

Fort Worth Genealogical Society (Est 1957)

Newsletter



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Coming FWGS Events

General Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2009 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Fort Worth Library – Tandy Lecture Hall

500 W. 3rd Street

Subject: Researching the History of the Fort Worth Police

Speaker: Tom Wiederhold of the Fort Worth Police and President of the North Fort Worth Historical Society.

NOTE NEW TIME AND DATE

Is there an old story in your family of an ancestor who was in law enforcement? Then come hear Tom Wiederhold speak about the early Fort Worth law officers and how he has researched to find the missing rolls of Fort Worth's finest. Hear about the efforts to trace and document these early officers and also memorialize those who fell in the line of duty. This should be a very interesting topic for those with or without law enforcement ancestors. You might find a new tip or technique in researching your elusive ancestor.? It will also be interesting to hear of this worthwhile project and hear some of the stories of these early officers.

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

Daytime Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2009 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Fort Worth Library, Southwest Branch

4100 Library Lane at Hulen

Auditorium

Subject: Early Texas Records

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

Computer Group Meeting

No Meeting This Month

Contact Clois Richardson for more information – cloisrich@sbcglobal.net

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP SERIES

Saturday, January 24, 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

Chappell Meeting Room

Fort Worth Library, Downtown

500 W. 3rd St.

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Session I - Getting Started

Includes use of pedigree charts and family group sheets, collecting and documentation, difference in primary resources and secondary resources, importance of collateral lines, available resources, interviews, letter writing courtesy, suggestions of organization, suggested supplies and setting up of files. The FWGS website contains all of the information.

Contact Terri Meeks for more information - terri.meeks@sbcglobal.net

Board of Director's Meeting
Saturday, January 17, 2009 10:00 AM – Noon
Fort Worth Library, Southwest Branch
4100 Library Lane at Hulen
Auditorium
All members welcome

Past FWGS Events

November Monthly Meeting

The first task of the final monthly meeting of the year was the installation of officers. The program for this meeting was participating in a bingo-like game which was focused around genealogy topics. Alas, the newsletter editor did not win. After the game came to an end, we looked at other people's genealogy data.

Genealogy News

Progress Report - Marion Day Mullins Marriage Records Project (Submitted by Rob Yoder)

I would like to bring you all up to date on the progress we have been making. 35 members and non-members alike have worked on the project since late September 2007. Currently, there are a dozen of these volunteers active. Plenty of room for you to get involved.

This project has a total of 60 sets of marriage abstracts covering 56 early Texas counties. Transcription has been completed on 55 of the abstracts and the final 5 are in progress.

Proof reading is now in progress and additional volunteers are needed. Of the 55 transcriptions that have been completed, proof reading has been completed on 21 and these have all been formatted, indexed and ready for publication. A eight more files are in the hands of 8 proof readers. 26 counties are available to proof and this is where we need you.

Things have been moving rather slow the past few months. I have been working long hours on my job and have not been pushing the project along. I have a lot more free time on my hands now and want to make something happen.

I appreciate all of the hard work all of our volunteers have been doing. Thank you all very much.

If you would like to join us, or just want more information, please visit our website and click on "Projects."

Houston Public Library Joins FamilySearch in Digitization Effort

Thousands of publications that capture the diverse histories of Gulf Coast states will be accessible for free online. FamilySearch and the Houston Public Library announced a joint project on November 25, 2008, to digitally preserve and publish the library's vast collection of county and local histories, registers of individuals, directories of Texas Rangers, church histories, and biographical dictionaries. The digital records will be available for free online at FamilySearch.org and HoustonLibrary.org.

The full article is located here:

http://legacynews.typepad.com/legacy_news/2008/11/houston-public-library-joins-familysearch-in-digitization-effort.html

Former FWGS Members

It brings great sadness to report the death of former FWGS members Roy Leach, Leonard Ingalls, and Louise Armstrong Moxley. Roy was member from 1985 through 2006 and served as a Director in 1991. Leonard and Bea Ingalls were members from 1967 through 1999. Louise was a member off and on from 1967. Please keep the families of these departed members in your prayers.

FWGS Donation to the Genealogy Department of the Fort Worth Public Library

The Board of Directors authorized the donation of \$1000 to the Genealogy Department; therefore, President Rob Yoder presented a check in this amount to Donna Kruse, Manager of Genealogy, History, and Archives Unit of the Fort Worth Library, as a donation to the Genealogy Department at the November General Meeting. Donna has stated that this donation is to honor the memories of four FWGS members; Weldon Hudson, Joe Grant, Nancy Timmons Samuels and Lesbia Word Roberts. The money will be used to purchase materials for our specific unit and as always if you have titles to suggest for purchase, please let me or my staff know. I wish you all a happy and healthy 2009. May you continue to find missing ancestors and break through your brick walls!

Image on the first page of this Newsletter

This image shows the entrance to the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum in Fort Worth. The building was erected in 1936 to honor the memory of Mr. Rogers. Mr. Rogers and his co-pilot Wiley Post died in an airplane crash in Alaska while the two were on an around the world flight. The rodeo activity of the Fort Worth Stock Show has taken place in the building since 1944.

2009 Community History Workshop Series

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

(Furnished by Shirley Apley)

Fort Worth Central Library

500 W. 3rd St.

Fort Worth, Texas

10:30am-12:00pm

January 10

“Chasing a Fly Ball”: Researching professional baseball in Fort Worth

Mark Presswood

January's lecture will be in the Discovery Theatre

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"Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"
General Marcelite Harris

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Attention Hamilton County, Tennessee Researchers

Hamilton County Clerk Bill Knowles said on January 5, 2009 "It pleases me to announce an extra dimension of service to citizens interested in researching Hamilton County marriage history. Records covering an eighty-five year period may now be accessed by visiting <http://countyclerkanytime.com>. My goal to assist the public in examining marriage records online is a reality after many years of planning. Genealogists are able to print a specific record being viewed. Licenses issued from 1857 to 1919 and from 1985 through 2008 have been posted online. Records from 1920 to 1984 will be posted when the project is completed. Marriage files from 1819 to 1856 do not exist. It is thought these documents were lost when the Courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1910." [Obtained from the Kilgore-I mailing list]

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