

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

OCTOBER MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2010

PROGRAM: "A Happy Home Without Husbands: The Women's Commonwealth of Texas"

Speaker: Kelvin Meyers

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 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.

OCTOBER IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

This month is the perfect opportunity to review your ancestry and honor their memory, and to involve your family in understanding their heritage.

Share meaningful herilooms with family members, and tell stories about them.

Write down what you already know about your parents and ancestors. Share this information with your children, making sure they understand how important it is to keep this information alive.

Visit the library with family members and introduce them to family history research.

Sort through old photos with your family, identify people in the photos, and preserve them.

Create new memories with your family.



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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SEPTEMBER 2010 MINUTES

After thirty minutes of eating and socializing the meeting was called to order by our president, Richard Thomas. Refreshments were provided by Diana White and Cindy Gage. Thirty-two people were in attendance including visitors Clela Ingles, Lewis Randolph, and Chuck Beazley. New members are Susan McIntosh and Wanda Sameck.

A motion was made by Shirley Sawyer to accept the May minutes as written. Seconded by Linda Touraine. With two corrections a motion was made by Marilyn Simms to accept the Executive Board minutes and was seconded by Shirley Harris. The treasurer's report was accepted with a motion from Joann Lee and second by Chris Strauss.

Diana took suggestions for expediting the movement of City of Denton Birth and Death Books from her home.

In new business Richard went over what the Texas State Genealogical meeting in February at North Branch Library would entail. We will choose representatives at a later date.

Richard has brochures on several upcoming conferences: The Great Family Search Conference, Oct 8-9, Plano; San Antonio Genealogical Society features John Philip Colletta, PhD, Oct 16; Scots/Irish Genealogical Seminar, Oct 16, Houston 50th Anniversary Texas State Genealogical Society, Nov 4,5,6, Waco; National Genealogical Society 2011

Family Conference, May 11-14, 2011, Charleston, S.C.

The Texas State Genealogical Society requested a list of our speakers for this year for their Speakers Bureau Listings. Richard has complied.

A reminder of our Genealogy After Hours at the library on September 24 with Diana as the speaker.

In the new "open floor" session, Joann Lee told about her experience of finding unknown cousins and the names of relatives in a previously unlabeled photo. Her advice is to hold on to those photos and keep seeking answers. Fran Shurtleff lives in Corinth and would enjoy the company of other genealogists on her trips to the Dallas library. Contact her by email. Diana offered her help to anyone seeking DAR application assistance.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Dayone Work introduced our speaker, Patti Gillespie and her program, "Familysearch Indexing: Online Worldwide Research". She used her own ancestors to show us how to access foreign documents on Familysearch. She also encouraged us to consider volunteering to index Familysearch records.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: C. Gage

AMERICAN ARCHIVES MONTH

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission is joining with the Society of American Archivists in celebrating October as American Archives Month. The Texas State Archives currently has over 60,000 cubic feet of records of Texas History. Services provided by TSLAC include guidelines for researchers, finding aids, records on microfilm, archival appraisals, online exhibits and answers to questions about preserving records to state agencies and legislators. TSLAC encourages individuals to visit their local public library, county historical collections or historical society group to learn about the archived materials in their area.

Along with preserving the documentary heritage of Texas history in the state archives, TSLAC encourages people to take steps to organize, preserve and protect their own personal papers and records.
www.tsl.state.tx.us



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Aug 31, 2010	\$ 1,588.52		
Deposits		Birth Books Sold (62)	\$2,020.00
Dues	\$ 85.00	Printing Cost (200)	-2,049.13
Lock In Reg.	285.00	Postage	-118.69
Birth Book	35.00	Sales Tax Paid	-110.95
Death Book	<u>25.00</u>	Advertising (1)	<u>-30.00</u>
Total	\$430.00	Profit	\$ -288.77
Disbursements		Death Books Sold (144)	\$3,379.72
Speaker Fee	\$ 20.00	Printing Cost (300)	-1,593.15
Total	\$ 20.00	Consignment Fees	-425.00
		Postage	-156.99
		Sales Tax Paid	-79.25
Balance Sep 30, 2010	\$1,998.52	Advertising	<u>-237.45</u>
		Profit	\$ 887.88

2010-2011 Paid Members—42

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Hervey, Treasurer

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**Denton County Genealogical Society****Oct. 14, 2010, 6:30pm****Emily Fowler Central Library**

Speaker: Kelvin Meyers presents "A Happy Home without Husbands: The Women's Commonwealth of Texas."

What happens when women decide they can do very well without men? Come learn the fascinating story of this special group of women, a special part of Texas history that you won't want to miss.

Social Networking: What is it all about?**October 21, 2010, 7:00 pm****Emily Fowler Central Library****October 26, 2010, 6:30 pm****North Branch Library**

Interested in learning more about Facebook, My Space, and other social sites online? Come to this class and get a general overview of how to find and join such sites. Must know how to use the mouse, keyboard, and maneuver on the Internet. Program size is limited, please call 349.8752 to register.

October 27, 2010, 7:00 pm**Beginning Genealogy****South Branch Library**

Learn how to get started tracing your family history and how the library can help. Call 940-349-8796 to register.

October 30, 2010, 10:00 am**Traveling History with Bonnie and Clyde****Emily Fowler Central Library**

Join Robin Cole-Jett, author of "Traveling History with Bonnie and Clyde," on a historic road trip through North Texas! We will discover the places where the infamous crime duo, Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, pulled off their crime spree. Retracing their path of destruction translates into a great road trip that's filled with history and adventure.

For the complete calendar of events go to :

www.dentonlibrary.com

Florida Genealogical Society of Tampa Issues War of 1812 Challenge

The Florida Genealogical Society of Tampa held its annual Fall Seminar on Saturday, September 18th, 2010, featuring speaker Curt B. Witcher, the Federation's Vice-President for Development. At the conclusion of Witcher's presentation on the use of military records for genealogical research, Witcher explained the War of 1812 "Preserve the Pensions" fund-raising project, and its importance to the preservation and access of these tremendous, genealogically rich materials. He encouraged the audience to donate. Drew Smith, President of the Florida Genealogical Society, responded by surprising Witcher with a check for \$700 from the Florida Genealogical Society, representing \$5 for every member of the Florida Genealogical Society. Smith pointed out that the Florida Genealogical Society has, among the society's objectives, "to preserve historical records" and "to support access to public records." As part of the presentation of the donation to the "Preserve the Pensions" fund, Smith challenged all other U.S. genealogical societies to make a comparable donation. The Federation of Genealogical Societies, in partnership with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), has a goal of raising \$3.7 million to digitize the War of 1812

pension files and make them freely available to the general public at the NARA website. Societies and individuals are strongly encouraged to donate to the fund. More information can be found here. Is your society up to the challenge? It's simple to donate to the "War of 1812 - Preserve the Pensions Fund." You can learn much more and see examples of these important records at <http://fgs.org/1812>. You can learn more - and donate - at that page. Your society can simply write a check to "FGS-1812 Fund" and mail it to the Federation of Genealogical Societies, P.O. Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940. Help us get the word out! We invite you to view examples of the rich War of 1812 Pension files at and to help spread the word about this very important project by visiting <http://fgs.org/1812/spreadtheword.php>. The images will be digitized and indexed, and they will be made available for free at the National Archives and Records Administration website for everyone to access.

You can help! Take the challenge back to your society, and make your personal donation today. Every donation helps make access to these great genealogical and historical records available to everyone!



2010 TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE "BRIDGING GENERATIONS"



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE TSGS

HOSTED BY THE CENTRAL TEXAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC

Plan now to attend the TSGS Annual Conference, November-6, 2010, at the Hilton Waco, 113 S. University Parks Drive, Waco, Texas 76701, just across the street from the Waco Suspension Bridge over the Brazos River. Completed in 1870, the bridge was the longest single-span bridge west of the Mississippi and one of the longest in the world.

Come early on November 4th and research or visit the West Waco Library and Genealogy Center, the Texas Collection at Baylor University, the Red Men Museum and Library, the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Museum, and

the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

Conference Activities include: Lone Star Chapter APG Road Show (free genealogy consultations), Vendors and Door Prizes, Round Table Mini-Sessions, Partner Society Sessions, Awards Banquet.

Features Speakers: Terri Flack and Barbara Vines Little

For more information and registration, visit: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsgs/>

ANCESTRY FAMILY HISTORY TIPS

Family History Baby Gift

I scanned and printed the births page from my great-grandparents' family Bible, then wrote my daughter's name on the bottom line. I bought a 100% cotton "onesie" newborn outfit, took it to the copy shop and had them make a T-shirt transfer of the Bible page onto the front of the "onesie" with the following text added: "I'm the newest addition to the Walsh Family Bible." It was the perfect outfit for the baby's first family reunion. Angela Boynton Cassidy

Photo Ornaments

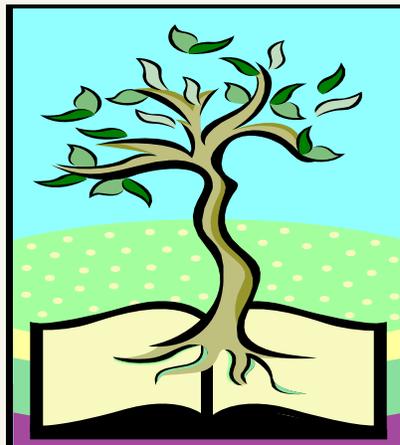
Two years ago I received about a dozen old family photos from a distant cousin, who I met on line through Ancestry. I copied them and put them into tiny handmade cardboard frames trimmed with lace and buttons and hung them on our tree at Christmas time for everyone to enjoy. On the back of each photo is the information on each person pictured and how they are related to us – Robert's maternal grandparents, Mary's great uncle, etc. We have also given them as gifts to each of our children so that they will be able to share their family tree information with their children and grand children. Patty P.

Rounded-Off Ages

A number of years ago when I was transcribing records from the ship arrivals from Ireland to New Brunswick, Canada, I found that most of the older arrivals listed their ages ending in a 5 or a 0. As birthdays in those earlier years probably were not celebrated, most of them would forget when they were born or how old they were. They were too busy surviving the times. Betty Saunders

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Enlarged Images May Trigger Memories

As these aging eyes realize that viewing an enlarged scan helps me better identify the photo, I have also realized that if I show aging relatives enlarged digital photos--especially with the ability to zoom in on the smaller aspects of the image--they sometimes recognize someone or something they previously couldn't make out in the original. Plus, seeing the older person's face light up at seeing photos, people, places and/or things they'd not been able to see for so long, it's priceless. As my toddler son used to say, "It makes my heart happy." So remember to take photos back again, to be seen again in a digital enlargement. Marianne Lindley Girten

Middle Names First

I was researching my Littlefield line and found myself stuck with my great-grandparents. I saved everyone who shared their surname in the census records for the county where I thought they lived, but I just couldn't find their family among them. Come to find out, about two years later, I had had them from perhaps the first day I searched. My great-grandfather must have had a great sense of humor (or something on the darker side), for he gave the census taker all his children's middle names, rather than their given names. It pays to know both first and middle names.

Leona Lane Littlefield

**NEXT MEETING OF THE
 DENTON COUNTY
 GENEALOGICAL
 SOCIETY WILL BE ON
 NOVEMBER 11, 2010
 Emily Fowler Central
 Library
 502 Oakland St.
 Denton**

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