

# DCGS NEWS

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## APRIL MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011



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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### PROGRAM: "Courthouse Research in the Internet Age"

**SPEAKER: John Wylie**

This lecture demonstrates proven hardware, software, and online tools and techniques to help your research in county courthouses. These include preparing for the visit, and using portable computing tools during and after the visit.

Barbara Wylie will also speak about the Texas State Genealogical Society.

John Vincent Wylie serves the Association of Professional Genealogists as Secretary, the National Genealogical Society (NGS) as a member of the NGS-GENTECH Advisory Committee and the National Standards Committee; the Dallas Genealogical Society as Acting Special Interest Groups Leader and his church as Chair of the Information Technology Committee, and as a member of its History Committee. From 2000 through 2004, he served

on the Board of the Association of Professional Genealogists. He is the 2004 recipient of the Dallas Genealogical Society's Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award.

He and his wife, Barbara, were coordinators of the 2006 Dallas Genealogical Society Research Trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

One of GENTECH's founders, John was an active participant in the Genealogical Data Model Working Group, and served on the NGS Computer Interest Group Committee in 1999 and 2000. John and Barbara have taught genealogical courses at Mountain View College and to church and Boy Scout groups.

He specializes in teaching genealogists how to use computer technology and computer users how to do sound genealogical research.

Barbara Wylie is a professional researcher, author, former and present officer of many genealogical organizations.



## A NEW INTERNET RESOURCE

### NEWS RELEASE

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### NEW WEB SERVICE PROVIDES LARGE DATABASE OF GENEALOGY RESEARCHERS Brings New Paradigm Of Free Membership

Geneapro.com has launched a new website designed to bring together experienced genealogy researchers with people looking for accurate historical ancestral records and information. Historically, it has been very difficult to find records from previous centuries and remote locations. While the internet has made this task much easier for those who know where to look, the general population is generally at a loss as to where to even start. Finding resource sites can be a challenge and many of those sites are costly and yet can lead to dead ends. Geneapro.com experts have many years of experience working with a large number of resources and have the knowledge to provide quick and timely results. Membership is free both for experts and those seeking lookups. Geneapro.com founder Lisa Kenefick started the website to change the process of searching for ancestors and the costs associated with it. "Many years ago I happened upon the [LDS Family Search](#) website after years of searching subscription-only websites for my ancestors. It was a revelation; as a beginner I did not know it existed. The information is out there already, these records were not created specifically for the websites that charge membership."

As a former Investigative Genealogist Ancestry.com Expert, Kenefick found herself relying on direct resources; the new website is designed to put together a large index of these resources that are easy to access. Genealogists,

historical societies, and genealogical societies, in addition to individual genealogists, can join geneapro.com and make their services available to the general public. There is no charge to join geneapro.com either for those providing or seeking information.

Records that are not digitally archived can also be found by posting a "Lookup" on Geneapro. Professional genealogist listings, lookup service providers and thousands of direct links to digitized archives and published databases are free. Ms. Kenefick's mission is to build one of the world's largest directory of genealogical resources and providers.

To learn more about Geneapro visit <http://geneapro.com> or contact Lisa Kenefick directly [via email](mailto:info@geneapro.com) or Twitter [@geneapro](#).

### Expand Your Society Membership Today

#### An Open Invitation to all Societies:

**With Geneapro.com your organization can list unique society resources, earn money for providing lookups, and open the door to new membership.**

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**Feel free to email [info@geneapro.com](mailto:info@geneapro.com) for more details.**

**Thank you for reading.**

**Lisa Kenefick  
founder, Geneapro.com  
California, USA**

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## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

### Library Programs

#### Denton County Genealogical Society

Meet fellow genealogists, share tips, & learn new information.

04/14/11 “Courthouse Research in the Internet Age”  
Presented by John Wylie  
Emily Fowler Library 6:30 pm

#### The Denton Family: From Cambridge University to Denton, Texas

Join John B. Denton relatives Dr. English & Dr. Naquin for a lecture & discussion on the genealogy & migration of the John B. Denton family.

04/15/11 Emily Fowler  
Library 2:00 pm

#### Preservation Road Show

Learn how to care for your favorite books, photographs, & 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 evaluation & recommendations for preservation. Call 349-8749 to register.

04/21/11 Emily Fowler  
Library 7:00 pm

#### And some others that might be of interest:

#### Tech Talks – Overdrive

Learn how to browse, checkout & download audio books & e-books from the DPL website. Not compatible with the Kindle®.

04/04/11 North Branch Library 6:30 pm

#### Texas Geography & History

Dr. A. Ray Stephens, author of *The Historical Atlas of Texas*, will discuss the relationship between Texas geography & history. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

04/09/11 South Branch Library 2:00 pm

#### Job Success Series

Keturi Beatty will conduct 3 programs presenting strategies for finding & succeeding in the job you want.

#### Exploration: The Key to Finding Your Dream Job

04/02/11 South Branch  
Library 3:00 pm

#### Interview Skills: The Key to Getting Your Dream Job

04/16/11 Emily Fowler  
Library 3:00 pm

#### Networking: The Key To Professional Success

05/07/11 North Branch  
Library 3:00 pm

#### Paste Paper Class

Make decorative sheets of paper by covering a blank sheet of paper with a mixture of paste & ink then working a variety of tools to create patterns. All supplies are provided, but the class is limited to 10, to register call 349-8752 or email Leslie.Couture@ciytofdenton.com For ages 12+.

04/23/11 Emily Fowler  
Library 10:00 am– noon



## ANCESTRY FAMILY HISTORY TIPS

### German Pronunciation

I was tracing my father's family using names from a book that was written by his uncle about the family back in the early 50s. But I couldn't find one great-grandmother. Her name began with a V in every record I could find. It dawned on me that being German her name was pronounced as a V but might have been spelled with a W. When I searched for her name beginning with a W, I found her entire family. Cynthia Newton

### Page Forward in Military Records

When searching military records, don't just look at the first page of information, as this may be only part of the record. Be sure to page forward to the subsequent pages to capture all of the record. Depending on the type of military record, you may be working with an actual file and not just one page. Within this file of many pages much information can be discovered, like where the person served, in what wars, and whether they were married or not. In a British military record for one of my family members who volunteered, I found a letter from an officer enquiring of the father where the son might be as he had disappeared. Attached was the reply (all handwritten) from the father stating that the son left England for Capetown due to lack of employment. Another military record showed me the date of an individual's marriage and the wife's name. Rachel Azoulay

### Research Marriage Witnesses

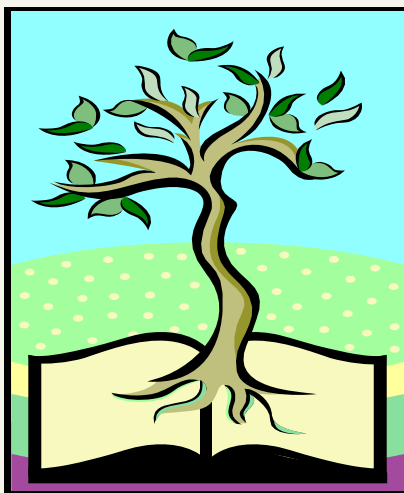
My tip is to do a little research on the "witnesses" to the marriage licenses. My ancestor and her sister both had a "witness," Mrs. Leslie Deihl. I figured she must be important in some way, but the name didn't match anyone I knew. So I did a bit of searching, turns out Mrs. Leslie Diehl was another missing sister. The sister's actual name was Louise (Nee White) Diehl, but was using the more formal context of her husband's first name (i.e., Mrs. John Smith). Had I not looked into "Leslie" it would have taken a lot more work to discover Louise's marriage. Alicia Merlino

### Know the County History

We have a family story that my mother's uncle, Denver Laughlin, born 1859, was the first white baby in Denver Colorado. In his mother's bible, he is recorded as being born in Osawatamie, Kansas. There is a town named that, but nowhere near Denver (especially when traveling in a covered wagon). I wasn't sure how this story came about until I started learning about 'discontinued' counties. Denver was born in Kansas Territory, which was divided into Kansas and Colorado, that county was dissolved. So the place where he was born is now (Old) Colorado City, El Paso County, Colorado. Oh yes, Colorado City was gobbled up by Colorado Springs, so it's nearly gone too. When I finally went there to research, I found them recorded in the El Paso County Claims Club Book. Madora

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**NEXT MEETING OF THE  
 DENTON COUNTY  
 GENEALOGICAL  
 SOCIETY WILL BE ON  
 MAY 12, 2011  
 Emily Fowler Central  
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 502 Oakland St.  
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