



Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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September General Meeting

The next General Meeting is
Tuesday night, September 30th.

Our speaker will be **Anna Guy-Burroughs**, owner of **Once Removed**, her successful research and presentation company. Her topic will be **"What's In A Name? Names & Naming Patterns in Genealogical Research."**

Anna will help us explore naming patterns in some families. These can be invaluable clues to identify lost ancestors.



Anna has 20 years researching her family. She has tackled such diverse topics as

adoption, slavery, reconstruction, migration, West African research and more. Her teaching abilities may come from her job at American Airlines where she is a Sr. Learning Strategy Consultant.

**Please come welcome Anna to
FWGS!**

We'll meet at **6:00 p.m.** for coffee in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the **Central Branch Library**. Meeting starts at **6:30**.

**Bring a friend or a genealogy
buddy with you!**



FW Library News

BRANCH ANCESTRY

Next Meeting:
2 p.m.

Wed, Sept 10,

Ella Shamlee Branch

Rene Gomez, librarian, tells us that the September 10th Branch Ancestry Meeting will conclude the series that travelled around the system to all branches.

There might be plans later this year to return to the branches again and conduct some further lessons on genealogy. Watch your newsletter or the Fort Worth Library Website for more.

August General Meeting: WW I: 100 Years of Records

Hope you were there in August. **President Pearson** wore two hats and not only presided but presented too. (That is a lot of P's!) And **Sam Akins** brought some delicious cookies and juice.

August marks the 100th Anniversary of the English and French entering in to the War to End All Wars! The US came in later—in 1917.

Debbie told us the value of looking into WWI Draft Registrations and the amounts of information there: Name, DOB, marital status, relatives, addresses, physical descriptions, and even signatures. But she cautioned: not everyone served who had a draft registration.

She told us the usual places you might find records and a few unusual ones too; some for FREE!

As this centennial year goes forth, why not start your search for your WWI ancestors!

September FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Sept 20th
10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners & Computer Users:

Are **Concluded** for 2014 but will Begin on **Sat, January 24, 2015**.

General Meeting: Sept 30^h
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central
Coffee at 6:00

Refreshments: **Rita Martin**



From the President.....

Back to School. It used to make me quake in my boots. But I'm retired now!

I hope you made the Summer Seminar on August 9th. It was such a success with about **70** participants. **Lloyd Bockstruck**, as always, imparted so much genealogical information, but so much history too. He can make the times of long ago seem so real and practical to us in 2014. In fact, Lloyd imparts so much history in his lectures, one of our participants was a school teacher who wanted to use this seminar for some of his hours of in-service training!

FWGS will begin planning our **2015 Summer Seminar** in the next months. If you have a topic or a speaker of choice in mind, email it to me or our web site. Let us know what you are interested in learning.

Also, it is that time of year for the Nomination Committee to begin looking for new officers and fill open positions. **Would you be willing to help your society? Would you serve?** Try coming onto the board for one year and learn more about the workings of the society and the contributions it makes to the genealogical community at large. **Please say yes**, if asked to serve. Or better yet, **VOLUNTEER!** Just let me know. I will pass on your name.

Debbie Pearson

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports **150 members.**

FWGS needs YOU!

New: Jeffress Newman Family

Returning: Sharon Ward

REMINDER: FWGS conducts Beginners Classes and a Computer Users Groups for 8 months every year. August was our last meeting. New classes will begin again in **January 2015** on the **4th Saturday**. Mark it now!



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Lloyd Bockstruck at the Summer Seminar on August 9th speaking on **Western Migration**
Thanks to Dan/Terri Meeks for photo



From the FWGS Mail Bag

From the National Archives:

Friday Freebies begin again at NARA in Montgomery Plaza

Friday, **September 5th** at 12 noon to 1 p.m.

"What Can I Find in Federal Court Records?"

by Barbara Rust, Senior Archivist at NARA

Reserve your spot today by emailing us at

ftworth.education@nara.gov or calling **817-831-5620!**

Next Month's Friday Freebie: **October 3rd**

Public Land Records at the National Archives

by Jennifer Audsley-Moore, Archives Technician

FWISD Presents

Billy W. Sills Lecture Series

September 13, 10:00 a.m.

Presenter: **Max Courtney**, forensic scientist and historian

Topic: **"CSI/Fort Worth: Forensic Science and Court Room Drama in Fort Worth"**

2720 Cullen Street

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Center for Texas Studies at TCU and Fort Worth Library

Presents **Preserving Our Past**

Saturday, Oct 4th at 10:30 am to 12 noon

in the Tandy Auditorium of the Central Branch Library

"Learning from Texas Cemeteries"

Dr. Ken Hafertepe, Baylor University

JustAJoy.com

I saw some postings recently about documents, Bibles, old family heirlooms, photos, etc. that were available on a web site that auction houses and antique dealers use, in order to sell their items. By posting to this site, it is hoped that not only can the antique dealers find buyers for their wares, but that the buyers will be people who may be descendants of the original owners of those items.

The web site is JustAJoy.com and was created by Joy Shevar in North Carolina. It is her hope that genealogists and family historians will find a "lost treasure" on her web site and bring it back home. If the items are going to be sold anyway, she hopes someone will purchase it who has a family connection.

You may enter a family name or a topic and do a search on her web site. However you will only be able to view the item if you have a subscription to her web site. Subscriptions are \$20 yearly. In addition, if you have ever found or bought an item that you wish you could get back to a family, those can be posted for free on the web site. You could ask for reimbursements costs or postage/ mailing fees too.

Joy says after an item is sold, she will leave its description and details on the web site just so other researchers may be aware it is out there. Some purchasers will leave forwarding info in case others wish to know more later. Details of birth, death and marriages from an old Bible could be posted there even after the Bible is sold.

Seems like a wonderful idea for genealogists. Try it-- you never know what you might find.

Map Education

<http://geography.about.com/education/geography/>

This is a great web site to learn more about maps, American & World. Need to know a capital, a highway, a river? Want to know more about GPS or old maps. Check it out. It's free and some maps will download.

OLD OCCUPATIONS

- Lardner** -- Keeper of the cupboard
- Lavender** -- Washer woman
- Lederer** -- Leather maker
- Leech** -- Physician
- Longshoreman** -- Stevedore
- Lorner** -- Maker of horse gear
- Malender** -- Farmer
- Maltster** -- Brewer
- Manciple** -- A steward
- Mason** -- Bricklayer
- Mintmaster** -- One who issued local currency
- Monger** -- Seller of goods (ale, fish)
- Muleskinner** -- Teamster
- Neatherder** -- Herds cows
- Ordinary Keeper** -- Innkeeper with fixed prices

The Official Federal Land Patent Records Site

<http://www.gloreCORDS.blm.gov/>

Need to find your ancestor's land sale information? Did he settle in a Public Land state? The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), has a great web site, **The Official Federal Land Patent Records Site**. They provide live database access to Federal land conveyance records for the Public Land States. Image access is provided to more than two million Federal land title records for Eastern Public Land States, issued between 1820 and 1908.

The states created out of the public domain are the lands now embraced in **the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming**. And yet the web site has some records available for 49 states plus Washington, DC. (Hawaii is not included.) Texas has only 2 counties with any Federal Land.

Remember, if you ancestor got his land from a bounty land settlement for war service, those records will not be here. They will be in **NARA** with the Bounty Land Records associated with the war you need.



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The August issue of *Footprints* is Here !

Do you have a Query or an Article for the NEXT Issue?

Have you ever considered placing a query in *Footprints*? If you have a **Tarrant County area** question on family, send it to: FWGS@mail.com or visit our [web site](#) or mail to our society PO Box. Mark it Attention: Footprints Editor. Include a specific question with supporting information to make it clear and include a time period and location. You must include your name & postal address. If you wish, you may add an email.