

DCGS NEWS

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OCTOBER MEETING THURSDAY OCT 10, 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: “Portal to Texas History”

SPEAKER: Dr. Ana Krahmer

This month’s program will feature Dr. Ana Krahmer speaking about the resources that can be found at The Portal to Texas History. The Portal is a digital repository for historical and cultural heritage materials. The materials hosted on the Portal are the product of collaboration between the University of North Texas Libraries and Portal Partners, which include genealogical societies, museums, libraries, government agencies, and

private collectors. The presentation will provide users with an overview of the Portal to Texas History, how one could use it for their own research interests, and highlights some of the various collections on the Portal.

Dr. Ana Krahmer oversees the Texas Digital Newspaper Program out of The Portal to Texas History, hosted by University of North Texas Libraries. She works with partners across Texas to digitally preserve and build access to their newspaper runs. The Texas Digital Newspaper Program is the largest, single-state, open-access repository of newspapers in the U.S., and she loves teaching people how to use it for their research.

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OCTOBER IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

This month is the perfect opportunity to review your ancestry and honor their memory, and to involve your family in understanding their heritage.

Write down what you already know about your parents and ancestors. Share this information with your children, making sure they understand how important it is to keep this information alive.

Sort through old photos with your family, identify people in the photos, and preserve them.

Share meaningful heritooms with family members, and tell stories about them.

Visit the library with family members and introduce them to family history research.

Create new memories with your family



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to October and autumn. Let's hope it feels like that real soon.

Be sure to register for the 18th Annual Genealogy Lock-In at the Emily Fowler Library on October 18. This is a free event and is 'come and go'. There is something for everyone. The session topics cover a wide variety of genealogical subjects from the basics to probates to military records to photograph dating and more. The sessions start at 10 a.m. and end at 10 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:15 p.m. https://library.cityofdenton.com/screens/sc_lockin.html

Thank you to Bob and Linda Lane for volunteering to coordinate refreshments for each meeting.

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. Always wear your lanyards and name tags so we know who you are.

See you soon,
Joe Spears
Email: argyleiris@verizon.net



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance May 1, 2019 **\$2,715.00**

Deposits:

2019-2020 Dues \$520.00
Refreshment Funds \$198.87

Total Deposits: \$718.87

Disbursements:

Dues, FGS \$35.00
Deb Reed, Printing \$17.45
reimbursement
Linda Touraine, NGS \$50.00
Dues reimbursement
Archive Bazaar. \$100.00
Donation

Total Disbursements \$202.45

Balance Sept. 30, 2019 \$3,231.42

2019-2020 Paid Members – 33

Library Donations

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Touraine, Treasurer



SEPT 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. President Spears thanked the Board members for supplying refreshments for the meeting.

Membership Chairman Deb Reed introduced four visitors: Lamont Brown, Emily Richardson, Cecile Sutter, and Monica Werthold. There were 23 members in attendance.

BUSINESS

The Minutes of the May meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Eileen O'Neill Windsor, seconded by Bob Lane. President Spears reported the Society's bank balance was \$2,972.55.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

President Spears reported Walta Evans, long-time Hospitality Chairman, is ill. He asked for volunteers to take her place. Bob and Linda Lane agreed to serve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual Library Lock-In is scheduled for October 18. Attendance is free, but registration is required. This year's sponsor is the McLennan County Genealogy Society.

The GenPen Writers Group's next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 22.

The next Genealogy Meetup is scheduled for Friday, September 27, at 9:30 a.m.

The Society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10.

Librarian Laura Douglas reported Matt Davis is working on the Library's collection of Denton papers. Anyone having documents to donate are encouraged to submit them.

PROGRAM

The evening's program, "Local Resources for Long Distance Research," was presented by Eric Kaszynski, director of Denton's Family History Center, and Laura Douglas, Librarian in Charge of Special Collections, Denton Public Library.

Director Kaszynski presented a refresher on the newest resources and techniques for genealogical research available through the Family History Center and its web

site www.familysearch.org.

Personal research assistance is available through the Center's volunteers, as well as access to records not available online and free how-to classes—all at no charge.

The Denton Library is an official Family Search Affiliate, which provides free access to limited-access FamilySearch databases.

The Family Search website offers free, no-obligation access to all its online records, and maintains a research Wiki, a huge encyclopedia of information about records availability. "The Family History Guide" on the site offers how-to articles on all kinds of subjects. He stressed that he and the Center's volunteers are waiting and eager to help anyone further their family research.

Librarian Laura Douglas offered a refresher on resources available in the Library's Genealogy Collection.

"Don't Forget the Books." The Library has many reference books, such as *The Source* and *The Vital Records Handbook*, as well as indexes not available elsewhere. Books can be located through the Library's online catalog using "Search"—some books are scanned. Also, the "Search" tab leads to WorldCat and Interlibrary loan.

Under "Research Tools," there is a tab for "Genealogy" (set up by former librarian Kathy Strauss), and many related subjects. Douglas stressed that many online databases (such as Fold3 and Heritage Quest) are available from home with a library card (free to Denton residents, \$50.00/yr for non-residents).

In-Library resources include "American Ancestors (NEHGS)", Ancestry Library Edition, Newspaper Archives, and History Geo.com. Patrons can bring laptops and access them using their personal computers, but only inside the library.

In addition, the Library offers Adult Discovery Kits for checkout, the Legacy Lab, and numerous classes and events. A staff of four is eager to help with anyone's genealogy research. They can be contacted by calling, emailing, or asking in person for help.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Minna Marinko, Secretary
21 September 2019



Come celebrate Family History Month with us! The Denton Public Library is partnering with other libraries and genealogy societies across Texas to host the 19th Annual Genealogy Lock-In. You can “come and go” for select workshops or stay for the full day of informative & interactive live webinars. 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 18, 2019

10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Emily Fowler Central Library 502 Oakland Street

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/2019lockin> or return this form to the Special Collections Research Area.

Schedule of Workshops

Sponsored by the Genealogy Center of the Waco-McLennan County Library and the Central Texas Genealogical Society

10:00 - 10:50 am – Technology Enabled Collaborations for Genealogists

Webinar presented by Tony Hanson, Family Historian

This presentation will examine three relatively new capabilities that are enabling collaborative family research: The Family Search Family Tree, Ancestry.com's ThruLines DNA tool, and self-publishing family history using a blog or a website. Attendees will learn the benefits provided by each and will learn how to effectively incorporate them into their own personal research methodology.

11:00 - 11:50 am – Finding Elusive Records on FamilySearch.org

Webinar presented by John Huff, FamilySearch Experience Manager

Learn the search skills and features of FamilySearch.org to take you to a new level of access of this 2 billion image database. This tutorial will take you step-by-step through the process of how to utilize the FamilySearch catalog, unindexed image collections and more.

Noon - 1:30 pm – Genealogy Basics: Getting Started on Your Family Tree

Webinar presented by Carl Smith, Genealogy Librarian, Montgomery County Memorial Library System

Budding researchers will learn the basics they need to get started researching their family tree. We'll cover the first steps to take to begin your research, starting with home sources. We'll also cover the types of records that are useful for genealogical research and where they can be found. We'll also cover ways to stay organized by utilizing paper charts and forms or computer software.

1:40 - 2:40 pm – Probate: More Than a Will

Webinar presented by Kelvin Meyers, Ancestry ProGenealogists, Researcher

Most persons in America, who lived to adulthood, left some type of an estate to be administered. Some left wills, some did not; either way if there was land or large amounts of personal property, their estate had to be disposed of. The records of probate can be some of the most fruitful for the genealogist.

2:50 - 3:50 pm – Roll Call: New Sites and Sources for Military Records and Research

Webinar presented by Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, IGSF Manager, The Genealogy Center Senior Manager, Special Collections, Allen County Public Library

This presentation explores the growing number of consequential websites for the researcher interested in military history and military ancestors. From bibliographic databases to sites that provide copies of first-hand accounts and images of actual records, this talk provides one with key sites and strategies for locating increasing amounts of meaningful military data on the Internet.

4:00 - 5:15 pm – Introduction to GEDmatch

Webinar presented by Sara Allen, Librarian, Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library

Once you have taken a DNA test, you may be urged to upload your results to GEDmatch. What is GEDmatch and why should you use it? GEDmatch is a free third party website that you can use to compare your DNA results with people who have taken the autosomal DNA test from all the major testing companies. You can also use a variety of tools and utilities (some free, and some subscription only) that help analyze your DNA results. Learn more about GEDmatch at this session.

5:15-6:15 pm Dinner Break

6:15 - 7:15 pm – Finding Your Ancestors in Mexico

Webinar presented by Nick Cimino, Professional Genealogist, AncestorPuzzles.com

Nick Cimino will provide case studies demonstrating the types of records used to trace ancestors from the United States into Mexico. There is a breadth of information available for researchers including census, border crossing records, immigration, civil records, and church records.

7:25 - 8:30 pm – Dating Family Photos by Photo Process, Apparel, Hair Styles and More

Webinar presented by David Coleman, Director, the Wittliff Collections, Texas State University

Do you possess photos that you wish you could at least date? Learn what to evaluate and the resources available to help you. Follow David's process as he takes us through samples and learn how to apply his technique to your own photos.

8:30 – 10:00 p.m. – Individual Research Time

NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

Denton County Genealogical Society

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

10/10 – Exploring the Portal to Texas History presented by Ana Krahmer

11/14 – Census Sense: Clues & Conundrums for Intermediate Researchers presented by Patty Gillespie

1/09—"Eureka, Epiphany, and Serendipity" Members Round Table Discussion & GenPen presentation

2/13—Southern Manuscript Collections presented by Ari Wilkins

3/12—Proving Your Lineage to a Patriot of the War of the Revolution by Jane Sanzone and Donna Spears

4/16—Using Genealogy in Criminal Investigation by Chris Womack

5/15—Business Meeting/ Election of Officers/ Round Robin Members Round Table Discussion

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. 10/25, 11/22, 12/27

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. 10/20, 11/17

Sun Emily Fowler 2-4 p.m.

Introduction to Polish Genealogy Resources

Discover free, online resources to help locate your Polish ancestors.

Sat 10/12 Emily Fowler 3-5 p.m.

19th Annual Statewide Genealogy Lock-In

Come and go, or stay for the full day of informative and interactive live webinars on a range of genealogical topics, including Mexican research, dating photographs, using GEDmatch, and much more. Dinner will be available to those attending after 5:15 p.m. There will be one-on-one help for those with questions, and time for everyone to use library resources for research. For the full schedule and registration information, visit <http://bit.ly/2019lockin>.

Fri 10/18 Emily Fowler 10 a.m.—10 p.m.

What starts in Texas changes the world!

Our history has made Texas what she is today. If Texas was designated as her own country, she would rank as one of the richest countries in the world. But why? This presentation highlights how the history of Texas has affected our status on the world's stage and how things that happened in Texas do make a difference. Discussed will be the top 10 advances in the Great State serving to give you all the bragging rights that make Texas and Texans extraordinary. It's not just a tag line, it is really true: What starts in Texas has changed the world! Presented by Dr. Diana Mason, this program is part of the OLLI at UNT Sneak Peek series.

Sat. 10/19 Emily Fowler 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Save Your Memories

Learn about the digital conversion equipment that can be used to preserve your family history by converting your photos, home videos, and paper documents to digital formats. Discover the equipment and software available in The Legacy Lab at Emily Fowler Central Library.

Fri 11/15 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.

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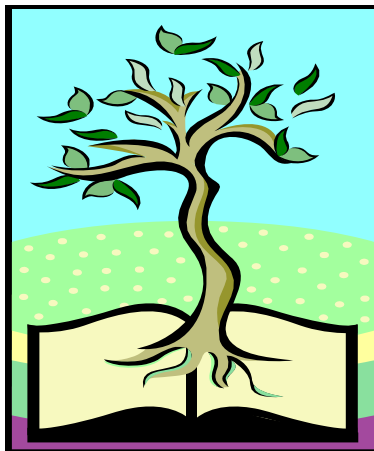
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**NEXT MEETING OF THE
DENTON COUNTY
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Nov. 14, 2019
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