

DCGS NEWS

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FEBRUARY MEETING THURSDAY FEB 12, 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: "Ohio Research"

Speaker: Dorothy Bouulware

Dorothy Bouulware was born in Ohio between Cleveland and Akron. She discovered at an early age her grandparents were raised in an orphanage. That created a desire to research her family. For most of her life, she has been researching and jotting down little things she learned about them. Later, with intense research, she compiled the book, *Tombos, Tombo, Tombow with Smith, Weaves, Bowers, Groff, Rudy and Cope from the 1780's*.

Dorothy has a bachelor's degree from UT Tyler, Texas and a MA Education degree from Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches. Dorothy taught high school in Tyler, Chico, and Lake Dallas. Her husband, Rex, is from Bridgeport and is a descendant of Sam Houston's brother. She and Rex have two grown children.



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GENEALOGY DO-OVER

On January 2, 2015, GeneaBloggers began a 13-week series to help genealogists to recharge their research by starting over from scratch. In its fifth week, the Do-Over has grown into a large community willing to start over. Check out the website: <http://www.genealogydo-over.com>. Recent week's topics are available in a .pdf for the genealogist to download.

- Some topics are:
- Setting Previous Research Aside
 - Preparing to Research
 - Establishing Base Practices and Guidelines
 - Setting Research Goals
 - Conducting Family Interviews

There is also a Facebook group where participants can share progress and gain assistance from others on the same journey.

Thomas MacEntee, owner of Geneabloggers describes his endeavor this way, "Most of all, I want to be open to all possibilities on my journey of genealogical self-discovery and to enjoy that journey. This means researching with a plan, with a purpose, with sound practices and with the support of my fellow researchers. I don't intend to make this journey again. **Genealogy Do-Over** is my chance to get it right."

Take a look and see if this might be something you would like to do.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, now that the holidays and feasting are past us for awhile, it's time to get back into the depths of researching our ancestors. However, as a reminder, Valentine's day is upon us, so now you have an excuse to buy your favorite one that gift to help in the genealogical efforts (Guys - don't forget the dozen roses, too!).

At our January meeting, we had 51 in attendance of which 18 were guests.

We're still going strong and gaining ground. Four new members joined at the January meeting.

Dayonne Work has the disks from Marla Fullerton (Pennsylvania Research) at her home and you who have signed the list to receive one, you may be able to pick it up at her home. Her address is 1028 Ector St. (3 blks. south of University Dr. between Bonnie Brae and Malone Sts.) in Denton. Please contact her at 940-387-9169 to make arrangements, or pick them up at the February 12th DCGS meeting.

Coming up.....

The Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference is being held in Salt Lake City from February 11th thru 14th. The date is very close, but if you think you might want to attend, the website to register is: www.fgsconference.org.

The National Genealogical Society is having the NGS 2015 Family History Conference in St. Charles, Missouri on May 13th through May

16th. You have a little more time to sign up for this one at: <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>. My wife checked hotel accommodations for this and all of the ones she viewed were already booked up full. So you may have to drive some distance to attend it.

As another reminder, there are seven genealogy cruises that are upcoming in 2015. They are shown (with links to their web sites) on page 2 of last month's newsletter. (Thanks, Kathy!)

And as usual, check the "Classes and Events" section of the Denton Public Library web page.

This news is old, but I just wanted to remind any TMG users, that on July 29th, 2014, Bob Velke, the owner and publisher of The Master Genealogist (TMG) program announced that he had to make the painful decision to discontinue that product. This means that those of you that have been using it, will have to migrate to another program or product. He is offering various options for current users. You can go to TMG's website: www.whollygenes.com for further details.

Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting next week.

Terry Brantley

President, Denton County Genealogical Society

FAMILY HISTORY DAILY

Family History Daily showcases genealogical stories, research help, news, tools, and resources. Laura Douglas highlighted this website, www.familyhistorydaily.com on our Facebook page.

One of the special features of this website is the Family History Search Engine. This search engine is a simple way to search millions of records from dozens of genealogy websites in one place. It is a free ancestry search that allows you to quickly locate documents for your family tree on a wide variety of large research sites in state and regional archives and on government record pages. You can find access to birth, death, marriage and

immigration records, archived newspapers, national archives, biographies, and much more. Most of the websites searched by this engine are free, or have a good deal of free information. There are, however, some subscription sites included.



Where to Donate Records to Make Them Available to Everyone

By Dick Eastman

A newsletter reader sent an interesting question this week, asking where to donate newly-found documents that may be of interest to many other genealogists. Here is an excerpt from her message:

“I recently was going through records and old documents that my grandmother had saved and came across an original passenger list of one of my immigrant ancestors from Poland/Prussia in 1895. To the best of my searching, I have not found any other records from this ship and this document is nowhere else to be found. I have scanned mine in so that others may benefit from it. The problem is I don’t know what to do with it. Aside from attaching it to my ancestors records. Where else can I deposit this information?”

I believe I can give some answers but suspect that other newsletter readers can contribute even more ideas. Here are my suggestions: Most repositories gladly accept collections of original materials related to the library’s interests. However, few or none of them will accept compiled genealogies that simply list one’s own ancestry.

Founded in 1894, the **FamilySearch Library** in Salt Lake City began to acquire genealogical records and continues to do so today. The Library is now the repository for more than 2.4 million rolls of microfilm, 742,000 microfiche, 310,000 books and other materials such as journals, maps and electronic resources. The Library presently accepts the following materials:

Autobiographies and biographies containing genealogical material
Family histories with genealogical information

Indexes to records

Local histories (limited)

Well organized collections of genealogical and research materials

The FamilySearch Library also accepts other items although there are some guidelines as to what can be accepted as well as a list of items that cannot be accepted. Details may be found in the

FamilySearch document, *Gifts, Donations, and Loans to FamilySearch*, at <https://familysearch.org/sites/default/uploads/Donations-Guidelines-REVISION-12-July-2012.pdf>. Library employees do ask you to contact the library prior to donating anything.

The **Allen County Library** in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has the largest genealogy collection of any publicly-funded library. The Library’s Genealogy Center accepts donations; as stated on the Library’s web page at <http://www.genealogycenter.org/Donate.aspx>: “We welcome your contributions of papers, books, and disks of data. In print or in digital formats, your work will not only benefit great numbers of researchers, it will also be preserved for generations to come on our shelves and webpages. Whether it’s research articles, images of military veterans in your family history, completed books, indices to record groups large and

small, or copies of the family record pages in your family Bible, all will find a good home in The Genealogy Center. Contributions can be mailed or sent electronically directly to The Genealogy Center.”

The **New England Historic Genealogical Society** encourages members and friends to consider donating their genealogical materials. Donations of books and other published material (family histories, periodicals, etc.) relevant to genealogy or local history are greatly appreciated. Details may be found at <http://www.americanancestors.org/Support/Donate-Materials/>.

The **Newberry Library** is a large genealogy and local history library in Chicago and is always looking for books and historic documents that will extend, strengthen, and complement the library’s collection. If you are considering such a donation, please contact a library curator or librarian first. Details may be found at <http://www.newberry.org/collecting-newberry>.

The **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)** also accepts donations although I believe their focus is primarily on the society’s *Americana Collection* containing manuscripts and imprints pertaining to the history of Colonial America, the Revolutionary War period and the Early National period. Details may be found at <http://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/HG-1009.pdf>.

The **Midwest Genealogy Center** in Kansas City accepts donations of gently-used genealogy books and yearbooks. In addition, certain donated materials deemed to have unique or noteworthy content are considered on a case-by-case basis for special disposition. The Midwest Genealogy Center no longer accepts unpublished research materials.

Finally, the **Internet Archive** is not a genealogy organization but is used by tens of thousands of genealogists to find historical information. The Internet Archive accepts donations of almost **ALL** digital cultural artifacts, genealogy-related and non-genealogy items alike. Items need to be digitized first and then uploaded, with the exception of large collections of books that the Internet Archive is willing to digitize themselves. Details may be found at https://archive.org/about/faqs.php#Uploading_Content.

The above certainly is not a complete list. Many local special collection libraries, universities, genealogy societies, and historical societies also accept donations of materials that are relevant to their areas of interest. Such repositories ensure that these personal and family records will be available for research by generations to come.

(Source: *Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter*)

JANUARY 2014 MINUTES

In the absence of Terry Brantley, Dayonne Work called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dayonne welcomed 18 visitors and 3 new members.

The Minutes were motioned with no additions or changes and approved by Joyce Poole. Tonight's attendance is 51. The Minutes and Treasurer's report, available in the newsletter, were filed for record.

Dayonne announced the Family History Fair will be held at the Church of the Latter Day Saints Church on Old North Road in April. Lunch is chargeable and registration starts at 7:30. The event starts at 8:00 A.M. Roots Tech and Speakers will be present as well.

Kathy Strauss gave an invitation to a class regarding Sources for Passenger Records, Colonial on up. Being held Saturday 3:00 at the Emily

Fowler Library.

Dayonne announced our speaker for the evening. Marla Fullerton presenting "Pennsylvania Research".

Mrs. Fullerton's presentation was very detailed and enlightening on name changes, boundaries changing, church records, etc. Some sources used and shared were: Records on the Dutch from New Jersey, Quaker Records on Sweden, Passenger and Ships prior to 1684, Maryland land records, The Palatine Immigrant, Towns within Townships, 18th Century Emigrants from Pfungstadt, Germans to Pennsylvania, German church records of Western Pennsylvania – 1772-1791, just to name a few.

Dayonne Work adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbie Briley
Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 2014 **\$2,348.38**

Deposits:

2014-2015 Paid Members – 81

Dues \$85.00

Total \$85.00

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

Disbursements:

Sales Tax for 2014 \$26.19

Memorial Book for Holly Hervey 50.50

Total: **\$76.69**

Balance Jan. 31, 2014 **\$2,356.69**

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Touraine, Treasurer



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Spring Programs

Beginning Genealogy

Learn the basics of genealogy research in this introductory class. Topics include gathering family information, using genealogical forms, accessing vital records, locating census records, and using the resources available in the Emily Fowler Special Collections Department. Call (940) 349-8752 to register.

Sat 4/4 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.

Genealogy Seminar

The Denton Public Library will host a day-long seminar with Lisa Louise Cooke, nationally known genealogy speaker and owner of the GenealogyGems podcast. Lunch provided. Call (940) 349-8752 to register.

Sat 5/2 Emily Fowler 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Beaumont Mood Lighting Company

IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Martha Mood, a well-known photographer, sculptor, and textile artist was commissioned by Texas architect, O'Neil Ford in the 1960s to design lighting fixtures for the Texas Instruments Building. Based on the success of her designs, she and her husband, Beaumont Mood, set up an architectural lighting fixture business in San Antonio, Texas. Martha did the designs and Beaumont did the production work—shaping, molding, and glazing. They also created fountains, sculptured murals, pottery, and figures.

-San Antonio Express & News, April 11, 1965

Structures that have lamps made by the Beaumont Mood Lighting Company:

City Hall
Civic Center
Civic Center Pool
Emily Fowler Library



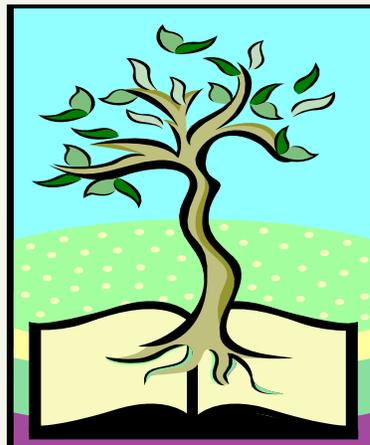
(Top left) Colorful pendant lamps hang around the perimeter of the Civic Center Swimming Pool. (Middle) Pottery lamp on the outside wall that faces west on the Civic Center. (Right) Pendant lamps hang along a hallway in the Denton City Hall.

Leslie Couture, Library Assistant in Special Collections, has researched the company that designed the lighting fixtures for the O'Neil Ford buildings in our civic complex, including the Denton Public Library. I'm sure you have noticed these works of art in the library. If you haven't, please take a look the next time you are here for a meeting.

O'Neil Ford was known to hire artisans such as Martha Mood to add distinction to his buildings. Take a look at the display currently in the Special Collections to see these pieces up close.

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