



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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## April

### General Meeting

FWGS is happy to bring **Brenda McClurkin** to you for our **April General Meeting** in the Tandy Auditorium of the Central Branch FW Library. The meeting will be on **Tuesday evening, April 28<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30 p.m.** Brenda will be speaking on **"The Photographic Collections in the Archives at UTA."** Please plan to attend and find out what we can find in this extensive archive in "our own backyard."



**Brenda McClurkin** comes to us from UTA, where, since 2013, she has been Head of Special Collections and

Archives. She has also worked as Historical Manuscripts Archivist since October 2002.

Brenda began her library career in the Western History Department of the Denver Public Library. Moving to Texas in 1994, Brenda was quick to volunteer her services working with archival collections in Weatherford and Fort Worth, particularly Historic Fort Worth's Ball, Eddleman, and McFarland family papers. She completed an Archival Administration Certificate at UT Arlington in 2001 and became a certified archivist in 2002.

**Bring a friend.**  
**Refreshments at 6 pm.**



## FW Library News

### April Brings Closure For Easter

All Fort Worth Libraries will be **closed** all day **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** for Easter. All libraries will resume their regular schedules on **Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**.

### Genealogy Success Story

FWGS Secretary **Crystal Barth** is the latest to be featured on the FWL website in their popular column of genealogy successes. It is inspiring and instructive to read these journeys of your fellow researchers. Crystal followed her Starr family back to the founding of Harvard, where a relative donated land for the prestigious school. See how she did it.

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/info/default.aspx?id=140056>

## March Meeting

**Olyve Abbott** brought us the story of her ancestress **Permelia Nickell**. Permelia and family were true pioneers, coming to Texas from Kentucky after the Civil War to flee a terrible feud going on in their county.

Don't we all wish we had an ancestor like Permelia, who kept all the letters she received along with the other correspondence that went with her letters. Many family events are documented so poignantly in these letters.

Olyve's book entitled, "[Come Sundown: The Life & Letters of a Frontier Woman](#)" is now for sale.

Contact Olyve for more information:

[olyve@flash.net](mailto:olyve@flash.net)

## April FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:** Apr 18<sup>th</sup>  
10:15 Southwest Regional

**Beginners:** Apr 25<sup>th</sup>  
10:30-12:30 Auditorium—Central

**Computer Users:** Apr 25<sup>th</sup>  
2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

**General Meeting:** Apr 28<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central  
Refreshments at 6:00

**Refreshments:** **Phil Morris**

From the President.....



**Happy Easter!! Spring is Sprung!** I hope everyone has recovered from all the late season, crazy Winter Weather just in time for Tornado Season.....

Our Beginner's Class for February was cancelled due to that crazy weather, but **Terri Meeks** rescheduled it for March 9<sup>th</sup>. She did email to all the class on her email list. And while 25 did attend, I know many were not able to attend that makeup. Computer Users Group also was cancelled in February, but leader **Ed McCoy** elected to combine topics in March on the regular date. We hope everyone can get back on schedule and join us on **April 25<sup>th</sup>** which will cover the Information in Archives & Libraries.

And I also hope you have heard by now that our February speaker, county clerk **Mary Louise Garcia**, has agreed to reschedule for our **July General Meeting** and give her presentation that we missed. It promises to be a very useful talk as the county clerk's office digitizes more records and those records become easier to access. You won't want to miss this one.



A special **GET WELL** goes out to the FWGS Board of Directors. Several have been hospitalized and had surgeries recently. We need them all, and I wish them **all** complete recoveries!

*Debbie Pearson*

**Membership Report:**

**Rob Yoder**, Membership Director reports **126 members**. That means we're still missing some members! **January** starts the new Membership Year, so it's time to send in your 2015 Dues!

**New Members 2015:**

- Paul Hennessy
- Debbie & Louie Fierros
- Catherine Reese

From the FWGS Mail Bag .....



From the National Archives:

**Friday Freebies at NARA in Montgomery Plaza**

Friday, **April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015** at 12 noon to 1 p.m.

**"Civilian Conservation Corps & Associated Personnel Records"**

by Ashley Mattingly (via video), *Archivist*

Reserve your spot today by emailing us at

[ftworth.education@nara.gov](mailto:ftworth.education@nara.gov) or calling **817-831-5620!**

*Next Friday Freebie is May 1<sup>st</sup>*

**Center for Texas Studies at TCU & Fort Worth Library**

Presents **Preserving Our Past**

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 am to 12 noon

Tandy Auditorium of the Central Branch Library

**"Aviation History of North Texas Since 1911"**

**Bill Morris**, Fort Worth Aviation Museum

*Next 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

**Billy Sills Lecture Series with FWISD**

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am-12 noon**

2720 Cullen Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76107

**Presenter:** Richard Selcer, educator, historian, author

**Topic:** "A History of Fort Worth in Black and White"

*Next Lecture is May 23<sup>rd</sup>*

FWGS conducts Beginners Classes and a Computer Users Group (CUG) for 8 months every year. New classes began in **January** on the **4<sup>th</sup> Saturday** at the FW Central Branch Library, 300 W.5<sup>th</sup> St.

**Next class is April 25<sup>th</sup>!**

**Beginners Class** with **Terri Meeks** meets at **10:30 a.m.**

**Computer Users Group** meets at **2:00 p.m.** **Ed McCoy** is finding leaders for this group. Both classes last 2 hours and the 4th session will cover Archives & Libraries. Beginners meet in the Auditorium. CUG is in the Intel Lab and includes hands-on computer time. For more:

[http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/beginners\\_workshops.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/beginners_workshops.html)



## GENEALOGY on TV

**WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?** Season 6 of the popular show premiered on March 8<sup>th</sup>. It has switched to Sunday nights on The Learning Channel (TLC) on cable. In addition to the 4 celebrities mentioned in the March newsletter we now know the other 4 to be included this season. Here is the lineup and what you may have already missed. (Catch the reruns on TLC or sometimes online.)

- March 8 – **Julie Chen** (television personality, news anchor, & producer for CBS)
- March 15 – **Josh Groban** (singer, songwriter, actor, & record producer)
- March 22 – **Angie Harmon** (television/film actress & fashion model)
- March 29 – **Sean Hayes** (actor, comedian, & producer)
- April 5 – **Tony Goldwyn** (actor & director)
- April 12 – **America Ferrera** (actress)
- April 19 – **\*Bill Paxton** (actor & film director)
- April 26 – **Melissa Etheridge** (rock singer, songwriter)

\*Bill Paxton attended Arlington Heights HS in Ft. Worth

**The February issue of *Footprints* should have arrived!  
Now we begin on the May issue!**



Do you have a story or research from the Tarrant County area? Have you collected some Bible records from Tarrant County? *Footprints* Editor Rob Yoder might be interested and so would the FW Library.

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.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  **August 15, 2015**

FWGS is looking at new locations for our Annual Summer Seminar this August. Unfortunately Trinity Terrace Towers, our past host for several years, is scheduling construction of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Tower and will not be able to accommodate us. We hope to be able to announce the place with speaker and topic very soon.

**WATCH HERE!**

**Fort Worth History is Fascinating, Surprising, & Fun!** Here are some 2 Courses offered from the **Center for Texas Studies** and **TCU Extended Education**

**1. A History of Fort Worth Nightclubs from Prohibition through the Sixties** April 7 & 9 6:30pm - 8pm

Whether you remember the Ringside, the Sylvan, the Skyliner, the Rocket, and the Cellar, or know them only from legend, you'll appreciate this inside look at the tumultuous Tarrant County nightclub scene from the big band era through rock and roll with instructor **Harry Max Hill**.

**Note: There is a \$60 fee for this lecture.**

Reservations and more information

<https://lifelong.is.tcu.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?&course=15SCTS23>

**2. Fort Worth: Queen City of the Prairie**

April 23 6:30pm-8:30pm and April 25 9:00am – 3:00pm

See where history happened across Fort Worth with instructor and guide **Quentin McGown** in this combined lecture/tour course. Part 1. will prepare you with a classroom review of the natural and prehistoric history of the area, early settlement attempts, founding of the military outpost, establishment of the city, and the economic and social trends that defined early Fort Worth. Part 2. will take you out on the road to landmarks of the city's formative years.

**Note: There is a \$133 fee for this lecture.**

Reservations and more information

<https://lifelong.is.tcu.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?&course=15SCTS24>



## PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY



Beginning in 2012, **UNT Libraries** partnered with **Texas State Library and Archives** to receive current publications for digitization and inclusion in the Portal to Texas History. This growing collection of materials produced by the State of Texas includes agency annual reports, legislative publications, statistical reports, and various state government reports and periodicals.

<http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/TXPUB/>

If you have any questions about the collection, or need assistance, please contact us at (940) 565-2194 or [govinfo@unt.edu](mailto:govinfo@unt.edu)

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