



Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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December 2014

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NO December General Meeting

Fort Worth Genealogical Society does not have a December meeting because you may have so many holiday meetings and parties, you might not be able to squeeze genealogy into your December Days.

(Or is it December DAZE!?)

FWGS Program Director **Don Crews** is busy preparing programs for the New Year and will be announcing the January meeting soon.

The next meeting will be Tuesday evening, January 27th at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend or buddy with you!

November General Meeting: *Beyond Vital Statistics: Just Who Are These People Anyway?*



Pat Gordon, a former President

and officer of FWGS provided the **November** program. Pat is never satisfied to list just her ancestors' birth and death dates. She wants to know more. She searches for all the helpful details she can find to really **know** the person behind the name on a group sheet. She gave us places to look for occupations, club memberships, church affiliations and much, much, more.

Debbie Pearson provided the Juice and Cookies.



FW Library News Genealogy Unit Expanded

The Shifting of bookshelf space for the Genealogy collection is about half-finished. At this time, it is expected to be finished by the end of January.

Holiday Reminders:

All book drops will close at 2 p.m. Wed., Dec. 24 and will remain closed until the branch reopens on Friday or Saturday. **No items will be due on Dec. 25 or Dec. 26.**

All Fort Worth libraries and book drops will close at 2 p.m. Wed., Dec. 31st and will remain closed Thu., Jan. 1st.

Holiday Schedule: Central Branch

Christmas:

Wed., Dec. 24: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thu., Dec. 25: Closed
Fri., Dec. 26: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Regular hours resume on Sat., Dec. 27th.

New Year's:

Wed., Dec. 31: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thu., Jan. 1: Closed
Fri., Jan. 2: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Regular hours resume on Sat., Jan. 3rd.

Check the web site for **your** local branch:
<http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/info/default.aspx?id=136848>

December FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: **None**

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

General Meeting: **None**

Refreshments:

From the President.....



Season's Greetings: Give yourself a Xmas Present and renew your dues at the **Early Bird Price:** \$20 Individual and \$25 Household. If you wait until January the prices are \$23 and \$27. Membership includes *Footprints*.

News: The November General Meeting brought our Installation of Officers for the 2015 Membership Year.

Your 2015 FWGS Officers are:

- 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.

At the November Board Meeting it was decided to take all the accumulated Memorials/Books funds and add other funds to make a total donation to the FW Library in the amount of **\$500.00** in Memory and to Honor former member **Bettye Richhart**. Bettye passed away in 2009 and was a longtime member, former officer, and a leader in the Society. Bettye had taught the Beginners Classes for many years-even up to her illness-and had been instrumental in reviving the classes after losing an earlier leader. Bettye was diligent in constructing a curriculum and schedule that **Terri Meeks** still uses today. The check was presented, with **Suzanne Fritz** accepting on behalf of the Library, at the November Meeting.

For more on Bettye Richhart see our Memorials Page on the FWGS web site:

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

Debbie Pearson

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.

Rob Yoder has finished **Footprints** for 2014 and has updated the Topical Index to include all the 2014 issues.



Free Download

Footprints Topical Index 1957-2014

UPDATED for 2014 -- This index will assist you in finding most items that have been published in *Footprints*, the quarterly journal of Fort Worth Genealogical Society, and it's monthly predecessor, *The Genealogical Society Bulletin*.

(277 page digital file in PDF format.)

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports **150 members**.

FWGS needs YOU!

Also: December is Time to Renew. Send in your 2015 Dues!



From the FWGS Mail Bag

From the National Archives:

Friday Freebies at NARA in Montgomery Plaza

Friday, **January 9th, 2015** at 12 noon to 1 p.m.

"NARA at Your Fingertips"

by Nancy Wing, Archives Specialist

Reserve your spot today by emailing us at

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

FWISD Presents

Billy W. Sills Lecture Series

December 13, 10:00 a.m.

Presenter: Dr. Julian Haber, pediatrician, author, & historian
Topic: **"They Were Soldiers in Peace and War: the Story of Jewish Veterans"**

2720 Cullen Street

(Metro Opportunity High School, 2nd Floor)

Fort Worth, TX

817-814-2040

No Program Scheduled for January

Center for Texas Studies at TCU and Fort Worth Library

Presents **Preserving Our Past**

Saturday, Jan 10th at 10:30 am to 12 noon

in the Tandy Auditorium of the Central Branch Library

"Texas Adoption Activist Edna Gladney:

A Life & Legacy of Love"

Sherrie McLeRoy, Independent Scholar

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thousands of manuscript items, and special collections of African American, Native American, and women's history, genealogy and culture. Also, 53,000 microfilms are held in the Tech Center.

**National Society Daughters of the American Revolution**

**1776 D Street, N. W.**

**Washington, D. C. 20006-5303**

**(202)879-3313**

The Library is just one of several departments at DAR National Headquarters which contains genealogical research material. Researchers wishing to become more familiar with the large holdings of the Library and the other offices should consult the DAR's 1997 publication American Genealogical Research at the DAR, Washington, D.C. by Eric G. Grundset and Steven B. Rhodes. This is the first comprehensive guide to DAR collections designed to answer questions by both DAR members and general researchers.

The microform holdings of the Library's Seimes Technology Center, numbering **some 53,000 items**, provide a major supplement to printed materials in the Library proper. The focus of the Center's collection is on Revolutionary War records of the federal and state governments, census records, and major indexes of records from eastern states. The cataloging records for these materials also appear in this catalog.

In 1982, 1986, and 1992 the DAR Library published printed listings of its holdings entitled DAR Library Catalog (3 volumes). This on-line catalog supersedes this printed set and includes much additional information. The old printed set, however, is still valid because it represents a large portion of the Library's book holdings and because **the DAR Library does not weed its collection**. Since 1992, the Library has added another 30,000 titles which are not listed in the printed catalogs.

Note: **The DAR Library does not loan or sell** any of the books listed in its catalog, nor will the Library make photocopy reproductions of entire books. The Library is strictly a reference facility. All researchers are welcome to visit. **The library resources are free to all visitors**. Persons who cannot visit the Library may wish to contact the DAR Library Research Service at the above address for assistance.

**Ed:** DAR does charge for Search Services and copies.

<http://www.dar.org/library/search-services>

To search the library catalog:

<http://www.dar.org/library/search-library-catalog>

Closed on Sundays and Federal Holidays. Will be closed Dec 24<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> and reopen on Dec 29<sup>th</sup>. Also, closed every late June or early July for the DAR Members Continental Congress. Check before you go for availability options.

**OLD OCCUPATIONS**

**Stuff gown** -- Junior barrister

**Stuff gownsman** -- Junior barrister

**Supercargo** -- Officer on merchant ship charged w/ cargo/commercial concerns of the ship

**Tanner** -- One who tans/cures animal hides into leather

**Tapley** -- One who puts the tap in an ale cask

**Tasker** -- Reaper

**Teamster** -- One who drives a team for hauling

**Thatcher** -- Roofer

**Tide waiter** -- Customs inspector

**Tinker** -- An itinerant tin pot and pan seller and repairman

**Tipstaff** -- Policeman

**Travers** -- Toll bridge collection

**Tucker** -- Cleaner of cloth goods

**Turner** -- A person who turns wood on a lathe into spindles

**REMINDER:** FWGS conducts Beginners Classes and a Computer Users Groups for 8 months every year. New classes will begin again in **January 2015** on the **4<sup>th</sup> Saturday**. Mark it now! **First class is January 24<sup>th</sup>!**

**The DAR Library is Washington, DC**

(This continues information from the November issue.)

**Some consider the DAR Library one of the top 3 Genealogical Research Centers in the United States.**

<http://www.dar.org/library>

Library Publications:

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

The DAR Library collection contains over 225,000 books (nearly 40,000 of those are family histories and genealogies.) In addition there are 10,000 research files,



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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Do you have a Query or an Article for the February 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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup>!