



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

January 2014

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## First Meeting of the New Year!

What better way to start a new year in genealogy than to go and explore the best genealogy library in Fort Worth.

On **Tuesday** night, **January 28<sup>th</sup>** we will meet at **6:00 p.m.** for coffee in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the **Central Branch Library**. After visiting a little and conducting a little business, we will dismiss to the downstairs genealogy department, where genealogy dept. staff will conduct a tour of some of the newest equipment and collections. We will be instructed on the use of the special scanner that effectively holds oversize and large, heavy volumes while scanning images of book pages. From there, the scans can be copied on to paper, emailed to yourself, or saved to a flash drive.

If you have any questions about the department, the collections or how to use any of the equipment, this is the night to come and ask. And be sure to bring your flash drive, in case you want to use the scanner.



## LIKE us on Facebook

Search out FWGS on Facebook and keep up with the latest events or trends. See what is happening among your fellow genealogists and other societies. Sometimes you can find out about new services or books being published. Rob Yoder, our web master, keeps us up-to-date on Facebook and on our FWGS web site.

Check us out often on both of these avenues.

FWGS web site:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Worth-Genealogical-Society/319546544054>

## FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:** January 18<sup>th</sup>  
10:15 Southwest Regional

**Beginners:** January 25<sup>th</sup>  
10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

**Computer Users:** January 25<sup>th</sup>  
2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

**General Meeting:** January 28<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central  
Coffee at 6:00



## From the President.....Happy New Year!

Welcome to another year in Fort Worth Genealogical Society. I am **Debbie Pearson**, your new president for 2014. I look forward to working with our new board. I am excited to say, after calling on the membership for more volunteers to get involved in our society, our nominations committee found 4 members who are either new to the society or have never held an office in FWGS. They are: **Carol Reeves, Tom Cogdell, Kathleen Stucker, and Ed McCoy**. Combine that with **Phil Morris** who was new to the board last year and that makes 5 new members to our leadership. We always welcome more!

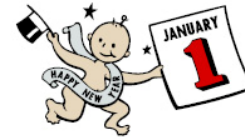
**Roy Combrink, Rita Martin, Jan Cowley, and Clois Richardson** are taking well deserved breaks, but we hope to still call on them for special projects.

Our society had a good year in 2013! We had a very successful Summer Seminar with Jane Buck on DNA for Genealogists. That, combined with other cost-saving measures in printing our publications, and we were able to make a \$2000.00 donation to the Fort Worth Library Genealogy Department. **Betty Shankle and Rene Gomez** from the Library were on hand to receive the check presented by **Roy Combrink** at the November meeting. It was a proud moment to be able to support the FWL which is one of the Society's original purposes when founded back in 1957.

In 2014 we look forward to a new project. Rob Yoder is working on a Cumulative Full-Name Index to **Footprints**. This would benefit our **Footprints** collection on CD or in libraries. Rob Yoder is already calling for volunteers. See p. 4 of the document below:  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/documents/Footprints%20Indexing%20Project.pdf>

Another project I wish to promote this year is to find more people who can become members of our **Pioneer Families of Tarrant County** group. If you have an ancestor who resided in Tarrant County on or before 1870 and you can prove it through accepted documentation, you can join PFoTC. See our web site for more.

I look forward to meeting you at **all** our General Meetings this year! Please plan to come. *Debbie Pearson*



## Dues Reminder

Don't forget to renew your membership so you can continue to be a member and receive your 4 issues of **Footprints**. Our membership year runs January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. 2014 dues renewals are being taken right now. You can mail your check to our P.O. Box or bring it with you to the first meeting. You will find an application blank in this newsletter or you can always go the web site and download a copy.

2014 dues are still \$23 for an Individual membership and \$27 for a Family membership. The Society address is:

Fort Worth Genealogical Society  
PO BOX 471789  
FORT WORTH TX 76147-1408

## Genealogy News Around the State.....



### Austin, Texas

#### Texas State Library and Archives

In keeping with the State of Texas' plan to have state government agencies adopt the *texas.gov* domain name, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) now has a new website address. Please update your Internet bookmarks to:  
[www.tsl.texas.gov](http://www.tsl.texas.gov).

While the web address is changing the physical address stays the same: **1201 Brazos St., Austin TX 78701**

*And also from the Texas State Library:*

Family historians, scholars, students and others interested in what is behind the ornate brass doors of the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building just east of the Capitol will soon have more opportunities for discovery.

Beginning **January 11, 2014**, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) will expand its hours of operation to better accommodate researchers. The agency's three public service areas – the Texas State Archives, Texas Family Heritage Research Center, and the Reference and Information Center - will be open

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the **second Saturday** of each month.

Maintaining the official history of Texas government, the State Archives includes archival government records dating back to the 18th century, as well as newspapers, journals, books, manuscripts, photographs, historical maps, and other historical resources.

In addition to published resources in the Texas Family Heritage Research Center, users have full access to the popular genealogical web resources including Ancestry, Fold3 and Heritage Quest.

The Reference and Information Center houses almost 2 million federal and Texas state agency publications.

It is hoped that with additional hours on the second Saturday of each month, along with the quarterly **Genealogy After Dark** programs, will make the materials more accessible.

Regular business hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The library is closed on most federal holidays.

Researchers using original documents in the State Archives for the first time will be required to register and must present valid photo identification and proof of current address.

To learn more about TSLAC's collections and agency operations, please visit [www.tsl.texas.gov](http://www.tsl.texas.gov). Questions concerning Second Saturdays may be addressed to [reference.desk@tsl.texas.gov](mailto:reference.desk@tsl.texas.gov).

#### Dates for Second Saturdays are:

Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13.

**Next Date for Genealogy After Dark:** Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 6-10 p.m. \$10.00. Must Register by January 17<sup>th</sup>. Limited to the first 30 participants.

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/sites/default/files/public/tslac/ref/Jan2014RegistrationForm1.pdf>

**Another tidbit:** Gov. Connally's jacket & shirt worn on Nov 22, 1963 is on display at the **Texas State Archives** through **Feb 14, 2014**. Did you know his jacket came from John L. Ashe in Fort Worth? Worth a visit!

## Metroplex Genealogical Happenings.....

**FRIDAY FREEBIES:** The National Archives at Fort Worth hosts **FREE** genealogical workshops the first Friday of the month from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Montgomery Plaza location: 2600 West 7th Street, Suite 162, Fort Worth, Texas 76107. You are welcome to bring a sack lunch to enjoy while attending the workshop. If you have any questions please call (817) 831-5620.

Space is limited, so please R.S.V.P. to [ftworth.education@nara.gov](mailto:ftworth.education@nara.gov) to attend.

January 4th **Hispanic Research and Sources-The Basics**  
by Dorina Alaniz de Thomas, Ph.D., *Guest Speaker*

February 1st **Introduction to African American Genealogical Research**  
by Damani Davis, *Reference Archivist*



### 2014 DGS Writing Contest

The Dallas Genealogical Society has announced its 2014 Writing Contest for original material on topics of interest to genealogists and family historians. The contest is open to members and non-members of the DGS. Hobbyists, transitional, and professional genealogists are welcome to submit entries. Submissions may include genealogies, family histories, and case studies that demonstrate use of genealogical methodology, techniques, and sources.

First prize is \$500, second prize is \$300 and third prize is \$150. Winning entries are eligible to be published in a future edition of Pegasus: Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society. For more.....

<http://dallasgenealogy.org/Info/Guidelines.pdf>

**JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am--** FWL Central Branch **Community workshop Series: Rene Gomez** will speak on **"Misfortunes in the Trinity River Bottoms"** (Note: This is rescheduled from the Ice Storm in December)



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**Membership Renewal & Application -☆- Fort Worth Genealogical Society**

Individual Membership - \$23  
⇒ \$20 if paid before the new year begins

Family Membership - \$27  
⇒ \$25 if paid before the new year begins

Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This membership application is for:  2014  2015  New  Renewal

## Winter Weather

Just a Reminder! Winter has already started to become severe with a couple of ice events and plunging arctic temperatures and wind chills. Please remember that in the event of severe weather on the day of a FWGS scheduled event we follow: 1. FW Library closing schedules and 2. FWISD closing schedules. You can check our FWGS Facebook page or check the NBC channel 5 TV or web site for cancellations of meetings.