

# 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

## OCTOBER MEETING THURSDAY OCT 11, 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: “The Secret to Writing a Compelling History: You Too Can Be An Author”

### SPEAKER: Dr. Courtney Welch

Genealogy research is valuable—and should be valued. But how do we entice those disinterested parties to read these histories and want to know more? This presentation seeks to provide some keys to unlock that mystery. We will discuss how to engage your readers and humanize your research.

Dr. Courtney Welch is currently a Principal Lecturer and Associate Chair

for the Department of History at the University of North Texas. She holds a Ed.D in Higher Education Administration and Law and a PH.D in History, both from the University of North Texas. Her latest article is entitled "Uncle Sam, Schoolmaster: The WPA Nursery Schools in Dallas" which was published in the Fall 2018 edition of Legacies: A History Journal for Dallas & North Central Texas. Dr. Welch lives in Denton with her husband, Michael and her two children, Hayden and Mikayla. Her research and teaching interests include Immigration, Labor, New Deal, and Southern history topics. As well as her duties at UNT she also conducts private research and writing projects for clients through her business, Historically Speaking Inc.

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Join us for the 2018 Family History Conference  
[www.TxSGS.org](http://www.TxSGS.org) #TxSGS2018

*Journey through Generations*

**November 2-4, 2018**

at the Omni San Antonio at the Colonnade

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to express my thanks to everyone for an outstanding meeting in September which launched our new year. It was great to see so many people actively playing genealogy bingo and really enjoying themselves. I appreciated the positive feedback on the social interaction and our improved seating arrangements. Thanks to Laura and Eric for an informative program which identified additional resources available for our members.

Minna Marinko has volunteered to serve as Secretary. Linda Touraine has agreed to serve as Acting Treasurer until another member steps forward to fill the vacant Treasurer's position. We need to take action on those positions at our October meeting.

Our Program Committee has another interesting and meaningful program on tap with Dr. Courtney Welch, History Department Co-chair at UNT, which is described elsewhere in this newsletter.

Be sure you have registered for the free Genealogy Lock-In on Friday, October 19, at the Emily Fowler Library. Flyers are available as well as detailed information on the Library's web site. Eight excellent programs will be offered between 10 a.m. and 8:30

p.m. covering a wide range of interesting topics important to all us from beginners to advanced researchers. If you have not already registered, do so by going to [https://library.cityofdenton.com/screens/sc\\_lockin.html](https://library.cityofdenton.com/screens/sc_lockin.html) before the October 18 deadline. A free dinner will be available to those attending after 5:15 p.m. After the library closes to the public at 6 p.m. we'll have it all to ourselves until 10 p.m. What a deal! I expect to see you there.

As a society we need to work together to locate, preserve, and expand information relating to the history of Denton County and its early citizens. I have asked Laura Douglas to prioritize and describe pending projects at our November meeting so we can discuss and begin work on preserving Denton's history.

Remember to arrive at our meetings at 6:30 p.m. so you don't miss a minute of welcoming guests and talking to fellow members. And always wear your lanyards and name tags.

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

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Balance Sept. 1, 2018**                      **\$2,834.77**

**Deposits:**

Dues 2018-2019                      \$235.00

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

**Disbursements:**

Lisa L. Cooke,                      \$100.00  
4/19 program deposit

**Total Disbursements**                      **\$100.00**

**Balance Sept. 30, 2018**                      **\$2,969.77**

2018-2019 Paid Members – 35

Library Donations

April 1995 – May 2006                      \$2,876.52

June 2006 – June 2012                      \$3,310.00

July 2012 – September 2018                      \$1,961.34

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Touraine, Interim Treasurer



## SEPTEMBER 2018 MINUTES

President Joe Spears called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS.** After welcoming returning members, new members, and visitors, he introduced the officers:

President - Joe Spears (*argyleiris@verizon.net*)  
 Vice President – Eric Kaszynski (*ekaszynski@gmail.com*)  
 Secretary (Acting) – Minna Marinko  
 Librarian – Laura Douglas  
 Membership/Social Committee Chairman – Deb Reed  
 Publications Committee Chairman – Kathy Strauss  
 Webmaster/Publicity Chairman – Chris Strauss  
 Refreshments Chairman – Walta Evans

Deb Reed introduced seven visitors: Christina Anderson, Sophia Beckes, Juleé Kula, Bob and Linda Lane, James and Sarah Mack. Thirty-two members attended (including three of the visitors who joined—Juleé Kula, Robert and Linda Lane). In addition, Nancy Casey joined in July. Deb announced changes to this year's membership badges: gray for officers, cream for paid-up members. She also announced an end-of-year drawing will be held, which will award two annual free memberships. Only those who wear their badges to each meeting will be eligible for the drawing.

**BINGO.** All participated in the Social Networking's "Get Acquainted Bingo: Genealogy Style" game prior to the meeting. Prizes (DCGS tote bags) were awarded to the winners: Juleé Kula and Sophia Beckes (Visitors); Walta Evans and Marilyn Simms (Members).

**BUSINESS.** Walta Evans moved to approve the minutes of the May 2018 meeting as published in the September 2018 newsletter. Eric Kaszynski seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report as published in the newsletter will be filed for audit. Joe reported that Minna Marinko has agreed to be acting secretary and asked for secretary nominations. Anyone interested should email him. The September newsletter has been posted to the website, and printed copies will be available in the Library shortly.

**TEN-MINUTE TIP.** Donna Spears introduced a new program item called "*The Ten-Minute Tip*," the presentation of a workaround solution for genealogy problems. Donna demonstrated how to find an image on familysearch.org when the site says, "No Image Available." She supplied a handout with detailed instructions. She also solicited suggestions for future topics.

**Q&A's.** None.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Saturday, September 15.* Family History Center Discovery Day. Eric Kaszynski brought flyers. More details in

the newsletter.

*Saturday, September 22.* Historic Preservation Fair. Old Courthouse on the Square, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Elise Clements, a Girl Scout Ambassador, will demonstrate how to refinish a Texas Historical Marker for her Girl Scout Gold Award.

*Friday, September 28.* North Texas (Genealogy) Society Summit. More details in the newsletter. Email Joe Spears if interested.

*Saturday, September 29.* Walta Evans announced David Rencher, Family Search's expert on Irish genealogy, will present a one-day seminar at the Dallas Public Library on Saturday, September 29. Details at [www.dallasgenealogy.com](http://www.dallasgenealogy.com).

*Friday, October 19, 2018.* Genealogy Lock-In. 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Emily Fowler Library. See the newsletter for complete details.

### PROGRAM: "Local Resources for Long Distance Research."

Eric B. Kaszynski, Jr., director of the Family History Center in Denton, presented (1) an overview of the vast resources available to anyone interested in genealogy at the Center, and (2) an explanation of the importance of family and genealogy to the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Knowledgeable volunteers staff the Center, and they are eager to help with research. He provided a multi-page handout with more details.

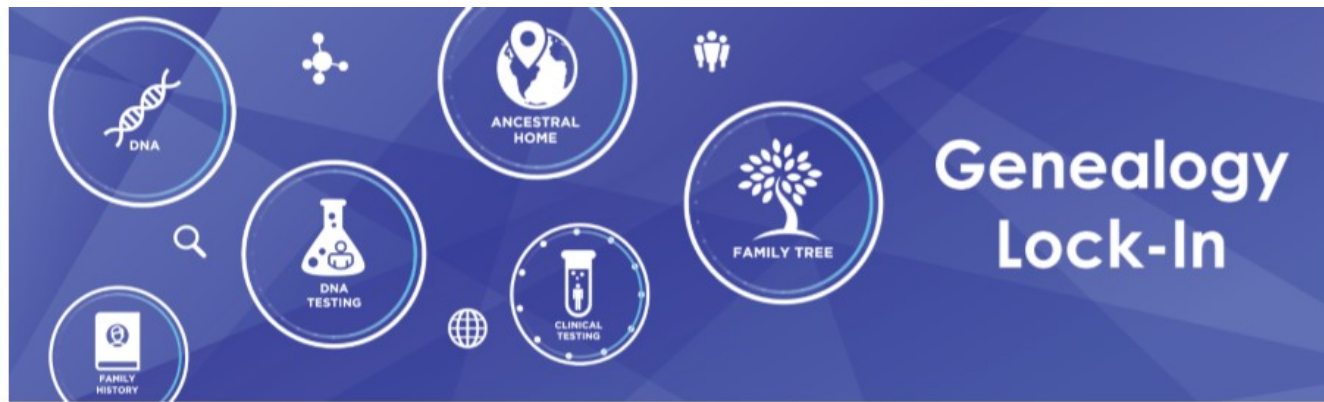
Laura Douglas, librarian in charge of Special Collections, explained the myriad resources available in the Emily Fowler library, either in person and online (via a library card). She also emphasized how the staff at the library thrives on helping anyone interested in family research. They can help acquire not only Family History Center materials (since the library is an affiliate of the FHC), but they can help locate and acquire materials through resources such as WorldCat.

**UPCOMING PROGRAM:** "*Secrets in Writing a Compelling Family History—You Too Can Be an Author—or "What A Historian Wishes Every Genealogist Knew,"*" Dr. Courtney Welch, History Department Co-Chair, University of North Texas. To help Dr. Welch tailor her remarks to our group, she is asking us for our input. Either complete the questionnaire distributed at the meeting, or email Eric Kaszynski with your input on (1) What historical questions are you struggling with in your research? and/or (2) What are your writing goals for your family history and how do you plan to distribute it?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m. Networking, 7:00 p.m. Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Minna Marinko, Acting Secretary  
 17 Sep 2018





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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## NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

### Denton County Genealogical Society

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

**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.

### Genealogy Meet-up

Do you love talking about your genealogy research or family history? This meet-up 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. 10/26, 11/30, 12/28** Emily Fowler Central Library 9:30 a.m.

### 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Genealogy Lock-In

Come & go or stay for the full day of informative & interactive live webinars & speakers on a wide range of genealogical research topics including DNA testing, Dawes roll research, & much more. Dinner will be available to those attending after 5:15 pm. One-on-one help for those with questions & library resources available for research time. For the full list of programs and registration information visit [https://library.cityofdenton.com/screens/sc\\_lockin.html](https://library.cityofdenton.com/screens/sc_lockin.html).

**Fri. 10/19** Emily Fowler 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

### Organizing and Preserving Photograph Collections

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. Presented by Ari Wilkins, Library Associate at Dallas Public Library

**Fri. 10/19** Emily Fowler 1:40 p.m.

### Epidemics and Family Research

Epidemics have always been part of U.S. history—from smallpox in the colonies to the influenza pandemic of WWI. Learn how these outbreaks affect genealogy research and how epidemics impacted migration patterns, vital records, and had long-term consequences for survivors.

**Mon. 10/22** South Branch 7 p.m.

### Save your Memoires (Legacy Lab)

Learn more about the new digital conversion equipment in the Legacy Lab that can be used to preserve your family history by converting your photos, home videos, and paper documents to digital formats. This overview will cover the equipment and software in the Legacy Lab and answer general questions about lab use.

**Sat. 11/03** Emily Fowler 3 p.m.

### Hunting your House's History

Have you ever wondered about the “secret history” of your house? Did you know that you can search public records to find out more about who lived there and events that may have happened? If your house was built before 1980, join us for a class that will show you how to unlock some of these mysteries.

**Fri. 11/09** Emily Fowler 10 a.m.

### Family History Gift Ideas

Looking for unique ways to share your family history as gifts this holiday season? Come see a wide range of ideas, from DIY projects to more elaborate purchased items.

**Thu. 12/06** Emily Fowler 6:30 p.m.

### 2018-2020 OFFICERS

**President**—Joe Spears

**Vice-President**—Erik Kaszynski

**Secretary**—Minna Marinko (Acting)

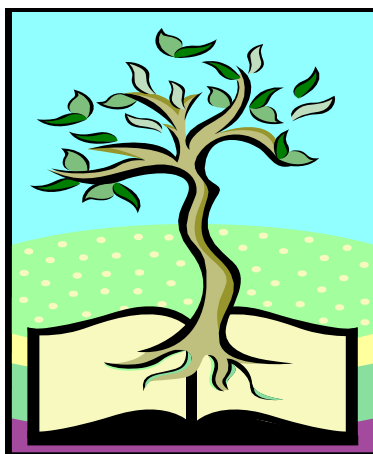
**Treasurer**—Linda Touraine (Interim)

**Librarian**—Laura Douglas

**Webmaster**—Chris Strauss

**Membership**— Deb Reed

**Newsletter Editor**—Kathy Strauss



**NEXT MEETING OF THE  
DENTON COUNTY  
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NOV 8, 2018  
Emily Fowler Central  
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Denton**

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