

# 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

## OCTOBER MEETING THURSDAY OCT 12, 2017



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.genealogydentontexas.org](http://www.genealogydentontexas.org)

### Program: “How to Use the DAR Genealogical Records System”

#### Speaker: Julie Avedikian

Did you know that these records are available for everyone, not just potential DAR members? Ms. Avedikian will show us how to navigate the website and what types of information can be found therein.

Julie Avedikian became a member of the Mary Shirley McGuire Chapter, Daughter of the American Revolution in 2008, and has since served as Chapter Registrar, Chapter First Vice Regent, and Chapter Regent. With over 20 years of genealogical research experience, she

currently serves as the State Vice Chairman – District III for the Volunteer Genealogist Committee for the Texas Society DAR and Organizing Regent for the new Organizing Chapter in Wylie, TX. In addition to her work with DAR, Julie is an active senior leader for the Matthew Bolton Society, Children of the American Revolution. She also serves as the Senior State Second Vice President of the Texas C.A.R. and the Senior National Vice President for the South Central Region of the National Society. Her other organization memberships include United States Daughters of 1812 and Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century. Julie lives in Plano with her husband of 25 years and her two sons, both active members of C.A.R.

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### Digital Access Replacing Microfilm Lending Service from FamilySearch

In 2014 the Emily Fowler Central Library became a FamilySearch affiliate library. This partnership allowed genealogist to borrow microfilm from FamilySearch and have it delivered to our location for use. Last month we received notice that the microfilm circulation services would be suspended at the end of August. With the cessation of the microfilm lending program FamilySearch extended access to millions of restricted FamilySearch digital images to the patrons of its affiliate library partners.

The Library now has access to most of the FamilySearch images previously limited to viewing only in family history centers. By contract with some of the information providers, there are images that cannot be shared with the affiliate libraries. The additional collections can be used within the library buildings through the public computer stations or via laptops or other devices contacted through the library Wi-Fi.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow members:

My wife and I just returned from a wonderful trip to Illinois a few days ago. My wife was able to get through some brick walls in her research. We visited the Ogle County Historical Society & Museum in Oregon, Illinois where she was able to get some help from the genealogical society members up there. Of course, with so much information available on the internet now, we don't have to go to every courthouse in every county for every one of our ancestors records we need. However, even though we don't have to do that, our trip was very special because of the wonderful displays in the museum there, and the shelves of books with information we could research. We were able to locate and visit the house out in the country where my wife's mother was born in 1919. We drove out to see it and take some pictures. My wife talked to the lady that lives there now, and the lady surprised her by going in the house and bringing out a painting (by "someone") of the house after a snow storm from times past. She gave the painting to my wife, so she was able to take away a wonderful gift from the past. The lady told us her parents once owned the house. They had built an arch over the sidewalk out at the curb. The lady said she and her husband were married under that arch. So, the house was filled with wonderful memories, and we were able to take a few home with us. So sometimes, it pays to go

out to where our ancestors came from.

And, that is why I ask you to please bring YOUR stories about your research and the results you've found, the walls you've come up against and climbed, the memories you discovered, and those new trails you've gone down with your new DNA matches.

Our October speaker is Julie Avedikian, who will teach us "How to Use the DAR Genealogical Records System". There will be more information elsewhere in this newsletter!

If you are new to our group, I would urge you to explore the numerous resources available at, or provided by the City of Denton Public Library. As they always have been, the staff is very helpful with any questions you may have.

Be sure and read the rest of this newsletter for the latest information on upcoming genealogical events, and also check the City of Denton Public Library web site. Be sure and pick up the latest Classes & Events pamphlet published by the Denton Public Library. These are available in several areas of the library.

Regards,

Terry Brantley

President, Denton County Genealogical Society

### McLennan County, Texas, Marriage Records Since 1850 are being Digitized

McLennan County Clerk Andy Harwell and his staff have undertaken a project to digitally scan and preserve county marriage records from 1850 to 1996.

After six weeks of work, the documents have been digitized, but that's just a start, Harwell said. The county hired Edoc Technologies for about \$36,000 to perform the digitization work, and Harwell's staff is starting to index the more than 170,000 marriage records by groom's name, bride's name and date.

"You'll be able to sit at home and research in McLennan County back to 1850," Harwell said. "So if we would have had a fire or tornado or something or a flood, we would have lost everything."



Source: *Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter*

## SEPTEMBER 2017 MINUTES

Terry Brantley called the meeting to order. Thirty-one members were in attendance.

Julie Avedikan will be the speaker on October 12. The program will be about how to use the DAR Genealogical Records System for genealogy research. May 11, 2017 meeting minutes and the Treasurer’s report were approved as presented.

presented by Eric Kaszynski, Jr., Family History Center, Director.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Ingram, Secretary



The program “Family History Training Videos was

### TREASURER’S REPORT

**Balance Sept. 1, 2017** **\$2,345.52**

**Deposits:**

Dues, 2017-2018 \$185.00

**Total Income:** **\$185.00**

**Disbursements:**

Lanyards for Name  
Tags (V. Whitfield) \$132.64

**Total Disbursements** **\$132.64**

**Balance Aug. 31, 2017** **\$2,397.88**

2017-2018 Paid Members – 27

Library Donations

April 1995 – May 2006 \$2,876.52

June 2006 – June 2012 \$3,310.00

July 2012 – September, 2017 \$1,961.34

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Touraine, Treasurer



## GenealogyMagazine.com Launches a YouTube Series Offering Advice and Tips for the Family Historian

*GenealogyMagazine* is the name of a new YouTube series offering advice and tips for the family historian. Hosted by James Pylant, an award-winning true-crime writer, authorized celebrity biographer, and professional genealogist, each five-minute episode offers tips and “how-to” examples for genealogical research.

The first episode, “County Courthouse Research,” is now available at YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/countycourthouse>

Upcoming episodes include “Family Bible Records,” “Diaries and Journals,” “Longevity Lies,” “Misidentified Family Pictures,” and “Handwriting Analysis.”

**GenealogyMagazine.com:** GenealogyMagazine.com is utilized as a reference by the Texas Historical Commission; Learning and Teaching Scotland’s series, *SCET.Net for History: A Virtual Department*, and EBSCO Industries’ *MasterFile Complete*, the largest

collection of the most popular full-text magazines, journals, and other highly regarded sources from leading publishers.

**About the host:** James Pylant, a former contest judge for the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors, worked full-time as a professional genealogist for the Salt Lake City-based firm Lineages, Inc., in Salt Lake City, and his articles have appeared in *The Bottom Line*, *Family Chronicle*, and *Ancestry*. James extensively documented a case of identity theft and bigamy for the book *Destiny in Texas*. He co-wrote *The Oldest Profession in Texas*, called one of the most thorough studies of frontier dens of sin. He has also written a family-authorized celebrity biography, *In Morticia’s Shadow: The Life & Career of Carolyn Jones*.

## GENEALOGY AFTER HOURS

Libraries across Texas will be sharing programming and genealogical resources during a “lock-in” on **Oct. 20 at the Emily Fowler Central Library**. This event is co-sponsored by the Denton Public Library and the Denton County Genealogical Society.

### REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE EVENT

### FOOD AND DRINK WILL BE PROVIDED

You can also come early for webinars in the Special Collections Department, beginning at noon. Please bring headphones or earbuds. The Special Collections Department will be open for research throughout the event. Representatives from the Denton Stake Family History Center will be there to help with research and brick wall problems.

### TO REGISTER FOR THIS FREE EVENT, CALL (940) 349-9752 OR GO ONLINE AT:

<https://denton.bibliocommons.com/events/>

### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

#### 11:00—11:50 am *Orphan Train Riders: Tracks to Texas & Beyond, All Aboard, 1854 to 1929* Paula Perkins

On in every 25 Americans has a connection to an Orphan Train rider between 1854 & 1929. Over 200,000 children were relocated from the East to the West coast on trains. Texas was a vital part of this history. Research techniques and resources will be demonstrated.

#### Noon—1:30 pm *Beginner’s Guide to Documenting Your Family History*

##### LaToya Devezin, Community Archivist, Austin History Center

Researchers will learn how use resources to create a family tree, record and organize their information, and navigate online and archival records to find their ancestors. Learn a fresh approach and up-to-date information in this first-step Beginner’s class.

#### 1:40—2:40 pm *Discover Local History through a Regional Depository*

##### Laura Saegert, Assistant Director for Archives, Archives & Information Services Division, TSLAC

The Regional Historical Resources Depository (RHRD) Program of the Texas State Library & Archives Commission collects, preserves and makes available for public use the historical records of the local governments of Texas. The RHRDs house records with genealogical interest in microfilm, but also original paper records. The presentation will introduce you to these wonderful sources of information for your genealogical and historical work.

#### 2:50—3:50 pm *My Texans During the Republic* Sharon Farnsworth, Registrar for the Sterling C. Robertson Chapter of the Daughter of the Republic of Texas

Learn how to track your generations back to your ancestors during the Republic of Texas through birth and death certificates, census, and wills. Learn ways to find where your ancestors lived and their contributions to Texas during the Republic through land grants, military records and other documents.

#### 4:00—5:00 pm *Connecting Your DNA Matches* Diahan Southard, *Your DNA Guide*

While it is possible for you to analyze your DNA matches, one at a time, to determine how you are related, there is much that can be accomplished by first identifying the connections between those on your match list, and then working together to determine how you are related. Learn the tips and tricks to this powerful method of match analysis.

#### 5:00—6:00 PM DINNER BREAK

#### 6:00—7:00 pm *Researching Your Czech Immigrant Ancestor’s Background in the Old Fatherland* Dr. Miroslav Koudelka, Genealogy Researcher and Guide from the Czech Republic & TCGS Charter Member

This presentation will cover the strategies and sources (both online & in print) to trace your Moravian or Bohemian ancestry. Explore obstacles in identifying place of origin and tools to overcome them. Learn which documents to research first, and which are the “icing on the cake.” Czech/German/Latin forms of names, places, and professions. Following up research with a visit to the ancestral area and meeting relatives? Learn what to know beforehand and what to expect on the spot.

#### 7:10—8:10 pm *Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors with Newspapers*

##### Lisa Louise Cooke, Family History Author, Speaker, & Producer of *The Genealogy Gems Podcast*

Yearning to “read all about it?” Newspapers are a fantastic source of research leads, information and historical context for your family history. Learn the specialized approach and tech tools required to achieve success in locating newspapers, and uncovering the genealogical gems they contain about your family.

#### 8:20—9:30 pm *Discovering Your WWI Ancestor: Sources and Resources*

##### Earl Pogue, Family Historian & Author

Do you know or suspect that you have a WWI veteran in your family tree? If so, discover what resources are available to identify and provide information about your ancestor that served in the Great War. A variety of resources including draft registration records, service cards, newspapers, vital and cemetery records will be discussed.

## NEWS AND PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

### Denton County Genealogical Society

Meet fellow genealogists, share tips, & learn new information.

**10/12** “How to Use the DAR Genealogical Records System” by Julie Avedikian

**11/09** “The Stedman Story: Mystery, Intrigue, Adoption and DNA – Jewish Genealogy Strategies Unravel a Family Mystery” by Karen Franklin

**Thu Emily Fowler 6:30 p.m**

### I’ve got—Or I’m Getting—My DNA Report: Now What Do I Do?

Presented by Patti Gillespie, from a non-geneticist point of view, will explain how to choose a company and a test, what to do while waiting for the report, and how to maximize the report results. Whether deciding who to contact, how to use the research within the DNA report, or just how to link our trees to our DNA results, this session will be helpful. The potential use of raw data will be introduced with visual step-by-step to uploading to other sites known as 3rd party tools. Registration is requested

**Sat. 10/07 Emily Fowler 10 a.m.**

### 17th State-Wide Genealogy Lock-In

Join us for a full day of informative and interactive live webinars on a wide range of Genealogy and Local History topics. Connect with libraries across Texas for access to their genealogy resources as well as full use to the resources in our Special Collections. One-on-one research help will also be available for questions from beginners to brick walls. Food will be provided so registration is required. Sponsored by The Genealogy Network of Texas.

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### “We Don’t Talk About Them...”

Searching for ancestors that might have been up to no good? Learn how to research to find the prisoners, deserters and runaway spouses in your family tree.

**Sat. 11/04 Emily Fowler 3 p.m.**

### 2016-2018 OFFICERS

**President—Terry Brantley**

**Vice-President—Perry Abernethy**

**Secretary—Jane Ingram**

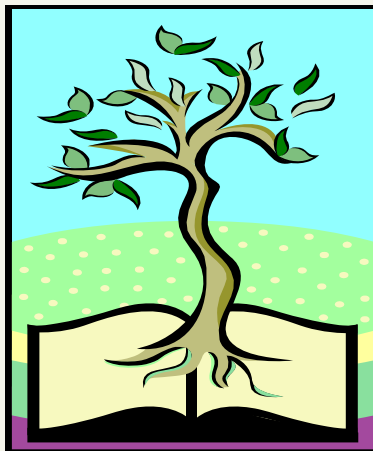
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NOV 9, 2017  
Emily Fowler Central  
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502 Oakland St.  
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