



Newsletter

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Coming Genealogy Events

General Meeting

Monday, June 30, 2008 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Fort Worth Public Library – Discovery Theater
500 W. 3rd Street

Subject: Tarrant County Archives
Speaker: Susie Pritchett

The Tarrant County Archives have moved to one of the old Tandy Towers from the soon to be dismantled annex to the Courthouse. The new place is much larger, and that is a big help to all researchers. Come to the meeting to learn more.

Contact Debbie Pearson for more information - debeejay@aol.com

Daytime Meeting

Wednesday, June 11, 2008 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Note the change of date for this month only!

Fort Worth Public Library, Southwest Branch
4100 Library Lane at Hulen
Auditorium

Subject: The Carolinas

Contact Ellie Hutchison for more information – misselly@sbcglobal.net

Computer Group Meeting

Monday, June 9, 2008 7:00 PM – 8:45 PM

Fort Worth Public Library, Downtown
500 W 3rd St

Intel Computer Lab

Subject: Tracing your ancestry through DNA

Contact Clois Richardson for more information – cloisrich@sbcglobal.net

Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, June 21, 2008 10:00 AM – Noon
Fort Worth Public Library, Southwest Branch
4100 Library Lane at Hulen
Auditorium

All members welcome

Genealogy Events continued

Beginners Workshop Series

Saturday, June 28, 2008 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Fort Worth Public Library, Downtown

500 W 3rd St

Discovery Theater

Subject: Immigration, Emigration and Naturalization Records

The full curriculum is located on our website. For additional information contact Bettye Richhart – bettye.a@richhart.net

Genealogy Announcements

May General Meeting

The Texas Legation Papers

Dr. Greg Cantrell, a history professor at TCU, spoke at the May General Meeting about the missing Texas Legation Papers.

Texas dispatched representatives to Washington, D. C., after President Jackson proclaimed it as an independent state at the very end of his tenure in office. These representatives thus formed the Texas Legation to the USA. The legation became redundant when Texas was admitted to the Union in 1846. Most of the papers of the legation arrived in Austin in short order, and the Texas State Archives is the custodian.

It seems that two boxes remained in the hands of Sam Houston and his family. It is not clear why these particular boxes did not reach the State Archives. In addition, a neighbor rescued the boxes during a fire which consumed the Houston home, and the neighbor never returned them to the Houston family.

In due course, the descendants of the neighbor decided to hold an auction for the right to keep these documents for a period of five years. At the end of this time, the boxes will be placed in the Texas State Archives.

A benefactor of TCU obtained the right to the boxes. At present the documents are being restored as much as possible, and the contents are being transcribed onto CD.

Marion Day Mullins Marriage Collection Project

Proof Readers Needed

Volunteers are needed to proof read some of the earliest marriage records from 56 Texas and Republic of Texas counties. Work in the comfort of your own home. Please visit our website for more information. Select the Projects tab.

To volunteer, or for more information, please visit the FWGS website and click on the Projects button.

Make Plans for Summer Seminar Now

August 9, 2008

Our annual Summer Seminar will take place at the Garden Center of the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. The seminar speaker will be Henry Z. "Hank" Jones. He is a nationally known, multifaceted genealogy lecturer, researcher, and author who brings more than 40 years experience to the seminar.

Seminar Schedule

8:15 am – 8:45 am – Registration – Refreshments – Vendor Setup
8:45 am – 9:00 am – Welcome
9:00 am – 10:15 am – Lecture – [When Sources are Wrong](#)
10:15 am – 10:45 am – Break – Vendors and refreshments
10:45 am – 12:00 pm – Lecture – [Tracing Origins](#)
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm – Lunch – Vendors
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm – Lecture – [Family Tradition](#)
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm – Break – Vendors and refreshments
3:00 pm – 4:15 pm – Lecture – [Psychic Roots](#)

This seminar should be of great help to all, and we look forward to seeing a very good turnout.

The fee will be \$40 per person on or before July 31st and \$45 per person on or after August 1st. The fee includes a box lunch. For more information, please visit our website. Click on the "Summer Seminar with Hank Jones" line under the "Meetings at a glance" entry on the main page.

Photograph on the First Page

The photograph shows the entrance to the North Side Coliseum. It housed the Southwester Stock Show (under various names) from 1908 until 1944.

FWGS Monthly Events January Through November

1 st Day	Newsletter Deadline	Contact Newsletter Editor*
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 Saturday	Board Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library – Southwest Regional
Last Monday	Regular Monthly Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library – Central
4 th Saturday	Beginner's Workshop	Fort Worth Public Library - Central

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For information to be included in the newsletter, please contact the editor by the first day of the month.