

DCGS NEWS

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APRIL MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 10, 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: “WEARING OF THE GREEN”

SPEAKER: CHUCK VOELLINGER

This month’s program will be “Wearing of the Green,” a class on Irish research. During the program, our speaker will help you understand the resources available and where to find records for your Irish ancestors.

Many of you may recognize Chuck from your research visits to the Emily Fowler Special Collections. He has been a Special Collections for the

past three years. He has worked for the Denton Public Library for over 15 years, and is involved in various projects for the library.

Chuck received his BA in History and MLS from the University of North Texas. He loves history, research, playing music and “old musty things.” His wife Erin works as a science librarian at UNT and they have two cats and a dog.

Chuck plays in a band, and he portrays “Mr. Chompers” in the award-winning children’s program, “Library Larry’s Big Day.”

A Guide to the Cherokee National Museum Newspaper Collection by Marjorie J. Lowe

In response to requests, we are providing information on how to obtain a copy of the book, *A Guide to the Cherokee National Museum Newspaper Collection*, discussed by Marjorie Lowe, our speaker for March.

The book is an abstract of Cherokee articles and an index for accessing persons mentioned in the articles. The papers cover a span from about 1760 up to the 1900s.

The articles are available through the **Cherokee Heritage Center** in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The person to

contact is Tom Mooney, archivist. The phone number is: 1-888-999-6007, and orders may be placed by phone with payment by credit card.

A copy of the book was purchased by Chris and Kathy Strauss and donated to the Emily Fowler Central Library in Denton, so it is also available in the research department.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear DCGS Members:

If you missed our meeting in March, you really missed out. It was a terrific gathering. Mrs. Marjorie Lowe is a recognized expert on Native American research, and she shared her knowledge competently, engagingly, and patiently. She provided a wealth of information and recommended a number of sources for those interested in Native American research – and a great many people must be interested because our attendance was probably the best ever. We all but overflowed our meeting room. It's a great problem to have, and it was a pleasure to welcome so many guests and introduce them to Denton County Genealogical Society.

Our seminar, "DNA for Genealogists," was offered the following week in March. It, too, was highly successful. Jane Buck is a speaker who knows how to teach what most of us would consider highly technical material in a way that makes it understandable and applicable to our own situations. The half-day workshop was jam-packed with information, it was well-attended, and the refreshments were awesome. Thank you, Lee Halcom, for helping make the day a notable success.

Speaking of good programs, we have

another one coming up in April. Our speaker will be Chuck Voellinger whose topic will be "Irish Research." With so many of our ancestors claiming Irish heritage, it's a subject that will be relevant to nearly everyone. Mark the date – **Thursday, April 10.**

Our nominating committee is hard at work and will undoubtedly have a great slate of officers to present to us in May.

Remember that our year ends in May, so it's time to pay dues - \$15 for an individual membership or \$25 for a family membership. You may give your check to our Treasurer, Linda Touraine, at the next meeting or you can mail it to DCGS in care of the Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, TX 76201. It's one heck of a good deal! We have had outstanding programs and pleasant fellowship all year.



Wanda Samek, President

Captain Clanchy's Marriage Index is now Online

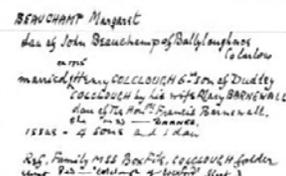
The Irish Genealogical Research Society is pleased to announce the latest addition to the Members' Area of our award winning website. We have begun adding Captain Clanchy's Marriage Index, the first tranche covers the card entries for letters A through to C.

The Irish Genealogical Research Society was established in 1936, and Captain Henry Clanchy (1894-1966) was one of its earliest members. There was no overall index to the Society's manuscripts during the 1950s, so he prepared an extensive card index of marriages gleaned from some of the Society's unique manuscript collections and pedigree files.

Given the nature of the material he was consulting, the marriages tend to be those of the fairly well-heeled and well-connected, hence a high proportions of British Army officers,

clerics, knights, higher ranking officers from the Royal Irish Constabulary and Dublin Metropolitan Police, Justices of the Peace, lawyers, judges and doctors are among the names recorded. Geographically, the index covers the entire island of Ireland and there are nearly 6,000 entries. They range in date from the 17th to the 19th century.

Organised by surname, Captain Clanchy's Card Index has now been scanned and is being made available to IGRS members in a series of downloadable pdfs. More pdfs will be uploaded over the coming months.



BENOCHAMP Margaret
 dau of John BENOCHAMP of Ballyloughree
 Co. Louth
 m. 1815
 married JAMES O'CONNOR 6th son of Dudley
 O'CONNOR by his wife RUTH BARKWELL
 dau of THE HON. FRANCIS BARKWELL
 of the 1st Baronet
 1815 - 1816 A.D. 1815
 Reg. Family MSS BENOCHAMP, O'CONNOR folder
 name 2nd - 1815 - 1816 of 1815/16 year 3

Are We Really Better Off than Our Ancestors?

My grandfather owned a horse and a farm wagon, roughly the 1890s equivalent of the pickup truck of today. He traveled around the farming village where he lived at 3 or 4 miles per hour. When he needed to travel a longer distance, such as to the nearby city, he rode a train that reached speeds as high as 35 mph. Granddad never bought one of those new-fangled automobiles.



My father was of “the modern generation.” His first car was a well-used Model A Ford, and he went on to own an assortment of Fords, Plymouths, DeSotos, and Dodges over the years. Oh yes, one year when he worked a lot of overtime in the local factory, he bought a Cadillac. He drove most everywhere he wanted to go. He drove 50 or 60 miles an hour most everywhere. I don’t remember him ever taking a train.

Of course, I am of a still more “modern age,” and I love sports cars. I have owned a number of them, and I presently own a Corvette that is fast. Very fast. I am told it will travel 160 miles per hour although I cannot vouch for that from experience. Prior to that automobile, I owned others capable of similar speeds. I used to commute to the city every day and sometimes drove a very powerful and very fast sports car to work every day, traveling down the local superhighway during the height of the rush

hour. Many times I averaged 3 or 4 miles an hour for extended periods of time. The traffic into and out of the city often crawls at that speed for hours.

Driving a 6-speed manual transmission isn't much fun in stop-and-go traffic. I eventually gave up on driving the car to work. I started taking the train. The local commuter rail averages 35 mph on a daily commute. I am more like my grandfather than I want to be.

Recently a researcher compared the travel times in the city of London through the years. He noticed that the amount of time it took to go from point A to point B in horse-and-buggy days was the same as it was after automobiles became common. Then he noticed that the time required today to travel the same routes is actually worse during rush hour than it was in horse-and-buggy days.



Newer and more efficient mechanisms attract throngs of people who then clog the system. The results nullify the improvements. The large amount of horse manure in the streets has been replaced by airborne hydrocarbons; both are unwanted byproducts of our transportation systems of the day. Are we really better off?

(Source: *Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter*)

MARCH 2014 MINUTES

13 March 2014
Emily Fowler Central Library

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

Mark Brownmiller welcomed at least 26 visitors including Marilyn Maddux, Sharryon Conyers, Walta Evans, Johnny Sands, Gene Conner, Ron Byland, Rachel Wilson, Dorothy Mayfield, Charles B. Martin, Darlyn Martin, Marla Morgan, Kay Branum, Glenda Sue Beazley, Charles Gleeson, Claudia Gleeson, Sandy McClendon, Bill Daniels, Diane Daniels, Lloyd Webb, Joyce Webb, Adam Bell, Janet Bell, Keith Sweet, Patti Wilson, Stephen McCormick, and Pat Harbern. In addition was one new member – Linda Pizzolato. All total there were over 68 attendees – as far as we can tell it was the largest meeting ever!

There was one correction to the February 2014 minutes – the spelling of Bobbie Briley – and the minutes were approved as corrected. The Treasurer's report, 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.

One more officer is needed for the Vice President's position.

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.

Kathy Strauss announced the following workshops to be held at the library:

- March 15, Migration Trails
- April 12, Cemetery Research
- May 17, Online Genealogical Research

On May 31 there will be a Family History Fair at the LDS Church on Old North Road. Live and recorded (some from Roots Tech) lectures will be available in morning and afternoon sessions. Lunch will be available for purchase as will a syllabus.

Dayonne Work introduced the evening's speaker, Marjorie J. Lowe who spoke on the topic "Finding the Five Tribes". Ms. Lowe shared fascinating examples as she gave information on available resources for research.

The next meeting will be on April 10, 2014 .

Wanda Samek adjourned the meeting at 8:22.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan McIntosh
Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance March 1, 2014	\$1,818.88	Total Disburse.	\$345.95
Deposits:		Balance March 31, 2014	\$1,927.93
DCGS Bag (1)	\$15.00	2013-2014 Paid Members – 79	
T-Shirts (5)	75.00	2014-2015 Paid Members – 2	
DNA Seminar (35)	350.00		
Membership	<u>15.00</u>		
Total	\$455.00	Library Donations	
Disbursements		April 1995 – May 2006	\$2,876.52
Books for Gen. Collection	\$170.95	June 2006 – June 2012	\$3,310.00
Nat. Gen. Soc.	50.00	July 2012 – to date	170.95
March Speaker	75.00		
Dayonne Work – re-imburse expenses	50.00		

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Touraine, Treasurer



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Online Genealogy Research

We can help you locate & navigate some of the most useful online databases & resources for your genealogy research. Registration required. Sat. 5/17 Emily Fowler Library 3 p.m.

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 & in the cemeteries themselves. Registration required. Sat. 4/12 Emily Fowler Library 3 p.m.

Researching Your Ancestors in Special Collections

The Denton Public Library Special Collections provides access to further your research needs. The genealogy collection contains materials from all over the world. Researchers also have the opportunity to use our subscription databases, including Ancestry, Heritage Quest, American Ancestors, America's Genealogy Bank, and Newspaper Archives. The Special Collections staff provide expert staff to guide researchers through database use and provide assistance with research problems.

Don't just stay at home. Remember it's not all on the Internet. Visit us today!

Federation of Genealogical Societies Announces Successful 2014 Webinar Series Launch

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) announces the successful launch of its 2014 Webinar Series with the engaging presentation given by Jen Baldwin on "Capturing the Community: Using Twitter to Connect, Engage and Educate in Genealogy." Recorded on Monday, March 31, 2014, this informative webinar on the uses of Twitter for genealogy by both family history researchers and genealogical societies is now available to view at the [FGS Webinars page](#).

And remember the War of 1812 Webinar Series is available for a limited time only. Do not miss your chance to learn from two leading experts in the field, J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, and Craig Scott, MA, CG, as they discuss "Discovering Local & State Militia Records" and "Researching in the Post War Records of 1812," respectively. This phenomenal series is only available at the [FGS Webinars page](#) until Sunday, April 27, 2014.

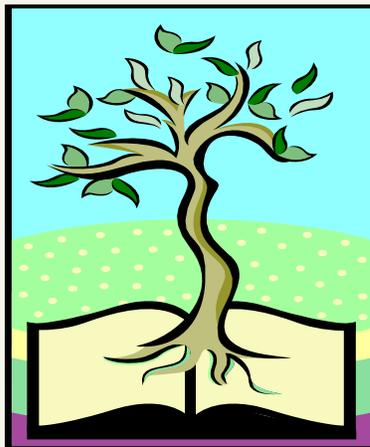
Melissa Shimkus, FGS Education Chair, states, "Jen Baldwin provides a superb explanation on the merits of Twitter and its ease of use for everyone, from those just starting their genealogical search to experts in the field, and for every genealogical society and organization."

Shimkus continues, "Mark Lowe and Craig Scott are both passionate supporters of the War of 1812 Preserve the Pensions Project. Their depth of knowledge and enthusiasm for the subject matter is unsurpassed and should not be missed."



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**NEXT MEETING OF THE
 DENTON COUNTY
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 SOCIETY WILL BE ON
 MAY 8, 2014
 Emily Fowler Central
 Library
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