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MAY GENERAL MEETING

The May FWGS General Meeting will be **Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the **Central Branch Library**. Our guest speaker will be **Lynell Moss** and she is teaching us about **"FamilySearch Research Wikis."** How would you like an expert who knows everything about a county you need to research and can send you to the records you need? A Wiki can do that. Come find out?

Refreshments begin at 6:00 p.m., with the meeting starting at 6:30.



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Park Free on the Streets after 6 P.M. OR 2.5 hrs FREE in 3rd St Garage with Library Validation of Ticket.



FW LIBRARY NEWS

MEMORIAL DAY : ALL libraries are closed all day.

NEW

FW's First Family Library

To build a community of learners, dreamers and doers, FW expands services to a new location. This first family library will be located at **3851 E. Lancaster Avenue** in City Council District 8.

The FW public is invited to help name the new facility. The top five names are:

- Dionne Bagsby Family Library
- Fort Worth Family Library
- Imagination Family Library
- Jennie Scott Scheuber F.L.
- Reby Cary Family Library

Voting runs from May 20 to June 3.

April FWGS Meeting

Bernard N. Meisner brought his most informative program on **"The Value of Collateral Lines"** in April. He used several examples from his own family research to demonstrate how he made breakthroughs on his direct line. Three tips he included were to: 1) Concentrate on one family at a time, 2) Search the complete family (all children, all descendants), and 3) Always work backwards (from yourself). He also advocated keeping a timeline of your ancestors. One thing that bears further study: he mentioned that Family Search has a facial recognition component in their on-line trees. **(NOTE to SELF: Check on this!)**



Like FWGS on Facebook!

May FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Sat. May 19, 2019
10:15 Central, Downtown

Beginners: Sat, May 18, 2019
10:30 Chappell Room, Central

Computer Users: Sat, May 18, 2019
2:00 Intel Lab, Central

General Meeting: Tues, May 28, 2019
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

May Refreshments: Carlene Johnson



From the Editor

April Showers Bring May Showers Too! We have had so much rain! Good for genealogy work inside!

We had severe weather for our April Meeting. So sorry many of you missed Dr. Meisner. It was an excellent program. Please mark your calendar and come for the **May** meeting, which will be another great one with **Lynell Moss**, a new speaker to FWGS.

ALSO: HOT OFF THE PRESSES. We should have the brochures at the meeting to sign up for the Summer Seminar, so bring your checkbook! Be the second to sign up—Roy Combrink was the first! Remember, members get a break on their registration, so be sure your membership is up to date.

AND one benefit of family research is finding ancestors who have given military service to our country. I hope you take this **Memorial Day** to honor your ancestors.

See you at the meeting May 28th!

Debbie Pearson,
Newsletter Editor

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Family Tree Magazine sends word that **Ancestral Seekers** is booking their 71st trip to Salt Lake City for Research at the LDS Family History Library. There are only 24 spots left for the December 2-7, 2019, **Christmas on the Temple Square** trip.

- Enjoy the most popular genealogy research program in Salt Lake City
- Spend a week at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City
- Receive help provided exclusively for guests by “Ancestral Seekers” consultants
- Ideal for both first time and previous visitors with all skill levels catered for
- Search records not available for viewing at home
- Learn how to make your research more productive when you return home

Enjoy this week of research at the Family History Library with help from outstanding team of research consultants and enjoy all the Christmas fun, decorations, music, programs, etc. in SLC. Single registration is \$1,361.00

Next Trip: Feb 2020

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TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
**TEXAS INSTITUTE**  
of GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

**JUNE 9-14, 2019**

**Crown Plaza Hotel**

**Austin, TX**

<http://www.txsgs.org/2019-tigr/>

**You may still register online thru June 5.**

**Afterwards, register at door.**

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Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31.

Your 2019 Membership is PAST DUE! \$23 or \$27 payable to FWGS. Get all 4 quarterlies. Mail to:

ATTN: Membership Director

P.O. Box 471789

Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408

Please add your email and print neatly.

REMEMBER to let FWGS know your new address if Moving!

JOIN FWGS NOW!

Members will pay a lower price for the Summer Seminar.

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports **116** members.

WELCOME to 2020:

We have **5** members who have already paid for 2020!

Renew Today and never miss an issue of *Footprints!*

Saturday, June 22, 2019

FWGS Beginners Class:

“Immigration, Emigration, & Naturalization Records”

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Computer Users Group:

“Immigration, Emigration, & Naturalization Records Online”

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Both classes are held at the Central Branch of FW Library. Beginners is held in the Chappell Room and CUG in the Intel Computer Lab.

Next: The 7th Session is Saturday, July 27th

“Military Records”



LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION

Austin.....

As we come to the end of May, the Legislature is set to close soon. Most all business is finished or will be by Monday, May 27th. This 86th session included these bills of interest to genealogists.

ADOPTEE RIGHTS BILL: HB 2725

<https://capitol.texas.gov/Search/DocViewer.aspx?ID=86RHB027251B&QueryText=%22hb+2725%22&DocType=B>

Went to the State Calendar on May 9th. The bill died without a house floor vote. Ran out of time. This was the fourth session for this idea, with the most support to date. Sponsored by a freshman rep (herself an adoptee) and with 33 bipartisan co-sponsors and authors. Supporters vow to bring it again in **2021**.

HB 703 Confidentiality of Birth Records

Apparently it died as well. This would have changed access to birth certificates to 125 years after birth.

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, August 17, 2019

Fort Worth Genealogical Society Presents
Annual Summer Seminar 2019

Featuring

DEBBIE DUAY

on

EARLY AMERICAN RESEARCH

TOPICS:

- How to Find a Provable Patriot in DAR in 90 Minutes or Less
- Documenting Lineages Before the 1850 Census
- I Know It's There, But I Just Can't Find It! - Debbie's "Secret" Search Strategies
- Non-Military Sources of Revolutionary War Service



Early Bird Prices:

Members: \$50.00

Non-Members: \$60.00

<http://www.learnwebskills.com/lineage/index.htm>



In Memoriam

Donald Patrick Goodman

February 2, 1930 – May 10, 2019

Former FWGS member Donald Goodman passed away on May 10, 2019 at the age of 89 in North Richland Hills, TX. **He and wife Maudine were FWGS members from 1989 to 2002.** FWGS expresses deepest sympathies to Maudine at this time.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/fort-worth-tx/donald-goodman-8709958>



GENEALOGY AND DNA IN THE NEWS

1. A recent Star Telegram story mentioned a Canadian website devoted to free obituaries had been sued and lost over ownership of those obits. The site known as **AFTERLIFE** was sued by funeral homes and families in a class action suit. The web site gathered obits from funeral homes, placed them on their **free** website, but charged for making memorials, lighting virtual candles or placing virtual flowers on their site. **This news is a bit chilling in the US as we have many somewhat (not exactly) comparable sites such as Legacy.com, Find A Grave and others here.** The thought of losing access is frightening. It appears the "gotcha" was that Afterlife claimed ownership on their own site after they had taken the obits off of other sites. And the biggest challenge was that photos had been taken as well. See Dick Eastman's article on his excellent blog: *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* <https://blog.eogn.com/2019/05/09/republishing-obituaries-is-it-piracy/>

2. Everyday the news is full of stories: a birth mother and child are reunited, an unsolved crime is solved, or a family tree finds a secret truth. All solved with DNA. Most of these are thanks not just to DNA, but the fact that the DNA results have been uploaded to the free website **GEDmatch**. GEDmatch has allowed people to share and compare with actual family trees and match DNA results to real families. The trouble is that they had never had an or opt in/out statement to families. **That is changing soon. INFORMED CONSENT.** Read Judy Russell's *THE LEGAL GENEALOGIST* blog :

<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2019/05/19/gedmatch-reverses-course/>

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library
Presents

Lynell Moss

On

FamilySearch Research Wikis

Ever thought you would like an assistant to help you find the records you need or an expert to ask about a county or a state you need to research? Have you ever used the Family Search Wikis? Lynell will show you how and show their great value to genealogists and researchers.

DAY: Tuesday, May 28, 2019

TIME: 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3rd St.

Parking meters are free at 6 p.m. The Sundance Garage on 3rd St. is free for 2 ½ hours with validation at Library desk. Come at 6:00 for Refreshments.

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Individual Membership - \$23
⇒ \$20 if paid before the new year begins

Family Membership - \$27
⇒ \$25 if paid before the new year begins

Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

Name:

Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

E-mail Address:

(Your email address will be added to our mailing list in order for you to receive local announcements.)

This membership application is for:

2019

2020

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