

DCGS NEWS

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NOVEMBER MEETING THURSDAY NOV 10, 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: Naturalization and Citizenship

Speaker: Davideen Demske

Our program for November will focus on Naturalization and Citizenship. Davideen Demske will cover the following topics during her presentation:

1. Naturalization Process
2. Research Importance
3. General Research Strategies
4. Location of Records
15. Information on Naturalizations

Davideen Demske holds a Masters in Industrial Relations and a Juris Doctor in Law. A long-time resident area of the area, she has been giving instructional genealogy presentations since 1998. She has been an instructor at the family history fairs in Arlington, Plano and Decatur as well as genealogical societies in the area. Davideen is presently a volunteer consultant at the Carrollton Stake Family History Center.

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Texas State Genealogical Society Conference

Several members of the Denton County Genealogical Society and librarians from the Denton Public Library attended this educational conference at the end of October. Keynote speakers, Judy Russell and Cyndi Ingles wowed attendees with their expertise during morning sessions and workshops.

The three days were filled with opportunities to further our genealogical knowledge in various topics, including DNA, ethnic genealogy, records analysis, technology, and search strategies. During the banquet on Saturday night, TXSGS announced that it would be

holding a new research institute called the Texas Institute of Genealogical Research. TIGR is a 4-day Institute focused on resources and research techniques for finding your Texas ancestors. Pricing and registration information will be released in early 2017. There was also the introduction of a new scanning device which will be freely available to member societies to digitize their local record collections. Next year's conference will take place in October 2017 in Houston. It is well worth taking advantage of this opportunity for genealogy education.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow members:

We had thirty-three (signed in) members present at the meeting. We also had six visitors at the October meeting, and one of the those joined that night.

Patti Gillespie, who is the President of our sister group in Decatur, the Wise County Genealogical Society (WCGS), gave the presentation on "Finding Our Scottish Immigrant's Home with American Documents".

We had the "State-Wide Genealogy Lock-In" from noon until 11:00 p.m on October 21st. This was in celebration of October as the "Family History Month". There were many interesting presentations at the Lock-In. My wife and I attended the event and enjoyed it very much. My wife did some research in the genealogy area of the library, and with help from Laura Douglas, gained some ground on finding some surprising news on one of her ancestors that had been difficult to find information on.

Now, again, my usual reminders for you....

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
Fellow members:

OCT 2016 MINUTES

Denton County Genealogy Society Regular Monthly Meeting

Terry Brantley, President, 7:02 pm
 Meeting Location: Emily Fowler Central Library
 Members Present: 30 Visitors: 6
 One became a new member.

Agenda Topic: Approval of September 8, 2016 meeting minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Susan Waggoner and seconded by Walta Evans. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Topic: Treasurer's report:

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Perry Abernathy and seconded by Jane Ingram. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

1. Wise County Genealogy Society will meet next week with Jake Magnum presenting the program on Texas Portals.
2. Laura Douglas the State-Wide Genealogy Lock In will be held on October 21, 2016, noon to 11:00 pm. Open sessions will continue from noon until 6:00 pm. Registration needs to be made so dinner can be provided.
3. Best Genealogy Websites of 2016 will be presented November 12, 2016 at Emily Fowler Library at 3:00 pm.

Program: Finding Our Scottish Immigrant's Home with American Documents by Patti Gillespie:

Scotlandspeople.gov.uk requires a fee that does not

expire. Credits for usage will be issued upon payment. Their records go back to the 1600s. Wills from farther back are available. Spelling of names will vary by different Church records. One can search stevemorse.org for passenger lists. Be sure to check mortuaries, cemetery and death certificates can provide additional information. Search territorial records if settlement occurred prior to statehood. Shipping company magazines can be helpful as well as the Encyclopedia of Mormon Church Pioneers before 1870.

In the Scottish language, colliery refers to a coal pit. Scottish women often retained their maiden name. Needed basic information needed includes when and when the person was born and number of children in the family. If you are unable to go straight back in the family, try going sideways and/or forward. Also needed is the spouse maiden name and time period, sail date and ship name, arrival location. This location will supply immediate information. One needs to find as many documents as possible, but keep in mind that not all records are correct. Also the mode of transportation to final destination could be helpful.

Meeting adjourned: 8:23

Next meeting will be November 10, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Jane Ingram, Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Oct. 1, 2016	\$3,755.06
Deposits:	
Dues	\$145.00
Total	\$145.00
Disbursements:	
Program	\$75.00
Total	\$75.00
Balance Oct. 31, 2016	\$3,825.06

2016-2017 Paid Members – 59

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



Family Tree DNA and 20th Century Fox Team Up for Historical Adventure

In association with the upcoming theatrical release of the epic adventure film ASSASSIN'S CREED, in theaters December 21, Family Tree DNA is pleased to announce a new partnership with 20th Century Fox and Findmypast, which features the Assassin's Creed DNA Testing Bundle and Assassin's Creed Sweepstakes.

Loosely based on the popular video game franchise of the same name, and starring award-winning actors Michael Fassbender and Marion Cotillard, the movie's main character Callum Lynch—through a revolutionary technology called the *Animus*—travels deep into the past to discover that his genetic ancestor, Aguilar, was part of a mysterious secret organization, the Assassin's, in 15th Century Spain. The action-adventure follows Callum as he relives Aguilar's memories in present day.

As pioneers in the direct-to-consumer DNA testing industry, Family Tree DNA was tapped by 20th Century Fox to be the exclusive testing partner for the film. The company's premier suite of DNA tests along with the world's most comprehensive matching database enable users to trace their lineage through time, explore ancestry and connect with relatives across the globe.

Family Tree DNA Director of Product Development, Michael Davila, noted that "The opportunity to partner with 20th Century Fox on the release of Assassin's Creed is not only exciting but serendipitous. The storyline of Callum Lynch connecting to his ancestral past ties in completely with what our company does in helping people discover their origins and explore family history," said Davila.

"We are excited to be partnering with Family Tree DNA," said Zachary Eller, Senior Vice President, Marketing Partnerships, 20th Century Fox. "They provide a fantastic opportunity to bring the central themes of Assassin's Creed to a real world application by allowing consumers to actually discover their past."

With the purchase of the special limited-time Assassin's Creed Bundle, customers will be mailed a sample collection kit which, when processed, will provide both Family Tree DNA's signature Family Finder test and the Warrior Gene DNA test. They will also receive a free one-month premium subscription to Findmypast's online genealogy service.

According to Belinda Hanton, Global Head of Partnerships at Findmypast, "We are thrilled to be teaming up with Fox and Family Tree DNA to promote family history research and genetic genealogy. It's partnerships like this that allow us to speak to completely new audiences and help spread the word that anyone can start exploring their heritage at the click of a mouse. The lives of our ancestors are not only recorded in historical records, but are also written in our DNA and it is now easier than ever before to unlock the incredible stories hidden in our families' past."

Family Finder is an autosomal (non-sex) DNA test that finds matches within five generations and includes myOrigins, a powerful mapping tool that provides a detailed geographic and ethnic breakdown of personal genetic ancestry. The Warrior Gene test determines whether a person carries the Monoamine Oxidase A (MAOA) gene variant, dubbed the "Warrior Gene," which some researchers say may cause certain carriers to engage in more risk-taking behaviors and be able to better assess their chances of success in critical situations.

Together with the Assassin's Creed DNA Testing Bundle is the Assassin's Creed Sweepstakes and a chance to win a Grand Prize trip for two to Las Vegas for an Assassin's Creed-themed adventure. The experience includes a series of high-octane Assassin's Creed-inspired activities like a master parkour class, nighttime zip lining and an electrifying sky jump from the tallest tower in the city. Although no purchase is necessary to enter the contest, purchasing the Assassin's Creed Bundle earns customers ten additional entries into the Sweepstakes for a greater chance to win a trip to Las Vegas as well as other prizes. Followers will also have the opportunity to earn bonus entries by sharing Sweepstakes social posts on their Facebook and Twitter pages.

With the exclusive DNA Testing Bundle and Sweepstakes movie tie-in, Assassin's Creed fans everywhere will be able to jump back in time, embrace their inner warriors and unlock their genetic memories.

"The partnership between Fox's Assassin's Creed and Family Tree DNA is a perfect fit," Davila said. "Test-takers get to find out if they carry the "Warrior Gene" in their DNA, and while they're at it, will be able to delve into the exciting world of genetic genealogy and discover their own family histories... all through DNA. Everyone has a story to tell...so it's an absolute win-win scenario.

To learn more about the Assassin's Creed DNA Testing Bundle and Sweepstakes, visit: <https://www.familytreedna.com/assassinscreed>



(Source: Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter)

NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

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.

11/10 Naturalization and Citizenship
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.**

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. Registration requested.

Sat 01/21 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.

Introducing Fold3 Library Edition

Take a guided tour of the Library's newest resource Fold3 Library Edition by Ancestry. Learn how to search and browse the collections including: US military records with content from the Revolutionary War onward, African American and Native American Archives, FBI Case Files and the Holocaust Archives. Registration requested.

Sat 02/11 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.



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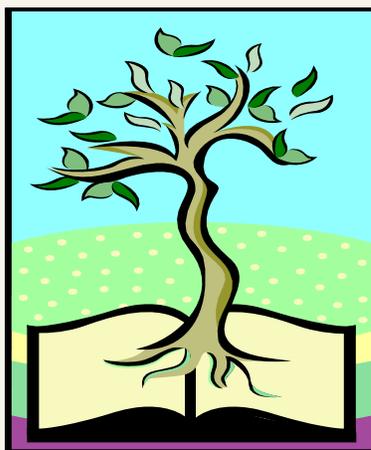
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**NEXT MEETING OF THE
DENTON COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY WILL BE ON
JAN 12, 2017
Emily Fowler Central
Library
502 Oakland St.
Denton**

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