogy After-Hours

Genealogist, here's your chance to do hours of uninterrupted research in the library. In addition to a guest speaker, we will have one-on-one research help and a light dinner. There is a \$10.00 registration fee for the evening. Checks should be made payable to the Denton County Genealogical Society. This event is co-sponsored by the Denton Public Library and the Denton County Genealogical Society. To register or for more information contact Laura Douglas at 940.349.8749 or laura.douglas@cityofdenton.com. 02/26/10 Emily Fowler Central Library 6:00 - 11:00 pm



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Genealogist, here's your chance to do hours of uninterrupted research in the library. Our guest speakers for the evening will be Kim Cupit and Georgia Caraway discussing the new Denton books they co-authored. In addition to we will have one-on-one research help and a light dinner. There is a \$10.00 registration fee for the evening. Checks should be made payable to the Denton County Genealogical Society. This event is co-sponsored by the Denton Public Library and the Denton County Genealogical Society.

**Friday, February 26, 2010
6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.**

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Name _____ Address _____
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ANCESTRY FAMILY HISTORY TIPS

Pass It On

I constantly remind my family that as we live each day we are making history and that we should share our related experiences and events with other friends and family members. To record that history I keep a journal and often I write entries (stories, thoughts, memories) as a mass e-mail message to my family and friends. I then save those messages to a special computer folder. This memoir/record/diary will be one of my contributions, and perhaps will be beneficial, to those generations to come. As we enter a new decade this year let us remind each other to "pass it on."

Ruth (Hopkins) Lopes

Contacting Cemeteries

After many years of frustration and getting nowhere researching my grandmother's parents, I decided to look at a map and focus in on some addresses I had for family members from a business directory of Topeka, where I knew they had lived. Close to those addresses, pretty much in the center of town, was a cemetery that had a web site. The cemetery records were not online, but the address of the cemetery was provided. With a "what the heck" attitude, I decided to write to the cemetery to see if Grandma Thompson was buried there, and I inquired about her first husband and another set of great-grandparents for whom I was missing death dates. I hit the mother lode! Everybody was buried there, and the person who wrote me back included plot numbers and cause of death. The cemetery asked if I would consider making a donation, and naturally I made one by return mail.

Sallie Mahan

Keepsake Boxes

I saw a segment of *Antiques Roadshow* which showed a man with a small chest that had been passed down through his family. It was full of items that various family members had put in the chest through the years. This made me think about my grandchildren, who are under age ten. I have collected items such as themes from their birthday parties, reminders of special trips, etc. I thought about how special it would be to put these items in a type of chest for them to review later in life. I found two wooden chests at an antique mall and have started putting notes on these saved items to start their memory chests. My hope is that when they are older, they will enjoy looking at these reminders of their youth and that they will continue this tradition with their children.

Patty

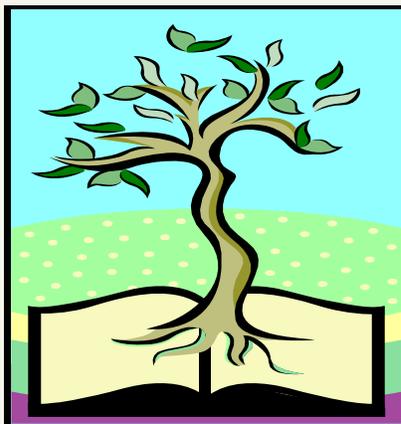
Finding Neighbors; Finding Dad

For a long time I tried in vain to find my dad on the 1930 Chicago census. He was about two at the time. I was about to give up, when I asked my dad who some of his neighbors were on his street when he was a child. He came up with the name of one of his childhood friends. I looked for that name and found it. Dad was on the same street, but the family name had been transcribed incorrectly. I found Dad and his family and did a happy dance!

Gillin

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 MARCH 11, 2010
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