

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

APRIL MEETING CANCELLED

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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

Here's hoping we will be able to hold our annual meeting, election, and roundtable on May 14. The nominating committee offers the following slate for 2020-2022.

President – Joe Spears
 Vice President – Stacie Briggs
 Secretary – Beth Leggieri
 Treasurer – Linda Touraine
 Librarian – Laura Douglas

If you have what it takes to manage a web site using WordPress or the writing skills to create and publish the newsletter, contact me immediately. Chris and Kathy Strauss are ready to retire.

During the current pandemic perhaps we, as genealogists, should reflect on the dilemma faced by our ancestors 102 years ago with the Spanish Flu pandemic. They were faced with similar issues like closures of schools, theatres, and businesses. Everyone was required to wear a mask. Temporary hospitals were set up in temporary

places and buildings. They lacked today's internet, social media, and science. We are at war, but this war is a lot less stressful than the last one I was involved in. All I have to do is 'stay home and wash my hands'!

Our program committee needs to start work on next year's programs. 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. Be sure to wear your lanyards and name tags.

Stay well and stay safe. I hope to see you in a few weeks.

Joe Spears
 Email: argyleiris@verizon.net



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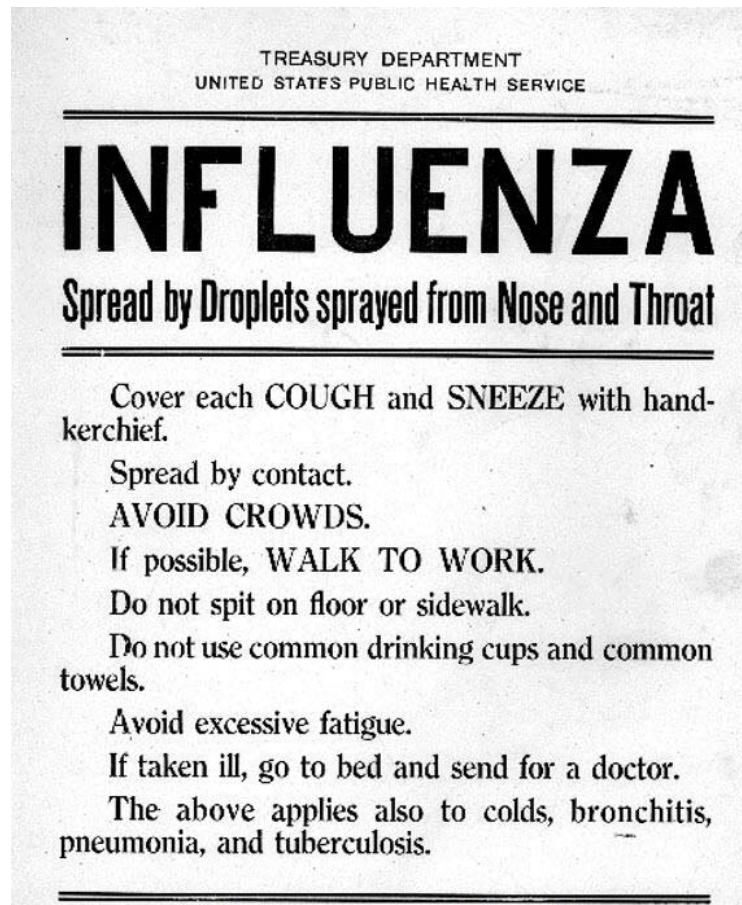
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Beautiful Spring Irises to Cheer You Courtesy of Joe and Donna Spears

This 1918 U.S. Public Health Service poster shared guidance about how to avoid spreading the flu. The government used notices like this one to relay information to citizens and federal employees in the midst of the 1918 pandemic. Library of Congress.

Story at <https://www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy/featured-stories-uscis-history-office-and-library/1918-influenza-epidemic-and-bureaus-immigration-and-naturalization>



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance March 1, 2020
\$2,204.23

Deposits:

Refund for unavailable book \$28.00

Disbursements:

Total disbursements: \$0.00

Balance March 31, 2020
\$2,232.23

Library Donations	
April 1995 – May 2006	\$2,876.52
June 2006 – June 2012	\$3,310.00
July 2012 – February 2020	\$2,925.53

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Touraine, Treasurer

2019-2020 Paid Members – 44



MARCH 2020 MINUTES

President Joe Spears called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced himself and welcomed everyone. Hospitality Chairman Bob Lane thanked members who supplied tonight's refreshments: Marilyn Simms, Chris and Kathy Strauss, Stephen Booher, Walta Evans, and Minna Marinko.

There were 26 members in attendance. Four visitors were introduced: Mickey and Tammy Malone, Marian Carroll, and Joan Anderson.

BUSINESS

The motion to approve the January minutes as published in the newsletter was made by Walta Evans and seconded by Beth Leggieri. The treasurer's report, also published in the newsletter, was filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS

This year's Nominating Committee consists of two Board members—Joe Spears and Eric Kaszynski—plus Society members Walta Evans, Beth Leggieri, and Emily Coffman Richardson. The Committee is scheduled to meet April 2 to finalize nominations for the next term. Positions open include Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and Web Master (requires WordPress experience). Anyone interested in serving who has not yet been contacted by the Committee should contact President Spears.

Laura Douglas reported on the purchase of books by DCGS for the Library. Most books ordered have been received. The list of them will be published in the next newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Stacie Biggs announced that Family History Discovery Day (scheduled for Saturday, March 28), has been canceled, due to coronavirus concerns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GenPen Writers Group is scheduled to meet on Sunday, March 22, 2-4pm, in the Emily Fowler Library conference room.

The next Society's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9.

Both meetings may be canceled due to coronavirus concerns.

Beth Leggieri announced that members Nancy Casey and Emily Coffman Richardson have been nationally recognized for their recent submissions in Amy Johnson Crow's "52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks" program.

PROGRAM

Eric Kaszynski introduced Donna Spears, who presented "Proving Your Lineage," in which she outlined the activities and tasks required to prove descent from a Revolutionary War ancestor and thus earn membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. Donna Spears is currently the Recording Secretary for DAR's local chapter. Jane Sanzone, DAR chapter Registrar, was also scheduled to speak, but canceled due to illness.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Minna Marinko, Secretary
20 March 2020



ENJOY FREE AND UNLIMITED ACCESS TO MyHeritage In Color™

MyHeritage revolutionized the world of online genealogy web sites when the company announced that anyone and everyone could upload black-and-white photographs to MyHeritage.com and then the web site would **AUTOMATICALLY** convert each photo to a color image. It works well for old photographs of people but I also found it works well for photos of houses, farms, workplaces, and a lot more. Even a black-and-white picture of Main Street in a town in the Old West works well.

Now **EVERYONE** can obtain **FREE** and unlimited access to MyHeritage In Color™ from March 23 to April 23 (that's an entire month!), so that people everywhere can join in the fun of colorizing their black and white photos. Ordinarily only 10 photos can be colorized by users who do not have a Complete plan, but now, you can colorize as many photos as you'd like for free.

To get started, go to <http://www.myheritage.com/incolor>. Colorizing photos is the perfect activity for anyone who is isolated at home. MyHeritage invites everyone to pull out their family photo albums, colorize their photos, and start reminiscing. Over

the coming month, anyone who shares their colorized photos on Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram with the hashtag #ColorBeatsCoronavirusBlues and tags @MyHeritage will enter a weekly draw. Each week MyHeritage will select one lucky winner who will receive a **free MyHeritage Complete subscription!**

You can read more about this new technology in the MyHeritage Blog at <https://blog.myheritage.com/2020/03/myheritage-in-color-is-now-free-and-unlimited-for-one-month/> and at <https://www.myheritage.com/incolor> and also in my earlier articles about it at <https://blog.eogn.com/2020/02/12/myheritage-in-color-breakthrough-feature-to-colorize-family-photos/> and at <https://blog.eogn.com/2020/02/17/myheritage-in-color-goes-viral-over-a-million-photos-already-colored/>.



COPING WITH QUARANTINE IN A PRE-DIGITAL ERA

By Dick Eastman

Staying at home because of the CoronaVirus' self-isolation policies is certainly unpleasant for many people. However, we are not the first to be quarantined. An article by Nicole Poletika in the *Indiana State Library* web site shows similarities (and differences) between what we are experiencing today versus what our ancestors endured.

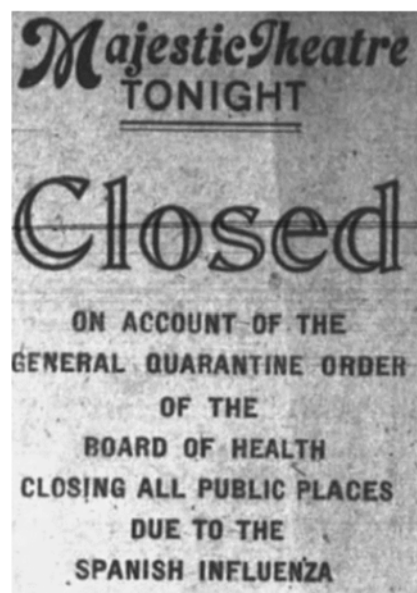
The article focuses on the Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918 and 1919. It had many similarities to today's CoronaVirus but with one major exception: the Spanish flu epidemic was more deadly than today's CoronaVirus.

Quoting from the article:

The [Spanish] flu struck Fort Benjamin Harrison in September of 1918 and by October 6, U.S. public health service officials mandated a statewide quarantine for Indiana and most other states. Making us grateful for the immediacy of Apple News and Google Alerts, state board officials at the time spread the news by dispatching telegrams to board secretaries in every county, ordering them to "immediately close all schools, churches, theaters, amusements of all kinds, and to put a ban on all public meetings and gatherings." The order initially exempted factories, "business houses," and restaurants, and limited confectionaries' services.

Much like now, some Hoosiers pushed back against the ban, deeming it unnecessary as influenza patients, in their estimation, suffered from nothing more than "heavy colds." A Terre Haute high schooler placed an ad in the paper the day after the public health announcement, stating "can work all day during quarantine." Perhaps in response to this disregard, health officials across the state placed "influenza placards" at the residences of those infected as a measure to keep the community safe.

You can read a lot more in the article at: <https://blog.history.in.gov/coping-with-quarantine-in-a-pre-digital-era/>.



THE TIMES [SEYMOUR, IN], OCTOBER 8, 1918,
ACCESSED NEWSPAPERS.COM.

NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

Denton County Genealogical Society

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

4/9—MEETING CANCELLED

5/14—Business Meeting/ Election of Officers/ Round Robin Members Round Table Discussion

Thu. Emily Fowler 6:30 p.m.

Library Books Donated by Denton County Genealogical Society

Czechs in Grey and Blue, Too!

Czech Emigration and Nat. Records in TX

Lavaca Co Naturalization Records & Marriages 1860-1900

Veovice- Birth Records from 1625-1950

Czechs in Uniform, Vol. I & II

Czechs in Uniform, Vol. III

Early Czech Schools

Index to Naturalization Papers (3/1/1847 – 1/18/1927) 1,500 names

Comal Cemetery Complete listing of all known burials including those without tombstones from 1873 to 2001, over 8,000 listings.

Klaener's German Colonists arriving at Galveston between July 1845 – Jan. 1846

Caldwell County Kin - The First 150 Years

Where Roots Intertwin - Full name index

Cedarvale Cemetery, Bay City Texas

Original Bowie County Texas Marriage Licenses

1884 Abstracts from the Daily Texarkana Independent Newspaper

Daniel's Battery – The 9th Texas Field Battery

Gone but Not Forgotten, Fulbright, Texas

Bexar county district court records

Bexar county index to Naturalization Records through 1906

San Antonio Texas Newspaper Abstractions

Crocket Courier Newspaper Volumes 1 & 2

Falls County, Texas - Divorce Records 1906-1945

Hill County, Texas - Divorce Records, 1896-1947

Randy Majors Releases Another FREE Tool Do the Location Work for You as You Search on Ancestry.com or FamilySearch.org

The prolific Randy Majors has released **still another software tool** that will aid genealogists as they research online. Here is his announcement:

U.S. county boundaries have changed over 17,600 times since America was settled in colonial times. *Don't sabotage your search for ancestors by not knowing the correct county for the historical years you are researching.*

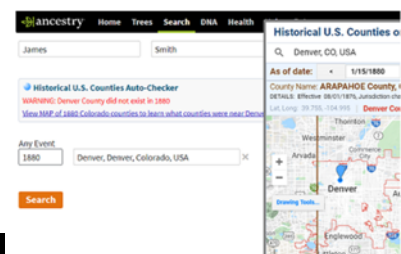
While searching on Ancestry or FamilySearch, the free [Historical U.S. Counties Auto-Checker](#) extension for Google Chrome automatically checks that the county existed in the year you are searching, warns of boundary changes, and links to historical county lines on Google Maps for the place and years you are searching!

[Install for free today](#) and never let an ancestor fall off the map

again!

For a step-by-step example of how the tool works, check out this post: [Ancestor fall off the map? Use this FREE Chrome extension for Ancestry or FamilySearch to find them!](#)

Note, this is the first version of this tool, so if you find any bugs or issues, please contact me on the form on the lower left side of this page. And if you find it useful, please leave a [rating or review](#) on the chrome web store.



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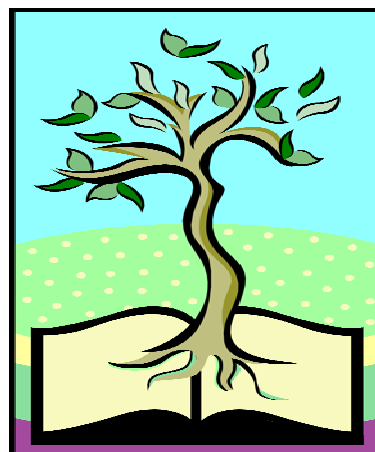
Treasurer—Linda Touraine

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 14, 2020
Emily Fowler Central
Library
502 Oakland St.
Denton**

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