

Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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November 2007

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Upcoming Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday (November 26, 2007)

Fort Worth Central Library – Tandy Lecture Hall

6:30 pm: Coffee 7:00 pm: Program

50th Year Celebration

And

Meet Miss Ima Blueblood

Please join us in celebrating the 50 years that FWGS has been contributing to the Community and to the World of Genealogy. We will have refreshments, Remembrances & Meet Miss Ima Blueblood in a vintage 1957 skit on Genealogists in the Library. Miss Ima Blueblood will be played by Ellie Hutcheson, 50 year member of FWGS. Some surprise actors will be performing as well. Also, the 2008 officers will be installed. For more info contact Debbie at debeejay@aol.com

*Parking is free on the meters around the Library after 6:00 pm and in the Sundance Parking Lot on 3rd and Taylor after 7:00 pm.

December Dinner

Celebrating

Pioneer Families

of Tarrant County

Monday, December 10, 2007

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Luby's Cafeteria

251 North University Drive

Come for a Dutch treat Dinner. Go through the Line and choose your meal. Gather and eat in the private dining room. We will celebrate our 50th year and the Charter members of the Pioneer Families of Tarrant County.

Fun, Food, Fellowship.....Get to know our members better.

Make reservations by December 5th. Call Debbie at (817) 691-3257 or e-mail at debeejay@aol.com.

FWGS Calendar

Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, January 28, 2008
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Fort Worth Public Library - Central Auditorium
 500 West 3rd, Fort Worth, Texas
Program: To be announced

Computer Users Group
Monday January 14, 2008
 7:00 pm – 9:00pm
Topic: Search for U. S. Marriage Records
Speaker: Clois Richardson
 Fort Worth Public Library - Central Intel Computer Lab
 500 West 3rd, Fort Worth, Texas

MONTHLY DAY WORKSHOP
(All Members Are Welcome)
Thursday, January 10, 2008
 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Topic: Virginia
 Southwest Regional Library
 4001 Library Lane (off Hulen)
 Fort worth, Texas

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
(All Members Are Welcome!)
January 19, 2008
 10:00 AM –12:00 Noon
 Southwest Regional Library
 4001 Library Lane (off Hulen)
 Fort Worth, Texas

Beginners Workshop
Saturday, January 26, 2008
 10:30a.m.-12:30p.m.
Topic: How to get started and organizational hints
 Chappell Meeting room
 Central Library

Genealogy Announcements

2007 Community History Workshop Series
Sponsored by the Center for Texas Studies at TCU and the Fort Worth Public Library

December 1
 “Where Oh Where Is Bessie?”
 Shirley Apley, Fort Worth Public Library

Tandy Lecture Hall
 Fort Worth Central Library
 500 W. 3rd St.
 Fort Worth, Texas
 10:30am-12:00pm.

New TSGS District Rep: At the recent Texas State Genealogical Society Conference, FWGS member John Wylie was elected to the Board of Directors. He will represent the ten counties in District 11: Tarrant, Cooke, Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell and Wise. (Although he has a Grand Prairie address, the deciding factor for District representation is residence—his home is over the county line in Tarrant County.)

FWGS Monthly Events Jan. thru Nov.

1 st Day	Newsletter Deadline	Contact Newsletter Editor*
2 nd Monday	Computer Users Group	Fort Worth Public Library -- Central
2 nd Thursday	Monthly Day Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest Regional
3 rd Saturday	Board Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest Regional
Last Monday	Regular Monthly Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library – Central
4 th Saturday	Beginner’s Workshop	Fort Worth Public Library --Central

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For information to be included in the newsletter, please contact the editor by the first day of the month.

2008 Board Members: The officers listed below will be installed at the November meeting.

Rob Yoder	President		
Jim Norris	1 st VP, Newsletter		
Debbie Pearson	2 nd VP, Speakers		
Terri Meeks	3 rd VP, Membership		
Ann Lefevre	Treasurer		
Jan Cowley	Recording Secretary		
Cyndy Miller	Corresponding Secretary		
Clois Richardson	Director		
Bettye Richhart	Director	Don Crews	Director
Crystal Barth	Director	Rita Bryan	Director

Beginners workshop: Bettye Richhart will begin her beginners workshop January 26, 2008 from 10:30 until 12:30 in the Chappell Room, Ft. Worth Downtown Library. The topic will be “How to get started and organizational hints”. It will include the uses of pedigree charts, family group sheets, collecting and documenting, primary sources, secondary sources, available sources, organization of research, suggested supplies and setting up files

Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Dear Valued Member,

As 2007 draws to a close, we recognize that the year has been especially exciting for the Fort Worth Genealogical Society. During our 50th anniversary year, we have seen the publication of the 1890 Census Reconstruction Project; we celebrated another successful summer seminar and we have embarked on new publication projects. Your membership and volunteer support have enabled the society to embark on and complete each of these projects.

Footprints, our award winning quarterly publication, continues to provide informative articles helping us to find ancestors as well as to add to their stories. Our newsletter has kept us informed of upcoming events and our monthly guest speakers have presented programs on a wide range of topics. The computer users' group, monthly day workshop, and beginners' workshop have all provided opportunities to expand our research capabilities and to share our experiences.

As we approach 2008, plans and work are already underway to publish the Marion Day Mullins early marriage records on CD and to begin work on the massive Heroines of Jericho files. We encourage you to join us again in 2008 so that you can participate in these vibrant activities.

Visit the FWGS website at www.rootsweb.com/~txfwgs to download a copy of the membership application. It is found under the membership tab. We thank you for your continued support of the FWGS and look forward to seeing you in the coming year. For those members that do not have access to the web site, a renewal form is included below.

Yours truly,

Terri Meeks
Membership

Renew Your FWGS Membership			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$23 Individual \$20 until 12-31-2007	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 or more Sustaining	Renewing for Year:	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$27 Family \$25 until 12-31-2007	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Contributing	<input type="checkbox"/> 2008	<input type="checkbox"/> 2009
Renew your FWGS Membership by sending your name, address and email to: Fort Worth Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 9767, Fort Worth, Texas 76147-2767			
Name _____			
Address _____			
City _____		Zip Code _____	
E-Mail Address _____			
Telephone _____			

NARA Announces Increased Fees for Reproduction of Pension and Service Records

The National Archives and Records Administration has made the announcement on their final decision on reproduction fee increases, effective 1 October 2007.

- Complete pension file, up to 100 pages: \$75 (currently \$37). Pages in excess of 100 can be ordered at \$0.65 per page.
- Basic pension documents: \$25 (currently \$14.75).
- Military service records: \$25 (currently \$17).

The complete statement is available in the Federal Register, Friday, August 17, 2007 , Vol. 72, No. 159, Rules and Regulations, pp. 46145-46148, or at this link:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-16233.pdf>

This is a reduction of the price increase proposed earlier and was a response to the input from genealogists (and others) on their fee increase.

Pioneer families of Tarrant County: There are now 9 members of PFofTC. The first five, Joe Ellis Ericson, Doris Ray Taylor, Annie Lee Clark, Deborah McVean and Gladys Wylie were designated as charter members. Since the board reduced the cost of the program earlier this year, there have been four more members approved, Susan McClendon Williams, James R. Blacklock, David Oliver Smith and Ronald Wright. Three more applications have been received and are being reviewed by the committee. Thus, the Board's decision to change the cost and benefits has been successful in increasing the applications. All persons who have an ancestor who was in Tarrant County no later than December 31, 1870 should document that ancestor as being in Tarrant County and become a member of Pioneer Families of Tarrant County. The fee is just \$10 and members receive a certificate that can be framed. The application can be downloaded from the web site or obtained from Roy Combrink by calling 817-292-5419 or by e-mail at crcombrink@sbcglobal.net.

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