

# DCGS NEWS

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## FEBRUARY MEETING THURSDAY FEB 13, 2014



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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: "GERMAN RESEARCH"

#### SPEAKER: DAVIDEEN DEMSKE

This lecture will include:  
How to find your German ancestor's town of origin; how to find your German ancestor who didn't live in present-day Germany; how to use American and German record sources; how to use gazetteers and maps to locate your ancestral town;

how to decipher German script and name variations.

Daviddeen Demske is from Coppell, Texas and has given seminars at the Lewisville Stake Family History Fair. She has served on the staff of the Lewisville Family History Center and is currently a staff member at the Carrollton Family Center. She holds a M.A. in industrial relations and a J.D. in law.

### DNA SEMINAR IN MARCH

The Denton County Genealogical Society will host a special seminar on DNA for Genealogists on March 22, 2014, at the Emily Fowler Central Library. Registration is required. The cost for the seminar will be announced soon.

The DNA seminar will feature Jane Buck who speaks on behalf of Family Tree DNA. Jane Buck received a B.S. in Biology from Millsaps College in 2002, and has been pursuing genealogy as a hobby since 2005. She first joined Family Tree DNA as a customer and, through their service, found many new family members and broke through some "brick walls" in her own research. In

2010, Jane Buck officially joined the Family Tree DNA team as head of the Customer Service department. In this role, she had the opportunity to speak to numerous genealogical groups and organizations about the benefits of genetic genealogy. She has since pursued a career in environmental consulting, though she continues giving talks around the country on behalf of Family Tree DNA.

Mark your calendars, and plan to attend this exciting seminar.



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Dear DCGS Members:

We have T-shirts coming! They are a beautiful royal blue with our special logo and byline on them. If you ordered one, you will proud to wear it.

I cannot imagine anyone speaking about genealogy who could be more entertaining than January's speaker. Richard Monroe spoke on "Migration into Texas" and was a big hit. The lecture was fast-paced and packed full of Texas history. We laughed and learned and had fun together.

The date of our DNA Seminar is fast approaching. It will be March 22 at the Emily Fowler Library and promises to be a highlight of 2014. The lecturer will be Jane Buck. You will need to register so we can estimate how many will be there and have refreshments and seminar handouts available for everyone. The registration fee will make your mouth drop open. Our goal is to provide a benefit to you—not to make money, and the fee is set accordingly.

Our meeting this month will be February 13 and will feature Davideen Demske who will tell us about researching German ancestors. Most of us have some German heritage (and some of us have a lot), so it promises to be a very informative evening.

We are pleased to have Marjorie Lowe coming to visit us in March to speak on "Five Tribes Research." Those who have (or suspect they have) Indian heritage will want to make special plans to attend.

A nominating committee will be appointed during this month's meeting. If you are interested in filling an office or serving on the committee, or if

you want to recommend someone for either post, please let us know. The new officers will be elected (and will take office) in May.

One of our objectives is to support the Denton Public Library's genealogical collection. We took a big step when we voted last month to contribute \$500 to this effort. Thank you for that support and for making the contribution possible through your dues money.

It's time to make plans to attend the annual conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies August 27-30, 2014. We are lucky to have the national conference in San Antonio this year. The meetings will take place at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center. The suggested hotel is the Marriott Riverwalk (phone 214-224-4555 for reservations and mention FGS to receive the conference rate). The conference will be hosted by the Texas State Genealogical Society. Go to [www.fgsconference.org](http://www.fgsconference.org) for more information. The first day is usually concentrated on providing lectures and workshops focusing on local society chapters and officers. The other days are genealogical lectures on at least three different tracks. The FGS conferences are excellent. If you haven't attended one, this is a great opportunity.

Plan to arrive at the library at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, for socializing followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. You'll want to have time to register for the seminar.



Wanda Samek, President

The Denton County Genealogical Society expresses its deepest sympathy to Wanda Samek and the entire Samek family for the loss of Joe Samek, husband and father, on January 23, 2014. May he rest in peace.



## Charter Member Holly Hervey 1938-2014

Hollace Lynne "Holly" Hervey, 75, a dedicated and loyal friend to many Dentonites and charities, passed from this life on Thursday, January 9, 2014. She was born November 29, 1938 in Abilene, Texas to the late Maggie Suetta Boles and LeRoyal Percival Hervey. She grew up in New Mexico, primarily Artesia, where her mother and step-father Barney Cockburn settled. Holly graduated from Radford School for Girls in El Paso, Texas and received her Bachelor of Arts in Drama in 1960 and a Master of Business Administration degree in 1975 at Texas Woman's University in Denton.

Holly was a charter member of the Denton County Genealogical Society, where she researched the family history of many Denton families. Between 1979 and 1992, she wrote "Heritage Hunters", a genealogical column for the Denton Record-Chronicle. She has been working on her family history and teaching genealogy since the 1960's. Holly worked many years as an accountant for Flow Memorial Hospital in Denton, and the Denton County Historical Museum, Inc., where she helped establish a research library using records in the museum's archives and materials collected from researchers using the facility. She served as a financial manager for the Flow Healthcare Foundation, assisting with the distribution of annual grant monies to a variety of Denton and North Texas medical groups.

Holly spent recent years, reading, particularly on her Kindle, traveling to see the country by RV, and playing and attending mountain dulcimer music workshops with her long-time companion, Willetta "Willie" Malone and their beloved pets Miss Pearly and Punkin'. Their love of music introduced them to many wonderful friends that over the years have become family.

Holly is preceded in death by her mother, father, step-father, and two brothers, Roy Percy "Junior" and Hal Hervey.

The visitation will be held on Tuesday, January, 14th from 5 to 7 pm at Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home, 705 North Locust Street, Denton, Texas, 76201. On January 15th a celebration of Holly's life will begin at 2 pm at Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home. Family and friends are invited to share memories of Holly. A private graveside services will follow. Memorials/donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Flow Healthcare Foundation, 1602 Highland Park Rd., Denton, TX 76205 or the Denton Community Food Center, P.O. Box 2121, Denton, TX 76202-2121. On line condolences may be left at [www.mulkeymasondenton.com](http://www.mulkeymasondenton.com)

## NOVEMBER 2013 MINUTES

President Wanda Samek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. the public.

Mary Brownmiller welcomed five visitors, Leeann Jernigan, Valeria Tomason, Mary Reynolds, Eldon Reynolds, and Rita E. Boerner.

There being no corrections, the minutes of the November 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.

Membership Co-chair, Mary Brownmiller, offered totes and t-shirts emblazoned with the DCGS logo for sale.

New Business: Susan McIntosh moved that the Society donate \$500.00 to the Genealogy Department of the Denton County Public Library. The motion was seconded and passed by a majority vote of the members.

Kathy Strauss played a short, entertaining video created by the DCPL showcasing their services to

Wanda Samek reminded the members that officers are needed for the new term beginning in May. Also needed are volunteers for the nomination board.

Dayonne Work introduced the evening's speaker, Richard Monroe, who gave a lively and informative talk entitled "A Century of Texas Immigration".

A half day DNA seminar is planned for March 22.

The next meeting will be on February 13, 2014.

Wanda Samek adjourned the meeting at 8:32.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan McIntosh  
Secretary



## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Balance Jan. 1, 2014** **\$1,842.03**

**Deposits**

Dues 2013-2014 \$30.00  
Dues 2012-2013 15.00  
Research 15.00

**Total** **\$60.00**

**Disbursements**

FGS Dues \$45.00  
TSGS 25.00  
Sales Tax, 2013 24.55  
Program, Jan. 75.00

**Total Disburse.** **\$169.55**

**Balance Jan. 31, 2014** **\$1,732.48**

2013-2014 Paid Members – 80  
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



## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

### Special Collections Spring Classes

#### 2/15—Beginning Genealogy

Call 349-8752 to register.  
Emily Fowler Library 3 pm

#### 3/15—Migration Routes Across America

Call 349-8752 to register.  
Emily Fowler Library 3 pm

#### 4/12—Cemetery Research

Call 349-8752 to register.  
Emily Fowler Library 3 pm

#### 5/17—Online Genealogy Research

Call 349-8752 to register.  
Emily Fowler Library 3 pm

### Special Collections Webpage [www.dentonlibrary.com](http://www.dentonlibrary.com).

If you haven't visited our webpage lately, please check us out. We have uploaded two very important indexes, a Vertical File finding aid and an alphabetical index to the Schmitz & Shepard Funeral Home records. Both of these are works-in-progress done by volunteers. The Vertical File within our collection is indexed by subject with the contents of each file listed. The funeral home records are arranged alphabetically. The records are taken from cards transcribed by the Denton County Genealogical Society. The cards are available within the department.

### HISTORY PIN—[www.historypin.com](http://www.historypin.com)

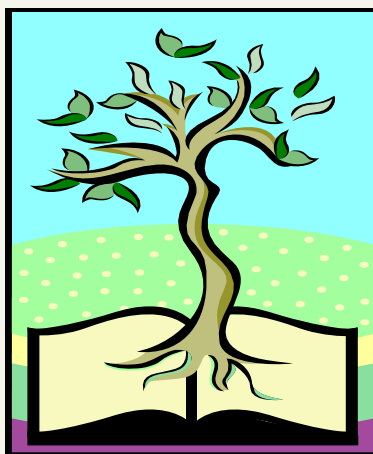
Historypin is a way for millions of people to come together, from across different generations, cultures and places, to share small glimpses of the past and to build up the huge story of human history. Everyone has history to share: whether its sitting in yellowed albums in the attic, collected in piles of crackly tapes, conserved in the 100s of archives all over the world or passed down in memories and old stories. Each of these pieces of history finds a home on Historypin, where everyone has the chance to see it, add to it, learn from it, debate it and use it to build up a amore complete understanding of the world.

Historypin is made up of photographic images, videos, audio clips and descriptive and narrative text. Photographic images can be pinned directly to the Historypin map by users. These images can be of any location—outdoors or indoors—at any time in the past.

This website has so many levels and community projects. Many libraries and archives from around the world are sharing their digitized pictures with others. Check it out!

#### 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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