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APRIL GENERAL MEETING

FWGS's next General Meeting will be **Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the **Central Branch Library**. Our guest speaker is **Dr. Bernard N. Meisner** from Mid-Cities GS. His topic will be **"The Value of Collateral Line Research."** When you hit a snag on your direct line you need to branch over to those uncles, aunts, & cousins. Bernard will show us examples from his own family research.

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



BERNARD N. MEISNER, Ph.D. is a genealogist and lecturer based in the

D/FW Metroplex. He began researching his family over 25 years ago and enjoys sharing lessons learned from those experiences, including his mistakes. He started in the days of endless hours cranking microfilm readers before Internet! Although he knew only one grandparent (his maternal grandfather) he has successfully identified all of his great-great grandparents and several triple and quadruple great grandparents. He is past president and social media chair of the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society, and is a member of the National Genealogical Society and the Texas State Genealogical Society.

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



FW LIBRARY NEWS

BIG NEWS !!!!

FW Library is EXPANDING Hours!

A Star Telegram article announced that starting **Saturday, March 30th** Branch and Regional Libraries will add a total of 114 additional hours to their schedules. The move standardizes library hours and kicks off a long-term effort to attract more users. Thanks to **FW Library director Manya Shorr** who lead the charge to increase hours with no new cost to taxpayers. *Look for More on New Hours on p. 2.*

March FWGS Meeting

FWGS Programs Director **Debbie Pearson** brought an informative program on **"Using City Directories."** She provided a very useful hand-out that included 11 free web sites to look for digitized versions of old directories. Directories are sometimes called "mini-censuses" and have the advantage that they actually began before the 1790 census and are usually published yearly instead of the 10 years for a census. She really stressed to browse the entire directory to learn more about the community. You will find lists of churches, clubs, cemeteries and so much more. She cautioned to always read the list of abbreviations too. If you missed it, **FWGS members may email for a copy of the hand-out to:**

FWGS-ProgramDirector@Mail.com



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April FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Sat. Apr 20, 2019
10:15 Central, Downtown

Beginners: Sat, Apr 27, 2019
10:30 Chappell Room, Central

Computer Users: Sat, Apr 27, 2019
2:00 Intel Lab, Central

General Meeting: Tues, Apr 30, 2019
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

April Refreshments: Joan Crittenden



From the Editor

FWGS has BIG NEWS! The arrangements are now finalized and we can announce that the 2019 Annual Summer Seminar will be held on Saturday, August 17th. The speaker is nationally known **Debbie Duay** of Florida. The all-day seminar will feature four topics and be held in the beautiful Ridglea Country Club with an excellent lunch. Debbie is quite the expert on DAR records, revolutionary records, and Colonial American records. She might help you get past a brick wall if you have not gotten back to a revolutionary ancestor. Come find out.

The other big news is that the Fort Worth Library has expanded their hours. **All** the branches, **Central**, & the **2 Regionals** will all have longer hours. **Mon:** noon to 8; **Tues thru Thurs:** 10 to 8; **Fri-Sat:** 10-6. In addition, the Central and the 2 Regionals (East & SW) will be open on **Sundays** now, noon to 6. Enjoy the Library--use it!

See you at the meeting April 30th!

Debbie Pearson,
Newsletter Editor

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib



Saturday, May 4, 2019
10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon

Topic: **“True Tales from the Texas Fence Cutting Wars, 1880-1890”**

By **Dr. Brooke Wilbracht, TCU**

Next: Nothing on the Schedule for Summer

Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents

Saturday, April 27, 2019 9:30 am - 12 noon

This is a DATE CHANGE

Presenter:

Jessica Webb

Topic:

“Women, the Oldest Profession & the Fort Worth Connection”

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107 (817) 814-2040

Next: May 18th “The Pearl of Dorothy Lane: The Woman, the Apartment Complex, the Street” by Juliette George, educator, historian, & author

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 for a space.

(817) 551-2015

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

Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31.

Your 2019 Membership is DUE! \$23 or \$27 payable to FWGS. Get all 4 quarterlies. Mail to:

ATTN: Membership Director

P.O. Box 471789

Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408

Please add your email and print neatly.

REMEMBER to let FWGS know your new address if Moving!

JOIN FWGS NOW!

Members will pay a lower price for the Summer Seminar.

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports **116** members.

WELCOME to New Member:

Tom Simmons

Karen Henderson Cramer

Renew Today and never miss an issue of *Footprints!*

Saturday, April 27, 2019

FWGS Beginners Class:

“Information from Libraries & Archives”

Computer Users Group:

“Libraries & Archives On-Line”

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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

Next: The 5th Session is Saturday, May 25th

“Church, Cemetery & Vital Records”



LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION

Austin.....

ADOPTEE RIGHTS BILL: HB 2725

<https://capitol.texas.gov/Search/DocViewer.aspx?ID=86RHB027251B&QueryText=%22hb+2725%22&DocType=B>

The news from Austin is **HB 2725** sponsored by Texas **Representative Gina Calanni** of Katy, TX was denied a vote to come out of committee. It is not looking very positive for Adult Adoptees to gain access to their original Texas Birth Certificates.

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, August 17, 2019

**Fort Worth Genealogical Society Presents
Annual Summer Seminar 2019**

**Featuring
DEBBIE DUAY**

**on
EARLY AMERICAN RESEARCH**

TOPICS:

- 1) How to Find a Provable Patriot in DAR Minutes or Less
- 2) Documenting Lineages Before the 1850 Census
- 3) I Know It's There, But I Just Can't Find It! - Debbie's "Secret" Search Strategies
- 4) Non-Military Sources of Revolutionary War Service

Genealogy In The News

The Associated Press recently reported that horror author **Stephen King** and his wife **Tabitha** made a \$1.25 million donation to the oldest organization of American genealogical research. The money came through their foundation to the **New England Historic Genealogical Society** of Boston. NEHGS is also America's largest genealogical organization. NEHGS intends to use the money to develop educational programming and fund a curriculum in family history for public school students. Some of the gift will also go to expand and update their headquarters.

Genealogists are already familiar with the resources of NEHGS through their library and their online resources. Their premiere subscription service is here.....

<https://www.americanancestors.org/index.aspx>

CONDOLENCES

Membership Director Rob Yoder was recently verifying FWGS membership rolls and found that several of our members had passed away. **FWGS wishes to express sincere condolences to each of their surviving family members.**



In Memoriam

Betty Jo Clay
1927-2019

Former FWGS member Betty Jo Clay passed away on February 11, 2019 at the age of 91 in Arlington, TX. **She was a FWGS member since at least 1981.** She and her husband **Charles R. Clay** were members in 1981 and he passed in 1991. She had a real interest in genealogy and computers and had articles published in magazines on both topics. <https://wadefamilyfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/3732006/Clay-Betty/obituary.php?Printable=true>

In Memoriam

Susan McClendon Williams
1933-2018

FWGS member Susan Williams passed away November 1, 2018. Born on the 4th of July, she was truly passionate about her family history, especially her deep Texas roots. **She joined FWGS in 1990** and her research into Tarrant County history allowed her to **join the Pioneer Families of Tarrant County (PFoTC).** She was the 6th member to join. Her ancestor was Rachel Cameron Overton who was in Tarrant county by 1851.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/fort-worth-tx/susan-williams-8043471>



DEBBIE DUAY



- National Speaker
- Expert in DAR, SAR records; Colonial research
- Specialist in Adult Education
- Excellent Website

<http://www.learnwebskills.com/lineage/index.htm>



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FORT WORTH TX 76147-1408**

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

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(Newsletter)