

DCGS NEWS

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APRIL 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, April 14, 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. You can attend either via Zoom or in person.

"Preservation: From the UNT Archives to Your Family History" presented by Justin Lemons and Jodi Rhinehart-Doty. Their presentation will provide insight into work is being done at UNT's Libraries Special Collections Preservation Lab. You learn what it takes to safeguard rare and unique materials so that they may be made accessible for use, research, exhibition, and long-term storage. We will also look at some solutions and ideas to secure items from your own family history.

Jodi Rhinehart-Doty, B.A. and M.S. degrees in Psychology from Florida State University, is the Program Project Coordinator for the University of North Texas Special Collections. Jodi has been working for UNT Special Collections for 4.5 years. She has over 10 years of

Project Management experience in several industries such as software management, non-profit, and education.

Justin Lemons earned a BFA in Drawing and Painting and an MIS in Library Science, both degrees from the University of North Texas. As a Library Science student, Justin studied special materials preservation and audio preservation, and spent time at the Library of Congress' National Audio-Visual Conservation Center in Culpeper, VA as a Junior Fellow. He is currently the Lead Preservation Technician for the University of North Texas Special Collections department and owns and operates a mostly analog recording studio out of his home in Denton, TX.

Visitors are welcome. If you are not a member of the DCGS and would like to attend virtually please register at <https://denton.bibliocommons.com/events/623a1ec84b10c2271ebc85c7> by Wednesday, April 13, 6 p.m. to receive and invitation email to the Zoom event. If you would like to attend in person, please join us at Emily Fowler Library.

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

Hello, Everyone,

Ann Staley, our March speaker, gave one of the most inspiring programs I have seen, and her handout was terrific. It was a great way to launch the DCGS Ancestor Project. Be sure to participate if you are interested.

Our April 14 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. The Zoom meeting join link will be emailed to all dues-paying members a couple of days before the meeting.

The Nominating Committee will present its slate of 2022-2024 officers at this meeting for election in May. I think you will be pleased and impressed. Each of us needs to contribute however we can to keep our society thriving.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the April 30 Family

History Fair held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints from 8:45 am to 12 noon. We still need volunteers to staff our DCGS table at this event. You can sign up at the April meeting or by emailing me.

It is time to start planning your part in our May Round Robin and Annual Meeting. I hope you have made genealogical discoveries in the past year that you can share with us. YOU are the May program. My wife, Donna, has had a DNA discover this past year that she plans to share. What story or surprise do you have to tell us?

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 Feb. 28, 2022 **\$3,037.23**

Deposits:

None

Total Deposits: \$ 0.00

Disbursements:

March Program \$100.00

Total Disbursements: \$100.00

Balance March 31, 2022 **\$2,937.23**

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,



The Treasurer will begin accepting dues payments at the March meeting for the 2022-2023 year.

\$20.00 for individuals and \$30.00 for couples.



MARCH 2022 MINUTES

President Joe Spears called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He called on Donna Spears, Membership Chairperson, to introduce visitors. There were 28 members present and 15 guests present at the Emily Fowler Library and via Zoom.

The motion to approve the February 10, 2022 Minutes as published in the Newsletter was made by Linda Touraine and seconded by Eileen O'Neill-Windsor. Motion passed. There were no questions about the Treasurer's Report as published in the Newsletter, and it was filed for audit.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Announcements

Volunteers are needed to sign up to staff the DCGS table at The Family History Fair held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on April 30 from 8:45 am to noon.

The next DCGS meeting is April 14, 2022, with

speakers Justin Lemons and Jodi Rhinehart-Doty presenting "From the UNT Archives to Your Family History".

Program

Beth Leggieri introduced Ann Staley who presented "The Everyday Life of Our Ancestors"

At the conclusion of the program, on behalf of the DCGS Program Committee, Beth Leggieri announced the launch of the DCGS Ancestor Project. All members are invited to participate to share their research about an ancestor/couple of their choosing at the September, 2022 meeting. An email will give more details. Your participation is appreciated.

Charles Robertson made a motion seconded by Linda Lane to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Robertson, Secretary



OUR MARCH PROGRAM: C. ANN STALEY'S "THE EVERYDAY LIFE OF OUR ANCESTORS"

By Minna Marinko

We have heard repeatedly that we must put our ancestors into context, that we must go beyond their vital statistics, that we must bring them to life in our portrayals. But how? Personally, I have found the pursuit of that information frustrating.

Fortunately, after listening to Ann Staley's presentation on "The Everyday Life of Our Ancestors," I believe I have found a solution. Not only did she pique my imagination with her opening questions ("*Who milled his wheat...where did he get his seed...where did the family attend church?*"), she supplied an extensive, detailed syllabus, full of ideas

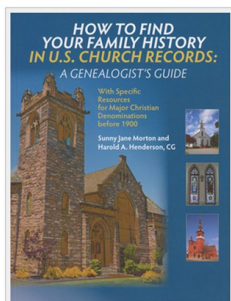
and resources, complete with links—a fabulous resource in itself.

Ann warned that this effort is time-consuming. However, she convinced me that if you do the research and add the results to each ancestor's timeline, the resulting portrayals will be richer, more informative, and better received by readers.

A big thank-you to Ann and our Program Committee for this substantive program.

NEW DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS OFFER CONTEXT AND ROADMAPS TO THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

By – Nancy Gilbride Casey
Denton Public Library Volunteer



Long before civil records began, church records told the stories of our ancestors. Church records can offer the genealogist a treasure trove of information not found in other documents. Birth dates, maiden or married names, deaths, residences, relationships and more can be found in these important—yet often underutilized—sources.

How to Find Your Family History in U.S. Church Records: A Genealogist's Guide, by Sunny Jane Morton and Harold A. Henderson, CG, recently added to DPL Special Collections, takes readers step-by-step through identifying, locating and gaining access to these genealogical treasures.

Part I: Family History Research in Church Records is devoted to discovering which details are included in church records, how to identify an ancestor's church, how to find and order records, tips for using old church records, and more. *Part II: The Denominations* covers the major Christian denominations prior to 1900 in the U.S.—From Baptist to Methodist, Quaker to Congregational—and everything in between. The book is chock-full of links to useful religious record websites and resources, and introduces non-traditional records such as congregational histories, minister's records, financial reports, and others where an ancestor might be found.

This slim volume is an easy read and a terrific resource for anyone with Christian ancestors in the U.S. I definitely dog-eared many pages for future reference in my research, and I'll bet you will too.

OTHER NEW BOOKS ON RELIGION IN TEXAS

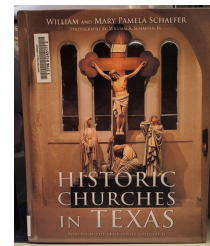
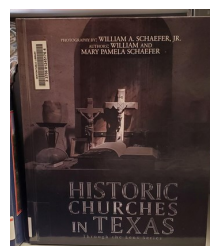
Two new additions to the DPL Special Collections bookshelves offer a glimpse of over 250 historic Texas churches, photographed over the course of ten years by author/photographer William A. and Mary Pamela Schaefer.

Historic Churches in Texas: Through the Lens Series (2018) documents over 180 Texas churches of every denomination from Baptist to Roman Catholic, Presbyterian to non-denominational.

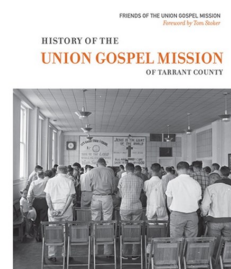
It offers a glimpse into the struggle of Native American, Mexican and Anglo-American and European immigrant cultures trying to coexist, and of circuit-riding preachers crisscrossing Texas, bringing the Protestant word of God to the people in a land where, prior to Texas's independence, only Catholicism was legal.

Historic Churches in Texas: Through the Lens Series, Volume II (2020) documents 172 additional Texas churches, arranged by denomination and then by the oldest established congregation to the newest.

If you have Texas roots, gain valuable religious context for the lives of your Lone Star ancestors - perhaps the church where they worshiped is profiled in one of these books.



History of the Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County by David Murph (2015), takes an inspiring look at the Mission which cared for and housed prostitutes, cowboys, and drifters in the 1800s, to the 1900s when it transformed more by the message of Jesus Christ's saving grace, to its present campus expansion and partnerships to help not only the homeless but all those in need.



Search the catalog www.library.cityofdenton.org or visit the Special Collections at the Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland, Denton Texas to find these and many other resources to help you with your family history research. For assistance email genealogy@cityofdenton.com or call (940) 349-8752.

WE'VE BEEN WAITING 72 YEARS FOR THIS: THE 1950 CENSUS IS FINALLY HERE!

By Kathy and Chris Strauss

Kathy: Those of us Baby Boomers who were born during the 1940's are now enshrined in the Federal Census records. With the release of the 1950 Census, we join our ancestors in records that have become the most searched in genealogy.

The 1950 Census reflected American society as it was recovering from World War II. The questions asked were more in-depth, and presented a picture of the changing types of family groups and occupations.

My biggest surprise came when I found my family (and myself). After preparing for the Census release, I studied the Census form (P1) along with all the questions that were asked. I was shocked to find that each family in the ED and in the entire city were on individual sheets, almost like a family group sheet.

After some digging on the NARA website, I found out that in 1950, Franklin County, Ohio and a few counties in Michigan used a different federal form for the population census. This form (P12A) was an experiment in self-enumeration.

My age is listed as "June" since I was not yet a year old on Census day.

Christopher: Finding my parents and myself in the 1950 census could have been impossible without having the list of over a dozen addresses that my parents lived at during a decade in the Navy. I was born while they were stationed at Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida (the first time, living at the second of two addresses), but by the time the census taker came they were living at the second of two addresses near Corpus Christi Naval Air Station in Texas. Two months after that, they were back at a fifth address in Pensacola. I am lucky that a census taker ever found them.

This information allowed me to drill down to a now-vacant lot in Corpus Christi and identify the Enumeration District using google maps and the Stephen P. Morse's *Unified 1950 Census ED Finder* ([Unified Census ED Finder \(stevemorse.org\)](http://UnifiedCensusEDFinder.stevemorse.org)).

Navigating to that ED in the archives.gov 1950 Census website (<https://1950census.archives.gov/>), then searching for my father's name took me directly to the correct census record. Some of the machine indexes, especially in Texas with the P1 Census Forms, are actually pretty good. In Ohio with the P12A forms, be prepared to browse hundreds of records.

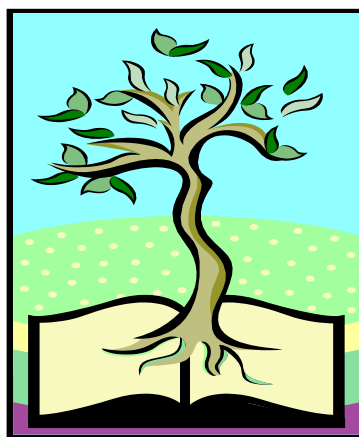
Happy Hunting!

Kathy Gardner Strauss family—Columbus, Ohio

Chris Strauss family—Corpus Christi, TX

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**NEXT MEETING OF THE
 DENTON COUNTY
 GENEALOGICAL
 SOCIETY WILL BE ON
 MAY 12, 2022 AT THE
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 CENTRAL LIBRARY, 502
 OAKLAND ST., DENTON,
 TEXAS**

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