

DCGS NEWS

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FEBRUARY MEETING THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2019



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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: “Uncovering St. John’s”

SPEAKERS: Emily Lockwood Bowles and Hannah Stewart

This presentation will focus on the St. John’s Cemetery project and explore the lives of African Americans in Denton County who lived in a

freedmen’s community in Pilot Point. The duo are graduate students in the Department of History at the University of North Texas who used genealogy to uncover the rich history of a forgotten community, including their lives, family members, jobs, neighbors, church affiliations, and education. This study offers a unique and previously unnoticed perspective on the whole history of African Americans post-Emancipation in Denton County

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Celebrating Families Across Generations

DENTON FAMILY HISTORY DISCOVERY DAY

The Denton Family History Discovery Day will take place, Saturday, March 30, 2019, 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m., 3000 Old North Road, Denton, Texas.

Admission is free, but registration is required at <http://familyhistory.dentonstake.com/>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the January Round Robin Meeting as much as I did. DNA has certainly added a new layer to our genealogical adventures. It seems that everyone has a new puzzle to solve when they get their results. As Shelly said, "If you like your family exactly like it is, don't get your DNA done". Maybe Shelly, Mary, and the rest of you will have updates for us at our next Round Robin.

It sounds like The GenPen group got off to a good start at their first meeting. Perhaps they will have some interesting ancestry stories to share at our next Round Robin in May. Congratulations to each of these writers. We all know the first steps of a new project are usually the most difficult. Keep us advised of your progress.

I am really looking forward to our next meeting and the program about "Uncovering St. John's". The work done by these UNT students has been in the

news lately as they used genealogy to discover a nearly forgotten freedmen's community near Pilot Point in Denton County.

We are now half way through our first year in office, and our program committee is starting to work on next year's programs. The officers and I are always interested in your ideas and suggestions. It takes all of us to keep our society meaningful and relevant. So speak up and let us know what matters to you.

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.

A Happy Valentine's Day to you all,
Joe Spears

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 2019	\$2939.36
Deposits:	
None	
Total Income:	\$ 0.00
Disbursements:	
None	
Total Disbursements	\$ 0.00
Balance Jan. 31, 2019	\$2,939.36

Library Donations	
April 1995 – May 2006	\$2,876.52
June 2006 – June 2012	\$3,310.00
July 2012 – December 2019	\$1,961.34

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Touraine, Treasurer



JANUARY 2019 MINUTES

President Joe Spears called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone, introduced himself, and remarked on the wonderful refreshments. In turn, Walta Evans thanked all who brought refreshments. Membership Chair Deb Reed introduced two visitors: Judy Bell and Shirley Dempsey. She welcomed one new member, Stacie Briggs. There were 26 members in attendance.

BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Deb Reed reported that she has received only 20% of completed questionnaires. President Spears urged all who have not done so to complete and email their forms to Deb Reed, so she can compile an updated directory.

REPORTS

The Minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. (The December Christmas meeting was cancelled because of inclement weather.) Motion to approve the minutes was made by Eric Kaszynski, seconded by Sandra Robertson. The Treasurer's Report as published in the newsletter was filed for audit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GenPen Writers Group. The group will hold its first meeting Sunday, January 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m. here at the Library. An email with an agenda has been sent to all who previously expressed interest. See Beth Leggieri, Deb Reed, or Minna Marinko for information. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Genealogy Meetup. January 25, 9:30 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting. February 14, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Library Book Orders. Librarian Laura Douglas asked for suggestions about which books to order for the Library. She passed around a sheet to collect member suggestions.

TEN-MINUTE TIP

Donna Spears presented another research tip, entitled "Hunting for Image-Only Historical Records on familysearch.org." She demonstrated how to search for an ancestor's will/probate records when only non-indexed records are

available. In addition, she passed out a sheet with step-by-step instructions.

PROGRAM

The program was a semi-annual Round Robin meeting, when members share successes about their individual research. Most stories revolved around DNA:

Shelly Tucker told how her DNA testing uncovered that her beloved Grandfather Duncan was not her biological grandfather. She presented her research results on finding her "real" grandfather on a large storyboard. Mary Tate brought two visitors and explained the three of them had not known each other until DNA testing showed they were closely related. They suspect an adoption in the family, but they have yet to uncover all the details. Eric Kaszynski suggested looking at FamilySearch records because as of January 1, the website can show sources relating to living people. Jane Ingram suggested looking for orphanages.

Dayonne Work's DNA results (combined with those of a son and daughter, and a person who showed up on all three test results) revealed that her sister bore a son while away at college, gave him up for adoption, and never told the family. The other person who showed up on the DNA tests was the daughter of the baby son.

Several other members also shared how they are using DNA to help them find missing relatives.

I shared how my (non-DNA) research on a brick-wall ancestor led to a Revolutionary War ancestor and a DAR application—with the help of Donna Spears, the Lineage Research Chair for the local DAR chapter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Minna Marinko, Secretary



HOW TO REMOTELY WATCH ROOTSTECH 2019 SALT LAKE CITY

If you are unable to attend **RootsTech 2019** in Salt Lake City, you have two remote viewing options. Some of the show's sessions will be streamed live for free at **RootsTech.org** (see the broadcast schedule below)! If you want more, you can purchase a **Virtual Pass** to view additional sessions from the conference. **RootsTech 2019** in Salt Lake City runs February 27 to March 3, 2019. Go to **RootsTech.org** to view the entire schedule of events.

The **RootsTech** daily general sessions will be broadcast live and for free. They include keynote addresses by **Steve Rockwood**, CEO of FamilySearch International, **Patricia Heaton**, popular actress from *Everybody Loves Raymond* and *The Middle*, **Saroo Brierley**, whose incredible family reunification story which inspired the movie, *Lion*, and **Jake Shimabukuro**, world renowned ukulele master.

In addition to the select free classes broadcasted, **RootsTech** is offering a **Virtual Pass**, which provides access to 18 online recorded sessions from the conference. You can watch playbacks from your laptop, tablet, or smartphone device whenever and however you'd like—for just \$129. Go to **Virtual Pass** for more information.

If you're social media savvy, you can follow or join real-time conversations happening on social media using **#NotAtRootsTech**.



OHIO OPEN RECORDS BILL SIGNED INTO LAW BECOMES EFFECTIVE APRIL 7

The following announcement was written by Jan Meisels Allen, Chairperson of the IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee: Former [Ohio] Governor John Kasich signed HB 139 into law on January 7, that lifts public access restrictions on records for permanent retention 75 years after their creation. It also permits a birth parent to have their name redacted from an original birth certificate. Certain types of records are excepted from the 75-year rule. Some records are subject to court rulings statewide, such as adoption records, probation and parole proceedings, confidential law enforcement investigatory records, DNA records stored in the DNA database, and court lunacy records. The current ruling by the Ohio Supreme Court says that it is up to each county judge as to whether or not the records are open in the

respective county.

The law may be found at: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-139> (click on view current version and a pdf will download to your computer.)

Note: There are no waiting periods for birth and death records ordered through the Ohio Department of Health. Marriage records may be ordered through the specific county probate court. See: <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/vital-statistics/vital-statistics>

NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

Denton County Genealogical Society

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

2/14 –Uncovering St. John’s – Emily Lockwood Bowles and Micah Crittenden

3/14 –I’ve Got—Or I’m getting—My DNA Report: Now What Do I Do? (Beginner) - Patti Gillespie

4/11 - How to Save Your Research from Destruction & Ensure Its Future Survival - Lisa Louise Cooke

Thu. Emily Fowler 6:30 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. 2/22, 3/29, 4/19, Emily Fowler Central Library 9:30 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.

Sat. 2/16 Emily Fowler 3pm

I’ve Got My Ancestry DNA Report: Evaluating My Test Results for Connections

Understand your DNA report at a higher level.

Class will discuss DNA Ethnicity Report, DNA Circles and the DNA Story. Calculate find

matches, evaluate the degree of relationship, and compare DNA. Geared for intermediate level and for those looking to build a greater knowledge of the power of genetics in genealogy.

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

Save your Memories (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. 4/20 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.



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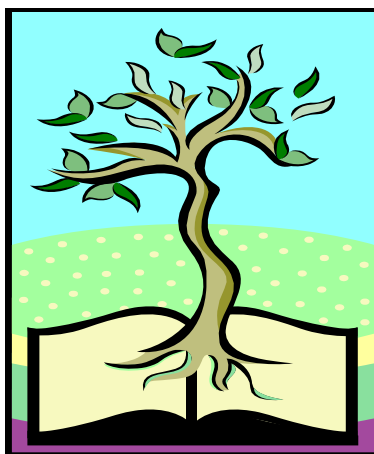
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