

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter



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### 2010 FWGS Officers

**President** – Debbie Pearson

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President & Newsletter Editor** – Don Crews

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President & Program Chairman** – Janie Pace

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President & Membership Chairman** – Jim Norris

**Treasurer** – Roy Combrink

**Recording Secretary** – Open

**Corresponding Secretary** – Rita Martin

**Historian** – Open

**Archivist** - Open

#### **Directors**

Crystal Barth

Deborah McVean

Terri Meeks

Clois Richardson

Rob Yoder

**Footprints Editor** - Open

**Librarian** - Open

**Parliamentarian** – Ellie Hutcheson

## Coming Genealogy Events

**No Meetings in December**

### The Meeting Schedule for 2011

#### Monthly General Meetings

January 25, February 22, March 29, April 26, May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30, September 27, October 25, and November 29  
(Usually held at the Tandy Lecture Hall in the Central Library)

#### Beginners and Computer Users Meetings

January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, and November 26  
(Usually held at the Chapell Meeting Room and the Intel Lab in the Central Library)

#### Board of Directors Meetings

January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 19  
(Usually held in the Auditorium of the South West Regional Library)

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### **Past Genealogy Events**

#### **November General Meeting November 26, 2010**

The program consisted of the induction of the 2011 officers and a swap meet for genealogical materials.

### **General Notices**

#### **Volunteers Needed**

The Society has an urgent need for members who can resume the publication of Footprints. In particular, the Society needs a person who can become the editor of this very valuable project. Just contact one of the board members at the next General Meeting to learn more.

#### **Photograph on the First Page**

The photograph shows the Wise County Courthouse in Decatur, Texas. James W. Norris took the photograph in October of 1999.

#### **Save Money by Paying the Dues in December**

Everyone has need for ideas to save money. The Society offers discounted rates until December 31 to help.

#### **Renew Your Membership**

As 2010 draws to a close, it is time once again the renew your membership in the Fort Worth Genealogical Society. The Society values your membership, and it doesn't want you to miss out on any of our activities, newsletters, or publications.

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When many members of the Society first began the search for our ancestors, we had to travel to libraries and archives, write letters, and search for clues. So much information is now at our fingertips free of charge or by subscription on the internet. The role of genealogical societies has changed from one of gathering what information can be found to determining how much of the information is valid and how much is not. Thus, genealogical societies are by no means obsolete.

I can speak from my own experience. I was vaguely aware that some of my ancestors lived in Fort Worth at some time in the past. However, I found a probate record in Footprints for my ancestor, William H. Brown. Then, I found a death certificate for him in the records of Polytechnic City in the Fort Worth Public Library. And, finally, I found his home (3600 Ave. G) from city directories in the Library. None of this could have been found very easily without that initial record in Footprints.

### **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**

\$20 (Until December 31, 2010) Individual     \$25 (Until December 31, 2010) Family  
 \$23 (After December 31, 2010) Individual     \$28 (After December 31, 2010) Family  
 \$50 or More Sustaining     \$250 Contributing     2010     2011

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