

# DCGS NEWS

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## MAY MEETING THURSDAY MAY 9, 2013



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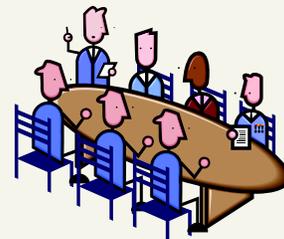
The Denton County Genealogical Society meets on the second Thursday during the months on September-November and January-May. 6:30 P.M. Denton Public Library, Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland St., Denton, TX 76201 [www.genealogydentontexas.org](http://www.genealogydentontexas.org)

### PROGRAM: “Round Table of Member Experiences”

There are so many times that everything comes together and we stumble onto what we've been looking for, for so long, or people show up with that piece of info or relationship that we've been needing; or from hard-core research that finally found us that needle in the haystack. It is so encouraging to hear others' struggles and successes and gives us a chance to pat ourselves on the back for our own little triumphs. What drama as we listen and walk with them through

cemeteries, courthouses and history to find those pieces of their ancestors' lives. What learning as we discover ways and strategies that might work for us.

Please limit your stories to about 5 minutes, especially if many of you want to talk or show. Maybe we could call it "show and tell."



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### THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR

The Denton County Genealogical Society would like to thank each and every one of you who helped to make this year so successful. Our membership is up, and we had very interesting programs throughout the year. Please remember that May is our last meeting of the year. We will start our new year with the September 12th meeting. The executive committee and the program committee will meet over the summer to plan the programs for next year. If

you have any suggestions for programs, please let our program chair, Dayonne Work know.

Dues for next year can be paid to our treasurer, Linda Touraine at any time.

We hope you have enjoyed our meetings, and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

Use your summer to work on your genealogy, and get reacquainted with your family.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear DCGS Friend,

You have probably been on the receiving end of information about the legislative threats facing us the past month or so. Fortunately, the Texas State Genealogical Society has been working diligently to defeat or amend House Bill 3252 sponsored by Representative John Zerwas. The objective of this bill is to close Texas birth records for 125 years and to close Texas death records for 50 years. The explanation, of course, is that doing so will aid in preventing identity theft and fraud. You don't have to know a lot about genealogical research to understand that such action would severely hamper efforts to document our family's history.

Representatives of the Texas State Genealogical Society have been actively opposing the bill by offering testimony before the House Public Health Committee, visiting with various State Representatives, and soliciting assistance from the genealogical community with phone calls and written communications. The TSGS position is that closing these records as proposed will prevent citizens from obtaining their family's health history in a timely manner, add obstacles to the verification of legitimate heirs by forensic genealogists, create difficulty for those wishing to provide required documentation of their ancestry for lineage societies, discourage the practice of genealogy, and do little or nothing toward preventing identity theft.

You can help oppose H.B. 3252 by writing to the House Public Health Committee. If you want to send an e-mail to your Representative, go to <http://www.house.state.tx.us/help/> to find the correct address.

Because we understand that you attend meetings of the Denton County Genealogical Society to learn more about how to research effectively and efficiently, we try hard to keep side issues to a minimum and maximize the time available for lectures and presentations that are timely and interesting. DCGS is our organization, however, and our Bylaws require a business meeting once a year in May. We have little business to conduct, but we do want to keep our Society running smoothly, so we will take care of details this month.

We will still have time during the meeting for some interesting stories from members about what they have found and techniques that worked for them. Sometimes we get our best ideas from other researchers. If it worked for them, it very well may work for us. You, in fact, may have an experience you want to share with us. Some of our very best meetings have consisted of information shared by our own members.

Because we want time to travel, vacation, and search for ancestors, particularly in the summer, we don't meet during the months of June, July, and August. Have a great summer and come back in September to share your successes and learn more.



Wanda Samek, President

## APRIL 2013 MINUTES

The April 2013 meeting of the Denton County Genealogical Society was called to order by Vice President Dayonne Work.

There being no corrections, the minutes of the April 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. Linda will begin collecting dues for next year which are \$15 per person and \$25 per family.

Committee Report: Mark Brownmiller announced there were fourteen visitors including several from the new Wise County Genealogical Society. Also introduced were the member surveys left on the tables.

New business: The Emily Fowler Brancy of the Denton County Library will hold a class on April 20 for newspaper research at 3 o'clock.

Dayonne Work introduced Tatyrek Tressa who gave members and guests tips and tricks for using the LDS familysearch.com wiki and catalog.

Two family charts were given away as door prizes to Jimmy Waggoner and Lee Holcum.

The meeting was adjourned by Dayonne Work.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Balance Aril 1, 2013**                      **\$1,708.53**

### Deposits

T-Shirt profit	\$3.00
Dues 2013-2014	\$110.00
Research	\$16.00
Sale of Book/Wills	\$5.00

**Total**    **\$134.00**

### Disbursements

April program	\$75.00
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**Total**    **\$75.00**

**Balance April 30, 2013**                      **\$1,767.53**

2012-2013 Paid Members	– 72
2013-2014 Paid Members	– 13
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

**The Denton County Genealogical Society welcomes three more new members, Charlice Talbott, and Jimmy and Susan Waggoner. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.**

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

## SUMMER IS FULL OF GENEALOGY LEARNING AND FUN

The Dallas Genealogical Society is excited to announce the speakers and program for our 2013 Summer Institute to be held Aug 2-3 at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in downtown Dallas.

**Speakers:** Pamela Boyer Sayre and Richard Sayre

**Program:** Bits of Yesterday: Using Maps and Records to Complete Your Family Story

**Topics:**

- Our National Treasure: The Library of Congress
- Remote Research in the Databases of the Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogical Research System
- Land Entry Papers and Records of the General Land Office
- Sharing Your Family History
- Maps: Where to Find Them and How to Use Them
- Using Topographic and Other Maps Google Earth for Genealogists



## FGS 2013 Conference

“Journey through generations” during the next Federation of Genealogical Societies conference. Join us at the [Grand Wayne Convention Center](#) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 21-24, for a fun-filled, inspiring time as you learn from the experts, research in the nation’s second largest Genealogical library and more. Everyone with an interest in family history is welcome.

## 9th Annual Genealogy Conference and Cruise

The largest family history conference on the seas!

Hosted by Wholly Genes, Inc.  
October 17-25, 2013

Join us for an educational and fun-filled voyage to Maine and Canada while we learn about genealogical research methods, sources, tools, and technologies from some of the foremost experts in those fields.

You'll be among friends (old and new) and fellow researchers from around the world as you soak up new knowledge and skills through a lecture series that rivals any regional or national genealogy conference - but at one remarkably-low price that includes all meals, taxes, port charges, onboard entertainment, and conference events.

As popular as our lecture series is, many veterans of our conference value something else even more. That is the opportunity to share a meal with a world-class genealogist or to schedule **one-on-one time** to discuss their specific research challenges. Come armed with your records and be prepared to hear about new resources, repositories, and finding aids that will help you to break down those brick walls. Some people find these private consultations alone to be worth the trip.

Bring your spouse/companion who will find plenty to do on board while you enhance your research skills. Then spend the meals, evenings, and port days together for a truly memorable vacation!

What could be better than a cruise to Maine, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick ... and a first-class genealogy conference all rolled into one?

This event is nearly always sold out so **register early** to avoid missing your chance to join us!



## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

### SAVE THE DATE!

The fall state-wide lock-in, sometimes known as Genealogy After Hours will take place on October 18, 2013. Like last year, we will have speakers from all over the state of Texas who are presenting in remote locations. It will be a fun and interesting night of programs, with plenty of time to do research. More information will be forthcoming.

### SUMMER GENEALOGY CLASSES

#### “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

#### Beginning Genealogy

Interested in researching your family history, but not sure how to start? Let us show you how. Learn the basics of genealogical research, including gathering information, using genealogical forms, basic sources, and staying organized, as well as the resources available at the library. (2 hours) This program is free, but

seating is limited. Please call 349-8752 to register

Saturday 06/15 Emily Fowler Library 3-5 pm

#### Free Online Genealogy Resources

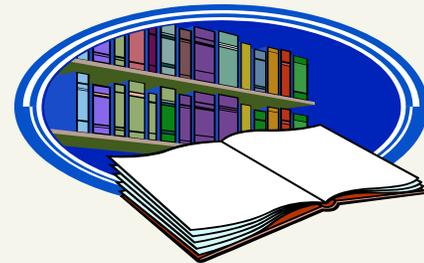
Learn how to locate free, hard-to-find genealogy materials online. Learn search techniques to access genealogical and historical websites that may contain the answers to your most difficult family history questions. Call 349-8752 to register.

Saturday 07/13 Emily Fowler Library 2-4 pm

#### Genealogy and Social Media

Increasingly, genealogists are using social media such as Facebook and YouTube to assist them in their research. Join us as well discuss the major social media outlets and the exciting ways they can be used for genealogy. This class will last approximately two hours and is free. Advance registration is required. Call 349-8752 to register.

Saturday 08/10 Emily Fowler Library 3-5 pm



### 2012-2014 OFFICERS

President—Wanda Samek

Vice-President—Dayonne Work

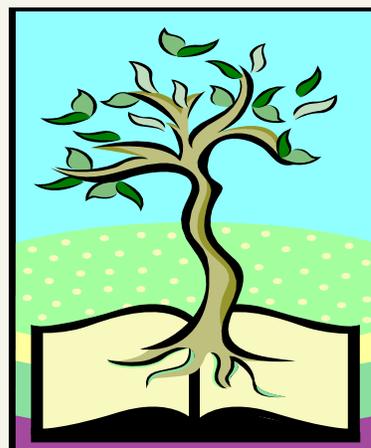
Secretary—Susan McIntosh

Treasurer—Linda Touraine

Librarian—Kathy Strauss

Webmaster—Chris Strauss

Historical Research—Danny Puckett



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DENTON COUNTY  
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SOCIETY WILL BE ON  
SEPT 12, 2013  
Emily Fowler Central  
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502 Oakland St.  
Denton**

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