



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

web site: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/>

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## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

FWGS will next meet on **Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the FW Central Branch Library (500 W. Third St.). The topic will be **"Planning & Executing a Successful Research Trip to Salt Lake City"** given by speaker **Tresa Tatyrek**. This will be the first time for Tresa to speak to FWGS so please come and help us welcome her. You won't want to miss learning about resources available there and what to do to prepare for that visit. She calls SLC "the Mecca" for genealogists.

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

**TRESA TATYREK** began her family research in 1997, tracing over 40 family surnames. Now she is doing genealogical work for clients.



Tresa also volunteers for groups & libraries in DFW, receiving awards from the Dallas Genealogical Society and Grapevine Public Library. She is a past president and a past web-master for Dallas Genealogical Society. Professionally, Tresa holds memberships in DAR and 6 other lineage groups and NGS.

### PARKING METERS BACK

**Editor:** I think the parking issues the city had are over now. I found plenty of meters last week. Meters are FREE at 6 PM and you can always 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. The attendants are usually gone before we dismiss. FREE!!!



## FW LIBRARY NEWS

### Holiday Closures

All libraries and book drops will be closed on **Monday, Sept. 5, 2016**. For all locations except the Central Library, the book drops will close at the end of the day on Saturday, Sept. 3. The Central Library's book drop will close at the end of the day on Sunday, Sept. 4. No items will be due between Saturday and Tuesday.

Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 6, and the book drops will reopen when the location opens.

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### August General Meeting

Finally, after a long wait, **Sharon Katz** spoke on the DAR records available online. It appears there is great interest in this topic as we had at least **53** members & guests! Sharon gave a very informative overview of the 7 main databases to search online at the DAR web site: <http://www.dar.org> In their **Genealogical Research System (GRS)** you can find records or information you can use to do other research. And some information is available to purchase with a \*credit card and available for **instant** download right to your computer. Your searches may include DAR members' lineages or proofs, Patriots & service given, descendants of both, Bible records and what is available in the DAR library. Watch the tutorial to start! [http://services.dar.org/public/dar\\_research/search/?tab\\_id=0](http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/?tab_id=0)

**\*Master Card/Visa**

## September FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:** Sept 17<sup>th</sup>

10:15 Southwest Regional

**Beginners:** **Concluded for Yr.**

10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

**Computer Users:** **Concluded for Yr.**

2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

**General Meeting:** Sept 27<sup>th</sup>

6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

**Refreshments:** **Rita Martin**

**Can you Volunteer?** [debeejay@aol.com](mailto:debeejay@aol.com)

From the Editor .....



**Reminder: Watch out for those school kids!**

Back to school means our **End of Summer Seminar** is almost here! You can still call **Roy Combrink** at **(817) 292-5419** to late register.

**President Don Crews** has asked me to let you know that he expects at least one opening on the FWGS board for 2017. The **Historian/Archivist** position will be open. You may email **Carol Reeves, Nominations Chair**, if you are interested in putting your name into nomination. This position would be a good one to "get your feet wet" on the FWGS board. Think about joining the board for a year! Carol's email is: [careeves@sbcglobal.net](mailto:careeves@sbcglobal.net)  
To check out Board positions and duties see our bylaws here...

[http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/documents/fwgs\\_bylaws.pdf](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/documents/fwgs_bylaws.pdf)

*Debbie Pearson*, Newsletter Editor

From the FWGS Mail Bag .....



**Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib**

Saturday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 10:30-12:00 noon

**"From Louisiana, to Texas, to Spain: Searching in Spanish Archives for an American Story"**

by **Dr. Gene A. Smith**, History Professor, TCU  
in **Tandy Auditorium, Central Branch, FWL**

Next Meeting: **Sat, Oct. 1** on

**"How to Research and Publish a Family History Narrative"**  
by **Edward Wright**, Independent Scholar

**Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents**

**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 10 am-12 noon**

Presenter:

**Juliet George Smith**, historian, author, & educator

Topic:

**"Architectural Sojourner: the Messer Brothers in FW"**

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107

(817) 814-2040

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

1400 John Burgess Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76140

NONE scheduled for September!

NEXT: **Friday, October 7, 2016**

Topic: **Researching American Indians On-Line**

NOTE: **NARA will be closed Monday, Sept 5 Labor Day**

**On My Way From Here to There.....**

You know how you run across something you were not looking for and it turns out well? Well I recently bumped into the site the *Digital Public Library of America*. <https://dp.la/> It seems they compile images and other items that are available online from libraries, archives, and museums. You could spend lots of time searching multiple websites for an obscure item or look in this one site first, who will then direct you to a site that has that item. You can then explore *those* sites for more.

From the Locations page, I searched "TEXAS" and found many maps, some back to 1844 from UTA, the GLO, Portal to Texas History, and more. See here.....

<https://dp.la/search?utf8=%E2%9C%93&q=Texas>

You can also just search through images for historical photos. Or search time periods for whatever you can find in that era. Try it, "ya never know what you'll find."

**Membership Report:**

**Rob Yoder**, Membership Director reports **142 members** .

**REMINDER:**

FWGS **Beginners Class & Computer Users Group (CUG)** are both ended for the Year 2016. These classes will return in January 2017. Expected date is 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, but watch our website or this newsletter for more.

**IT'S NOT JUST FOR MEMBERS!**

By now I hope you have heard that **FWGS** has moved our mailing list and you have signed up. The new list is through **Google Groups** and will be so much better. If you have not given Rob your email address and your permission to switch you over to the new list, please do it NOW.

Contact [FWGS@mail.com](mailto:FWGS@mail.com) to give permission to subscribe to the new list or visit our website and click there.

[http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/mailling\\_list.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/mailling_list.html)



## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SALE**

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All sales benefit the FW Library. There will be books & CD's. To be sure, DO NOT expect to find genealogical works, but you might find something interesting on history that might impact your research.

### **Members Only Sale**

Half-price, tax-free sale in the bookstore.

**Saturday, Sept. 3** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The bookstore is located at **5332 Trail Lake Drive**. Go South on Trail Lake off of 820 to the Wedgewood Village. *If you are not a member, you can join at the door.*

### **Open to the Public Sale**

The Friends host a book sale for the general public in the **Chapter 2 Annex**. Choose from thousands of adult and children's books, CDs and audio books. (see directions above)

**Friday, Sept. 23** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 24** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 25** 12 noon - 4 p.m. Special clearance prices! (\$15 a box day-we provide the boxes.)

**Admission to the sale is \$1.** Most items are priced between \$0.50 and \$1.50. There is no charge for members or children. The Chapter 2 Annexes are located at 5314 and 5318 Trail Lake Drive (three doors north of the Friends Book Store).

**For more information on any of these events, call 817-346-2255.** In addition to cash, the Friends accept Master Card, Visa, and Discover.

### **GENEALOGY SUCCESS STORIES @ the Library**

Last month, **Suzanne Fritz**, librarian, told us that if you order microfilm from an LDS Family History Center you can have it delivered and stored at the Genealogy unit of the FW Library. In fact, one of the patrons, **Fabia Lima** from Brazil, has been doing just that. She has done so well with her research, the library chose Fabia for one of their *Genealogy Success Stories*. But **Bryan McKinney**, head of Unit, put a new twist on the stories. Now they are not written stories, but videotaped stories. That is how they will appear from now on. In fact Bryan has done a lot of good work encouraging staff to do short videos on the library or on Fort Worth Historical moments. The Library has developed their own **YOUTUBE Channel** and all the videos are uploaded there and ready for you to view. Please do & Hit the LIKE Button too! **Fabia's Success Story link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YiXKGBwdIQ>

**FW Library's YouTube Channel Videos Link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/FWLibrary/videos?flow=grid&view=0>

**18 older Success Stories in print on Library web page:**

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/genealogy/>



## **ANCESTRY TIDBITS**

### **Free Databases at Ancestry.com**

We all know that Ancestry.com is *the* premium fee-based genealogical website. We know they have online **records\*** for searching (some are even scanned images.) And we know it is a web site to place and share your family tree on-line. (More than 31 million have submitted their family trees to date, and it is growing!)

***But you have to pay, right!?***

I recently taught the CUG meeting for the society. There, I am always asked about Ancestry. Is it free or do you have to pay? My answer has always been—PAY. If you try a FREE 14 day trial, you must put up a credit card. Then you will be charged if you do not quickly decline to continue to subscribe. As I was doing research for the CUG, I ran across these following tidbits about free databases at Ancestry. *Yeah, right, I thought.* The tidbit said that one of Ancestry's best kept secrets is that they also have over 1,800 **always-free** databases. To view these free records, you may be asked to sign up for a free account, but the account is free, no strings attached. **You do not need a free trial to view these records.** I was still skeptical, but vowed to bring it up at the CUG. Sure enough, one participant told me that she has used Ancestry for free for multiple years. She even began and continues to build her tree there for free. She admits and realizes that there are records she does not have access to and cannot read as a "free-user." So, I have now cautiously changed my answer when pondering, "is it free or pay?" Of course, I still whole-heartedly can recommend a subscription to Ancestry.com. It is worth it! **Debbie Pearson**  
**\*In fact over 8 billion genealogy records.**

The free databases are available to search at the Ancestry site at Ancestry.com Free Index Collection. Many of the databases are world wide, not just the US. see following link.....

[http://search.ancestry.com/search/group/freeindexacom?c=j=1&sid=ancestryfreebiespop&netid=cj&o\\_xid=0000703401&o\\_lid=0000703401&o\\_sch=Affiliate+External](http://search.ancestry.com/search/group/freeindexacom?c=j=1&sid=ancestryfreebiespop&netid=cj&o_xid=0000703401&o_lid=0000703401&o_sch=Affiliate+External)

Thanks to **Ancestor Search** for the above facts and tidbits. They have lots of tips for FREE Genealogy. Look for their FREEBIES here: <http://www.searchforancestors.com/>

**Con't from page 2**.....Digital Public Library of America One More Thing from DPLA is their Exhibitions page. This is an eclectic collection, but you may find yourself coming back from time to time. Again, you never know what you'll find there .....

<https://dp.la/exhibitions>



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

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<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership - \$23 ⇒ \$20 if paid before 1 Jan of year checked	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership - \$27 ⇒ \$25 if paid before 1 Jan of year checked		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Membership - \$250 or more		
Name: _____		Phone: _____	
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	