



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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## JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Our June General Meeting will be **Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Tandy Auditorium** in the FW Central Branch Library (500 W. Third St.) Speaker **Aaron Holt** will present **“Beginning Your Native American Genealogical Search.”**

Mr. Holt will explore Tribal Rolls with a focus on the Five Civilized Tribes (Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, Seminole and Cherokee). He will also touch on the laws that regulated US Government and Tribal relations.



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

**AARON HOLT** is an Archives Technician with the National Archives Branch in Fort Worth. He is a native Texan; born in Fort Worth and raised in a small town nearby. He has worked for the National Archives for almost 25 years. For the last 20 years, when not working on various projects dealing with NARA's holdings, Aaron helps patrons with their genealogical research. Aaron says it has been his pleasure to present various talks about the holdings of the National Archives at Fort Worth for nearly 20 years.

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

**Bring a Friend to the Meeting!**



## FW LIBRARY NEWS

### Beginners

### African American Genealogy Seminar

In honor of Juneteenth, Fort Worth Library Genealogist **Jabari Jones** will offer a class that is focused on beginning African American family history research. The class will focus on African American resources on the Internet, book resources, and family folklore.

**2 p.m. Saturday, June 25**, at the [Central Library](#) branch.

### MAY MEETING

Torrential rains & flash flooding dampened attendance but **Kent Hopkins**, direct descendant of **Stephen Hopkins**, reviewed the story of the *Mayflower* & colonization for the 5 guests and 16 members. Several unusual facts were given: Stephen Hopkins first journeyed to Jamestown before Plymouth. The *Speedwell*, actually tried twice to accompany the *Mayflower* before giving up. Kent pointed to the “Silver books” in our library as a good place to check for ancestors. They take each qualifying Mayflower ancestor and follow it down **5 generations**. If you can tie to an ancestor, the local “colony” is Dallas-Fort Worth. Contact info: <http://www.texasmayflower.com/txsomdcolonies.html>

**May thy searches be bountiful!**

## June FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:** June 18<sup>th</sup>

10:15 Southwest Regional

**Beginners:** June 25<sup>th</sup>

10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

**Computer Users:** June 25<sup>th</sup>

2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

**General Meeting:** June 28<sup>th</sup>

6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

**Refreshments:**



## From the Editor

June is ... Brides, Grads & Dads

Enjoy!



The year is half over! Where is the time going? Summer means vacations and possibly a genealogy road trip to research or visit family! And summer certainly means FWGS will be presenting another End of Summer Seminar.

I would like to introduce you to **Kelvin Meyers**, the speaker for this year's seminar. Kelvin lives in Dallas and is a member of several organizations, including Texas State Genealogical Society where he has served and been a presenter. Genealogy is not only his passion; it is his "living" often. Kelvin has worked for attorneys and the Oil and Gas Industry researching and finding heirs in probate and for mineral royalty cases. He has spent nearly 30 years pursuing genealogical quests; ten years of that with the Dallas Library. He comes to us well qualified. I hope you will decide today to join us. Check our web site for registration info and see our "ad" on page 3.

Also in this newsletter see some travel tips for genealogists taking a summer road trip.

*Debbie Pearson*, Newsletter Editor

### FWGS Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports 140 members to date.

**Fort Worth Genealogical Society** is moving their mailing list. The new list is through **Google Groups** and will give FWGS the ability to deliver this newsletter directly to your inbox.

We need everyone to participate and subscribe to this new mailing list, whether a member or a guest. Contact [FWGS@mail.com](mailto:FWGS@mail.com) to give permission to subscribe to the new list.



### SUMMER BREAK.....

**The Center For Texas Studies (TCU), Billy W. Sills Center (FWISD) & Lunch Time Lectures @ NARA** are all taking a Summer Break. Check back in the Fall.

## From the FWGS Mail Bag .....



**June is Local History Month.** See all the events the FW Library is sponsoring this month:

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/programs/fort-worth-local-history-month.html>

### 2nd Annual Fort Worth History Bike Tour

Pedal your way around Historic Southside and downtown buildings with Cowtown Cycle Party. Or come along on one of Cowtown Cycle Party's new electric bikes. Includes a tour of Rahr Brewery afterwards. Join guides **Rene Gomez** and **Judge Quentin McGown** as you step back in time and exercise at the same time.

Ages 18 and up. Limited Seating.

**Reservations required, please call 817-392-7740.**

- 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 18, [Cowtown Cycle Party](#), 129 W. Leuda

### TxSGS 2016 Family History Conference October 28, 29, 30, 2016, in Dallas, Texas.

This **three day event** includes valuable research opportunities, insightful family history sessions for all skill levels each afternoon, and a full exhibit hall. **Featured Speakers** will be two extraordinary genealogy instructors—**Judy Russell** and **Cyndi Ingle!** You know Judy as the **Legal Genealogist** and you know Cyndi from her famous **Cyndi's List**. Details about their specific lecture topics will be released soon.



### CAN YOU HELP?

There is a project underway to find photos of all Vietnam Vets killed in action and build a Memorial Wall to them. **Janna Hoehn** is devoting her life to finding those photos. She has found more than 3,000 already. In Tarrant County she is still missing 24, all from Fort Worth.

For a list of those service members and more on this fascinating project, see these two Star Telegram articles:

<http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/fort-worth/article80321307.html> and

<http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/fort-worth/article44241783.html>

**AncestryDNA** is offering a Father's Day Special. **\$89 for test. Offer ends June 19, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

**FWGS conducts Beginners Classes & Computer Users Group (CUG) for 8 months every year.**

Classes meet on **Saturdays** at the FW Central Branch Library, 300 W.5<sup>th</sup> St.

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

**Beginners Class** with **Terri Meeks** meets at **10:30 a.m.** in the **Chappell Room.**

Topic: **Immigration, Emigration & Naturalization Records**

**Computer Users Group** meets at **2:00 p.m.** with **Ed McCoy** in the **Intel Lab.** (Hands-On computer use.)

**Each class meets for 2 hours.**

For more:

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

**NEXT Month: July 23<sup>rd</sup>** on **Using Military Records As Research Tools**

**Only June, July, and August left. Why not start now?**

7. Sugar is better than Vinegar! Be polite in courthouses to clerks and to librarians in archives. You never know how kindness may affect your results or access to valuable records. Don't demand or act impatient. These employees are on the clock; requests are only a part of their jobs.

8. Never go to remote cemeteries alone. Careful in tall grass-snakes! Stomp and make noise to scare them away. DO NO HARM to stones. No chemicals or harsh brushes. Take photos and record information, including location inside cemetery.

9. Digital recorders to record remembrances of older family members can be priceless.

10. Pack supplies, like extra batteries, notes, notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, etc. Pack a clear makeup bag. Some archives limit items brought in; items are seen easily in clear bags.

**BIG NEWS: SAVE THE DATE, SEPT 10<sup>th</sup>**

FWGS announces the 2016 Speaker for their annual End of Summer Seminar:

**KELVIN MEYERS** of Dallas, TX.



**New Location:**

**Trimble Tech High School**

(Cannon Street @ Henderson)  
Fort Worth, Texas

**TOPICS:**

1. Can a Dead Man Sign a Deed?
2. Abstract versus Original, Do I need both?
3. The Hand That Rocked the Cradle Could Rule the World
4. Who Cares Who Their Neighbors Were? You Do! That's Who!

Watch our web site for downloadable registration forms and more news. **\$40.00 Early Registration!**

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/2016-summer-seminar.html>



**GENEALOGICAL ROAD TRIP?**

Pre-Planning is Key!

Before you pack the car and fill the tank, do some pre-planning for your genealogical needs before you leave.

1. Download apps of your family tree to your smart phone or device. **BUT be aware:** if you go into the rural areas, your cellular coverage may fail you. So always be prepared with back-up PRINT copies as well. Maybe summaries for family lines in each town or area you plan to visit. Also be sure you have driving direction apps or GPS installed on phones or devices.
2. Take a flash drive, many libraries let you save data or scans to them. Pack the chargers and maybe even a power strip. Some libraries will let you use them.
3. A camera (phone or other) is a must for recording graves and sometimes books or photos when a copier is not available. Also, pics of new family you might find.
4. Always stop at the local library, even if they don't have a genealogy unit. You never know who you will meet and what they might know. Many local libraries have copies of local cemetery lists and sometimes transcripts of burials. Talk to people at the library desk, the local post office, gas stations, and funeral homes. These people often know more or can point you to someone else.
5. Conserve. Don't bring what you can find online.



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<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Membership - \$250 or more		
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