

DCGS NEWS

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FEBRUARY MEETING



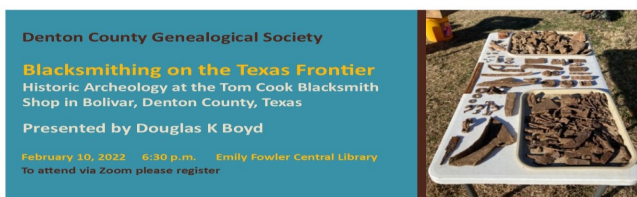
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The Denton County Genealogical Society meets on the second Thursday during the months on September-November and January-May. 6:30 P.M.

Denton Public Library, Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland St., Denton, TX 76201
www.genealogydentontexas.org

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The Denton County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Social time will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland Street, followed by the monthly business meeting which will begin at 7 p.m. The program will begin about 7:15 p.m. Masks should be worn, and social distancing maintained.

The program for the night is "Blacksmithing on the Texas Frontier: Historic Archeology at the Tom Cook Blacksmith Shop in Bolivar, Denton County, Texas" presented by Douglas K. Boyd. Although it lasted only two decades, from 1867 to ca. 1886, the Chisholm Trail era is steeped in cowboy and cattle drive history, folklore, and mythology. The trail's route through Texas is known, but little research has been conducted on the towns and businesses that sprang up in support of this short-lived industry. One of the most important businesses along the Chisholm Trail, and in any frontier town, was the blacksmith shop. Blacksmithing was an essential service in rural areas, and good blacksmiths generally became prominent members in their communities.

This program will look at the 2020-2021 archeological and historical investigations of the Tom Cook Blacksmith Shop (41DN617), an archeological site located in Bolivar, a small town along the Chisholm Trail route in western Denton County. The site is especially significant because Thomas Cook, Sr., was an African American freedman who owned and operated his own blacksmith shop. He worked as a blacksmith in Bolivar from the 1870s until his death in 1898. Tom Cook was not

only a successful blacksmith, but he was also a minister, a freemason, and a respected member of the Bolivar community.

The work was sponsored and funded by the Texas Department of Transportation. It was a collaborative project that has incorporated archival research, descendant community outreach and oral history research, and archeological investigations. The analysis of the recovered artifacts, archeological data, and historical evidence is still ongoing. Ultimately, we hope to be able to better understand the role of rural community blacksmiths in Texas and learn more about the black entrepreneurs like Tom Cook during and after the Chisholm Trail era.

Douglas K. Boyd is a senior archeologist with Cox|McLain Environmental Consulting in Austin. He has a BA from West Texas State University and an MA from Texas A&M University. He has been doing archeology, mostly in Texas, for over 45 years (gasp!). For most of that time, he has served as a project archeologist, project manager, or principal investigator on hundreds of cultural resources management projects. He has published a wide range of CRM reports, academic book and journal articles, popular magazine articles, and a variety of public outreach products such as posters, brochures, and internet exhibits. Most of Boyd's recent CRM work has focused on historical archeology.

Visitors are welcome. If you are not a member of the DCGS and would like to attend, please register at: <https://denton.bibliocommons.com/events/61f1ca041216a82800fa5e3d> by Wednesday, February 12, 6 p.m. to receive and invitation email to the Zoom event.

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

Hello, Everyone,

Our February 10 meeting is scheduled to be a hybrid meeting. Social time starts at 6:30 pm for those attending in person at the Emily Fowler Library. The business meeting and program will start at 7 pm. Our main item of business will be the selection of a Nominating Committee as required by our Bylaws. The Zoom meeting join link will be emailed to all dues-paying members a couple of days before the meeting.

I hope you will each consider how you plan to step up and support the Society. In May we will hold our election of officers. The offices which need to be filled are President, Vice President, and Treasurer. The incoming President will appoint the chairs of the standing committees which are Newsletter, Membership, Publicity/Web site, and Social/

Hospitality.

Since our last meeting, a memorial service was held for long-time active member Mona Carrico. She loved genealogy and supported DCGS. Mona was born in Alamogordo, NM, and lived 88 years. I hope you will support a memorial in her name to the Alamogordo Public Library.

Stay well and stay safe. I look forward to being together again at our next meeting. In case of inclement weather, be sure to check our web site for updates about scheduled meetings.

Joe Spears

Email: presidentdcgs@gmail.com



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Dec. 31, 2021 **\$3,087.23**

Deposits:

None

Total Deposits: \$ 0.00

Disbursements:

None

Total Disbursements: \$ 0.00

Balance Jan. 31, 2022 **\$3,087.23**

2021-2022 Paid Members – 48

Library Donations

April 1995 – May 2006	\$2,876.52
June 2006 – June 2012	\$3,310.00
July 2012 – January 2022	\$2,925.53

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Touraine, Treasurer,



JANUARY 2022 MINUTES

President Joe Spears called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting. Membership Chair Donna Spears welcomed two guests, Mary Brownmiller and Mikel Curry. There were 25 members and 2 guests attending. The President said because the meeting was on Zoom, there would be no Pledge of Allegiance to the flag tonight. He hopes the February meeting will return to combined in-person and Zoom format.

The motion to approve the November, 2021 Minutes as published in the Newsletter and corrected to include John Windsor as one of the veterans honored by standing in front of the room during the Pledge of Allegiance was made by Linda Lane and seconded by Eileen O'Neill. Motion passed. There were no questions about the Treasurer's Report as published in the Newsletter, and it was filed for audit.

Old Business

In February 2022, a Nominating Committee must be named. Several officers and committee chairs want to retire. Tonight two officers - Librarian and President - described their duties. Librarian Laura Douglas said typically a librarian fills this position, but the person does not have to be a librarian. The person in that position can liaison with her in her position as the librarian in charge of Special Collections at Denton Public Library. The DCGS Librarian shall recommend books and other materials suitable as donations to the Denton Public Library.

President Joe Spears said the office of the President is to coordinate leadership with the Board, consult with the Vice President about programs, chair eight meetings a year, prepare an Agenda for the upcoming meeting and give that Agenda to the Secretary prior to the meeting, write an article for the DCGS Newsletter, and appoint all standing committee Chairs.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Announcements

The next meeting will be February 9, 2022. Douglas Boyd will give an update on The Archeology of the Tom Cook Blacksmith Shop. A Nominating Committee will be elected.

Program

Beth Leggieri introduced Laura Douglas who presented "From Here to There—Maps and Genealogy Research."

Bob Lane made a motion, seconded by Stephen Booher to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Robertson, Secretary



DIGITALIZED HOLLAND AMERIKA LINE PASSENGER LISTS REVEAL FAMOUS NAMES

Want to see if your notable ancestor traveled across the Atlantic? "Volunteers have digitalized some 150,000 handwritten passenger lists naming people who travelled on the Holland Amerika Line (HAL) between Rotterdam and the United States.

The digital archive, which is kept at the Rotterdam city archive and accessible to the public, covers the period between 1900 and 1969 when millions of

people made the journey and took three years to complete."

You can see the passenger lists at: <https://www.dutchnews.nl/news/2022/01/digitalised-holland-amerika-line-passenger-lists-reveal-famous-names/>.

UP YOUR GENEALOGICAL GAME AND RESEARCH LIKE A PRO

Nancy Gilbride Casey

Feeling the need to take your genealogy research to the next level? Want to learn a research process from start to finish? Would you like to create research projects to work with your DNA results? Two recent DPL Special Collections book acquisitions may be just the ticket to achieve these goals.

[Research Like a Pro: A Genealogist's Guide](#) by Diana Elder, AG with Nicole Dyer
Published in 2018, *Research Like a Pro* guides readers through the entire genealogical research process which professionals use to make progress in their research and solve difficult cases. Readers can learn how to:

Formulate Research Objectives – What do you want to know? Analyze your pedigree and choose a question, formulate a research objective and write it down.

Analyze Sources – What do you already know? Carefully revisit the records you already have and other readily available sources on your ancestor, such as online family trees, etc. Create a timeline of all known facts about your ancestor and evaluate each source with fresh eyes.

Research Locality – Often clues to your research question will be found in the locality in which your ancestors lived. Dig into the locality to learn more and create a guide which you can use now and save for later research.

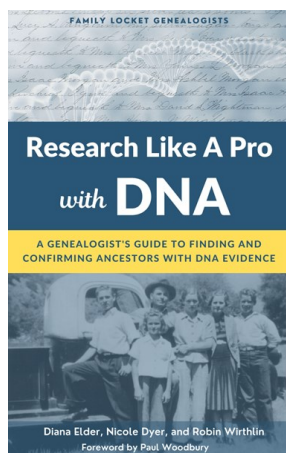
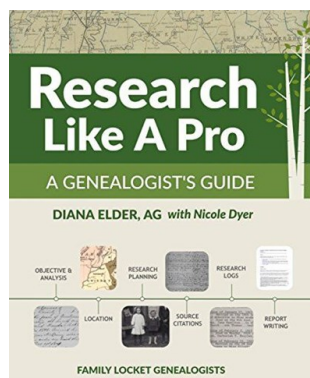
Create a Research Plan – How often do you search but not research, and go down unproductive rabbit holes? Create a research plan to laser-focus your work.

Craft Source Citations – Demonstrate how you came to your conclusions and avoid re-searching where you have already been. Here, the authors demystify source citations.

Log your Research – Track where you have been and still need to go by creating a research log for your project.

Write a Research Report – You've worked hard on your project, but without documenting it, who will know? Craft a research report to save your valuable research findings for yourself and others.

Not only does *Research Like a Pro* take readers through each step, but also provides readers with easy-to-use templates, and illustrates each step with the author's case studies.



[Research Like a Pro with DNA: A Genealogist's Guide to Finding and Confirming Ancestors with DNA Evidence](#) by Diana Elder, Nicole Dyer and Robin Wirthlin

Just published in 2021, *Research Like a Pro with DNA* takes the RLP process and applies it to the often-complex task of working with DNA to answer research questions. If you are overwhelmed by your DNA test results, you need a step-by-step approach to both understanding what your DNA results mean and how best to apply them to a genealogical question. The book covers:

Take a DNA Test – Which test is best to answer your question? Learn how and why you might need to use a specific test and test a specific person to best utilize the results.

Assess Your DNA Matches and Analyze Your Pedigree – Take control of your DNA results with tracking systems, clustering methods, calculating relationships, etc., and pinpoint the best matches for your project.

Organize Your DNA Matches – Make sense of DNA matches visually with diagramming and family trees.

Create a Research Objective – Create a focused and achievable research objective to get beyond genealogical dead ends.

Write Source Citations – Help others follow and verify conclusions about DNA research by creating accurate source citations on DNA reports, analysis, etc.

Analyze your Sources & DNA Matches – DNA sources work together with traditional documentary sources. Here, the authors show how to analyze both types of sources.

Locality and Ethnicity – Where a tester's DNA has been, and which ethnicity it shows may be the key to answering research questions. Learn how to evaluate both elements.

DNA Tools and Methodology – The number of DNA tools readily available to genealogy researchers has exploded over the past decade. Discover which tools might best help solve a research problem.

Research Planning with DNA – With so many moving parts, a DNA project research plan is essential to making progress.

Research Logs and Writing as You Go – Logging research and writing as you go helps you to remember what you found, and why—or why not—it was relevant.

Correlating your Findings and Writing the Research Report – DNA projects especially need written documentation where analysis, correlation and conclusions are spelled out.

As with *Research Like a Pro*, the authors provide links, resources, templates and work samples which illustrate each step in the process.

Both books provide an excellent roadmap for making your way through a genealogical project in a friendly, easy-to-understand manner.

Get more information on the *Research Like a Pro* process with the [podcast](#) hosted by authors Diana Elder and Nicole Dyer. Weekly episodes offer deep dives into the RLP method, relevant books, record sets, DNA tools and much more. They also [blog](#) about these same topics on their [FamilyLocket](#) website. Make progress now with [Research Like a Pro](#) and [Research Like a Pro with DNA](#).

GENETIC MARKER CARRIED BY RELATIVES OF ROBERT THE BRUCE IS IDENTIFIED

Scientists have found a distinct genetic marker carried by close relatives of Robert the Bruce, the king who freed Scotland from English rule.

Genealogy researchers from the University of Strathclyde have found the marker in male line descendants of the Bruces of Clackmannan, who were related to Robert the Bruce, King of Scots from 1306 to 1329.

Rollo Bruce, a retired textile research editor from Oxford, is one of those descendants who has taken a test and whose genes have the unique marker now named FTB15831.

Graham Holton, principle tutor on the university's genealogical studies postgraduate programme, said:

"Y chromosome DNA tests taken by male line descendants of two of Robert of Clackmannan's sons, Robert and Edward, show that they both carry the marker FTB15831.

You can read more at: <https://www.irvinetimes.com/news/national/19890564.genetic-marker-carried-relatives-robert-bruce-identified/>

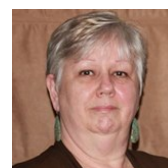


DEBBIE PARKER WAYNE, R.I.P.

The genealogy community has lost another expert who contributed much to assist many thousands of genealogists. Perhaps the many accomplishments of Debbie Parker Wayne, are best summarized by the following words written by the Board for the Certification of Genealogists:

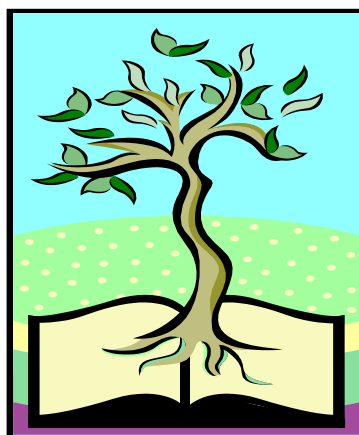
The Board for Certification of Genealogists joins the entire genealogical community in mourning the passing of Debbie Parker Wayne, CG®, who served as a Trustee and member of the BCG Executive Committee from 2018–2020, and as a trustee of the BCG Education Fund.

An early adopter of genetic genealogy, Debbie developed the online autosomal DNA course offered by the National Genealogical Society. Among her many other contributions to the field, Debbie edited and contributed to the award-winning book titled Advanced Genetic Genealogy: Techniques and Case Studies, and co-authored (with Blaine Bettinger) the widely used Genetic Genealogy in Practice.



2020-2022 OFFICERS

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 DENTON COUNTY
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 MARCH 10, 2022 AT THE
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 CENTRAL LIBRARY, 502
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