

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

APRIL MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009

Program: The Butterfield Overland Trail

Speaker: Bob Montgomery



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

In 1858, the Butterfield Overland Trail was created as a route from Missouri to California. A leg of this trail included a stop at the courthouse square in Denton.

Bob Montgomery, former Denton City Council member and current chair of the Denton County Historical Commission will give us a picture of what it was like to travel on the stage. He has researched the Butterfield Overland Trail for more than 30 years, and is writing a book about its history.

Bob Montgomery also leads a tour of the trail

from Denton to Abilene. We welcome Bob as our speaker for the 30th Anniversary celebration of the Denton County Genealogical Society. Join us for dinner and an evening of history.



DENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

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The Denton County Genealogical Society held its first meeting on April 5, 1979. Attending the first meeting were: Beverly Brenholz, Dee Carrico, Sarah Davis, Larry Howser, Betty Kreps, June Knox, Barbara Krishnan, Elaine Ledlow, Clara Martin, Vic & Marlene Nielsen, Velma Selby, Mary Sherrill, Diana White, and Dayonne Work. Membership dues were established as was a monthly meeting time.

At the organization meeting of the Denton County Genealogical Society, held on April 19, 1979, the new constitution and by-laws were presented, programs were

announced, and nominations were suggested for the officers. The first officers were: Diana White, President, Lou Nelson, Vice-President, Larry Howser, Secretary, Selma Selby, Treasurer, and Elaine Ledlow, Librarian.

Accomplishments of that first year included: abstraction of the wills of Denton County, 1876-1940, the establishment of a newspaper column in the Denton Record Chronicle, many interesting programs, and the support of the genealogy collection at the Emily Fowler library.

May the next 30 years be as productive!

MINUTES—MARCH 2009

President Linda Touraine opened the meeting, welcoming members and guest including charter member Dayonne Work. There were 27 persons present.

The minutes and treasurer's report were approved as circulated.

There was no old business discussed.

In new business, Marilyn Simms made a motion to spend \$300.00 or less on the dinner being served for the society's 30th anniversary. Diana White seconded and motion passed. The meeting will begin at 6:30 on April 9th.

Members are asked to bring a side dish. Guest speaker Bob Montgomery will

bring a program on the Butterfield Stage Coach. An e-mail will be sent to remind members of this special meeting.

Martha Len Nelson distributed a letter about the Denton Collection.

This collection is not connected to John B Denton. Martha Len made a motion to move the Denton collection to the public library.

Notion seconded by Norma Curry. After discussion, the motion was tabled for further study.

Vice President Marilyn Simms introduced our panel of experts.

Diana White spoke on court records

Richard Thomas spoke on county history books

Jo Leach on marriage licenses

Mel Brewer on publishing

Kathy Strauss on vital records

Holly Hervey on census record

After a question and answer session, meeting was adjourned by Linda Touraine.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Harris



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Feb 28, 2009	\$1,918.63	Library Donations	
		April 1995 - May 06	\$2,876.52
		June 2006 - March 2009	560.00
Funds Deposited		Birth Books Sold (60)	\$1,950.00
Dues	15.00	Printing Cost (200)	-2,049.13
Library Lock In	240.00	Postage	-118.69
Interest	<u>.39</u>	Sales Tax Paid	-104.78
Total Deposits	\$ 255.39	Advertising (1)	<u>-30.00</u>
Funds Disbursed		Profit	\$ -352.60
Library Donation	60.00	Death Books Sold (142)	\$3,279.72
Lock In Expenses	56.29	Printing Cost (300)	-1,593.15
NGS Dues	<u>50.00</u>	Consignment Fees	-400.00
Total Disbursed	\$ 166.29	Postage	-156.99
Balance Mar. 31, 2009	\$2,007.73	Sales Tax Paid	-77.19
		Advertising	<u>-237.45</u>
		Profit	\$ 814.94

2008-2009 Paid Members—50



Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Hervey, Treasurer

ANCESTRY QUICK TIPS

Weekly tips have repeatedly suggested investigating your ancestors' neighbors. I finally tried it and it paid off. I wondered about the children listed with my great-grandmother in the 1880 census. By looking at her neighbors, I found that her only daughter had married at 16 and was living a few houses away. Also nearby was the girl who one of her sons would marry in 1883. I plan to do more of this.

Roy L. Howard, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Recently the Missouri History Museum launched the Genealogy and Local History Index (www.mohistory.org/genealogy), which includes references to hundreds of thousands of our St. Louis ancestors. Among the more than 240 sources there are more than 5,000 St. Louis Civil War-era loyalty oaths, school yearbooks, questionnaires for World War I servicemen, and much more. You can request photocopies of records online.

Dennis Northcott

Associate Archivist for Reference
Missouri History Museum

Finding Married Names in Probate Records

I recently searched the county records under my third-great-grandmother, Mary Carpenter, who had several daughters. I found a set of about sixty records involving the probate of her will in 1884. One of the daughters felt that she had not received her fair from her brothers, the executors and had challenged it.

There were several lists of interested parties, including women who had the same first names as her daughters but with different last names. This included

newspaper notices and handwritten lists signed by the judge. Then there was a short list of other names I didn't recognize. Figuring that they might be grandchildren, I worked back from them and found the families of one daughter and one daughter-in-law (a widow). I now have a large collection of information on all of those daughters and their families. By the way-the daughter won her case.

George R. Carpenter

I have just discovered Google Alerts. You can enter a surname you are researching and Google will send you an e-mail when it finds something posted with that surname. I am still refining my alerts but so far I have found info on my father's enlistment in the military, etc.

Val Moreland

In addition to keeping the dates on newspaper clippings, I always try to also keep the day of the week the newspaper was printed. Many articles, especially obituaries, will read something like "so-and-so died Tuesday....", but give no date. If you know that the article appeared on Thursday and the date, you can figure out the actual date the event occurred.

Kathy Parker
Los Gatos, CA



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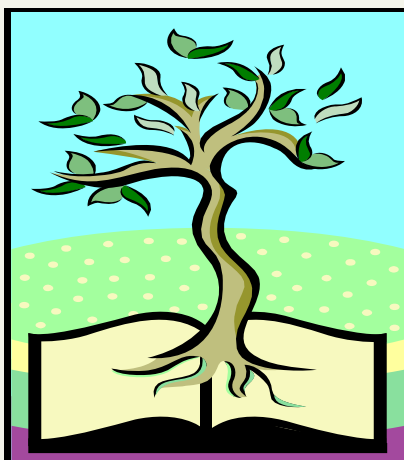
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**NEXT MEETING OF
THE DENTON
COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY WILL BE ON
May 14, 2009
Emily Fowler Central
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502 Oakland St.
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