



Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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November General Meeting

Our speaker for the November meeting will be **Pat Gordon**. Her topic will be “**Beyond Vital Statistics: Just Who Are These People Anyway?**” Please plan to attend on **Tuesday** night, **November 25th** at **6:30** p.m.

Don't you want to know more about your ancestors than their birth and death dates? Countless sources exist (some on the internet), which give many details and help place people in the context of their time period. Some people call this “fleshing out” their ancestors.

Pat Gordon is now retired but was formerly a newspaper reporter with the *Dallas Morning News* and a retired Journalism lecturer at UTA. With her passion for finding her ancestors, she combines together her research skills from her journalism career and her teaching skills from UTA to present some of her successful tips for getting the “full story” on our ancestors. She wants to make us know all we can about each individual in our family tree.

Pat is a popular lecturer at the Angelina College Genealogical Conference in Lufkin, Texas each summer. She has also served FWGS as a former President & Vice President. She and her husband, Bob, own the **Books & Things Genealogical Bookstore** and have worked as popular vendors at many conferences and seminars across Texas.

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 buddy with you!



FW Library News

New Exhibit @ Central

Hot Off the Presses:

100 Greatest Events

of the 20th Century:

First Reporting Newspapers

From the attack on Pearl Harbor to landing on the moon, this new exhibit features original newspapers and breaking news stories from throughout the United States during the 1900s.

This exhibit will be on display at the **Central Library** from Oct. 1st to Nov. 19th.

October General Meeting:

Family History Centers

Peggy and Phil Besselievre returned to FWGS for an interesting and informative program on Family History Centers. They volunteer regularly at the Alta Mesa FHC, but there are other locations locally in Hurst and Arlington. And did you know that the Fort Worth Library is considered a FHC because it can be a repository of microfilms from the LDS Library in Utah.

Ed and Sherry McCoy provided the delicious refreshments.

November FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Nov 15th
10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners & Computer Users:
Are **Concluded** for 2014 but will Begin on **Sat, January 24, 2015**.

General Meeting: Nov 25th
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central
Coffee at 6:00

Refreshments: **Debbie Pearson**



From the President.....

The October General Meeting brought our Election of Officers for the 2015 Membership Year. Our elected slate of officers will be installed at this upcoming November meeting. They include President: Debbie Pearson, Vice President: Terri Meeks, Treasurer: Roy Combrink, Secretary: Crystal Barth, Membership: Rob Yoder, Newsletter: Debbie Pearson, Programs: Don Crews, Historian/Archivist: Phil Morris, Footprints Editor: Rob Yoder, Directors: Tom Cogdell, Ed McCoy, and Carol Reeves.

Debbie Pearson

Membership Report:
Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports **150 members**.
FWGS needs YOU!

From the FWGS Mail Bag



From the National Archives:

**Friday Freebies at NARA in
Montgomery Plaza**

Friday, **November 7th** at 12 noon to 1 p.m.

"Finding Your World War I Relative"

by Theresa Fitzgerald and Daria Labinsky, Archivists

Reserve your spot today by emailing us at

ftworth.education@nara.gov or calling **817-831-5620!**

Next Month's Friday Freebie: December 5th

National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair

October 28, 29 & 30, 2014

<http://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/>

All of the sessions on these 3 days are
FREE and open to the public.

You can download them and watch them later!

You don't even have to leave the house, because it is
all ONLINE!

FWISD Presents

Billy W. Sills Lecture Series

November 15, 10:00 a.m.

Presenter: **Emily Youree**, author and historian

Topic: **"Legendary Locals of Fort Worth"**

2720 Cullen Street

(Metro Opportunity High School, 2nd Floor)

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817-814-2040

Center for Texas Studies at TCU and Fort Worth Library

Presents **Preserving Our Past**

Saturday, Nov 1st at 10:30 am to 12 noon

in the Tandy Auditorium of the Central Branch Library

"Historic Texas Elections"

Dr. Jim Riddlesperger, TCU

After this program stick around for the one below in the
Afternoon:

The Fort Worth Central Library hosts
on **Saturday, November 1, 2014** at **2:00 pm**,
**"Get to Know the National Archives...in Your
Backyard!"**

Did you know that the National Archives, the federal agency that preserves and exhibits the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution, has a facility in Fort Worth? Join Education Specialist Jenny Sweeney to learn about some of the most interesting finds among the 126,000 cubic feet of historic records held in Fort Worth. From early presidents to the first moon landing, come see what the National Archives is saving in your backyard!

The 2014 FWGS Directory is here!

Rob Yoder has completed updating the **2014 FWGS Membership Directory**. It is available to members only and available as a downloadable email file. Just contact our FWGS web master or email FWGS@mail.com to request the file be sent to you. You can either print it out or keep it on your computer in a file. Get to know your fellow members.

OLD OCCUPATIONS

Saddler -- One who makes, repairs or sells saddles or other furnishings for horses

Sawbones -- Physician

Sawyer -- One who saws; carpenter

Schumacker -- Shoemaker

Scribler -- A minor or worthless author

Scrivener -- Professional or public copyist or writer; notary public

Scrutiner -- Election judge

Shrieve -- Sheriff

Slater -- Roofer

Slopseller -- Seller of ready-made clothes in a slop shop

Snobscat/Snob -- One who repaired shoes

Sorter -- Tailor

Spinster -- A woman who spins or an unmarried woman

Spurrer -- Maker of spurs

Squire -- Country gentleman; farm owner; justice of peace

Stuff gown -- Junior barrister

Stuff gownsman -- Junior barrister

Supercargo -- Officer on merchant ship who is in charge of cargo and the commercial concerns of the ship

REMINDER: FWGS conducts Beginners Classes and a Computer Users Groups for 8 months every year. August was our last meeting. New classes will begin again in **January 2015** on the **4th Saturday**. Mark it now!

News from the DAR

In our August Newsletter there was listing of the **Top 10 Libraries for Genealogical Research**. They were all public libraries. But there are other libraries or research centers in the US that should not be missed. Two of the top are the Family History Library in Salt Lake, Utah and the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

The Nation's Capital has several top places for genealogists to visit besides the Library of Congress. If you are in Washington, D.C., you should visit the National Archives and the DAR Library. Below is some new information from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) about their library taken directly from Eric Grundset, Library Director:

"After many decades of having an entrance fee, the DAR Library in Washington, D. C. has dropped the fee effective immediately. We want to encourage usage by more people who were sometimes deterred by having to pay a fee to use the library."

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Library Publications: <http://www.dar.org/library/publication-guides>

Editor: Obviously, free is a good thing! Although I am sure they would welcome donations to help keep their collections available for future researchers. Below is some history and information on the DAR Library:

The DAR Library was founded in 1896 as a collection of genealogical and historical publications for the use of staff genealogists verifying application papers for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Shortly after 1900 the growing collection was opened to the public and has remained so ever since. The DAR Library is free to all visitors.

The Library is one of the nation's premier genealogical research centers based on the uniqueness of its sources. The Library's book collection numbers some 225,000 volumes, the cataloging records for which constitute this catalog. Approximately 3,000 new titles enter the Library each year, many of which are works printed in limited quantities.

Many thousands of volumes of genealogical compilations, record abstracts, and other materials are available only at the DAR Library. DAR members and the public have contributed these sources, building a collection of great research depth covering all periods of American history. The period of the American Revolution is naturally a major focal point, but the colonial era and the nineteenth century receive detailed coverage as well. Through the efforts of local DAR members and chapters nationwide almost 20,000 volumes of Genealogical Records Committee Reports have entered the Library and constitute a unique source for family histories, cemetery record transcriptions, and Bible records.

(More in the next issue.....)



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Do you have a Query or an Article for the November Issue?

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 address.

CHECK YOUR NEWSLETTER STICKER FOR YOUR EXPIRATION DATE (US MAILEEs ONLY).

EARLY BIRD DUES WILL BEGIN IN **DECEMBER** FOR 2015!

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IF YOUR DUES EXPIRE ON DEC 31, 2014, email
ROB YODER AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE. Early Bird Dues are **\$20** (Individual) and
\$25 (Family/Household) only until December 31st!