

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

MARCH MEETING THURSDAY MARCH 14, 2019



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: "I've Got My Ancestry DNA Report: What Do I Do Now?"

SPEAKER: Patti Gillespie

This month's program is presented from a non-genetic genealogist point of view. This presentation explains in a fun and visual way how to choose a test, a company, what to do while waiting for the report, and how to maximize the report results. Whether deciding who to contact, how to use the research within the DNA report, or just how to link our trees to our DNA results, this session will be helpful.

Besides spending time reviewing the report, the potential use of raw data is introduced with a visual step-by-step procedure for uploading raw data to other sites.

An English and French teacher for 20 years, Patti Gillespie, BA, MA, now enjoys a career of genealogical instruction and research. Patti began speaking on genealogical topics to local societies and genealogy seminars, and liked it so much that she kept right on. She is a committee chairman for the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), and she is active in her local Genealogical and County Historical Association activities. Patti also has started Family Lines, her own research and life story business, and can be found on Linked In.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

| | |
|---|---|
| Program: "I've Got My Ancestry DNA Report: What Do I Do Now?" Speaker: Patti Gillespie | 1 |
| Denton Family History Discovery Day | |
| President's Message | 2 |
| February 2019 Minutes | 3 |
| Your DNA Ethnicity Report Will Probably Change Over Time | |
| RootsFinder Now Imports DNA Matches From Ancestry.com, 23andMe, My Heritage, and FamilyTreeDNA, With New Analysis Tools | 4 |
| News and Programs from the Library | 5 |

Denton Family History Discovery Day

March 30, 2019

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

3000 Old North Rd, Denton, Texas

Experienced consultants will be on hand to freely help you find your family.

Come join us.

Please Register at <http://familyhistory.dentonstake.com/>, however, walk-ins are welcome

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We received some excellent feedback on our last program about "Uncovering St. John's". The work done by the UNT students is very important so that the forgotten freedmen's community near Pilot Point in Denton County is documented and better understood.

If you are interested in DNA, be sure you attend our March 14 meeting. It seems that everyone has a new puzzle to solve when you get your results. Patti Gillespie, who is an excellent speaker and educator, will speak at the beginner's level on Thursday night. Come to the library at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, for her intermediate level DNA course. Both are free.

Plan to attend the Family History Discovery Day on Saturday morning, March 30, at the Family History Center, 3000 Old North Road. It is free, but you need to register online at <http://familyhistory.dentonstake.com>.

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 St. Patrick's Day to you all,
Joe Spears
Email: argyleiris@verizon.net



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Feb. 1, 2019 **\$2,939.36**

Deposits:

None

Total Income: **\$ 0.00**

Disbursements:

Kathy Strauss - \$55.00
Reimburse, postage

Total Disbursements **\$55.00**

Balance Feb. 28, 2019 **\$2,884.36**

Library Donations

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| April 1995 – May 2006 | \$2,876.52 |
| June 2006 – June 2012 | \$3,310.00 |
| July 2012 – February 2019 | \$1,961.34 |

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Touraine, Treasurer



2018-2019 Paid Members – 47

FEBRUARY 2019 MINUTES

President Joe Spears called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced himself and welcomed everyone. Walta Evans thanked all who brought refreshments. President Spears introduced five visitors: Brody and Samuel Gough, Willie Hudspeth, Wanda Holmes Oliver, and Peggy Heinkel-Wolfe. There were 22 members in attendance.

BUSINESS

The Minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Eric Kaszynski, seconded by Walta Evans. The Treasurer's Report, as published in the newsletter, was filed for audit.

NEW BUSINESS

President Spears announced the upcoming Family History Discovery Day. It will be held in Denton on Saturday, March 30, at the Family History Center, Denton Stake, 3000 Old North Road, from 9 till noon. Admission is free. DCGS will have a booth at the event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The GenPen Writers Group will hold its second meeting Sunday, February 17, 2:00-4:00 p.m. here at the Library. An email with an agenda has been sent to all who previously expressed interest. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The next Genealogy Meetup will be held on Saturday (not Friday as usual), February 23, 9:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be held March 14. Patti Gillespie will present Beginner's DNA. She will follow up with Intermediate GNA the following Saturday, March 16, at 3:00 p.m. in the Library.

TEN-MINUTE TIP

Donna Spears presented another research tip entitled, "Explore DNA Matches on Ancestry.com." She presented how to use the new "Matches Map" beta feature and handed out a detailed, step-by-step instruction sheet. During her personal use of this new feature, she discovered that she and our treasurer, Linda Touraine, are cousins. They have since traded

information on their common ancestor.

PROGRAM

Beth Leggieri introduced our speakers, Emily Lockwood Bowles and Hannah Stewart, both master's degree candidates from the University of North Texas. Their program, "Uncovering St. John's," outlined their research into a former freedman's community, located on private land near Pilot Point.

St. John's Cemetery (aka Bonner Cemetery) contains the remains of many freedmen and their families who migrated from Chambers County, Alabama, in the 1870s, but not much else was previously known. By using the information they could glean from the graves and genealogy research sources like Ancestry.com and FindAGrave, they have been able to document the lives of many of St. John's inhabitants. Although the community suddenly disappeared in the 1930s, Emily and Hannah were able to locate and interview the one remaining descendant, John White. Emily, Hannah, and their six fellow class members have put together a web site to publish their findings.

Willie Hudspeth also spoke about his personal efforts to clean up the cemetery and explained his efforts to get the county involved in funding the St. John's project. He said county funds are available and urged everyone to elicit help from County Judge Andy Eads.

For anyone wanting more information, Emily can be contacted at emilylockwood@my.unt.edu. Hannah can be contacted at hannahstewart@my.unt.edu. The website's address is: <http://omeka.library.unt.edu/stjohns/page/welcome>. The site can also easily be found by Googling "Uncovering St. John's."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m., motion by Kathy Strauss, seconded by Marilyn Simms.

Respectfully submitted,
Minna Marinko, Secretary
21 Feb 2019



YOUR DNA ETHNICITY REPORT PROBABLY WILL CHANGE OVER TIME

In other words, you might not be who you think you are!

This is something that genealogy DNA experts all know but DNA newcomers usually do not. You can have your DNA sample taken one time and submit it to one testing service. A few weeks later, you will receive a report that shows the percentage of ancestry you have different parts of the world. Simple, isn't it? Well, not really...

For many people, perhaps most people, if they go back to that testing service's web site some time later and look at their own DNA report again, they may find that the report has changed! The reason is simple: since the first report was completed, the DNA testing company has improved their database(s) with new and more extensive data. In fact, the DNA testing companies are often updating their ethnic origins databases in order to provide even more precise reports.

While your DNA obviously hasn't changed, the information the testing company uses to interpret that DNA often changes when more information becomes available. As the Ancestry DNA web site says:

"Your ethnicity estimate is based on the data we have and the methods we use to compare your results to that data. Because we're always collecting more data and our methods are constantly improving, your estimate may change over time."

That happened to me as about 50% of my ancient ancestors "moved" about 1,000 miles between two reports of a single DNA sample. The first report said a high percentage of my ancestors came from the Iberian Peninsula (Spain and Portugal) which I thought was strange. When I went back some months later to read the same online report again, I found all those Iberian ancestors had since "moved" to France, which seems more likely as the country of origin for all the French-Canadians in my family tree.

Lydia Ramsey had a similar experience and she wrote about it in an article in *Business Insider* at <https://read.bi/2SHvjDk>. You might want to read Lydia Ramsey's article, then go back to the web site of the DNA testing company you used and see if anything has changed in your report.

ROOTSFINDER NOW IMPORTS DNA MATCHES FROM ANCESTRY.COM, 23andMe, MY HERITAGE, and FAMILY TREEDNA, WITH NEW ANALYSIS TOOLS

The free family history website RootsFinder.com announces that in addition to its previous support for importing matches from GEDmatch, users can now import their autosomal DNA matches from Ancestry.com, 23andMe, MyHeritage, and FamilyTreeDNA. Matches from these DNA testing companies can then be "tagged" to the user's family tree for analysis and further research.

By tagging a match to a known relative, users color code their matches. This makes it easy to interpret their results using RootsFinder's visual DNA analysis tools, including:

- Match List
- Segment View
- Triangulation (Cluster) View
- Circle View

RootsFinder's visual DNA tools include filters which allow users to designate a particular area of focus such as kits connected to a particular match or a particular ancestor. Advanced filters allow people to widen or narrow the scope of their analysis.

RootsFinder recently announced two new hinting partners: OpenArch.nl and GenealogieOnline.nl, which have extensive collections of Dutch records and family trees. With the addition of these two new hinting partners, you can now get hints from

up to 14 different websites on your RootsFinder tree, including FamilySearch, Findmypast, AmericanAncestors, and many others.

RootsFinder also recently announced increased storage to accommodate large family trees:

Free Forever Plan: double from 1GB to 2GB (about 1,000 photos)

Pro Plan: ten-fold increase from 10GB to 100GB (about 50,000 photos)

Also, RootsFinder now has a monthly Pro Plan for only \$5/month (or \$34.95/year).

For additional information about using RootsFinder tools to interpret DNA results, watch the YouTube video series "Interpreting DNA results with RootsFinder" on RootsFinder's YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxlfj_6Qy8_BMZBJEbPn9Ncy5f9qKV78t.



(Source: *Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter*)

NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

Denton County Genealogical Society

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

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. 3/29, 4/19, Emily Fowler Central Library

9:30 a.m.

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.



2018-2020 OFFICERS

President—Joe Spears

Vice-President—Erik Kaszynski

Secretary—Minna Marinko

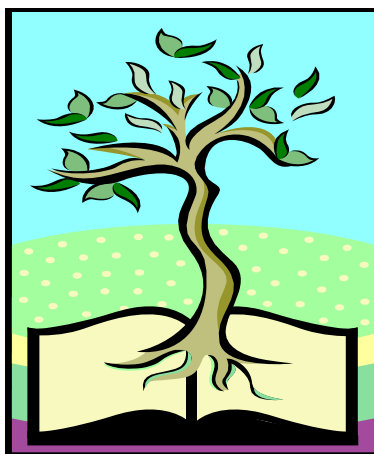
Treasurer—Linda Touraine

Librarian—Laura Douglas

Webmaster—Chris Strauss

Membership— Deb Reed

Newsletter Editor—Kathy Strauss



**NEXT MEETING OF THE
DENTON COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY WILL BE ON
April 11, 2019
Emily Fowler Central
Library
502 Oakland St.
Denton**

DENTON COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

502 Oakland Street
Denton, TX 76201