



Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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June

General Meeting

Our first summer meeting will be **June 30th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Tandy Auditorium of the Central Branch FW Library. Our speaker is new to our FWGS audience but he is especially fond of one of Fort Worth's past historical figures, Curly Bill. **Randolph Farmer** has done extensive research on Curly Bill and will bring us his program **"The True Story of "Curly Bill," Horse Thief, Cattle Dealer, Murderer, Lawman: 1858-1909."** Please plan to attend and find out more about this character.

Randy Farmer comes to us from Plano. He holds an MBA and is a financial advisor. His other passion is writing, researching and preserving heritage. He has written books, many articles, and contributed to several publications on the American West. Randy also serves on the Board of the Collin County Historical Society and was instrumental in the formation of the Blackland Prairie Institute there.



He has researched his own family and found deep Texas roots. One ancestor was Nathaniel Robbins who was in Texas by 1817 working cattle. He became a friend to Sam Houston who appointed him as an Indian Agent. This direct ancestor qualifies Randy for the TSGS program, First Families of Texas.

Bring a friend.

Refreshments at 6 pm.



FW Library News

June is Local History

Discover historic Fort Worth, a unique city filled with rich cultural heritage. Celebrations kicked off this month on June 6th with receptions and history programs. Upcoming events:

June 13th at 2 p.m. at Central:

Torch Bearers: The Significant Contributions of African-Americans in Fort Worth's History

June 27th at 10:30 a.m. at Central:

Fort Worth History Bike Tour

Pedal your way to historic downtown buildings with [Cowtown Cycle Party](#). Join guide Rick Selcer as you step back in time and exercise at the same time. Ages 18 and up. Limited Seating.

Reservations required, please call (817)392-7740. To read more:

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/info/default.aspx?id=125438>

May Meeting

Judy Ramos, FWGS member and genealogist, spoke to us about "Using Social Media in Your Genealogy." She opened our eyes to various platforms we have heard about, maybe even used for communications, but never for genealogy or family history. Judy extolled the virtues of Twitter for special genealogical projects such as her participation in the "52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks" project last year. She wrote about a different ancestor every week for one year. She was able to connect with other descendants of some of her same ancestors. Pinterest has lots of ideas for scrapbooks and genealogical projects. YouTube boasts videos of genealogy lectures. And Facebook has groups of people dedicated to name studies or other interests, just to name a very few ideas.

June FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: June 20th

3:30-6:00 Southwest Regional

Beginners: June 27th

10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

Computer Users: June 27th

2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

General Meeting: June 30th

6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

Refreshments: **Crystal Barth**

From the President.....



School is set to be out as I write this. Grads are excited to embark on new vistas and Brides are excited to plan weddings and start new lives. And FWGS is excitedly planning our NEW **End of Summer Seminar**. We had to change our date to **September 19th**. I am now excited to announce our speaker on that date will be the nationally known—**Lisa Louise Cooke**. Lisa is one of the newer voices in the genealogy world touting the wonders of using technology in your genealogy. Look forward to learning MANY new techniques and pick up some pointers. We all want to know the latest on tools such as digital photography, digitization of records, and Evernote, just to name a few. Lisa has so much to offer, you won't want to let her go. You might want to start now listening to some of her podcasts or read her blogs.



Here is her web site and a good place to start:
<http://lisalouisecooke.com/> **Please save that date for FWGS! See ya then!**

Debbie Pearson

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports **137 members**. **That means we're still missing some members!** January starts the new Membership Year, so it's time to send in your 2015 Dues! It is never too late to Join or Renew!

Welcome to New Member:

Evelyn Edwina Holt

FWGS Beginners Class/ CUG

June 27th (Back on Schedule-4th Saturday)

FWGS conducts Beginners Classes and a Computer Users Group (CUG) for 8 months every year. Classes are held at the FW Central Branch Library, 300 W.5th St.

Next class is June 27th on:

Immigration, Emigration & Naturalization Records

Beginners Class with Terri Meeks meets at **10:30 a.m.**

Computer Users Group meets at **2:00 p.m.** **Ed McCoy**

leads this group. Both classes last 2 hours.

Beginners meet in Chappell Rm. **CUG** is in the Intel Lab and includes hands-on computer time. For more:

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/beginners_workshops.html

From the FWGS Mail Bag



It looks like NARA is taking a break in classes through July. This August date is not on their web site, but was announced earlier in the year. Check before you go.

Friday Freebies at NARA in

Montgomery Plaza

Friday, **August 7th, 2015** at 12 noon to 1 p.m.

"Scrapbooking for Genealogists"

by Jenny Sweeney, *Education Specialist*

Reserve your spot today by emailing us at

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

TSGS Announces 2015 Conference—Austin, Texas

TSGS is excited to announce its 2015 Family History Conference will be Oct 30—Nov 1, 2015 in Austin, Texas, and everyone is invited! This three day event will include wonderful research opportunities, insightful family history sessions for all skill levels, and a full exhibit hall.

Austin's rich historical and genealogical resources promise all TSGS 2015 Conference attendees will have a memorable learning experience allowing them to explore their family history.

Visit the **TSGS website** and keep an eye out in the coming weeks and months for more information about the speakers' call for presentation proposals, sponsorship opportunities, hotel information, keynote speaker announcement, exhibitor opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and registration. Members and Non-members can both enjoy the conference.

DAR Collaborates with AncestryK12 to Bring Family History Resources to the Classroom

Thursday, April 30, 2015

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is proud to announce a new collaboration with the AncestryK12 program to help bring family history resources to classrooms. Working together, AncestryK12 and DAR will provide educators with greater access and visibility to detailed information about participants in the American Revolution and their descendants using the DAR's Genealogical Research System (GRS).

"For 125 years, DAR has passionately worked to advance our founding objectives of historic preservation, education and patriotism," said Lynn Young, DAR President General. "As part

of our commitment to making family research materials more readily available to the public, we couldn't be more thrilled to team up with AncestryK12 to advance our shared goals to bring family history resources to the classrooms."

DAR was founded in 1890 as a women's lineage and service organization to perpetuate the memory and spirit of Revolutionary War patriots who contributed to securing American independence. As part of the application process to join the DAR, women provide a detailed account of their family history connecting them to an ancestor that aided the cause of freedom during the American Revolution. Close to 1 million women have joined the DAR in its 125 years in existence and the myriad of genealogical information that has been amassed from their verified family histories has resulted in more than 20 million genealogical documents. The DAR Genealogical Research System (www.dar.org/GRS) is a resource provided by the DAR that is the result of an extensive 10 year digitization project that gathers these many materials amassed by the organization since its founding into a collection of databases available to the public online for free to aid general genealogical research.

AncestryK12 offers a no-cost program for K-12 schools to have access to family history documents online. Schools interested in bringing Ancestry.com to their classrooms may register online for access at www.ancestryk12.com. In coordination with the AncestryK12 program, DAR will help educate students and teachers on how to access these extensive databases to explore the lives of soldiers and others who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War.

"We are thrilled to work with the Daughters of the American Revolution to bring more Revolutionary War records into classrooms across the country," said Brian Hansen, Vice President of Emerging Businesses, Ancestry. "Classroom exposure to the historical details from the life and times of our ancestors not only teaches us about them, but also provides a greater understanding of who we are and characteristics we've inherited."

In addition to its renowned genealogical collection, the DAR is also active across the country in educating youth and supports a variety of different programs, contests, awards, and scholarships to help further this goal. Many educational resources and information about DAR education programs can be accessed through the DAR website at www.dar.org/education. Through the AncestryK12 collaboration, DAR will be able to provide greater visibility and access to these online resources pertaining to the American Revolutionary War, family history and genealogy, the colonial period and early America.

Partners:

Brooklyn Public Library – www.bklynlibrary.org

Brooklyn Connections connects schools throughout the borough of Brooklyn to the resources of the Brooklyn Collection, Brooklyn Public Library's local history room. The program is designed to teach research skills through interaction and exploration with primary source materials, to

foster an interest in history by encouraging engagement with original documents and artifacts, and to bring students into a comfortable relationship with their public library's local history collection.

Journey Through Hallowed Ground –

www.hallowedground.org

The Journey Through Hallowed Ground (JTHG) and Ancestry are working together with school systems and teachers nationwide to have students research each of the 750,000 Civil War fallen. They are doing this by studying who from their communities fought and died; then using this research to create memorial pages in their honor as well as dedicating one tree for each soldier, to be planted along the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Scenic Byway as part of the Living Legacy Tree Planting Project.

National Museum of the Pacific War –

www.pacificwarmuseum.org

The National Museum of the Pacific War and the Sons and Daughters of WWII Genealogical Society and Ancestry.com have partnered in order to help schools, teachers and families explore the lives of soldiers and others who served in WWII. Education is a key piece to our partnership. Teaching materials and Ancestry resources will be available through ancestryk12.com, as well as www.pacificwarmuseum.org where our mission is to "inspire our youth by honoring our heroes".

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution – www.dar.org/education

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Ancestry.com have partnered to provide resources to schools, teachers and families to explore the lives of soldiers and others who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Since its founding in 1890, the DAR has amassed a renowned collection of family history records, which are available online through the DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS). The DAR is also passionate about educating youth and supports a variety of different programs, contests, awards and scholarships to help further this goal, along with providing online resources pertaining to the American Revolutionary War, family history/genealogy, the colonial period and early America.

National World War I Museum –

www.theworldwar.org

The National World War I Museum and Ancestry have joined together with schools and teachers to have students explore the lives of the soldiers and others who were touched by the impact of the first World War. They are then sharing their stories by creating a memorial page in their honor.



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