

# 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

## SEPTEMBER MEETING THURSDAY, SEPT 13, 2012



1896- Denton County Courthouse-

**PROGRAM: "Presidents"**  
**SPEAKER: Dr. Richard McCaslin**

several books, is currently listed in *Contemporary Authors* and *Who's Who in America*. He will help us enter this upcoming presidential election period with a highly touted program about "Presidents."

Dr. McCaslin is a Professor of History at UNT and as the author of

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](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txdcgs)

### 2012-2013 PROGRAMS

The Vice-President of the Denton County Genealogical Society, and the program committee announce the programs for the 2012-2013 year.

**April 11—"Family Search." Tresa Tatyrek**

**May 9—"Round Robin of Member Experiences."**

**Sept 13—"Presidents." Dr. Richard McCaslin**

Many thanks to Dayonne Work, Vice-President of the Denton County Genealogical Society, and the program committee, Terry Brantley, Mark Brownmiller, Kathi Coatney, and Norma Gamble.

**Oct. 11—"DNA, Legally a Cobb, Biologically a Mill." Roger Cobb**

**Nov. 8—"Probate, More Than a Will" Kelvin Meyers**

**Jan. 10—"Rats in the Family." Barbara Wylie**

**Feb. 14—"UNT Records." Jesse Silva**

Some of the committee's suggestions will appear as handouts through the ear, such as: transferring files between programs, national epidemics, podcasts, blogs, free webinars, and old handwriting.

**Mar. 14—"Cemetery Preservation." Rusty Brenner**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear DCGS Friend,

Summer is well on its way to being over, and we are settling back into a routine. It is time to turn our thoughts back to our genealogical research. That may mean trying to remember what we were doing before we went on vacation and refocusing on our research plans. Maybe it means analyzing the data we were able to gather during the summer. For sure, it means getting back to our meetings of the Denton County Genealogical Society, Inc.

Your officers and committees have planned an outstanding year with programs focusing on topics you requested, presented by knowledgeable speakers. The first meeting of the new fiscal year will be Thursday, September 19, at the Emily Fowler Central Library. The social and networking portion of the evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. That will be followed by a brief business meeting, then Richard B. McCaslin, PhD, Professor and Chair of the Department of History at the University of North Texas, will present the program. We are delighted to have someone of Dr. McCaslin's expertise join us and look forward enthusiastically to hearing him speak.

As members of DCGS, we enjoy several benefits that offer us opportunities to increase our exposure to the world of genealogy and enhance our research skills. Among our benefits are hearing

knowledgeable speakers, becoming acquainted with others who share our interests, scheduled social time with networking opportunities, shared tips and techniques successfully used by others, and being able to provide input into program planning that addresses our problem-solving issues.

There is more . . . in addition to benefits available directly through DCGS, our Society is affiliated with the Texas State Genealogical Society, the National Genealogical Society, and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. These affiliations afford a communications link to the state and national organizations and an awareness of what is happening in the world of genealogy at large.

Remember that Society information is available on our website, [www.rootsweb.com/~txdcgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txdcgs), and in our newsletter, *DCGS News*, and you are encouraged to refer to them often.

DCGS is our Society. It exists to serve us. Please let one of the other officers or me know how we can best assist you with your genealogical challenges.



Wanda Samek, President

## MEL BREWER DONATION

The Denton County Genealogical Society would like to express our deep appreciation for the generous donation of Mel Brewer, in memory of his dear wife, "Winkie" Morrow Brewer.

Mel has been an active member of the Denton County Genealogical Society for many years,

serving as Vice-President. He has found it difficult in recent years to attend meetings, and will no longer be an active member of the society.

We will miss his expertise and humor. We wish him well, and pray for his continued good health.

## A POLITICAL SPIN

A researcher discovered a great-great uncle, whom we shall call Remus, was hanged for horse stealing and a train robbery in Montana in 1889. The only known photograph of Remus showed him standing on the gallows. On the back of the picture was this inscription: "Horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted, and hanged in 1889."

The researcher e-mailed a Congressman relative asking for information about their great-great uncle. The Congressman's staff sent back the following biographical sketch.

*"Uncle Remus was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets, and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function, held in his honor, when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."*

**-Author Unknown**

--Item reprinted with appreciation from *Our Ferree Family* website.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Balance April 30, 2012** **\$2,352.01**

### Deposits

Dues	\$ 285.00
Lock In Reg.	210.00
Donations	110.00
Research	<u>25.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 630.00</b>

### Disbursements

Pres.'s Exp.	\$ 90.98
Donation to EF	1,500.00
Table/TSGS conf.	<u>5.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,595.98</b>

**Balance Aug. 31, 2012** **\$1,386.03**

2012-2013 Paid Members – 19

Library Donations	
April 1995 - May 06	\$2,876.52
June 2006 – June 2012	3,310.00

Birth Books Sold (63)	\$2,055.00
Printing Cost (200)	-2,049.13
Postage	-118.69
Sales Tax Paid	-110.95
Advertising (1)	<u>-30.00</u>
Profit	<b>\$ -253.77</b>

Death Books Sold (145)	\$3,404.72
Printing Cost (300)	-1,593.15
Consignment Fees	-425.00
Postage	-156.99
Sales Tax Paid	-79.25
Advertising	<u>-237.45</u>
Profit	<b>\$ 912.88</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Touraine, Treasurer



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES—JUNE 2012

The Executive Board Meeting of the DCGS was called to order by President Wanda Samek in the conference room of the Emily Fowler Central Library at 2:00 p.m.

Introductions of the new board and committee chairs: President, Wanda Samek; Vice President and Program Chair, Dayonne Work; Treasurer, Linda Touraine; Secretary, Susan McIntosh; Librarian, Newsletter Editor, and Publications Chair, Kathleen G. Strauss, Webmaster, Chris Strauss (absent); Membership Co-Chairs, Mary and Mark (absent) Brownmiller; Publicity Chair, Laura Douglas; Historical Research Coordinator, Danny A. Puckett.

Minutes from the previous Executive Board meeting were not reviewed as there was no copy available. Susan McIntosh will retrieve the minute book from the past secretary.

### Financial

Linda Touraine, Treasurer, submitted a financial statement. An email will be sent to current members reminding them of dues owed. Linda will also handle the filing of Form 990 for the current year and the one for 2010 which was not filed. The Society received a letter of thanks from the Denton Public Library for the donation of \$1500.00 which will be used to purchase books for the Genealogy Department.

### New Business

Kathy Strauss proposed that the fall lock-in be in concert with a state-wide lock-in, combining resources from various locations via the internet. Linda Touraine moved to have Kathy pursue this further. Motion seconded and passed. The lock in will be 19 October 2012, 6-11 p.m.

Wanda received a brochure from the TSGS inviting the Society to set up a table at the Best of the Southwest Expo to be held in the Riley Conference Center, Fort Worth on 1 November 2012. The cost is \$5.00 and would need to be staffed from 5-9 p.m. Dayonne Work motioned to set up a table at the Expo. The motion was seconded and carried. Kathy Strauss, Linda Touraine, and Dayonne Work volunteered to staff the table.

### Old Business

None

### Committees

Wanda submitted the list of Committee Chairs. Susan McIntosh motioned to approve. The motion was seconded and carried.

Wanda made a recommendation to form a Hospitality Committee. Kathy Strauss motioned to approve. The motion was seconded and carried.

### Research – Danny Puckett

He will be responding to requests from non-members for

research that is more in depth than the quick look ups performed by the library. He will be looking into how to market this new research program and he will be choosing committee members. The fees will be \$25 for the first hour, \$15.00 per hour afterward, plus reimbursement of costs for copies and postage. Mary Brownmiller motioned to approve the new fees. The motion was seconded and carried.

### Membership – Mary Brownmiller

The new member packet was reviewed. Mary will look into the price of having the packets printed. The new brochure will be updated and printed. Dayonne Work, Laura Douglas, and Mary will work together on that project. Need to add that DCGS is a member of NGS, FGS, and TSGS. Mary will be using the guest list to develop a prospect list. She also suggested having a presence at local events to hand out brochures about the Society. Mary will look into creating a membership handbook which will include the roster, bylaws, etc.

### Publicity – Laura Douglas

Kathy Strauss motioned to have Laura make a Facebook page for the Society. The motion was seconded and passed. Laura will look into the cost of having posters reprinted. Mary Brownmiller motioned to have Chris Strauss (webmaster) look into the cost of the Society having it's own web site. The motion was seconded and carried.

### Newsletter – Kathy Strauss

A suggestion was made to have committee chairs submit an article for each newsletter. It was also suggested that there be a short "genealogy gem" submitted by members and the Executive Board each month. The newsletter is published 5-7 days before the monthly meeting. The deadline for articles and reports is the first of the month and are to be emailed to Kathy.

### Programs – Dayonne Work

Dayonne said her committee includes Mark Brownmiller, Norma Gamble, Kathi Coatney, and Terry Brantley. Ideas submitted for programs included podcasts/blogs and ethnic speakers.

### Calendar

The calendar submitted by Wanda Samek will be amended to include the October lock-in and the November 1 Expo.

Linda Touraine motioned to have Wanda Samek added as a signer to the checking account. The motion was seconded and carried. Wanda Samek recommended that signatories on the checking account always be the president and treasurer of the Society. Motion to approve made by Kathy. It was seconded, and carried.

Wanda adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by: Susan McIntosh

## MAY 2012 MINUTES

The meeting of the Denton County Genealogical Society was called to order by the president, Richard Thomas. April minutes were approved and accepted by a motion from Terry Brantley and a second by Hilda Carrigan. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report was made by Mel Brewer and seconded by Linda Touraine.

As old business Richard asked for any other nominations for consideration for officers and there were none. The slate of officers for 2012-2013 are:

- President-Wanda Samek
- Vice president-Dayonne Work
- Secretary-Susan McIntosh
- Treasurer-Linda Touraine

New officers were approved by a vote of the membership.

In new business the use of the treasury money was discussed. Diana White made a motion we contribute fifteen hundred dollars to the library. The motion was seconded by Fran Shurtleff.

Old officers were recognized and new officers each told something about themselves.

The program of “Round Table of Member Experiences” was introduced by Dayonne Work. Eleven members shared their publications, information sources, photos, treasures, and brick walls.

Discussions were continuing as the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Cindy Gage



## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

### Genealogy After-Hours

Join genealogists from across Texas in this unique evening of distance-learning and research. Participants will be able to tap resources from the Clayton Library of Genealogy Research in Houston, the Waco-McLennan County Public Library, the Plano Public Library, and many others. There will be programs from several of the locations and viewable online. One-on-one research help will be available during research time. Bring a brown-bag supper and drink. \$15.00 registration fee. Call 349-8752 to register.

Fri. 10/19 Emily Fowler Library 6-11 pm

### Lineage Society Applications

Are you thinking about applying to a lineage society, but just don’t know how the process works. Learn what is expected, and how to obtain the proper documentation for membership.

Call 349-8752 to register.

Sat. 10/27 Emily Fowler Library 3-5 pm

### Library Databases for Genealogy Research

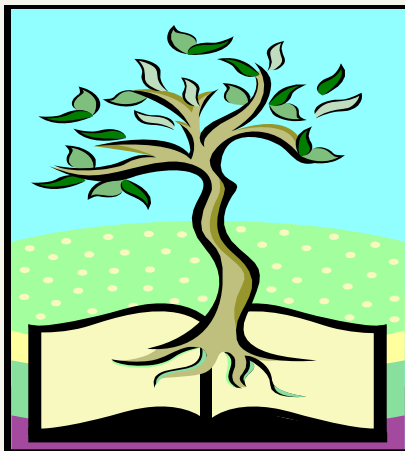
Become familiar with the resources available through the Denton Public Library for genealogy research. Learn basic searching techniques to find ancestors and review the contents of genealogy databases.

Call 349-9752 to register.

Sat. 12/01 Emily Fowler Library 3-5 pm

### 2010-2012 OFFICERS

- President—Wanda Samek
- Vice-President—Dayonne Work
- Secretary—Susan McIntosh
- Treasurer—Linda Touraine
- Librarian—Kathy Strauss
- Webmaster—Chris Strauss
- Parliamentarian—Vickie Davis



**NEXT MEETING OF THE  
DENTON COUNTY  
GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY WILL BE ON  
OCT 11, 2012  
Emily Fowler Central  
Library  
502 Oakland St.  
Denton**

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