

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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April 2012

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Coming Genealogy Events

General Meeting

Tuesday, April 24, 2012 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Fort Worth Library – Tandy Lecture Hall

500 W. 3rd Street

Subject: Legally a Cobb; Biologically a Mills

DNA & Your Genealogy

Speaker: Roger Cobb

DNA testing helped solve a brick wall. Also included will be a description of DNS basics and how DNA may help you.

Contact Debbie for more information at (817)732-3257 or debeejay@aol.com

Computer Group Meeting

Saturday, April 28, 2012 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Fort Worth Library, Downtown

500 W 3rd St

Intel Computer Lab

Subject: **Accessing Archives and Libraries**

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

Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, April 21, 2012, 2010 10:15 AM – Noon

Fort Worth Library, Southwest Branch

4100 Library Lane at Hulen

Auditorium

All members welcome

Beginners Workshop Series

Saturday, April 28, 2012 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Fort Worth Public Library, Downtown

500 W 3rd St

Chappell Meeting Room (next to auditorium)

Subject: Information from Archives and Libraries

Resources available at archives and libraries, reference books such as Genealogies in the Library of Congress, Family History Centers, lending libraries, libraries worth going out of your way, use of newspapers and how to find them, special collections, use of maps, migration trails, National Archives & Records Administration, State Archives.

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The full curriculum is located on our website. For additional information contact Terri Meeks – terri.meeks@sbcglobal.net

Past Genealogy Events

A Message To All from Debbie Pearson

Below is an email I received today [March 24, 2012] from the Texas State Archives concerning Confederate Pension Records:

We are pleased to inform you that these records have been digitized and are now available online from Ancestry.com and Ancestry Library Edition. If you or your local library has access to one of these resources, you may wish to view and/or print your copies from that site. The title of the database containing the Texas Confederate Pension Applications is *U.S., Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958*.

Although we no longer photocopy the original documents, we can print copies of the digitized images available on Ancestry. If you would like for us to print the images, please let us know and we will provide you with a price quote. All images will be printed on 8.5" x 11" paper and our copy fee is \$.10 per page, plus postage.

If you have any questions concerning your request, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Library Staff

Texas State Library and Archives Commission

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<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us>

March General Meeting

Sherri Knight and James Pylant were the presenters at our March General Meeting. As authors of "Searching for Black Sheep" they described their search methods. I found that I have on occasion used many of their methods.

One that I have not used enough is search through court cases. The one I have in mind is about a family dispute over death benefits which reached the Mississippi Supreme Court in 1837. I now understand that I should search through the law library at the Tarrant County Courthouse for records of this case.



Both Sherri and James are published authors. Their websites www.jacobusbooks.com, www.jamespylant.com, and www.sherriknight.com where more information may be found.

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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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2012 Summer Seminar

Plans for the annual seminar are coming to coming together. We have settled the date as Saturday, August 11, 2012. The meeting place is Trinity Terrace, 1600 Texas, Fort Worth. Our speaker will be Lloyd Bockstruck. We expect that the tickets to the event will cost about \$40.

Can Anyone Help ?

I recently received this email:

Hi Mr. Norris!

My name is Donna Cary. I'm a member of Atascocita-Kingwood Gen. Soc., north of Houston. I noticed your name and contact email while I was viewing the new CD available for Texas Marriages [which I just mailed my check to purchase one of the invaluable records]

My very best friend, Joyce *NORRIS* DeWitt asked me to research her dad's family several years ago as a birthday gift to him. He and his brother lost their parents at young ages, so the family history was a bit muddy. A non-relative raised the younger brother in Galveston, while the older one joined the military.

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Can Anyone Help - *continued*

A non-relative raised the younger brother in Galveston, while the older one joined the military. My question: do you have any of the following connection to my list below, and if you do, would you be so kind to share information?

My friend: Joyce Lynn Norris 1951

Joyce's Father: Edward L. Norris 1923, b. Fort Worth, Tarrant TX, grew up and still living in Galveston

Ed's father: John Carson Norris b. 13 Feb 1888, OK d. 1940 m. Elsie Neal [she died 1938]

[prior to John's death, he had been hospitalized when Edward was abt 13 yrs. old]

John Carson Norris lived in Fort Worth, Tarrant TX 1930c, 1920c

" registered for the WWI draft in Tarrant County, Fort Worth; states Kosse, TX birth.

" living in Fort Worth with mother? [Sarah Norris/aka Carrie] , two older brothers, Ray & Grady and sister and brother-in-law Carrie and Lee Porter He was 22. 1910c

" living in Township 8, Chickasaw nation, Indian Territory with ?mother Carrie Norris and his older siblings. He was 12. 1900c

A. B. Norris [most likely John Carson's father] m. C. J. Norris [?Carrie] living in Kosse, Limestone TX 1880c

living with them is: Thaddeus S. Norris, Ada C. Norris

living in same vicinity is: John Norris [most likely A. B.'s father] m. Rebecca; Abner/Abby, Peter, J

I replied: Unfortunately, I am not kin to any of these persons. Donna's email address is:
dmccary2222@yahoo.com