

# ◆ DCGS NEWS ◆

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

Thursday, September 8, 2005

6:30 p.m.—Social Time

7:00 p.m.—Program/Business

### PROGRAM

#### DNA 101

Sue Waite Langley

A 1966 phone call to her grandmother, asking who in the family had green eyes, is her first recollection of her future intense interest in genealogy. Grandmother Estelle had no clue and years were spent pouring over the meager 4 generation chart in her baby book. In 1977, when she graduated from the University of Connecticut, Sue Waite-Langley began her search for her genealogical heritage in earnest. Born in California, raised in Connecticut, and finally at home in Texas, Sue has spent countless hours researching her ancestors. While her maternal line proved to be incredibly easy to trace having nicely stayed put in Connecticut for 300 years...her paternal line proved to be considerably more problematic. By 1983, Sue began to concentrate on the various branches of the Wait(e) family. She began publishing The Watchman, a Wait(e) family newsletter and spent the years between 1983 and 1990 vigorously researching any branch she could find for clues to her own paternal line. From 1990 until 1998 she continued her research on a much less rigorous scale while she raised two small daughters. After her husband's death in 1998, Sue made her first ventures into the Internet and

THE DENTON COUNTY  
GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY MEETS ON THE  
SECOND THURSDAY  
DURING THE MONTHS OF  
SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER  
AND JANUARY - MAY.

7:00 P.M.

DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
NORTH BRANCH  
3020 N. LOCUST ST.  
DENTON, TEXAS



1896- Denton County Courthouse-1996

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to individuals, libraries or societies. Dues are \$15.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for couples. The membership year begins in June and expires the following May. Members will receive the monthly newsletter, except for the summer months.

Members may submit article of interest. Please cite sources. Queries, reunion notices and book reviews will be also be welcome.

a whole new world of research possibilities opened up. She formed WGRF, the Waite Genealogy Research Forum and has spent many hours since then managing the website and databases of information helping other Wait(e) family researchers to find their lines.

While the preponderance of circumstantial evidence pointing to a particular Vermont family as the parents of her Waters Nathan Waite (how can you lose a man named Waters) was overwhelming, Sue never was able to find the traditional proof that she belonged to them. The possibility of an illegitimate birth or unannounced adoption became very real and, with the advent of affordable DNA testing for family genealogists in 2001, she decided to answer that question once and for all. She formed a surname research group, found her first six DNA donors and waited for the results to come in. The answer? She'll have that for you and the answers to many more questions about the benefits of genealogical DNA testing.

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It seems as if the summer has flown by and as usual I had more 'to do' things than I got done. The most important thing I did, I think, is to take a trip to Evansville, Indiana. No, there wasn't any genealogy research planned since as far as I know none of my family or my husband's have any ties there no matter how small. However, you could say I added to my genealogy though by getting a daughter-in-law with the marriage of my 'baby'.

I hope you all are looking forward to our 2005-2006 year of programs and activities beginning. Mary Jo has some very good programs lined up. There are a variety of topics so there should be something to appeal to everyone. See the list elsewhere in the newsletter.

If you haven't yet paid your dues, please do so at the September meeting. Remember that the dues have increased to \$15.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for couples.

Kathy and Chris Strauss have volunteered to do our newsletter. Chris has also set up a web page for the DCGS. It is still in its infancy so if you have suggestions or information you think would be good to add, let him or someone on the board know. You can visit the web site by going to: [www.rootsweb.com/~txdcgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txdcgs). The plan is to post the newsletters there so that those of you that have Internet capabilities can read and print the issue if so desired. For those without Internet access, we will mail a hard copy. Each month I will send an email so that you will know the new issue is available. The Board is hoping that without the newsletter being in an attachment there will be no problem in accessing it or printing it.

Norma graciously did the refreshments at each meeting last year but with the upcoming year we want to give others the opportunity to serve the society in this way. At the September meet-

ing, I will have a sign up sheet for you to select a month to bring the refreshments. We have 7 more meetings for this year and enough members so that you can pair up on the refreshments and that way it won't be too burdensome on any one person.

Our September meeting is scheduled for September 8, at the North Branch Library. We will continue beginning at 6:30 for light refreshments and visiting. At 7:00 the meeting will be called to order and after conducting a brief business session, the program will begin at 7:15.

Look forward to seeing you then.

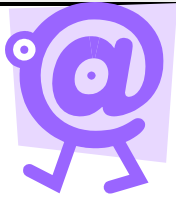
Linda



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## WE'RE ON THE WEB!!

*Chris Strauss*

The Denton County Genealogical Society is now the proud owner of their own web site. This is a free site, hosted by RootsWeb, which provides space for genealogy societies. There are only three rules that apply to free space at RootsWeb:

- (1) Upload no copyrighted material, except with permission.
- (2) Upload no GEDCOMs or other pedigree-related material.
- (3) Upload no commercial material. - (The "no commercial material" rule is flexible, especially in the case of Genealogical Societies.) Societies may sell memberships, books, and research services via their RootsWeb web sites.

Under these rules, we currently plan to put our society-published or sponsored books up for sale through the web site, as well as post a form for requesting research services that spells out what we can provide, and what we will charge. We will also put our membership application on line. These will be downloadable forms for people to print, fill out, and mail in. A live form would require a database, and this web site does not provide space for mounting databases or the tools to display them as dynamic or searchable forms. If we decide to mount locally developed data like obituary indexes, these will probably have to be done as static web pages. After all, RootsWeb is providing us with this web space for free!

Chris Strauss will be building and maintaining the web site initially, at least to get us started. The initial site has been built with Microsoft Publisher, just as our newsletter has been, for compatibility and ease of update. The plan is for Kathy Strauss to publish the current newsletter on the web site as well, and we plan to add an archive of previous issues of the newsletter.

The web site needs content, including a history of the society, more detailed information for our events calendar, points of contact for ordering books, and anything else you can think of that ought to be included in our web presence. Suggestions of information to be added, links to other county resources that we should include, corrections, and anything else concerning the site can be passed directly to Chris at

[strauss@unt.edu](mailto:strauss@unt.edu). Any necessary decision-making should be referred to the society officers for discussion and resolution; the society "owns" the web site. Anything that you can provide to Chris in electronic format is most welcome, as it can be quickly incorporated into the site. As a newcomer to the society, with no family roots of his own in Denton, Chris will not be able to create or even imagine the appropriate local content himself - he will be depending on you, the society members, to provide him with information to publish.

Please take the time to look at the web site as it currently exists, and think about what you would want to have published on line for other genealogists to read about our society, or to use to help with their Denton County research. It is still only partially filled out with information, so we will not add it to the public listings on RootsWeb until it is much more ready.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txdcgs/>

## 2005-2006 PROGRAMS

- ♦ **September—"DNA 101"—Sue Waite Langley**
- ♦ **October—"Was Your Grandmother an Indian Princess?" - Kris Richens**
- ♦ **November—"Grandma Lacy: A Brick Wall" - Jane Power**
- ♦ **December—No Meeting**
- ♦ **January—"The Invisible Internet: Finding Your Ancestors in Digital Collections and Databases" - Dreanna Belden**
- ♦ **February—"After the Spirit Leaves: Funeral Home and Cemetery Records" - Albert Hickman**
- ♦ **March—Map/Grave Dowsing—Mama Dowser**
- ♦ **April—Lloyd Bockstruck**
- ♦ **May—Annual Meeting/Election of Officers**



## News From The Library

The Genealogy After Hours evening was held at the Emily Fowler Central Library on August 26. Attendees arrived at 6:00 p.m., and networked with each other during dinner. Following a short introduction to the evening by Kathy Strauss, Erik Wilkinson gave an informative class in beginning genealogy.

Library staff and volunteers from the Denton County Genealogical Society helped attendees with their searches. Everyone enjoyed using the recent acquisitions in the library, and were very pleased with the new genealogy department. All of the computers and microfilm readers were in use up to the very end of the "lock-in" at 11:00 p.m. Many of the attendees were enthusiastic about the program and wanted to have another one in the near future.

Since there are so many new acquisitions in the library this year, Kathy Strauss has created a notebook that lists the new materials that have already been cataloged and a list of materials that are on order. Please feel free to drop by the genealogy department to see what's new. Requests can be made for materials not yet processed to be added to the collection. If the library does not have a resource you would like to see in the collection, please write down your requests and give them to the library staff in the Genealogy Department.

Watch for the monthly library column in the Sunday Denton Record Chronicle for upcoming genealogy classes.

## Treasurer's Report



Balance April 30, 2005 \$ 535.67

Funds Deposited	
Dues	\$ 355.00
Will Book	75.00
Death Book	50.00
Birth Book	105.00
Donation	100.00
Research	10.00
Interest & Handling	<u>5.35</u>
Total Deposits	\$ 700.35

Funds Disbursed	
Consignment Fee	\$ 20.00
P. O. Box Rent	58.00
Postage & Copies	<u>196.97</u>
Total Disbursement	\$ 274.97

Balance July 31, 2005 \$ 961.05

### 2005-2006 Paid Members—29

Library Donations	
April 1995 - May 01	\$1,918.22
June 2001 - May 02	76.00
June 2002 - May 03	799.15
June 2003 - May 05	83.15

Birth Books Sold (50)	\$1,600.00
Printing Cost (200)	-2,049.13
Postage	-118.69
Sales Tax Paid	-104.78
Advertising (1)	<u>-30.00</u>
Profit	\$ -702.60

Death Books Sold (133)	\$3,029.72
Printing Cost (300)	-1,593.15
Consignment Fees	-370.00
Postage	-156.99
Sales Tax Paid	-77.19
Advertising	<u>-237.45</u>
Profit	\$ 594.94

Respectfully Submitted, Holly Hervey, Treasurer



September 8, 2005  
North Branch Library  
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Program—DNA 101
- III. Business Meeting
- IV. Special Projects
- V. Announcements



## Minutes

### Officers' Meeting, Monday, June

The President announced the resignation of Anita Cowan as the newsletter editor and the need of a replacement. The officers suggested offering the position to Chris Strauss and asking him if he would design a webpage for the society.

The officers decided to continue with the refreshment time before the beginning of the meetings. The President will ask Norma Gamble if she wants to continue to do the refreshments or have members rotate serving.

Mary Jo Bruce will list either a birth or death book on EBay to see how it is accepted. [Note: it did not sell.] Mary Jo Bruce, vice president, discussed possible programs she is checking into. We agreed to help with a Library Lock-in later in the summer.

Submitted,

Diana White in the absence of the secretary, Marilyn Simms

### Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2005

Officers of DCGS met for a planning session at the Emily Fowler Library at 6:30 p.m. Kathy and Chris Strauss will be in charge of the newsletter for this year. The newsletter will be included on the new website. Email Kathy with information you would like placed in the newsletter at [Kathy.Strauss@cityofDenton.com](mailto:Kathy.Strauss@cityofDenton.com).

We discussed forms for new members. We also discussed voting in November to determine for certain the meeting location. It will be either the North Branch or Emily Fowler. Holly Hervey gave the Treasure's report. Linda Touraine shared the plans for the Lock-In on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August. Speakers and door prizes were determined. We discussed a web page for our society and determined the need to apply for a URL at a minimum fee. Bob McCombs agreed to investigate. We discussed the possibility of Anita Cowan doing some roving reporting for the newsletter. Dianna White and Marilyn Simms agreed to bring refreshments to the first meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the North Branch Library in our regular

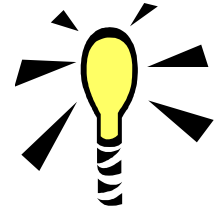
meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Simms, Secretary



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### Hispanic Genealogy Group: H.O.G.A.R

The Hispanic population is growing at a fast rate in Texas and along with it, an interest in Hispanic genealogy. H.O.G.A.R. de Dallas (Hispanic Organization for Genealogy and Research) was founded in Dallas in 1998. Specializing in research of Spanish surnames, this genealogical society has regular program meetings, makes community presentations to interested groups, and publishes an annual journal. The 2005 HOGAR Journal contained more than 300 pages of genealogical and historical information. Now beginning the eighth year of programming, the first general meeting for 2005-2006 will be Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at the Casa View Branch Library, 10355 Ferguson Road (Ferguson Road and Joaquin) in Dallas at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Yolanda Romero will speak on "Mexican American Heroes in Texas History". For more info call (972)841-9455 or see HOGAR's website at: [www.home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~hogardedallas).

Thanks to: Barbara Chisler in Vibbard, Missouri, USA who writes that she found this wedding announcement in the Excelsior Springs (Missouri) Weekly Call newspaper, dated 11 November 1915:

### MR. COBB WEDS MISS CORN

Miss Margaret Corn was married to Mr. Stanley Cobb recently at El Paso, Texas at the home of the bride's parents. The marriage license clerk at the courthouse refused to issue the license, thinking it was a joke. When he convinced the clerk that it was on the level, Cobb shelled out for the license.

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