



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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## May

### General Meeting



The next General Meeting is **Tuesday night, May 27<sup>th</sup>** and the topic will be **“Mining the Gems in Civil War Pension Files.”** **Dr. Bernard N. Meisner**

of Mid-Cities Genealogical Society will be the presenter. Bernard says that Pension Files can include personal & family information such as marriage dates, maiden names, death dates, etc. as well as military history & records of battles. You can find some real gems in those files!

Bernard has held many offices in MCGS including past president. And he just recently retired from the National Weather Service so he will have more time for genealogy and speaking!



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

## FW Library News

### BRANCH ANCESTRY

Next 2 Meetings:



- **Wed, May 14,** 2 p.m.  
**Ridglea Branch**
- **Wed, June 11,** 2 p.m.  
**East Regional**

### April General Meeting with Terri Meeks

There is no dead end like not knowing a wife's given name or maiden name!

FWGS was fortunate to have Terri Meeks speak to us on **Tracing Your Female Ancestors** at the April General Meeting. Terri suggested beginning with existing family trees. She also extolled the use of land records, cemetery records & tombstones, family associations, wills, probate and so much more. Even try a Google search for husband's name and possible places they may have lived.

### NARA Has Added New Beginners Class in May

*A Beginner's Guide to Researching Military Records* will be presented by **Lawrence Wright**, Archives Technician on **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** from **10 a.m. to 11 a.m.** This is part of their occasional series of Getting Back to Basics topics. It will be held at the Montgomery Street Plaza site. Space is limited so reserve your seat by emailing [ftworth.education@nara.gov](mailto:ftworth.education@nara.gov)

## May FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:** May 17<sup>th</sup>

10:15 Southwest Regional

**Beginners:** May 24<sup>th</sup>

10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

**Computer Users:** May 24<sup>th</sup>

2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

**General Meeting:** May 27<sup>th</sup>

6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Coffee at 6:00

**Refreshments:** Crystal Barth



## From the President

**Is Anyone Out There?** I did not get any response on my question last month about Research Trips, so I thought, OK, NO ONE IS INTERESTED! Then I remembered a comment by **Rob Yoder**, Web Master, who said "I don't think people are reading our Newsletter, based on "hits" on our FWGS web site." Several years ago, FWGS was faced with dire economic constraints. One tough decision was to begin emailing the newsletter to save money in order to keep our Journal, *Footprints* in print and mailed. This way, we can email our newsletter to more than just our membership.

**So, I am going to conduct a TEST.** Please email me THE MINUTE you read this column & Newsletter. Just say **I READ IT!** And you might go back and look at the March newsletter on my question about the TRE trip to Dallas. My email is [debeejay@aol.com](mailto:debeejay@aol.com), so let me hear from you. We welcome your input. *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 **149** members for 2014. 2013 members: You still have time to renew.

## FWGS needs YOU!

### New Members in 2014:

Carl T. Martin  
Sharon Wilcox  
Michael R. Stone

### Returning members:

Robert M. White  
Buster & Frances Fulton  
Melba Johnson  
Charles & Cenda Price  
Sam & Malta Evans Akins  
Ann (Morales) Hansen Fam.  
Cheryl Bryant  
Claudette Harrell  
Janie H. Pace

**Family Search International**—member from 1959 thru 1994

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

## From the FWGS Mail Bag .....



Do you have Chapman's in your Family Tree? If so.....

**The 14th Annual Chapman Family Association Convention**  
**Charleston, SC 29406**  
**June 20-21, 2014**

The CFA website is <http://www.chapmanfamilies.org>  
Registration instructions are there as well as information about the conference and CFA organization.



Texas State Genealogical Society

**From Sue Kaufman**

**Director for Education, TSGS** [education@txsgs.org](mailto:education@txsgs.org)

The Texas General Land Office and Texas State Genealogical Society are partnering together to bring Texas genealogists the very first "**Genealogypalooza**" on **Saturday, May 17, 2014** at the GLO Headquarters in the Stephen F. Austin Building in Austin. The goal of the "Genealogypalooza" is to bring attention to a broad range of Texas genealogical resources in an open, fun, and practical way that will be accessible to those in attendance, and further cement the Texas General Land Office and Texas State Genealogical Society as partners in Texas genealogy. [Click Here to Register.](#)

"Genealogypalooza" will feature 7 speakers and tours of the GLO Archives & Records for only **\$65 before May 1st (or \$80 after May 1st)**.

Speakers and topics include:

**Bill Buckner** - Core 101 Fundamentals for Beginning Genealogy Research

**Sue Kaufman** - Planning Your Research Trip

**James Harkins** - Genealogical Resources of the Texas General Land Office

**John Sellers** - Researching Your Ancestor's Plot of Dirt: The Adventures of Courthouse Land Research

**Daniel Alonzo** - Time vs. Money: Preserving Family Documents

**Caroline Pointer** - I Started Researching My Genealogy on Ancestry.com - Where Do I Look Now?

**Margaret Schlankey** - Resources for Genealogists at the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History

Space is limited- this event will sell out! Call 512-463-5277, or email [archives@glo.texas.gov](mailto:archives@glo.texas.gov)

# Metroplex Genealogical Happenings.....

**NARA FRIDAY FREEBIES:** FREE genealogical workshops on 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. 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.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** *Deciphering Dawes Cards*

by Meg Hacker, Archives Director

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** *Remembering D-Day: Records of NARA*

by Michael Wright, Archivist



## FW Library and TCU

Center for Texas Studies Series

Held at Central Library 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of every month at 10:30-12 Noon.....FREE!

**Sat, May 3:** Dr. Gene R. Tucker of Temple College speaks on "Beer & Bootlegging in Thurber & Beyond."

**Sat, June 14:** Nick Kotz, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist speaks on "Nathan Kallison & the Rise of South Texas"

It's Here!

**FWGS Presents: Annual Summer Seminar**

## Lloyd Bockstruck on Western Migration:

1. Colonial Migrations
2. Western Migrations: The Old Northwest
3. Western Migrations: The Lower South
4. Western Migrations: Transappalachia & west bank of the Mississippi River

**Saturday, August 9, 2014**

**\$40.00 until July 31, then \$45**

**Trinity Terrace, 1000 Texas**

Includes Lunch, Door Prizes, Syllabus & more

See the brochure in this Newsletter or go to the FWGS web site to download one.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/2014-summer-seminar.html>



## Register Soon! Billy W. Sills Center for Archives of FWISD

**Sat, May 17<sup>th</sup>: 10-12 Noon**

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

Speaker: **J'Nell Pate**, historian & author

Topic: **"Early Immigration & Its Effect on Fort Worth"**

Free refreshments at 9:30 before the meeting begins

Free Series every month. Need More?

Contact: [Lenna.hughes@fwisd.org](mailto:Lenna.hughes@fwisd.org)

This is the last scheduled program for the 2013-2014 Academic year. Resumes in the Fall.



## The May issue of *Footprints* is Coming Soon!

Have you ever considered placing a query in *Footprints*? If you have a **Tarrant County area** question on family, send it to: [FWGS@mail.com](mailto:FWGS@mail.com) or visit our [web site](#) or mail to our society PO Box. Mark it Attn: Footprints Editor. Include a specific question with supporting information to make it clear and include a time period and location. You must include your name & postal address. If you wish, you may add an email.

## Anthropodermic Bibliopegy

**Editor:** Ewww! This was spotted in Michael J. Leclerc's *Genealogy News* blog on Mocavo, in an article on 16 April entitled: "Is the Book You're Reading Bound by Human Skin?" More: <http://blog.mocavo.com/category/michael-leclercs-genealogy-news>

**Anthropodermic Bibliopegy** is the practice of binding books with HUMAN SKIN!

"During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the practice became known among physicians, who used human skin to bind anatomy books. The skin was usually taken from cadavers, but was sometimes taken from criminals. One common form was to take the skin of criminals who were sentenced to death and use it to bind the records of the criminal's trial. This was seen as a punishment that would last even after death." Unfortunately the process destroys DNA so we will never know if they were our ancestors!

# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

in collaboration with

Fort Worth Library

Presents

## Beginners Genealogy Series

With

**Terri Meeks**

[All Meetings below will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, January through August at Central Branch.]

Beginners meet in Chappell Room at 10:30-12:30.

May 24<sup>th</sup> Session 5: **Church, Cemetery and Vital Records**

Explores where and how to find Vital Records. This session also includes clues to finding cemetery records and church records.

June 28<sup>th</sup> Session 6: **Immigration, Emigration and Naturalization Records**

We will explore the difference in these three, what records they generated, and where they may be kept. We will learn about some helpful publications and indexes as well.

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## Computer Users Group

[All Meetings below will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, January through August at Central Branch.]

Computer Users meet in the INTEL LAB at 2:00-4:00.

May 24<sup>th</sup> Session 5: **Church, Cemetery and Vital Records** ..... *with Don Crews*

We will explore web sites that make available transcribed or copied vital records, including some of the larger church repositories. We will also show some of the best places to find cemetery records.

June 28<sup>th</sup> Session 6: **Immigration, Emigration and Naturalization Records**.....*with*

We will learn some of the places to look for these records and some of the best web sites to find immigrants including government sites and ships records.

The Program

## Western Migrations

8:15 – 8:45 a.m. Registration

8:45 – 9:00 a.m. Welcome

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Lecture 1

## Colonial Migrations

10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 – Noon Lecture 2

## Western Migrations: The Old Northwest

Noon – 1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. Lecture 3

## Western Migrations: The Lower South

2:30 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 4:15 Lecture 4

## Western Migrations: Transappalachia and the west bank of the Mississippi River

4:15 – 4:30 Closing Remarks

## Fort Worth Genealogical Society presents its 2014 Summer Seminar Migrations



Featuring  
**Lloyd Bockstruck**

Saturday  
August 9, 2014  
8:30-4:30

## Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck

Mr. Bockstruck is a nationally known lecturer on numerous genealogical and historical topics.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Greenville College in 1967 (cum laude), a Master of Arts degree in European History from Southern Illinois University in 1969, and a Master of Science degree in Library Science from The University of Illinois in 1973.

Mr. Bockstruck was the former supervisor of the Genealogy Section at the Dallas Public Library before his retirement. He joined the Library in 1973.

He has also taught in the SMU School of Continuing Education and at Samford University Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research from 1974 to present. He was the first recipient of the IGHR's Outstanding Alumni Award.

In 1999, he was named the first recipient of the Filby Prize for Genealogical Librarianship. He received the National Genealogical Society Award of Merit in 1982 and named a Fellow of NGS in 1992. He has been featured in *Who's Who in America*.

His publications include: *Virginia's Colonial Soldiers*, *Genealogical Research in Texas*, *Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governmental and Naval Pensioners in United States 1800-1851*.





## Registration Form

### 2014 Summer Seminar

Featuring Lloyd Bockstruck

### Registration Fee

\$40 Per Person through July 31<sup>st</sup>

or

\$45 Per person beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>

Please print clearly. List names as you wish them to appear on your nametags.

Name (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST. Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check or money order payable to Fort Worth Genealogical Society or simply FWGS and mail to

**Fort Worth Genealogical Society**  
**P. O. Box 471789**  
**Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408**

## Lunch

A luncheon will be served to all those who register by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The menu includes Quiche Lorraine, house salad, vegetables, rolls, coffee, tea and New York Style Cheesecake with strawberries and strawberry sauce.

## Handouts-Door Prizes-Vendors

All attendees will receive a handout.

Door prizes will be awarded at each break.

Limited vendors will be in attendance.

FWGS will have a table with all of our publications available for purchase in person, saving you the price of shipping and handling.

## For more information

**Debbie Pearson (817) 691-3257**  
**debeejay@aol.com**

**Roy Combrink (817) 292-5419**  
**croycom39@yahoo.com**

Refunds will be made up to July 28<sup>th</sup>, less a \$5 handling fee. Register early.

Visit our web site for additional information:

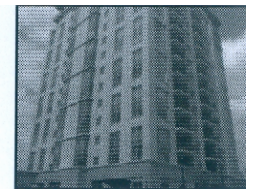
[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/)

## Seminar Location

**Trinity Terrace Towers**  
**1600 Texas Street**  
**Fort Worth, Texas**

## Driving Directions

From Interstate I-35W, go west on Interstate I-30, take the Summit Avenue exit and go six blocks north to Texas Street, turn left on Texas and go one and a half blocks, crossing Penn Street. Trinity Terrace Towers will be on your right.



## Parking

Parking is available across Penn Street from the east tower and a small lot is just behind the east tower. Handicapped guests may use the Trinity Terrace visitor's area.

## Smoking

Please note that Trinity Terrace **does not allow smoking** inside or outside their facilities!



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