

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

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

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DENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Technology Enabled Collaboration for Genealogist

Presented by Tony Hanson

October 14, 2021 6:30 p.m.
Emily Fowler Central Library

To attend via Zoom please register.

The Denton County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2021. Our social time will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland Street, and the meeting and program will begin at 7 p.m. Masks should be worn, and social distancing maintained. Visitors are welcome. If you would like to attend the meeting virtually, please register at, <https://denton.bibliocommons.com/events/6153979dc091ca4200591153> to receive a invitation to the Zoom meeting.

The program for the night is "Technology Enabled Collaboration for Genealogists" presented by Tony Hanson. This presentation will examine relatively new capabilities that are enabling collaborative family research: Greatly improved presentation of DNA

results from Ancestry DNA and MyHeritage DNA, and the Family Search Family Tree. Attendees will learn the benefits provided by each and will learn how to effectively incorporate them into their own personal research methodology.

Tony earned degrees in Electrical Engineering and Telecommunications and is now retired after a 32-year career with AT&T working in the areas of Information Technology, Network Support and Cellular Provisioning. He is an avid genealogist, researching his father's Norwegian and his mother's German emigrants. He has held many offices in the Dallas Genealogical Society and currently serves as the Director of Membership for the Texas State Genealogical Society.

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

Hello, Everyone,

I think you would agree our first hybrid meeting in September was a complete success. There were nearly 40 people attending either in person or on Zoom. Hats off to Laura Douglas for handling the technology and to Beth Leggieri and the Program Committee for an exceptional program.

Our October 14 meeting will be a hybrid meeting, too. Social time starts at 6:30 pm for those attending in person. The business meeting and program will start at 7 pm. Our speaker will be Tony Hanson.

As part of planning for the election of 2022-2024 officers, we will have a brief report by some of our officers about what they do and how they do it. Once you know what's involved, you can better decide how you can serve DCGS.

I want to encourage all of you who can to attend the free 2021 Statewide Genealogy Lock-In on October 15 at the Emily Fowler Library. It is a 'come and go'

event from 9 am to 10 pm. See details and registration at https://library.cityofdenton.com/screens/sc_lockin.html The lock-in part happens when the library closes its doors to the general public at 6 pm, and we get the facility all to ourselves. This is always one of the best days and includes information from beginner to advanced levels in a casual setting with dinner provided. Be sure to register and participate. It is well worth your time.

Stay well and stay safe. I look forward to being together again at our next meeting.

Joe Spears

Email: presidentdcgs@gmail.com



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Sept. 1, 2021 **\$3,187.23**

Deposits:

9/16 – Dues \$110.00
9/30 – Dues 40.00

Total Deposits: \$ 150.00

Disbursements:

9/8 – Sept. program \$ 100.00

Total Disbursements: \$ 100.00

Balance Sept. 30, 2021 **\$3,237.23**

2021-2022 Paid Members – 40

Library Donations

April 1995 – May 2006	\$2,876.52
June 2006 – June 2012	\$3,310.00
July 2012 – September 2021	\$2,925.53

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Touraine, Treasurer,



SEPTEMBER 2021 MINUTES

President Joe Spears called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 23 persons present at Emily Fowler Public Library and 16 persons attending by Zoom. He led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Membership Chair Donna Spears welcomed visitors.

The motion to approve the May, 2021 Minutes as published in the Newsletter was made by Linda Touraine and seconded by John Windsor. Motion passed. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. Membership dues are due before October 1.

Old Business

President Spears reported on the Executive Board Meeting which discussed how to hold hybrid meetings and to begin work on officer succession planning. The Board decided to try branded email addresses specific for each of the nine positions of the Executive Board.

New Business

In February 2022, a Nominating Committee must be named. Several officers want to retire. Members can learn more about responsibilities of each office at the next three meetings. Tonight, chairs of Social or Hospitality (Bob and Linda Lane) and Member-ship (Donna Spears) will describe their duties.

Bob described Social duties as: call or email 2 persons to bring snacks; review inventory of staple items such as plates, napkins, sugar, etc. and replenish as necessary; brew coffee; provide hot water; provide hand sanitizer; set up tables. He and Linda start set-up about 30 minutes prior to beginning of social time; put everything away after meeting.

Donna described Membership duties as: make name

tags; coordinate with Treasurer to verify paid members; send email to members two weeks before meetings; send re-minder email a few days before meetings. Donna would like Membership to have two-four additional persons so Membership can be mentoring and supportive to DCGS members.

Joe recognized Cheryl Cypert who will be helping with the DCGS Facebook page.

Gen Pen is inactive as of September 1. Beth Leggieri has been the leader. There is a need for someone to succeed her to reactivate Gen Pen.

Announcements

The TxSGS Annual Family History Conference is virtual October 1-2. Registration is online at their website.

DCGS next meeting is October 14. Tony Hanson will present Technology Enabled Col-laboration for Genealogy.

Library Genealogy Lock In is Friday October 15. Registration is on the Library's web-page. Volunteers are need to help, Contact Laura Douglas.

Program

Beth Leggieri introduced Patti Huff-Smith who presented "Between the Lines: What your Ancestors Didn't Tell You: Getting the most from your DNA Results."

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Robertson, Secretary



THE FAMILY HISTORY FEDERATION ANNOUNCES THE REALLY USEFUL PODCAST

The Family History Federation is very pleased to announce the launch of its brand-new podcast series.

The **Really Useful Podcast**, hosted by Joe Saunders, brings together speakers from across the family history world including professional researchers, enthusiasts, authors, lecturers and people involved with family history societies. These conversations between old friends and new acquaintances have our guests sharing their thoughts on a wide range of

topics relating to family history. Once they got talking, it was difficult to stop them! The Federation is now sharing their mixture of tips and conversation with everyone, free of charge.

The podcasts are accessible at: <https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/podcast>

FamilySearch COMPLETES MASSIVE MICROFILM DIGITIZATION PROJECT

Huge news: after 83 years of filming the world's historical genealogical records, FamilySearch has completed digitizing its 2.4 million rolls of microfilm. The best part? The archive, which contains information on more than 11.5 billion individuals, is now available for free on [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org).

Over 200 countries and principalities and more than 100 languages are included in the digitized documents. All types of genealogically significant records are included—censuses, births, marriages, deaths, probate, Church, immigration, and more. Now that the project is completed, it's much easier for users to find members of their family tree and make personal discoveries within these records.

Want to check out these digitized microfilms for yourself? Explore FamilySearch's free collections of indexed records and images by going to [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org), and then search both "Records" and "Images." The [Images feature](#) will let you browse digitized images from the microfilm collection and more. You will need a FamilySearch account to access digitized records—but don't worry, signing up is completely free!

In 1998, FamilySearch began digitizing its microfilm collection—a project that, at the time, was anticipated to take over 50 years to complete. However, advances in technology cut the estimated time to completion by nearly 30 years.

Microfilm scanning began with about 5 employees. As the process developed and evolved, it grew to as

many as 30 employees using 26 scanners. This work continued even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

FamilySearch is committed to collecting, preserving, and providing access to the world's genealogical records to help individuals and families worldwide discover and connect with their family histories. It continues to capture the images of original records at an ever-increasing rate—but digitally, bypassing the need to transfer the information from film.

Although the digitization of FamilySearch's microfilm collection is completed, the digitization of new records worldwide continues. FamilySearch is also working to outsource the digitization of its large microfiche collection, which should be completed several years from now. Check out FamilySearch's digitized microfilm collection—and all of its other freely accessible record collections!

NOTE: All of the microfilms are digitized and published on FamilySearch. However, they are not all "available" for viewing. While the majority are broadly accessible, some will have varying degrees of access limitations governed by contractual agreements or other restraints. Where access limitations exist, most will be available through the FamilySearch Family History Library, a local FamilySearch center, or a third party website. There are also some digital collections that are not currently available. We apologize for any inconvenience in these circumstances.

A GRAVESTONE MISSING FOR ALMOST 150 YEARS WAS BEING USED AS A MARBLE SLAB TO MAKE FUDGE

A turned-over gravestone served as the perfect surface to make fudge for a woman living in Michigan.

How the gravestone got inside the home in Okemos, Michigan, outside Lansing? Now that's a mystery, according to Friends of Lansing's Historic Cemeteries (FOLHC) President Loretta S. Stanaway.

The monument was discovered in August on an estate auction site after the matriarch of the family was placed in a care facility for Alzheimer's, Stanaway said. A

former citizen of Lansing recognized it was probably from a city cemetery and got in touch with the FOLHC, and they started investigating.

The family hired an auctioneer to take care of the items. As he was going through things, he saw this slab of marble in the kitchen and turned it around and discovered it was gravestone. The family told him they used it to make fudge. The family could not say how or when the gravestone got there.



2021 State-wide Genealogy Lock-In Friday, October 15, 2021 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Come celebrate Family History Month with us! The Denton Public Library and the Denton County Genealogical Society are partnering with other libraries and genealogy societies across Texas to host the Annual Genealogy Lock-In

You can "come and go" for select workshops or stay for the full day. This year's workshops consist of a series of eight video programs, recorded specifically for the event, that will be streamed throughout the day and in-house presentation by Dr. Emily Richardson held at 7 p.m. There will also be an option to view the programs virtually.

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. This event is free, but food will be provided so registration is required. Sponsored by The Genealogy Network of Texas*.

The registration information will be available at https://library.cityofdenton.com/screens/sc_lockin.html beginning September 1, 2021.

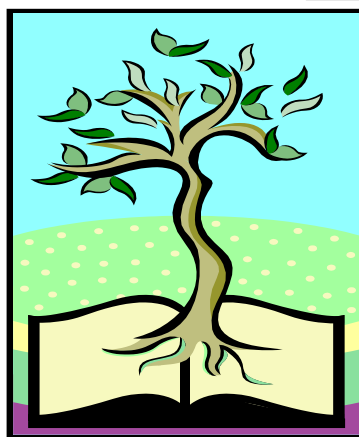
Please call (940) 349-8752 or email genealogy@cityofdenton.com for more information.

Help Needed for Annual Lock-In

We are looking for individuals who would like to help with the Lock-In. We need people to help monitor the classes and those who are interested in helping with one-on-one research questions. You do not have to stay for the entire day, times are flexible. Contact Laura Douglas if you would like to volunteer. Laura.Douglas@cityofdenton.com or (940)349-8749

2020-2022 OFFICERS

President—Joe Spears
Vice-President—Beth Lettieri
Secretary—Sandra Robertson
Treasurer—Linda Touraine
Librarian—Laura Douglas
Webmaster—Chris Strauss
Membership—Donna Spears
Newsletter Editor—Kathy Strauss



Schedule of Workshops

9:00 – 10:50 am **NARA Mythbusters: Your Family IS in the Archives** presented by *Judy G Russell, JD, CG, CGL, The Legal Genealogist*

Sponsored by: Friends of Corpus Christi Public Libraries

10:00 – 10:50 am **Methodology: Using Timelines to Focus Your Research** presented by *Susan Ball, President TxSGS*

11:00 – 11:50 am **Filling in the Family Stories** presented by *Susan Kaufman, Senior Manager, Houston Public Library, Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research*

12:00 – 1:15 pm **Beginning Genealogy Workshop** presented by *Kathy Huber, MLS, Director of the Tulsa Genealogy Center, Hardesty Public Library*

1:30 – 2:20 pm **Discover Genealogical Treasure Using Historic U.S. Maps** presented by *Hannah Kubacak, Genealogy Librarian, Genealogy Center Waco-McLennan County Library*

2:45 – 4:15 pm **Attacking 18th and 19th Century Mysteries with DNA** presented by *Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., The Genetic Genealogist*

Sponsored by: Waco-McLennan County Library

4:30 – 5:45 pm **So, You've Found Your German Town of Origin, Now What?** Presented by *Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG*

Sponsored by: Waco-McLennan County Library

6:00 – 7:00 pm **Dinner Break** – will be provided to those that pre-register.

7:00 – 8:30 pm **Researching Your Ancestors in Military Records from the Revolutionary War through the Civil War**

presented by *Dr. Emily Coffman Richardson, Ed.D.*

Sponsored by: Denton Public Library

8:45 – 9:45 pm **Fingerprinting Our Families: Using Ancestral Origins as a Genealogical Research Key**, *Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, IGSF Manager, The Genealogy Center Senior Manager, Special Collections, Allen County Public Library*



**NEXT MEETING OF THE
 DENTON COUNTY
 GENEALOGICAL
 SOCIETY WILL BE ON
 NOVEMBER 11, 2021 AT
 THE EMILY FOWLER
 CENTRAL LIBRARY, 502
 OAKLAND ST., DENTON,
 TEXAS**

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