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JUNE GENERAL MEETING

FWGS' next General Meeting will be **Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the **Central Branch Library**. Our guest speaker will be **Brian Hocker** speaking about the **"Archives of NBC KXAS Channel 5."** In 2013 KXAS moved their location off of Broadcast Hill. While packing they were surprised at the treasure of media and documents amassed since 1948 when WBAP went on the air. Come hear this history and find where we can access it today.

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



BRIAN HOCKER has been in broadcasting since 1986. He's Vice President of Digital Media, Programming & Research for NBC 5 where he currently leads the station's expansion onto new distribution platforms like *TV Everywhere* & Sony Playstation Vue. He directed the local rollout of *COZI-TV* on digital channel 5.2. Brian is responsible for the purchase, scheduling & production of local and syndicated programs along with general station operations. He also conducts research in support of news production and NBCDFW.com.

Brian and his wife have lived in this area for 32 years, where he's served on the boards of Cowtown Marathon and the DFW chapter of America Marketing Association.



FW LIBRARY NEWS

Library Closures

All Fort Worth libraries will be closed on **Thursday, July 4, 2019** for the Independence Day holiday.

Riverside Branch will be closed **Thursday, June 20** due to construction & traffic in that area.

May FWGS Meeting

Lynell Moss came from the Plano Family History center to bring her program on **"Family Search Research Wikis."** Wiki comes from a Hawaiian word that means quick. That is exactly what a Wiki is—quick to find parts of Family Search.org and its records, that may help you in your research. She showed many examples of quick ways to find county records, state records, even foreign records that can be accessed through Wikis. A typical state Wiki will be broken down into counties. Each county will tell what records are extant, when and what records may have been destroyed, the libraries and research centers there, & sometimes even how to pronounce local words. The wiki can alert you to family histories already written on surnames you need or hyperlinks can take you right to the information you need. **AMAZING!** https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page Get started here.



Like FWGS on Facebook!

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

June FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Sat, June 15, 2019
10:15 Central, Downtown

Beginners: Sat, June 22, 2019
10:30 Chappell Room, Central

Computer Users: Sat, June 22, 2019
2:00 Intel Lab, Central

General Meeting: Tues, June 25, 2019
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

June Refreshments: **Roy Combrink**

From the Editor



Summer is here! June is a good family month with weddings, graduations, Juneteenth & Father’s Day. If you gather—ask those genealogical family questions! Your FWGS board and the Summer Seminar Committee have been hard at work on the upcoming Seminar with **Debbie Duay** on **Saturday, August 17th** at **Ridglea Country Club**. Member early bird price is **\$50** and others at **\$60.00**. Prices will increase in July so get those registrations in soon. We will save you a place!

Despite all the rainy days, we had great attendance at the May meeting and Lynell Moss brought an interesting program about Wikis and Family Search in general. June promises another great program too. Please come and invite someone else to come too!

See you at the meeting June 25th. It’s going to be great!

Debbie Pearson,
Newsletter Editor

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Rob Yoder has **BIG NEWS!** For those of you who never have your check book with you at the meetings to pay your dues, you can now pay on our website with your credit card or with Pay Pal. And you can pay at the meetings too. TRY IT! Rob did—he went ahead and paid his 2020 dues!

Membership Report:
Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports **119** members.
WELCOME to New Members:

Ruth Karbach	Lema Worley
John & Iva Foster	

We now have **8 members** who have already paid for 2020!
Renew Today and never miss an issue of *Footprints!*

Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31. \$23 or \$27 payable to FWGS. Get all 4 quarterlies.

If you do want to pay by check, Mail to:
FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
ATTN: Membership Director

P.O. Box 471789
Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408

Please add your email and print neatly.

MOVING???

REMEMBER to give FWGS your NEW ADDRESS!!!

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Good News from TxSGS

Teri Flack is the Chair of the Records, Preservation, and Access Committee (RPAC) of the Texas State Genealogical Society and sends her report on the last legislative session in Austin, specifically **HB 703**. Here are excerpts of her report:

TxSGS opposed it along with **Austin GS, Central TX GS, & TX State Historical Association**. Its aim was to change from 75 years to 125 years the time a birth record is closed before it can become a public record. Many leaders of the above societies testified against the changes. It was not until they listened in on other testimony that *it was discovered the changes were endorsed by county clerks.*

The bill’s author proposed a compromise to 90 years, but none of the parties agreed. It went forward to the full house anyway. There was no Senate companion bill and it never made it to the House Calendar for a full house vote. There was a slight attempt to add it to another bill but none were appropriate and time ran out. Many genealogists are thankful that others stood to protect our TX records and their accessibility.

FWGS is proud to be a partner society to TxSGS.
<https://www.txsgs.org/>



FWGS SPONSORED CLASSES:

Saturday, June 22, 2019

FWGS Beginners Class:

“Immigration, Emigration, & Naturalization Records”

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Computer Users Group:

“Immigration, Emigration, & Naturalization Records Online”

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 Computer Lab.

Next: The 7th Session is Saturday, July 27th
“Military Records”

JOIN FWGS NOW!

Members will pay a lower price for the Summer Seminar.

REGISTER NOW!

Visit FWGS website for more information, directions, etc.
www.TXFWGS.org

Date: Saturday, August 17, 2019

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

Featuring

DEBBIE DUAY

on

EARLY AMERICAN RESEARCH

TOPICS:

- **How to Find a Provable Patriot in DAR in 90 Minutes or Less**
- **Documenting Lineages Before the 1850 Census**
- **I Know It's There, But I Just Can't Find It! - Debbie's "Secret" Search Strategies**
- **Non-Military Sources of Revolutionary War Service**



Early Bird Prices:

Members: \$50.00

Non-Members: \$60.00

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

Lunch included, Door prizes!

Ridglea Country Club

3700 Bernie Anderson Ave, 76116

FEDERATION of GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES (FGS)

Annual Conference set for Washington, DC Aug 21-24, 2019

Always wanted to go but it is so expensive? Volunteer for at least 16 hours and receive up to 65% discounts on fees.

Check here: <https://fgs.org/conferences/volunteer/>

Great Speakers, Topics, Dinners, Field Trips to DAR Library, NARA, and Library of Congress! Early Register by **June 30th**



In Memoriam

Roy Douglas Noack

August 18, 1947 – May 27, 2019

FWGS member Roy Noack was the son of John Wilson Noack and Opal Lucile Deaver. He was born in Glen Rose, Texas and raised in the Rainbow community. He retired from Bell Helicopter in 2009 after 41 years. Roy served on the FWGS Board in 2016 and 2017 as a Director at Large where he helped with Seminars and other projects. Roy was a contributor to FIND A GRAVE, had recently joined the SAR, and so enjoyed family research. FWGS extends sympathies to **Jannette** his wife who is also a FWGS member.



In Memoriam

Major Jack G. Dyess (US Army Retired)

July 25, 1939 – June 5, 2019

Former FWGS member Jack Dyess died unexpectedly after surgery. Jack and his wife Diane were members in 2011 & 2012 and both have been speakers to FWGS over the last few years. Jack loved history and military history and was a frequent speaker on those topics, especially Civil War battles. He was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry as an Admiral in the Texas Navy.

His 35-year span in the Army included tours in Viet Nam. He taught ROTC at Trimble Tech HS & Southwest HS, and coached Orienteering at Ohio University. While in the Army, he participated on the US Olympic Orienteering Team in the 1976 Montreal Olympics.

Jack was a multi-talented man with so many varied interests. He was a docent at the Texas Civil War Museum, loved dancing, sailing and held memberships in many groups. **FWGS** extends sympathies to **Diane** and his daughters. Find his obit here:

<https://www.lucasfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Jack-Dyess/#!/Obituary>

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

Brian Hocker

On

The Archives of NBC KXAS Channel 5

KXAS Channel 5 has certainly been on the front row of local history since coming on air in 1948. When the station made the decision to build a new building and leave Broadcast Hill in east Fort Worth, they uncovered boxes and boxes of historical print and media. Come hear this interesting story and find out where **we** can easily access that history and possibly use it in our research.

DAY: Tuesday, June 25, 2019

TIME: 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3rd St.

Parking meters are free at 6 p.m. The Sundance Garage on 3rd St. is free for 2 ½ hours with validation at Library desk. Come at 6:00 for Refreshments.

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currently leading the station's expansion onto new distribution platforms like TV Everywhere and Sony Playstation Vue. He directed the local rollout of COZI-TV, a network programmed with iconic television series on digital channel 5.2. At the station he wears many hats, dealing with compliance with FCC, purchase of new programming, research, and general operations. He recently has been instrumental in seeing that the archives and history of Channel 5 is preserved for the future.

Brian and his wife are 32-year residents of Fort Worth and active in the community. Brian has served as Chair of the Cowtown Marathon Board and the American Marketing Assoc, DFW chapter.

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PO BOX 471789
FORT WORTH TX 76147-1408**

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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

(Newsletter)