

DCGS NEWS

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APRIL MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 13, 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
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Program: "American Military Research"
Speaker: Joseph Ryan

This month's speaker is Joseph Ryan from the National Archives in Fort Worth. He is a retired Army Officer (1984-2004), and received a BA from Texas A & M and a PhD from the

University of Kansas.

The presentation on American military research will include a brief orientation to the National Archives, information about some of the military records held there, how to work with an archivist to access records in the archives, and procedures for finding and ordering military records.

A Card Index on Jewish Holocaust Victims is now Online

The International Tracing Service (ITS) has published two further resources in its online archive. They include the card index of the Reich Association of Jews in Germany and material on death marches from concentration camps.

What is left of the card index of the Reich Association of Jews in Germany (Reichsvereinigung der Juden in Deutschland) comprises 32,264 registration cards, primarily those of Jewish school pupils, emigrants and deceased persons. Now interested persons all over the world have access to these cards. The ITS has moreover placed an additional 15,000 documents pertaining to the death marches online, thus supplementing the first group of documents on that subject

published on its internet portal last year. "We chose two sets of documents that, while they are small, are of especial interest to the public. They conclude the successful test phase of the online archive," ITS director Floriane Hohenberg explained. "More extensive holdings will follow, with which we aim to make documents on deportations, the Holocaust and forced labor available to people all over the world." You can read more in the International Tracing Service web site at: <https://www.its-arolsen.org/en/press/press/press-detail/news/detail/News/card-index-on-jewish-victims-now-online/> while the online archive is available at: <https://digitalcollections.its-arolsen.org/01020401>.

(Source: Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter)

Don't forget the 2017 Annual Family History Fair—22 April 2017—See page 5 for details.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow members:

Well, we're getting close to the end of our meeting year. I think you'll agree that in the last few months, we've had some very interesting presentations and some that took us into some very new areas of genealogical research and history.

This month we'll listen to Joseph Ryan talk about "American Military Research" and of course there's more about that in the main part of the newsletter.

Keep in mind that our last meeting (in May) will be the "round-robin" meeting. So, make sure you get

some notes together to fill everybody in on your latest, greatest, exhilarating, problem-solving, trips into your genealogy. And, when you've got them together, save them in order to be one of our presenters in our next meeting year starting in September, 2017.

Regards,

Terry Brantley

President, Denton County Genealogical Society

D. Joshua Taylor Named as One of the “Movers & Shakers 2017 – Educators” by Library Journal

D. Joshua Taylor, President and CEO of New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, one of the hosts on PBS Television's *Genealogy Roadshow*, former president (for four years) of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and all-around “good guy” has received another honor. Library Journal has named Josh as one of the movers and shakers in the industry.

According to the magazine article, “Working with different libraries on the show and in other pursuits, Taylor has helped to highlight the many ways librarians are go-to resources for all genealogists, as guides to online services and by leveraging their own on-site collections.”



(Source: Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter)

MARCH 2017 MINUTES

DENTON COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING: March 9, 2017

Terry Brantley, President called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. 14 members and 1 visitor, Steve Booher were present.

Motion to approve the February meeting minutes, as presented in the newsletter, was made by Marilyn Simms and seconded by Mary Tate. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, as presented in the newsletter, was made by Vickie Whitfield and seconded by Walta Evans. Motion passed unanimously.

The Wise County and Dallas Genealogy Society meeting schedules can be found on their websites. The program “Southern Cemetery Symbolism” will be presented March 16 at the Wise County Genealogy Society meeting.

The Library genealogy programs schedule for March, April and May can be found in the brochure. Newbie Session: 1. Chris Strauss reported on the 2017 RootsTech Conference. Buddy Valasco (Cake Boss) and one of the Property Brothers were among the presenters this year. He recommends this conference over any other genealogy conferences. Some sessions are available online.

Walta Evans presented the program entitled “What, How and Why of Indexing”. Every record is indexed by 2 people prior to an arbitrator reviewing and correcting any discrepancies prior to being made available to the public. 492 records are currently available to be indexed. The first step to indexing is to download the Family Search Indexing program and completing the registration process. The initial program can only be used on a laptop or PC. The new Web Browser Based Indexing program can be downloaded to iPads. It may not be available for download at this time. Both programs offer tutorials and are very easy to use. Bi-lingual indexers are needed. Any age can index. Records from all over the world have been indexed. Many more records need to be indexed. Walta challenged DCGS members to index records.

Next meeting will be April 13, 2017.
Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Ingram, Secretary



TREASURER’S REPORT

Balance March 1, 2017	\$2,284.52	2016-2017 Paid Members – 61
Deposits:		
None		Library Donations
		April 1995 – May 2006
		June 2006 – June 2012
Total Income:	\$-0-	July 2012 – March 2017
		\$2,876.52
		\$3,310.00
		\$1,961.34
Disbursements:		
None		
Total Disbursements	\$-0-	
Balance March 31, 2017	\$2,284.52	

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Touraine, Treasurer



FamilySearch Marks World War I Centennial with Free Historic Record Collections

Did your ancestor serve in World War I? As the centennial of the United States' entry into World War I approaches, [FamilySearch International](#) is highlighting its free online collections of World War I records. Millions of free draft registration, service, and naturalization records online help fill in details about ancestors who served in the military during the conflict. April 6, 2017, will mark the centennial of the United States' entry into World War I. Search the free collections at [FamilySearch.org](#).

A century ago, the United States joined its allies to fight in World War I—the “Great War” or the “War to End All Wars.” When the U.S. joined the war effort, battles had already raged in Europe for nearly three years between the Allies and the Central Powers.

Almost five million [American military personnel](#) marched to war under the command of General John Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American Expeditionary Force. More than 116,000 Americans died in the war—about half from the [Spanish Flu pandemic](#) that swept the globe in 1918, killing millions around the world. Nearly 30,000 American military died of the flu before they even got to France.

The country followed the news of the war, with many people supporting the war effort in industry, farming, and other ways as they waited anxiously for the return of their loved ones. On November 11, 1918, about a year and a half after the United States entered the war, Germany formally surrendered, and terms of peace were negotiated. The nation rejoiced as soldiers returned home to rejoin their families and normal lives. But their experiences helped shape their lives, their posterity, and the country.

As the country remembers that war, many families seek to document the stories of their ancestors and friends who participated in the conflict. The veterans of that conflict are gone now, but many Americans are still alive who listened to the stories told by their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents of their families' experience during World War I. Some have documents and old letters, but not everyone has such personalized memorabilia. They may find documents in FamilySearch's searchable online collections to provide insights.

FamilySearch World War I Records Collections

[United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918](#)

[California, San Francisco, World War I Enemy Alien Registration Affidavits, 1918](#)

[Louisiana World War I Service Records, 1917–1920](#)

[Maine, World War I Draft Registration Index, 1917–1919](#)

[North Carolina, World War I Service Cards, 1917–1919](#)

[Texas, World War I Records, 1917–1920](#)

[United States Index to Naturalizations of World War I Soldiers, 1918](#)

[United States, YMCA World War I Service Cards, 1917–1919](#)

To find details about an ancestor's military service, start with the [Family History Research Wiki](#), which directs readers to related documents. Type World War I into the search box in the wiki. The results provide historical context to events during

the war, suggestions of records that may provide World War I information, and links to records on other websites.

The most extensive collection on FamilySearch.org is the [United States World War I Draft Registration Card collection](#), with nearly 25 million records. During the course of the war, the amount and kind of information required on draft cards changed, but draft registration cards typically included at least the registrant's full name, home address, birth date, birthplace, marital status, occupation, physical description, and more.

In addition, many states have registration indexes and card collections that may include other information. For example, searchable state service-card collections on FamilySearch.org for [North Carolina](#), [Maine](#), [Louisiana](#), and [Texas](#) provide information about service records, injuries, periods of service, place of birth, age at service or date of birth, units served with, and more for hundreds of thousands of military personnel.

FamilySearch.org has also published searchable images of [World War I Enemy Alien Registration Affidavits](#) from San Francisco, California. This collection of records has nearly 34,000 records that offer invaluable genealogical information about noncitizen families during the war, including birth location, countries of citizenship, children, siblings, extended family, educational level, date of arrival in the United States, occupation, languages spoken, a description and a photo of the registrant, and more.

The [United States Index to Naturalizations in World War I Soldiers, 1918](#) offers both indexed information about citizens naturalized during the war and links to images of the actual records.

Census records provide further clues about military service. The 1920 census did not ask questions specific to military service, but the [1930](#) and [1940](#) censuses did. Searchable images of the census sheets are online at FamilySearch.org. One less-known collection containing information about the World War I military comes in records from the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). This volunteer organization provided programs and supplies to support the troops, the sick and wounded, and prisoners of war. Family Search.org has 27,000 images from the [YMCA World War I Service Cards, 1917–1919](#) collection that provide names, addresses, work, religious affiliation, and army service information.

The following World War I books can be found in [FamilySearch's digital book collection](#) online.

FamilySearch World War I Books

[Soldiers of the Great War](#) (3 volumes) lists by state American casualties, killed, wounded, died of disease, etc. Also included are hundreds of individual pictures of soldiers.

[Officers and enlisted men of the United States Navy who lost their lives during the World War from April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918](#)

[Utah in the World War](#)

[History of the Seventy-Seventh Division, August 25, 1917-](#)

[November 11, 1918](#) – The division was made of draftees from New York City.

NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

Denton County Genealogical Society

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

04/13 – American Military Research presented by Joseph Ryan

05/11 – Members Round Table of Experiences
Emily Fowler 6:30 p.m.

Care and Identification of Your Photographs

Jessica Phillips, head of Preservation at the University of North Texas, will talk about simple ways to identify various photographic formats as well as guidelines for proper care and handling. Registration is requested

Sat. 04/15 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.

2017 Annual Family History Fair

This free event features a mixture of live presentations by area genealogy experts, informational displays, and video presentations from RootsTech 2017, with an emphasis on the expanded and improved FamilySearch website as well as a host of other resources. For more information contact the Denton Family History Center Director, Eric Kaszynski by email at ekaszynski@gmail.com.

Sat. 04/22 Denton Family History Center - 3000 Old North Road 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

I've Got—Or I'm Getting—My DNA Report: Now What Do I Do?

Presented by Patti Gillespie, from a non-geneticist point of view, will explain how to choose a

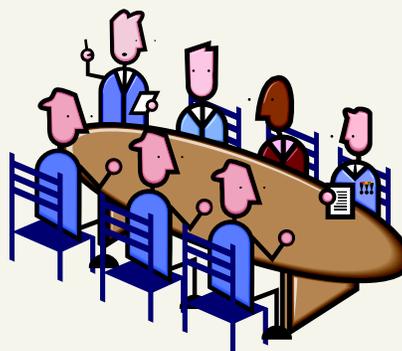
company and a test, what to do while waiting for the report, and how to maximize the report results. Whether deciding who to contact, how to use the research within the DNA report, or just how to link our trees to our DNA results, this session will be helpful. The potential use of raw data will be introduced with visual step-by-step to uploading to other sites known as 3rd party tools. Registration is requested

Sat. 05/20 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.

Tips for Successful Searches using Ancestry

With more than 9,000 databases and 200 billion images, Ancestry is the premier online genealogy resource—and it's available to you for free within any Library location. This class will introduce you to the many features of Ancestry Library Edition and show you how to do efficient and effective searches. Basic computer skills are recommended. Registration is requested

Thur. 05/25 Emily Fowler 6:30 p.m.



2016-2018 OFFICERS

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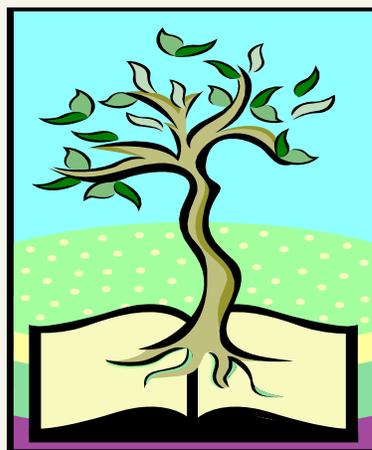
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DENTON COUNTY
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SOCIETY WILL BE ON
MAY 11, 2017
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