

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

MAY MEETING THURSDAY MAY 9, 2019



1896- Denton County Courthouse-

PROGRAM: “DCGS Member Personal Experiences Round Robin and Annual Business Meeting”

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

Members are welcome to share their genealogical accomplishments and discovers from the past year. Everyone is encouraged to bring their stories, heirlooms, and important documents for our popular annual “show and tell.” It’s time to “wow” us with all of your finds!

The Great Migration Parish Web Mapping App is now Online

By Dick Eastman

The New England Historic Genealogical Society has just released a valuable tool for anyone with English ancestors who emigrated during the Great Migration of immigrants to New England from 1620 to 1640.

I’m already enthused about this new online site because, within two minutes of my first visit, I found the village of origin of one of my ancestors who left England in 1637 and moved to Massachusetts. After two minutes on the new [Great Migration Parish Web Mapping site](#), I not only found where he came from but also his home village’s location was displayed on the map!

This new web mapping app shows you the last-known parish for all 1,795 emigrants whose origin is confirmed, about a third of the nearly 5,700 emigrants who left England (and a few other places) for New England between 1620 and 1640. The emigrant information is based on *The*

Great Migration Directory by Robert Charles Anderson, FASG. He is the Director of *The Great Migration Study Project* at the New England Historic Genealogical Society and the author of many publications, including *The Great Migration Directory*, the source of the emigrant information.

The web mapping app gives you a map view of parishes and a list view of emigrants. The app opens in map view, and includes a set of options and tools for the map and access to the list view.

Access to the [Great Migration Parish Web Mapping App](#) is available to everyone free of charge. Check it out at: <https://www.americanancestors.org/specials/great-migration-parish-map>.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are at the end of another DCGS year. I am especially gratified by the participation and enthusiasm expressed by our members and our visitors as we have gotten better acquainted and started new activities like Gen Pen. I have also thoroughly enjoyed the programs this past year. Eric and the Program Committee have assured me that there will be more good programs next year. As always, please share your program ideas and wishes with Eric.

May is our Annual Meeting followed by the summer break. I always look forward to the varied and interesting family stories we all share at the Round Robin. What story can you tell?

One item of business that the Executive Board needs to work on this summer is drafting amendments to our Bylaws. There are a couple of phrases in particular which need attention. Article VI, Section 6, inadvertently states that "The Parliamentarian ... shall govern the Society." Another item to think about is Article VIII, Section 1, 2) which states that the

President shall appoint a "Historical Research Coordinator" committee. I think that has not happened for several years. The purpose of the committee, as I understand it, is to provide assistance to individuals who live some distance away with Denton area genealogy help. Do we need this committee, and, if so, are there any members willing to serve on this committee? If not, then we should probably remove that requirement from the Bylaws. I look forward to receiving your feedback.

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. Thanks to Walta for coordinating refreshments and to everyone who brings them. Always wear your lanyards and name tags so we know who you are.

Enjoy your summer,
 Joe Spears
 Email: argyleiris@verizon.net



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Apr. 1, 2019	\$2,792.95	2018-2019 Paid Members – 47
Deposits:		
None	\$00.00	Library Donations
Total Income:	\$00.00	April 1995 – May 2006
		\$2,876.52
		June 2006 – June 2012
		\$3,310.00
		July 2012 – April 2019
		\$1,961.34
Disbursements:		
Lisa L. Cooke,	\$50.00	
Apr. prog. balance		
Printed Checks	\$27.95	
Total Disbursements	\$77.95	
Balance Apr. 30, 2019	\$2,715.00	

Respectfully Submitted,
 Linda Touraine, Treasurer



APRIL 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. Deb Reed introduced four visitors: Lisa Brown, Robert Meissner, Fritz Poppe, and Mahasin Saleh. There were 26 members in attendance.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The president reported that DCGS had successfully participated in the Family History Discovery Day held on March 30, 2019. He thanked Minna Marinko for promoting DCGS at the event. Eric Kaszynski reported that 140 people had attended.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The president announced that this meeting was the 40th anniversary of our society. He introduced Diana White, the first elected president of DCGS, who made a few comments. She recognized past presidents Mary Tate and Terry Brantley who were present.

The GenPen Writers Group next meeting is Sunday, April 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Café Brazil. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Newly Discovered DNA Quirk Could Reveal Mysteries of Newfoundland's First Settlers

A Newfoundland genealogist has stumbled onto a rare and mysterious DNA quirk that he says could tell the untold story of the island's first European settlers. David Pike, a mathematics professor and genealogist, said the rare mitochondrial DNA profile caught his attention over a decade ago when it began popping up frequently in test results for a Newfoundland and Labrador genealogy project.

The profile — called H5a5, plus another unnamed mutation — is likely European in origin. Only a handful of

The next Genealogy Meetup is Friday, April 19, 9:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be our Annual Round Robin on May 9. Annual dues (\$20 single and \$30 couple) will be due then.

Kathy Strauss asked for newsletter content to be submitted early for the May issue.

PROGRAM

Eric Kaszynski introduced Lisa Louise Cooke, the owner of Genealogy Gems, who spoke on How to Save Your Research from Destruction and Ensure Its Future Survival. Among the key points were:

Getting and Staying Organized – physical files; cloud note taking; automatically backing up digital files

Making It Legal with a *Genealogical Materials Directive*

Identifying Who Will Keep Your Research

Preparing Now for Future Donations with a *Deed of Gift*

Preparing Your Relatives Now

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m., motion by Mary Tate, seconded by Kathy Strauss.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Spears, Acting Secretary



people from Europe — fewer than 10 — have been found to test positive for the specific profile, and almost all those have roots in Newfoundland and Labrador.



The Genealogy Squad Facebook Group Announced

The Genealogy Squad



A new Facebook group for genealogy, The Genealogy Squad, is being launched at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogysquad> on Monday, 6 May 2019. The mission of the Genealogy Squad Facebook group is to provide a positive space for the sharing of appropriate and reliable methods and resources to assist genealogists at all levels in their research activities. The principals and administrators are:

Blaine T. Bettinger, Ph.D. J.D., is an internationally recognized genetic genealogy expert, lecturer, and author of two landmark books about DNA. His [DNA Central](#) subscription site provides educational information about genetic genealogical research tests, tools, and methodologies.

Cyndi Ingle is the creator of the award-winning [Cyndi's List](#), the categorized, searchable directory of more than 336,000 online genealogical resource links. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 39 years, has an expertise in using technology for genealogy and research in the United States. Cyndi's favorite topics bring together traditional methodology with organization, computers, software, and the Internet. She is the author of 3 books and numerous articles, and she is a popular genealogical speaker for seminars and conferences worldwide.

George G. Morgan is the president of [Aha! Seminars, Inc.](#), an internationally recognized genealogy expert, lecturer, author of 14 genealogy books, writer for four magazines, and author of hundreds of online columns and blog postings. He is co-host of [The Genealogy Guys Podcast](#), the longest-running genealogy podcast since 2005, and his company produces the Genealogy Connections podcast. He is author of [The Genealogy Guys Blog](#).

Drew Smith is the genealogy librarian for the University of South Florida Library in Tampa, an internationally recognized genealogy expert, lecturer, and author of three books. He is the 2016 winner of the Filby Award for Genealogical Librarianship, presented by the National Genealogical Society. He is co-host of [The Genealogy Guys Podcast](#) and host of the [Genealogy Connections](#) podcast.

The Genealogy Squad will focus on answering questions and solving problems, while demonstrating best practices in all aspects of genealogical research. The extensive combined knowledge and experience of the four principals in all aspects of genealogical research allows them to respond and share the highest quality information and suggested research paths. "We believe that our many decades of combined experience and research strengths will make us the best "go-to" genealogy group about genealogy research and resources," said George G. Morgan. "Each of us is familiar with all aspects of quality genealogical research and, between us, we can offer excellent guidance or referrals to reliable resources and tools to help group members solve problems."

People interested in this new group must personally request to join, beginning on May 6, 2019, and the administrators will respond as promptly as possible. We are very excited and expect this new FB group to be an instant success.

(Source: *Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter*)

NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

Denton County Genealogical Society

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

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 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.

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.

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.

Save Your Memories

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

Sat 7/20 Emily Fowler 3-5 p.m.

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

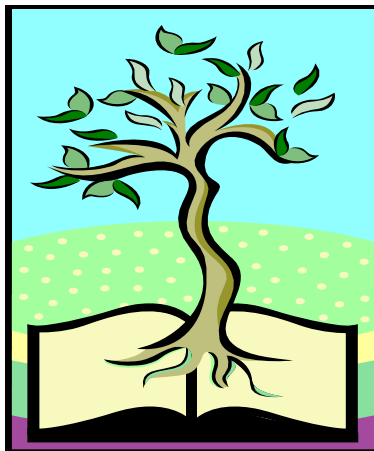
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Librarian—Laura Douglas

Webmaster—Chris Strauss

Membership— Deb Reed

Newsletter Editor—Kathy Strauss



**NEXT MEETING OF THE
DENTON COUNTY
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Sept. 12, 2019
Emily Fowler Central
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502 Oakland St.
Denton**

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