

DCGS NEWS

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OCT MEETING THURSDAY OCT 8, 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: “Managing Files”
SPEAKER: John Wylie

John Wylie, a professional genealogist since 1990, serves the Texas State Genealogical Society as Vice-President, and was the National Secretary, Association of Professional Genealogists for four years. A founder of GenTech, he served as

President for five years and on the Genealogical Data Model development team. He authored more than 30 articles in publications including Stirpes, National Genealogical Society Quarterly and Genealogical Computing. He has lectured at 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 for eleven years.

OCTOBER IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

This month is the perfect opportunity to learn about your ancestry, honor your ancestor’s memory, and to involve your family in understanding your heritage.

photos.

Share meaningful heirlooms with family members, and tell stories about why they were important to the family.

Write down what you already know about your parents and ancestors. Share this information with your children, making sure they understand how important it is to keep this information alive.

Visit the library with family members and introduce them to family history research.

Sort through old photos with your family, identify people in the photos, and learn to preserve the



**DON'T FORGET GENEALOGY AFTER HOURS
OCT 17, 2014 — NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY**

(see page 3 for details)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our first meeting in September went very well. The presentation by Kathy Strauss was great! We had fifty-seven members and guests in attendance, and as I recall, eight of the guests did indeed join! I think we're off to a great start this year.

My wife and I just returned from a trip to Virginia and had a great, relaxing vacation. One of the highlights (and reasons for going) was that I was able to visit the Petersburg National Battlefield and museum. I obtained some information that gave me more detail about where my great-grandfather was captured during the Civil War and we were able to locate the specific area. It's called Burgess Mill. We visited that location to view the markers and take pictures.

I hope you all have made some progress these last few months tracing your ancestors. If you have, let our Program Chairperson (Dayonne Work) or myself know and perhaps we can schedule you for the round-robin session later this year.

Our speaker for the October meeting is John Wylie and he will be speaking about "Managing Files."

As a reminder, there are several other upcoming events that you might be interested in attending. The city of Denton Public Library offers numerous presentations on various aspects of genealogical research throughout the year. They are mentioned on the library's website.

The Denton Public Library will have a lock-in for genealogists on October 17 at the North Branch Library at 3020 N. Locust St. The lock-in will run from 6 PM until 11 PM. There will be webinars beginning at 12 noon.

Again, as a reminder, we still have a few of the DCGS tote bags available. They are a beautiful royal blue with our special logo and byline on them. They will be available at the back of the meeting room and the price is \$15.

Terry Brantley,
President Denton County Genealogical Society

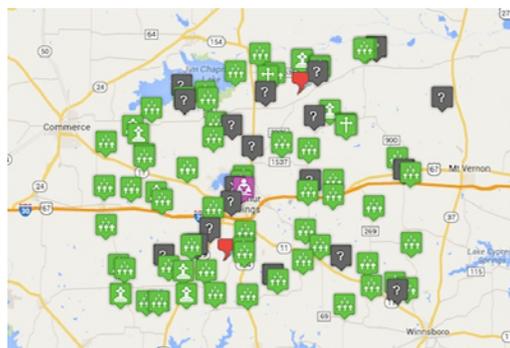
Hopkins County (Texas) Genealogical Society Creates Online Map of more than 250 County Cemeteries

The Hopkins County Genealogical Society of Sulphur Springs, Texas, has created a map that shows nearly all known cemetery plots across the county. Best of all, the map is available online where it is conveniently available to everyone, not limited to only those who can visit the society in person. When looking at the map, the user can move the cursor over marker for info and then click for more info. A pop-up appears that provides the name of the cemetery as well as a link to more detailed information. Clicking on the link then opens a page on USGenWeb that provides more information about the cemetery. Some of the links I clicked on, although not all, contained lists of the tombstones in each cemetery, including name(s), birth date, death date, burial date, and comments of the transcriber. Many of the dates were left blank when the

information did not appear on the tombstone or in the cemetery's records.

The map is available at <http://www.hcgstx.org/index.php/records/burial-sites/cemeteries-mapped>.

A list of the cemeteries is shown at <http://www.hcgstx.org/index.php/records/burial-sites/cemeteries-listed>.





Libraries across Texas will be sharing programming and genealogical resources during a “lock-in” on Oct. 17 at North Branch Library. This event is co-sponsored by Denton Public Library and the Denton County Genealogical Society.

Food and drink will be provided.

You can also come early for webinars beginning at noon. Please bring headphones or earbuds. Computers will be available for research throughout the event.

Early webinars in The Forge

- Noon-1:30 p.m. FamilySearch.org Live: Search Strategies, Tools and Tips
- 1:45-2:50 p.m. Genealogical and Historic Records Available at the Texas Military Forces Museum.
- 3-3:50 p.m. Building the West Texas Digital Archives
- 4-4:50 p.m. Using Evernote for your Genealogical Research

Lock-in programs

- 6-7:20 p.m. Fundamentals for Beginning Genealogy Research
- 7:30-8:20 p.m. Five Civilized Tribes Indian Research
- 8:30-9:20 p.m. Think Like a Historian to Expand Your Research
- 9:30-10:30 p.m. DNA – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

SEPT 2014 MINUTES

President Terry Brantley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 Linda Johnson welcomed 17 visitors and 7 new members; in all totaling 57 attendees.
 Terry Brantley requested we take a moment of silence to remember the 9/11 victims as well as three deceased members of our group, Mel Brewer, Holly Hervey, and Tom Lockleen.
 The minutes from May 2014 were motioned with no additions or corrections and approved. The Minutes and the Treasurer’s report, available in the newsletter, were filed for record.
 President Terry Brantley announced the names of past officers and new officers. He mentioned the Family History Fair of May 31, 2014 at the LDS Church on Old North Road in the Cultural Hall was success with several stopping by our table and taking literature.
 New Business: Wise County DNA Project information could be found on the website: www.wisegenealogy.org.
 Terry announced the evening program would be presented by Kathy Strauss, discussing the use of newspapers for genealogy research. Kathy shared a

slide show and oration about how much information you might find in a newspaper clipping. There were obituaries, Letters to Santa, Wedding Announcements, families that visited a local family, birth announcements, legal notices, divorce petitions printed in papers, accident reports; also using Ethnic newspapers, and finding newspapers online using the Library of Congress, Portal to Texas History, America’s Genealogy Bank, Ancestry.com and Worldcat.org. are just a few. Kathy also announced there will be a library lock-in on October 17th statewide from 6:00-11:00. She also advised that the library is undergoing construction and if still under construction on the 17th, the lock-in will be held at the North Branch Library.
 The next meeting will be October 9, 2014, and the topic will be “Managing Files” presented by John Wylie.
 Terry Brantley adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bobbie Briley
 Secretary



TREASURER’S REPORT

Balance Sept. 1, 2014	\$1,982.61
Deposits:	
Dues	\$310.00
Total	\$310.00
Disbursements	-0-
Balance Sept. 30, 2014	\$2,292.61

Library Donations	
April 1995 – May 2006	\$2,876.52
June 2006 – June 2012	\$3,310.00
July 2012 – to date	\$512.45

Respectfully Submitted,
 Linda Touraine, Treasurer



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Fall Programs

Obituaries: A Goldmine of Genealogical Treasure

Learn how to study obituaries to find valuable clues to your ancestor's lives. Find out what is included in an obituary, and practice writing one on the library's new online obituary and memorial service.

Registration required.

Sat. 11/22 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.

Emily Fowler Central Library Closing for Construction

Emily Fowler Central Library will close Friday, Oct. 10, so that crews can remove an aging lift and install the foundation for a new ramp that gives customers easier access to the library's upper level. The Emily Fowler Central Library's collections will be unavailable during the closure.

The entire project is projected to be completed in three months, but Fowler will reopen on Monday, Oct. 27, with access to all of its collections and meeting spaces.

During the closure, customers who have requested items be held for them at Fowler will be notified to designate one of Denton Public Library's other two locations for pickup. The library's North and South branches will operate normally during this time.

A list of Emily Fowler Central Library classes and events that have been canceled or rescheduled is available at www.dentonlibrary.com.

Elephind: A Digital Newspaper Collections Search Engine

Elephind is a great service that searches online digital newspaper collections. Best of all, it is available free of charge.

Elephind.com is a search engine that operates much like Google, Bing, and other search engines. The one thing that is different with Elephind is that it searches only historical, digitized newspapers. It enables you to search for free across many newspaper sites simultaneously rather than having to visit each collection's web site separately.

At this time Elephind has indexed 2,677 newspaper titles containing more than two and a half million editions, ranging from March 1803 up to August 2013. The Elephind search engine has indexed 141,628,238 items from 2,677 newspaper

titles. These include such well known sites as *Chronicling America* (the U.S.'s Library of Congress) and *Trove* (National Library of Australia), as well as smaller collections like *Door County Library* in Wisconsin. Many of the smaller newspaper sites are not well known and may be difficult to find with the usual search engines, but they are searchable from Elephind.com. A list of available newspaper collections that have been indexed so far is available at <http://goo.gl/VRQN51>.

Additional newspaper collections are added to Elephind's indexes frequently.

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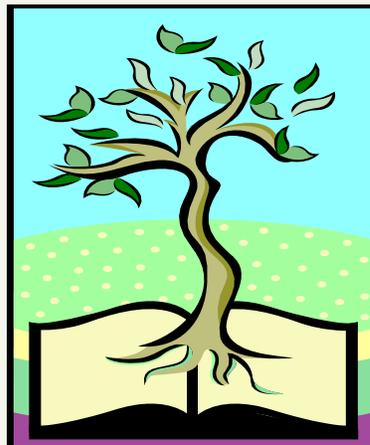
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**NEXT MEETING OF THE
DENTON COUNTY
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NOV 13, 2014
Emily Fowler Central
Library
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