

DCGS NEWS

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NOVEMBER MEETING THURSDAY NOV 14, 2013

PROGRAM: BRITISH RESEARCH

SPEAKER: JEANETTE HURST

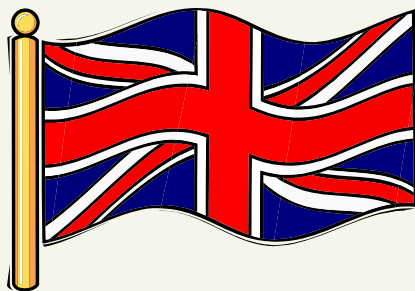
years. She began researching her US and English ancestors about fifteen years ago and has been at it ever since. Besides working at the Plano Family History Center, she gives presentations on various genealogical topics.



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

Jeanette Hurst has a Ph. D. in history from Cornell University, and has taught at UT Dallas and the University of Dallas for many



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MEMBERSHIP

We want to welcome our six new members so far this year: Betty Belcher, Ken Walker, Tom McCorkill, Jean Chaka, Donna Cunningham, and Adele Stewart.

We will order t-shirts IF we are able to get 20 orders. So far, we only have 9, so if you wish to have a t-shirt, please remember to sign up next week at the meeting, or let me know by email

(mbrownmiller@centinel.com) if you cannot make it next week. We also have DCGS totebags for sale at \$15. We would appreciate your support and advertisement of the Society by purchasing one! Thanks!

Mary and Mark Brownmiller



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this monthly letter, I am preparing to leave for Austin for the State Conference of the Texas State Genealogical Society. I hope to see several members there from DCGS and to pick up some useful knowledge to share with you.

We enjoyed another great meeting in October. Kelvin Myers is always a popular speaker and we rarely get good information on where to look for church records and how to use them when searching for our families. Kelvin presented a lot of helpful material and possible sources that are not well known.

The lock-in at the library in October was a terrific opportunity to search in a friendly environment made up of librarians and other searchers. There's something relaxing about having the library to ourselves. (The baked potato bar was enjoyable, too!)

Our DCGS tote bags are printed and ready to be picked up at the next meeting. They really are nice looking and useful for keeping your genealogical information together either at the meeting or in the library or while traveling. At \$15 each, they're also a good bargain. If you would like to order a T-shirt with

the DCGS logo on it, be sure to see Mary Brownmiller at the meeting. They are also \$15 each.

As a gentle reminder, if you haven't paid your dues for 2013-14, please see Linda Touraine at the meeting and take care of that little matter.

There will be a bit business to be handled at the next meeting—a proposed change to our Bylaws. The proposal is to omit one sentence, "No program will be scheduled for this meeting," from Article V, Section 3, regarding our annual business meeting which takes place in May. Notice was given last month, so we will be voting on the proposal in November.

We're glad you are a member of Denton County Genealogical Society and try very hard to meet your expectations for your favorite organization. Let us know when you have suggestions.

Be sure to join us for our meeting on November 14.



Wanda Samek

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Ancestry.com's ProGenealogists experts will be offering two LIVE educational opportunities in November 2013.

The first of these educational opportunities is a LIVE webinar with renowned genealogist and teacher, Kory L. Meyerink, MLS, AG, FUGA. Mr. Meyerink's 1 hour webinar focuses on how to find and then derive the most helpful clues from United States death records. Cost \$9.95.

This webinar is ideal for beginning genealogists, researchers with an interest in medical history, and family historians with a 19th to 21st century family history death mystery. Not only will Mr. Meyerink teach participants how to use death records to extend a family tree, but he'll offer information on what types of death records are available online and how to save money when ordering records. Multiple LIVE webinar times are available, with the first webinar held November 14th. Learn more about this webinar and register at www.progenealogists.com/deathrecords.htm?o_xid=LibIns-1

The second educational event is a 1-hour LIVE online training session with expert Joseph B. Shumway, AG. Mr. Shumway specializes in United States family history

research and is a featured genealogical expert on TV's *Who Do You Think You Are?* Cost \$39.95.

Mr. Shumway's online training sessions are limited to 100 students per session and will focus on Native American Records for the Five Civilized Tribes (Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, and Seminole tribes).

In this LIVE classroom setting, students can raise their hands to ask audio questions, participate in classroom surveys and quizzes, and enjoy a number of interactive opportunities with the teacher and with one another. Full high-definition video and LIVE demonstrations are part of this training setting. Family researchers who believe they have a 19th to 21st century Native American mystery to solve, or others who are interested in learning about the records and research methods pertaining to the Five Civilized Tribes will enjoy this class. Multiple live training sessions are available, with the first held November 19th. Learn more about this LIVE Native American training and register at http://www.progenealogists.com/nativeamericans.htm?o_xid=LibIns-1

OCTOBER 2013 MINUTES

The Denton County Genealogical Society met Thursday, October 10, 2013, at the Emily Fowler Public Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Wanda Samek.

Guests were introduced and welcomed by Mark Brownmiller, Membership Committee Co-Chair. New members, Adele Stewart and Betty Belcher, were also introduced, welcomed, and warmly received.

There being no additions or modifications, the minutes of the meeting on September 12, 2014, were approved as printed in the monthly newsletter.

The treasurer's report was also printed in the newsletter, and it was filed for record.

A recommendation from the Executive Board was presented by Dr. Christopher Strauss for consideration. The proposal was that Article V, Section 3, be amended by deletion of the last sentence: "No program will be scheduled for this meeting." A vote will be taken at the next meeting of the Society.

(Note for the record: Article V, Section 3, currently reads: *At the Annual Business meeting in May, the incumbent President will conduct the year's final business, which will include the election of the new officers. No program will be scheduled for this meeting.* The proposed change would delete only the last sentence.)

Kathy Strauss, Librarian, encouraged members to attend the Library Lock-in scheduled on October 18, 2014. Mary Brownmiller, Membership Co-Chair, reminded members that logo tote bags and T-shirts were available for \$15.00 each.

The program was presented by Kelvin Meyers. His interesting and well-received topic was "Church Records: Underused and Underutilized."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. by the President.

--Minutes prepared by Wanda Samek in the absence of Susan McIntosh, Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Sept. 30, 2013	\$1,840.53	Balance Oct. 31, 2013	\$1,792.03
Deposits		2013-2014 Paid Members – 76	
Dues 2013-2014	\$225.00	2014-2015 Paid Members – 1	
DCGS Totes	60.00		
Donations	25.00		
Total	\$310.00	Library Donations	
		April 1995 – May 2006	\$2,876.52
		June 2006 – June 2012	\$3,310.00
		July 2012 – to date	-0-
Disbursements			
Speaker, Oct.			
Program	\$75.00		
DCGS Totes Exp.	\$283.50		
Total	\$358.50		

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Touraine, Treasurer



Lincoln, the Union and Crisis

Throughout the months of December and January, the Denton Public Library will host a series of lectures, a movie showing, and exhibits that examines the challenges that Abraham Lincoln and the nation faced during his presidency, and the legacy of the decisions he made. The main feature of this series is the traveling exhibition entitled **“Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War.”** This exhibition will be on display at the South Branch Library from Dec. 4 through Jan. 24. It uses the U. S. Constitution as a cohesive thread to offer a fresh and innovative perspective on the Civil War that brings into focus the constitutional crisis at the heart of this great conflict. The exhibition identifies three crises – the secession of the Southern states, slavery, and wartime civil liberties – and explores how Lincoln sought to meet these political and constitutional challenges. The exhibition encourages visitors to understand the Civil War as a test of the U. S. Constitution, to consider Lincoln’s options through his own eyes, and to reflect on the significance of that great 19th-century.

This exhibition formally opens on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7 pm with a reception and lecture by Dr. Paul Travis (TWU) entitled **“Secession from the Ratification of the Constitution through the Civil War.”** – South Branch Library

Other events in the series are:

The exhibit **“Looking at Lincoln: Political Cartoons from the Civil War Era,”** on display at the Emily Fowler Central Library from Dec. 4 through Jan. 2. This exhibit was developed by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and many of the prints were made available by the Library of Congress.

A lecture entitled **“The Antebellum South’s Shifting Defense of Slavery”** by Dr. D. Harland Hagler (UNT) – Saturday, Dec. 7 at 2 PM at the South Branch Library

A lecture entitled **“Slavery: Popular Sovereignty vs. the Constitution”** by Dr. Steven Forde (UNT) – Saturday, Dec. 14 at 2 PM at the South Branch Library.

A lecture entitled **“Lincoln and Emancipation”** by Dr. Richard McCaslin (UNT) – Saturday, Jan. 11 at 2:00 PM at the South Branch Library.

A showing of the **2012 movie starring Daniel Day-Lewis** – Saturday, Jan 18 at 2:00 at the North Branch Library.

A lecture entitled **“Lincoln and Civil Rights during the Civil War”** by Dr. Gustav Seligmann (UNT) – Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 7 PM at the South Branch Library.

“Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War,” a traveling exhibition for libraries, was organized by the National Constitution Center and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The traveling exhibition has been made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

“Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War” is based on an exhibition of the same name developed by the National Constitution Center.

These programs are also made possible in part by a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information, call 349-8726, email fred.kamman@cityofdenton.com, or visit www.dentonpl.com/Lincoln

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Special Collections Fall Classes

11/16—What Did Grandpa Do? Historical Occupations

Was your grandfather a guildler 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

12/7—Civil War Genealogy Research

Nancy Calhoun, a 40-year veteran of genealogy research, will dress in period costume as she gives a class about locating Civil War ancestors. Call 349-8752 to register.

Emily Fowler Library 3 p.m.

1/25—Cemetery Research

Join us for a program on doing cemetery genealogy research. A wealth of information about your ancestors can be found in cemetery indexes, records, databases and in the cemeteries themselves. Call 349-8752 to register.

Emily Fowler Library 3 p.m.

2/15—Beginning Genealogy

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. Call 349-8752 to register.

Emily Fowler Library 3 pm

PERSI to Move to FindMyPast

PERSI (the PERiodical Source Index) is a great tool for genealogists. It is the world's largest and most widely used subject index to genealogy and local history periodicals written in English and French (Canada). The collection dates from approximately 1800 and contains more than 3 million searchable records from nearly 10,000 different periodicals indexed by staffers at the Allen County Public Library. Since its release in 1986, PERSI has gained wide recognition as an essential tool for high-quality genealogy research.

Periodicals indexed in PERSI include magazines, newsletters, journals, and other publications produced as a series that deal with topics of interest to genealogists and family historians. Each year, these publications add thousands of records, histories, articles, pedigrees, and other materials that can point researchers to new or obscure sources, record types or repositories, or family histories. PERSI gives family historians a way to learn of and

access these materials, which otherwise may not be easy to find.

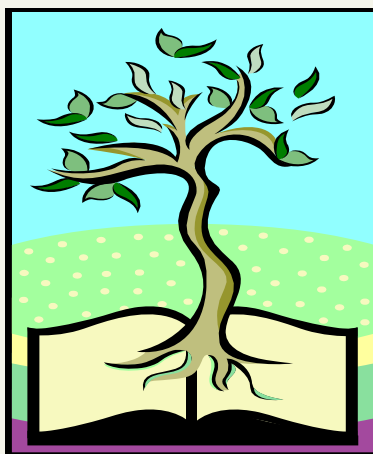
PERSI has been produced by the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana since 1986 with new additions being made monthly. In 2006, the library contracted with Heritage Quest to publish PERSI. While still available to the general public, Heritage Quest is only available through participating libraries.

The Allen County Public Library is working with Brightsolid, an online publishing firm in the United Kingdom. Brightsolid is the parent company of FindMyPast and a number of other genealogy sites. Brightsolid hopes to do something no American firm has been able to do: Link the index to the full text of the article.

Source: Dick Eastman, Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter, www.eogn.com

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**NEXT MEETING OF THE
 DENTON COUNTY
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 JAN 9, 2014
 Emily Fowler Central
 Library
 502 Oakland St.
 Denton**

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