

DCGS NEWS

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SEPTEMBER MEETING THURSDAY SEPT 8, 2016



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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: “Apps for Family History” Speaker: Walta Evans

Walta Evans became interested in family history as a teen at paternal family reunions and hearing stories about her mother’s paternal line who came from Jersey, Channel Islands, and France.

Walta earned a B.S., M.Educ. and MLS from University of North Texas. She worked for 49 years as a teacher and librarian. She was the Genealogy/

Children’s Program Librarian at Van Zandt County Library and a contributor to Van Zandt County Texas Histories and Biographies.

Walta serves her church calling as a Family History Consultant. She has been a presenter at the Denton Stake Family History Fair 2015-2016 and for the Denton County Genealogical Society.

Walta will speak about the different purposes and types of applications for family history.

2016-2017 Programs

Sept 8, 2016—”Apps for Family History” - Walta Evans

Oct 13, 2016—”Finding Our Scottish Immigrant’s Home with American Documents” - Patti Gillespie

Nov 10, 2016—”Immigration Records” - Davideen Demske

Jan 12, 2017—”Family Search” - Dayonne Work

Feb 9, 2017—”DNA” - Roger Cobb

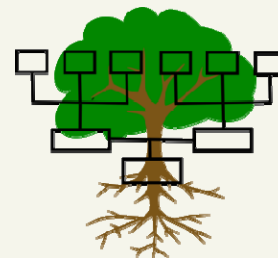
Mar 9, 2017—”Mayflower Descendants” - Kent Hopkins

Apr 13, 2017—”National Archives Holdings and Research” - Aaron Holt

May 11, 2017—”Round Robin—Personal Experiences”

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow members:

I hope everyone has had a productive summer moving forward with your genealogy research.

Our new slate of officers is in place to go forward with the goal of bringing you interesting information, and insight to help you in your genealogy research. If you've accomplished something in your genealogical research and would be interested in bringing it to the group, please contact Perry Abernethy, our Vice President and Program Chair and coordinate with him about an available date to give your presentation.

One of our long-time and very knowledgeable members, Walta Evans is giving our presentation for our next meeting. There will be more information elsewhere in this newsletter!

If you haven't paid your dues for the 2016-2017 year please do so. Our dues are \$15 for an individual membership or \$25 for a family membership. [Our treasurer, Linda Touraine will be accepting checks and cash at our upcoming meeting on September 8th.](#) Also, you can mail your check to DCGS in care of the Emily Fowler Central Library, [502 Oakland Street, Denton, TX 76201.](#)

If you are new to our group, I would urge you to explore the numerous resources available at, or provided by the City of Denton Public Library. As they always have been, the staff is very helpful with any questions you may have.

Last year, we began a short period of time at the beginning of the meeting called the "Newbie Section". This is where anyone could raise a question and see if any of our members or guests might have knowledge or insight with respect to that question. We'll be continuing that, so if you have a question, please raise your hand!

I'm repeating myself from last year, but just to make

our new members aware, thanks to the City of Denton Public Library, we have a superb location to hold our meetings. Our meeting room is fully equipped with a microphone-equipped lectern, an overhead projector that you can connect your computer to in order to show PowerPoint presentations or other slideshows. In addition to that, the projection screen is a very advanced technology screen that allows you to control your presentation by touching the screen as if it were the computer screen.

For our new members, and those that have visited us this last year, we hope you are getting new information to help you in your ancestral search. We are very happy to have you with us, and we certainly hope that we can be of help to you, and also that you will be contributing to our efforts in tracing our ancestors. Please invite any relatives, friends, or acquaintances that express an interest in their family genealogy to join us at our meeting!

As I remind you every month, be sure and read the rest of this newsletter for the latest information on upcoming genealogical events, and also check the Denton Public Library web site. Be sure and pick up the latest Classes & Events pamphlet published by the Denton Public Library. These are available in several areas of the library.

Just 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 front of the meeting room and the price is \$15.

Regards,

Terry Brantley

President, Denton County Genealogical Society

MAY 2016 MINUTES

Denton County Genealogy Society Regular Monthly Meeting Terry Brantley, President 6:59 pm
Meeting Location: Emily Fowler Central Library
Members Present: 20 Visitors: 3

Agenda Topic: Approval of April 14, 2016 meeting minutes:

Motion to approve minutes as presented was made by Perry Abernathy. Unanimously approved with no second.

Agenda Topic: Treasurer's report:

Motion to approve report as presented made by Jane Ingram. Seconded by Perry Abernathy. Unanimously approved.

Announcements:

1. 2016 - 2017 dues are due at this time.
2. Nominating Committee report was presented by Dayonne Work. Nominations are: Terry Brantley, President; Perry Abernathy, Vice President; Jane Ingram, Secretary; Linda Touraine, Treasurer and Laura Douglas, Librarian and Publications. Perry Abernathy moved the slate be accepted by acclamation. Fran Shurtleff seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Terry Brantley thanked all who have helped him perform the duties of President the past year.

4. Coming events are announced in the library flyer and newsletter.

5. Linda Johnson announced there are still some DCGS tote bags available at a cost of \$15.00.

6. Linda Touraine is working with Laura Douglas to find appropriate publications to be purchased with the \$1,500 donation approved in April. Suggestions are requested.

Program: Round Robin

1. Terry Brantley reported on the number of relative connections he and his wife have found through their DNA test results.

2. Perry Abernathy reported recent findings in the History of Vermont Founding Families, Vermont Vital Records and newspapers.

3. Walta Evans has been contacted by a cousin living on Jersey Island. Local cemetery

records

are not available online. Her cousin was able to obtain the records she needed by going to the local churches.

4. Cook County Genealogy Society is working with the Texas State Digitization Program. 250,000 pieces of paper will be processed in a 6 to 8 month time period. CCGS asked for DCGS volunteers to be responsible for a portion of the records.

5. Kathy Coatney has recently had an opportunity to review her mother-in-law's bible. She was able to make 4 pages of notes from information found there.

6. Terry Brantley has 3rd Lieutenant Virgil Hester Walker's Civil War diary.

7. Dayonne Work has found information in a Grand Junction, Colorado newspaper article. Also a Hope family of England that ended up in Colorado. She has also found records from Linn County, Kansas that showed Rhohana Pettyjohn married a second time and gave birth to a daughter without divorcing her first husband.

8. Mary Tate asked for clarification of the different DNA test results using Ancestry. Linda from CCGS recommends using Family Tree as they will keep records for 20 years.

9. Carol Brantley has made contact with relatives who have pictures of an ancestor she didn't know existed.

10. Ancestry has a global adoptee program.

11. Fran Shurtleff shared information she has found.

Next meeting will be September 8, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Ingram, Secretary



NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

What Can You Dig Up? Cemetery Research

It may sound creepy but a wealth of information about your ancestors can be found in cemetery indexes, records, databases and in the cemeteries themselves. Learn how to locate and access these cemetery related records. Registration requested.

Sat. 09/17 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.

Researching Hispanic Family Records

Dorina Alaniz Thomas will discuss personal records and documents that might have been kept by their ancestors, which will help find the missing pieces of the puzzle needed to break that "brick wall." These are records that may not be available via the internet such as esquelas (funeral announcements), wedding, mass, birthday, graduation invitations, registries, government records from Mexico and many, many more. Registration requested.

Thur. 09/22 Emily Fowler 7 p.m.

Meet the Authors: Images of America: North Texas State fair and Rodeo

Join authors Georgia Kemp Caraway and Nanci M. Kimmey and welcome their new title, *Images of America: North Texas State fair and Rodeo*, at the City of Denton Public Library on October 4th at 7pm. The book boasts 128 pages of vintage images chronicling the history of one of Texas' largest fairs and rodeos.

Tue. 10/04 Emily Fowler 7 p.m.

State-Wide Genealogy Lock-In

Connect with libraries across Texas for a full slate of informative webinars and access to genealogical resources. After 6 p.m. we will take over the library and have full use of the collections, computers and one-on-one research help. Food will be provided so registration is required.

Fri. 10/21 Emily Fowler noon-11 p.m.

Webinar schedule

noon-1:30 pm **Genealogy 101: How to Get Started in Locating Your Ancestors.** Cheryl Smith, Genealogy Librarian, Genealogy Center of the Plano Public Library System

1:40-2:40 pm **Preservation Tips for Family Historians.** Jennifer Sessa, Archivist, Houston Public Library | Houston Metropolitan Research Center.

2:50-3:50 pm **Genealogical Resources of the Texas General Land Office.** Kevin Klaus, Information Specialist, Texas General Land Office Archives and Records

4:00-5:10 pm : **Introduction to Hispanic Genealogy Research.** Michael Provard, Events Coordinator, FamilySearch

5:15-6:10 pm Dinner break

6:10-7:20 pm **DNA Testing: What is it, what do the results mean, and how do I understand it all?** Randy W. Whited, President, Texas State Genealogical Society

7:30-8:30 pm **Finding Your Slave Ancestors.** Sherri Camp, Genealogy Librarian Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library; President Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS);

8:40-9:30 pm **Paying It Forward, Recording OUR stories for Future Ancestors.** Susan D. Kaufman,

9:40-10:40 pm **Genealogy Mecca** - Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. Susan D. Kaufman, Senior Manager Houston Public Library | Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

Best Genealogy Websites of 2016

You may see some old favorites or discover something new as we visit the best in free genealogy websites, including digitized vital records, photos, maps and important historical documents. Registration requested.

Sat. 11/12 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.

Denton County Genealogical Society

Meet fellow genealogists, share tips, & learn new information. Visitors are welcome.

09/08 "Apps for Family History" presented by Walta Evans

10/13 "Finding Our Scottish Immigrant's Home with American Documents" presented by Patti Gillespie

11/10 To be announced

Emily Fowler 6:30 p.m.

NaNoWriMo: Write Ins

Writers are welcome to come to the library anytime. The library has work areas, study rooms, and WiFi. For those NaNoWriMo participants who want the fun of writing in a group, we have special "Write Ins" using library's meeting room. Meet your fellow novelist, have a snack, and build your word count. We will have plot prompts, and word count goal prizes.

Sun. 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, & 11/27 Emily Fowler 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance May 1, 2016	\$3,107.06	2016-2017 Paid Members – 29	
Deposits:			
Dues	\$355.00	Library Donations	
Tote Bag	15.00	April 1995 – May 2006	\$2,876.52
Postage	5.00	June 2006 – June 2012	\$3,310.00
Total	\$375.00	July 2012 – to date	\$512.45
Disbursements:			
None		Respectfully Submitted, Linda Touraine, Treasurer	
Total	\$0.00		
Balance August 31, 2016	\$3,482.06		



FGS Announces the Completion of Fundraising for Preserve the 1812 Pensions Project

Springfield, IL –Today (Sept. 1, 2016) at its annual conference, the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) announced the receipt of a historic \$500,000 anonymous contribution to the War of 1812 Preserve the Pensions fundraising project. The unprecedented donation, which came from outside of the genealogical community, will be matched by Ancestry.com, and in total provide \$1 million to the project. Those funds, along with crowdsourced funds from the genealogical community have provided more than \$3 million dollars to the project. With these donations, FGS officially has announced the completion of fundraising for “Preserve the Pensions,” the landmark community fundraising project.

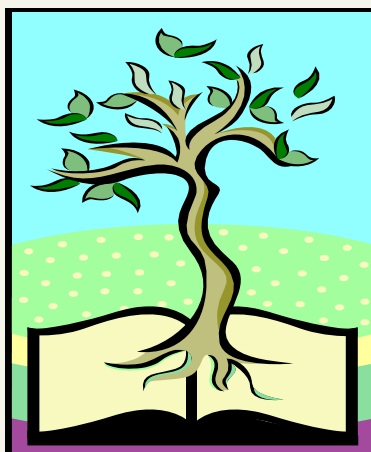
“We are humbled and grateful for the generosity of the genealogical community and those outside of our community who are dedicated to the preservation of records, thank you!” noted D. Joshua Taylor, FGS President. “This historic gift, in tandem with the thousands of contributions from individual genealogists and societies, illustrates the incredible power of the genealogical community – together we can make a difference.”

The War of 1812 pensions, among the most frequently requested set of materials within the holdings of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), had never been microfilmed or digitized. Now, with fundraising complete for the project, and with ongoing cooperation from the project’s partners and major supporters, NARA, Ancestry, Fold3, and FamilySearch, these important documents will be made available free, forever to the general public. The project, set out to raise more than \$3 million in 2010, an unprecedented amount for the genealogical community.

“It’s gratifying to see the fundraising portion of this project completed after five years, and now we look forward to ensuring these important records are preserved,” said Ancestry President and CEO Tim Sullivan. “This is a fantastic moment for FGS, the genealogical community, and future generations who will benefit from the perseverance of these rich pension records. We want to thank the more than 4,000 individuals who have contributed and are thrilled to play a matching role in this campaign.”

2016-2018 OFFICERS

- President—Terry Brantley**
- Vice-President—Perry Abernethy**
- Secretary—Jane Ingram**
- Treasurer—Linda Touraine**
- Librarian—Laura Douglas**
- Webmaster—Chris Strauss**
- Membership— Steve McCormick**
- Newsletter Editor—Kathy Strauss**



**NEXT MEETING OF THE
DENTON COUNTY
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Oct 13, 2016
Emily Fowler Central
Library
502 Oakland St.
Denton**

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