

DGS NEWS

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SEPTEMBER MEETING THURSDAY SEPT 12, 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

PROGRAM: “Migration—Why Will Help You Learn the Who, When, and Where” SPEAKER: John Wylie

Our speaker will outline and demonstrate the value of understanding the fundamental motives for migration, immigration, and emigration. He will also address the laws, economics, and customs for people moving from one place to another, plus where to find sources.

John Wylie, a professional genealogist since 1990, serves the Texas State Genealogical Society as President Elect and 2012 State Conference Chair, the Association of Professional Genealogists as national secretary 2006 - 2009, the

National Genealogical Society as a member of the GenTech Advisory Committee 2002 - 2009 and the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society as past-president and current Library Liaison. A founder of GenTech he served on the team that developed the GenTech Genealogical Data Model. In twenty years John has authored more than 25 articles in publications including *Stirpes*, *Digital Genealogist*, *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and *Genealogical Computing*. He has lectured at over a dozen national conferences and at state and local seminars in 29 states. He co-authored the NGS publication *Indexing Family Histories* and wrote the *How to Cite Sources* tutorial on Ancestry.com for eleven years. He was the 2004 recipient of the DGS Lloyd Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award.

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FALL PROGRAMS

The program committee has worked hard this summer planning our programs and arranging for speakers. The fall programs will be:
9/12—”Migration-Why Will Help You Learn the Who, When, and Where,” - John Wylie.

10/10—”Church Records,”- Kelvin Meyer.

11/14—”British Research,”-Jeanette Hurst.

2013-2014 DUES

It’s time to pay your dues for the upcoming 2013-2014 year. Dues are \$15.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for couples. Please make checks payable to the Denton County Genealogical Society. We have lots of activities planned for the

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear DCGS Friend,

Summer has come and gone! I hope it was enjoyable for you. Maybe you found time to do a little research along the way and discovered a "new" ancestor or two.

I've missed our meetings and will be glad to get back into a routine. We have an exciting year lined up for you. Our first meeting for the new year will be Thursday, September 12, 2013, at the Emily Fowler Library in Denton. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., but be sure to come in time for refreshments and networking at 6:30 p.m. You might consider bringing a friend.

We conducted a survey last spring to see what you liked and didn't like, what you wanted us to do that we weren't doing, and asked for comments. We were very pleasantly surprised when the results were tallied. Our programs were very well received. In fact, from your responses, it appeared that you like just about everything concerning our overall operation. We appreciate your responses and participation, and we are enthusiastic about doing whatever it takes to uphold our reputation and continue to meet your expectations.

The Program Committee has lined up an array of topics that you requested for the coming year and arranged for interesting speakers. You will want to make it a point to attend every single meeting. Mark your calendar now for the second Thursday of every month (except December).

We are looking into the possibility of scheduling a workshop in the spring that will address a timely genealogical topic. It will provide a more in-depth look at a specific issue than we can manage in a one-hour meeting.

There will be a Lock-In at the library on Friday, October 18, 2013. It will give you yet another opportunity to learn more about effective research techniques and tackle a particularly tough problem when help and guidance are available. You will be able to avail yourself of genealogy resources and databases when the library is closed to the public.

We are considering ordering tote bags with the name of Denton County Genealogical Society and our attractive logo on them. It's an item that will be handy and practical while identifying us as members of DCGS. If you indicate an interest, we can provide T-shirts with the name and logo in the same color as well. We hope to have samples to show you at the September meeting.

A new membership brochure is being developed along with posters that will be available to you to put in places where potential members can see them and thereby be invited to join us. You are also reminded that we have a research service available for a nominal fee.

Don't forget to check our website often at <http://www.genealogydentontexas.org/>. It contains lots of interesting and helpful information about Denton, its history, and other available resources. It also provides a communications tool. Our newsletters are posted monthly along with other pertinent data. We are also on www.facebook.com, so check that site for announcements and upcoming events.

Our membership year runs June 1 through May 31, so membership dues cover that period. We are now collecting dues for the period beginning June 1, 2013. Since we don't meet in the summer, the September meeting will be your opportunity to remit your dues to the Treasurer. Unlike most organizations, we have not increased our dues for several years and they remain quite low.

We want to provide a more personal genealogy experience for you, so we are always looking for opportunities and new ideas. The current project is to compile a list of names that our members are researching along with locations where those families lived. The hope is that members will be able to find common ancestors and avail themselves of information already gleaned and share what they know.

Come and grow with us!



MAY 2013 MINUTES

The Denton County Genealogical Society met May 9, 2013, at the Emily Fowler Library. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Wanda Samek. Twenty-three (23) members and four (4) guests were in attendance.

The minutes, published in the online newsletter for the April 11 meeting were approved as corrected. The treasurer report was approved and filed. Funds available as of April 30, 2012 were \$1,767.53. Linda Touraine, Treasurer, reported that the society ended the year with 72 paid members, an increase of 21 from the previous year. She also announced that 2013-2014 dues had already been received from 13 members and that she would accept others that night.

Welcome was given by Mark Brownmiller, Membership Committee Co-Chairman. He introduced guests Gloria Eggleston, Denton, and Jean Chaba, Copper Canyon. He also introduced new members Tom and Carol Richards. It was reported that new members from April were Jimmy and Susan Waggoner and Charlice Talbot. Mary Brownmiller, Membership Committee Co-Chairman reported the society had gained a total of twenty-three (23) new members. Mary also announced that there were still questionnaires available and asked that they be turned in at the end of the meeting so planning could be done for the upcoming year.

President Wanda Samek welcomed members and guests and reported that while it was the annual meeting, she did not have any business and asked if any other officer had a report. Kathy Strauss, Librarian, announced that the library would be having some genealogy summer classes and invited the members to attend. She also reminded members that the library staff in the Special Collections section is available to help members with the collection and/or the genealogy databases.

The meeting was then turned over to the members so that they could share successes, problems, brick walls, helpful hints or just exchange information. Members participating included Kathi Coatney, Mary Brownmiller, Joe Spears, Wanda Samek, Veneta Lewis, M. Jane Ingram, Donna Spears, Jean Chaba, Nita Thurman, Linda Johnson, Chris Strauss, and Carlotta Claiborne.

A thank you was given by President Wanda for those that had provided the refreshments: Veneta Lewis, Linda Johnson and Jeff Hyde.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Submitted by Linda Touraine,
For Susan McIntosh, Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance May 1, 2013 **\$1,767.53**

Deposits

Dues 2013-2014 \$310.00
 Donation \$5.00

Total **\$315.00**

Disbursements

Expense reimbursement
 to President \$400.00

Total **\$400.00**

Balance Aug. 25, 2013 **\$1,682.53**

2013-2014 Paid Members – 35
 2014-2015 Paid Members – 1

Library Donations
 April 1995 – May 2006 \$2,876.52
 June 2006 – June 2012 \$3,310.00
 July 2012 – to date -0-

Respectfully Submitted,
 Linda Touraine, Treasurer



MEMBERSHIP

Our member surveys last spring were a success. Thanks to all who participated. We are doing our best to do as much as we can from the results.

1. We will be trying an ‘after-meeting meet up.’ Sometimes we don’t have the extra time to fully discuss the speaker or get help from each other because the library has to close. So, for those who can, and want to, we will be meeting up at Zera Coffee Company at 420 E. McKinney right after the meetings to see how it goes. We will send the DCGS sign with someone so you can find us.
2. Our members also asked for a place to put names and states being researched (and

books we are willing to share) so we can network more efficiently. Mary Brownmiller will send out mini-surveys to collect states and names we are researching in order to add them to the roster of members.

3. We are working on designing a tote-bag for you to use for all your trips to the library. It will have the courthouse logo and our name and tagline on it. Sales price will be \$15 and we hope to have at least a sample for you to see at the first meeting.

Federation of Genealogical Societies Announces 2015 Conference to be Combined with RootsTech

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) announced that its 2015 National Conference will be held February 12-14, 2015, in Salt Lake City, Utah in conjunction with RootsTech, hosted by FamilySearch. RootsTech is held each February in Salt Lake City and helps thousands of attendees from around the world discover and share family connections, stories, and history. With the Salt Palace Convention Center as the common venue, both FamilySearch and FGS are committed to producing a one-of-a-kind genealogy event addressing the educational needs of the family history, technology and genealogical society communities. As the logistics of this sizeable event are still being worked out, both FGS and FamilySearch will work together to share resources and provide cost benefits for all parties, including attendees and exhibitors. Attendees can expect to see familiar elements of previous FGS and RootsTech events including keynote presentations, a Society Showcase and Expo Hall.

Registration for both events will begin in August 2014, six months prior to the February 2015 dates. FGS will also hold a smaller national event for its members in late 2015, with details to be announced at a later date.

FGS President D. Joshua Taylor states, “FamilySearch has been a valued partner and sponsor for FGS during its past conferences. It only makes sense for both organizations to work together and produce what will be the most talked

about genealogy events of 2015.” Taylor added that such an event brings the best of RootsTech and FGS conferences together under one roof and will offer genealogists and family historians a wide array of activities and educational opportunities.

About the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) was founded in 1976 and represents the members of hundreds of genealogical societies. FGS links the genealogical community by helping genealogical societies strengthen and grow through resources available online, FGS Forum magazine (filled with articles pertaining to society management and genealogical news), and Society Strategy Series papers, covering topics about effectively operating a genealogical society. FGS also links the genealogical community through its annual conference -- four days of excellent lectures, including one full day devoted to society management topics. To learn more visit <http://www.fgs.org>.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Special Collections Fall Programs and Classes

9/21—Curly Bill and the Chisholm Trail

Special guest author Randy Farmer will speak on noted outlaw Curly Bill and Texas in the late 19th Century. Emily Fowler Library 3:00 pm

10/18—Genealogy After-Hours

Connect with libraries across Texas for informative programs and genealogical resources Webinars begin in Special Collections at 12:30 pm. Lock-in begins at 6:00 pm. More details will follow.

Emily Fowler Library

11/16—What Did Grandpa Do? Historical Occupations

Was your grandfather a guilder or a huckster? Find out more about historical names for occupation and how to locate information about your ancestor's livelihood. Emily Fowler Library 3:00 pm

Genealogy Lock-In Programming and Webinar Information

October 18, 2013

Webinars in Special Collections

12:30pm-1:50 pm—"Who Am I? Basic Steps in Beginning to Find Out," Sue Kaufman.

2:00 pm-2:50 pm—"Find Success with Family Search!" Karen Matheson.

3:00 pm-3:50 pm—"e-Docs, e-Services and e-Government: County Records Online," Kristi DeCluitt.

4:00 pm-5:15 pm—"Solving Family History Mysteries with Original Landowner Maps," Greg Boyd.

5:30 pm-6:30 pm "Ancestry Library Edition: What's New," Edward Loera.

Programs in Meeting Room during Lock-in
7:00 pm-7:50 pm—"Accessing Texas County Records through the Regional Historical Resources Depositories Program," Laura Saegert.

8:00 pm-9:15 pm—"Unusual Genealogy Resources," Sue Kaufman.

9:30 pm-10:30 pm—"Genealogical Resources of the Texas General Land Office," Kevin Klaus.

You can choose to attend all program, or just a few. There will be plenty of time to research in our collections during the lock-in. If you wish, bring your laptop to access the webinars.

There is also a possibility for an "Ancestor Roadshow" hosted by the Association of Professional Genealogists.

There will be more information about the lock-in in next month's newsletter as well as registration information.

**Put this date on your calendar!
October 18, 2013**

2012-2014 OFFICERS

President—Wanda Samek

Vice-President—Dayonne Work

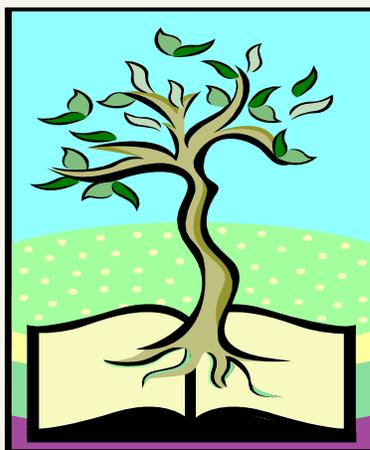
Secretary—Susan McIntosh

Treasurer—Linda Touraine

Librarian—Kathy Strauss

Webmaster—Chris Strauss

Historical Research—Danny Puckett



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DENTON COUNTY
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OCT 10, 2013
Emily Fowler Central
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