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April Monthly Meeting

On Monday, March 31, 2003, approximately forty members and guests of the FWGS met at the Fort Worth Public Library. After a short business meeting, Treasurer Roy Combrink introduced the speaker, Albert Hickman, whose lecture was titled "After Their Spirits Left: The Value of Funeral Home, Cemetery, and Monument Company Records". Mr. Hickman recommended funeral home, cemetery and Monument Company records as possible sources for an individual's place of birth, parent's names and other information. He suggested contacting these businesses about their records by locating their names in telephone books, city directories, and the Internet. Funeral home records often contain a great deal of family data as well as the information about the funeral service. They sometime include the obituary and even a copy of the death certificate. Cemetery associations maintain "sexton's records" that indicate the locations of plots. Monument companies have records related to the purchase of grave markers. These later two types of records also may provide clues for your research. Properly approached, these institutions are usually willing to help researchers.

May Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, May 26, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

==== SPRING CREEK BAR-B-QUE ====

Hwy 80 West at Las Vegas Trail

Dutch Treat dining begins at 6:00 - Lecture at 7:00

Subject: Meg Hacker will talk about her book, "Cynthia Ann Parker, The Life and the Legend."

(The library is closed this day due to the holiday.).

Reminder: The parking meters around the Library are free after 6:00 pm. You can also park in the

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Renew Your FWGS Membership

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$23 | Individual | Renewing for Year: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$27 | Family | <input type="checkbox"/> 2003 |
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Renew your FWGS Membership by sending your name, address and email to Fort Worth Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 9767, Fort Worth, Texas 76147-2767.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2003
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY -- CENTRAL
TANDY LECTURE HALL
500 WEST 3RD, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

NEWSLETTER CONTENT DEADLINE

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2003

COMPUTER USERS GROUP

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2003
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY -- CENTRAL
INTEL COMPUTER LAB
500 WEST 3RD, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Monthly Day Meeting

(ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!)
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2003
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY
4001 LIBRARY LANE (OFF HULEN)
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Board of Directors Meeting

(ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!)
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2003
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY
4001 LIBRARY LANE (OFF HULEN)
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Fort Worth Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 9767
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Address Correction Requested

Collection of FOOTPRINTS

I have an almost complete collection of FOOTPRINTS and predecessor publications dating back to 1960 and maybe even earlier that I would like to donate to someone interested. Please contact Theron Smith at 817-292-1869 or tl2smith@flash.net.

Up Coming Events

September 13, 2003 (Saturday) 8:30 am - 3:30 pm *All Day Seminar with Lloyd de Wit Bockstruck*
Hosted by the East Texas Genealogical Society, Tyler, Texas
For more information, contact: Scott Fitzgerald at (903) 592-6576 or (903) 597-7865;
E-mail: scottfitzgerald@tyler.net; Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txetgs/Meetings/bockstruck.html>

If you have any items that you would like to include in the newsletter, please call (817) 871-7740 or e-mail one of the Newsletter Editors: Ken Hopkins [khopkins@fortworthlibrary.org] or Lynn F. Johnson [lynn@airmail.net]. For information to be included in the newsletter, please contact the editors by the first day of the month.

FWGS Monthly Events

1 st Day	Newsletter Deadline	Contact Newsletter Editors
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 Thursday	Board Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest Regional
Last Monday	Regular Monthly Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Central

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Notice #1 needs to be printed periodically:

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Notice #2, one time printing, but may need to repeat:

FREE - MEMBERS ONLY: Free copies of various publications left over from recent workshops and meetings are being offered to members while supplies last. Titles/subjects include: (1) "Hunting the Ancestral Roots," a meeting handout; (2) "1997 Syllabus," workshop on Georgia research; (3) "1998 Syllabus," workshop on Missouri, Tennessee and the War of 1812; (4) "2000 Syllabus," workshop on colonial land records; and (5) "1997 Internet Workshop Syllabus." These will be placed on a table at the General Membership meetings until they're gone. For members who cannot attend meetings, you may request copies through the mail. Postage is not included. Please limit yourself to only one copy of each publication and give others a chance. Contact Rob Yoder at RGYODER@JUNO.COM to arrange shipping.

Notice #3, I may expand on this before you mail the next issue:

DISCOUNT - MEMBERS ONLY: Your Board of Directors has just given the members of FWGS a great gift. Check your copy of May Footprints for your new "Member Discount" on Society publications. Typical savings to members are about 50%. Several items are at near give away prices.