Fort Worth Genealogical Society

# Newsletter

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# **Upcoming Regular Monthly Meeting**

Monday (April 26, 2004) Fort Worth Public Library Tandy Lecture Hall\*
6:30 pm: Coffee 7:00 pm: Program

On Monday (April 26<sup>th</sup>), Debbie Kunze will present "Courthouse Research: County and District Clerk's Office Records" which includes unusual records such as guardian records, probate packets, checking for divorces, and civil and criminal cases. Ms. Kunze was born in Waco, Texas, and is a sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) generation Texan on her maternal side. She is a paralegal and has worked for the federal government for over 25 years. Starting as a student of family history over 20 years ago, she enjoys writing about what she researches and has written several books for family members and friends. She is a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas; a former Vice-President and current Project Director for the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society; and current District 10 Representative for the Texas State Genealogical Society. \*[NOTE: Parking is free on the meters around the Library after 6:00 pm and in the Sundance Parking Lot on 3rd and Taylor after 7:00 pm.]

# "Ancestry in Action" Genealogy Workshop

Sponsored by the Fort Worth Public Library and the Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Saturday April 24, 2004 Fort Worth Public Library 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

"Ancestry In Action" is a series of nine genealogy classes that are **free** to the public, but **registration is required**. Seating is limited for the classes so register early by filling out the form found on <a href="http://www.fortworthlibrary.org/ancestry.htm">http://www.fortworthlibrary.org/ancestry.htm</a> or calling (817) 871-7740.

Choose from the following classes:

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

"Courthouse Research" OR "Material Preservation" OR "Using Family TreeMaker"

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

"Beginning Genealogy" OR "Census Records Online" OR "Scrap Booking Techniques"

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

"Ancestral Roads" OR "Googling Your Ancestors" OR "Daughters of the American Revolution"

Area genealogical societies and genealogy-related businesses will be displaying their materials. Parking on the streets around the Library and in the Sundance Square Parking Lot on 3rd and Taylor is free on the weekend.

### FWGS CALENDAR

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING** 

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2004

FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY - CENTRAL

TANDY LECTURE HALL

500 WEST 3RD, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM: COFFEE SERVED

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: PROGRAM

DEBBIE KUNZE: COURTHOUSE RECORDS

#### COMPUTER USERS GROUP

#### Monday, May 10, 2004

FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY - CENTRAL INTEL COMPUTER LAB
500 WEST 3<sup>RD</sup>, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

# Monthly Day Workshop Thursday, May 13, 2004

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY 4001 LIBRARY LANE (OFF HULEN) FORT WORTH, TEXAS

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: PROGRAM

New York: OLD AND CURRENT RESEARCH

#### Board of Directors Meeting

#### (ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!)

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2004

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

4001 LIBRARY LANE (OFF HULEN)

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

6:30 РМ — 8:30 РМ

# **March Regular Monthly Meeting**

On March 29th, the FWGS held its monthly meeting at the Fort Worth Central Library. Some forty members and quests enjoyed coffee and cookies. President Rob Yoder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked for the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report. Don Crews then gave a presentation about the society's involvement in the "Ancestry in Action" Workshop on April 24<sup>th</sup> and asked for volunteers to assist in registration and various other duties that day. Vice President Weldon Hudson then introduced the speaker for the evening, Harry Max Hill. Mr. Hill, a Senior Librarian in the Library's Genealogy Unit, gave a presentation on doing research on Civil War (War of Southern Independence for the unreconstructed rebels among us) ancestors. He discussed various resources that the researcher needs to consult. Many are available at the Fort Worth Public Library. Some of these resources are the *Official Records of the War of the Rebellion*, the rosters of Union Soldiers and Confederate Soldiers that are published indexes to the microfilmed set of *Compiled Service Records*, and various state listings of soldiers.

# 2004 Community History Workshop Series "Talking about the Past: How to Preserve the Spoken Word"

The Fort Worth Public Library and the Center for Texas Studies at Texas Christian University are co-sponsoring a series of **free** history workshops. The next in the series will be "Talking about the Past: How to Preserve the Spoken Word" on **Saturday, May 1**. Red Steagall, a nationally syndicated radio personality and storyteller, and Stephen Fagin, oral history coordinator of the Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas, will discuss conducting oral history interviews. This workshop should be of interest to genealogists as well as local historians. It will be held in the Tandy Lecture Hall at the Fort Worth Central Library from 10:00 am to 11:30 a.m.

## FWGS Monthly Events

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