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The March Meeting

On March 25, the FWGS held its monthly meeting at the Fort Worth Public Library -- Central. Dr. J. W. Sellors, pastor of the University United Methodist Church, spoke about the "Role and Influence of the Methodist Circuit Riders in Westward Expansion".

Dr. Sellors discussed the origins of Methodism in England and how the faith was brought to the colonies. Circuit riding was the Methodists' solution to spread the gospel along the American frontier. A minister was responsible for traveling to all the communities in a region, organizing prayer meetings, and administering the sacraments. He would be able to visit a particular community only once a month because some of the circuits were large.

Mr. Sellors emphasized that the circuit riders were a colorful group. They were deeply religious and dedicated to their work, but they were also used to the rough and tumble of the frontier. He described how one minister wrestled and held a sinner under the water until he agreed to pray — a rare instance in which a Methodist discovered that total submersion was preferable to sprinkling in its redemptive powers.

There were 44 members and guests in attendance.

1930 Census Released

At midnight on March 31, the 1930 Federal Census was officially opened at the National Archives, Southwest Branch. Thirty citizens stayed up into the wee hours to be among the first to research this long awaited census. Al Mirabel, regional director of the Census Bureau gave his perspective on the census. Archives staff and

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board of Directors Meeting

(ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!)

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2002

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY -- SOUTHWEST
4100 LIBRARY LANE AT HULEN, FORT WORTH
AUDITORIUM

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2002

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY -- CENTRAL
500 WEST 3RD, FORT WORTH
LECTURE HALL

MONTHLY DAYTIME MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2002

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY -- SOUTHWEST
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COMPUTER USERS GROUP

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY -- CENTRAL
300 TAYLOR STREET, FORT WORTH
INTEL LAB

volunteers served refreshments and assisted the visitors. Some of them had come from as far away as New Mexico. Reporters from KRLD, Fox and Channel 11 were there to cover the event. Everyone had a good time. One lady was so determined to find her ancestors that she stayed until 4:00 p.m. that afternoon.

For more information about the census, check out this new website: 1930census.archives.gov.

May 18, 2002
Saturday

"Genealogy on the Net"
Fort Worth Public Library -- Central
Intel Lab
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
To pre-register, call: (817) 871-7740

June 7, 2002
Friday

Scottish Family History Symposium
La Quinta Conference Center, Arlington, TX
For more Information, call: (817) 654-2293 or
visit: <http://www.texasscottishfestival.com/>

June 22, 2002
Saturday

Walker County, TX, Genealogy Society
Genealogy and Family History Fair
For more Information, call: (936) 295-9483

July 25 - 27, 2002
Thursday -
Saturday

Sixth Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference
Lufkin, TX
For more Information, call: (936) 633-5206 or
email: fkanke@angelina.cc.tx.us

FWGS Monthly Events

2 nd Monday	Computer Users Group	Fort Worth Public Library -- Central
2 nd Thursday	Monthly Day Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest Regional
3 rd Tuesday	Board Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest Regional
Last Monday	Regular Monthly Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Central

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