

DCGS NEWS

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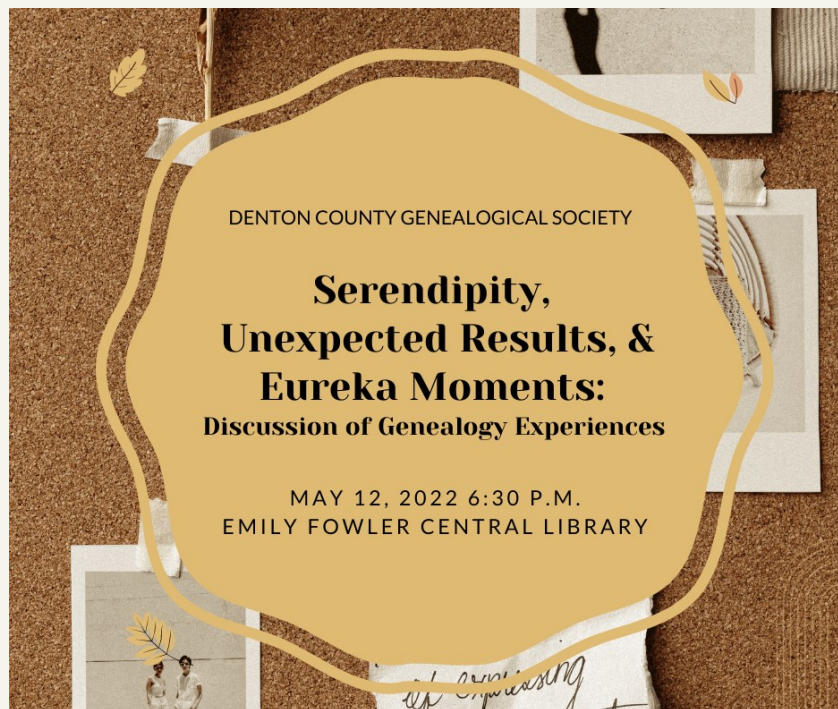
MAY MEETING



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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The Denton County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting, in person, on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Refreshments and networking 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. Visitors are welcome.

One of the best ways to make new discoveries in your own genealogical research is to hear about the successes of others. Everyone is encouraged to bring their stories, heirlooms, and important documents for our popular annual "show-and-tell." The roundtable session will follow our

brief annual business meeting which will include the election of officers for the 2022-2024 term.

The slate of officers referred from the Nominating Committee is as follows:

President: Bob Lane
Vice-President: Beth Leggieri
Secretary: Sandra Robertson
Treasurer: Marian Carroll
Librarian: Laura Douglas

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

Hello, Everyone,

As we approach our summer break, I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support, attendance, and participation in DCGS. I particularly want to thank the Executive Board for the past two years: Beth, Sandra, Linda T, Laura, Chris, Kathy, Bob and Linda, and Donna. Our attendance has been strong; our membership has increased slightly; and our programs have been interesting, inspirational, and educational. Great job, team!

I hope to see lots of you at our Annual Business Meeting and May Round Robin at 6:30 pm on May 12 at the Emily Fowler Library. The Round Robin is always special, different, and entertaining because you and your stories are the program.

Reminder: DCGS dues for 2022-2023 are due. Write

your check now and put it in your wallet so you will have it on May 12 to give to our Treasurer.

Thanks for the honor and privilege to have served as your President for four years. I will gladly work with our new Executive Board and wish them every success.

Joe Spears
Email: presidentdcgs@gmail.com



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Apr. 1, 2022 **\$2,937.23** 2021-2022 Paid Members – 48

Deposits:

2022-2023 Dues \$190.00

Total Deposits: \$190.00

Library Donations

April 1995 – May 2006 \$2,876.52

June 2006 – June 2012 \$3,310.00

July 2012 – April 2022 \$2,925.53

Disbursements:

Reimbursement to Kathy S. \$58.00 for stamps

Total Disbursements: \$58.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Touraine, Treasurer,

Balance Apr. 30, 2022 **\$3,069.23**



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

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



APRIL 2022 MINUTES

President Joe Spears called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He welcomed everyone and introduced a visitor, Melinda Culpon, present at Emily Fowler Library. There were 18 members present at Emily Fowler Public Library and 3 attending by Zoom.

The motion to approve the February 2022 Minutes as published in the Newsletter was made by Kathi Coatney and seconded by Beth Leggieri. Motion passed. There were no questions about the Treasurer's Report as published in the Newsletter, and it was filed for audit. Dues for 2022-2023 are payable to the Treasurer at the May meeting. Dues are \$20.00 for an individual membership and \$30.00 for a couple membership.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Beth Leggieri gave the Nominating Committee's report: President—Bob Lane; Vice President—Beth Leggieri; Secretary—Sandra Robertson; Treasurer—Marian Carroll; Librarian—Laura Douglas. The election of officers will occur at the May meeting.

Beth expressed appreciation to Joe Spears for his leadership as President; to Donna Spears for her work as Membership Chairman; to Linda Touraine for her many years of service as Treasurer. Beth also expressed

appreciation to Laura Douglas and Jane Sanzone for their efforts in integrating Zoom into the meetings. The members gave a warm round of applause for these individuals.

Announcements

Volunteers are needed 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. Our next meeting on May 12 is the annual business meeting, election of officers for 2022-2024, and a Round Robin when our members are the program by sharing their genealogical discoveries and family history stories.

Program

Beth Leggieri introduced Justin Lemons and Jodi Rhinehart -Doty who presented: "Preservation: From the UNT Archives to your Family History."

Charles Robertson made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm which was seconded by Linda Lane.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Robertson, Secretary



THE 2022 ANCESTOR PROJECT

What:

The Ancestor Project is our society-wide endeavor to apply Ann Staley's March presentation, "The Everyday Life of Our Ancestors," to our research.

Why:

We all have an ancestral story that tugs at us for assorted reasons, the one most essential that must be recorded and preserved. We all have one—who is the kinsman whose powerful story tugs at you?

When:

Now! Use link below to reserve your spot for the September program when the first society-wide Ancestor Project kicks off the 2022-2023 DCGS program year.

Four months to produce a story and share your research results. What do you need to do between now and September:

Choose one ancestor/couple.

Choose one life event or anecdote.

Research the historical background for that event or episode.

Write a 500-1000-word profile with simple citations.

If you missed the March program, write anyway! Use these next four months and then crowd source and collaborate with your DCGS community in September.

How:

You are encouraged to use the handouts from Ann Staley's program in March as a guideline for the Ancestor Project. Or DCGS members may seek alternatives through the genealogical research narrative materials available at Emily Fowler Central Library's Special Collections.

Questions? Contact Program Chair: Beth Leggieri, vicepresidentDCGS@gmail.com

Link: [Register](#) for the Ancestor Project
or

via: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8AVBNqfCef01QSSyNVv-t8nDZ5NOE7VVJitPGCPK322dfjA/viewform>

GAR AND MASONS: DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDS FRATERNAL ORG BOOKS TO SHELVES

— Nancy Gilbride Casey

If you had a Civil War ancestor who fought for the Union, there's a chance he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.)—the preeminent Union Army veterans' organization formed at the close of the Civil War.

Developed by Civil War surgeon Benjamin Franklin Stephenson of Springfield, Illinois, the first G.A.R. post was organized and chartered in Decatur, Illinois, on April 6, 1866. Membership reached its peak in 1890, when over 400,000 members were reported. By then the G.A.R. had over seven thousand posts, ranging in size from fewer than two dozen members in small towns, to more than a thousand in some cities.

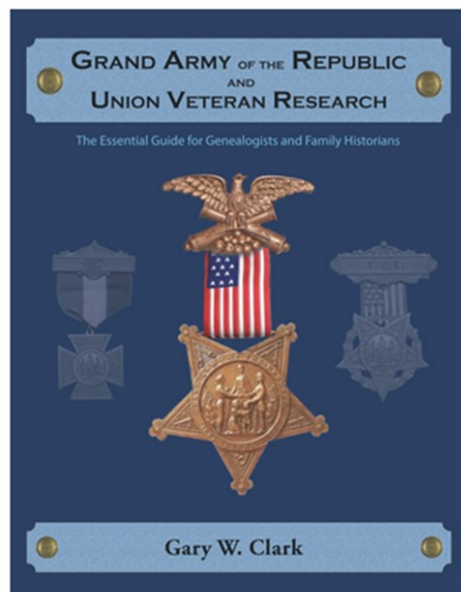
Author Gary W. Clark brings the history and record sources of the G.A.R. and its auxiliaries to genealogists and family historians in

The Grand Army of the Republic and Union Veteran Research: The Essential Guide for Genealogists and Family Historians (2021). Chapters include: 1) Grand Army History, 2) Record Sources, 3) Affiliate Organizations, 4) African-American G.A.R., 5) Badges, Monuments & Cannons, 6) Federal Records, 7) State and Local Records, 8) State G.A.R. Resources, three Appendices, Glossary, and Research Checklist. Check out this time-saving and comprehensive guidance to finding valuable and sometimes well-hidden information about the G.A.R. and Civil War veteran, now on the DPL Special Collections bookshelf.

Interested in learning more?

[The Grand Army of the Republic and Kindred Societies](#)
(Library of Congress)

[Interview](#) with author Gary Clark on *Extreme Genes* podcast, segment 2.



In one of the most popular Masonic books published, author Allen Roberts assembles the many symbols of the Blue Lodge and organizes them into sections which follow a new members path to Master Mason. Containing 81 illustrations, the reader will find this book an "easy read" and a great introduction, with descriptions in plain language and is presented in an understandable format.

More DPL books on Masons

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Denton/Texas History Focus

History of Stanfield Lodge, No. 217

The First Century of Scottish Rite Masonry in Texas, 1867-1967

Century of Fraternity

Education and Masonry in Texas to 1846

Education and Masonry in Texas, 1846-1861

The Masonic Lodge Building and Las Moras Creek Cemetery

Research

Researching Masonic Records

Texas Masonic Deaths

Abstracts From Masonic Records, Grand Lodge of Arkansas

Masonic Death Records From the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, 1920-1940

Masonic Death Records From the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, 1941-1990

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.



OUR APRIL PRESENTATION:

“Preservation – From the UNT Archives to Your Family History” (Jodi Rhinehart-Doty & Justin Lemons)

By Arthur Medrano

This month's presentation was of special interest for me. My 'day job' is in the Records and Information Management profession, which enables companies and organizations to preserve and access business information over time. This presentation promised to touch on many of the same topics and challenges which I deal with daily. Because of this, I was looking forward to the presentation.

Jodi and Justin supplied a fascinating look into their world at the University of North Texas (UNT) Archives and the work they do preserving rare and unique books, artifacts and other materials. They shared with us their experiences working with several of the Archive collections, including the NBC5/KXAS Television collection and the Patricia Fertel Paper Doll Collection, which included paper dolls from as old as 1865! Of special 'show and tell' interest was a collection of puzzle maps dating from the 1800s. This collection could easily have passed as being made only a few years ago. The

description and examples of their work was both entertaining and enlightening.

Closing out their presentation, they described and reviewed many of the archival techniques, solutions and resources which can be used at home with our own genealogical research and collections. They distributed several handouts providing information on things to consider with our personal and family materials and a graphical handout which allows a quick and easy understanding of what exactly qualifies as "Archival" storage materials and containers.

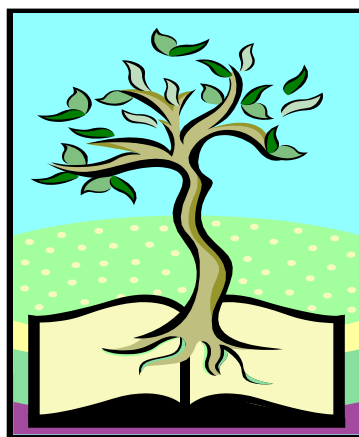
Both Jodi and Justin are very enthusiastic about their work and should be applauded for their endeavors. Archivists perform the job of ensuring Special Collection artifacts and materials are preserved and accessible for future viewing and research purposes by the public, academic and other types of researchers.



**A HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL THE
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES WHO
HAVE SERVED THE DENTON COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY!**

2020-2022 OFFICERS

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Treasurer—Linda Touraine
Librarian—Laura Douglas
Webmaster—Chris Strauss
Membership—Donna Spears
Newsletter Editor—Kathy Strauss
Hospitality—Bob and Linda Lane



**NEXT MEETING OF THE
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SEPT 8, 2022 AT THE
EMILY FOWLER
CENTRAL LIBRARY, 502
OAKLAND ST., DENTON,
TEXAS**

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