

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

MAY MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2008



1896- Denton County Courthouse-

Program: “Seeking Emily Fowler: A Tour Through the Denton Public Library Special Collections”

Speaker: Kathy Strauss

Using the resources available in the Special Collections, Kathy Strauss will present a case study to find more information about the namesake of the Emily Fowler Central Library.

Kathy Strauss, the Genealogy and Special Collection Senior Librarian has worked at each of the Denton Public Libraries since 1995. She

holds a Master of Library and Information Studies from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and a Master of Arts and a Bachelor of Science in Education from The Ohio State University.

Kathy is active in professional and local organizations. She is Chair-Elect of the Reference and User Services History Section of the American Library Association. She was instrumental in establishing the Genealogy Round Table of the Texas Library Association. Kathy is a

member of the National Genealogical Society and Federation of Genealogical Societies.

Locally, Kathy is a member of the Denton County Historical Commission, Denton County Genealogical Society, and Benjamin Lyon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

We hope you will enjoy your tour through the Denton Public library Special Collections.

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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THE DENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: JOIN US

The Denton County Genealogical Society offers a wealth of programs, information, and fellowship to all those interested in tracing their family roots. Membership is also quite a bargain in this day of tight budgets. Individual membership is only \$15.00 per year and a membership for couples is only \$25.00 per year.

Meetings are scheduled on the second Thursday of the months of

September-November and January-May. Programs and speakers cover a wide range of topics, including: genealogy tips, records, and migration.

The Denton County Genealogical Society also publishes a newsletter, maintains a website, and offers assistance to beginning genealogists.

Come join us for an exciting, educational year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14-17, 2008—National Genealogical Society 30th Conference in the States. Kansas City, MO.

May 19, 2008—Dallas Genealogical Society. “Using DPL’s History and Technology Section for Your Genealogical Research.” Speaker: Carol Roark. Dallas Public Library, Plaza Level Auditorium, 7:00 pm.

June 23, 2008—Dallas Genealogical Society. “Genealogy and DNA.” Speaker: Mic Barnette. Dallas Public Library, Plaza Level Auditorium, 7:00 pm.

July 17-19, 2008—Angelina College Genealogical Conference. Lufkin, Texas.

June 28, 2008—Dallas Genealogical Society Library Lock-in for Members Only. \$30.00. Join the DGS for \$25.00. Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section, 6:00 pm-2:00 am. Light supper and snacks provided. Registration required.

July 24-26, 2008—Dallas Genealogical Society Summer Institute. Dallas Public Library.

August 9, 2008—Fort Worth Genealogical Society Summer

Seminar. Speaker: Henry Z. “Hank” Jones, Jr. Fort Worth Botanical Garden Center.

September 3-6, 2008—Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference. Philadelphia, PA.

October 24-25, 2008—Texas State Genealogical Society Conference. Abilene, Texas.



TREASURER’S REPORT

Balance March 31, 2008	\$2,108.29	Library Donations	
Funds Deposited		April 1995 - May 02	\$1,994.22
Dues	\$ 105.00	June 2002 - May 03	799.15
Interest	<u>.41</u>	June 2003 - May 06	83.15
Total Deposits	\$ 105.41	Birth Books Sold (58)	\$1,880.00
Funds Disbursed		Printing Cost (200)	-2,049.13
Speaker Fee	\$ 50.00	Postage	-118.69
Postage	<u>55.76</u>	Sales Tax Paid	-104.78
Total Disbursed	\$ 105.76	Advertising (1)	<u>-30.00</u>
Balance April 30, 2008	\$2,107.94	Profit	\$ -422.60
2007-2008 Paid Members—47		Death Books Sold (141)	\$3,229.72
		Printing Cost (300)	-1,593.15
		Consignment Fees	-400.00
		Postage	-156.99
		Sales Tax Paid	-77.19
		Advertising	<u>-237.45</u>
		Profit	\$ 764.94

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Hervey, Treasurer

MINUTES – APRIL 2008

The Denton County Genealogical Society met in the meeting room of the Emily Fowler Central Library on April 10, 2008. Refreshments were provided by Diana White and Amanda Cowan for the 6:30 to 7:00 social time.

President Linda Touraine called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, welcomed everyone, and announced that we have two new members. There were 27 present, including our speaker, Don Raney, and his wife. Linda presided over the business meeting, during which the minutes from the March meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was also approved as published.

Linda asked Bob McCombs to chair a committee that will research the publication of our birth book. The book encompasses the years from 1950 to 1957. Holly Hervey and Diana White made the suggestion that we make the book available on our website. Chris Strauss said that it was possible, provided the file can be

converted to the correct format. Diana has a hard copy of the book that can be placed in the local library. The committee will discuss this and any other suggestions, and we will finalize our decision at the May meeting.

Marilyn Simms, chair of the nominating committee, asked if anyone present were interested in serving as President or Vice President. Shirley Harris has agreed to serve as Secretary for the next two years. Holly Hervey will serve again as Treasurer, Kathy Strauss will continue as Librarian, Chris Strauss will continue as Webmaster, and Diane Abner will remain as Parliamentarian. Charles Beazley agreed to serve as our new Vice-President. The only office left to be filled is President. The society will vote on the slate of officers at the May, 2008 meeting.

Mel Brewer introduced our guest speaker, Don Raney, who has many years of experience with genealogy. Mr. Raney spoke about British

migration to America and gave us a great deal of insight into this subject.

Linda encouraged everyone to attend the May meeting due to the importance of our election of officers and other society business. Kathy Strauss will provide a tour of the genealogy section of the library for our May program. Kathy announced that she will be leading a beginning genealogy seminar at the library in May and that Aaron Holt will present a program on the Five Civilized Tribes on May 3 at the library. Holly announced an upcoming online genealogy course, from which DCGS will receive \$5 for each member who enrolls. She provided a handout with details about the course.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Davis, Secretary

Discovering Family History Magazine

The publishers of *Family Chronicle* and *Internet Genealogy* have come out with a new publication, *Discovering Family History*. What makes this magazine unique and exciting is that it is aimed at beginning genealogists.

The premiere issue is available for free to download at www.discoveringfamilyhistory.com. I found it to be chocked full of interesting articles to assist the genealogy neophyte to the ins and outs of this often-overwhelming discipline. George Morgan's article about the "21 Clues in an Obituary" mapped out what an obituary can

tell you about a family member and his/her ancestors and descendants. He also wrote an article about message boards and the value of genealogy teamwork.

Discovering Family History is published 6 times per year at a cost of \$28. Check out the free premiere issue to preview it for yourself.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Are the high gas prices getting you down? Are your plans to do genealogical research this summer being cancelled because of the cost? Come spend your research time at the Denton Public Library Special Collections. Our rich print and electronic collections may contain all you need to find the answer to get over that "brick wall." While we don't have everything, our knowledgeable staff can assist you in locating materials that might be available through interlibrary loan or at a nearby library.

On May 17, 10:00 a.m. at the Emily Fowler Central Library meeting room, Kathy Strauss will present a Beginning Genealogy class. This class will cover the basics of genealogical research and the resources available at the library. Learn how to gather family information, use genealogical forms, access vital records, locate census records, and more. Call the Emily Fowler Genealogy Desk at 940-349-8752 to register. It's FREE!

The Special Collections has received 362 items back from the bindery. These items are all genealogy periodicals that have been a part of our collections. They will be cataloged, processed, and shelved in the genealogy collection with the states they represent. Our intention has been to

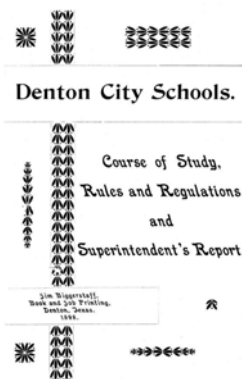
make the periodicals more accessible to all of our researchers. All of these periodicals contain transcribed records provided by the genealogy societies that publish the journals. Most of these articles and records are indexed in PERSI. Look for these valuable additions to our collection soon.

The staff of the Special Collections have been working hard on a grant for funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The funds will be used to purchase preservation supplies to rehouse many of our valuable documents, books, and microfilm. The winners of the grant will be announced later in the summer, so we will let you know if we receive the grant.

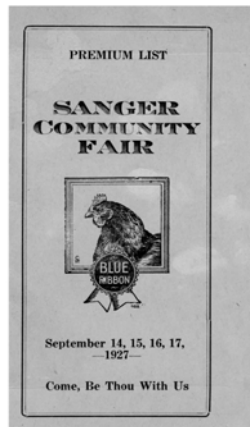
Kathy Strauss, Special Collections Senior Librarian has been elected as the Vice Chair/Chair-Elect of the History Section of the Reference and User Services of the American Library Association. She will begin her duties in this capacity following the ALA Conference in June. Serving in this capacity will allow her to work with many talented and knowledgeable colleagues from across the county and to gain experience in the profession.



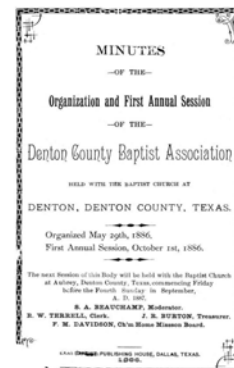
DENTON RECORDS ON THE PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY



Denton City Schools
Course of Study



Sanger Community
Fair Premium List,
1927



Denton Baptist
Association Minutes,
1887

ANCESTRY QUICK TIPS

Google Addresses for Images

I would recommend searching for every ancestral address and company you come across using Google. You could find that there are photos online. I have found numerous photos of the churches my ancestors got married in or were christened in by doing this.

Sometimes you can even find photos of the houses in which they lived. To my surprise I found the farmhouse where my grandfather was born by using Google. Grander than I imagined, it is now a school. I e-mailed the school and they sent me a leaflet with photos of the original house.

Also search for places where your ancestors worked. You can often find out more about the companies or government branch your ancestors worked in, and may find photos. For instance, my grandmother told me that she had been an "overlooker" at Woolwich Arsenal during the First World War. Both her father and grandfather had also worked there. I searched for Woolwich Arsenal using Google and found pages and pages of information and photos about it. I found out that women worked there during the First World War because the men had all been called up. The girls who did this work were called "Canaries" because working with TNT turned their skin yellow. And there were photos showing the Cartridge Packing Shop where my grandmother worked, as well as the laboratory where my grandfather worked.

Another way you can obtain photos of locations you are researching is by joining a RootsWeb county mailing list for the county your ancestors lived in. Ask if anyone who lives in the area is willing to take a photo for you and e-mail it to you. One very kind man took about half a dozen photos for me because someone had once done it for him.

Or you could try writing to the addresses directly if they still exist, asking if the occupants could send you a photo of their house. They might be more interested if you sent them a photo of your ancestor who lived there or a copy of a census showing the address with the names of the people who lived there. Of course always offer to pay for their expenses.

Regards,
Frances Lee

Search for Founding Members of Churches

I have found a surprising source for family information. When looking for church records, especially in smaller churches with a predominately ethnic congregation (Swedish, German, etc) find the names of the founding members. Then look for people who are researching that founding family. Often you will find someone who has copies of original records, scanned records, or other important information about the congregation and its members. This worked for our Swedish great-grandparents.

Karen Seibert

Search Given Names Only

This is a method that has allowed me to find families in the 1880 and later censuses using the latest search options. I enter the given name of a child, the father, and the mother; no surname; and the place where they lived. You get very few matches, even for common names. It also uncovers strange spellings that Soundex won't find.

Curt Miller

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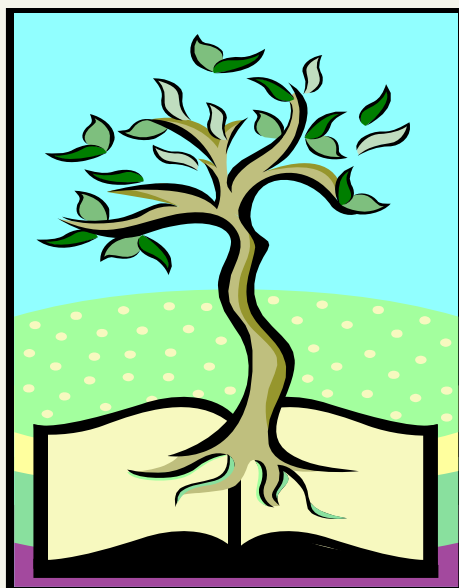
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**NEXT MEETING OF
THE DENTON
COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY WILL BE ON
SEPT 11, 2008
Emily Fowler Central
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