

DCGS NEWS

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NOVEMBER ZOOM MEETING

Program: “Same Name more than Once in the Same Location? How to Decipher Who is Yours,” presented by Dr. Emily Richardson



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

We are looking forward to seeing everyone for the DCGS meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2020. We will connect via Zoom (watch your email for an invitation) at 6:30 p.m. for a social time to chat with friends see everyone’s smiling faces.

After a short business meeting, Dr. Emily Richardson will present “Same Name more than Once in the Same Location? How to Decipher Who is Yours.” How do we know that the William Richardson who is listed on our pedigree chart is the same William Richardson who purchased land in Nash County? Especially when there are 3 William’s in Nash at the same period of time who all purchased land! Is it one man or several? In every online pedigree tree assumptions are

embedded right along with the facts. We must as genealogists work to determine which individual belongs in our tree. This program will offer you steps to use when comparing individuals, as well as helpful hints you should follow to make sure your William is the right one!

Dr. Emily Richardson retired from a career in higher education administration in December 2018 to follow her passion of genealogy. She moved to Denton, Texas to be closer to 2 of her 3 sons, and opened her genealogy business, Kinsearchers, to offer assistance to others in finding their ancestors. Emily has taken multiple education courses in genealogy including Pro-Gen, Gen-Fed, IGHR, SLIG and TIGR. She is currently the secretary of the Texas State Genealogical Society, a coordinator for ProGen 49, an advisory council member and faculty member for OLLI@UNT, and a director at large for the Fort Worth Genealogical Society. Dr. Richardson still teaches online as an adjunct for Queens University of Charlotte.

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PRESIDENT’S ARTICLE

I appreciate all the feedback I received from you about last month’s webinar “After You’re Gone” by Thomas MacEntee. Several of you were glad to watch it more than once plus you liked his handout. Maybe we can have him present a different program in 2021.

We will start our November 12 meeting on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. for Social time followed at 7 p.m. by a brief business meeting and program. Watch your email for the Zoom Join Link.

Be sure to visit the DCGS web site at <http://genealogydentontexas.org> to see the list of upcoming programs arranged by our program committee. Thanks to Stacie Briggs, Laura Douglas, and Emily Richardson for their work. The program for March has not been determined. I hope we can get together for an evening of food and visiting at Rudy’s BBQ if

conditions allow.

I hope everyone exercised your privilege and responsibility to vote. Our keen interest in genealogy and history should have instilled in us all the singular importance of this right.

Even though this has been an exceptionally tough year, we also have a lot to be thankful for. Remember, there is no newsletter or meeting in December. I hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Surely 2021 will be a return to normal.

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

Joe Spears
Email: argyleiris@verizon.net



OCTOBER 2020 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Joe Spears. There were no visitors. He announced that Bill and Vickie White of Quanah, TX had joined DCGS.

The September Minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. Motion: John Windsor; Second: Donna Spears

Treasurer’s Report as published in the October 2020 newsletter was filed for audit. Paid membership stands at 37. There was no Old Business.

New Business and Announcements:
Remember to pay your dues by mailing your check to Linda Touraine.

The November Program will also be virtual. We do not meet in December. By February 2021, we hope to resume meeting at Emily Fowler Library.

Our next meeting will be November 12 on Zoom. The business meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm for the program. Members who had registered connected by a different Zoom link to a live webinar by Thomas MacEntee. The topic was “After You’re Gone – Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research.”

Respectfully submitted, Beth Leggieri



TREASURER’S REPORT

Balance Oct. 1, 2020 **\$2,722.23**

Deposits:

10/5 2020-2021 Dues \$100.00
 Total Deposits: \$100.00

Disbursements:

None
 Total disbursements: \$0.00

Balance October 31, 2020 **\$2,822.23**

2020-2021 Paid Members – 37

Library Donations

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Touraine, Treasurer




FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Denton Public Library Awarded \$24,820 Grant to Digitize Archived Collections
 Library will Digitize 24,000 Issues of the *Denton Record-Chronicle* from 1939 to 1954

DENTON, TX, Sept. 2, 2020 –The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) awarded a \$24,820 grant to the Denton Public Library (DPL) through the TexTreasures grant program, which awards annual grants supported by Library Services & Technology Act funds, through the Institute of Museum & Library Services. The funds will allow DPL to digitize 24,000 pages from archived issues of the *Denton Record-Chronicle* (DRC) from 1939 to 1954.

The TexTreasures program is designed to help libraries make their special collections more accessible for the people of Texas and beyond. DPL holds an archival collection of local newspapers, mainly the DRC, on 752 rolls of microfilm containing issues from 1908 to 2018. In 2019, DPL received their first grant through the TexTreasures program. The 2019 grant funds were used to digitize and make freely available on the Portal to Texas History 24,000 pages of the DRC, from 1908 through 1924, representing the earliest years of microfilm available in the collection. This year's grant will allow DPL to continue the digitization of DRC issues through 1954.

To facilitate the digitization process, DPL partnered with the Texas Digital Newspaper Program (TDNP), available through University of North Texas's (UNT) Portal to Texas History. TDNP is the largest single-state, open access, digital newspaper preservation repository in the U.S., hosting just under 8 million newspaper pages.

TSLAC awards competitive grants annually, as funding allows. For the 2021 fiscal year, which runs from Sept. 1, 2020, to Aug. 31, 2021, TSLAC has awarded approximately \$1.04 million in competitive grants. The TexTreasures grant program will provide assistance and encouragement to 15 libraries to provide access to their special or unique collections and to make information about those collections available to library users across the state.

The Denton County Newspaper Collection can be viewed at, <https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/DRC/>, on the Portal to Texas History.

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About the Texas State Library and Archives Commission

Formed in 1909, TSLAC is committed to giving Texans access to information and programs to improve their lives and communities. TSLAC provides historical and genealogical search assistance, federal and state government documents, electronic research and library services to all Texans, including those who are unable to read standard print material because of physical or reading disabilities. For more information, visit www.tsl.texas.gov.

OUR CORE VALUES

Integrity • Fiscal Responsibility • Transparency • Outstanding Customer Service

Ancestry® Debuts World's Largest, Searchable Digital Archive of Newspaper Published Historical Wedding Announcements

Ancestry is excited to launch the first phase of the Newspapers.com™ Marriage Index collection, powered by cutting-edge technology. We trained machine learning algorithms to comb through more than 600 million pages of digitized newspapers to extract and identify key names, relationships and other facts from marriage and engagement announcements in historical newspapers via text classification.

Powering More Family History Discoveries

The Newspapers.com Marriage Index collection adds to the world's largest, searchable digital archive of newspaper published historical wedding announcements. Since the early 1800s, newspapers across the country have been publishing rich information about engagements, marriage license applications, wedding announcements, and more.

In addition to the names of the couple, these records often provide rich details about family members, including ages, residence and parents' names. By indexing these data and records in ways that would take humans a great deal of time, we are continuing to empower journeys of personal discovery, and our members can now easily search these indexes with just one click.

What You Can Find in the Index

The first phase of this release contains information from over 200 million records from over 50 million lists and marriage announcements dating from 1800-1999. List marriage announcements were usually a weekly list of couples that had applied for a marriage license that week, and contain basic information about the couple. Non-list marriage announcements might include brief or detailed write-ups with more information about the wedding. We expect the remaining names from the lists and marriage records from 2000-present will be published on Ancestry in 2021. Over the next year, we anticipate completing the collection for a total of up to 300M marriage announcement records from newspapers on Newspapers.com.

The first phase of the Newspapers.com Marriage Index is now available on Ancestry to all subscribers and the original marriage announcement articles and images are available on Newspapers.com. Members with a Newspapers.com Publisher Extra subscription have a 1-click option to view every full announcement on Newspapers.com. Some announcements may be accessed with just an Ancestry All Access or Newspapers.com Basic subscription. Certain newspapers require a Publisher Extra subscription as certain newspapers require additional licenses to view their content.

How to Search for a Marriage Record in the Newspapers.com Marriage Index collection

First, from any page on Ancestry, click on the "Search" tab (located at the top of the page) and select "Card Catalog" from the drop-down menu.

Then, on the left side of the page under Filter By Category, click "Birth, Marriage & Death."

On the left side of the page under Filter by Category again, click "Marriage & Divorce."

From the search results, click "Newspapers.com Marriage Index, 1800s-1999."

Begin your search by entering a name of someone who was married in 1999 or earlier.

Add any additional details you may have available about the individual, such as birth date, wedding date, gender, etc. Every detail increases the likelihood of finding the correct announcement.

Hit "Search" and review the records that appear.

If you find a record relevant to your family, hit "Save" and add the record to someone in your tree.

Even if you've searched for family members in our marriage records collection before, we're always adding more records to our site, and we encourage you to search again, as you may notice a new record waiting to be explored.



Genealogy Q & A Series

Do you have questions about family history research? Each meeting will start with an overview of an online research resource followed by an open forum for questions. In this meeting we will look at some of the new features in Ancestry.com/Ancestry Library Edition. Please register for each meeting at <https://denton.bibliocommons.com/events/search/index> to receive an invitation to the zoom event. Thursdays 5-6 p.m.

- 11/5 Ancestry.com/Ancestry Library Edition
- 11/19 US GenWeb
- 12/3 Fold3.com/Fold3 Library Edition
- 12/17 Cindy's List

FAMILY HISTORY GUIDE ASSOCIATION

The mission of The Family History Guide Association is “. . . to greatly increase the number of people actively involved in family history worldwide, and to make everyone's family history journey easier, more efficient, and more enjoyable.”

[The Family History Guide](#) website is approved by FamilySearch as a training resource and is available for anyone to access in multiple languages. It is currently being used to train individuals across the globe in many aspects of family history. Key benefits include:

- It's completely free to use—no fees, subscriptions, or ads.
- A step-by-step learning system for all aspects of FamilySearch, Ancestry, MyHeritage, FindMyPast, and others. You can use it to train your society membership, to assist guests with

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING, A MERRY CHRISTMAS, A HAPPY HANUKKAH, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



essential knowledge and skills, and to develop family history classes for your community.

[Get Started](#) and [15 Minutes](#) pages help you get more people involved in doing their family history, more consistently.

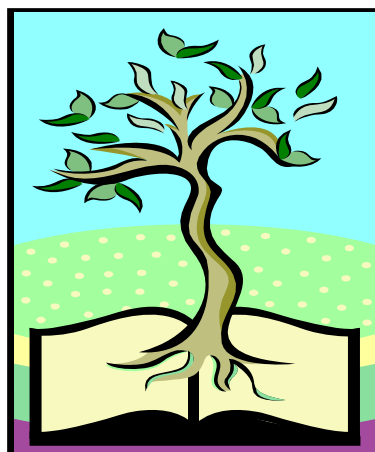
- [Research pages](#) are provided for over 60 countries and all U.S. states. These contain links to helpful videos and articles, just where you need them, as well as QUIKLinks that take you instantly to FamilySearch, Ancestry, MyHeritage, and FindMyPast record search screens. There are also links to hundreds of top databases and sites, all free to use.

Over 200 family history activity ideas are included for [family](#), [individuals](#), [youth](#), and [children](#).



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NEXT MEETING OF THE DENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WILL BE ON JAN 14, 2021 Online Webinar

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