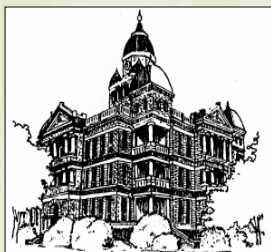


DCGS NEWS

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



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.rootsweb.com/~txdcgs

SEPTEMBER MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

Program:

Tips on Using the Internet for Genealogical Research

Our opening program for the 2006-2007 year will feature Tresa Tatyrek. Tresa is Past President of the Dallas Genealogical Society. She is the list mother for several surname mail lists on rootsweb. Tresa teaches a Special Interest Group on Family Tree Maker twice a month, one at

the Grapevine Library and the other for the Dallas Genealogical Society at the J. Erik Jonsson Library in Dallas.

Tresa was named 2005 Volunteer of the Year for the Dallas Genealogical Society, the 2004 Volunteer of the Year for the Grapevine Library, and holds a Certificate of Outstanding Service from the DAR for her work on the Information Specialists Committee for Website

Construction.

Tresa works on the Shows, Touchstone, and Taunton surnames everywhere and anywhere, not just the directly related lines to her or her husband.

It will be our pleasure to have Tresa as our speaker for the September meeting. Get ready to learn some new and exciting things about Internet genealogy research!

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Programs for 2006-2007

Mel Brewer, our Vice-President, has planned some exciting programs for this year. Make sure that you don't miss any of them.

Sept. 14—Tresa Tatyrek—"Tips on Using the Internet for Genealogical Research"

Oct. 12—Barbara Wylie—"Was Your Grandmother a Relict? What do These Old Words Mean?"

Nov. 9—Ed Millis—"How to Write Your Personal Story"

Jan. 11—Marti Fox—"Writing Your Own Obituary."

Feb. 8—John Wylie—"Tips From 15 Years Working on Other People's Lives"

Mar. 8—Still Open
Apr. 12—Still Open

The March and April programs will be announced as information becomes available.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Our new year is just about to begin, September 14 to be exact. I hope you all had a nice summer and were able to stay half-way cool. I also hope you all did better with your genealogy searching than I did. I still have hope for me though.

Mel has lined up some exciting programs for us this year so I hope you are planning to attend all the meetings. Since we will be meeting at the Emily Fowler Central Library again this year, you have

the wonderful opportunity to get to the library early and do some genealogy work before the start of our meeting.

The time before the official meeting start is an excellent opportunity to visit with each other and get to know one another better. Also, if you have question or problem in your research that you would like to bring before the group, let me know and I will make arrangements to present it before the meeting. Don't

forget that you also can submit queries to our newsletter.

The newsletter not only goes to the DCGS members but we also send it to several of the area libraries and genealogy societies. Just by putting your query in the newsletter, someone may have the answer or some information to assist you and will get it to you.

Hope you haven't forgotten that the Texas State Genealogy Society 2006 Conference is being held in Fort Worth,

October 27-28. Make plans to attend. I'm sure we can arrange some car pools if several of you want to attend the conference for just one day or both days.

Look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

Linda



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance May 31, 2006

\$ 1,544.94

Funds Deposited

Dues \$ 30.00
Interest .38
Total Deposits \$ 30.38

Funds Disbursed

P O Box Rent \$ 62.00

Balance July 31, 2006

\$1,513.32

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Library Donations

April 1995 - May 02 \$1,994.22
June 2002 - May 03 799.15
June 2003 - May 05 83.15

Birth Books Sold (52) \$1,670.00
Printing Cost (200) -2,049.13
Postage -118.69
Sales Tax Paid -104.78
Advertising (1) -30.00
Profit \$ -632.60

Death Books Sold (136)

\$3,104.72
Printing Cost (300) -1,593.15
Consignment Fees -390.00
Postage -156.99
Sales Tax Paid -77.19
Advertising -237.45
Profit \$ 649.94

Respectfully Submitted, Holly Hervey, Treasurer



MINUTES – MAY 2006 MEETING

The Denton County Genealogical Society met in the meeting room of the Emily Fowler Central Library on May 11, 2006. Refreshments were provided by the Executive Board for the 6:30 to 7:00 social time.

President Linda Touraine called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and presided over the business meeting. The minutes and treasurer's report from the April meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Linda introduced Judy Knight as Texas Genealogical Society's President elect. In her present capacity as the representative for District 11, she met with us for 40 minutes and shared activities

and projects for our participation as a partner society.

Treasurer Holly Hervey reminded us of some projects that members could help with this summer. Several members paid dues for next year.

Linda did a quick survey and determined that the group would like to continue next year with the 6:30-7:00 social time with refreshments. In addition, we agreed that tables/chairs are the best setup for our meetings so that it is easier to take notes during the programs.

Librarian Kathy Strauss gave a report concerning activities

coming up at the library and pointed out that the Greg Boyd books on various counties are currently available.

We elected new officers for 2006-2007. The slate of officers included:

President:

Linda Touraine

Vice President: Mel Brewer

Secretary:

Vickie Davis

Treasurer:

Holly Hervey

Librarian:

Kathy Strauss

The officers were elected by acclamation and Kathy and Chris Strauss agreed to help with the newsletter again this year. New Vice President, Mel Brewer, asked that we

email him program suggestions at mbrewer233@verizon.net

We finished out the evening with a "Round Robin" presentation by the members relating the genealogical activities each had experienced during the year. Following the discussions from the members, the meeting was adjourned by President Linda Touraine and the 20 members present helped clear the room so we could exit the building by 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Marilyn Simms, Secretary

TEXAS STATE GENEALOGY SOCIETY 2006 CONFERENCE

Make your plans now to attend the Texas State Genealogy Society 2006 Conference at the MacGorman Conference Center in Fort Worth. The conference will take place 27-28 October 2006. It will be hosted by the Mid-Cities Genealogy Society.

Featured speakers will be J. Mark Lowe and Pamela Boyer Porter. J. Mark Lowe is a professional genealogist, author, lecturer and the Executive Director of the Robertson County Tennessee Chamber of Commerce. Pamela Boyer Porter is the

principal researcher, author, lecturer, and president of Memory Lane, Inc. She specializes in Southeast Missouri research, migration paths into and out of Missouri, and computer tools for genealogists. There will be valuable sessions for beginner, intermediate, and advanced family researchers.

There will be a exhibits with many vendors where you can add to your genealogy libraries. Attendees can register for the entire conference, which includes two luncheons or for

single days with the luncheons. There will also be an awards banquet on Friday evening at an additional cost. The conference center is located within 1 mile of the National Archives.

For online information and registration, log on to www.tsgs.org or call 817-419-8283.



DCGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Present: Linda Touraine, Kathy Strauss, Holly Hervey, Mel Brewer, Vickie Davis

Linda convened the meeting at 6:20 p.m. and began with a discussion of the monthly newsletter deadlines. Kathy said that she would be able to prepare the September edition before her vacation, if all items were sent to her by August 15. We agreed to try to send her our items by that date. The remaining deadlines will be the 30th of each month. Linda will prepare a president's article for the September newsletter but probably not for any of the others. Mel suggested that the deadline be listed in each newsletter, and Kathy will do that. Other members have requested that the order of business and annual dues amount be included, and Kathy will do this as well.

Holly presented the treasurer's report and the budget, which needs approval. She based the budget on the treasurer's annual report and the receipt of dues from 45

members. So far, 14 members have paid their dues, which need to be paid by October to remain on the newsletter list. Linda will send a group email during the summer to remind members to pay their dues by then.

Mel reported on his efforts to locate speakers and read the letter that was sent to some members of the Dallas society. He has received many responses and shared their names and their lists of possible program topics. Mel said that Lloyd Bockstruck has already agreed to speak and will be paid a fee of \$100. The board agreed that other speakers should be paid a travel fee of \$50 plus reimbursement for any handout copying expenses. After reviewing the topics, the board agreed that we should provide a variety of subjects and then decided on seven possible program topics. Mel will contact the speakers to request these topics and to schedule them.

Mel reported that he has received very few responses from members about their interests and suggestion for programs. A few of the

suggestions were sharing of members' findings and experiences and information for beginners.

Linda suggested a program on dulcimers, which Holly could organize. This might be a good topic for December, when we do not normally meet. No decision was reached. We also discussed the silent auction but did not include another one in our meeting plans, as the results from the previous one were disappointing.

Mel mentioned a "Family Tracker" website that would list our books for sale with no advertising cost. The board did not make a decision on this.

The board decided that the library should do another summer lock-in. Kathy will arrange for the date and speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Davis

ANCESTRY QUICK TIPS

Google Books

After searching Ancestry.com and all of the other family history websites for ancestors and hitting a brick wall on some of them, I tried Google. Google offers a book search section (<http://books.google.com/>) where you can type in a name or place and find all kinds of information on a family member or the history of a town. You have to register with the site but it is well worth the time and effort. Some of the books are full view, meaning that the whole book can be viewed. Others have limited views or snippet views. You can find out where to purchase a particular book if you

wish. There are many town histories available and even family histories. I have found my great-grandfather in one of the town histories.
Kathy Bishop

Check Under Middle Names

Recently in looking for another non-related family in the 1910 census, I finally found my grandparents, father, and uncles! No wonder I hadn't been able to find them initially. The family was listed under my grandfather's middle name. There they were--the whole family with the last name Elwood instead of Reitenbaugh! I can hear the census taker asking my

grandfather what his name was and the reply being "Joseph Elwood." Any dummy knew that the census taker had stopped at the Reitenbaugh household. Wasn't that obvious?

This is probably only one story out of thousands about the 'hazards' of finding our ancestors in the census records. I have done the same detail as you suggested for finding family in the 1840 and prior census records. It is tricky to say the least and too often there is more than one household that seems to be a match. I guess that's what makes genealogy fascinating--the mystery, the search, and the discovery.
Doris Wills

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The staff in the Genealogy/Special Collections Department of the Denton Public Library has been working hard on various projects throughout the summer months. We completed plans for the John B. Denton celebration that took place the last weekend in July. The library sponsored a genealogy seminar and birthday celebration on July 27. Holly Hervey presented an interesting program about the Denton family surname and talked about the Denton Collection located at the Denton County Historical Museum, Inc. The rest of the celebration took place on the Courthouse Square, culminating on Sunday morning with a re-enactment of the 1901 funeral service of John B. Denton. Several descendants of John B. Denton and descendants of the 1901 pallbearers were in attendance.

The next big celebration we are planning for is the City of Denton

Sesquicentennial. The library will host the opening on January 2, 2007. We are working on exhibits, programs, and an historical calendar the month-long celebration. If anyone would like to volunteer to help us, please contact Kathy Strauss in the Special Collections Department.

We have subscribed to a new electronic database. It is the Dallas Morning News Historical Archive (1885-1977) from NewsBank. It contains the digital images of the actual newspapers from this time period, and it is fully searchable. We have already found loads of information about Denton in the paper. Just come to the library and try it out!

Additional photographs from the Denton Public Library collection have been loaded on the Portal to

Texas History. The staff has been identifying photos from the vertical files and scrapbooks for scanning.

New books arrived this summer. We are finally getting the books we acquired from Lewisville processed and into the collection. We have the new revised third edition of *The Source* in the collection. There are also several new Land Record books (Family Map series). We will continue to purchase these books throughout the next fiscal year. If there are any books you would like to see in the collection, please write the information down and give it to the Special Collections staff.

We look forward to seeing all of you again. Come early for the DCGS meetings and do some research!

THIS AND THAT

2006-2008 OFFICERS

President—Linda Touraine

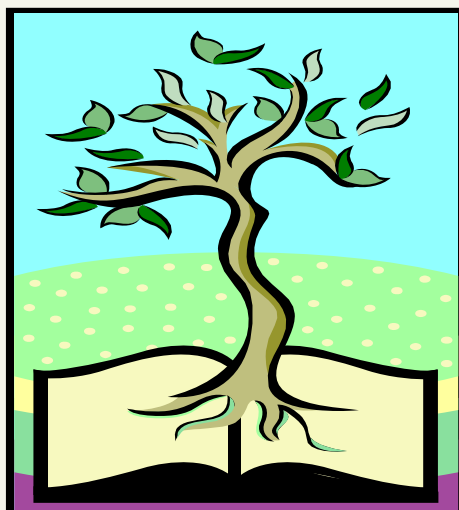
Vice-President—Mel Brewer

Secretary—Vickie Davis

Treasurer—Holly Hervey

Librarian—Kathy Strauss

Webmaster—Chris Strauss



DUES REMINDER

Dues for the 2006-2007 year are payable at the first meeting on September 14, 2006. Members may also send in their payments to:

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