

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

MAY MEETING THURSDAY MAY 10, 2018



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

Program: Members' Round Table of Genealogy Experiences and Annual Business Meeting

Members are welcome to share their genealogical accomplishments and discovers from the past year. Everyone is encouraged to bring their stories, heirlooms, and important documents for our popular annual "show and tell." It's time to "wow" us with all of your finds!

This will also be our annual business meeting and election of officers for the

2018-2020 term. The slate of officers from the Nominating Committee is as follows:

- President: Joe Spears
- Vice-President/Program Chair: Erik Kaszynski
- Secretary: Jane Ingram
- Treasurer: Bob McCombs
- Librarian/Publicity: Laura Douglas
- Membership—Deb Reed
- Hospitality—Walta Evans
- Newsletter—Kathy Strauss
- Webmaster—Chris Strauss

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES

Cherokee Family Research Center to Host a Conference

The Five Tribes Ancestry Conference will be presented June 7-9 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. The conference is the first of its kind and is endorsed by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, whose mission is to unite the

tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee Creek and Seminole nations.

Details may be found in the *NewsOK* web site at: <http://bit.ly/2JV0J1G>.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow members:

Here we are at the end of our 2017-2018 year. And, we're at the end of the two-year term for the current officers. This next meeting is our business meeting so, we will have the election of new officers for the next two years, -and- our round-robin session following the business meeting.

Our Nominating Committee has a slate of officers for the 2018-2019 period ready for presentation to the group. If you are interested in serving in one of the positions, please contact me, or any of the other officers and they will get your name to the Nominating Committee before our upcoming business meeting. We will be voting in our new officers next week.

I would like to thank all of those officers and members that have helped me this last four years. It has been an interesting, satisfying, educational time for me. I want to thank Wanda Samek for giving me a book back in May of 2014 with many helpful notes and ideas to get me started with my travel through this new experience as the President of the group. I would also like to thank the members who stepped in at the last minute to help me with setting up a table for our group at the Family History Fairs.

And last but not least, I'd like to thank ALL of you officers and members who helped me along the way with your suggestions, advice, and guidance in this last four years. I'm not going to list all of you by name because I

don't want to forget anyone. You know who you are! Thank you, thank you so much.

As I mentioned earlier, we'll have our round-robin session during our upcoming meeting following the business meeting. If you have an interesting story to tell our group about an experience you've had, we would love to hear your story at our meeting.

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

Our Treasurer will be accepting dues payments for this next year.

Be sure to 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 to 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.

Please remember to wear your DCGS name-tag lanyard to the meeting!

Regards,

Terry Brantley

FGS 2018 Registration Is Open

Registration is open for the Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana 22-25 August 2018. Early Bird pricing is available through 1 July 2018. To register, go to FGS.org and follow the link to Registration.

The conference will be at the Grand Wayne Center in downtown Fort Wayne, directly across the street from the Allen County Public Library and its famed Genealogy Center with hundreds of thousands of genealogy resources. It is a unique opportunity for attendees to quickly put into action what they learn at the conference.

The FGS 2018 conference features more than 100 sessions and workshops on topics ranging from DNA and technology to records and methodology. There are sessions geared for every experience level of family

historians.

Attendees do not need to belong to any genealogy society. The FGS conference is open to all genealogists who want to learn more about how to do better research. Online registration is available at FGS.org. Early Bird pricing for a 4-day registration is \$210; 1-day registration is \$90; 2-day registration is \$175. There is also a special student rate of \$49.

Workshops and luncheons sell out quickly, so be sure to register soon!

See you in Fort Wayne! Register now at FGS.org and save.



On the Three Rivers
Past, Present & Future
2018 FGS Conference - August 22-25 - Fort Wayne, IN

APRIL 2018 MINUTES

President Terry Brantley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. 24 members were in attendance. Eight visitors were present.

Walta Evans made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes as presented in the newsletter. Steve Booher 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 approved unanimously.

Deb Reed presented the results of the survey emailed by the Nominating Committee. The slate of officers for the upcoming year is complete except Vice President/Program Chairman. Erik Kaszynski volunteered for this position. Kathi Coatney and Laura Douglas will also serve on the committee. The slate of officers is as follows: Joe Spears, President; Erik Kaszynski Vice President; Jane Ingram, Secretary; Bob McCombs, Treasurer; Deb Reed, Membership; Walta Evans, Hospitality; Kathy Strauss, Newsletter and Chris Strauss, Website. The election will be held at the May meeting.

Terry will schedule a meeting for the officers.

Laura Douglas announced upcoming Library programs, they are also listed in the library brochure. The new Legacy Lab program is functioning very well except for the large scanner. The library has several projects that need volunteers to input information.

NEWBIE SESSION: Minna Marinko contacted the Warren County Courthouse in Mississippi for information regarding deeds and a 1895 coroner’s report from Vicksburg, MS. She was transferred to a Mr. Purvis, County Historian who was extremely helpful.

PROGRAM: “Historical Graveyards as a Living History” by Tui Snyder. All roads lead to Greece. Many words have Greek origins. Tapophile means a tombstone visitor or enthusiast. Cemetery means a place to sleep. A graveyard is connected to a church and a cemetery is not. The name cemetery became popular during the Victorian era. A coffin is a six sided, anthropoid shape and a casket is a reclining bed like structure. Caskets were first mass produced due to the increased demand due to the Civil War. The person’s religion, time period and personal whims need to be considered. In a Jewish cemetery, a pitcher can indicate a descendent of the tribe of Levi. In a Christian cemetery, it can mean a righteous person. Urns became popular during the Victorian era.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43
The next meeting will be May 10, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Ingram, Secretary



TREASURER’S REPORT

Balance April 1, 2018 **\$2,564.77**

Deposits:

Dues 2018-2019 \$50.00

Total Income: **\$50.00**

Disbursements:

April Program \$75.00

Total Disbursements **\$75.00**

Balance April 30, 2018 **\$2,539.77**

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



Announcing the Virtual Genealogical Society

So many other things are virtual in today's world, why not a genealogy society? The following announcement was written by the organizers of the Virtual Genealogical Society:

The Virtual Genealogical Society is a global organization serving family history enthusiasts of all levels, geared towards those:

- whose circumstances make it difficult to attend local genealogical society meetings
- who prefer online presentations, special interest groups (SIGs), conferences, and socializing
- with an interest in connecting, networking, and mentoring with global genealogists

The Virtual Genealogical Society began with the recognition that many family history enthusiasts are merging technology and globalization in their genealogical pursuits. We aim to provide a forum for genealogists to connect, network, and mentor with genealogists around the world through monthly meetings online, webinars, social networking, annual conferences, and in-person meet-ups at conferences, institutes and events around the world.

Membership is just \$20 per year and provides:

- 24/7 access to Members-Only section of website
- Recorded monthly webinars by nationally-known speakers
- Webinar handouts
- Live chat with featured speakers in members-only Facebook group

- Fillable PDF forms for family history research
- Digitized monthly newsletter
- Eligibility for prizes offered during monthly webinars
- Access to Special Interest Group (SIG) discussions and handout
- Discount on annual virtual conference registration cost
- Eligibility for prizes during annual virtual conference
- Discounts on genealogy software, databases, publications and products
- Members-only Facebook group for networking, mentoring, and socializing

The Virtual Genealogical Society encourages all members to continue joining the genealogical societies in their local area and/or in the area where their ancestors lived. These societies can provide additional benefits that include:

- Access to their local database of records and indexes
- Mentorship from society members with expertise in local records and repositories
- Field trips to area repositories

The Virtual Genealogical Society will be hosting a three-day virtual conference from November 1-3, 2019. Confirmed presenters are listed on our website: <http://virtualgensoc.com/>

For more information, contact us at info@virtualgensoc.com or visit <http://virtualgensoc.com/>.



Virtual Genealogical Society

Virtual meetings & conferences. *Any time. Any place.*

NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

Denton County Genealogical Society

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

05/10—Members' Round Table of Genealogy Experiences

Thu Emily Fowler 6:30 p.m.

Picturing Family History: Using Photographs to Discover Genealogical Clues

Learn how to use clues to identify family photographs and tips for preserving and sharing them. Ann McKee inherited 131 photographs of her mother's family, her research allowed her to identify 110 of them. She will discuss how to use the provenance of photographs to figure out when and where it was taken and how to determine which individuals may be pictured. Registration requested.

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

Genealogy Meet-up

Do you love talking about your genealogy research or family history? This meetup is the place to share and learn from others. Ask questions, share your knowledge, get help with your brick walls, and have access to the library and internet genealogical resources. Bring your laptops and light refreshments will be provided. Beginners to experts, all are welcome.

Fri. 05/25, 06/22, 07/27, 08/24 Emily Fowler 9:30 a.m.

Social Networking for Genealogists

Social networking may not be the first thing genealogists think of when doing research but there is a wealth of information to be found online in popular websites like Facebook, YouTube and others. Join us as we explore how this exploding area of communication can help your genealogy research.

Registration requested.

Fri. 06/08 Emily Fowler 10 a.m.

Save your Memoires

Learn more about the new digital conversion equipment that can be used to preserve your family history by converting your photos, home videos, and paper documents to digital formats. The overview will cover the equipment and software in the lab, in the Genealogy department at the Emily Fowler Central Library, and answer general questions about lab use.

Registration requested.

Sat. 06/16 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.

A to Z: The Lost or Forgotten Communities of Denton County

Did you ever hear a long-time local mention a place that left you scratching your head; a place like Rabbit Ridge or Uncletown and wonder where the heck it could be? Discover these forgotten locales in this virtual road trip presented by Denton County historian DJ Taylor.

Mr. Taylor often wondered about these places and others as he read the community reports while compiling his monthly "Yesteryear" column for the *Denton Record-Chronicle*. His curiosity led to his compiling a list of Denton County's old communities, post offices, places and schools and a quest to pinpoint their location.

Sat. 06/23 Emily Fowler 10 a.m.

Finding Family in Historical Newspapers

Historical newspapers contain a wealth of genealogical information. Learn how to find, and in many cases, access historical newspapers to find more information about your ancestors using both free and subscription based websites. Registration requested.

Fri. 07/13 Emily Fowler 10 a.m.

What's So Special about Special Collections?

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

Thur. 08/02 Emily Fowler 6:30 p.m.

HistoryGeo: Using First-Landowners Maps in Genealogical Research

Early and first-landowner maps have long been a secret weapon in the arsenals of our most astute genealogists. Greg Boyd, HistoryGeo's creator, will demonstrate the kinds of discoveries one can expect to make while using HistoryGeo's First Landowners project, as well as how to make those discoveries. Registration requested.

Sat. 08/18 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.

2016-2018 OFFICERS

President—Terry Brantley

Vice-President—

Secretary—Jane Ingram

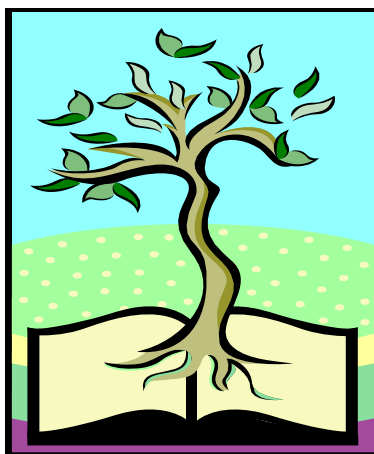
Treasurer—Linda Touraine

Librarian—Laura Douglas

Webmaster—Chris Strauss

Membership—Vickie Whitfield

Newsletter Editor—Kathy Strauss



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DENTON COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY WILL BE ON
SEP 13, 2018
Emily Fowler Central
Library
502 Oakland St.
Denton**

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