

DCGS NEWS

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NOVEMBER MEETING



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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

DCGS Monthly Meeting
How To Organize All This Genealogy Stuff
 Presented by *Lisa Louise Cooke*

November 11, 2021 6:30 p.m.
 Emily Fowler Central Library
 To attend via Zoom please register.

The Denton County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, November 11, 2021. Our social time will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland Street, and the meeting and program will begin at 7 p.m. Masks should be worn, and social distancing maintained. Visitors are welcome. If you would like to attend the meeting virtually please register at, <https://denton.bibliocommons.com/events/61746f7248880941002b1a53> to receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting.

The program for the night is “How to Organize All this Genealogy Stuff” presented by Lisa Louise Cooke. As the title of this program suggests you will learn techniques to save yourself future frustration and disappointment by putting a solid genealogy organizational plan in place for all the types of items that will be coming your way. Ms. Cooke personally use the systems that she is sharing, and they have proven to be reliable and efficient. We will cover systems for 4 types

of stuff: Organizing All This Paper! The Physical Items Organization System, Organizing All That Genealogical Data! The Family Tree Data Organization System, Organizing All These Digital Files! The Digital Organization System and Organizing All that Web Information! The Online Notetaking System.

Lisa Louise Cooke is the author of several books including *The Genealogist's Google Toolbox*, 3rd edition. She produces and hosts the popular *Genealogy Gems Podcast* www.GenealogyGems.com, and the free weekly YouTube show *Elevenes with Lisa* at the Genealogy Gems YouTube channel. She offers a Premium Membership service at her website featuring exclusive on-demand genealogy education. And she writes a regular column for *Family Tree Magazine* and produces the *Family Tree Magazine Podcast*.

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PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

Hello, Everyone,

As we continue our hybrid meeting format, we are enjoying excellent attendance both in person and virtually. It seems we have the best of both worlds – being together when we can and being on Zoom so you don't miss out.

Several of our members attended the Statewide Genealogy Lock-In at the Emily Fowler Library. There was an excellent variety of topics and speakers.

I want to personally welcome our latest new member, Mary Cox, who joined after attending our October meeting.

Our November 11 meeting will be a hybrid meeting, too. Social time starts at 6:30 pm for those attending in person. The business meeting and program will start at 7 pm. Our speaker will be Lisa Louise Cook. The Zoom meeting join link will be emailed a couple of days before the meeting to all dues-paying members.

We will continue our succession planning presentations with two more Board members describing their duties. Once you know what's involved, you can better decide how you can serve DCGS.

Stay well and stay safe. I look forward to being together again at our next meeting.

Joe Spears
Email: presidentdcgs@gmail.com



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Oct. 1, 2021 **\$3,237.23**

Deposits:

10/2 – Dues \$ 45.00
10/28 – Dues \$105.00

Total Deposits: \$150.00

Disbursements:

10/14 – Oct. program \$100.00

Total Disbursements: \$100.00

Balance Oct. 31, 2021 **\$3,287.23**

Library Donations

April 1995 – May 2006 \$2,876.52
June 2006 – June 2012 \$3,310.00
July 2012 – October 2021 \$2,925.53

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Touraine, Treasurer,



OCTOBER 2021 MINUTES

President Joe Spears called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. There were 22 persons present at Emily Fowler Public Library and 16 persons attending by Zoom. He led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Membership Chair Donna Spears welcomed visitors (five on Zoom and one in person).

The motion to approve the September, 2021 Minutes as published in the Newsletter was made by Kathi Coatney and seconded by Bob Lane. Motion passed. There were no questions about the Treasurer's Report as published in the Newsletter, and it was filed for audit.

Old Business

In February 2022, a Nominating Committee must be named. Several officers and committee chairs want to retire. Tonight chairs of Newsletter and Publicity described their duties. Kathy Strauss, the editor of the five-page Newsletter, uses Microsoft Publisher to create the newsletter. She copies the previous month's file and updates each recurring section that appears in each issue. The finished document is saved as a pdf file. The Newsletter contains the President's article, information about the next program, minutes, treasurer's report, news about the Library's collections, and articles of general interest to genealogists. Copies are mailed to 11 recipients (libraries and other societies), and the newsletter is posted on the DCGS website.

Publicity is comprised of the duties of maintaining the DCGS website and the duties of creating publicity on social media.

Chris Strauss uses Word Press to maintain the DCGS website. The person who assumes the position may wish to migrate to another hosting service. That person needs to know or to be willing to learn about creating and maintaining websites. Laura Douglas does publicity on social media with help from Cheryl Cypert.

New Business

Stephen Booher announced that he had booklets about the city of Irving Centennial to give away.

Announcements

Laura Douglas announced the Library Genealogy Lock-In is October 15. Our next meeting is November 11, and Lisa Louise Cooke will present "How to Organize All this Genealogy Stuff."

Eric Kaszynski invited all to attend the Zoom meeting "Filling In the Blanks" on October 16 presented at the Family History Center Discovery Day.

Program

Beth Leggieri introduced Tony Hanson who presented "Technology Enabled Collaboration for Genealogists."

Eric Kaszynski made a motion seconded by Eileen O'Neill to adjourn. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Robertson, Secretary



DNA TIPS & TOOLS

BY Nancy Gilbride Casey

During Tony Hanson's October DCGS presentation, the question of how to keep track of all those DNA matches came up. It can truly be an overwhelming task. Here are a couple of suggestions to possibly bring the chaos under some control.

Concentrate only on those DNA matches which might help answer a targeted research question. Use sorting techniques—such as [the Leeds method](#)—to group close matches into familial lines, then focus on those matches which might apply to the problem.

Track pertinent matches from any DNA testing site using an Airtable base. Used to Excel spreadsheets? Airtable is a spreadsheet-database hybrid—sort of Excel on steroids. Nicole Dyer (Family Locket/Research Like a Pro book/podcast), created a multi-tab base specifically to track DNA research. It includes tables for match details and correspondence, timelines, research log, FAN club notes, etc. Customized columns allow for tracking any number of information points. This terrific resource is freely available on Airtable. Read more about using Airtable Research logs [here](#). Be sure to download the most recently updated research log titled "RLP with DNA Base 2021" [here](#). To create a base, click the "Copy Base" at the top of the page:

Match Name	Company	cm	Segm.	Unigt Se.	Match Page	GeoMatch Kit	Relationship	ANC Genetic Comm.
1	Ancestry	1894.0	69	125.0	https://www.anc-		Uncle	Connacht, Ireland
2	Ancestry	1789.0	47	168.0	https://www.anc-		Aunt	Poland, Slovakia, Hungar...
3	Ancestry	1767.0	52	154.0	https://www.anc-		Half sibling	Connacht, Ireland
4	Ancestry	1565.0	59	94.0	https://www.anc-		Niece	Connacht, Ireland
5	Ancestry	871.0	36	99.0	https://www.anc-	A042201	1C	Connacht, Ireland
6	Ancestry	348.0	15		https://www.anc-		2C?	Connacht, Ireland
7	23andMe	232.0	11		https://you23an-			
8	23andMe	221.0	11		https://you23an-		2C	
9	Ancestry	215.0	9		https://www.anc-			Poland, Slovakia, Hungar...
10	Ancestry	195.0	14	49.0	https://www.anc-	A477300	2C	Connacht, Ireland
11	23andMe	172.0	8		https://you23an-			
12	23andMe	166.0	6		https://you23an-		2C	

Portion of my Airtable base for a DNA project to identify my great, great grandmother. Here I was able to organize DNA matches from multiple testing sites in one place. Other tabs are reserved for correspondence, timeline analysis, segment data, research logs and more.

Want to learn more about working with DNA? Check out the Dallas Genealogical Society's **DNA Special Interest Group (SIG)**. Open to non-members and members alike, the Dallas DNA SIG's purpose is to help individuals understand and incorporate current DNA testing strategies and standards into their personal genealogy. Click [here](#) for upcoming meeting details and more information.

LOCAL RESOURCES - PILOT POINT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

By Nancy Casey

Tucked away in Pilot Point, Texas, north of Denton off of Hwy. 377, is the Pilot Point Community Library. And tucked away within the library is the library's Genealogy Room. This community resource just might hold the treasure you seek if you have ancestors who called Pilot Point home.

Contact: Wendy Turner, Library Director, 940-686-5004 or pilotpointlibrary@cityofpilotpoint.org

Amongst their holdings:

Pilot Point Post Signal newspaper - 1967-2005 - These issues appear to follow what is currently available on *The Portal to Texas History*.

On microfilm for 6/1967 through 12/2005
Hard copies for 5/1986 to present

Post Signal obituary collections

May 1986-Dec. 1990

Jan. 1991-Dec. 1995

Jan. 1996-Dec. 1999

Jan. 2001-Dec. 2002

The Echo - Pilot Point High School yearbooks - 1949-1994 (with a few missing years)

Pilot Point Intermediate School yearbooks - 2000-2004

Nineteenth Century Club Annual Meeting

Minutes - These little goldmines span from the waning years of the 19th century up to recent years—1898-1899 through 2005-2006.

If you had female ancestors who were members of this women's civic club—the oldest federated women's club in Texas—they may have been included in these small booklets which detail member names and more. The 2005-06 edition lists past presidents from 1896 on.

IF YOU VISIT

Be prepared to present ID to access the genealogy collection.

Library Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

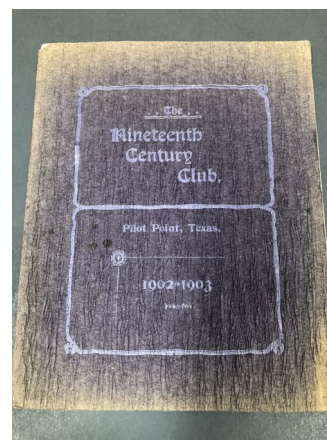
Friday - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

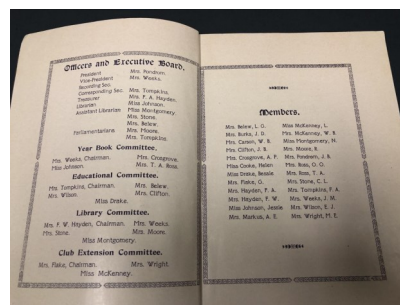
Closed - Sunday and Monday

Lookups available.

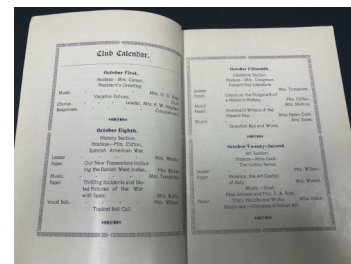
Address: 324 S Washington Street, Pilot Point, TX 76258



Cover of 1902-03 Nineteenth Century Club booklet available at the Pilot Point Community Library's Genealogy Room. Their collection of the women's club minute booklets spans from 1898-2006. Photo by W. Turner.



Might you strike genealogical gold? Nineteenth Century Club officers and member names are listed in each program—here from 1902-03. Photo by W. Turner.



The Club's weekly calendar was chock-full of educational offerings from history and arts to vacation memories and literature. Photo by W. Turner.

1921 CENSUS OF ENGLAND & WALES LAUNCHING 6 JANUARY

Findmypast and The National Archives have announced that the [1921 Census of England & Wales](#) will be published online on 6 January 2022.

From that day forward, everyone will be able to search and explore the census online, only at Findmypast. For the first time, the details of 38 million people captured in over 18 million color images, will be made available to all, enabling the public to access the previously unseen archival material from the comfort of their home.

The 1921 Census offers more detail than all previous England and Wales censuses. Individuals were asked not only about their occupations but also their place of work, employer, and were given 'Divorced' as an option for marital status.

Visitors to Findmypast will not only have the ability to discover what life was like in England and Wales a century ago by discovering where, how and with whom their ancestors were living, but will also be able to search by address to uncover the history of their local area or home and the stories of former occupants.

For more than two and a half years and counting, a team of hundreds of Findmypast conservators, technicians and transcribers have undertaken the invaluable task of conserving, transcribing and digitising the 1921 census in association with The National Archives and with the help and support of the Office for National Statistics.

It is the largest project ever completed by The

National Archives and Findmypast, consisting of more than 30,000 bound volumes of original documents stored on 1.6 linear kilometres of shelving.

Every page of the fragile physical documents had to be handled by a trained conservation technician who was responsible for a variety of delicate tasks including removing any objects that could damage the paper, correcting folds covering the text, teasing apart pages that had become stuck together, restoring tears and checking for and repairing other damage.

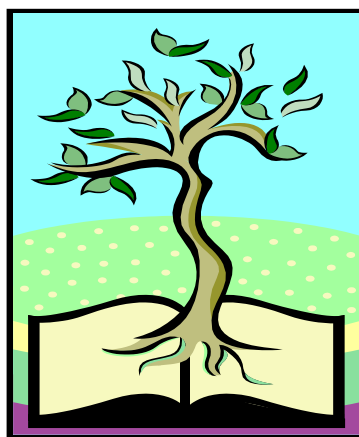
Once every page was examined, cleaned and repaired if required, Findmypast's scanning team created an image of every page as well as any attachments and the front and back covers of each volume. Each image was then quality checked before being stored on a secure server.

This highly anticipated launch is likely to be the last significant census release for England and Wales in many people's lifetime. Taken once a decade, the census remains secret for 100 years before being opened to the public. However, as the 1931 Census was destroyed in a fire at the Office for Works in 1942, and the 1941 Census was never captured owing to the outbreak of the Second World War, the 1921 Census will fill a huge gap for historians.

**Find
my past**

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 DENTON COUNTY
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 JANUARY 13, 2022 AT THE
 EMILY FOWLER
 CENTRAL LIBRARY, 502
 OAKLAND ST., DENTON,
 TEXAS**

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