

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 13, 2010



1896- Denton County Courthouse-

Program: "Round Robin"

Come hear your fellow genealogical society members recount their stories of researching their ancestors, share your own stories about heirlooms, or collaborate with others about your "brick walls."

Each member who has turned in a request to share will be able to spend

a limited time to recount their trials and successes in genealogy research.

Last year's round robin was a big hit, so we're doing it again. The only thing that was disappointing about the program was that there was not enough time.

If you have not already done so, please get your requests to Marilyn Simms, mwsimms@aol.com.

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

DENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ELECTIONS

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The Denton County Genealogical Society will be holding elections for the 2010-2012 terms at the May 13, 2010 meeting.

The following slate of officers was presented at the April meeting:

President: E. Richard Thomas
VP-Program Chairman: Dayonne Work
Secretary: Cynthia Gage
Treasurer: Holly Hervey
Librarian: Kathy Strauss

Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

The Denton County Genealogical Society would like to thank the outgoing officers for their hard work and service:

President: Linda Touraine
VP-Program Chair: Marilyn Simms
Secretary: Shirley Harris

We wish the new officers we elect to have as successful a term as the previous one.

FGS CONFERENCE

The Federation of Genealogical Societies will host its annual conference August 18-21, 2010 at the Knoxville Convention Center in Knoxville, Tennessee. This year's theme is "Rediscovering America's First Frontier." Co-Sponsors for the event are the East Tennessee Historical Society and Kentucky Historical Society.

Speakers from across the United States will present lectures and workshops on topics of interest to genealogists and family historians. Regardless of one's level of experience, learning opportunities abound for those seeking to improve their research. Topics include Tennessee & Kentucky research, research in other Southern States, researching ethnic groups including African Americans, Native Americans, and the Scots-Irish, methodology, resources, technology, DNA, land platting, and much more.

Wednesday's workshops are part of the "Focus on Societies" day which ends with focus groups for different areas of society leadership.

Meals are available for an additional cost. Different organizations sponsor luncheons each day and attendees often select the one to attend based on the speaker or sponsoring group. This year's banquet will be held at the Museum of Appalachia in nearby Norris. The fee includes bus transportation, the meal, and museum admission. You do not need to be registered for the conference to purchase meal tickets.

The exhibit hall will be filled with booths displaying print and electronic publications, software, membership opportunities, and services. Among the more popular items are books (new,

used, and rare), magazines, journals, CDs, DVDs, maps, charts, databases, software, preservation supplies, and gift items. The exhibit hall opens Thursday morning following the keynote address. Extended hours are available Friday evening. The exhibit hall is open to those who are not registered for the conference.

Complete information on the conference and secure online registration is available at the conference web site, <http://www.fgs.org/2010conference/index.php>. Be sure to check the conference blog (<http://www.fgsconferenceblog.org/>) for regular updates. The blog includes many things to make your stay in Knoxville more enjoyable, including information on area attractions, research facilities, and much more. Be sure to take advantage of the early bird discount by registering before June 1, 2010.



DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

\$15.00 / Person

\$25.00/Couple

APRIL MINUTES

President Linda Touraine opened the meeting by welcoming our speaker, guest and members. Visitors were Elizabeth Wall and Veneta Lewis. There were 23 persons present.

Motion made by Shirley Sawyer and seconded by Sandra Marsh to accept minutes as published. Motion approved.

Holly Hervey gave the treasurers report. Motion made by Marilyn Simms and seconded by Chris Strauss to accept treasurers report. Motion passed. In further discussion, Diana White made a motion to give approximately half of treasurers balance, \$1250.00 to the library for purchase of new genealogy materials. Motion seconded by Mel Brewer and Holly Hervey.

New officers for the 10-11 year as presented by the nominating committee are as follows:

President	E Richard Thomas
VP-program chairman	Dayonne Work
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Motion made by Norma Curry and seconded by Marilyn Simms to accept nominations. All approved.

John Denton records are being bound and will soon be available at the library.

Diana White reminded everyone that April 2010 is the 31st anniversary of Denton County Genealogy Society.

Marilyn Simms requested that everyone who has a interest in speaking and sharing information at the May meeting to please fill out form and return to her.

Marilyn introduced our speaker, Tara Carlisle. Ms Carlisle presented an excellent program on "The Portal to Texas History". An amazing amount of genealogy information is available to anyone with a computer thru the Portal. Time was allowed for questions and answers.

Periodicals located in shelf in back of meeting room are free to take away. These are duplicates of the library and Linda Touraine asked that these not be returned.

The annual meeting will be held May 13th. Refreshments will be provided by the outgoing officers.

Don't forget to pay 10-11 dues to Holly.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Harris

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Mar 31, 2010 \$ 2,528.52

Funds Deposited	
Dues	\$ 85.00
Refund Service Chg.	<u>15.00</u>
Total Deposits	\$ 100.00

Funds Disbursed	
Speaker Fee	\$ 75.00
NGS Dues	50.00
Library Donation	<u>1,250.00</u>
Total Disbursed	\$ 1,375.00

Balance Apr 30, 2010 \$1,253.52

2009-2010 Paid Members—38

Library Donations	
April 1995 - May 06	\$2,876.52
June 2006 – April 2010	1,810.00

Birth Books Sold (61)	\$1,985.00
Printing Cost (200)	-2,049.13
Postage	-118.69
Sales Tax Paid	-110.95
Advertising (1)	<u>-30.00</u>
Profit	\$ -323.77

Death Books Sold (144)	\$3,354.72
Printing Cost (300)	-1,593.15
Consignment Fees	-425.00
Postage	-156.99
Sales Tax Paid	-79.25
Advertising	<u>-237.45</u>
Profit	\$ 862.88

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Hervey, Treasurer

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Generous Donation

The Denton County Genealogical Society donated \$1,250.00 to the Special Collections department of the Denton Public Library to buy genealogy books. Please send your requests for books to add to the collection to Kathy Strauss, Kathy.strauss@cityofdenton.com.

FamilySearch has added numerous records to the Records Search Pilot Site.

These include:

- Arkansas Deaths & Burials, 1882-1929, 1945-1963
- Arkansas Marriages, 1837-1944
- Delaware Deaths and Burials, 1815-1955
- Idaho Deaths and Burials, 1856-1965
- Louisiana Marriages, 1816-1906
- North Carolina Births and christenings, 1866-1964
- Virginia Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912

And much more! Go to <http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#p=allCollections&r=0> to see the complete list.



TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

ASSETS	
Cash Accounts	
Synergy Bank	\$1,253.52
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,253.52
EQUITY	
Prior Years	\$2,088.58
Gain/Loss	<u>(835.06)</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	\$1,253.52

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT May 1, 2009/April 30, 2010

INCOME	
Book Sales	\$ 35.00
Dues	670.00
Library Lock In	340.00
Donation	85.00
Interest Income	<u>3.97</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,133.97

EXPENSES	
Lock-in Expenses	\$ 42.64
Memberships	110.00
Speaker Fee	375.00
Box Rent	72.00
Postage	101.16
Sales Tax	8.23
Consignment Fee	10.00
Library Donation	<u>1,250.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,969.03
TOTAL GAIN/LOSS	\$ (835.06)

Narrative:

The Income/Expense statement reveals that the Society has a loss of \$835.06 for the year. The Society conducted some fund raising events with the Library lock-ins resulting in a net income of \$297.36. Speaker fees were \$100.00 more than last year. Dues were up \$50.00 but a \$1,250.00 donation to the library increased expenses.

Respectfully Submitted
Holly Hervey, Treasurer

ANCESTRY FAMILY HISTORY TIPS

Browsing the Census for Answers

I have been tracing my great-grandfather who was given out to another family with a different family name in Fentress County, Tennessee. I was trying to figure out why he was with that family and who his parents were. After months of trying and networking with other ancestry members, I clicked on the link to the entire census group (district) that was listed at the top of the individual page. I went through the districts page by page. I found siblings of his living with other people too. I also found a couple I think is his mother and father. Then I found how they were all connected--they were all neighbors! You could see it clearly on the census. I went back to other census years and found the whole story. Very time consuming but very rewarding too.

Carol Stokes

Trip Tip

I bought a printer/scanner combo that does not have to be attached to a computer. It can be taken and used to scan photos, letters, and such without a computer attached; it just needs a memory stick or you can attach a portable hard drive or a laptop if you have one. I've found it works great when visiting distant relatives who may not want to part with a cherished photo long enough to get a copy. You can make a copy in minutes on the spot or save to the external memory stick or hard drive. Mine is an Epson but I'm sure there are others now. Denise Norris

Identifying Photographs

I received photographs of never before seen family members--some of whom even my mother at 87 didn't remember. I usually go by the decade of their clothing to date photographs, using many books on historical costume, but because there were two possible couples to choose from, that wasn't necessarily going to help me. Plus, farm families may have worn clothes from many years past even if it was

their "best." Then it dawned on me! The name of the photography studio and the name of the town told me exactly which couple it was! So at age 59 I had my first sight of my dear Grandpa and Grandma Gottlieb and Justina Grabow, immigrants to New Ulm, Minnesota.

I'm so glad I found Ancestry.com!

Mary-Lee Gilliland

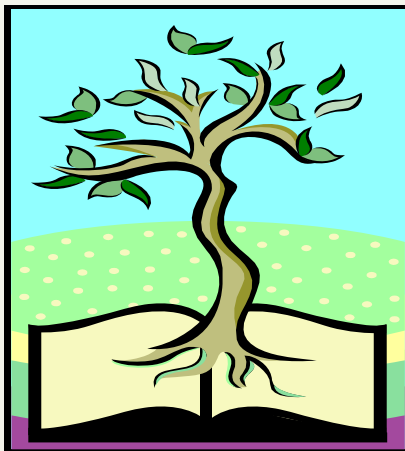
Sharing Family Photographs

After working on my tree for years, I visited my home state of Wisconsin to visit family and gather more data. I took along a laptop and a scanner and rifled through all of my old darlings' pictures, asking questions while I scanned them. At the end of the visit I hosted a "coffee" at a local restaurant for anyone in the small town of Westby who was related. Some of the relatives showed up with pictures that we had gone through, passing them on to the kin of the people in the pictures. One had a confirmation picture of another's mother and wedding pictures mailed decades before. Everyone was so pleased to receive pictures they didn't know existed. Ironically it is often the most distant relatives who have the best pictures, sent to them because they weren't close enough to visit. Having scanned the pictures, they are now available to all the relatives, not just scattered here and there, unlabeled or forgotten in a box sold at an estate sale. My tree is on ancestry.com with over 300 pictures for anyone to save or print. Preserving the past is best done by sharing the past, not leaving it in the hands of a few. Ancestry.com makes that possible.

Lisa Butler

2009-2010 OFFICERS

President—Linda Touraine
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 Secretary—Shirley Harris
 Treasurer—Holly Hervey
 Librarian—Kathy Strauss
 Webmaster—Chris Strauss
 Parliamentarian—Diane Abner



**NEXT MEETING OF THE
 DENTON COUNTY
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 SOCIETY WILL BE ON
 SEPT. 9, 2010
 Emily Fowler Central
 Library
 502 Oakland St.
 Denton**

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