

Fort Worth Genealogical Society (Est 1957)

# Newsletter

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## Coming Genealogy Events General Meeting

Tuesday, September 29, 2009 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Fort Worth Library – Tandy Lecture Hall  
500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Subject: **In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library**

The FWGS Presents

**Not one, not two, not three but FOUR experts**

Who will provide information about the

**The TC Historical Commission**

...what it is, what it does and what it has...

Speakers: Marvin Wilson from Arlington

Cindy Wilson-Arrick from Fort Worth

Betty Porter from Haltom City

Jo Pirtle from Forest Hill

Contact Janie Pace for more information - (817) 428-5918 or  
[jhpacerd@charter.net](mailto:jhpacerd@charter.net)

## Daytime Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2009 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Fort Worth Library, Southwest Branch

4100 Library Lane at Hulen

Auditorium

Subject: Census

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

## Computer Group Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2009 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Fort Worth Library, Downtown

500 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St

Intel Computer Lab

Subject: TBD

Contact Clois Richardson for more information – [cloisrich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cloisrich@sbcglobal.net)



# **Genealogy Announcements continued**

## **Board of Director's Meeting**

Saturday, September 19, 2009 10:00 AM – Noon  
Fort Worth Library, Southwest Branch  
4100 Library Lane at Hulen  
Auditorium  
All members welcome

## **Beginners Workshop Series**

**2009 Series is Finished**

Resuming in January 2010

## **GENEALOGY AND SCHOOL RECORD RESOURCES WORKSHOP FORT WORTH ISD BILLY SILLS CENTER FOR ARCHIVES SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009 10 A.M. – 12 NOON**

Fort Worth Independent School District, Billy Sills Center for Archives cordially invites you to attend the “Genealogy and School Record Resources Workshop,” presented by Gayle W. Hanson, local historian and genealogist.

The first one-hour session of the workshop will focus briefly on basic genealogy—how to get started and how to use school records for family history and family and school reunion research. The second session will focus on the use of school records for educational and historical projects such as: theses/dissertations, school histories, classroom projects, etc., and school record repositories.

The FWISD Billy Sills Archives houses school documents and artifacts which date back to the 1880s. The collection contains biographies, Board minutes, courses of study, FWISD data, individual school records, magazines, microfiche records, PTA scrapbooks, school annuals and yearbooks, slides, textbooks, and photographs.

The collection is available to the public for educational, historical, family and school history, and scholarly study and research. If you are presently researching your family or school history and have questions, please bring your research with you.

The Archives are located on the second floor of the Metro Opportunity School at 2720 Cullen Street (University Drive and Cullen Street) in Fort Worth, Texas, in close proximity to the FWISD Administration Building.

Please join us for an educational and informative workshop. This presentation is free to the public. Seating is limited. Please contact Lenna Hughes, Archivist, at (817) 871-3107, if you plan to attend.

# **Past FWGS Events**

## **August Monthly Meeting**

Janine Smith discussed photo restoration at our August Meeting. Such restoration is especially important for genealogists because this is often the only way that we can see our ancestors. In addition, because the restoration includes digitization of the image, we are reducing the chance that permanent and unrecoverable destruction will happen.

It is certainly possible to restore photographs yourself. There could, however, be a steep learning curve for use of the photographic imaging programs. What you need are a good scanner and a photographic image editing program. Do not under any circumstances make changes directly to the originals. Such changes are not reversible and may precipitate further damage.

A member of the audience inquired as to whether it was advisable to pay someone to scan the original or to do this task yourself. There is no answer to this question that applies to one and all. I can only help by describing my particular situation.

I bought my first 35mm camera in 1954. In the years that followed, I kept a collection of some 1800 slides and 3000 color negatives. At the rate of 50 cents per image, it would cost about \$2400 to pay someone to scan that many images. Instead, I bought a very good scanner for less than \$700. I thus would have saved \$1700. My actual savings would have been more because the rate of 50 cents does not include correction for scratches and fading.

A member of the audience also inquired about which imaging editing program would be required. Of course, Photoshop is the gold standard. However, programs such as Photoshop Elements or Paint Shop Pro are generally considered to be adequate. I have not had any experience with the free programs IrfanView or GIMP. Consequently, I have no opinion of them.

## **Western American Frontier History, 1550 – 1900**

The Amon Carter Museum Library has the only copy of this important archive in this area. It consists of 676 reels of microfilm. Clearly, you need to know which reels you need before going to the museum.

To determine if the archive has anything of interest to you, log on to [microformguides.gale.com](http://microformguides.gale.com). Select "Browse by Collection"; then select "W". You can download the entire index of the archive, or search for keywords of interest to you and download only the pages which contain the keywords. The index is a pdf document of well over 600 pages.

## **Image on First Page**

This photograph shows the historical marker which describes the founding of the Dove Community and the Lonesome Dove Baptist Church in 1846. The Dove Community no longer exists. The church, and its cemetery, still exist, but the oldest building on the property was constructed in 1931. The website of the church is [/www.lonesomedovechurch.org/](http://www.lonesomedovechurch.org/). Select the "I'm New" tab. Finally, select the "History" tab.

**FWGS Monthly Events January through November**

First Day	Newsletter Deadline	Contact Newsletter Editor
Second Tuesday	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 Tuesday	Regular Monthly Meeting	Fort Worth Library – Central
Fourth Saturday	Beginner's Workshop	Fort Worth Library – Central

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