

DCGS NEWS

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JANUARY MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2013



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.genealogydentontexas.org

PROGRAM: "Rats in the Family" Speaker: Barbara Wylie

Every family has a few shady characters, the kind who get hauled into court, chased out of town, thrown out of church and written about in the newspaper. Use the trail these rats leave to gather information about them and your more respectable ancestors as well.

Barbara Wylie is a long-time member of the Association of Professional Genealogists at various times as an officer. She is a member of several

metroplex genealogical societies, but she considers the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society her "home base" and has served it in several capacities. Barb's speaking experiences includes from national conferences to Boy Scouts earning the genealogy merit badge.

She is the recipient of four Texas State Genealogical Society writing awards, her articles have been published in several genealogical magazines, numerous genealogical journals and on the Family Tree Maker website. Her special interest is gathering the details that tell each ancestor's story.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members

We have added five more new members to our ranks this month. A warm welcome to Roberta Farmer, Lee Halcom, Leigh Kitchens, Chuck Mills, and Nita Thurman. This makes a total of 11 new members this 2012-2013 year!

T-Shirts

Denton County Genealogical Society t-shirts can still be ordered: S,M,L,& XL are \$15, 2XL and 3XL are \$18. Pre-paid orders can be made for later delivery.

Lineage Societies

We are gathering basic information and website links to lineage societies to include on our website for use by our membership. If you have connections to one (or more) you would like to ensure their inclusion, please contact Mark at jmbrownmiller@centurytel.net or Mary at mbrownmiller@centinel.com.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Weren't you amazed at the amount of information Kelvin Meyers provided us last month during his "Probate, More Than a Will" lecture? He crammed more good, solid, helpful information into 50 minutes than most lecturers work into a half-day session. Everyone who attended surely learned something and many of us learned a lot!

We have good news on the membership front, too. A big, hearty welcome to our new members—Roberta Farmer, Lee Halcom, Leigh Kitchens, Chuck Mills, and Nita Thurman. We're glad to have you join us and look forward to you being a part of Denton County Genealogical Society.

The order for our DCGS T-shirts will be placed later in December. Be sure to order one if you haven't already done so.

Keep checking our new website regularly at <http://www.genealogydentontexas.org/>. There is a great deal of information available – helpful and

interesting items about Denton County history and records.

The programs at the library the last month or so have been well-received and informative. One of our objectives in DCGS is to support the library, so please try to attend the workshops when you can.

You don't want to miss our next program on Thursday, January 10. The topic will be "Rats in the Family" and will be presented by Barbara Wylie. Be sure to mark your calendar to attend. The networking begins at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments; the program begins at 7:00 p.m. It promises to be another interesting and entertaining program.

Have the happiest of New Years!



Wanda Samek, President

GENEALOGY - THE INCURABLE DISEASE

SYMPTOMS:

- ~~ Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places.
- ~~ Patient has blank expression, is sometimes deaf to spouse and children.
- ~~ Has no taste for work of any kind except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses; has compulsion to write letters.
- ~~ Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail.
- ~~ Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins and remote, desolate areas.
- ~~ Makes secret phone calls at night,
- ~~ Hides phone bill from spouse and mumbles to self.
- ~~ Has strange, faraway look in the eye.

TREATMENT:

- ~ Medication is useless. **NO KNOWN CURE!!**
- ~ Disease is not fatal but gets progressively worse.
- ~ Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

Source: <http://freepages.family.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~families/halsey/humor.html>

NOVEMBER 2012 MINUTES

The November 2012 meeting was called to order by President Wanda Samek. There were 43 members in attendance including two new members, Lee Halcom and Roberta Farmer. Three visitors were Leigh Kitchens, Faith Colson, and Chuck Mills.

There being no corrections, the minutes of the October 2012 meeting were approved as presented in the Chapter's online newsletter. The Treasurer's report, also available online, was filed for record.

An announcement was made about the pending projects for the DCPL. Dayonne Work and Susan McIntosh will be heading up the cemetery survey, and Kathy Strauss will be coordinating the library projects.

There was no new business.

Dayonne Work introduced the guest speaker, Kelvin L. Meyers, who presented "Probate: More Than A Will".

Chris Strauss gave a quick presentation on navigating the Society's new website at genealogydentontexas.com.

The meeting was adjourned by Wanda Samek.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance October 31, 2012	\$1,717.58	Library Donations	
		April 1995 - May 06	\$2,876.52
Deposits		June 2006 - June 2012	3,310.00
Dues	\$ 210.00		
Donations	5.00		
T-Shirts	<u>151.00</u>	Birth Books Sold (63)	\$2,055.00
Total	\$ 366.00	Printing Cost (200)	-2,049.13
		Postage	-118.69
Disbursements		Sales Tax Paid	-110.95
Supplies	\$ 50.05	Advertising (1)	<u>-30.00</u>
November speaker	<u>75.00</u>	Profit	\$ -253.77
Total	\$125.05		
		Death Books Sold (145)	\$3,404.72
Balance December 15, 2012	\$1,958.53	Printing Cost (300)	-1,593.15
		Consignment Fees	-425.00
2012-2013 Paid Members - 64		Postage	-156.99
2013-2014 Paid Members - 5		Sales Tax Paid	-79.25
2014-2015 Paid Members - 1		Advertising	<u>-237.45</u>
		Profit	\$ 912.88

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Touraine, Treasurer

"He who has no fools, knaves, or beggars in his family was begot by a flash of lightning."

--Old English Proverb

2013 GENEALOGY CONFERENCES

New Years resolutions are easy to make, and sometimes difficult to keep. They do, however, help us to plan and seek opportunities to better our lives. Genealogy conferences provide us with the opportunity to learn new things, follow new trails to our ancestors, help us to “think outside of the box,” and network with fellow genealogists.

There are many conferences, workshops, cruises, and programs to take advantage throughout the year. Some are free, some are online, and some require money and time to attend. A genealogy vacation helps us to get away from our daily routines, and focus on projects we have been putting off for years.

CONFERENCES

RootsTech. 21-23 March 2013, Salt Lake City, UT. www.rootstech.org.

National Genealogical Society Conference, 8-11 May 2013, Las Vegas Hotel and Casino. www.ngsgenealogy.org.

Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree, 6-9 June 2013, Burbank, TX, <http://genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com>.

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, 21-24 August 2013, Fort Wayne, IN. www.fgs.org.

Texas State Genealogical Society Conference, 31 Oct-2 Nov 2013, Round Rock, TX. www.txsgs.org.

CRUISES

Unlock the Past History & Genealogy Cruise, 10-19 Feb 2013, Australia. www.unlockthepast.com.au

Legacy Family Tree Cruise, 22 Sept-7 Oct 2013, Panama Canal. www.legacyfamilytree.com.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, AND INSTITUTES

Dallas Genealogical Society Spring Seminar, 16 Mar 2013, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. www.dallasgenealogy.org.

Ohio Chapter Palatines to America Spring Seminar, 6 Apr 2013, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Columbus, OH. www.oh-palam.org

Samford Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, 9-14 June 2013, Samford University, Birmingham, AL. www4.samford.edu/schools/ighr/

ONLINE WEBINARS

Just about every online genealogy website has some kind of tutorials or webinars available. Look for specific topics by the regions you are researching. Some are free, and some are not. When you can't find what you need, do a google search or go to www.cyndislist.com/education. Here is a short list:

www.legacyfamilytree.com
www.americanancestors.org
www.familysearch.org
www.familytreeuniversity.com
www.ancestry.com—Learning Center
www.rootsmagic.com/webinars

This is by no means a complete list of genealogy education opportunities. I hope these suggestions will whet your appetite to seek out new places to go and new things to learn in 2013.

To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root."

--Chinese Proverb

"Adam and Eve must have found genealogy very boring."

<http://freepages.family.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~families/halsey/humor.html>

The Word on the Street - 1,800 Broadsides Published Online

The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.

In the centuries before there were newspapers and 24-hour news channels, the general public had to rely on street literature to find out what was going on. The most popular form of this for nearly 300 years was 'broadsides' - the tabloids of their day. Sometimes pinned up on walls in houses and ale-houses, these single sheets carried public notices, news, speeches and songs that could be read (or sung) aloud.

The National Library of Scotland's online collection of nearly 1,800 broadsides lets you see for yourself what 'the word on the street' was in Scotland between 1650 and 1910. Crime, politics, romance, emigration, humour, tragedy, royalty and superstitions - all these and more are here.

Each broadside comes with a detailed commentary and most also have a full transcription of the text, plus a downloadable PDF facsimile. You can search by keyword, browse by title or browse by subject.

The Word on the Street may be found at <http://digital.nls.uk/broadsides/>.

I especially liked "Sale of a Wife" shown on the home page. Click on the image to see a larger image. It reads, "A full and particular Account of the Sale of a Woman, named Mary Mackintosh, which took place on Wednesday Evening, the 16th of July, 1828, in the Grass Market 'of Edinburgh, accused by her Husband of being a notorious Drunkard; with the Particulars of the bloody Battle which took place afterwards."

More information about this broadside, including a large PDF image and a transcription, may be found at <http://digital.nls.uk/broadsides/broadside.cfm/id/15971>.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

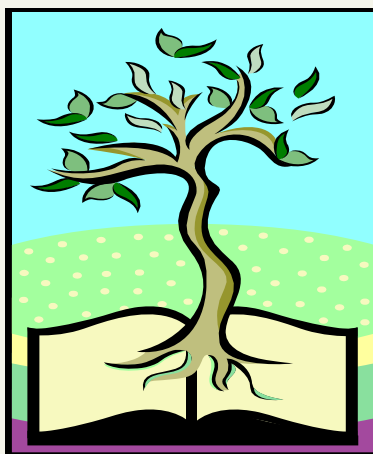
Beginning Genealogy—Learn the basics of genealogy research in this introductory class. Saturday, 2 Feb 2013. Emily Fowler Library 3:00 pm. Call 940-349-8752 to register.

Volunteer Opportunities—The Special Collections Department has many projects that require volunteer assistance. Learn to index, help with preservation, organize original documents. If you are looking to help your community, consider spending your time with us.

Genealogy Books—If you would like to have a certain book in our collections that we do not have, please write down your purchase selections, and give them to a Special Collections staff member. We will try to add it to the collection. If you have books from your own collection that you no longer need, please consider donating them to us.

2012-2014 OFFICERS

President—Wanda Samek
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 FEBRUARY 14, 2013
 Emily Fowler Central
 Library
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