

# 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 13, 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](http://www.genealogydentontexas.org)

### Program: “Local Resources for Long Distance Research” Speakers: Laura Douglas and Erik Kaszynski

Tonight’s program will focus on the genealogical resources and services provided by the Denton Public Library and the Denton Family History Center. It doesn’t matter if your ancestors lived just around the block or half a world away you can find a plethora of information without leaving town. Both the Special Collections Research Area at the Denton Public Library and the Family History Center can provide free access to popular online genealogy services and other internet websites, physical records and staff that can help you in your research. This presentation will provide an overview of the facilities and the services they provide.

Laura Douglas, is the librarian in charge of the Special Collections with the Denton Public Library. Laura has a bachelor of science degree in History from Texas Woman’s University and received her

master of library science degree from the University of North Texas in 2003. She has worked at Denton Public in various positions for 28 years including children’s services, adult services, genealogy and local history. In addition to getting to help other people with their ancestry hunt Laura teaches genealogical research classes at the public library.

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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### SUMMIT OF NORTH TEXAS GENEALOGY SOCIETIES

The Dallas Genealogical Society is hosting the 2018 Summit of North Texas genealogy societies at the Dallas Central Library, 1515 Young Street, in downtown Dallas. Email DCGS president Joe Spears if you plan to attend. Each society can send up to four delegates to this event. A \$10 contribution is expected to offset the cost of lunch.

The theme is Focus on Members! Attendees should bring ideas and suggestions. RSVP by Sept. 23 For details go <http://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/north-texas-society-summit/>

## Celebrating Families Across Generations



# Family Discovery Day

SIGN UP to attend at: <http://familyhistory.dentonstake.com/>

**Join us for Family Discovery Day to strengthen your family ties: past, present, and future.**

- Discover how to find names to add to your family tree.
- Learn new techniques to preserve your family legacy.
- Find out how to share your discoveries with others.
- Be inspired with new ideas.
- Enjoy activities for all ages that will improve your family connections.

**Date: September 15, 2018**

**Hours: 8:00 am-1:00 pm**

**Location: 3000 Old North Rd  
Denton, Texas**

**Billion Graves Youth Project**

**Meet at Roselawn Cemetery**

**9:30 am. Ages 12-18.**

**See website for more details.**



**Attendance is free**

**No child care**

**Special Youth Project**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new year in DCGS. One of my goals is to focus on everyone becoming better acquainted. Plan to arrive at our meetings not later than 6:30 pm to take advantage of our social time. Feedback from the recent member survey pointed out that we can be more active in our social interaction.

Some of the things we are trying include a slightly different seating arrangement with a center aisle to allow for more mobility. There may even be an ice breaker to help us learn more about one another.

Because the survey demonstrated the popularity of our annual Round Robin, we are adding a second one in January. Additionally, our Program Committee has been working diligently during the summer to schedule some outstanding programs.

This year we need to work on activities and projects which further our objectives as stated in our Bylaws, Article II:

To assist the public as well as the membership in the study of genealogy

To support the Denton Public Library with emphasis on its genealogical collection and

To locate, preserve, and expand information relating

to the history of Denton County and its early citizens.

I have asked the Program Committee to be aware of these objectives as they relate to our programs. I expect the membership to be aware of our obligation to work with the Denton Public Library and librarian Laura Douglas on various projects where our help is very much needed. There will be more about projects throughout the year. Be thinking about how you will participate.

I plan to continue the Newbie time in the meeting format and add at some meetings a brief 'how to' tip or shortcut which may help in your research.

The secretary officer position is vacant. Please let me know if you are interested in serving in this role so we can elect a secretary at the October meeting.

I look forward to serving as your President. You should feel free to email me any time with your ideas and feedback.

Joe Spears  
Email: [argyleiris@verizon.net](mailto:argyleiris@verizon.net)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Balance May 1, 2018** **\$2,539.77**

Deposits:

Dues 2018-2019 \$295.00

Total Income: \$295.00

Disbursements:

None

Total Disbursements \$ 0.00

**Balance August 31, 2018** **\$2,834.77**

2017-2018 Paid Members -- 50

2018-2019 Paid Members -- 23

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,  
Bob McCombs, Treasurer



## MAY 2018 MINUTES

President Terry Brantley called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. He thanked the members who brought refreshments this evening. Twenty-four members and two visitors were in attendance. One visitor became a member. Laura Douglas announced the upcoming programs to be held at the library. The complete list can be found in the booklet. The format for the library's booklet of upcoming events has been updated and is now published in color. Vickie Whitfield announced the Texas Highland Games will be this weekend in Decatur.

Donna Spears requested the April meeting minutes be amended to state Kathi Coatney and Laura Douglas "volunteered" to serve on the Program committee. Walta Evans moved to approve the minutes with the above change made. Diana White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jane Ingram moved to approve the Treasurer's report as presented in the newsletter. Vickie Whitfield seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Terry reported the recommendation made during the April 26, 2018 Executive Board meeting to increase each membership level by \$5.00 each. Joe spears made a motion to approve the increase. Eric Kaszynski seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Nominating Committee has prepared the following slate of officers for the 2018-2019 term: Joe Spears, President; Eric Kaszynski, Vice President/Program Chairman; Bob McCombs; Treasurer; Jane Ingram, Secretary; Walta Evans, Hospitality Chairman; and Deb Reed, Membership Chairman. A nominee for Librarian is still needed. Joe Spears nominated Laura Douglas, Librarian. Kathi Coatney seconded the nomination. Motion passed unanimously. Joe moved to elect the 2018-2019 slate of officers by acclamation. Jane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### ROUND ROBIN:

Sandra Robertson discussed an April 28, 2018 Wall Street Journal article regarding GEDmatch DNA results being used to identify a California serial killer. Ancestry, 23 and Me and GEDmatch websites have statements of how DNA results can be used.

Beth Leggieri told of a search to trace a relative's ancestor to a Carpathian village that was destroyed by the Russians. She also told how her daughters lost their homes during Hurricane Harvey and how they have survived. Her genealogy research has revealed her family came from survivors who overcame great difficulties.

Nellye Heath is a relative newcomer to genealogy. With help from Deb Reed, she has discovered her father's

family came from Denmark and changed their last name every year until 1940. Her father even changed the spelling after he immigrated to the US.

Terry related his experience downloading his DNA results from Ancestry to 23 and Me. Beth suggested program handouts be sent to members prior to any upcoming DNA programs. Chris Strauss gave information about the different DNA tests done by the different companies. Livingdna.com can perform all three of the tests. Laura told of a neighbor's relative who had found a photo album about 20 years ago. It appeared to be from a traveling carnival act. She was able to find a relative of one of the women pictured.

Kathi Coatney told how an old diary revealed an ancestor with red hair had married into a family with dark hair and complexions. No one else had red hair until one girl seven generations later. Her father's parents had not believed she was biologically related to them until this was revealed. Walta has received a Family Search notice that her Calendar had been completed. It revealed her second great grandfather's wedding date in France. His daughter later moved to Jersey. Walta posted this information on Facebook and was able to make other connections to her family.

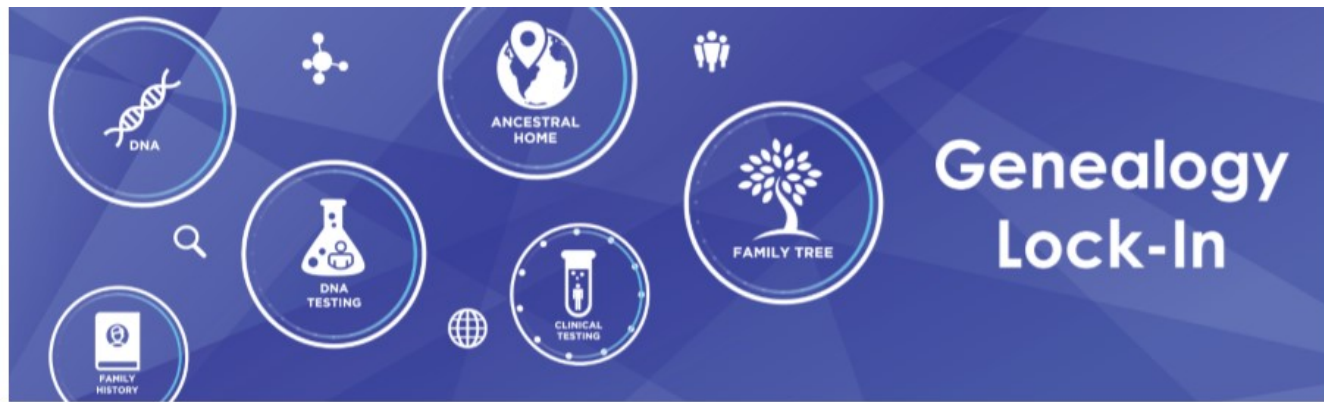
Joe discussed the VP/Program Chairman responsibilities. He requested suggestions for programs and additional volunteers to serve on the committee. The Executive Board suggested holding a second Round Robin in January. This would reduce program expenses and also would help in case of inclement weather. He also discussed possibilities for better interaction in the group. Perhaps a library project could be considered. A ride share program would help members who don't drive after dark.

Jane won the drawing for wearing our name tag lanyards. The prize is one free year of membership. She had already paid for the next year and will donate her prize. Terry thanked all who have helped him during his tenure as President and those who filled the other offices and committee chairmanships.

Donna Spears moved to adjourn.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.  
The next meeting will be September 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Ingram, Secretary





Come celebrate Family History Month with us! The Denton Public Library is partnering with other libraries and genealogy societies across Texas to host the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Genealogy Lock-In. You can “come and go” for select workshops or stay for the full day of informative & interactive live webinars and speakers. One-on-one research help will also be available for beginners and more experienced genealogy enthusiasts who have hit a brick wall in their research. Dinner will be available to those attending after 5:15 p.m.

## Friday, October 19, 2018 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Emily Fowler Central Library      502 Oakland Street**

**Special Guest Speaker Ari Wilkins,  
Organizing and Preserving Photograph Collections      1:40 - 2:40 p.m.**

Full Schedule of workshops on the reverse side of this flyer.

**This event is free but registration is required.** Register online at: <http://bit.ly/2018lockin> or return this form to the Special Collections Research Area.

First Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

- I will attend all day       I will attend select sessions       I will eat dinner at the event.
- I will arrive after 6 p.m.      (if you arrive after 6 p.m. a number will be posted to call to be let into the library.)

Please call (940) 349-8752 or email [genealogy@cityofdenton.com](mailto:genealogy@cityofdenton.com) for more information.



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## Schedule of Workshops

### **10:00 - 10:50 a.m. - Don't Forget the Ladies: A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law**

**Webinar presented by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL, The Legal Genealogist**

In early America, women were all too often the people who just weren't there: not in the records, not in the censuses, not on juries, not in the voting booth. The common law relegated women to "protected" – second-class – status and understanding how they were treated under the law provides clues to finding their identities today.

### **11:00 - 11:50 a.m. - Discovering Your Ancestors Land Holdings in the Texas GLO.**

**Webinar presented by Kevin Klaus, Information Specialist Texas General Land Office (GLO) Archives and Records**

Learn how maps can be used in genealogical research. This will be an overview of how to use the archival maps, the GIS mapping system, and the original land grant records to find your ancestors. Learn how to use the Land Grant Database and search strategies to locate the survey in a particular county. Lecture will include a case study using the original GLO maps, GIS mapping system, and county records in determining the location of the heinous 1872 murder of Benjamin McKeever in Burnet County Texas.

### **Noon - 1:30 p.m. - Genealogy Basics: Getting Started on Your Family Tree**

**Webinar presented by Carl Smith, Genealogy Librarian – Montgomery County Memorial Library System**

Budding researchers will learn the basics they need to get started researching their family tree. We'll cover the first steps to take to begin your research, starting with home sources. We'll also cover the types of records that are useful for genealogical research and where they can be found. We'll also cover ways to stay organized by utilizing paper charts and forms or computer software.

### **1:40 - 2:40 p.m. - Organizing and Preserving Photograph Collections**

**In-house presentation by Ari Wilkins, Library Associate at Dallas Public Library**

We all have mounds of old unidentified family photos sitting in boxes. This lecture will offer step-by-step direction in organizing, preserving and cataloging these precious collections for future generations. Learn how to identify, digitize and share collections using family trees and social media.

### **2:50 - 3:50 p.m. - Locating Ancestors on the Dawes Roll**

**Webinar presented by Kathy Huber, Manager, Genealogy Center, Tulsa City County Library**

The Dawes Roll, created between 1898-1906 enrolled members of the Five Civilized Tribes living in Indian Territory. Learn why the roll was taken, how the process worked, and the steps to locating an ancestor who enrolled.

### **4:00 - 5:15 p.m. - Using Autosomal DNA Testing to Solve Genealogy Brick Walls**

**Webinar presented by Drew Smith, Assistant Librarian, Academic Services, USF Tampa Library, co-host Genealogy Guys Podcast**

Examine several case studies that will demonstrate how autosomal DNA testing can be used to solve genealogy brick walls. Examples will focus on AncestryDNA, but may also include other testing companies and services.

### **5:15-6:15 p.m. Dinner Break - Dinner will be available to those attending after 5:15 pm.**

### **6:15 - 7:15 p.m. - Breaking Brick Walls by Finding Living Cousins**

**Webinar presented by Shelby Rowan, Family Historian, President of Texas Research Ramblers Genealogical Society in Bryan/ College Station**

Perhaps a second or third or even a fourth cousin might have some information about your mutual great or great-grandparents that just might break one of your brick walls. This presentation focuses on finding those living relatives. Shelby will walk you through some internet steps and send you home with website addresses for follow-up research.

### **7:25 - 8:30 p.m. - Census Sense: Clues & Conundrums for Intermediate Researchers**

**Webinar presented by Patti Gillespie, B.A., M.S., Owner, Family Lines & Stories**

This presentation focuses on federal census headings and codes, alternate federal censuses, state censuses, and their use in our research. The partnership between the national census website and the use of state censuses in revealing information about our ancestors is demonstrated. The value of a research timeline is also demonstrated.

### **8:30 – 10:00 p.m. – Individual Research Time**

## NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

### Denton County Genealogical Society

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

**9/13**— Local Resources for Long Distance Research presented by Laura Douglas & Erik Kaszynski

**10/11**—What a Historian Wishes Every Genealogist Knew presented by Dr. Courtney Welch

**11/08**—Proving Long-Lost Family the Indirect Way: Finding the Ancestors of F.N. Raymond presented by Patty Gillespie  
Thurs. Emily Fowler Central Library 6:30 p.m.

### Family History Fair

This free event features workshops presented by area genealogy experts, informational displays, and video presentations from RootsTech 2018. There will be hands on instruction labs for FamilySearch Family Tree and Online Indexing. For more information contact the Denton Family History Center Director, Eric Kaszynski by email at [ekaszynski@gmail.com](mailto:ekaszynski@gmail.com).

**Sat. 09/15** Denton Family History Center - 3000 Old North Road 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Courthouse Records: One Stop Shopping for Family Secrets

Wonderful stories of individuals and families told in a well-paced introduction to documents found in courthouses. Birth, death and marriage certificates, probate & wills, land, court case documents and guardianship papers are part of these stories. The benefits of courthouse research become clear to the

researcher not familiar with these documents.

Presented by Patti Gillespie

**Sat. 09/22** Emily Fowler Central Library 3 p.m.

### Who You Gonna Call? Local Government

Did you know that the City doesn't own the Courthouse on the Square? Do you know who to call if there is a pothole on your street? Learn more about the how Denton local Government operates, how we work with other governments, and what to do when you need to engage with the City.

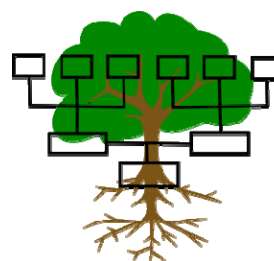
Presented by Jessica Rogers, City of Denton Public Information Officer.

**Thr. 09/27** Emily Fowler Central Library 7 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. 09/28** Emily Fowler Central Library 9:30 a.m.



### 2018-2020 OFFICERS

**President**—Joe Spears

**Vice-President**—Erik Kaszynski

**Secretary**—

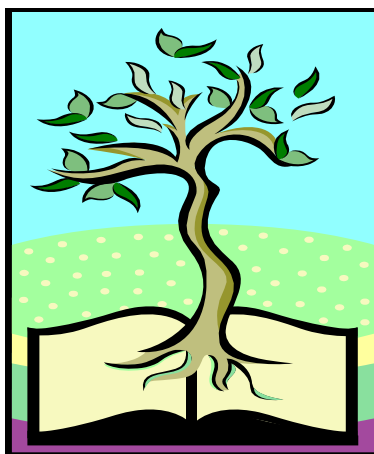
**Treasurer**—Bob McCombs

**Librarian**—Laura Douglas

**Webmaster**—Chris Strauss

**Membership**— Deb Reed

**Newsletter Editor**—Kathy Strauss



**NEXT MEETING OF THE  
DENTON COUNTY  
GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY WILL BE ON  
OCT 11, 2018  
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