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Newsletter

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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

The February general meeting is **Tuesday night, February 23rd** at **6:30** in **Tandy Auditorium** of the FW Central Branch Library (500 W. Third St.) Our speaker is **Sandy Prindle** and his topic is **"The Lincoln Assassination: Booth's Confederate Connections."** Sandy says the details on the Confederate connection in Lincoln's assassination have been under told through the years. We think, you won't want to miss this story.



Refreshments begin at 6:00 p.m., with the meeting starting at 6:30.

SANDY PRINDLE has served as a Justice of the Peace in Northeast Tarrant County 24 years, receiving numerous awards. But he has been a Civil War and Lincoln Assassination scholar for 40 years. He is a member of the national Surratt Society and the Fort Worth chapter of the Civil War Round table.



PLEASE JOIN US

Bring a Friend with you!

Don't forget parking is easy downtown withal meters free at 6:00. Or park in the 3rd Street Garage (only a block from the library door) for FREE for 2 ½ hours with your ticket validated in the library before you leave.

February 15th is President's Day



FW Library News

Head of Genealogy, **Bryan McKinney** welcomed the FWGS crowd to their Open House on January 26th. **Don Crews** & **Debbie Pearson** presented a new book on WWI Veterans of Hopkins County AND a check for \$1000.00 from the Society for purchase of books or internet databases. Bryan shared that budgets and ordering will be done soon. One very costly item on the "Wish List" is the FW Star Telegram archives. Bryan is seeking grants to help with that purchase.

January Meeting

Last month our meeting was aerobic. We started upstairs with warm cider & cookies (thanks to Sheryl), had a short memorial to one of our charter members, **Barbara Knox**, (see page 3), heard from our new president, **Don Crews**, and then RACED downstairs for a visit in the genealogy unit and a RUN around the unit. We were hosted by head **Bryan McKinney** and the staff. **Suzanne Fritz** led the tour by showing the new layout of shelving, highlighting the scanners available, microfilm, microfiche, ships lists and more. **Jabari Jones** demonstrated the Indus scanner where images can be scanned, then emailed home or saved to a flash drive. **Rene Gomez** showed some of the vast digital photographic collections and **Linda Barrett** told us of the Archives, some finding aids, and how to use it all. One team member was not there, but **Jody Hoks**, digital archivist, is eager to help you on your next visit. Even longtime members and users learned something NEW! Thanks ALL!

February FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Feb 20th
10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners: Feb 27th
10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

Computer Users: Feb 27th
2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

General Meeting: Feb 23rd
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central
Refreshments at 6:00

Refreshments: **Roy Combrink**

From the Editor



Our new president, Don Crews welcomed you to a new year in FWGS last month. He will be writing this column intermittently this year and asked that I fill in with an **Editor's Column** this month and when he can't. Good thing, as I would like to say SORRY that I was late with the last issue and I cringed at several typos or "oopsies" I saw after it went out. My apologies and I will try to do better!

I do want to pass on a message from Don Crews that he received by email. Our Texas State Genealogy Society District Representative **Debbie McCoy** lost her husband, **Jerry**, on January 28th. Debbie is a past president and past Program Chair for the **Johnson County Genealogical Society**, one of our neighboring societies. She was to visit our society on behalf of **TSGS** this past Fall, but Jerry was ill then and she had to cancel. Don wanted our society to express sympathy to her as she has always been so helpful to him and to our society. And FWGS does send our sympathies to Debbie and her family.

And **Rob Yoder**, Membership Director for FWGS has just now learned of the death of 3 members in 2015/6. This is as he tries to contact those whose membership is lapsing. Maybe we should all put the FWGS address in our important papers for our families to use in case of our demise. The society will want to know that info.

Robert "Bob" Leighton Nichols 1926-2015	Member since 1978
Eileen Farrell 1924-2015	Member since 1970
Charlene "Charli" Durham 1941-2016	Member since 2003

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib

Saturday, March 5th 10:30-12:00 noon

"ADELE LUBBOCK BRISCOE LOOSCAN"

by **Laura McLemore**, author & educator

in Tandy Auditorium, Central Branch, FWL

Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents

Saturday, March 12th 10 am- 12 noon

Presenter: **Susan Kline**, historian and author

Topic:

"The Familiar & Not-So Familiar Properties Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in Fort Worth"

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107

Up Next: Monday, April 18

Presenter: **Bob Ray Sanders**, journalist

Topic: "The History of KERA and its Fort Worth Connection"

Lunch Time Lectures @ NARA Noon-1 p.m.

1400 John Burgess Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76140

Phone number is 817-551-2051

Email is ftworth.archives@nara.gov

Call ahead or email for a reservation or questions.

Friday, March 4th

Fort Smith Court Records: Wildest Court Records Ever

Up Next: Friday, April 1st Naturalization & Passenger Arrivals

Saturday, March 5, 2016--8:00 am-4:00 pm

FREE! Arlington Stake Family History Seminar

Pre-Registration is not Required, but is APPRECIATED.

see <http://www.arlingtontxfhc.org/> or call 817.446.7088

Lunch deadline: Feb 28th Costs \$7.00. Syllabus \$2.00

Arlington FHS, 3809 Curt Drive, Arlington, 76016

Sunday, March 6, 2016-----1:30-3:30 p.m.

Ancestry in Action: speaker, Warren Bittner

Fort Worth Library/Central in the Tandy Lecture Hall

Reservations required. Call 817-392-7740 to reserve

your seat. Light refreshments. 2 Topics: German

Research & Researching Illegitimacy. (see website)

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/programs/ancestry-in-action.html>

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reported **110 members** in January. **That means we're still missing some members!**

January starts the new Membership Year, so now is the time to send in your 2016 Dues!

New Members 2016:

Dorothy Kiger

Paula Jaegerman

Amanda Harris

Luke Ellis

Deborah Baughman

Retuning after an Absence:

Helen L. Gonzalez

FWGS conducts Beginners Classes and a Computer Users Group (CUG) for 8 months every year. New classes will begin again in **January 2016** on **Saturdays** at the FW Central Branch Library, 300 W.5th St.

Next class is February 27th!

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

Computer Users Group meets at **2:00 p.m.** with **Ed McCoy**.

Both classes last 2 hours. Beginners will cover **Federal Census** and meet in Chappell room. CUG is in the Intel Lab and includes hands-on computer time. For more: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/beginners_workshops.html

There is a download at this web site for the Feb. class.....

NEXT Month: March 26th on County Courthouse Research

RootsTech 2016 Held at Salt Lake City, Utah February 3-6, 2016

“Darn”, you say, I wish I could have gone to that!! Well, you still can! **“How???”** By watching some of the keynote speakers online at the **RootsTech** web site.

<http://www.rootstech.org/video2/4739804696001>

I think I counted 27 videos to view, ranging from speakers like **Lisa Louise Cooke, D. Johua Taylor, Anne Mitchell**, and so many more with topics on Scottish Research, Identifying Old Photos, Expertise on Ancestry, Best Web Sites, PERSI and so much more. Take a peek and see if you learn something NEW.

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**RootsTech 2016** was held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah and was hosted by **FamilySearch**. This global conference has continued to grow over the years and now attracts tens of thousands of participants worldwide. In fact it is the largest family history event in the world.

Held annually, it celebrates families across generations, where people of all ages are inspired to discover and share their memories and connections. **RootsTech** hosts a line-up of world-class speakers, entertainment, over 200 engaging classes, and a huge expo hall. They boast there's something for everyone, no matter the age or skill level.



### **Put this on your “TO DO LIST” for next year. In Memoriam**

#### **Barbara Roach Knox 1923-2016**

Several FWGS members recently attended the Memorial Service of **BARBARA KNOX** who passed on January 2, 2016. We believe Barbara was the last living Charter member of FWGS. She certainly was the longest continuous member and certainly one of the longest active members. Barbara held many positions in the society, but her longest tenure was as the longest serving editor of our quarterly journal, **Footprints**. Her most lasting legacy was as co-compiler with her friend and FWGS member, **Nan T. Samuels** of the Old Northwest Texas: Historical, Statistical, Biographical: Navarro County 1846-1860 volume and with friend/FWGS member Weldon Hudson on Pioneer's Rest Cemetery, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas book. A quick check on World Cat showed the Old Northwest volume in 82 libraries across the US, including the Library of Congress, Salt Lake Family History Library, Allen County, and NYC Public Library, and so many more. That is high praise for a genealogist.

She also wrote several family history books on her Amos Person's line and her Robert Hodge line of KY. Barbara was also an early computer appreciator and was involved in the beginnings of the TXGenWeb Project as website coordinator of several Texas counties, including Tarrant County. She stayed involved for 20 years.

FWGS sends sincere sympathies to daughters **Katie and Debra and their families**. FWGS will reap the benefits of her work and remember Barbara for decades to come.

#### **Nelita D. Snow 1925-2015**

**Nelita Snow** died on August 22, 2015 in Fort Worth. While not a Charter Member she had been a very early member (1964) and quite instrumental to the success of the society and its history.

Nelita came onto the FWGS Board in 1965 as the Recording Secretary, then held positions (off and on) the board from 1969 to 2001 as: a Director, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and even for 3 terms as President (1974-1976.) She worked on other various tasks and committees including Bible Records, publications, and even planned several very successful bus research trips for the society. Our archives include a photo of Nelita loading a group of researchers onto a bus headed to Austin for the State Library and Archives there. Her willingness to pitch in, her leadership and hard work will always be remembered by this Society.

**Nelita's Obit:** <http://www.legacy.com/funerals/greenwood-fortworth/obituary.aspx?n=nelita-d-snow&pid=175645065>

**Barbara's Obit:** <http://moore.tributes.com/dignitymemorial/obituary/Barbara-R.-Knox-103157866>

**Editor:** I knew both ladies & admired them. I overlooked the memorial for Nelita this past Fall, so it is fitting they are side by side in this newsletter, just as they served FWGS together.





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**Membership Application -★- Fort Worth Genealogical Society**

Individual Membership - \$23  
⇒ \$20 if paid before 1 Jan of year checked

Family Membership - \$27  
⇒ \$25 if paid before 1 Jan of year checked

Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

Name:

Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

E-mail Address:

This membership application is for:

2016  2017

New  Renewal

**Winter Weather**

Please remember that in the event of severe weather on the day of a FWGS scheduled event we follow: 1. FW Library closing schedules and 2. FWISD closing schedules. You can check our FWGS Facebook page or check the NBC channel 5 TV or web site for cancellations of meetings.