

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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February 2011

### 2011 FWGS Officers

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Clois Richardson

**Footprints Editor** – Bird  
Burris

**Librarian** - Open

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### Coming Genealogy Events

#### General Meeting

Tuesday, February 22, 2011 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Fort Worth Library – Tandy Lecture Hall  
500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Subject: TBD  
Speaker: TBD

Contact Janie Pace for more information - (817) 428-5918 or  
jhpacerd@charter.net

#### Computer Group Meeting

Saturday, February 26, 2011 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
Fort Worth Library, Downtown  
500 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St  
Intel Computer Lab  
Subject: **Federal Census**

Contact Clois Richardson for more information – [cloisrich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cloisrich@sbcglobal.net)

#### Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, February 19, 2011, 2010 10:15 AM – Noon  
Fort Worth Library, Southwest Branch  
4100 Library Lane at Hulen  
Auditorium  
All members welcome

#### Beginners Workshop Series

Saturday, February 26, 2011 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
Fort Worth Public Library, Downtown  
500 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St  
Chappell Meeting Room (next to auditorium)  
Subject: Using the Federal Census for Family Research

The full curriculum is located on our website. For additional  
information contact Terri Meeks – [terri.meeks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:terri.meeks@sbcglobal.net)

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### January General Meeting

At the general meeting on January 25, 2011, the professional genealogist John Wylie presented his talk "What the Pros Know". The talk discussed 14 principals which genealogists should follow:

1. Do the census work first
2. Look 'around' each brick-wall ancestor
3. Think like a detective, be observant
4. Watch for abstracter induced errors
5. Keep logs
6. Think locality
7. Become a local historian
8. Take advantage of other people's research
9. Offer to help others
10. Reprove and disprove
11. Discipline is the key
12. Research the record
13. Use timelines. Look for things that just don't make sense
14. Effectiveness trumps efficiency

It was a most interesting evening.

### General News

#### New Footprints Editor

Former President Debbie Pearson introduced TCU graduate student Bird Burris to the Board of Directors at the January meeting as a candidate for the post of Editor of Footprints. After a fruitful discussion, he accepted the post.

Our plans are to first work on the February 2011 issue so that our current members receive the on-time issues. After that issue is published, work will begin on the seven pending issues from 2009 and 2010. These issues will be distributed to those who were members during that time plus anyone else who wishes the back issues prior to publication. Our Exchange Societies will receive every issue due them.

Be aware that we will not be mailing the 2009 and 2010 issues individually. We plan to complete each set and mail them as a package. Our goal is to have the February 2011 issue in the mail by the end of February. At this time, we are unable to predict how long it will take us to catch up.

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#### Southlake Historical Society Presents

A new photography exhibit, "Cynthia Ann Parker and Quanah Parker – Two Lives in Two Worlds" opens to the public at an evening reception on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 in the main lobby of Southlake Town Hall, 1400 Main Street. The exhibit will be on display until Saturday, April 2, 2011.

For more information about the Parker exhibit, visit [www.southlakehistory.org](http://www.southlakehistory.org), or contact Connie Cooley, SHS 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President at 817-223-9606 or Kerry McGeath, City Librarian. Southlake Public Library at 817-748-8384.

#### FWGS Monthly Events January through November

First Day	Newsletter Deadline	Contact Newsletter Editor
Third Saturday	Board Meeting	Fort Worth Library – Southwest Regional
Last Tuesday	Regular Monthly Meeting	Fort Worth Library – Central
Fourth Saturday	Beginner's Workshop	Fort Worth Library – Central
Fourth Saturday	Computer Users Group	Fort Worth Library – Central

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