

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

APRIL MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010



1896- Denton County Courthouse-

Program: “The Portal to Texas History: Cultural Heritage at our Fingertips”
Speaker: Tara Carlisle, MA,MS

to add new material to the Portal. The content for the Portal embraces all geographic areas of Texas and covers prehistory through the twentieth century. Designed to appeal to historians, students, and lifelong learners, the Portal emphasizes access to primary sources. It features digital reproductions of photographs, maps, letters, documents, books, artifacts, and more. Tara earned an M.A in Art History and an M.S in Information Science at the University of North Texas.

Tara Carlisle is Project Development Librarian at the University of North Texas and is responsible for coordinating digitization projects for the Portal to Texas History. On a daily basis, she works with professionals from museums, archives, colleges and public libraries

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

CENSUS 2010

April 1st was declared as National Census Day. If you have not sent back your form, please do so. It will save us all some money that is badly needed in this era of huge national debt. As genealogists, we recognize the importance of census records in our search for our ancestors. Although the census was never meant for this purpose, we have been able to fill in information about our families from these valuable records. In fact, we are all looking forward to the opening of the 1940 Census in just two short years.

The ten questions in the current census will not provide as much information to our descendants as the earlier censuses. Looking at the 1930 census, we have a wealth of information to fill in about our parents and grandparents, including their occupations, relationships of the members of the household to the head, and birth places. We will need to make sure that our own family history research gets passed to our descendants, because the census records will not provide that information for them.

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LINDA TOURAINÉ RETIRES

Our president, Linda Touraine retired on April 4, 2010 with 35 years of service with the City of Denton.

Linda began work with the City of Denton at the Emily Fowler Central Library on October 4, 1974 as the first professional degreed Children's Librarian. In 1976, Linda was promoted to Librarian II. After several more promotions in various library departments and system positions, Linda became the South Branch Manager in 2005, proving that it really is possible to move up in the organization if you have a strong work ethic and "can do" attitude!

Linda accomplished much in her thirty-five years with the Denton Public Library. Most notably was her stellar work making the library's genealogy and Denton collections accessible to the public. And even though she doubted that it would never happen, Linda oversaw the expansion project of the South Branch and celebrated its completion and reopening on December 14, 2009.

Not only has Linda been a loyal and dedicated member of the library staff, but she also served on numerous City of Denton committees as well, including the City's first Policies and Procedure Committee. She was a charter member of the Employee Insurance Committee which began in 1989, and served on the EIC for over 12 years. Linda also served as the library representative at many library and city events over the past 20-25 years including, but not limited to, meetings of the North Texas Regional Library System and the Denton County Library Advisory Board, where she served as chairman of DCLAB for two years. Linda also served as library representative on the Denton County Genealogical Society Board for several years and is now completing her sixth year as president.

When asked at our most recent All Staff Development Day who had worked with Linda as their supervisor, most of the 51 staff members in attendance raised their hand, even the Director.

And one staff member, under her breath, stated that "and I never called in sick or missed a day either!" Several staff members stated that back in the day Linda was very strict and that her mere presence commanded respect. Hence, staff would only call her "Mrs. Touraine," and never by her first name. The future director however saw Linda's soft side quite often when she was a TWU graduate student working part-time at Emily Fowler. On the nights that Linda was working, she always knew that she wouldn't have to walk back to TWU when it was really cold or raining, because Mrs. Touraine would always ask her if she needed a ride.

Linda was also an outstanding librarian and manager. She never asked staff to do what she wouldn't do, even if the job was a dirty one, like cleaning out the library's storage facilities. The director never once heard Linda complain about working long hours and on the weekend. For many years, Linda received perfect attendance and she never once sat on her assets because of her long tenure with the City.

She is also a dedicated wife of 44 years to the same man, mother of two, and grandmother of three. We continue to appreciate Linda's thirty five years of dedication to the City of Denton and hope she will finally take to rest and relax and enjoy her retirement. Linda will be greatly missed!



MARCH MINUTES

President Linda Touraine opened the meeting welcoming members, speaker Don Raney and wife, and three visitors, Adele Stewart, Susan Schwartz, and Harold Lippold. There were 26 persons present.

Minutes and treasurers report were approved as circulated.

No old business was discussed.

In new business, the nominating committee will consist of Vickie Davis, Mel Brewer, Sandra Marsh, Marilyn Simms, and Linda Touraine serving as chairwoman.

The death of charter member Lee Knox was reported. The DCGS will donate a book to the library in his honor.

New microfilm from Heritage Quest is available per Kathy Strauss. A grant from the Denton Record Chronicle has allowed replacement of old microfilm from the 1960's with new. An updated list of new

books and microfilm will be posted in the library.

No project report.

Marilyn Simms spoke about the May meeting, sharing information. If you did not receive a copy of Don Raney's "500 Best Genealogy Sites On The Internet, contact Marilyn Simms and she will e-mail a copy. Mwsimms@aol.com.

Marilyn introduced our speaker, Don Raney. Mr. Raney presented an informative and entertaining program on "Finding Your Revolutionary War Ancestor". Many hints on research were given with an opportunity for questions. Mr. Raney also presented a copy of his family history to the library.

Dues are now being accepted for the 10-11 DCGS year. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Harris, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Laura Douglas wins the Texas Library Association Branding Iron Award, Special Events Category, for the Denton Public Library

The Branding Iron Award was instituted by the Texas Library Association to recognize excellence in library public relations. Laura's submission was for public relations materials for the "Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World" exhibit. The Texas Library Association, in congratulating Laura reported, "The exhibit and the accompanying promotional activities were elegant and allowed Denton Public Library to partner with other institutions and draw in people to the library. Congratulations to everyone who worked on this effort." The event will be featured in the summer issue of Texas Library Journal.

Increased Genealogy Researchers

The library has experienced an increased amount of genealogy researchers since the beginning of the new program, "Who Do You Think You Are?" Many of the researchers have commented that they have been inspired to work on their family history after viewing the popular programs.

Microfilm

The Special Collections have received more microfilm. The list of new acquisitions, including many new films of Texas records is located at the Genealogy Desk.

Library Closing

Please note that the Emily Fowler Library will be closed during the Arts and Jazz Festival, April 23, 24, and 25.

Upcoming Programs

I Remember: Denton, Reminiscence Writing
Record & share your memories of Denton. We are collecting reminiscence writing to record individual memories about the City of Denton, its landmarks, people, & events. Choose your topics & compose a short story focusing on your memories of the person, place, or thing. Bring one copy of your essay to the program to share at the program. Special guest speakers will be members of the Denton Senior Center Reminiscence Writing Group. Submissions can also be emailed to laura.douglas@cityofdenton.com or dropped off at the Emily Fowler Library.

04/29/10 Emily Fowler Library 7:00 pm

Preservation Road Show

Learn how to care for your favorite books, photographs, and family heirlooms. Jessica Phillips, Preservation Librarian at UNT, will demonstrate the best ways to care for your most prized possessions. Bring along your treasures for a personalized evaluation and recommendations for care. This program is free, but seating is limited. Please call 940-349-8749 to register for the class.
05/22/10 Emily Fowler Library 10:00 am



ANCESTRY FAMILY HISTORY TIPS

Recreating Past Censuses

Instead of waiting for the census to come out in the years 1960- 2010, I recently indicated what year my family lived where in those years so that future family historians don't have to guess or dig so deep to find those answers. It took a lot of time but if I knew where some relatives lived I added it in the residence field.

Barbara Evans

Returning Wayward Photos

I look for old photos that have names on them and try to repatriate them to family members. It is a hobby I started when I found a double photo (husband and wife) of a 60th wedding anniversary in an antique store in Texas. I traced the family and posted it on RootsWeb.com and found a home for the photo. The woman who adopted it said she had never seen a photo of her great-grandparents. Since then I have used Ancestry.com as well as Rootsweb.com to find homes for lost photos and I have gained a few converts to my hobby along the way! I only ask for the cost of the photo and the fee to mail in return-maybe \$3 to \$8. No one has objected. I am waiting for someone to find one of my family members!

Susan St. John

Family Buried Nearby?

When poking around in a cemetery, take note of the names on the stones around your center of interest. At some point you may discover a connection with the people buried near your ancestor. This is especially handy if you are not near your home.

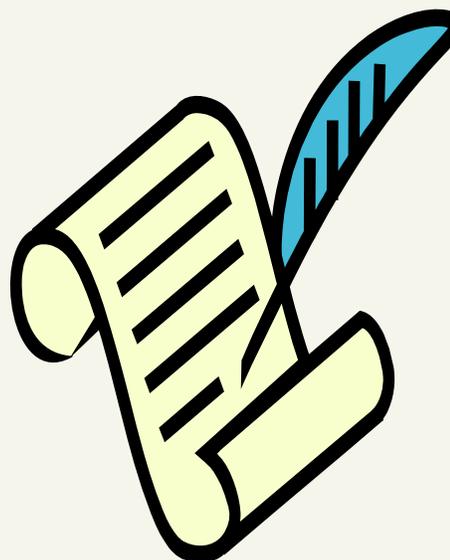
Ed Connor

Sharing Cemetery Transcriptions

To follow up on last week's tip on paying it forward, with Spring around the corner, many family historians will be venturing out to research in cemeteries. Next time you're transcribing gravestones, transcribe a few more and look the names up on genealogy sites and offer the transcription? Many people don't know where their ancestors are buried and they'll be appreciative of the gesture.

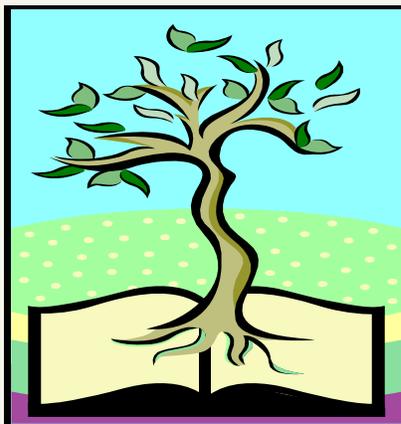
Regards,

Frances Lee



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**NEXT MEETING OF THE
 DENTON COUNTY
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 SOCIETY WILL BE ON
 MAY 13, 2010
 Emily Fowler Central
 Library
 502 Oakland St.
 Denton**

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