



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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February 2019

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## FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** will be the next **General Meeting** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the Central Branch Library. Our speaker will be **Mark Lucas-Kelly** of the Lucas Funeral Homes. The topic will be **"History of the Lucas Funeral Home in Grapevine."** Mark will tell us a bit about the Lucas family, old Grapevine, the founding of the business & funeral practices in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.  
**Meeting: 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.**

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



**MARK LUCAS-KELLY** is director of Marketing & Community Relations for Lucas, Robertson, Mueller-Harper, & Blessing Funeral Homes. He is also a Celebrant and can conduct services.

Mark grew up part of the Lucas family business which dates back to the late 1850's. He graduated from the University of Texas, but left our area to pursue other paths such as teaching, radio station management, built a resort, & ran a university newspaper. He even did some acting in LA. He ended up living 23 years in western states before coming back to DFW to become a part of the family business again.

**Park Free on the Streets after 6 P.M. OR 2.5 hrs FREE in 3<sup>rd</sup> St Garage with Library Validation of Ticket.**



## FW LIBRARY NEWS

**Newsbank**, a collection of US newspapers, has expanded & now includes the complete run of the FW Star Telegram. Obits, death notices, weddings, news stories and more-all searchable through a search engine. Newsbank has the complete run of Dallas Morning News too. This database must be accessed in the library. Have fun!

### January FWGS Meeting

New FWGS President **Carlene Johnson** opened the meeting and welcomed all. After refreshments & announcements we all went downstairs where **Suzanne Fritz** demonstrated the Flip Pal Scanner. The 2 new scanners are available for check out and allow you to save pictures to an SD card. Even very large pictures can be scanned one part at a time. The Flip Pal has built-in "Stitching" software that puts all the parts back into a whole picture seamlessly. The scanners can also be used while you are in the unit. Images can then be emailed back to yourself. Some volunteers brought pictures for the demo and had them emailed home. Several participants stated that they own the Flip Pals for personal use in genealogy and find them essential. FWGS was proud to donate towards their purchase. Enjoy!



**Have you joined us on Facebook yet? Go to our site and hit LIKE!**

### February FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:** Sat. Feb 16, 2019  
10:15 Southwest Regional

**Beginners:** Sat, Feb 23, 2019  
10:30 Chappell Room, Central

**Computer Users:** Sat, Feb 23, 2019  
2:00 Intel Lab, Central

**General Meeting:** Tues, Feb 26, 2019  
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

**Refreshments at 6:00**

**Feb Refreshments: Janice Blakely**

From the Editor .....

**Happy Valentines and President's Day!**



"I cannot tell a lie..." FWGS and 2019 are both off to a great start! **President Carlene Johnson** kicked off the first meeting and is doing a great job. We had several first-time visitors who came to check out the Flip Pal Scanners demonstrated by Suzanne Fritz of the genealogy unit downstairs. We learned a lot. Several in attendance already own their own Flip Pals. It is proving to be a useful tool for genealogists.

Your FWGS Board is hard at work planning events, speakers and new innovations for you and the society. One event that **VP Virginia Brown** and her committee are working towards, is bringing back the Summer Seminar this year. We are very excited to bring a new speaker to Fort Worth. Sh-hh. Right now it is a SECRET, but we hope to announce soon. You will like it!

**We hope you are renewing your FWGS membership for 2019 and taking advantage of all we offer.** There is our Quarterly Journal **Footprints**, our monthly meetings with speakers, our Facebook pages for announcements and discussions, our Website, our emails, a Newsletter, and our FREE classes. **Your renewal was due January 1<sup>st</sup> and it is not too late to pay!** See below.

See you at the meeting!

*Debbie Pearson*, Newsletter Editor

From the FWGS Mail Bag .....



Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib



Saturday, March 2, 2019

10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon

Topic: **"The Lady Was a Doctor: FW Medical School, 1894-1918"**

By **Ruth Karbach**, author & historian

Next: April 6<sup>th</sup> *Making History Come Alive: WBAP-TV Archives Project* by Brian Hooker, VP KXAS-TV

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

Saturday, March 23, 2019 9:30 am - 12 noon

Presenters:

**Bill Morris & Dan Smith**

Topic:

**"Early Transoceanic Pan Am Travel & the Amon Carter Connection"**

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107 (817) 814-2040

Next: April 20<sup>th</sup> "Women, the Oldest Profession & the FW Connection" by Jessica Webb, TCU doctoral candidate

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

1400 John Burgess Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76140

Training Room

Must Register at [ftworth.education@nara.gov](mailto:ftworth.education@nara.gov) for a space.

(817) 551-2015

Date: **STILL Nothing on the Schedule at this time.**

Saturday, February 23, 2019

**FWGS Beginners Class:**

**"Using Census Records"**

10:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Computer Users Group:**

**"Finding Online Census Records and Saving them to Ancestry.com"**

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Both classes are held at the Central Branch of FW Library. Beginners is held in Chappell Room and CUG in the Intel Lab.**

Next: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Session is Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> -Court Houses

**Membership Report:**

**Rob Yoder**, Membership Director, reports **93** members.

We are missing your renewal!

**Renew Today and not miss your February Footprints!**

**Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31.** Your 2019 Membership is DUE! It is time to renew now! Your individual dues are \$23 and a household is \$27.

*Make your check payable to FWGS.*

**ATTN: Membership Director**

**P.O. Box 471789**

**Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408**

*Please add your email and print neatly.*

**CHANGES of ADDRESSES**

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!

REMEMBER to NOTIFY FWGS immediately upon a move. The post office does not forward *Footprints* without a cost to the society.





**In Memorium**  
**Barbara Ann Neyland**  
 1934-2018

**FWGS member Barbara Neyland** passed away August 9, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas. She was a member for 12 years, but a long-distance member from New Braunfels, TX. FWGS extends sincere sympathies to her family.  
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/new-braunfels-tx/barbara-neyland-7958085>



**LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION**

Austin.....  
**HB 703 asks to restrict access to Texas birth records for 125 years. No movement to report as of yet. Keep watching here.....**  
<https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSe=86R&Bill=HB703t>



**GENEALOGY on TV**

The current series of **Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.** continues. A recent episode featured 3 politicians: **Paul Ryan, Sen. Marco Rubio, and Rep. Tulsi Gabbard** of Hawaii. It was, as usual, fascinating. I think there was a bit of a political bent to this episode as all 3 American politicians had family backgrounds that dealt with immigration. The producers may have been influenced with the recent spate of journalists and genealogists who have fought back against the political rhetoric of anti-immigrants filling our airwaves. [ **Look up #resistance genealogy.** ] You can catch the series on PBS KERA, ch 13 locally on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. Or go to the web site for all episodes in reruns. Celebrity list too. <http://www.pbs.org/weta/finding-your-roots/about/season-5-episode-guide/>

**BOOK REVIEW:** The Star Telegram recently ran a book review of ***Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love*** by Dani Shapiro. Her memoir started with a gift of a DNA test. With two Jewish parents, she was shocked when her test came back only 50% Jewish. *Spoiler:* Her dad was not her dad. Her journey to accept the truth as well as her journey to try to find her true father is the heart of the book. Her story is an amazing story in our DNA world these days.



**Certification of Genealogists**

Recently, FWGS was contacted with a question: How does one go about becoming a Certified Genealogist? Good Question! There are several ways. Today we will cover just one. There is at least one governing body to regulate, test and certify genealogists. It is the Board for Certification of Genealogists. The **BCG** website is here..... <https://bcgcertification.org/> to read more.

**BCG**, a non-profit, was founded in 1964 by 4 members of the AGS and 3 members of the NGS. The CG behind a person's name is a Registered Trademark by BCG. In 2005 all 4 credentials offered by BCG were rolled into two credentials—the CGL and the CG. Before this, there were separate credentials for Records Specialist, Lineage Specialist (even an Indian Lineage Spec.), Lecturer, and Instructor. They publish a professional newsletter, scholarly papers, and provide seminars and lectures. (You can even find two presentations on their website.)

If you are interested in becoming certified, click the tab entitled Application Process. There is a free download of the Guide for this process as well as the actual application form. They also have published a book entitled *Genealogical Standards, Fiftieth Anniversary Edition* (2014). (Available on Amazon). If you begin the process, know there are costs involved. The preliminary application is submitted with a \$75 fee. When you send in your portfolio to be judged there will be a \$300 fee and you will have one year to complete your project after you begin the process. If you are successful you will be certified for five years and must pay a yearly fee (\$75). To keep your certification, you will be asked to recertify after 5 years for another \$300 fee.

A complete research-category portfolio will include the following materials:

- Genealogist's Code: signed and dated
- Development Activities
- Document Work (BCG-Supplied Document)
- Document Work (Applicant-Supplied Document)
- Research Report Prepared for Another Person
- Case Study: Conflicting, Indirect or Negative Evidence
- Kinship-Determination Project

Each part is scored and comments made. Portfolios are limited to 150 pages. As you can see, this is a very involved process and only for the most serious genealogists. The website does have a tab for the Learning Center, a chance to help you learn more.



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PO BOX 471789  
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Please print clearly

**Membership Application & Renewal Form -☆- Fort Worth Genealogical Society**

Individual Membership - \$23  
⇒ \$20 if paid before the new year begins

Family Membership - \$27  
⇒ \$25 if paid before the new year begins

Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

Name:

Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

E-mail Address:

(Your email address will be added to our mailing list in order for you to receive local announcements.)

This membership application is for:

2019  2020

New  Renewal

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