



Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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July

General Meeting

The next General Meeting is **Tuesday** night, **July 29th** and the topic will be on **"PERSI."** The speaker will be **Lela Evans.**

Many genealogists have used PERSI and found information they would have never found anywhere else. Many have never even heard of it. If you are in the latter category or if you just need a refresher, you won't want to miss this informative meeting.

PER.S.I. stands for **Periodical Source Index** and is the largest subject index to genealogy and local history periodical articles in the world.

Lela Evans comes to us from the University of North Texas at Dallas where she is a Librarian and Archivist.



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, July 9, 2 p.m.

Summerglen Branch

Wed, Aug 13, 2 p.m.

East Berry Branch

Central Branch Library will be **closed July 3rd-6th** for major repairs and will reopen on **Monday, July 7th at 10 a.m.**

Book drops will also be closed; **all fines for those days will be forgiven.**

June General Meeting: A Washout (Literally)

Actually, "the meeting was a great success", quotes Program Chair, **Don Crews.** It was just the weather that was the washout. Storms were predicted and clouds gathered, but no one really expected such a deluge. And it all seemed to center on the downtown, Arlington Heights, and W. 7th street area. There was flooding of streets, houses and cars and some roofs collapsed too. All this was in the path of our FWGS meeting. We forgive you if you missed that meeting!

Since it was such a small crowd, it was a great time for the **Brickwalls & Success Stories** sharing time. Everyone present shared either a success or a problem. Then participants, including Librarian **Suzanne Fritz,** offered their ideas for solutions.

It turned out to be a productive and interesting meeting with a variety of research areas discussed!

July FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: July 19th

10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners: July 26th

10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

Computer Users: July 26th

2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

General Meeting: July 29th

6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Coffee at 6:00

Refreshments: **Sheryl Rascher**



From the President.....

Happy Independence Day!

Did you notice the FWGS web site (which along with many genealogical societies, lineage societies, and family name societies) was down for about 2 weeks starting June 16th. I know many of you **did** notice that Ancestry.com was down for a day or so and not totally functioning at full capacity for more days than that. The key in this thread is that our FWGS web site and thousands of others are hosted on Rootsweb, which is owned by Ancestry. Ancestry.com was hit with a **Distributed Denial of Service** attack by hackers forcing Ancestry to shut down to protect members and users. This shutdown also affected Genealogy.com (GenForum) and FindAGrave (which Ancestry.com has recently acquired.)

Interestingly, this hit came in the month that Ancestry had announced quietly that they were “retiring” many of their products including: **MyFamily, MyCanvas, Genealogy.com, Mundia, Y-DNA** and **mtDNA**. The retirement deadline for these has now moved to **Sept 30, 2014** due to delays caused by DoDS. GenForum has some reprieve, as the voluminous information in these postings will be kept somewhere, possibly in Ancestry.com. *More on that later.*

If you are a paying customer to any of the above services you are supposed to be notified, but I would not wait. **Contact Ancestry.com now! 1-800-262-3787.**

More on Retirement of Products:

http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2014/06/04/ancestry-com-focuses-on-core-offerings/?sf3187795=1&o_xid=57458&o_lid=57458&o_sch=Social

News on DoDS:

<http://www.eweek.com/security/ancestry.com-is-latest-victim-of-ddos-attack-whos-next.html>

I do apologize that we were late to deliver the newsletter on our web site. It was quite frustrating not to have access to our web site. This does bring up a good point that in case you cannot access the web site you should be able to find news on our FWGS Facebook page. Find it here:

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

Please make a visit and “like” us on FB. Find news there **first** & discussions on interesting topics. Try it!

Debbie Pearson



From the FWGS Mail Bag

Genealogy Kids Camp at the National Archives!

Do you want your children to learn to appreciate family history while gaining valuable research skills? If so, bring your children (**ages 8-12**) to the National Archives for Genealogy Kids Camp! Through fun hands-on activities students will learn about Census records, Passenger Arrival records, Naturalization documents, and more! This is a **FREE** three-day camp, but requires a reservation. **Please r.s.v.p. to: ftworth.education@nara.gov by Thursday, July 10th.**

Dates: Tuesday, July 15th-Thursday, July 17th

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: Montgomery Plaza
2600 W. 7th Street, Suite 162
Fort Worth, TX 76107

Day 1—Exploring the Census

Day 2—Immigration Records

Day 3—Putting it All Together!

The DEADLINE is Approaching SOON!!

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!



A conference for the nation's genealogists
August 27-30, 2014*San Antonio, Texas
with local co-hosts
San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society
and the Texas State Genealogical Society

FWGS needs YOU!

IN MEMORY of Jan Cowley (1937-2014)



- ❖ FWGS Member
- ❖ Pioneers of Tarrant County Member
- ❖ Former Recording Secretary & Board Member

Your Editor attended her funeral and must share this comment that a family member told. Jan was visiting a cemetery that was very rural and grown up. Her husband said I don't think we ought to go. He stayed-Jan went inside. Sure enough, a snake passed by those not entering. They loaded into the car and drove inside to pick up Jan. When they caught her she said, "You sniveling COWARDS!" Now that is a TRUE GENEALOGIST! RIP, Jan! I'm sure you are getting all the full, family stories in Heaven now!

18th Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference

Lufkin, Texas

July 17, 18, 19 (Thurs-Sat)

Registration continues; don't miss your chance to attend a multi-day regional genealogy conference!

More:

<http://www.angelina.edu/genealogy/genealogy.html>

If your registration is received by Monday, July 7th your syllabus notebook will be waiting for you. Late registrations may have to wait for one to be printed for you.

OLD OCCUPATIONS

- Hacker -- Maker of hoes
- Hatcheler -- One who combed out or carded flax
- Haymonger -- Dealer in hay
- Hayward -- Keeper of fences
- Higgler -- Itinerant peddler
- Hillier -- Roof tiler
- Hind -- A farm laborer
- Hooker -- Reaper
- Hooper -- One who made hoops for casks and barrels
- Huckster -- Sells small wares
- Husbandman -- A farmer who cultivated the land
- Jagger -- Fish peddler
- Journeyman -- One who had served his apprenticeship & mastered his craft, not bound to serve a master, but hired by the day
- Joyner / Joiner -- A skilled carpenter
- Keeler -- Bargeman
- Kempster -- Wool comber

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports **148** members for 2014 due to the recent death of member, Jan Cowley.

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This Just In.....



Rob Yoder announces the completion of the project he has been working on for about a year. It is ***The Footprints Cumulative Full Name Index, 1998-2013***. This has been a huge amount of meticulous work and now it is available **FREE** online from our FWGS web site. You can either use it online or download it to your own computer. This new Index is a great companion to the other FREE Index Rob completed in 2013 to update the entire Footprints collection in a Topical Index. Find both on the FWGS web site. The new one is here: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/documents/Footprints_Index_1998-2013.pdf

For earlier issues of ***Footprints***, FWGS published a CD-Rom for the years 1957-1997. This contains: a compiled Surname Index (with more than 81,000 surname references) and a topical index (with Bible records, church minutes, cemeteries, etc.)

With the index you can find volume and page number information, then visit the library to find the info you need. Fort Worth Library (Central) has a complete set of ***Footprints*** as do some other libraries in Texas.

Fort Worth Genealogical Society sincerely thanks Rob Yoder for his hard work and dedication to the society and to genealogists everywhere.

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The August issue of *Footprints* is Coming!

Do you have a Query or an Article?

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 or visit our [web site](#) or mail to our society PO Box. Mark it Attention: 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.