

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

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FEBRUARY MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007

Program:

"Tips from 15 Years Working on Other People's Lines"

Speaker: John Wylie

John will present a collection of tips and tricks that he has learned in over fourteen years researching full time. Some of them save time; others save money, many relate to finding lost or obscure records, but most show how to glean the most from the records we encounter most often. Using real-world examples, he will include an open Q&A so you can ask for help with your brick wall.

John Vincent Wylie serves the Association of Professional Genealogists as Secretary, the National Genealogical Society (NGS) as a member of the NGS-GENTECH Advisory Committee and the National Standards Committee; the Dallas Genealogical Society as Acting Special Interest Groups Leader and his church as Chair of the Information Technology Committee and as a member of its History Committee. From 2000 through 2004, he served on the Board of the Association of Professional Genealogists. He is the 2004 recipient of the Dallas Genealogical Society's Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Barbara, were

coordinators of the 2006 Dallas Genealogical Society Research Trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. One of GENTECH's founders, John was an active participant in the Genealogical Data Model Working Group, and served on the NGS Computer Interest Group Committee in 1999 and 2000. John and Barbara have taught genealogical courses at Mountain View College and to church and Boy Scout groups. He specializes in teaching genealogists how to use computer technology and computer users how to do sound genealogical research.

GENEALOGY AFTER HOURS

The Denton Public Library and the Denton County Genealogical Society will host "Genealogy After Hours"

**February 23, 2007
6:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.**

Greg Boyd from Arphax Publishing will be the speaker.

Registration fee is \$10.00.

Register at the Genealogy Desk at Emily Fowler Central Library

2007 NATIONAL GENEALOGY HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The National Genealogical Society invites organizations to submit nominations for the 2007 National Genealogy Hall of Fame. This program, in existence for over twenty years, honors deceased genealogists whose superior achievements in American genealogy, for a period of ten years or more, have made a significant contribution to our field.

Nominations for the National Genealogy Hall of Fame must be made by societies or similar organizations. Nominees must have been deceased for at least five years and have been actively engaged in the field of genealogy in the United States for at least ten years. Their contribution should be unique, pioneering or exemplary. For example they might have

- authored books or articles that serve as models of genealogical research and writing and that added significantly to

the body of published work on American families, or made significant corrections to previously published works.

- made genealogical source records more readily available to the public by preserving, transcribing, translating, abstracting, indexing, and/or publishing such records.

- shared with others knowledge of genealogical research methods and sources through teaching and lecturing and/or publication of educational materials.

- contributed time, labor, and leadership to a genealogical organization or a genealogical periodical publication, thus enabling that organization or publication to make significant contributions to the field of genealogy in the United States.

Nominations are due 1 March of each year. A committee will review them and a selection will be made and announced at the 2006 NGS conference that will be held in Chicago, Illinois. If

your nominee is not selected, you can submit their name again in future years. The current committee consists of Shirley Langdon Wilcox, CG, FNGS, of Virginia, Sandra M. Hewlett, CG, of Pennsylvania, Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FNGS, FASG of Alabama, Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG of California, and Loretto D. Szucs of Illinois.

Nominations must be made and signed by a society officer on an official nomination form that is available at the NGS website. To read more about the program and to obtain a form, visit www.ngsgenealogy.org and click

on Conferences & Activities, and select Awards and then NGS Competitions. You may also write to National Genealogy Hall of Fame, 3108 Columbia Pike, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22204-4304 and request a form.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance November 30, 2006
\$ 1,974.79

Funds Deposited

Dues	\$ 30.00
Lock In Registration	20.00
Interest	<u>.25</u>
Total Deposits	\$ 50.25

Funds Disbursed

Speaker Fee	\$ 50.00
Texas Sales Tax	14.90
Dues (FGS & TSGS)	75.00
Postage	<u>39.00</u>
Total Disbursed	\$ 178.90

Balance January 31, 2007
\$1,846.14

2006-2007 Paid Members—49

Library Donations	
April 1995 - May 02	\$1,994.22
June 2002 - May 03	799.15
June 2003 - May 06	83.15

Birth Books Sold (55)	\$1,775.00
Printing Cost (200)	-2,049.13
Postage	-118.69
Sales Tax Paid	-104.78
Advertising (1)	<u>-30.00</u>
Profit	\$ -527.60

Death Books Sold (139)	\$3,179.72
Printing Cost (300)	-1,593.15
Consignment Fees	-390.00
Postage	-156.99
Sales Tax Paid	-77.19
Advertising	<u>-237.45</u>
Profit	\$ 724.94

Respectfully Submitted, Holly Hervey, Treasurer



MINUTES – JANUARY 2007 MEETING

The Denton County Genealogical Society met in the meeting room of the Emily Fowler Central Library on January 11, 2007. Refreshments were provided for the twenty two people present while members and visitors mingled during 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. Visitors, Tom Cain and Laura Douglas were introduced and welcomed. Laura is the new librarian in the genealogy special collection area. The minutes and treasurer's report from the November meeting were approved as printed. Linda asked for any input, comments, or concerns that would be added to the Executive Board meeting planned for January 23, 2007. Librarian Kathy Strauss reminded us about the *Genealogy After Hours* special event to be held Friday, February 23, 2007 from 6:00pm to 11:00pm at the Emily Fowler Central Library. We will be treated to a special guest speaker, Greg Boyd, author of the *Family Maps* series. The cost will be \$10 which

includes pizza etc. Kathy also shared the many events and exhibits being held for the celebration of *Denton's Sesquicentennial*. Before closing the business meeting, Linda shared information about two of Dallas Genealogy Society's programs *Little Bit of German Seminar* with Chuck Knuthson to be held on February 17, 2007 and the *Master Genealogist Software Workshop* with Bob Velke to be held March 17, 2007.

The meeting was turned over to our Vice President in charge of programs, Mel Brewer, who introduced our special guest speaker, Marti Fox, and her provocative program entitled *Who Better to Write YOUR Obituary?* Her program about "obituaries" (something we all have looked at hundreds of times) was very insightful. We were reminded that an obituary is a key to history when it is the story of a life and not merely a notice of a death. We learned that there is a method to thinking about obituaries that starts with a specific

"To Do List," which she included in our packet of information, continues with pulling your "parents' family lineage," noting "highlights of your life," and "examining your writing style." Marti gave each of us a form to use to successfully write an obituary and closed her presentation reminding us that this is a work in progress and that it should be pulled out once in a while and updated. Marti shared information about her friendship with Mel that gave us a glimpse into another view of our vice president. The program ended at 8:10 and continued with questions and answers for another 30 minutes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm so that we could be out of the library by nine.

Respectfully submitted
Marilyn Simms, substituting for
Secretary Vickie Davis

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES 23 JANUARY 2007

Present: Linda Touraine, Holly Hervey, Mel Brewer, Diane Abner, Bob McCombs, Vickie Davis
Absent: Kathy Strauss

Linda convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss our 2007 – 2008 programs. Linda noted that she had received no responses to the email that was sent to the general membership.

Mel reviewed the speakers that he has lined up for our Spring, 2007, meetings and asked for suggestions for future programs. He shared a list of potential speakers.

Linda asked if anyone has made comments concerning our programs during the pre-meeting social time. Vickie mentioned that some new members have expressed interest in how-to or beginning genealogy programs. After some

discussion, the board members agreed that a program on our local library resources would be beneficial to both new and old members. It is possible that we could provide two programs on this subject with one being dedicated to the databases available through our library.

Mel requested the board's ideas for Lloyd Bockstruck's topic. He will provide the September program. Holly thought a program on Protestant church records would be helpful. Diane suggested German migration through the Gulf of Mexico, and Linda suggested locating immigration and naturalization records. Mel will submit these ideas to Lloyd.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Davis

TIDBITS OF DENTON HISTORY

THE DENTON DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The City of Denton celebrated it's Diamond Jubilee on October 4-8, 1932. The five-day event took place in conjunction with the Denton County Agricultural Fair. The Denton-Record Chronicle reported that the parade attracted "the largest crowd that has been in Denton, if not ever, at least in many, many years." The parade began at the city park, wound around past the College of Industrial Arts, back up Locust Street, then around the north and west sides of the square and out west Hickory to the Teachers College, and down the south courthouse square to the fairgrounds.

A reunion of old settlers took place at the fairgrounds. Each of the settlers took turn reminiscing about what life was like in the early days of the city.

The citizens of Denton were treated to five days of bargain shopping. The merchants welcomed

everyone to take advantage of special prices for necessities and luxury items. To entice shoppers, each shop around the square displayed exhibits of pioneer relics, heirlooms, household goods, weapons, and saddles in their windows.

As Denton celebrates sesquicentennial, it is enlightening to realize that our ancestors of 75 years ago also knew how to party!



HISTORIC DOCUMENTS TO BE DIGITIZED

Archivist of the United States Allen Weinstein and Footnote, Inc. CEO Russell Wilding recently announced an agreement to digitize selected records from the vast holdings of the National Archives. The 4.5 million pages that have been digitized so far are now available at www.footnote.com/nara.

This non-exclusive agreement, beginning with the sizeable collection of materials currently on microfilm, will enable researchers and the general public to access millions of newly digitized images of the National Archives historic

records on a subscription basis from the Footnote Web site. By 6 February, the digitized materials will also be available at no charge in National Archives research rooms in Washington, D.C., and regional facilities across the country. After an interval of five years, all images digitized through this agreement will be available at no charge through the National Archives Web site.

The following represents a portion of the millions of historic documents that will be made available as part of the National Archives - Footnote Agreement.

- Papers of the Continental Congress (1774-89)
- Mathew B. Brady Collection of Civil War Photographs
- Southern Claims Commission
- Name Index to Civil War and Later Pension Files
- Investigative Case Files of the Bureau of Investigation, 1908-1922

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The Emily Fowler Central Library was the location of the opening event for the City of Denton Sesquicentennial. Over 100 people attended the celebration. Mayor Perry McNeill read the Sesquicentennial Proclamation and Council-Member Bob Montgomery presented the city with an early map of Denton. Verizon partnered with the Denton Public Library to sponsor the event.

Exhibits of Denton History were displayed throughout the each of the library branches. Citizens have been able to view these interesting displays during the entire celebration. These displays were

made possible, in part, by a grant from Humanities Texas.

Sesquicentennial Commemorative Calendars are still available for purchase at each of the library branches.

Remember to register for the “Genealogy After Hours” event to be held at the Emily Fowler Central Library on 23 February, 6:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.



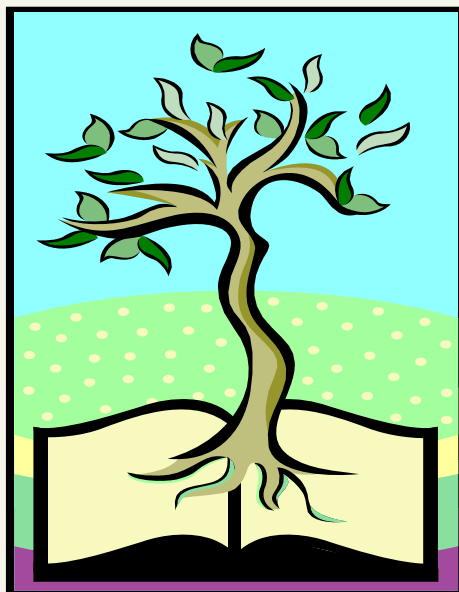
Leverett's Grocery, North Side of the Denton Courthouse Square



Beyette's Shoe Store, East Side of the Denton Courthouse Square

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- President—Linda Touraine
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- Treasurer—Holly Hervey
- Librarian—Kathy Strauss
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- Parliamentarian—Diane Abner



**NEXT MEETING OF
THE DENTON
COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY WILL BE ON
8 MARCH 2007 AT THE
EMILY FOWLER
CENTRAL LIBRARY
502 OAKLAND STREET
DENTON, TEXAS**

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