

# 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

## FEBRUARY MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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](http://www.genealogydentontexas.org)

**PROGRAM: “Genealogical Resources at the University of North Texas”**  
**SPEAKERS: Jesse Silva and Morgan Gieringer**

Jesse's presentation will cover some of the genealogical resources available from the Federal and State governments.

Morgan’s talk will include a quick overview of the Archives and Rare Books department holdings at UNT, as well as information about using county records, university publications and local manuscript collections for genealogical research.

Jesse Silva is the Head of the Government Documents Department at the University of North Texas Libraries. Previously he worked at the University of California at Berkeley. He holds an Masters in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University and a BA in Community Studies from the University of California at Santa Cruz. He is a 2013-14 *Leadership and Career Development Fellow* with the Association of Research

Libraries. Jesse is a co-author of *Legal Executions in California: A Comprehensive Registry* (McFarland Press, 2006, 2012) and several articles on government documents.

Morgan Gieringer joined UNT Libraries in 2012 to serve as Head of Archives and Rare Books. In this position she is responsible for the development, operation, programming, and overall management of the archives, rare books, microforms and preservation units. Prior to joining UNT, Morgan served as Senior Archivist for the Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas. In her three years there, Morgan oversaw the archive and museum of former Senator Bob Dole. In other past positions Morgan has served as archivist for the Missouri Historical Society and the General Federation of Women’s Clubs. Morgan was awarded certification from the Academy of Certified Archivists in 2006 and was selected to attend the Archives Leadership Institute in 2008. Morgan is past Senior Co-chair of the Kansas City Area Archivists and is active with the Society of American Archivists. Morgan is a graduate of the University of North Texas (BA, 2001) and Texas Woman’s University (MLS, 2002).

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear DCGS Friend,

January featured another interesting and entertaining program on "Rats in the Family" presented by Barbara Wylie. We were also fortunate to have a visit from the President-Elect of the Texas State Genealogical Society, John Wylie. Refreshments and hospitality were great. All in all, it was a very enjoyable evening.

Just observing the attitudes and enthusiasm of our members this past year has been rewarding. There seems to be a rapport and expectation developing for a pleasant, informative meeting. Attendance has been excellent and we've been blessed with several new members. Our committees are working hard to deliver a program and atmosphere that will make people want to attend. Hats off to our hard-working volunteers.

There will be a presentation on "Beginning Genealogy" at the Emily Fowler Public Library at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 2, 2013. If you're looking for the place to begin your research, need a little nudge in the right direction, or would benefit from a basic review, please try to attend. It should prove helpful as you plan your research.

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. We also have a presence on [facebook](#). You are encouraged to communicate on both sites.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with us. Our meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a networking period at 6:30 p.m. The date is Thursday, February 14, 2013, at the library. Jesse Silva will speak on "UNT Records." We live in or near Denton, but few of us have taken advantage of the information and records that are offered by the University of North Texas. Many of us are unaware of an excellent research source close to home. This is our opportunity to find out what is available and how to access it.

Another door prize will be awarded at the February meeting. Don't miss your chance to win.

May your heart's desire come true this Valentine's Day.



Wanda Samek, President

## DNA Confirms Bones are those of King Richard III

A skeleton found beneath a Leicester car park has been confirmed as that of English king Richard III. Experts from the University of Leicester said DNA from the bones matched that of descendants of the monarch's family.

Lead archaeologist Richard Buckley, from the University of Leicester, told a press conference to applause: "Beyond reasonable doubt it's Richard."

Richard, killed in battle in 1485, will be reinterred in Leicester Cathedral.

You can read much more in an article in the BBC

News web site at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-21063882>



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## JANUARY 2013 MINUTES

The January 2013 meeting of the Denton County Genealogical Society was called to order by President Wanda Samek. There were 39 members in attendance.

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

Mark and Mary Brownmiller, co-chairs of the Membership Committee, announced there were seven visitors: Gene and Linda Cagle, Adele Stewart, Joe and Donna Spears, Patti Kregel, and Mr. Kitchens. They also sent around a list of member information for verification.

John Wylie, president of The Texas State Genealogical Society, indicated the annual meeting will be October 31 through November 2 in Round Rock. The keynote speaker will be Thomas W. Jones, genealogical speaker, writer, and researcher.

Dayonne Work introduced Barbara Brixiey Wylie who gave an entertaining discussion of "Rats In The Family Tree."

There was no new business.

The membership committee gave away a family wall chart.

The meeting was adjourned by Wanda Samek.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Balance December 16, 2012**                      **\$1,958.53**

### Deposits

Dues	\$ 15.00
T-Shirts	30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>

2012-2013 Paid Members – 65

2013-2014 Paid Members – 5

2014-2015 Paid Members – 1

### Disbursements

Dues – TSGS	\$ 25.00
Dues – FGS	45.00
T-Shirts	132.00
January speaker	75.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$277.00</b>

Library Donations

April 1995 - May 06	\$2,876.52
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June 2006 – June 2012	3,310.00
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Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Touraine, Treasurer

**Balance January 31, 2013**                      **\$1,726.53**

## TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER FOR QUAKERTOWN

The Denton County Historical Commission and the Denton Public Library and the Denton Parks and Recreation Department cordially invite you to attend the dedication of the Official Texas Historical Marker recognizing the African American Community of QUAKERTOWN, Saturday, February 16, 2013, 10:00 A.M., Denton Civic Center in Quakertown Park, 321 East McKinney Street, Denton, Texas 76201.

## OCLC and FamilySearch Partnership Will Combine Resources

OCLC and FamilySearch International, the largest genealogy organization in the world, have signed an agreement that will enrich WorldCat and FamilySearch services with data from both organizations to provide users with more resources for improved genealogy research.

Under this new partnership, OCLC will incorporate data from FamilySearch's catalog of genealogical materials into WorldCat, and FamilySearch will use OCLC cataloging services to continue to catalog its collections in WorldCat. FamilySearch will also use the WorldCat Search API to incorporate WorldCat results into search results returned by FamilySearch genealogy services.

"We're excited to see information about FamilySearch holdings more broadly circulated, and to inform our own patrons about genealogical holdings available outside our network," said Jake Gehring, FamilySearch's Director of Data Operations.

"This combination of genealogical and bibliographic resources will be of enormous benefit to librarians and library users as well as genealogists," said Jay Jordan, OCLC President and CEO. "OCLC and FamilySearch are organizations with similar goals—to connect people to knowledge and information through cooperation. We look forward to working with FamilySearch."

FamilySearch, historically known as the Genealogical Society of Utah, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the discovery and preservation of family histories and stories, introducing individuals to their ancestors through the widespread access to records, and collaborating with others who share this vision.

The collections of FamilySearch include historic documents of genealogical value such as civil registration records; church records; and probate, census, land, tax and military records. The collection also contains compiled sources such as family histories, clan and lineage genealogies, oral

pedigrees and local histories. FamilySearch has also been a pioneer in the use of technology and processes for image capture, digital conversion, preservation, online indexing and online access. FamilySearch has operated on OCLC's OLIB library management system since 1996 to manage the vast metadata in its catalog.

FamilySearch offers a unique service to users around the world through its network of more than 4,600 family history centers. In each center, trained FamilySearch volunteers provide individualized help for family history patrons seeking access to records and the information they contain.

WorldCat is the world's most comprehensive database of library materials. Updated at a rate of nearly one new record every second, WorldCat is a cooperatively-created catalog of items held in thousands of libraries worldwide, including public, academic, state and national libraries; archives; and historical societies. These libraries have cataloged their regular collections as well as many special collections—including digitized materials—devoted to local history. This makes WorldCat an indispensable tool for genealogy research.

Find more about FamilySearch or search its resources online at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org). More about WorldCat is on the [OCLC website](http://OCLC website). Search WorldCat.org on the Web at [www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org).



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## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

### The Past Meets the Present: Learning to Use the Online Census

The U.S. Federal Population Census is available online for the years 1790-1940. Learn how to search for your ancestors and follow them over time in this valuable resource.

349.8752 to register.

Saturday 3/23 Emily Fowler Library 3 pm

### Irish Genealogical Research

Many Americans have Irish ancestors. In this class, we will discuss the unique sources for finding your ancestors both here and in Ireland. “

349.8752 to register.

Saturday 3/23 Emily Fowler Library 3 pm

### Using Newspapers for Genealogical Research

Learn the basics of genealogy research in this

introductory class. Topics include: gathering family information, using genealogical forms, accessing vital records, locating census records, and using the resources available in the Emily Fowler Special Collections.

349.8752 to register.

Saturday 4/20 Emily Fowler Library 3 pm

### “They Came in Ships”: Researching Passenger Records

Genealogists have always been interested in identifying their ancestors who immigrated to America. In this class, we will explore the records available from various time periods to help the researcher identify ports of entry and ship passenger records.

349.8752 to register.

Saturday 5/25 Emily Fowler Library 3 pm

## You Know You're An "Addicted" Genealogist ...

- ... when you brake for libraries.
- ... if you get locked in a library overnight and you never even notice.
- ... when you hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery.
- ... if you'd rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall.
- ... when you think every home should have a microfilm reader.
- ... if you'd rather read census schedules than a good book.
- ... when you know every town clerk in your state by name.
- ... if town clerks lock the doors when they see you coming.
- ... when you're more interested in what happened in 1697 than 1997.
- ... if you store your clothes under the bed and your closet is carefully stacked with notebooks and journals.
- ... if you can pinpoint Harrietsham, Hawkhurst and Kent on a map of England, but can't locate Topeka, Kansas.
- ... when all your correspondence begins with "Dear Cousin,"
- ... if you've traced every one of your ancestral lines back to Adam and Eve, have it all fully documented, and still don't want to quit.

Source: <http://www.pennyparker2.com/addicted.html>

### 2012-2014 OFFICERS

President—Wanda Samek

Vice-President—Dayonne Work

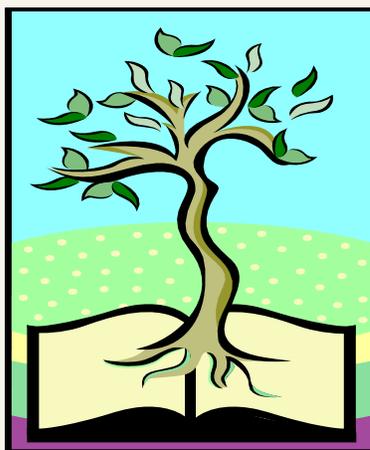
Secretary—Susan McIntosh

Treasurer—Linda Touraine

Librarian—Kathy Strauss

Webmaster—Chris Strauss

Historical Research—Danny Puckett



**NEXT MEETING OF THE  
DENTON COUNTY  
GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY WILL BE ON  
MARCH 14, 2013  
Emily Fowler Central  
Library  
502 Oakland St.  
Denton**

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