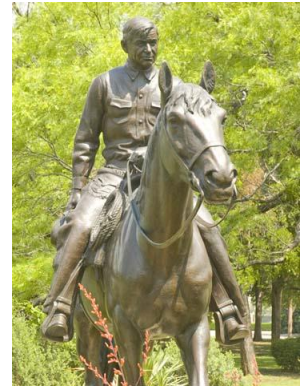


Fort Worth Genealogical Society (Est 1957)

# Newsletter

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## 2008 FWGS Officers

**President** - Rob Yoder

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President & Newsletter Editor** – Jim Norris

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President & Membership Chairman** Terri Meeks

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Clois Richardson  
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**Librarian** - Rita Martin

**Parliamentarian** – Ellie Hutcheson

## Coming FWGS Events

### General Meeting

Tuesday, November 26 , 2008 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Fort Worth Library – Tandy Lecture Hall  
500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Subject: Our Information  
Speaker: TBD

### NOTE NEW TIME AND DATE

Bring your genealogy data to this meeting so that you can share information with others. We intend to have an expanded snack table; we encourage members to bring some of their favorite selections of snack food.

Contact Debbie Pearson for more information - [debeejay@aol.com](mailto:debeejay@aol.com)

### Daytime Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 2008 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Fort Worth Library, Southwest Branch  
4100 Library Lane at Hulen  
Auditorium  
Subject: Texas

Contact Ellie Hutchison for more information – [misselly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:misselly@sbcglobal.net)

### Computer Group Meeting

**No Meetings until 2009**

### Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, November 16, 2008 10:00 AM – Noon  
Fort Worth Library, Southwest Branch  
4100 Library Lane at Hulen  
Auditorium  
All members welcome

### Beginners Workshop Series

**Concluded for 2008**

# Past FWGS Events

## October Monthly Meeting

Jim Norris, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for 2009:

President:	Debbie Pearson
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Jim Norris
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	<No nominee>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Terri Meeks
Treasurer	Roy Combrink
Historian	Don Crews
Recording Secretary	Peggy Jones
Corresponding Secretary	Rita Martin
Directors	Clois Richardson
	Crystal Barth
	Rita Bryan
	Deborah McVean
	Rob Yoder

The presented officers were elected by the members who were present and voting.

The program for the meeting was a presentation by representatives of various lineage societies (DAR, DRT, UDC, 1812, etc.).

## Coming Genealogy Events

### 2008 Community History Workshop Series

Sponsored by the Center for Texas Studies at TCU and the Fort Worth Public Library

December 6, 2008  
"Life in the Fort Worth River Bottoms"  
Shirley Apley  
Tandy Lecture Hall  
Fort Worth Central Library  
500 W. 3rd St.  
Fort Worth, Texas  
10:30am-12:00pm

### Project IOGENE

Kathleen Murray, IOGENE Project Manager at the University of North Texas, sent this update to members of the IOGENE Project Committee. Jim Norris is the representative for the FWGS to this committee.

I am pleased to update you on the IOGENE project. I appreciate how busy each of you is and I did not want to ask you to come to Denton until the project team could show you substantial progress on the first release of the newly designed interface to the Portal to Texas History. We now expect this to be possible in the early months of 2009. So, please look forward to coming to Denton in that timeframe so that we can hear your reactions and feedback. I will be in touch at a later date to set up a convenient meeting time.

In the meantime, we could use your help promoting participation from genealogists in your societies and organizations in our online survey (<http://digital2.library.unt.edu/survey>). The survey is brief and will provide us with a baseline of user satisfaction with the Portal prior to introducing the new interface next Spring.

I have also posted a brief summary of our project activities on our website (<http://iogene.library.unt.edu/>). The summary highlights the participation of genealogists in our research, from February through April of this year.

Reports of the findings from the focus groups and usability tests were published last Summer. These findings formed the basis of the functional requirements for the Portal interface redesign effort. The reports as well as the requirements are available at: [http://iogene.library.unt.edu/?page\\_id=87](http://iogene.library.unt.edu/?page_id=87)

Currently, a prototype design for the new interface is well underway and development in support of new features and functionality has begun. We are very pleased to be able to address many of the issues and to offer many of the features identified by the genealogists who participated in our focus groups and testing.

### Image on the first page

The statue of Will Rogers riding his horse into the sunset was given to the City of Fort Worth by Amon Carter (long time publisher of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram) in memory of his close friend, Will Rogers. Mr. Rogers perished in Alaska while on an around the world trip in the early 1930s.

Mr. Carter also gave a statue of Will Rogers to Texas Technological University in Lubbock, Texas.

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Use the form below to renew your membership. Print just this page of the Newsletter with your computer. Then, fill out the form, and cut it out of the page. Mail to the address on the form.

In addition to the usual discount against the membership dues, members who renew on or before December 31, 2008, will receive a coupon good for 30% off merchandise in our bookstore.

Renew Your FWGS Membership			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$23 Individual (\$20 until 12-31-2008)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$27 Family (\$25 until 12-31-2008)		
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Mail this form to Fort Worth Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 471789, Fort Worth, Texas 76147-1408			

# FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BILLY W. SILLS ARCHIVES

The Fort Worth Independent School District Billy W. Sills Archives will be open to the public on Saturday, November 8, 2008, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Students, researchers, writers, historians, librarians, archivists, etc., are cordially invited to come and examine our wonderful collection of school memorabilia, yearbooks, programs, and other documents.

For those of you writing theses/dissertations, school and local histories, biographies or if you are planning school or family reunions you will find information for your research project for your event in the archives.

Come see us at the Billy W. Sills Archives located at 2620 Cullen Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76107. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Cotton, Archivist, at (817) 871-3107.

### FWGS Monthly Events January Through November

First Day	Newsletter Deadline	Contact Newsletter Editor
Second Monday	Computer Users Group	Fort Worth Library – Central
Second Thursday	Monthly Day Meeting	Fort Worth Library – Southwest Regional
Third Saturday	Board Meeting	Fort Worth Library – Southwest Regional
Last Monday	Regular Monthly Meeting	Fort Worth Library – Central
Fourth Saturday	Beginner's Workshop	Fort Worth Library – Central

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