

DCGS NEWS

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FEBRUARY MEETING THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2018



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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: “Exploration and Discovery: Family Search and Ancestry Home Pages”

Speaker: Walta Evans

The presentation will show what is on the Home Page in both applications, home page similarities and differences, and how to maneuver from the home page of both to make new and exciting discoveries without getting lost!

Walta Evans became interested in family history as a teen at a paternal family

reunion and hearing stories about her mother’s paternal line who came from Jersey, Channel Islands, and France. Walta earned a B.S., M.Educ. and MLS from the University of North Texas She worked for 79 as a teacher and librarian. She was the Genealogy/Children’s Program Librarian at Van Zandt County Library and a contributor to Van Zandt County Texas Histories and Biographies.

Walta serves her church calling as a Family History Consultant. She has been a presenter at the Denton Stake Family History Fair and the Denton County Genealogical Society.

Save Your Memories

The Special Collections Department at Emily Fowler Central Library is excited to announce the opening of The Legacy Lab in 2018. This initiative consists of approximately eight new pieces of equipment that patrons can use to preserve their photos, documents, films, and more for free. It is well known how some types of media degrade over time, especially slides and VHS tapes. Denton residents now have a place where they can preserve their family’s legacy for future generations.

Among the new pieces of equipment are a ION Tape Express Converter for cassette tapes; a Toshiba VHS-to-CD converter; a Wolverine Super 8 film converter; and an Epson Fast Photo FF-640 to quickly digitize multiple photos, etc.

Each piece of equipment comes with basic instructions for use and some have video tutorials and more detailed manuals. The Special Collections Department will provide periodic training classes for use of The Legacy Lab.

Customers will sign an agreement and must possess a valid full-service library card or technology card to use The Legacy Lab. The equipment is loaned out for use within the Library on a first come, first served basis. Denton Public Library assumes no responsibility for any damage to personal possessions during use of lab equipment.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow members:

Well, it's that time again! Time to select our Nominating Committee to work on our new slate of officers for the 2018-2019 period.

Below is the section of the DCGS bylaws that defines how officers will be elected:

Section 2.

There shall be a Nominating Committee composed of five (5) members; two (2) of whom shall be selected by the Executive Board from its body, and three (3) from the Society at large, elected biennially by the Society at the February meeting. The Committee shall elect its Chairperson.

The Nominating Committee shall nominate one eligible person for each office to be filled and reports its nominees at the regular meeting in April, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. Only those persons who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated for, or elected to, such office.

So, please consider being on the Nominating Committee. I will bring this up during the business part of meeting.

Also, your DCGS board of officers will be meeting in the next few weeks to discuss business for the next year. If you have any suggestions for improving our meetings, please talk to, or email any of the board members with your ideas.

Also, we'll have our round-robin session in our May meeting. I know that's three months away, but if you've made significant advances in your genealogical research, DNA research, -or- you had an interesting or enlightening experience (such as my wife did when we located and visited the house where her mother was born and she received a painting of the house from the current owner), please get ready to tell us about it at that meeting.

We have a great program next week, and two more on the way in March and April thanks to the efforts of our Program Chairperson, Perry Abernethy

If you have relatives, friends, or acquaintances interested in their family genealogy, invite them to come and visit our meeting.

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.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Remember to wear your DCGS name-tag lanyard to the meeting!

Regards,

Terry Brantley
President, Denton County Genealogical Society

UNT LIBRARIANS SEEK GENEALOGISTS

Librarians at The University of North Texas Libraries are currently studying how different communities, including genealogists, assign metadata, specifically keywords, to digitized television news stories. We plan to use the data gathered in this research to inform and shape our policies regarding metadata, access, and training.

We are currently seeking genealogists to participate in our research survey. If you are interested in participating in this research study, please use this link to complete the initial demographic survey online and confirm your eligibility for this study: <http://tiny.cc/untdig>. The eligibility survey will **close on Friday 02/16/18**.

Individuals employed by the University of North Texas and students enrolled in the University of North Texas are not eligible to participate in the study. Not all people who complete this initial survey will be selected to participate in the study. The initial demographic survey should take

no more than 5 minutes to complete.

Those individuals selected to participate will be sent an email invitation. Selected study participants will then be asked to complete an online exercise in which they will provide keywords for a series of 5 brief videos from a digitized television news collection. Participants will also be asked to answer some brief demographic questions.

We estimate that it will take approximately 30 minutes to complete these tasks.

Participants will be provided a \$25 gift card from Amazon upon completion of the video description tasks. Please feel free to share this with any members of your community who may be eligible to participate. If you have any questions about the research study, please do not hesitate to contact us off-list at unt.dig@gmail.com

JANUARY 2018 MINUTES

President Terry Brantley called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Twelve members were in attendance. Ten visitors plus the speaker and his wife were present. One visitor joined. Each meeting a member attends and brings their name lanyard, their name will be included in a drawing for a free one year membership. If the winner is part of a family membership, they will receive \$15 credit towards the next year's dues.

Eric Kaszynski made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes as presented in the newsletter. Walta Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jane Ingram made a motion to approve the Treasurers report as presented in the newsletter. Vickie Whitfield seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Laura Douglas announced "Introducing the Memory Maker Space Digital Conversion Lab" is scheduled for Saturday January 13 at 3:00 pm. On January 19, 2018 "Beginning Genealogy" will start at 10:00am. Other scheduled programs are listed in the newsletter.

NEWBIE SESSION: Visitor Mr. McKee asked if anyone has done any research into the life of John B. Denton, founder of Denton. His wife Ann is his third great granddaughter.

PROGRAM: "HistoryGeo.com: Unlocking the Past with Original and Early Landowner Maps" by Greg Boyd. Maps have long been a genealogist's secret weapon. They can help you fill in the blanks. Mr. Boyd is the creator of the website. He also has published books of his research. Anyone interested in a 12 month subscription within the next week, can email info@historygeo.com and receive an additional 3 months free. It is also available for use at Emily Fowler Library. First Landowners Project and Antique Maps Collection are available. Thirty states and 12.5 million people have been mapped and are included on this website. Once a person is located, additional information can be added. The date below the landowner's name is the issue year. BLM Records start after the Revolutionary War. Volunteers are needed to transcribe maps of the colonial states. Future projects include The Metes & Bounds Mapper, late 2018; Cemetery Mapping System, release date not set and The World History Project. Questions may be sent to info@historygeo.com.

The next meeting will be February 8, 2018.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Ingram, Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Jan. 31, 2017	\$2,602.88
Deposits:	
Dues, 2017-2018	\$55.00
Total Income:	\$55.00
Disbursements:	
FGS Dues	\$35.00
Membership Exp.	\$33.11
Total Disbursements	\$68.11
Balance Dec. 31, 2017	\$2,589.77

2017-2018 Paid Members – 47

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Touraine, Treasurer



JSTOR: the Great Online Genealogy Resource that Few Genealogists Know About

Genealogy information can be found in many places. Most genealogists know about and use the various online sites that have census records, vital records, pension application files, and user-contributed family trees online. These are great resources but they are not the only ones available to us. For instance, have you used JSTOR?

JSTOR is an online library of hundreds of years of academic research and presently contains more than 1,900 journal titles in more than 50 disciplines. The web site started in 1995 as a site containing back issues of academic journals. Since then, JSTOR has grown to include books and primary sources, and current issues of journals.

A quick search for “genealogy” on the JSTOR web site produced 105,889 “hits” to that word.

As always, I searched for some of the surnames in my own family tree. Here is one that I found that can serve as a typical example of the information found on JSTOR:

JOURNAL ARTICLE

Eastman’s Maternal Ancestry: Letter from Charles Alexander Eastman to H. M. Hitchcock, September 8, 1927

A. LAVONNE BROWN RUOFF

Studies in American Indian Literatures

Series 2, Vol. 17, No. 2, Honoring A. Lavonne Brown Ruoff (SUMMER 2005), pp. 10-17

Published by: University of Nebraska Press

Stable URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/20737262>

Page Count: 8

JSTOR provides full-text searches of more than 1,900 journals and more than a few of those are journals published by some of the most respected historical societies of our time. Most of the journals are published online on JSTOR about 3 to 5 years after publication in print. However, if a journal’s publishers agree, journals may be published even earlier.

Journals available in JSTOR typically do not contain lists of individual residents of an area. However, they are very useful for:

- Researching historical figures, places, and

events

- Finding state- and region-specific information and history
- Learning about immigration patterns, political movements, and social issues of the day

Some of the available online journals include:

The Arkansas Historical Quarterly published by the Arkansas Historical Association

- Massachusetts Historical Review
- Michigan Historical Review
- Virginia Magazine of History and Biography
- Wisconsin Magazine of History
- Tennessee Historical Quarterly

The above is an abbreviated list; there are many more.

JSTOR is a subscription web site although it is possible to read up to three articles at no charge. Plans start at \$9.99 per month or \$99 per year if paid one year in advance. However, many libraries have subscriptions to JSTOR so it is possible to gain free access by visiting a local library in person or, in some cases, accessing JSTOR remotely by first logging onto your library’s web site and using its “gateway” to JSTOR. More than 7,000 academic institutions, public libraries, research institutions, museums, and schools in more than 150 countries have access.

JSTOR is available at: <http://www.jstor.org>.



JSTOR

NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

Denton County Genealogical Society

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

Thu Emily Fowler 6:30 p.m

02/08 Exploration and Discovery: FamilySearch & Ancestry Home Pages presented by Walta Evans

To Have and To Hold: Marriage Records As a Link to Your Ancestors

Marriage records are considered the oldest of the vital records. This presentation by Kathy Strauss, will

consider the jurisdictions governing these records, the types of marriage records available, and how to locate these records. Registration requested.

Sat 02/17 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.

Thu 02/22 Emily Fowler 7 p.m.

Book Review: The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy, 4th Edition

The following book review was written by Bobbi King:

The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy
4th Edition. By Val D. Greenwood. Genealogical Publishing Co.
2017. 778 pages.

It's nice to see this well-worn genealogical classic refreshed and reprinted. It's held its worth and value nicely, and this most recent volume has been updated with pertinent information for researching today's resources. The 3rd edition came out in 2000, so this 2017 edition encompasses significant updates.

The most obvious difference is the abundance of URLs throughout the book. Wherever there's an opportunity for a researcher to go online and learn more about a topic, Mr. Greenwood includes the link. In rewriting his book, he regrets the opportunities for inaccuracies due to rapid changes of links and website addresses, a testament to his desire to write the most up-to-date volume possible. This from the man, who, in 1972, used an IBM Executive typewriter to type 535 pages, including all the charts, tables, and illustration, *twice*, to prepare camera-ready copy.

Each chapter and topic is full of detail. More detail than I thought I would have needed. The calendar/date change section, about 4 pages long, is the best explanation I've read about that Julian to Gregorian thing. All topics are presented from the

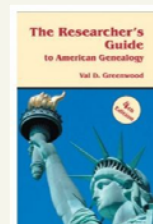
viewpoint of "Now think about this, be careful, here are the pros and cons of this particular record, so think hard about what's it is telling you, or not telling you."

There are two new chapters about technology and family history, not a surprise.

Mr. Greenwood includes a lot of glossaries; a lot of definitions of words pertaining to the topic in that particular chapter. When glossaries are at the end of the book, I get distracted flipping back and forth. Having these definitions in the same chapter is exactly where I need them.

This is just a super-great reference book. Definitely a must-have for the beginner group, and always useful for the advanced group. Mr. Greenwood does not publish often, but when he does, it's a landmark edition.

The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy is available from the publisher at <http://bit.ly/2jEAnse> and from Amazon at <http://amzn.to/2EEVksL>.



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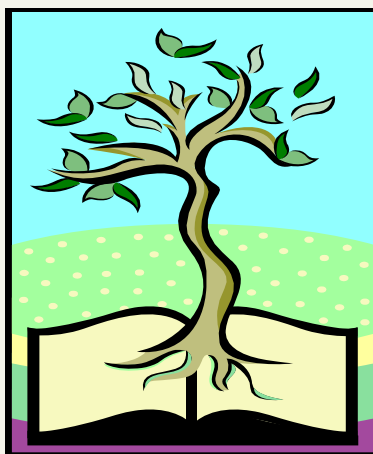
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