

Fort Worth Genealogical Society (Est 1957)

Newsletter



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Coming Genealogy Events

General Meeting

Monday, August 25, 2008 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Fort Worth Library – Discovery Theater
500 W. 3rd Street

Subject: The Archives of the University of North Texas

Speaker: Michelle Mears

The Archives of UNT were established in 1974 and are housed on campus. In addition to the University's records, they also collect Oral Histories, Manuscripts, and County Records from Cooke, Montague, Denton, and Wise Counties. Come hear their archivists bring us up to date on their collection.

Contact Debbie Pearson for more information - debeejay@aol.com

Daytime Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 2008 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Fort Worth Library, Southwest Branch
4100 Library Lane at Hulen
Auditorium

Subject: New England

Contact Ellie Hutchison for more information – misselly@sbcglobal.net

Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, August 16, 2008 10:00 AM – Noon

Fort Worth Library, Southwest Branch
4100 Library Lane at Hulen
Auditorium

All members welcome

Computer Group Meeting

No Meeting This Month

Genealogy Announcements continued

Beginners Workshop Series

Saturday, August 23, 2008 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Fort Worth Library, Downtown

500 W 3rd St

Chappell Meeting Room (next to auditorium)

Subject: Leaving a Legacy

The full curriculum is located on our website. For additional information contact Terri Meeks – Terri.meeks@sbcglobal.net

Terri is leading this meeting in the absence of Bettye Richhart who is quite ill.

Genealogy Events

July General Meeting

The subject of the July General meeting was a demonstration of the Fort Worth Library's new digital microfilm/microfiche equipment. Bill Kish, Zytron representative, showed how to digitize microfilm and microfiche. The equipment can also digitize other formats (such as 35mm slides), but none of those types were available for the demonstration. The equipment will be able to send output to a printer (as soon as the Library personnel get one connected), to an SD card (alas, my cameras use Compact Flash cards), or to a thumb (ha, I have one of them). When the installation is complete, it will also be able to send images through e-mail wherever the operator wishes.

The equipment is delivered with Adobe Elements 6 installed; one could easily perform the usual photo processing.

The most impressive parts of the demonstration are the greatly improved image that this equipment presents in comparison to its predecessors and the ease of transferring the images to your own equipment.

2008 Seminar

Saturday August 9, 2008 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Fort Worth Botanic Gardens

University Drive

Speaker: Henry (Hank) Z. Jones, Jr.

There was a good turnout for the summer seminar. Mr. Jones was a character actor in the motion picture industry for over 25 years. He is also a respected genealogist with numerous published works.

His main genealogical interest is studying the migration patterns of 18th century Palatine Germans. I was most interested to learn that the term Palatine has become the description of all German immigrants during the 18th and 19th century. In addition, my German ancestors came from the city of Ulm, which is located on the Danube about 60 miles from Stuttgart. A map in the syllabus showed that Ulm was part of the region of Wurzburg. This fact explains why my great grandmother listed the origin of her mother as "Wurts" in the 1880 census.

One never quite knows what you will learn at such a seminar.

Marion Day Mullins Marriage Collection Project

Proof Readers Needed

Volunteers are needed to proof read some of the earliest marriage records from 56 Texas and Republic of Texas counties. Work in the comfort of your own home. Please visit our website for more information. Select the Projects tab.

To volunteer, or for more information, please visit the FWGS website and click on the Projects button.

Texas Historical Newspapers Now Available

Shirley Apley, Senior Library at Fort Worth Library, announced this new resource in a recent email. I am repeating the announcement for the benefit of all members who may not have seen it.

“The Fort Worth Library now has the Texas Historical Newspapers added to our Newsbank database. Yipeeee!!! This has some of the early Fort Worth newspapers indexed and available for searching. You will need to toss your cookies and dump your cache in order for the new item to show up on Newsbank. To access the database do the following:

1. From the library's home page select reference databases (left side column)
2. On the next page from the alphabetical listing select America's Newspapers (Newsbank)
3. Select use at home and follow the instructions of signing on to our system. You will need a Fort Worth Library card.
4. On the Newsbank page you will see the link Texas Historical Newspapers click on it
5. On the opening page of the Texas Historical Newspapers click on the Newspapers Titles list. You will see the listing of papers to search as well as the dates available.

This is the same service as www.genealogybank.com but it is only the Texas newspapers from that site. It does not have the other features of genealogybank.”

Note:

The image on the first page is that of the home of the Heroines of Jericho. The building is located on East 4th Street one block west of Riverside Drive. Volunteers of the Society are currently scanning old archives of this organization for archiving and possible future publication.

FWGS Monthly Events Jan. thru Nov.

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