

DCGS NEWS

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JANUARY MEETING THURSDAY JAN 12, 2017



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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: “Using the FamilySearch Wikipedia”

Speaker: Dorothy Stabler

What exactly is the FamilySearch Wikipedia? Ms. Sadler will outline what you can find on the Wiki, what the Wiki is not, how to use it for your genealogical research and how to contribute information.

Ms. Sadler has been involved in genealogical research since the 1970’s. She has served in many capacities in Family History Centers and class rooms over the years and around the country. Currently she is a FamilySearch Missionary, working online contributing to the Family Search Wikipedia.

Fold3 Library Edition Now Available at Denton Public Library

Fold3 Library Edition by Ancestry, provided by Proquest, is a premier collection of historical U.S. military records and unique military content. Denton Public Library customers can now access this resource that brings details of America’s military veterans to life with stories, photos and personal documents. Historians, genealogists, and military enthusiasts can access more than 440 million records beginning with the Revolutionary War. The new user interface makes it easy to search historical documents from diverse sources including the War of 1812 Pension Applications and Service Records, Civil War Widows’ Pensions, records of the United States Colored Troops, and unique non-military sources such as Native

American records, FBI Case Files, and Holocaust records.

Library customers can also choose to create a personal user account to build memorial pages, submit annotations to any image, or leave comments. The Fold3 name comes from a traditional flag folding ceremony in which the third fold is made in honor and remembrance of veterans who served in defense of their country and to maintain peace throughout the world.

Denton Public Library card holders can access other ProQuest products offering genealogical resources and historical databases, encompassing both primary and secondary sources.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow members:

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season, as did our family. Since our meeting in November, even with all the rush of the holiday activities, my wife and I have made new contacts in our shared ancestors matches and enhanced our family trees. But as always, there are many more yet to find.

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

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 January 12th. 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 who 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 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.

Regards,

Terry Brantley

President, Denton County Genealogical Society

The American Legion's Historical Archives

The American Legion's digital archive has just added a bunch of new items that may be of interest to researchers with ancestors who were part of that organization as well as with people looking at military social history of that time.

According the announcement at <https://goo.gl/D20k1u>:

"The American Legion's Digital Archive has received a new batch of historical documents. Recently added is the [full run of the National](#)

[Legionnaire](#), a newspaper that ran more or less monthly from January 1935 through November 1948. The Legionnaire provided the latest news on Legion activities and priorities from across the country. It was folded into The American Legion Magazine as its own section in February 1949. 2017 will bring even more additions to the Digital Archive, including 30 years of press releases from the Legion's news service. To learn how to use the archive, visit the [American Legion website](#)."

(Source: *Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter*)

NOV 2016 MINUTES

Terry Brantley, President called the meetinghouse order at 7:01 pm with a “thank you” to all veterans. 20 members and no visitors were present.

Motion to approve the October meeting minutes, as presented in the newsletter, was made by Perry Abernethy and seconded by Walta Evans. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, as presented in the newsletter, was made by Marilyn Simms and seconded by Perry Abernathy. Motion passed unanimously.

Linda Johnson and Terry are in the process of creating new name tags for all members. Wise County Genealogy Society has no activities scheduled for November. Dallas County Genealogy Society activities can be found on their website. Laura Douglas announced the November 12 class will feature cool genealogy sites available at the library. Presentation is scheduled to begin at 3:00 pm. Suggestions for books to be added to the library collection may be made to Laura or Linda Touraine.

The program “Naturalization and Citizenship Documents” was presented by Davideen Demske. These documents are not necessary, but could lead to other documents, i.e. birth, death, etc. Dates are vitally important. No documents are available prior to 1820. No civil registrations were required prior to 1820. 1900 to 1940 Census records

will show year of Naturalization. There was no uniformity of state and federal records prior to 1906. Basically, there are 3 time periods to be searched: 1. Colonial, 2. Post Colonial and 3. Pre Constitutional. Number 1 covers 1776 to 1820. Number 2 covers 1820 to 1906. Number 3 covers 1906 to present.

Multiple agencies were responsible for Naturalization records. Almost 10% of all immigrants returned to their country of origin. In 1907 women acquired their husband’s nationality upon marriage. Courts nearest to the alien’s residence could provide documents. From 1900 to 1940 Census records show Naturalization status. Records locations vary by county and state records. The Library of Congress has many records in the National Archives, i.e. Visas from 1924 to 1944 are available. Naturalization numbers might be provided on ship’s passenger lists.

Next meeting will be January 12, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Ingram, Secretary



TREASURER’S REPORT

Balance Nov. 1, 2016 **\$3,825.06**

Deposits:

Dues \$30.00

Total Income: **\$30.00**

Disbursements:

Program \$75.00

Genealogy Books for library \$1,448.89

Total **\$1,523.89**

Balance Dec. 31, 2016 **\$2,331.17**

2016-2017 Paid Members – 61

Library Donations

April 1995 – May 2006 \$2,876.52

June 2006 – June 2012 \$3,310.00

July 2012 – Dec. 2016 \$1,961.34

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Touraine, Treasurer



Online Genealogy Dictionaries & Other References

The Web is fast replacing reference books. References to almost any information can be found online quickly. In fact, it is often faster to look up information online than to look in a book already on your bookshelf. Of course, an online lookup is also much cheaper than purchasing a reference book.

Here are some reference sites that I have found to be useful to genealogists:

Abbreviations Found in Genealogy: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~rigenweb/abbrev.html> and the *Encyclopedia of Genealogy* at <http://www.eogen.com>.

A List of Occupations, many of which are archaic: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~usgwkidz/oldjobs.htm>.

Archaic Medical Terms: *Rudy's List of Archaic Medical Terms* at <http://www.antiquusmorbus.com/>, *Cyndis List of Medical Terms* at <http://www.cyndislist.com/medical#Diseases>, a list of archaic medical terms and meanings used in various English speaking countries at http://www.genproxy.co.uk/old_medical_terms.htm, and the *Encyclopedia of Genealogy* at <http://eogen.com>.

The Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names: <http://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabulary/tgn/index.html>

The Geographic Names Information System (GNIS), developed by the U.S. Geological Survey in cooperation with the U.S. Board on Geographic

Names (BGN), contains information about almost 2 million physical and cultural geographic features in the United States: <http://geonames.usgs.gov/indes.html>

Glossar: Die Familie: English-German glossary of terms frequently found in genealogy research: <http://www.univie.ac.at/voelkerkunde/cometh/glossar/heirat/h-menu.htm>

Meanings and origins of First Names—an etymology (the origin of words) and list of the most popular names: <http://www.behindthename.com/>

Cemetery Junction Directory—A directory of more than 50,000 cemeteries. Search by cemetery and family name. Links to obituaries and genealogical societies in the U.S., Australia, and Canada: <http://daddezio.com/cemetery/>

A Glossary of Terms Used in Heraldry (coats of arms): <https://www.heraldsnet.org/saitou/parker/index.htm>

Where to Write for Vital Records—Addresses and guidelines for contacting each U.S. state or territory for vital records and documents: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/towto/w2welcom.htm>

There are many, many more such lists online. You should be able to find them with any search engine. However, the above is a list of the ones I keep handy.

(Source: *Eastman Online Genealogical Newsletter*)

The State Archives of North Carolina Publishes a New Online Collection of Tax Records

The North Carolina State Archives has released a new digital collection, entitled *Tax Lists and Records*, drawing from General Assembly, Treasurer & Comptroller and Secretary of State records. The bulk of the records are from the Colonial and Revolutionary War eras, but some lists date from as late as 1853.

Lists sent to the General Assembly are from various counties and give the names of the heads of households and others who

were subject to taxation. Horses, cattle, livestock, and other luxury goods such as carriages and coaches are also often referenced. Information about slaves may also be present in these lists.

You can learn more in the blog of the North Carolina State Archives at <https://ncarchives.wordpress.com/2017/01/03/tax-lists-and-records/>. (Source: *Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter*)

NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

Denton County Genealogical Society

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

1/12 Family History Library

Emily Fowler 6:30 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.

Ellis Island Celebrates Its 125th Anniversary

Ellis Island opened as the nation's main immigrant processing center 125 years ago on Jan. 1. More than 12 million immigrants passed through the gates of the processing center. The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation says nearly half of all Americans can trace their family roots to a person who passed through Ellis Island.

The 27.5-acre island, part of the Statue of Liberty National Monument, no longer serves as a port of entry for new arrivals but it does greet about 2 million visitors a year, according to its website.

(Source: *Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter*)



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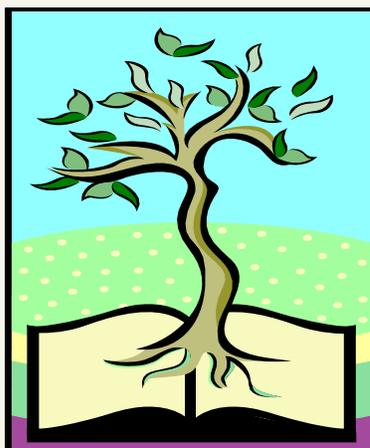
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