

*Fort Worth Genealogical Society (Est 1957)*

# Newsletter

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May 2010

## 2010 FWGS Officers

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## Coming Genealogy Events

### General Meeting

Tuesday, May 25, 2010 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Fort Worth Library – Tandy Lecture Hall  
500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Subject: Dowsing for Graves

Speaker: Faye Elder

Faye will discuss using the age old method of dowsing to locate graves

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

### Computer Group Meeting

Saturday, May 29, 2010 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Fort Worth Library, Downtown  
500 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St

Intel Computer Lab

Subject: VITAL RECORDS AND ROOTSWEB

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

### Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, May 15, 2010 10:00 AM – Noon

Fort Worth Library, Southwest Branch  
4100 Library Lane at Hulen

Auditorium

All members welcome

### Beginners Workshop Series

Saturday, May 29, 2010 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Fort Worth Public Library, Downtown  
500 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St

Chappell Meeting Room (next to auditorium)

Subject: Church, Cemetery and Vital Records

The full curriculum is located on our website. For additional information contact Terri Meeks – [terri.meeks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:terri.meeks@sbcglobal.net)

# Past Genealogical Events

## April General Meeting

Judy Knight and Sandra Crowley discussed the role of the Federal Census in shaping the nation. The U. S. Constitution established the requirement of a count of the population of the United States. Nevertheless, many individuals see some sinister purpose in the census and have resisted efforts to count them. This situation has been true since the very first census in 1790.

Until the 1850 census, only the name of heads of household were entered into the census. This practice makes using the early census records to trace a particular individual difficult. Subsequent census records are much more likely to show light on a given individual's whereabouts.

The census records for years before 1870 show the number of slaves in a particular household. The names may or not be recorded but even then only the given names are recorded.

Turning now to the 1940 census, the government took three censuses

- 1) Population
- 2) Housing
- 3) Agricultural

I will be interested in seeing if my name is present. We were living in Bowie, Montague County, State of Texas in 1940. I am not in the census of 1930. My parents were living in Childress, Childress County, State of Texas. However, the census was enumerated in late April of 1930, but I was born in late May.

We were renting an apartment in 1940.

This presentation could have gone on for quite a bit longer, but the library closes at 8 PM.

## Betty Jean Hill Blackburn

We learned on April 9, 2010, of the death of FWGS member Betty Jean Hill Blackburn. Betty and her husband Lee have been members of the Society since 1970. Please keep Lee and his family in your prayers.

## Footprints

Footprints is a very valuable publication of the Society. However, we need articles to publish therein, and we need volunteers to assemble the articles for publication.

## Summer Seminar

We are looking forward to yet another successful meeting. We expect to have Society books on sale at attractive pricing (details to follow).

The admission price will be \$40 for entries postmarked before August 1. The price for entries on August 1 or after will be \$45.

## Summer Seminar Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Before August 1, include \$40.00 for each registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After August 1, include \$45.00 for each registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable and mail to Fort Worth Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 471789,  
Fort Texas, 74147-1408.

### FWGS Monthly Events January through November

First Day	Newsletter Deadline	Contact Newsletter Editor
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
Fourth Saturday	Computer Users Group	Fort Worth Library – Central

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### Renew Your FWGS Membership

\_\_\_ \$23 Individual    \_\_\_ \$27 Family  
\_\_\_ \$50 or More Sustaining    \_\_\_ \$250 Contributing    \_\_\_ 2010    \_\_\_ 2011

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