

# DCGS NEWS

D E N T O N C O U N T Y G E N E A L O G I C A L S O C I E T Y

## SEPTEMBER MEETING THURSDAY SEPT 14, 2017



1896- Denton County Courthouse-

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](http://www.genealogydentontexas.org)

### Program: "Family History Training Videos"

**Speaker: Eric B. Kaszynski, Jr.**

There is a growing number of free online training videos relating to family history research. These videos explore research techniques and topics for all experience levels. Mr. Kaszynski will review the free training videos relating to FamilySearch Family Tree as well as other genealogical products and procedures.

Eric B Kaszynski Jr. is the current director

of the Family History Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 3000 Old North Rd. in Denton. Born in Dallas TX in 1950, he grew up in Dallas and Lewisville. Work took him away from the metroplex for a number of years to Oklahoma, South Texas, Mexico and Kansas. Eric returned to Denton in 1998, infected with the Genealogy bug. Working initially in Personal Ancestral File and then with new. familysearch and for the past several years with FamilySearch Family Tree. He served an 18 month mission for the Church doing telephone support for FamilySearch products in 2014-2015 and has worked as a local volunteer since then. For Eric, Family Tree's collaborative approach makes Family History a family affair.

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### William Deming Hornaday Photograph Collection is Now Online at the Texas State Archives

William Deming Hornaday (1868-1942) was a journalist and Director of Publicity for the University of Texas. He amassed a collection of about 5,800 items consisting of photographs, photographic postcards, photo engravings and negatives. The images were created by a variety of photographers, the names of whom are mostly unknown. Dates covered are about 1890-about 1940, undated. The photographs depict notable people, places, and events across Texas. The collection also portrays a variety of locations outside the contiguous United States, most notably Mexico, Australia, China, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Fiji, and Hawaii. Subjects covered include agriculture, bridges, cattle, cityscapes,

dwelling, factories, harbors, hunting, hydraulic structures, irrigation farming, landscape, military bases and personnel, mineral industries, the petroleum industry, physical geography, politicians, public buildings, railroads, ranches, and the wool industry. The images are arranged as received, under approximately 283 headings determined by subject matter, location, or format. These headings are ordered alphabetically. You can access the collection at: <http://bit.ly/2pHgqX>.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow members:

I hope you were able to accomplish some significant genealogical research this summer as we were.

Our family tree is growing by leaps and bounds thanks to the efforts of my wife, our daughter, and one of our nieces. It is so wonderful to have the advantage of ever-increasing resources on the internet available to us.

Please bring your stories about your research this last year and the results you've found, the walls you've come up against and climbed, and those new trails you've gone down with your new DNA matches. Of course, we'll continue with our "Newbie Time" at the beginning of the meeting for visitors or newcomers that need some insight into the realms of genealogy.

One of our members, Eric Kaszynski, is giving the presentation for our upcoming meeting. There will be more information elsewhere in this newsletter!

Our Treasurer, Linda Touraine, will be taking dues

payments for this next year for the period of September, 2017 through May, 2018. The dues are fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for single memberships and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for couples.

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.

Be sure and read the rest of this newsletter for the latest information on upcoming genealogical events, and also check the City of 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

## Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Now Online

Many experienced genealogists can tell you that using the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps is a great way to learn more about the lives of your U.S. ancestors, especially if they owned their own homes or rented homes or their places of business.

The Library of Congress has placed online nearly 25,000 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, which depict the structure and use of buildings in U.S. cities and towns. Maps will be added monthly until 2020, for a total of approximately 500,000.

The online collection now features maps published prior to 1900. The states available include Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Alaska is also online, with maps published through the early 1960s. By 2020, all the states will be online, showing maps from the late 1880s through the early 1960s.

The Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps are a valuable resource for genealogists, historians, urban planners, teachers or anyone with a personal connection to a community, street or building. The maps depict more than 12,000 American towns and cities. They show the size, shape and construction materials of dwellings, commercial buildings, factories and other structures. They indicate both the names and width of streets, and show property boundaries and how individual buildings were used. House and block numbers are identified. They also show the location of water mains, fire alarm boxes and fire hydrants.

You can learn more in the Library of Congress web site at: <https://www.loc.gov/item/prn-17-074/?locrl=fbloc-new>. The Sanborn Fire Maps that are already online may be found at: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/about-this-collection>.

Source: *Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter*

## MAY 2017 MINUTES

Terry Brantley, President called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm. 22 members, including new member Steven Booher, were present.

Motion to approve the March meeting minutes, as presented in the newsletter, was made by Donna Spears and seconded by Vickie Whitfield. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented in the newsletter, was made by Jane Ingram and seconded by Walta Evans. Motion passed unanimously.

The Wise County and Dallas Genealogy Society meeting schedules can be found on their websites. Eric Kaszynski announced 110 people attended the recent Family History Fair. The family research center is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 to 9 and Sundays from 4:30 to 6:30. The Library genealogy programs schedule for June, July and August will be available in the brochure. May 20 program will be about DNA reports. May 25 program will be on Ancestry search tips. The August program will be about Probate and non census schedules. Tours of the Special Collections department are scheduled for June 8 at 7:00 pm and July 28 at 2:30 pm.

The program was a Round Robin. Nita Thurman asked which is the best DNA service to use. Two members have used Family Tree which is the only one which tests the male Y DNA. DNA may be able to identify adoptee's ancestors. Deb Reed asked if it is possible to download supporting documentation to Excel files. Joe Spears shared his findings about his second great grandfather. He sired

21 children by two wives, 147 grandchildren and some 500 great grandchildren. Laura Douglas told of a library patron and she are researching the same family name. The patron hit a brick and came to the library to search Fold 3. She was able to find records of her ancestor having been investigated by the FBI. Steve Booher had questions about the Flip Pal device usage. It is capable of scanning photos, photo albums and books. It costs approximately \$150 to \$200. Kathi Coatney told of a friend who has conflicting information regarding birth order of family twins. Dayonne Work entered information on the Family Tree link on Family Search for her husband's family and has received 7 emails from one contact. One email contained a map of the area of Poland of the town his German ancestors had lived. Walta advised providing sources of information entered on Family Tree. This helps substantiate your information when others have given conflicting information. Donna Spears asked if anyone knows the download status of 1812 pension files on Fold 3. She has found the Tennessee State Library to be very helpful in her search of her Smith family from Tennessee.

Jane Ingram asked for an update of purchases funded by the latest DCGS donation. Laura Douglas reported all purchases have been made.

Next meeting will be September 14, 2017.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Ingram, Secretary



## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Balance May 1, 2017** **\$2,160.52**

**Deposits:**

Dues, 2017-2018 \$235.00

**Total Income:** **\$235.00**

**Disbursements:**

NGS dues \$ 50.00

**Total Disbursements** **\$ 50.00**

**Balance Aug. 31, 2017** **\$2,345.52**

2017-2018 Paid Members – 17

Library Donations  
April 1995 – May 2006 \$2,876.52  
June 2006 – June 2012 \$3,310.00  
July 2012 – August 2017 \$1,961.34

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Touraine, Treasurer



## FamilySearch Digital Records Access Replacing Microfilm

Thursday, September 7, 2017, marks the closing of an 80-year era of historic records access to usher in a new, digital model. FamilySearch is **discontinuing its microfilm circulation services** in concert with its commitment to make **billions of the world's historic records readily accessible digitally online.**

(See [FamilySearch Digital Records Access Replacing Microfilm](#)). As its remaining microfilms are digitized, FamilySearch has provided additional information to users of its historic microfilm program. m.

FamilySearch, a global leader in historic records preservation and access, began microfilming historic records in 1938. Advancements in technology have enabled it to be more efficient, making an unbelievable tide of digital images of historic records accessible much quicker online and to a far greater customer base.

FamilySearch released a list of helpful facts and tips to help patrons better navigate the transition from microfilm to digital.

### QUICK FACTS AND TIPS

- Patrons can [still order](#) microfilms online until Thursday, September 7, 2017.
- After film ordering ends, if customers need access to a particular film yet to be digitized, they can express interest to have it added to the priority digitization list by contacting [FamilySearch Support](#) (Toll Free: 1-866-406-1830).
- All of the microfilm rented by patrons in the past 5 years have now been digitized by FamilySearch—over 1.5 million microfilms (ca. 1.5 billion images).
- The remaining microfilms are being digitally scanned at a rate of 1,000 films per day and are projected to be complete by 2020.
- New digital images are available as they are scanned in the [FamilySearch.org Catalog](#).
- Films currently on loan in family history centers and affiliate libraries are automatically granted extended loan status.
- Affiliate libraries now have access to nearly all of the restricted image collections as

family history centers.

- Visitors to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City will still be able to order needed microfilms to use during their research visits

### HOW TO FIND DIGITAL IMAGES ON FAMILYSEARCH

Digital image collections can be accessed today in 3 places on FamilySearch.org, all under Search.

**Catalog.** Includes a description of all the microfilms and digital images in the FamilySearch collection.

This is where all of FamilySearch's digitized microfilm and new digital images from its global camera operations are being published. A camera icon appears in the Catalog adjacent to a microfilm listing when it is available digitally.

**Records** includes collections that have been indexed by name or published with additional waypoints to help browse the unindexed images.

**Books** include digital copies of books from the Family History Library and other libraries, including many books that were previously copied to microfilm.

For additional help, see [Finding Digital Images of Records on FamilySearch.org](#), or watch this how-to video "[Where are the digitized records on FamilySearch?](#)"

"FamilySearch is committed to meeting customers' needs as much as possible during this transition to digital access," said Diane Loosle, FamilySearch's Director of Patron Services. "We really appreciate the wonderful feedback we have received since the initial announcement. It is helping us better facilitate customer experiences during this next phase."

Loosle said FamilySearch's over 5,000 family history centers will continue to provide access to relevant technology, premium subscription services, and digital records, including restricted content not available at home. Centers have the option to return microfilm that is available online or otherwise not needed. As more images are published online, centers may reevaluate whether to retain microfilm holdings.

## NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

### Denton County Genealogical Society

Meet fellow genealogists, share tips, & learn new information.

**09/14** “Family History Training Videos” by Eric B Kaszynski Jr.

**10/12** “How to Use the DAR Genealogical Records System” by Julie Avedikian

**11/09** “The Stedman Story: Mystery, Intrigue, Adoption and DNA – Jewish Genealogy Strategies Unravel a Family Mystery” by Karen Franklin

**Thu Emily Fowler 6:30 p.m**

### A President, Not a King: The Continued Importance of Constitutional Checks and Balances

French political philosopher, Montesquieu first articulated a system of checks and balances in 1748, arguing “power should be a check to power.” Join us in celebrating Constitution Week as Aubri Thurmond (TWU) examines the powers given to each branch to perform their respective functions and also, to check the potential abuse of power by the other branches. Sponsored by the Benjamin Lyon Chapter of the NSDAR.

**Sat. 09/16 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.**

### What’s so special about Special Collections?

Take a tour and discover the Genealogy, Denton History, and Texas History resources we have to help you with your research. Registration requested.

**Fri 09/29 Emily Fowler Library 10 a.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

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**Sat. 10/07 Emily Fowler 10 a.m.**

### 17th State-Wide Genealogy Lock-In

Join us for a full day of informative and interactive live webinars on a wide range of Genealogy and Local History topics. Connect with libraries across Texas for access to their genealogy resources as well as full use to the resources in our Special Collections. One-on-one research help will also be available for questions from beginners to brick walls. Food will be provided so registration is required. Sponsored by The Genealogy Network of Texas.

Fri. 10/20 Emily Fowler 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

11:00 - 11:50 a.m. *Orphan Train Riders: Tracks to Texas & Beyond, All Aboard 1854 to 1929* - Paula Perkins

Noon-1:30 p.m. *Beginner’s Guide to Documenting Your Family History* - LaToya Devezin, Community Archivist, Austin History Center

1:40 - 2:40 p.m. Discover *Local History through a Regional Depository* - Laura Saegert, Assistant Director for Archives, Archives & Information Services Division, TSLAC

2:50 - 3:50 p.m. *My Texans during the Republic* - Sharon Farnsworth, Registrar for the Sterling C. Robertson Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. *Connecting Your DNA Matches* - Diahn Southard, Your DNA Guide

5:00-6:00 p.m. Dinner break

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. *Researching Your Czech Immigrant Ancestor’s Background in the Old Fatherland* - Dr. Miroslav Koudelka, Genealogy researcher and guide from the Czech Republic & TCGS charter member

**7:10 - 8:10 p.m. Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors with Newspapers** - Lisa Louise Cooke, Family History Author, Speaker, & Producer **The Genealogy Gems Podcast**

8:20 - 9:30 p.m. *Discovering Your WWI Ancestor: Sources & Resources* - Earl Pogue, Family Historian & Author

### “We Don’t Talk About Them...”

Searching for ancestors that might have been up to no good? Learn how to research to find the prisoners, deserters and runaway spouses in your family tree.

**Sat. 11/04 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.**

### 2016-2018 OFFICERS

**President—Terry Brantley**

**Vice-President—Perry Abernethy**

**Secretary—Jane Ingram**

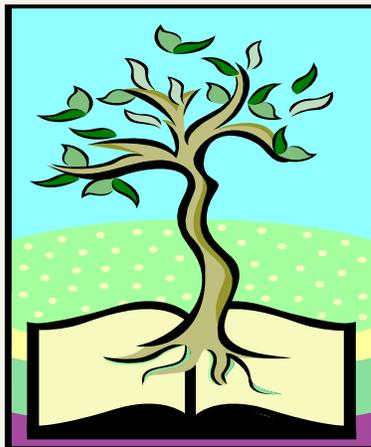
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**NEXT MEETING OF THE  
DENTON COUNTY  
GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY WILL BE ON  
OCT 12, 2017  
Emily Fowler Central  
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502 Oakland St.  
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