

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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March 2012

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### Coming Genealogy Events General Meeting

Tuesday, March 27, 2012 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Fort Worth Library – Tandy Lecture Hall  
500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Subject: **Finding the Black Sheep: Every Family Has One!**  
Speaker: **Sherri Knight**

Ever heard that a family member killed a man or robbed a bank or ran afoul of the law? Want to learn more but not sure how to go about it? Learn from Sherri, who spent two years tracking down the real story about her great, great uncle who killed a man in the 1880's. Leave with concrete ways to do your own "black sheep research" using court records, criminal records, early day newspapers & more.

Contact Debbie for more information at (817)732-3257 or [debeejay@aol.com](mailto:debeejay@aol.com)

### Computer Group Meeting

Saturday, March 24, 2012 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
Fort Worth Library, Downtown  
500 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St  
Intel Computer Lab

Subject: Federal Census Records On-Line

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

### Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, March 17, 2012, 2010 10:15 AM – Noon  
Fort Worth Public Library, Downtown  
500 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St

**Note: Temporary Location During Tax Season**  
All members welcome

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#### **Beginners Workshop Series**

Saturday, March 24, 2012 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**

Explanation of each census, information available on each census, places censuses are available, suggestions for keeping track of the information, explanation of soundex coding, mortality schedules, 1890 schedule of union veterans from the Civil War, slave schedules, state and territorial censuses, agricultural census, Indian records, AIS (Accelerated Indexing System).

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

#### **Footprints Status**

For those of you who were members of Fort Worth Genealogical Society during 2009, "Watch Your Mail." The May, August and November 2009 issues of Footprints and the final two issues of 2011 Footprint were mailed in late February. You already have your February 2009 issue as it was mailed in August of 2009.

The February 2012 issue is at the printer.

### Past Genealogy Events

#### February General Meeting

Meg Hacker (at right) of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) discussed the upcoming release of the 1940 Census on April 2, 2012 at 8:00 AM. This date follows the 72 year rule which when originally adopted insured that most people contained within the census were no longer alive. The editor can assure you that this is no longer the case.

Meg discussed at length the census questionnaire which is quite different from previous census forms. She also covered steps which an interested person might take to get ready for the new archives. These steps are discussed on the next two pages.

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### 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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#### February General Meeting *continued from previous page*

If you know where the person lived in 1940, search <http://archives.gov/research/search/> The 1940 Census enumeration district descriptions may be viewed only. Enter "1940 Census maps + the county + the state". You can narrow the search by including town name in the search. The ED number should be a two part number separated by a hyphen: i.e. **3-46**.

Save the ED number for the opening of the 1940 Census on April 2, 2012 when you will be able to search the digitized images by ED number for the person in question.

If your relative lived in the same place in 1930 and 1940, consult [www.stephenmorse.com](http://www.stephenmorse.com). This site will help you determine the 1940 ED.

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If you don't know where the family was living in 1940, then you should wait for the genealogical websites to index the names in the ED. This might take 6-12 months.

If you are still stumped, refer to [www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/finding-aids.html](http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/finding-aids.html) for more information.

#### **Finally, here are some useful websites:**

[www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov) for background; <http://1940Census.archives.gov> for the schedules  
[1940Census@nara.gov](mailto:1940Census@nara.gov) for questions

Subscribe to NARations Blog posts: [Blogs.archives.gov/online-public-access/?cat=163](http://blogs.archives.gov/online-public-access/?cat=163)

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