

# 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

## MARCH MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 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: "Cemetery Preservation"

### SPEAKER: Rusty Brenner

Rusty is the purveyor of the website [www.texascemeteryrestoration.com](http://www.texascemeteryrestoration.com). A year ago he worked on a plot map and burial database for the Eakin Cemetery near Ponder, Texas.

In every small town and big city in Texas there are places where our loved ones are resting and memorialized. Cemeteries hold the records of our ancestry carved in stone. Names of our ancestors are

commemorated on monuments and gravestones for all to see and celebrate.

Whether through an act of mother nature or human destruction, monuments and their inscriptions and artistry are disappearing from our cemeteries.

Now, more than ever before, concerned individuals and cemetery associations are responding to the need to conserve and preserve our culture and heritage. Texas Cemetery Restoration is working with these concerned individuals and cemetery associations to protect our families' monuments in Texas cemeteries.

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## CELEBRATE YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

For anyone with Irish ancestry, March 17 is a great day to celebrate family heritage. On this year's March 16 and 17 weekend, there will be as many St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the U.S. as there are in Ireland.

Thousands of Irish men and women emigrated to the United States over the years and many of them settled in places where other Irish had settled before them. These Irish communities

often grew and the children and grandchildren of the immigrants now celebrate their Irish heritage in a big way.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear DCGS Friend,

What a banner year we're enjoying in the Denton County Genealogical Society! Our programs have been excellent, refreshments have been tasty and plentiful, our welcoming committee has been friendly and hospitable. Is it any wonder our membership is growing and our attendance is better than ever?

Jesse Silva of UNT brought us a new topic in February—one that most of us had not been exposed to before. We learned about historical and genealogical records available right here in Denton at the University of North Texas Library.

The program in March promises to provide something else that's a little different from the ordinary, one about Cemetery Preservation. Rusty Brenner will be the speaker. Cemetery Preservation may be a project we will want to consider, so we will need to listen carefully and ask questions. I regret sincerely that I will personally be forced to miss the meeting, but I will be attending a state conference for the Texas

Daughters of the American Revolution. Please listen for me, too, and find out all you can about this vital endeavor. Projects of this sort naturally fall to those of us who are interested in genealogy and history.

We plan to have another door prize to award at the March meeting, so be sure to be present. The genealogical wall chart awarded last time was very much appreciated by the winner and would make a lovely addition to your research aids.

Thank you for supporting DCGS. Keep checking our website and let us know if there is some way we can assist you.

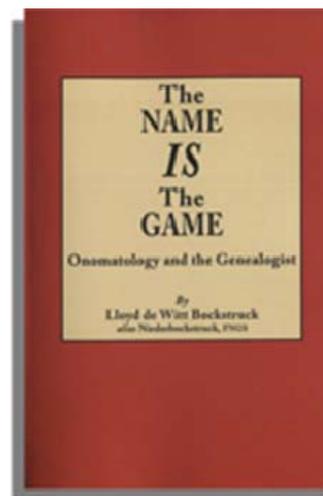
Remember your Irish ancestors this St. Patrick's Day!



Wanda Samek, President

## LLOYD BOCKSTRUCK PUBLISHES A NEW BOOK

Names, like people, have lives of their own, which is why Lloyd Bockstruck's new book about the serendipity and life's choices that can alter our family names is must-reading for every researcher. Mr. Bockstruck, one of America's foremost genealogists and the former genealogy librarian at the Dallas Public Library, has distilled the wisdom of a lifetime about the vagaries of names into this work. Eminently readable, *The Name IS the Game* is a collection of illustrations and cautionary tales that can help family historians surmount the obstacles or avert the pitfalls associated with naming practices throughout the centuries.



Some family trees have beautiful leaves, and some have just a bunch of nuts. Remember, it is the nuts that make the tree worth shaking.

~Author Unknown

## FEBRUARY 2013 MINUTES

The February 2013 meeting of the Denton County Genealogical Society was called to order by President Wanda Samek. There were 41 members in attendance.

There being no corrections, the minutes of the January 2013, meeting were approved as presented in the Chapter's online newsletter. The Treasurer's report, also available in the newsletter, was filed for record.

There were no committee reports.

There was no new business.

Mark Brownmiller announced there were three

visitors: June Brown, Jean Burks, and Tia Lewellen. New members are Gene and Linda Cagle and Joe and Donna Spears. Mary Brownmiller told the members it was the last call for t-shirts.

Dayonne Work introduced Jessee Silva, Head of the Government Documents Department at UNT, and Morgan Davis Gieringer, Head of Archives and Rare Books at UNT. Jesse spoke about the collections available at the University and at the National Archives. Morgan told us about the archives and rare books available for research at UNT.

The meeting was adjourned by Wanda Samek.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**Balance February 1, 2013**                      **\$1,726.53**

#### Deposits

Dues	\$	25.00
New Members		<u>65.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>90.00</b>

#### Disbursements

Postage	\$	46.00
T-Shirts		<u>12.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>58.00</b>

**Balance February 28, 2013**    **\$1,758.53**

2012-2013 Paid Members – 72  
2013-2014 Paid Members – 5  
**2014-2015 Paid Members – 1**

#### Library Donations

April 1995 – May 2006	\$2,876.52
June 2006 – June 2012	\$3,310.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Touraine, Treasurer



We pay for the mistakes of our ancestors, and it seems only fair that they should leave us the money to pay with.

~Don Marquis

Families are like fudge... mostly sweet with a few nuts.

~Author Unknown

## Records for Historic East London Cemetery added to Deceased Online

All 420,000 records for the large and historic Manor Park Cemetery and Crematorium in East London have been digitized and will all be available on [www.deceasedonline.com](http://www.deceasedonline.com) by early March 2013. The unique Deceased Online web portal now features over 3 million London burial and cremation records and millions more for the rest of the UK.

The records for Manor Park comprise approximately 380,000 burial records and 40,000 cremation records featuring:

- Digital scans of registers
- Computerised records for later post-1996 burials and cremations
- Interment details indicating all those buried in each grave
- Maps providing the section in the cemetery where each burial is located
- Some photographs of memorials

Manor Park opened in 1875 and features many interesting burials and memorials that are a real insight into the late 19th and 20th century East London.

The 43-acre Manor Park Cemetery and Crematorium is located near Forest Gate in the London Borough of Newham (records for which are also on Deceased Online). It is privately owned and has been managed by the same family since its foundation on 1875. Indeed, the grave of Mr. William Nesbitt, the very first interment that took place on 25th March 1875, can still be found on the right hand side of Remembrance Road.

Other historic graves and memorials include:

- John Travers Cornwell VC (1900-1916), who died from his wounds at the age of 16 and is believed to be the 3rd youngest recipient of the Victoria Cross, losing his life in the Battle of Jutland in 1916.
- Annie Chapman (1841-1888), the second victim of Jack the Ripper was buried here in September 1888.
- There is a royal connection with the large memorial to Mary Orchard (1830-1906), a much loved nanny to the children of Princess Alice.

- Elizabeth Ann Everest (d 1895) was nanny to Winston Churchill
- Derek Bailey (1930-2005), one of the UK's best known avant-garde guitarists who played with many well-known artists and had an extensive recording career.
- There is a memorial to the 10 year old little hero John Clinton (d 1894) who perished whilst trying to save a drowning friend
- William Thomas Ecclestone (1863-1915) was, at the time of his death, reckoned to be at 38 stones the 2nd heaviest man in the world. He's affectionately known on his memorial as 'Jolly Jumbo'.

There are approximately 100 war graves. Deceased Online is the only website portal dedicated to providing detailed statutory burial and cremation records. Launched four years ago, its database is growing rapidly and features local authority, private cemeteries and crematoria (such as Manor Park) and data supplied by 'Friends' groups and family history societies. Data on the Deceased Online website covers many areas from Aberdeen down to South Devon.

Manor Park director, Brian Cook, said of the digitization and web project: "We're delighted to have all our records digitized which will enable both the local community and anyone connected with the internet globally to access them easily. It also means that we can protect and preserve all our old records and easily access them ourselves online and digitally."

Deceased Online's Head of Marketing Richard Gray commented: "With its size, location and history, Manor Park is an important database to have available online to millions of users. Deceased Online now has over 3 million unique burial records for London available at the touch of a mouse representing nearly 10 million data items and in East London, we have an excellent and growing range of data".

For further information please visit [www.deceasedonline.com](http://www.deceasedonline.com)

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## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

### 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 9:30 am

### 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



## DATABASE OF BRITISH SLAVE OWNERS

A new database lets those of British ancestry curious about their family history uncover information that some might wish to forget: their ancestors owned slaves. Researchers at University College London spent three years compiling a searchable listing of thousands of people who received compensation for loss of their "possessions" when slave ownership was outlawed by Britain in 1833.

The database has details of around 46,000 individual claims and awards made to those who either owned slaves or benefited indirectly from ownership.

In 1833, Parliament finally abolished slavery in the British Caribbean, Mauritius and the Cape. The slave trade had been abolished in 1807, but it had taken another 26 years

to effect the emancipation of the enslaved. However, in place of slavery the negotiated settlement established a system of apprenticeship, tying the newly freed men and women into another form of unfree labor for fixed terms. It also granted £20 million in compensation, to be paid by British taxpayers to the former slave-owners. The database contains information about the payments made to former slave-owners.

You can find the new Database of British Slave Owners at <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/>.

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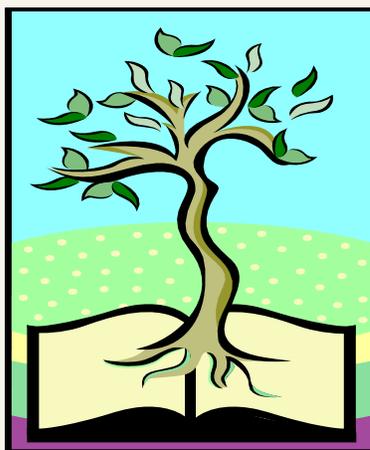
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**NEXT MEETING OF THE  
DENTON COUNTY  
GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY WILL BE ON  
APRIL 11, 2013  
Emily Fowler Central  
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502 Oakland St.  
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