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Newsletter

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AUGUST

GENERAL MEETING

At Last! She's Coming Back!!!

The next general meeting is **Tuesday, August 30^h at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the FW Central Branch Library (500 W. Third St.). This is the date for the rescheduling of speaker, **Sharon Katz** due to the cancelled meeting/bad weather in April. So you will get a second chance to hear her speak on **"The DAR Genealogical Research System: Another Tool in the Toolbox."** Don't Miss IT!

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



SHARON KATZ is an avid family researcher. She joined DAR in 2010, realizing a long time dream. She served as

Chapter Registrar using the DAR GRS and gaining much experience solving lineage problems. Sharon also volunteers with her church, community, and works part-time at the Grapevine Public Library. Come and help WELCOME her!

COME A LITTLE EARLY...

Although parking is usually easy downtown (all meters free at 6:00), we have noticed the city is doing some work and has bagged some of the meters. You can always park FREE in the 3rd Street Garage (only a block E. from the library door) for 2 ½ hours with your ticket validated in the library before you leave.

DAR <http://www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy>
LDS <https://familysearch.org/>
LDS Help Line (24/7) (866) 406-1830



FW LIBRARY NEWS

Suzanne Fritz, FW

Librarian, mentioned at the July meeting that patrons who order microfilm from **LDS** can have it shipped to FW Library (Central) as their chosen location. In fact, a patron doing just that will soon be featured in a Success Story. (see p 2.)

JULY MEETING

Merry Shaw, Director from the Arlington Stake LDS Family History Center came in July with member, Becky Savoie to acquaint us with the excellent resources there.

They shared about so many services, such as microfilm usage and rental, use of computers, free printing, several free databases and free usage of several databases that usually are fee or subscription based. There are even microfilm and fiche readers & printers. Any m-film or m-fiche available in Salt Lake can be ordered and sent to the Arlington center with rates starting at \$7.50 for 3 mos or \$13.00 for extended loan. Any microfilm already at the center can be searched for free.

There are over 100 books, guides, magazines, atlases, etc. as well. The center sponsors occasional classes and one large Family History Fair on the 1st Saturday in March. This one includes multiple classes and speakers and is FREE. Check their web site for next year and the hours the center is open: <http://www.arlingtontxfhc.org/>

August FWGS Meetings:

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

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

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

General Meeting: Aug 30th
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

Refreshments: **Can you Volunteer?**
email Debbie: debeejay@aol.com

From the Editor



It's really getting hot isn't it? It is a good time to stay in your air conditioned home and do some computer genealogy or go to our great FW Library and browse the shelves in complete comfort.

Summer is usually the time of reruns on TV, but not this summer with two national political conventions and now the Summer Olympics broadcasts.

Whether you take a vacation, do research or watch TV, please stay safe from the heat. And don't forget to sign up for our End of Summer Seminar. That deadline will get here fast. August is the peak registration time. Here is more info on our FWGS website:

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

Be sure to click the red click button to download a registration blank and mail it in.

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor



FWGS Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports 142 members to date.

Welcome to New Members

Kerissa E. Dunn (1 yr) & Lance Key (2 yrs)



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.

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 to give permission to subscribe to the new list.

This Day in Fort Worth History....Video Links

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIScgm4CL5g>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdnJt7ZEGh8>

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.5th St.

Next class & THE LAST for 2016 is August 27th!

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

Topic: **Leaving A Legacy**

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

August concludes the 2016 Series of Beginner Classes & CUG.
Will start again in January 2017!



Ancestry Academy: Something New Added Short Course Videos

If you are an Ancestry member, you have many benefits besides building your family tree & searching through the amazing records online. One of those privileges is access to **Ancestry Academy**. It is a bit like having your own private school for genealogists. Most of the videos have been 30 minutes to over an hour. But now, Ancestry is adding some much shorter courses, which end up being like short lessons on one topic. Explore some of the reported 55 expert-led courses, plus 23 one-minute tutorials and now the new Short Course Videos online:

<https://www.ancestry.com/academy/courses/recommended>

There are 8 short courses added with these being the latest:

- 1) Pre-1850 Censuses
- 2) 1850 Census: An Introduction
- 3) 1880 Census: An Overview
- 4) 1890 Census: Where is It?
- 5) Introduction to the 1940 Census

Ft. Worth Library News (cont'd from page 1)

Suzanne Fritz reports that the Library Success Story Series will continue, but now some will be filmed to run on the Library **YouTube** channel and web site. An upcoming story by patron **Fabia Lima** will highlight her use of loaned LDS South American microfilm in the library to break through walls. Watch for it soon!

Also, Head of Unit Bryan is having staff make short videos with the title "This Day in Fort Worth History..."

Two are running now on You Tube with a 3rd to come in mid-August. (See links at the end of first column.)

BIG NEWS: SAVE THE DATE, SEPT 10th

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!**

All Day Seminar: Early Coffee/Muffins, Lunch Included,
Door Prizes, Syllabus

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

BIG CHANGES AT BILLION GRAVES

MyHeritage, one of the newer online family history networks, has partnered with **BillionGraves** to launch a global crowd-sourcing initiative to preserve the world's cemeteries. Now, you can search for grave information and build your family tree at the same time.

BillionGraves.com is available as a searchable web site and as a free iOS & Android application that lets users easily photograph and document gravestones, providing an important source of information for researchers. The app lets users record the GPS locations of gravestones to make them easy to find. Volunteers photograph and then transcribe the stones & place the info

on the BillionGraves website, resulting in searchable digital data. One new benefit will be the addition of the availability of finding info in 25 languages. That was not available previously on **BillionGraves**.

All records collected are made available for free on the **BillionGraves** and **MyHeritage** websites. The partnership with **BillionGraves** brings major benefits for families using **MyHeritage** to explore their past, as all users will receive free Record Matches' alerts about gravestone records that have been automatically matched to their ancestors, making it easy to make new discoveries. In addition to the photographs and GPS coordinates of the gravestones, an index of corresponding information, such as dates of birth and death, close family relatives and epitaphs, is made available to search for free on MyHeritage's search engine (SuperSearch.)



FGS Puts on National Conference

Aug 31-Sept 3rd!

Springfield, Illinois

"TIME TRAVEL: CENTURIES OF MEMORIES"

Registration now open!

Join fellow genealogists and family historians Aug. 31—Sep. 3, 2016, at the **FGS 2016 National Conference**, designed to inspire you and enrich your family history. Hosted by the Federation of Genealogical Societies with local host Illinois State Genealogical Society in Springfield, IL, FGS 2016 brings you sessions with a wide array of offerings from many of the nation's leading family history experts, along with top international speakers from Scotland and Australia. Each day of the conference is full of sessions aimed at strengthening your research skills no matter what your level or area of expertise might be.

4 Full Days--\$250.00

Keynote speakers:

Mary Tedesco (*Genealogy Roadshow*),

J. Mark Lowe, and **Ce Ce Moore**

<http://www.fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=43>

Fort Worth Library Sponsors Meet the Author: E.R. Bills

Discussion of the **1910 Slocum Massacre**: Thur, Aug 11;
6-8 p.m. @ Central Branch Library.

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/news/2016-07-slocum-massacre/>



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FWGS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Fort-Worth-Genealogical-Society-319546544054/>

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<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Membership - \$250 or more		
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Address: _____		City: _____	
State: _____	Zip: _____	E-mail Address: _____	
This membership application is for: <input type="checkbox"/> 2016 <input type="checkbox"/> 2017		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	