

DCGS NEWS

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JANUARY MEETING THURSDAY JAN 8, 2015



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

Program: "Pennsylvania Research"

Speaker: Marla Fullerton

Marla comes from near where Punxsutawney Phil, the groundhog lives in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. She has done many things in her life. Her father would not support her to be an engineer because nobody would hire her; girls didn't do those things. So Marla went two years divided between a college and university as a business major.

She and Eric married, had two children and after a time she went to work as a policewoman. Eric was concerned that she was a mother and that was a risky job. Thus followed a variety of jobs and activities; home

building company with father and brothers, driving race cars, worked in a gold vault, gold and diamond buyer, metal broker license, organic farmer, she's been in 35 states, and has been married 46 years.

In researching her family she found she had to ask very specific questions because everybody's ancestors had all done the same thing; fought in the War of 1812, Revolutionary War and it was no big deal. Her family had never lived in any other state but Pennsylvania so she had not far to go for information. But she learned she had to ask very specific questions to get facts.

Marla and Eric came to Denton because they didn't like the winters in Pennsylvania. They live on a small farm on North Bonnie Brae.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Here are some suggestions for genealogy research in the new year.

1. Interview a Relative
2. Take a Class or Learn a New Research Skill
3. Get Organized
4. Don't Put Off Until Tomorrow...
5. Label & Store Your Family Photos
6. Two Heads are Better Than One
7. Keep Track of Correspondence
8. More Than Names & Dates
9. Put Your Research To Good Use
10. Volunteer to Help Others



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, we are off into the second half of our 2014-2015 year. I hope our previous meetings have been enjoyable and beneficial to you.

I also hope you and your family had as great a holiday time as our family did.

And, I hope your New Years Resolutions will include:

1. Attend all the meetings of the DCGS.
2. Upgrade your genealogy program to the latest, greatest version.
3. Make sure our Membership Chairperson is aware of your family "Surnames & Geographic Areas" information in the Member Handbook so other members can contact you in order to help each other with your family ties.
4. Benefit all of our members by volunteering to give a presentation if you have helpful information in a particular area.
5. Make use of all the excellent resources available -and- the very helpful people at the Denton Public Library.

At our November meeting we had 41 in attendance of which 5 were guests.

Our speaker, Walta Evans, not only gave us many, many excellent sources of information on the internet to do our

genealogical "digging around", but gave us other internet tools to work with various genealogical programs. Additionally, she gave us numerous other sources to allow us to collaborate with our fellow genealogists. And based on her experience in using all these resources, she gave us excellent insight into using them. If you missed the presentation, I suggest you contact Walta to get a copy of her handout for your collection of tools.

Our speaker for the January meeting is Marla Fullerton, and she will be speaking about "Pennsylvania Research".

The Denton Public Library is hosting a presentation on January 10th, Saturday, at 3:00 p.m. --- They Came in Ships: Researching Passenger Records.

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.

Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting next week.

Terry Brantley

Want to Get Away in 2015?—Take a Genealogy Cruise

5 nights 19-24 January 2015 - 7th Unlock the Past cruise – Southern Western Australia
<http://www.unlockthepastcruises.com/7th-unlock-the-past-cruise-southern-western-australia>

16 May to 23 May, 2015 - Family Tree Afield - London to Norway
<http://www.insightcruises.com/events/ft01/index.html#:tabs-1>

2015 Legacy Genealogy Cruise - 20 June - Saturday 27 June 2015
http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/CruiseInfo_2015.asp.

11 July 2015 to 25 July 2015 - Unlock the Past Baltic Cruise
<http://www.unlockthepastcruises.com/cruises/8th-unlock-the-past-cruise-baltic/>

28 Aug-4 Sept—FGS Alaska Cruise
<https://www.fgsconference.org/cruise/>

October 18–October 28, 2015 - 11TH Annual Genealogy Conference and Cruise
<http://heritagebooks.com>.

1-16 November 2015 - Transatlantic cruise
<http://www.unlockthepastcruises.com>

8-10 December 2015 - Brisbane, Australia
<http://www.unlockthepastcruises.com>



MORE THAN 80,000 DIGITIZED GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY PUBLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Dick Eastman

One of the greatest genealogy resources available today is the huge collection of digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family history libraries in the world. When I travel to various genealogy conferences and societies, I am often amazed at how many genealogists are unaware of these free resources. Not only are the books and other publications available free of charge, you don't even have to pay for gas to visit these libraries!

These digital books are available at:

[Google Books](#)

[Archive.org](#)

[Allen County Public Library](#)

[Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library](#)

[Brigham Young University Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library](#)

[Church History Library](#)

[Family History Library](#)

[Houston Public Library – Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research](#)

[Mid-Continent Public Library – Midwest](#)

[Genealogy Center](#)

[Pennsylvania State University Libraries' Digitized Collections](#)

The menus and the search methods will obviously vary from one site to another. However, a few minutes spent exploring each site's holdings could pay big dividends. I will say that most newcomers search only for names. In fact, I'll admit that I do the same on my first search on a new web site and I suspect a lot of other

experienced genealogists do the same. However, after exhausting the search for names, most experienced genealogists start looking for other search terms. I always look for locations. Many times, I have been successful at finding some tidbit about an ancestor by searching for the county or the town in which he or she lived, even after a search for the person's name produced no results at all.

One of my more successful searches came as a result of searching for the name of the small town in which my great-great-grandparents lived. I knew he was a farmer so I searched for his his name plus the name of the small town in which he lived. I was rewarded with a scanned digital booklet of only 42 pages, printed in 1842, that listed all the farmers in his county, along with a detailed description of the farm and even the assessed value of the property. It listed the total acreage of his property, the number of acres under cultivation, the number of acres of woodlands, the number of barns and outbuildings, how many head of cattle, sheep, and swine that he owned, and even the number of chickens. It also listed the crops he sold. I learned a lot more about him and my great-great-grandmother in that small booklet than I ever found in census records!

When searching old books and other printed information, you have to be creative. You should search not only for locations, abut also for fraternal organizations, religious affiliations, veterans' organizations, and anything else you can think of.

Source: Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter

Biggest Digitization of Irish Genealogy Records to Begin

The National Library of Ireland is to digitize more than 400,000 images of Catholic parish register microfilms and publish them online for free. In what is being described as the most significant ever digitization project for Irish genealogy, the microfilms will be available online for free from the National Library of Ireland (NLI) by the summer of 2015.

The records are considered the single most important source of information on Irish family history prior to the 1901 Census. Dating from the 1740s to the 1880s, they cover 1,091 parishes throughout the island of Ireland, and consist primarily of

baptismal and marriage records.

"This is the most ambitious digitization project in the history of the NLI, and our most significant ever genealogy project," said Colette O'Flaherty, head of special collections at the NLI. "We believe it will be of huge assistance to those who wish to research their family history. At this stage, we have converted the microfilm reels on which the registers are recorded into approximately 390,000 digital images.

"We will be making all these images available, for free, on a dedicated website, which will be launched in summer 2015."

NOV 2014 MINUTES

President Terry Brantley opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Dayonne Work has, once again, accepted the Vice President chair. Many thanks, Dayonne.

October's minutes were approved with one correction: the number of members counted was 51 and the visitors 7, totaling 58 in attendance.

Tonight's visitors are Laconia Tillery, Tina Lattanzio, Don Butler, Susan Whitmer, and Steve Van Helfteren. There was 36 member bringing the total attendance to 41.

Kathy Strauss announced the upcoming classes at Emily Fowler including one on November 22 at 3:00 p.m. - Obituaries, a Goldmine of Genealogical Treasure. Information about future classes can be found at cityofdenton.com.

Dayonne then introduced the evening's speaker, Walta Evans, who gave an interesting talk on "Internet Aids to Family History Research".

Terry closed the meeting just after 8 p.m.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Nov. 1, 2014 **\$2,442.61**

Deposits:

Dues \$30.00

Total \$30.00

Disbursements:

Program Expense \$29.23

FGS dues/2015 45.00

TxGS dues/2015 & 2016 50.00

Total: \$124.23

Balance Dec. 31, 2014 **\$2,348.38**

2014-2015 Paid Members – 76

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



WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? - SEASON 6

TLC has announced that the U.S. version of *Who Do You Think You Are?* will return for a new season on February 24th. The eight new episodes will include celebrities Julie Chen, Angie Harmon, Sean Hayes, and Bill Paxton.

The two-time Emmy nominated series is back with eight new hour-long episodes and a brand new batch of celebrity contributors. Executive Produced by Lisa Kudrow and Dan Bucatinsky, *WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?* continues to shed light on the mysterious, and often surprising, family histories of some of America's famous faces. The season

premieres Tuesday, February 24 at 10/9c.

[Ancestry](#), the world's largest online family history resource, is teaming up again with TLC as a sponsor of the upcoming season. As part of the show sponsorship, Ancestry provides exhaustive family history research on each of the featured celebrities, which is used to build out the story of each episode.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Winter Programs

They Came in Ships: Researching Passenger Records

Genealogists have always been interested in identifying their ancestors who immigrated to America. We will explore the records available from various time periods to help the researcher identify ports of entry and ships' passenger records.

Registration required.

Sat 1/10 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.

Researching Texas Pioneers

Learn about the early colonies and where to find information about your Texas ancestors and their lives in Texas. Registration required.

Sat 2/7 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.



COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, CLERK'S OFFICE WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR "GENEALOGY CORNER"

Collin county Clerk Stacey Kemp and her staff have been awarded the 2014 Best Practices Award from the National Association of County Recorders, Elections Officials and Clerks (NACRC), according to county officials. The award was for Genealogy Corner, an online, publicly accessible archive that offers a wide variety of online research tools for anyone interested in the history of Collin County.

More than 8,000 licenses, dating from 1884 to 1949, have been scanned and indexed, and are now searchable online, including

- Historical marriage licenses, dating back to 1864
- School Census records, 150,000 records dating back to 1941
- Complete listing of Collin County elected officials, both past and present
- Birth indexes, dating back to 1903 with some delayed birth records from the 1800s

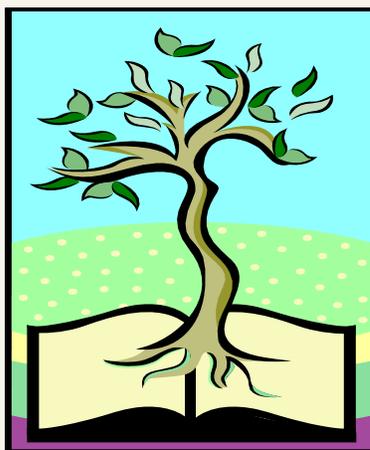
- Death indexes, dating back to 1903
- Marriage indexes dating back to 1864
- Collin County Facts: Did you know?
- Interactive Cemeteries locator
- Men and Women from Collin County in the Armed Forces during to World War II

The three-year project involving the scanning and cataloging of thousands of documents, has resulted in a treasure trove of information for genealogists and historical researchers that is accessible from any computer 24/7.

Prior to Genealogy Corner, citizens were required to either visit or call the County Clerk's office, both requiring an inordinate amount of customer and staff time to try to find the desired historical information. The Collin County, Texas, Clerk's Office's "Genealogy Corner" may be found at <http://www.co.collin.tx.us/>

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**NEXT MEETING OF THE
 DENTON COUNTY
 GENEALOGICAL
 SOCIETY WILL BE ON
 FEB 12, 2015
 Emily Fowler Central
 Library
 502 Oakland St.
 Denton**

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