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Coming Events

Mark your calendar and pull out the recipe book—for our June 19th Potluck dinner and get together. We will meet at Gretchen King's house at 2609 Summit Dr. in Irving at 6 pm. Gretchen will provide the meat dish. Bring a dish and join us for a good time and genealogical conversation.

August 21 meeting— Overview about the formation and history of the Quaker movement, the people and their families, how and where they lived, and their customs and beliefs. Debbie Kunze will show us the Quaker migrations in the United States. She will also explain how to use Quaker records to trace a family, even from Ireland to the United States.

A native Texan, Debbie grew up in Fort Worth and Abilene. After graduating from Abilene High School, she returned to the Tarrant County area and has lived there ever since. She has one daughter, who is currently in graduate school. Debbie has worked with the federal government over twenty-seven years ago. As a student of family history, her genealogy career began almost that long ago. Her Texas roots date back to early 1830s with William Stiles, who came to Texas with Austin's Old Three Hundred and lived in current Fort Bend County.

Along with her office as president of the Texas State Genealogical Society Debbie is also the District 10 Representative. She is the editor for the Tipton Family Association of America newsletter. In past years, Debbie has served as vice president and projects director for Mid Cities Genealogical Society, where she is the current publicity chair.

You are fortunate if you find you have Quaker ancestors who belonged to the Society of Friends, because they were committed to careful record keeping. If you want to find out more about your Quaker roots, come learn with us. Our program speaker, Debbie Kunze, may give you insight and a giant step forward in your quest for Quaker resources and genealogical records!

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Book Review.

Carmack's Guide to Copyright & Contracts.

By Mary Archer

Sharon DeBartolo Carmack's new book is designed to help the reader sort through the mysteries and misconceptions of copyright. Each chapter deals with specific principles of copyright law and then closes with questions that apply those principles to situations genealogists encounter daily.

Topics include copyright basics, public domain, and works for hire. She also discusses book, electronic and self-publication contracts. Questions posed include:

- Do I need permission to reprint an obituary?
- Can I publish my great-grandfather's diary without permission?
- Who owns the copyright to a letter or e-mail?
- Who owns the copyright in an oral interview?
- Can someone put my research on the internet without my permission?
- If I write something for a genealogical society, who owns the copyright?
- What permission is required to download GEDCOM files?

Carmack's book provides important insights into a complicated subject and makes no-nonsense sound reading for all genealogists, authors and researchers. The author is a certified genealogist and the author of genealogical guidebooks, family history narratives, and genealogical reference guides.

The book is available in the Central Library's Local History and Genealogy collection.

Review of May Speaker

By Barbara Tsirigotis

At the May 15th monthly meeting, members welcomed Sammie Townsend Lee, lecturer and familiar face in the genealogy section of the Dallas Public Library. Ms. Lee's topic was newspaper research. Her presentation was entitled, Read All About It! Newspapers: The Great American Source.

The first newspaper on record was printed in 1704 in Boston, Massachusetts. Newspapers can reflect the moral, cultural and educational growth of a particular area. In them we can find records of birth, marriage, and death, advertisements, legal notices, political information, gossip, unclaimed letter lists, organization and religious events. Many can be viewed on microfilm through inner library loan. Others can be found online, such as:

- The Virginia Gazette
- The Federal Union (Georgia)

Also check the Redbook for a listing of newspapers available in the area you are researching. Ms. Lee recommends reading Research in Newspapers by James Hansen.

During WWI and II the military routinely sent announcements to local newspapers about their citizens in military service. Draft lists were often printed in newspapers during this time.

We often see the word INSTANT in older obituaries, meaning "the current month." Ms. Lee presented us with a new word occasionally found in obits, ULTIMO, meaning "the month before."

Researchers can access the Texas State Electronic Library holdings through TexShare at the local library. Search "Worldcat" to locate the paper you are looking for, then, request inner library loan. The Dallas Morning News Historical Archive (1885-1977) can be accessed at the Dallas Genealogy Society website.DGS site.