

DCGS NEWS

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MARCH MEETING THURSDAY MARCH 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

PROGRAM: “Finding the Five Tribes”

SPEAKER: Marjorie J. Lowe

Marjorie J. Lowe, Houston, Texas, retired teacher, was born and raised on her father’s Cherokee allotment in Washington County, Oklahoma. A registered citizen of the 300,000 member Cherokee Nation, she has served on the Board of Trustees of the Cherokee National Historical Society, the Oklahoma Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association, and the Cherokee At Large Voters League of Houston, a recognized Cherokee community.

In 2003, The Cherokee Nation award her the Gadugi Medal for Community Leadership. In 2009, the Cherokee National Council confirmed her as a member of the Cherokee Nation Registration Committee. Lowe has contributed Indian related articles to the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, the *Goingsnake Messenger*, the *Cherokee Heritage Center*, “*Columns*,” the *Houston Genealogical Forum Quarterly* and the *Scottish Genealogy Magazine*. She has authored two books, *1835 Cherokee Valuations* and *A Guide to*

the Cherokee National Museum Newspaper Collection.

Lowe is a member of the First Families of the Cherokee Nation, the Siol Lewis of the Clan Grant of Scotland, the First Families of Texas, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the First Families of Tennessee, the First Families of Twin Territories (OK), and the Daughters of the War of 1812, all on her Cherokee ancestry. She is also a member of the Houston Genealogical Forum where she served as President, Friends of Clayton Library, the Bear Creek Genealogy Society, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and the Lone Star Chapter of the Professional Genealogists of Texas.

Lowe is an alum of the Samford University Genealogical Institute, the National Institute for Genealogical Research,, and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear DCGS Members:

Wow! Is your head still spinning from our February meeting? Mine is. I don't think I've ever attended a meeting where so much information was delivered in such a small amount of time. Davideen Demske really gave it her all. German research is difficult as it is and, with the overload, I wondered as we left the meeting with eyes glazed if any of it would sink in; but we are extremely fortunate--Ms. Demske was generous enough to share her PowerPoint presentation with us and our Webmaster has already posted it on our own website. We can review it as many times as we need and, hopefully, learn more each time. It makes a great research and learning resource. A big, hearty thanks to Ms. Demske and Chris Strauss for making this possible.

There is a special treat in store for us in March. Our program will feature Marjorie J. Lowe from Houston who will speak on "Native Americans: Five Tribe Research." So many people have Native American ancestry and think that researching those lines would prove futile because of the scarcity of records or difficulty of finding them. Not so. Ms. Lowe is an expert in this area of research and will share some of her secrets with us. **Mark the date – Thursday, March 13.** This is a topic that is not frequently offered, so this is a great opportunity for us.

We have another special event coming up in March as well. We will be sponsoring our own DNA workshop. Jane Buck, sponsored by Family Tree DNA, will also be traveling to share her expertise with us. She will explain the various types of DNA that are helpful to genealogists and

how we can benefit from a basic knowledge of DNA. The workshop will take place at the Emily Fowler Central Library on **Saturday, March 22**, at 1:00 p.m. The nominal fee for registration is \$10 and the cut-off date will be March 18. If you haven't registered yet, please do so quickly. This is surely the first time a seminar of this nature has been offered in Denton, and we are proud to be able to offer it to DCGS members.

As promised, our beautiful royal blue T-shirts are here. They feature our logo and byline. You'll want to be sure to get one if you haven't already. They perfectly match the royal blue tote bags, so DCGS members can step out in style on the second Thursday evening of each month.

At our meeting in February, we elected a Nominating Committee to select a slate of officers for 2014 to present to us in May. It consists of Mary Brownmiller, Dayonne Work, Joyce Poole, Veneta Lewis, and Bobbie Bigley. If you would like to volunteer to serve in a leadership position, or if you would like to recommend someone else who would be a good officer, please let someone on the Committee know right away.

Membership in Denton County Genealogical Society just keeps getting better and better. Come grow with us. **“Native-Americans: Five Tribe Research”**



Wanda Samek, President

Thank you!

A sincere "thank you" to each of you for the many expressions of sympathy and support following the recent death of my husband. Your response to my personal tragedy was heartwarming.

The card signed by the entire group present at our last meeting was especially appreciated. Joe and I were blessed in numerous ways and enjoyed many happy and fulfilling years together.

Wanda Samek

DENTON COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY
Presents in Seminar
DNA for Genealogists

JANE BUCK
On Behalf of Family Tree DNA



Ms. Buck holds a B.S. in biology from Millsaps College. She has pursued genealogy as a hobby since 2005. She joined Family Tree DNA as a customer and, through their services, found many new family members and broke through her own “brick walls/”

In 2010 Ms. Buck officially joined the Family Tree DNA team as head of the Customer Service Department which afforded her the opportunity of speaking 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.

March 22, 2014
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Emily Fowler Central Library
502 Oakland, Denton TX 76201

SEMINAR REGISTRATION
DNA for Genealogists Seminar (March 22, 2014)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Registration fee is \$10. Make checks payable to DCGS. Cut-off date is March 18, 2014. Provide a separate registration form for each individual registering. Mail check and form to:

Denton County Genealogical Society
502 Oakland Street
Denton, TX 76201

FEBRUARY 2014 MINUTES

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

Over sixty attendees filled the room. Mark Brownmiller welcomed more than a dozen visitors including Leslie Anderson, Jim McIntyre, Sandra Hoenig, Dave Bjelde, Steven Frederickson, Alan Schiegy, Julie Speck, John Snyder, Cathy Snyder, Eileen O'Neill, Donald Weber, Steven Fulton.

There being no corrections, the minutes of the January 2014 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.

John Wylie, President of the Texas State Genealogy Society, invited everyone to join the Society this year.

New Business: Members were selected for the Nomination Committee: Dayonne Work, Mary Brownmiller, Joyce Poole, Veneta Lewis, Bobby Riley. A motion was made and seconded then passed by a majority vote.

Steve Frederickson announced a genealogy fair at the

LDS Family History Center in Denton on May 31 from 9 a.m. To 4 p.m. There will be three classes offered in the morning and two in the afternoon. Lunch will be available for purchase.

Dayonne Work reminded us of the March 22 DNA seminar to be held at the Emily Fowler Central Library from 1 p.m. To 7 p.m.

Dayonne Work introduced the evening's speaker, Davideen Demske, who packed three hours of German genealogical research information into one. The Powerpoint presentation is available for download on the DCGS website at genealogydentontexas.org.

The next meeting will be on March 13, 2014 and the topic will be Five Tribes Research.

Wanda Samek adjourned the meeting at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan McIntosh
Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Feb. 1, 2014 **\$1,732.48**

Deposits:

DCGS Bag (1)	\$15.00
T-Shirts (13)	195.00
DNA Seminar (8)	80.00
Donations	<u>7.00</u>

Total **\$297.00**

Disbursements

M. Brownmiller [Reimburse/t-shirts]	\$210.60
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Total Disburse. **\$210.60**

Balance Feb. 28, 2014 **\$1,818.88**

2013-2014 Paid Members – 79
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****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

Gone to Texas—FGS 2014 Conference in San Antonio!

Mark your calendar to attend the FGS 2014 Conference in San Antonio, Texas, on 27-30 August at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Along with our local co-hosts, the Texas State Genealogical Society and the San Antonio Historical and Genealogical Society, experience four days of genealogical learning, networking and discovery deep in the heart of Texas. From basic and introduction instructions to methodology and problem-solving techniques, there will be something for everyone.

Make your reservations now at the Marriott Riverwalk hotel, just across the street from the convention center. Special evening events, research opportunities and a chance to see one of the top

destination cities in the U.S. are just a few short months away. Registration opens soon so plan now to join FGS in San Antonio in August 2014. For updated conference news, visit the conference website at <http://www.fgsconference.org>.

**DNA Decoded**

DNA can be tricky to understand, particularly when you're talking about inheritance. Expert Anna Swayne explains what you inherit, and from whom. She includes a chart to help illustrate how different segments of DNA might have been passed down from your grandparents to make your unique DNA.

You can read Anna's explanation in the Ancestry Blog at <http://goo.gl/bsZivO>.

(Source: Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter)

Chris and Kathy Strauss attended Anna's class at RootsTech 2014. She gives a very understandable explanation. Great preparation for the DNA seminar.

2012-2014 OFFICERS

President—Wanda Samek

Vice-President—Dayonne Work

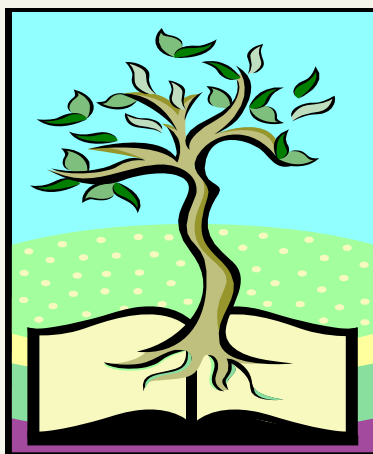
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APRIL 10, 2014
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