

# 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

## JANUARY MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2011

### PROGRAM: "Land Records"

### Speaker: Lynell Bennett Moss

Lynell's discussion will include the history of US land, types of records, access and their value to family researchers.

Lynell Bennett Moss is a sixth generation Dallasite. She became interested in researching her family in 1968 and began teaching family history in 1970.

She has researched in archives, court houses, libraries and even the Chamber of Commerce in several states, National Archives, Library of Congress, as well as the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

She worked in the first Family History Center (then known as Branch Genealogical Library) in Dallas in 1969. She began working in the Plano Family History Center in 1990 serving as the Technical Services Librarian 1992-1996, Consultant Training Director 1996-Present, and Director, 1997-2009. She has been the Director of the Great Family Search Genealogy Conference since it began in 2004. She has indexed and arbitrated more than 160,000 names for FamilySearch Indexing.

She has beta tested programs for FamilySearch since 1996, and demonstrated programs for press conferences and appeared on TV.

Lynell loves research and has done extensive research on hers and her husband's line and researched for many friends. Her database contains more than 43,000 individuals, all individually entered.



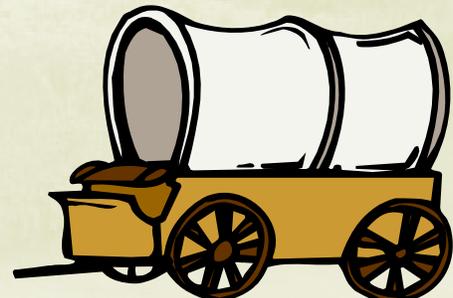
1896- Denton County Courthouse-

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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## NOVEMBER 2010 MINUTES

Refreshments were provided by Sandra Marsh and Shirley Sawyer.

Dayone Work called the meeting to order. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Linda Touraine and seconded by J.B. Smith. The motion to accept the treasure's report was made by Marilyn Simms and seconded by Sandra Marsh.

June Knox suggested that the January meeting be a periodical give away. Any genealogical publications you would like to pass along to

someone else should be brought in January . Visitors at our meeting were Carol and Terrell Brantley.

Diana White was our speaker. She gave us several sources for military service information. She answered specific questions from members and guests.

Dayone adjourned the meeting.

Cindy Gage, secretary

## Ohio Genealogical Society Library

Denton County Genealogical Society members Chris and Kathy Strauss traveled to Ohio over the Christmas break and visited the new Samuel D. Isaly Library of the Ohio Genealogical Society in Bellville, Ohio, near Mansfield.

Opened in July 2010, the new building houses the collections of the largest state genealogical society in the United States. Its mission is to meet the educational needs of its members and the general public through the acquisition, preservation, and dissemination of genealogical and historical information.

The library houses over 40,000 books, Ohio local history resources, 250,000 ancestor cards, 4,000 Bible records, Ohio city and county directories and Ohio school yearbooks. The OGS Archives, located in a climate controlled vault contains manuscripts and rare books.

The computer room features 16 patron stations and an instructor's monitor with access to the Office Professional suite and many subscription databases. There are also several choices of microfilm/microfiche readers and scanner/copiers. There is wireless internet connection throughout the library. Three meeting rooms provide classroom space.

The library has a room for digital imaging as well as a room for document and book preservation. Log on to [www.ogs.org](http://www.ogs.org) to view more information about the library and the Ohio Genealogical Society.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>Balance Oct 31, 2010</b>	<b>\$ 2,138.64</b>	Birth Books Sold (63)	\$2,055.00
		Printing Cost (200)	-2,049.13
Disbursements		Postage	-118.69
Supplies \$ 19.47		Sales Tax Paid	-110.95
FGS Dues <u>35.00</u>		Advertising (1)	-30.00
Total \$ 54.47		Profit	<u>\$ -253.77</u>
<b>Balance Dec 31, 2010</b>	<b>\$2,084.17</b>	Death Books Sold (145)	\$3,404.72
		Printing Cost (300)	-1,593.15
<b>2010-2011 Paid Members—46</b>		Consignment Fees	-425.00
		Postage	-156.99
Library Donations		Sales Tax Paid	-79.25
April 1995 - May 06 \$2,876.52		Advertising	<u>-237.45</u>
June 2006 – April 2010 1,810.00		Profit	\$ 912.88
		Respectfully Submitted,	
		Holly Hervey, Treasurer	

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

### Beginning Genealogy

Interested in researching your family history, but not sure how to start? Let us show you how. Learn the basics of genealogical research, including gathering information, using genealogical forms, basic sources, and staying organized, as well as the resources available at the library. (2 hours) This program is free, but seating is limited. Please call 940.349.8749 or email [laura.douglas@cityofdenton.com](mailto:laura.douglas@cityofdenton.com) to register for the class.

01/16/10 Emily Fowler Library 10:00 am

### 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.

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### 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](mailto:laura.douglas@cityofdenton.com).  
02/26/10 Emily Fowler Central Library 6:00 – 11:00 pm

## Learn Something New: Online Classes for Genealogists

By Laura Douglas

It seems that as much as I learn about genealogy there is always more that I need to know. One area I wanted to learn more about was immigration to the United States. I began to search the internet for different resources on the topic and I was surprised at what I found. There are a number of organizations that offer free courses or seminars along with traditional web resources in many different areas of genealogical research. Here are a few that I found:

### FamilySearch, Research Courses

<https://learning.familysearch.org/researchcourses>

The courses offered at this site cover a variety of topics which include both basic and specialized research techniques. Examples of some of the classes are; reading handwritten resources, military records, homestead records and church records. In depth courses are provided for United States, English, German, Irish, Italian, Russian and other ethnic research tools and methods. The courses are divided into lessons and each lesson is presented via a video of the instructor and an accompanying slide presentation. Many of the courses have accompanying handouts. The resources found at this site are free.

### American Ancestors – Online Seminars

<http://www.americanancestors.org/online-seminars/>

These free online courses are provided by the New England Historic Genealogical Society and many focus on basic research techniques but there are several that focus on researching your female ancestors. The information in the classes is

presented via slides show with a narration from the instructor.

### Brigham Young University – Independent Study: Family History

<http://ce.byu.edu/is/site/courses/free.cfm>

The courses offered at this site are not for course credit, but are offered as a “as a starting point for your personal studies or just to add insight to an area of interest”. The classes are basic but do include topics such as “Writing You Family History” and specific areas of research. The topics are presented in a text format with photographs as examples of resources discussed in the narrative. The classes are free but a short registration is required.

### Genealogy.com, Genealogy Classes

<http://www.genealogy.com/university.html>

The free classes offered at this site provide basic genealogical instruction. The topics are; “Beginning Genealogy”, “Internet Genealogy”, “Tracing Your Immigrant Origins”, and “Researching with Genealogy.com.” The classes are text based and are broken down into lessons.

And if you would rather read a book than take an online course the Denton Public Library has just what you are looking for.



## ANCESTRY FAMILY HISTORY TIPS

### Grandma's Address Book

Your grandma's old address book can be an invaluable genealogy resource. In addition to addresses and phone numbers, you may find entries for birthdays, anniversaries and names of children. The Christmas card section can be especially useful. Cards were usually sent to just about everyone known, and a study of who she sent cards to could reveal information for your extended family, too. A good thing is that these old address books were rarely discarded.

Susan Neff, Wabash, Indiana

### Twenty Years of Heirloom Ornaments

At age 62, we don't know if we will be here when our granddaughter turns 21 or when she gets married. So Hubby and I have purchased twenty sterling silver ornaments and one hinged ornament. Whether we are here or not, Ava will receive one ornament each year. The final year she'll receive from Yaya and Papa a beautiful hinged enameled teapot (symbolic of the Scottish custom of having tea), containing enough money for her own Christmas tree. Some of the ornaments are sterling silver frames with photos of her ancestors. With each ornament is a letter of its significance or a family story. Yaya

### Funeral Registers

I have all of the books with the names of people that came to the funeral home and signed the registry when my parents, grandparents and even some

uncles passed away. It has been a great way to match people that are possibly related which have included people with the same last names or I have been able to identify female relatives that may have new last names. They have been a great tool for me!  
Vicki Chinn

### German Brides' Tree Ornaments

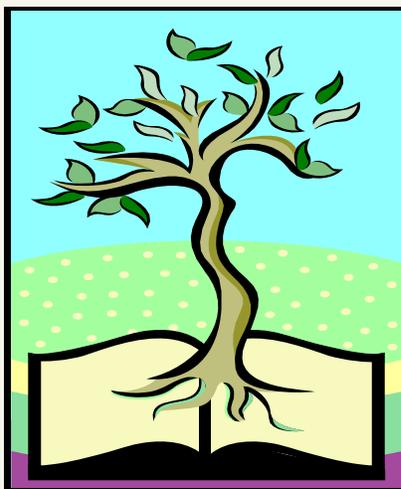
When my daughter married, my mother and I gave her the traditional German bride's ornament collection with a twist. We assembled our own collection mostly drawn from ornaments that had been used and handed down in the family over the last hundred years. For example the bird was a nesting bird that had hung my step-grandmother's tree when she was a child in the early 1900s and the Santa was one I had hung on my grandparents' tree every year in the 1950s and 1960s. She received a special collection of family heirlooms to treasure. And imagine her surprise when the card on her shower gift was a Christmas card!!  
Tricia Holt

### Save Holiday Newsletters and Pictures

As you receive holiday greetings this year, keep a copy of the Christmas newsletters and pictures that you send and receive. We keep ours in a binder. How I wish I had anything like that from my grandparents!  
Jan Akins

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FEBRUARY 10, 2011  
Emily Fowler Central  
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