

# DGGS NEWS

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## APRIL MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 11, 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](http://www.genealogydentontexas.org)

### PROGRAM: “How to Save Your Research from Destruction and Ensure Its Future Survival”

### SPEAKER: Lisa Louise Cooke

Don't let your lifetime of genealogy research end up in the landfill! Lisa Louise Cooke will teach you the 7 key strategies to securing the future of your research including designating a “research keeper,” setting up a Genealogy Materials Directive, and making donations with a Deed of Gift. Don't miss this class – your family research legacy depends on it!

Lisa Louise Cooke found her passion for family history at her grandmother's knee at the age of 8. She is now the owner of *Genealogy Gems*, a genealogy and family history multi-media company founded in 2007. She is Producer and Host of the *Genealogy Gems Podcast*, the popular online genealogy audio show available at [www.GenealogyGems.com](http://www.GenealogyGems.com), on your smartphone's native podcast app, and through the Genealogy Gems app available through Apple's App Store (iOS) and the Google Play store (Android).

Lisa is the author of a variety of multi-media offerings including the [Genealogy Gems Premium](#) website subscription featuring her classes on video and the Genealogy Gems Premium Podcast (ad free), and four books: [The Genealogist's Google Toolbox](#), [Mobile Genealogy](#), [How to Find Your Family History in Newspapers](#), and [Genealogy Gems: Ultimate Research Strategies](#), and the video series [Google Earth for Genealogy](#). Whether in person or online, Lisa strives to dig through the myriad of genealogy news, questions and resources to deliver the gems that can unlock each genealogist's own family history treasure trove!

Family is not just a priority professionally. Lisa is a doting wife to Bill, the proud mom of three daughters, and has added the role of Grandma to her resume. She counts her blessings every day for the love, fulfillment and laughter that family brings to every aspect of her life.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you stopped to think about why you do genealogy? It means different things to different people. I do genealogy for many reasons. One is my curiosity about my ancestors - who were they, what were they like, what experiences did they live through. My love of history is part of the reason I do genealogy. My desire to solve mysteries is a huge part of my passion for genealogy. I do genealogy because I want my children and grandchildren to know and recognize the individuals over the centuries whose lives helped make us who we are today.

The Family History Discovery Day on March 30 was a success. I appreciate our Secretary, Minna, joining me at the DCGS table where we talked to lots of people and handed out flyers. Hopefully, some of them will visit us.

Spring is here, and it is hard to believe next month will be our Annual Meeting followed by the summer break. At the May meeting bring ideas for next year's

programs as well as your family stories for another Round Robin. The Round Robin in January was very enlightening, interesting, and entertaining.

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 Easter to you all,  
Joe Spears  
Email: [argyleiris@verizon.net](mailto:argyleiris@verizon.net)



## TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>Balance Mar. 1, 2019</b>	<b>\$2,884.36</b>	2018-2019 Paid Members – 47	
<b>Deposits:</b>		Library Donations	
Dues	\$60.00	April 1995 – May 2006	\$2,876.52
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	June 2006 – June 2012	\$3,310.00
		July 2012 – March 2019	\$1,961.34
<b>Disbursements:</b>		Respectfully Submitted,	
Patti Gillespie	\$85.00	Linda Touraine, Treasurer	
March program			
Joe Spears	\$66.41		
Reimburse for printing			
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$151.41</b>		
<b>Balance Mar. 31, 2019</b>	<b>\$2,792.95</b>		



## MARCH 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, remarking that the food was especially nice.

Membership Chairman Deb Reed introduced twelve visitors: Debbie Austin, Richard and Judy Franz, Steve Frederickson, Laura Gonzalez, Brady Gough, Linnie M. McAdams, John, Laura and Victor Pallatto, Heather White, Wanda Yohn. There were 34 members in attendance, including new members Lee Halcom and Audrey Mabe. Eight DAR members were in attendance.

### BUSINESS

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

### OLD BUSINESS

President Spears reminded everyone about the upcoming Family History Discovery Day, Saturday, March 30, which will be held the Family History Center, Denton Stake, 3000 Old North Road, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Admission is free. Visitor Steve Frederickson explained there will be three blocks of 50-minute classes offered, for both beginner and intermediate level. A Spanish-speaking session is also scheduled. Several genealogy organizations will have booths. Three RootsTech 2019 seminars will be re-broadcasted. LDS consultants will also be available to help attendees with genealogy searches.

DCGS members are needed for the Society's booth; please email Joe Spears with the time(s) you can help. Flyers with DCGS information are being printed and will be used as a handout.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **GenPen Writers Group** will hold its third meeting Sunday, March 17, 2:00-4:00 p.m. here at the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Tonight's speaker, Patti Gillespie, will present **Part 2** of her **Ancestry DNA** program on Saturday, March 16, at

3:00 p.m. No registration necessary. The next **Genealogy Meetup** will be held on Friday, March 29, 9:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be held Thursday, April 11. Lisa Louise Cooke will present, "**How to Save Your Research from Destruction and Ensure Its Future Survival.**"

### PROGRAM

Eric Kaszynski introduced Patti Gillespie, BA, MS, genealogist, owner of "Family Lines and Stories." Ms. Gillespie presented Part 1 of "**I've Got My Ancestry DNA Report: What Do I Do Now?**" After stressing she was not a geneticist, she summarized the three types of DNA (autosomal, Y, mitochondrial) and clarified the most common terms testers encounter (algorithm, centimorgans, NPE, random recombination, reference population). She then opened the Ancestry DNA web site, demonstrating its features by using her own results. She emphasized that ethnicity profiles are based on a tester's DNA results, but percentages will change as Ancestry's database grows. She cautioned that results found under the "DNA Matches" and "ThruLines" sections are based only on members' trees, not DNA results. She recommended uploading test results to other sites (Family Tree DNA, GEDmatch, etc.) in order to expand the database, but cautioned that privacy issues need to be considered when deciding whether to share. Attendees were given two handouts: "Learning About DNA," and "Why Upload to GEDmatch or Family Tree DNA?"

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Beth Leggieri made the motion; Fran Shurteff seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Minna Marinko, Secretary  
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## Loyola University to Create a Database of Loyalist Americans' Claims

Loyalists, the women and men who chose to stay loyal to the British Crown during the American Revolution, have been the subject of a resurgence of scholarly interest over the past decade. Many of the Loyalists moved to Canada as the U.S. Revolutionary War came to a close and a few others moved to England.

Previously dismissed as the losers in the conflict, scholars have turned their attention to those who separated themselves from their friends and neighbors and gave up their land and possessions when they chose to leave the new United States at the end of the American Revolution. The story of that difficult decision recorded in the Loyalist Claims Commission is one that has been largely overlooked since the end of the war.

The Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture at the College of William & Mary has

awarded Benjamin Bankhurst, assistant professor of history at Shepherd University, and Kyle Roberts, associate professor of public history and new media and director of the Center for Textual Studies and Digital Humanities at Loyola University Chicago, with a \$5,000 Lapidus Digital Collections Fellowship for "The Maryland Loyalist Project." The project is a collaboration between Bankhurst and Roberts, aiming to make the letters and petitions of British loyalists who fled the American Revolution housed in the British National Archives available in a digital archive.



## The Internet Archive has Uploaded 450,000 songs Collected Before Myspace's Massive Data Loss

By Dick Eastman

I have written before learning about the music your ancestors enjoyed. (See <https://blog.eogn.com/?s=music> for a list of some of my previous articles about music.) Myspace used to be a good source for both old-time and modern music but last month, it became widely known that MySpace has lost much of the user data uploaded to it before 2016, including potentially million of music tracks from between 2003 to 2015. It is estimated that up to 53 million songs from 14 million artists were deleted. Luckily, there is a free alternative.



A huge music archive was compiled by "an anonymous academic group who were studying music networks and grabbed 1.3 terabytes of MP3 music files to study from MySpace in roughly 2008-2010 to do so." After learning about the data loss, the group offered the collection to Archive.org and it is now available to everyone, **free of charge**. This is in addition to the millions of songs already available on [Archive.org](https://archive.org) before this latest contribution.

To listen to old and modern music and to even download it to your own computer or iPod or other music player, go to <https://archive.org> and click on "audio."

## NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

### Denton County Genealogical Society

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

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

**5/9**—Annual business meeting and member's roundtable discussions.

**Thu. Emily Fowler 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. 4/19, Sat. 5/25, Fri 6/28, 7/26, 8/23**

**Emily Fowler Central Library 9:30 a.m.**

### GenPen

A writers group for those interested in turning their genealogical research into narratives of their family history. Topics have included distribution methodology, writing process tools, and sharing of narrative drafts for members' input.

**Sun 5/19, 6/23, 7/21, 8/18 Emily Fowler 2-4 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.**

### Texas Trails To Freedom

There is some evidence that an Underground Railroad existed in Texas to help ex-slaves escape from Indian Territory in what is now Oklahoma into Mexico. Presented by local historian Shaun Treat.

**Sat 6/15 Emily Fowler 3-5 p.m.**

### Researching Texas Pioneers

Do you have early pioneer Texans in your family but aren't sure how to find their records? Join us to learn about early Mexican, Republic, and Antebellum resources.

**Thurs 6/20 Emily Fowler 7-8:30 p.m.**

### Using Ancestry.com

This class will introduce you to the most popular features of Ancestry.com and show you how to do efficient and effective searches. We will also review Ancestry Library Edition which is accessible for free within any library location.

**Thurs 7/18 Emily Fowler 7-8:30 p.m.**

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### 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.

**Sat 8/17 Emily Fowler 3-5 p.m.**

### 2018-2020 OFFICERS

**President—Joe Spears**

**Vice-President—Erik Kaszynski**

**Secretary—Minna Marinko**

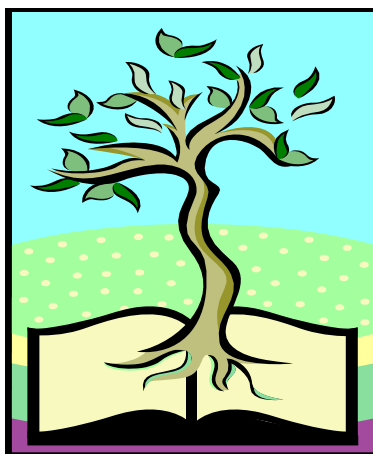
**Treasurer—Linda Touraine**

**Librarian—Laura Douglas**

**Webmaster—Chris Strauss**

**Membership— Deb Reed**

**Newsletter Editor—Kathy Strauss**



**NEXT MEETING OF THE  
DENTON COUNTY  
GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY WILL BE ON  
May 9, 2019  
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