

FWGS's Beginning Genealogy Workshop Series

2018 Schedule

- Session I** **How to Get Started and Organizational Hints** - Includes use of pedigree charts and family group sheets, Collecting and Documentation, difference in primary resources and secondary resources, importance of collateral lines, available resources, interviews, letter writing courtesy, suggestions of organization, suggested supplies and setting up of files. **(27 January 2018)**
- Session II** **Using the Federal Census for Family Research** - Explanation of each census, information available on each census, places censuses are available, suggestions for keeping tract of the information, explanation of soundex coding, mortality schedules, 1890 schedule of union veterans from the Civil War, slave schedules, state and territorial censuses, agricultural census, Indian records, AIS (Accelerated Indexing System) **(24 February 2018)**
- Session III** **Researching at the County Courthouse** - Records available at the county with explanations of each, legal terms, places these records can be found (publications, Family History Centers), how to find the correct county and county seat, etc. **(24 March 2018)**
- Session IV** **Information from Archives and Libraries** - Resources available at archives and libraries, reference books such as Genealogies in the Library of Congress, Family History Centers, lending libraries, libraries worth going out of your way, use of newspapers and how to find them, special collections, use of maps, migration trails, National Archives & Records Administration, State Archives. **(28 April 2018)**
- Session V** **Church, Cemetery and Vital Records** - Where and How to find vital records; finding church records and cemeteries; clues that are available in each. **(12 May 2018)** -- Note the break in the routine this month, as this is not on the 4th Saturday.
- Session VI** **Immigration, Emigration and Naturalization Records** - Explanation of each, useful websites, available helpful publications and indexes. **(23 June 2018)**
- Session VII** **Using Military Records As A Research Tool** - Review of American Wars, records unique to each, WW I and WW II Draft Cards, types of pensions, DAR records, The Confederate Research Center in Hillsboro, which censuses can help. **(28 July 2018)**
- Session VIII** **Leaving a Legacy** - Unique ways of sharing your research with family members, publication hints, choice of numbering systems, indexing, proof reading, how to secure a copyright, acquiring a Library of Congress Catalog Card Number, suggestions for the design of your publication. **(25 August 2018)**

Classes are held in the Chappell Meeting Room at the Fort Worth Central Library, 500 West 3rd Street from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes are free and open to the public.

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