The Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) is making available DNA testing as a means to help a genealogist trace ancestors and find cousins. Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) provides a great variety of DNA tests, plus surname and geographic study groups and extensive DNA databases which can facilitate your genealogical research. DGS members have access to reduced testing rates for most FTDNA DNA tests.

Mic Barnette is the DNA liaison for DGS. He works in the Genealogy Department at the Downtown Dallas Public Library on the 8th Floor. In addition to being the DGS DNA liaison/administrator he is the administrator for both the Barnett and Finch Surname DNA Projects.

If you have questions about DNA please read on for a short introduction to DNA or visit the Family Tree DNA website at http://familytreedna.com and read their Frequently Asked Questions. Their FAQs will answer most every question you might have.

Hopefully, the information you acquire reading this page will entice you to join with us. However, the very best way to intuitively learn about DNA is to actually jump in and test. When one tests the information goes from being hypothetical to being personal which is what you want in the first place.

If you have tested with Family Tree DNA, received your results and are still lost and would like some help interpreting your results check with Mic: he might be able to give you some insight (no promises!). Bring your FTDNA personal page password to the library on a day when he is working and he will try to help.

Mic is familiar with Family Tree DNA's Y-Chromosome test and their helpful tools on their personal page but not their Mita-Chondrial test and not with any of the other testing companies. Also, please allow plenty of time to get online on your FTDNA personal page as he will also be helping other library patrons while helping you.

If you have decided to participate in a DNA test please consider making your initial kit purchase by going through the DGS website link at Family Tree DNA by clicking here . When you do so, DGS gets a small referral donation from FTDNA when someone joins or purchases an addition to their initial test.

Incidentally, FTDNA allows one to join numerous surname and regional projects in addition to DGS

Other sources of additional information:

- The International Society of Genetic Genealogy has an informative Wiki

- Mic has created a great DNA overview document... view the PDF file
- Family Tree DNA is a good source for information on DNA as it applies to genealogy. The URL to their page is http://www.familytreedna.com
- WorldFamilies.net is another good source of information: they have developed a page to guide you through the the process... see http://www.worldfamilies.net/smart
- The Genetic Genealogist is a blog dedicated to discussing DNA as it applies to Genealogy: http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com
- Geni.com is hosting a four part article titled '**DNA Testing For Genealogy**' by CeCe Moore:
- Read Part One
- Read Part Two
- Read Part Three
- Read Part Four