

DCGS NEWS

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OCTOBER MEETING



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

The Denton County Genealogical Society will have a unique setup for its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2020. Connect via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. for a social time to chat with friends and see everyone’s smiling faces. At 7 p.m. we will have a short business meeting.

After the business meeting we will change platforms to view the **live/recorded** webinar, *After You’re Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research*, presented by Thomas MacEntee. Mr. MacEntee tackles that topic that haunts many a genealogist, what will happen to the years or genealogy research we have collected once we are gone? His approach applies a combination of planning, common sense, and new technologies, to

create an action plan for preserving your genealogy research.

Thomas MacEntee is a genealogist specializing in the use of technology and social media to improve genealogical research and as a means of interacting with others in the family history community. Founder of GeneaBloggers (<http://www.geneabloggers.com>) and High-Definition Genealogy (<http://www.hidefgen.com>). – Biography taken from his Facebook page.

An invitation to the Zoom meeting and further instructions for accessing the webinar will be sent out to members via email before the meeting.

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PRESIDENT’S ARTICLE

Hello, Everyone,

Thanks to all who participated in our first virtual meeting on Zoom. It was great to see you all again.

This month is a little different. We are starting on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. for Social time followed at 7 p.m. by a brief business meeting. Then we will signoff or leave that meeting. Those of you who have registered for the program will click the link you received in your registration confirmation to attend the program.

“After You’re Gone” is about “future proofing” your research. That sounds quite interesting. The webinar was arranged by our program committee chaired by VP Stacie Briggs and including Laura Douglas and Emily Richardson.

Program suggestions are always welcome. Let us know what interests you. Email your ideas to our Stacie Briggs, at staciebriggs@ymail.com (yes that is a y like in Yahoo).

I still hope we see each other in person and have our Round Robin at Rudy’s BBQ next January.

Stay well and stay safe. I look forward to seeing you soon on Zoom.

Joe Spears
 Email: argyleiris@verizon.net



SEPTEMBER 2020 MINUTES

Call to order at 7:00 pm by President Joe Spears. There were no visitors.

The March Minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. Motion: John O'Neill; Second: Monica Wenthold

The Special Activities Minutes were approved as submitted by secretary Minna Marinko and published in the September 2020 newsletter. Motion: Vickie Whitfield; Second: Bob Lane

Treasurers Report as published in the September 2020 newsletter was filed for audit. There was no Old Business.

New Business:

October: Meeting will be via Zoom followed by virtual program. Information will be emailed in advance. The November Program will also be virtual. We do not meet in December. The January, 2021 meeting may be at Rudy's restaurant. By February, 2021, we hope to resume meeting at Emily Fowler.

Announcements:

GenPen met in April via Ring Central. Members plan to resume meeting when conditions allow.

Round Robin Program:

1. Monica Wenthold: reported on appointments at Family History Center. German research. Austrian site

with German baptismal records; Family History Library; Link to set appointments; once a week for free; International or domestic; working only ancestry newspaper.com hints

2. Kathy Butler: talked about Sam Houston, Huguenot ancestry

3. Arthur Medrano: found out his relatives lived on same street as Lizzie Borden

4. Kathy Strauss: talked about the 1950 Census which is due in two years. Not indexed. But if you know your ancestors' address, you can find the enumeration district.

5. Joe and Donna Spears: noted they are working on estate instructions and suggested the book, "When I'm Gone" by Kathleen Fraser.

6. Bob Lane: announced he has obtained the birth certificate for his younger brother.

7. The Spears thanked librarians for their online assistance during COVID.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Leggieri



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Sept. 1, 2020 **\$2,422.23**

Deposits:

9/22 2020-2021 Dues	\$190.00
9/28 2020-2021 Dues	\$110.00
Total Deposits:	\$300.00

Disbursements:

None

Total disbursements:	\$0.00
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Balance September 30, 2020 **\$2,722.23**

2020-2021 Paid Members – 37

Library Donations

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Touraine, Treasurer



Join us for our 60th Anniversary Celebration

10 LIVE and
22 VIRTUAL
Presentations
available for
90 days
following the event

REMEMBERING YOUR
Heritage

2020 TxSGS Family History Conference

www.TxSGS.org NOVEMBER 13-14, 2020 #TxSGS2020

6 Tracks and 32+ Topics - the solution to your brick wall might be here!

- **DNA:** Explore ways to analyze your DNA test results, regardless of whether you're just getting your first test results or are using the latest tools to analyze results you've had for a while.
- **Ethnic:** Learn how to discover more information about your African American, Hispanic, Native American, and German ancestry.
- **Methodology & Problem Solving:** Explore new records and learn ways to analyze the records you've already found. Examine ways to use the information found in records to identify and solve problems.
- **Records & Resources:** Land, migration, military, and so much more! These resources are the greatest source for information about your ancestors! So many records, so little time.
- **Skill Building:** Expand your abilities beyond the basics! Learn how to analyze facts and multiple record sets to uncover hidden stories, organize your genealogy for effective research, develop advanced search strategies, and more.
- **Technology:** As innovators push the boundaries

of technology, genealogists can use these tools to push the boundaries of their family history research. Put technology to work for you!

Watch for more information about bonus sessions and the Virtual Expo Hall.

Choose from 3 exciting packages!

All-in-One: All live sessions plus all 22 playback sessions; 32 sessions in all!

Standard Package: All live sessions plus your choice of 12 sessions; 22 sessions in all!

Lite Package: All live sessions plus your choice of 5 sessions; 15 sessions in all!

Included in all packages:

- Bonus sessions (to be announced soon)
- Society Leadership presentations
- Access to the Virtual Expo Hall
- Digital Syllabus

See www.txsgs.org to learn more about speakers, topics, and conference packages.

Elephind: A Digital Newspaper Collections Search Engine

By Dick Eastman

Elephind is a great service that searches online digital newspaper collections. Best of all, it is available free of charge.

[Elephind.com](http://www.elephind.com) is a search engine that operates much like Google, Bing, and other search engines. The one thing that is different with Elephind is that it searches only historical, digitized newspapers. It enables you to search for free across many newspaper sites simultaneously rather than having to visit each collection's web site separately.

At this time Elephind has indexed 199,820,058 items from 4,267 newspaper titles. These include such well known sites as *Chronicling America* (the U.S.'s Library of Congress) and *Trove* (National Library of Australia), as well as smaller collections like *Door County Library* in Wisconsin. Many of the smaller newspaper sites are not well known and may be difficult to find with the usual search engines, but they are searchable from Elephind.com. A list of available newspaper collections that have been indexed so far is available at <https://bit.ly/2EECuqG>.

Additional newspaper collections are added to Elephind's indexes frequently.

I found that Elephind operates in much the same manner as many other search engines. If you already know how to search for things in Google, DuckDuckGo, Bing, Yahoo, or elsewhere, you already know how to use Elephind. In fact, there are two search methods available on Elephind:

When you first visit the site at <http://www.elephind.com>, you are greeted with a very simple search screen containing one data entry box. You can search for words or phrases in much the same way as you do on Google although not all of Google's sophisticated Boolean search terms are available on Elephind. You can find tips for using the search box at <https://bit.ly/2S5mCk7>.

When visiting this same site at <http://www.elephind.com>, you will also see a highlighted link for "Advanced Search." When you click on that, a more sophisticated search form appears, allowing

you to narrow the search to any combination of specific newspaper titles, country, or a range of dates.

I did a search for my own last name between the years 1811 and 1890 in the United States. It returned far too many "hits" for me to search through; so, I started narrowing the search by specifying first names and cities or towns of interest. I was soon looking at information of interest.

I was impressed with the clarity of the newspaper pages I was able to view; but, of course, that is under the control of the individual newspaper collection. Elephind does not host the images on its own web site. Instead, it merely links to newspapers found on a wide variety of servers in a number of different countries from around the world.

Elephind.com is a great tool for family historians, genealogists, and researchers to search historic, digitized newspaper archives from around the globe. Will Elephind locate newspaper articles about your ancestors? There is no way to tell in advance. You need to try it for a while to see. It is a free resource, so why not try it to see for yourself?

Elephind may be found at <http://www.elephind.com>.

Elephind is continuing to add more newspapers, so if at first you can't find what you're looking for, check back later. You also might want to add your name to the Elephind mailing list at <https://dlconsulting646.activehosted.com/f/5> to receive an email message whenever a new collection is added.



Library of Congress Launches New Tool to Search Historical Newspaper Images

Looking for information about family members in old newspapers? It can be a tedious task if you search each online newspaper manually. Luckily, automation can save you many hours of tedious searching.

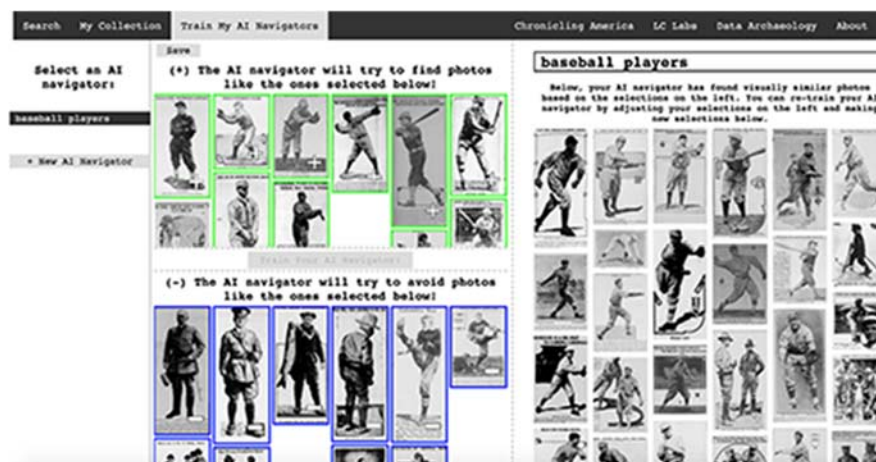
Quoting a new article in the News from the Library of Congress:

“The public can now explore more than 1.5 million historical newspaper images online and free of charge. The latest machine learning experience from Library of Congress Labs, **Newspaper Navigator** allows users to search visual content in American newspapers dating 1789-1963.

“The user begins by entering a keyword that returns a selection of photos. Then the user can choose photos to search against, allowing the discovery of related images that were previously undetectable by search engines.

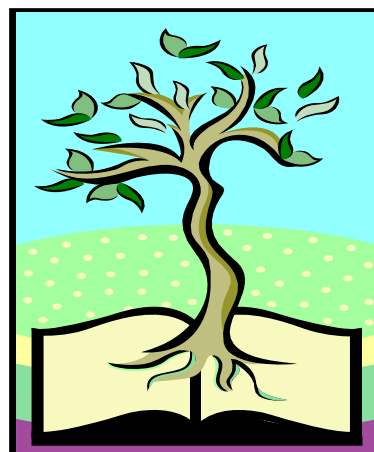
“For decades, partners across the United States have collaborated to digitize newspapers through the Library’s *Chronicling America* website, a database of historical U.S. newspapers. The text of the newspapers is made searchable by character recognition technology, but users looking for specific images were required to page through the individual issues. Through the creative ingenuity of Innovator in Residence Benjamin Lee and advances in machine learning, *Newspaper Navigator* now makes images in the newspapers searchable by enabling users to search by visual similarity.”

There is a lot more information in the article, including step-by-step instructions, at: <https://www.loc.gov/item/prn-20-060/library-of-congress-launches-new-tool-to-search-historical-newspaper-images/2020-09-15/>.



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NEXT MEETING OF THE
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 NOV 12, 2020
 Online Webinar

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