

DCGS NEWS

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OCTOBER MEETING THURSDAY OCT 13, 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: “Kilts, Celts, and Scots: Researching Your Scottish Ancestors on ScotlandsPeople”

Speaker: Patti Gillespie

Once our immigrant ancestor is found, ScotlandsPeople is the surest way to trace further family in Scotland. ScotlandsPeople is Scotland’s official government site with hundreds of years of documents just waiting to be found! This fun site features births and baptisms, deaths and burials, banns and marriages, wills and testaments plus much, much more. This presentation demonstrates how to best use the site with tips and tricks to assist the

researcher while also demonstrating the process for tracking your family back in time.

An English and French teacher for 20 years, Patti Gillespie, BA, MA, now enjoys a career of genealogical instruction and research. Patti began speaking on genealogical topics to local societies and genealogy seminars, and liked it so much that she kept right on. She is a committee chairman for the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), and she is active in her local Genealogical and County Historical Association activities. Patti also has started Family Lines, her own research and life story business, and can be found on Linked In.

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TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

TxSGS is excited to announce that the 2016 Family History Conference will be held October 28—October 30, 2016, in Dallas, Texas.

This jam-packed event includes valuable research opportunities, insightful family history sessions for all skill levels each afternoon, workshops for more in-depth instruction, and a full exhibit hall.

Register at www.txgs.org/conference/. The program features two extraordinary genealogy instructors—Judy Russell and Cyndi Ingle! These must-attend general session topics will be offered each morning before we break for a

complimentary lunch.

Each afternoon attendees may chose from multiple hour-long breakout sessions with different speakers and topics every 90 minutes.

Conference attendees have the option to add any of 5 in-depth workshops on to their full 3-day or single day registrations.

The 2016 Family History Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Dallas Downtown. Conference attendees should book **before October 15, 2016.**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow members:

I hope everyone enjoyed Walta Evans' presentation: "Apps For Family History" as much as I did. I will be mailing out the synopsis of her presentation to all the members shortly.

We are very fortunate to have so many members of our group that have such extensive knowledge in so many areas of genealogical research.

We had four new visitors at our September meeting and two of the four joined that night.

Patti Gillespie from our sister group in Decatur, the Wise County Genealogical Society (WCGS) will be giving the presentation at our next meeting on October 13th. Details of that program will be given below.

As a reminder, don't forget to mark your calendar for the October 21st "State-Wide Genealogy Lock-In" from noon until 11:00 p.m. This is in celebration of October as the "Family History Month". Be sure and register for this FREE event by October 14th. Dinner and refreshments will be provided. A brochure with all the details is available in the library.

If you've accomplished a major goal in your genealogical research and/or have found new sources that helped you resolve your difficulties 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.

If you would like to serve the group, the Membership Chair is still open. Please contact one of the officers if you are interested in filling this position.

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 October, 13th Also, you can mail your check to DCGS in care of the Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, TX 76201.

As usual, 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.

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

SEPT 2016 MINUTES

Denton County Genealogy Society Regular Monthly Meeting Terry Brantley, President
Meeting Location: Emily Fowler Central Library
Members Present: 30 Visitors: 4

Sarah Gerber, Judie Sherwood, Michelle Poborka and Deborah (Deb) Reed. Michelle and Deb became new members.

Agenda Topic: Approval of May 12, 2016 meeting minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Walta Evans and seconded by Eric Kaszinski.
 Motion approved unanimously.

Agenda Topic: Treasurer's report:

Treasurers report to be filed, reported, for record.

Announcements:

1. Steve McCormick is unable to fulfill the duties of Membership Chairman, due to health issues. A volunteer is needed. No one volunteered.
2. Texas State Genealogy conference will be held in Dallas October 28 thru 30, 2016. Library access is be October 27. Early Bird registration will be accepted thru October 7, 2016. Chris and Kathy Strauss will be attending.
3. Terry Brantley thanked the outgoing officers for their service. New officers were introduced.
4. Upcoming programs are listed in the Denton

Public Library brochures located at the back of the meeting room.

5. On September 24, 2016 from 9:00 to 4:30 pm "Colors of Carpathians" with Helene Cincebeaux, Slovakia Magazine editor seminar will be hosted by Carpatho-Rusyn Society: Dallas Chapter. Tickets may be purchased at www.carpathian.eventbrite.com. Information was supplied by Linda Tkacs.

Program: Apps for Family History by Walta Evans:

FamilySearch.org/apps; FamilySearchBlog; AllMyCousins.com; Ancestry.com; BabyAncestry.com; Bragshare.com; Geneanet.org; GenMarketplace.com; Google.com; Dictionary.com; Grandmas-pie.fhtl.byu.edu; Historylines.com; www.kinmapper.com; kinpoint.com Recordseek.com; Rootsbid.com; puzzilla.org; shoebox.ancestry.com; tapGenes.com; TheClio.com; thefhguide.com; Treeseek.com; Voicethread.com; Clixta.com WhoDoYouThinkYouAreStory.com

Next meeting will be October 13, 2016

Respectfully submitted

Jane Ingram, Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Sept. 1, 2016	\$3,482.06	Balance Sept. 30, 2016	\$3,755.06
Deposits:		2016-2017 Paid Members – 49	
Dues	\$300.00	Library Donations	
Donations	20.00	April 1995 – May 2006	\$2,876.52
Total	\$320.00	June 2006 – June 2012	\$3,310.00
		July 2012 – to date	\$512.45
Disbursements:		Respectfully Submitted,	
Postage	\$47.00	Linda Touraine, Treasurer	
Total	\$47.00		



NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

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.

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.

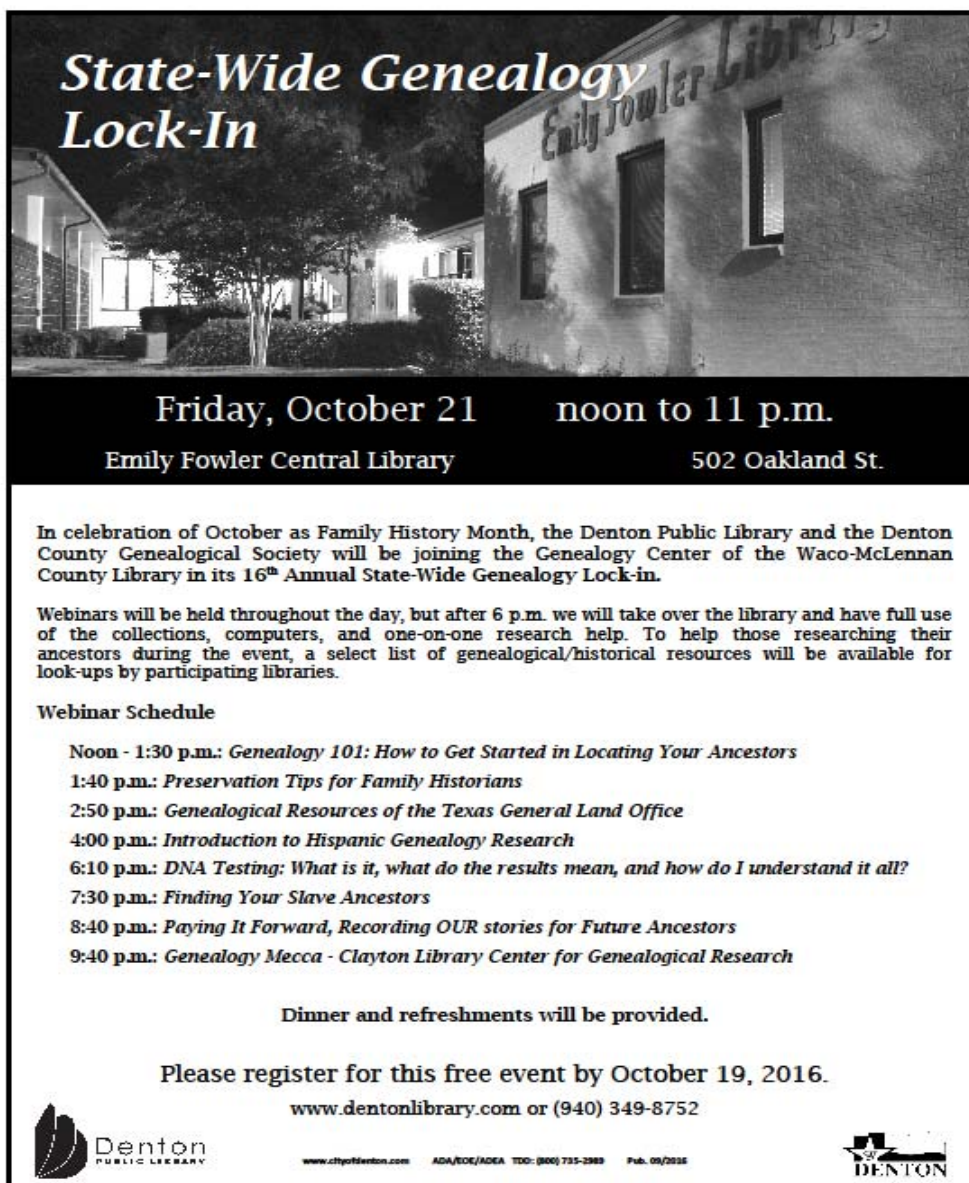
LITTLE FAMILY TREE, A GENEALOGY APP FOR CHILDREN

Little Family Tree is an app that teaches children about their family history through interactive games and activities with information obtained from an online family tree.

Today's children intuitively understand how to use touch devices such as smartphones and tablets. Little Family Tree brings a child's personal family history to them through this learning medium and shares it in a way that is accessible to them. An adult logs into an online family tree account, such as FamilySearch, and the app synchronizes the data while children play. There is no need to manually upload or enter family history data into the app and any changes made or photos added to the online tree will synchronize with the app. The app is read-only and does not change the data on the online

tree.

Playing Little Family Tree teaches children to: identify family members by name, relationship, and picture, understand who and where they come from, and recognize and navigate a family tree, all in a fun and engaging way. Most importantly, they will feel a connection to their ancestors as they learn about them. Little Family Tree is available for iOS and Android smartphones and tablets and may be downloaded directly from the app stores. The FREE version includes five games; five additional games are available in the premium version for \$3.99 in the U.S., priced accordingly in other regions. More information, videos, and tutorials can be found on the website at <http://www.littlefamilytree.com>.



State-Wide Genealogy Lock-In

Friday, October 21 noon to 11 p.m.

Emily Fowler Central Library 502 Oakland St.

In celebration of October as Family History Month, the Denton Public Library and the Denton County Genealogical Society will be joining the Genealogy Center of the Waco-McLennan County Library in its 16th Annual State-Wide Genealogy Lock-in.



Webinars will be held throughout the day, but after 6 p.m. we will take over the library and have full use of the collections, computers, and one-on-one research help. To help those researching their ancestors during the event, a select list of genealogical/historical resources will be available for look-ups by participating libraries.

Webinar Schedule

Noon - 1:30 p.m.: *Genealogy 101: How to Get Started in Locating Your Ancestors*
 1:40 p.m.: *Preservation Tips for Family Historians*
 2:50 p.m.: *Genealogical Resources of the Texas General Land Office*
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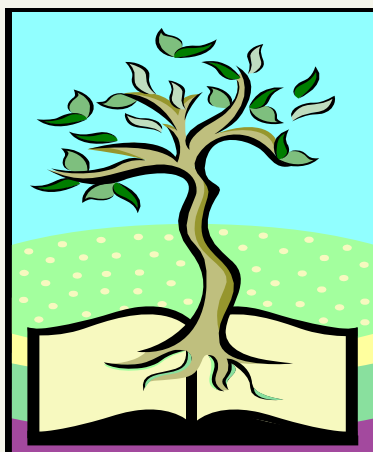
Dinner and refreshments will be provided.

Please register for this free event by October 19, 2016.
www.dentonlibrary.com or (940) 349-8752

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**NEXT MEETING OF THE
 DENTON COUNTY
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 Nov 10, 2016
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