



Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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March General Meeting

Tuesday night, March 25th will be the next General Meeting. Don Crews, Programs Director has secured a great program for us. Visiting from Nebraska and researching in our area, Gail Blackenau will present, "Keeping Up With the Smiths and Joneses." We all have ancestors with the same forenames and common surnames. Gail will help us sort those out when researching in the same geographic area or within the same family. Gail is an experienced genealogist and has presented programs and seminars to groups in the Midwest. Additionally, she has written articles for *Family Chronicle* & *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, just to name a few.



We'll meet at **6:00 p.m.** for coffee in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the **Central Branch Library**. Meetings start at **6:30**. **Bring a friend or genealogy buddy with you!**

March FWGS Meetings:

- Board of Directors:** March 15th 10:15 Southwest Regional
- Beginners:** March 22nd 10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central
- Computer Users:** March 22nd 2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central
- General Meeting:** March 25th 6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central
- Coffee at 6:00
- Refreshments:** Tom Cogdell

FW Library News



**BRANCH
ANCESTRY**

Every branch library has access to Heritage Quest, Genealogy Bank, and Ancestry.com. To help patrons discover this and learn to use these, Genealogy Unit staff are conducting rotating visits to branches to conduct classes. The next 2 are below:

- **Wed, March 12,** 2 p.m.
Wedgwood Branch
- **Wed, Apr. 9,** 2 p.m.
Seminary South Branch

Central Branch (Genealogy):

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. :

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tue., Thu. : 12 noon – 8 p.m.

Sun. : 1 – 5 p.m.

February General Meeting with Robyn Conley

We had a good turnout for Robyn's visit. She presented 10 very practical tips to get our creative juices flowing and stimulating our memories. Our aim? To write down our stories so our descendants will remember us. She had a lot of audience participation and it was interesting to hear others' family anecdotes. Robyn is a prolific writer and shared many of the books she has written and had published. Her web site:

<http://robynconley.com/>

P.S. Robyn forgot to say: The **button** she gave us means get your "butt-on the couch off the couch and go write your life's story now!"

From the President.....



I hope you were **LUCKY** enough to be at the February General Meeting. We had fun, good cookies, and listened to a great speaker, **Robyn Conley**. We even gained a new member, **Judy Ramos**. We are sure **LUCKY** to have Judy, as she is the writer of the Examiner.com genealogy column. She has covered some great topics and reports on many genealogical groups and events in our area. I am giving you the link to her latest column.

You might want to start following her:

<http://www.examiner.com/article/genealogists-join-lineage-groups-when-they-have-shared-beliefs> FWGS & Tarrant

County are also **LUCKY** to have **Michael Patterson**. Michael contributes all the wonderful information on Civil War vet graves that we print in **Footprints**. We awarded him a Fellowship in FWGS at the February meeting for all the research and scholarship he does as a genealogist. And we are **LUCKY** to have **Gail Blankenau** come in March to speak! Sláinte! *Debbie Pearson*

Dues Reminder

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

Fort Worth Genealogical Society
ATTN: Membership Director
PO BOX 471789
FORT WORTH TX 76147-1408

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports over 130 members for 2014, which means some 2013 members have still not renewed. Let's get those memberships renewed today!

FWGS needs YOU!

New Members in 2014:

Carolyn & Peter LOMBARD
Barbara Dalton JONES
Michael E. PATTERSON
Deanne BRADFORD
Janet & Katie WALSTED
Kathy CULLAR
Karen DAILEY
Geneva SMALTZ
Mary CHILDS & Chuck HARPER
Judy RAMOS

Returning members:

Wayne JAMES
Margaret "Peggy" JONES
John & Barb WYLIE
William & Virginia ROGERS
Kathy OATMAN
Margaret HENDON
Linda Rattan KNOWLES
Guy S. GORDON

Thanks for joining FWGS. We hope you find a way to participate!

This Just In.....

FAKE FUNERAL NOTICE SCAM

This came to your editor's attention from Arlington Genealogical Society.....



For the past month, email inboxes across the United States and beyond have been getting funeral notices that appear to be from Eubank Funeral Home in Canton, Texas, 60 miles east of Dallas.

Without saying who has died, the fake emails invite the recipient to an upcoming "celebration of your friend's life service" and instruct the recipient to click a link for "more detailed information about the farewell ceremony."

"It reaches to people's curiosity and their natural instinct to find out who passed away," Brian Bass, Funeral Director, told Yahoo News.

Rather than finding Eubank Funeral Home, the link takes readers to a foreign domain where **malicious software** is downloaded onto the user's computer allowing criminals access to passwords, financial records, and other personal information stored on the computer.

Bass said Eubank Funeral Home has received 50 to 100 complaints a day since mid-January. Calls and emails have come from as far away as Finland and South Korea.

"We filed a police report and our security people are in touch with the government, but nobody can stop it yet," Bass said.

The ordeal forced the funeral home, which has been in business for 88 years, to remove its phone number from its website and post disclaimers and warnings about the scam.

Editor: Sad to say, Scammers are always trying to find a way to invade your computer. Your best weapons are the best Anti-Virus Software and your own DELETE button. Don't open emails you don't recognize and never click a link within emails. You can find a funeral home on your own just by using a search engine!

Metroplex Genealogical Happenings.....



Billy W. Sills Center for Archives of FWISD

Sat, March 8th: 10-12 Noon


Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD
2720 Cullen Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76107
817-814-2040

Speaker: **Max Hill**, librarian and historian on the Topic: "**History of Fort Worth's Censor Board**"
Free refreshments at 9:30 before the meeting begins
Free Series every month. Need More?
Contact: Lenna.hughes@fwisd.org


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 to attend.


March 7th *Introduction to Genealogy from a Volunteer's Perspective*
by David McClellan, NARA Volunteer
April 4th *Texas in the Records at the National Archives*
by Barbara Rust, Senior Archivist



WATCH Your Mailbox for the February issue!

Footprints, 

the Quarterly Journal of FWGS

 is in the Mail.



FW Library and TCU
Center for Texas Studies Series
Held at Central Library 1st Sat of every month at 10:30-12 Noon.....

Sat, Mar 1: Bud Kennedy of *FW Star Telegram* speaks on "Remembering FW's Iconic Restaurants."

Sat, Apr 5: "Fair Park Deco: Art & Architecture of the Texas Centennial Exposition" by David Bush and Jim Parsons

All Day Workshops.....

Sat, March 22nd Spring Lecture sponsored by Dallas GS.
Speaker: **Laura G. Prescott** of national fame on Four Topics: Ancestors in City Directories, Placing Your Heritage in Historical Perspective, Finding Family In Academic Archives, & Using Manuscripts to Create a Family History. See <http://www.dallasgenealogy.org>

FWGS BIG NEWS:

SAVE THE DATE



Saturday, August 9th, 2014

Roy Combrink, chair of the Summer Seminar committee, shares this great news. The 2014 Summer Seminar will again be held at Trinity Terrace Towers at 1600 Texas Street in Fort Worth. But the best news is: the speaker will be our Dallas neighbor, **Lloyd Bockstruck**. Lloyd will speak on our ancestor's migration patterns from eastern colonies and states on their westward journeys in many different ways.

Watch this newsletter or our web site for more up-to-date information as it gets nearer. But mark that calendar now! Our site: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/2014-summer-seminar.html>

