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AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

The FWGS General Meeting will be **Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the **Central Branch Library**. The speaker is **Sheila Randolph**. She will speak on **"The NPE Blues."** In DNA circles an NPE is a Non-Paternal Event or when your lineage veers to a parent you were not expecting. Come hear Sheila's DNA journey.

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



SHEILA

RANDOLPH is an Attorney in Fort Worth who has handled cases ranging from Misdemeanors

to Capital Murder. Sheila received her undergraduate degree from Emerson College in Boston in 1981 and her law degree from UT- in Austin in 1985. While in law school, she was admitted to the American Journal of Criminal Law. She has been an Assistant Criminal D A, a TCLEOSE instructor for the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office investigators, and a Director of the Tarrant County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. An avid genealogist & 6th generation Texan, Sheila is a member of Julia Jackson 141 (UDC) on the record of her 3rd-great grandfather Samuel Buffington, and an Auxiliary member of the Colonel William H. Griffin Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. She also volunteers

her time as the defense attorney for the Felony Alcohol Intervention among other groups.



FW LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday Closures

All Libraries will close for Labor Day

Monday, September 2, 2019

Other Library News.....

A recent Star Telegram headline shocked with these words: "City seeks feedback on selling some property, including public library." They were referring to the central branch which holds all the genealogy collection of FW Library. The main gist is that they want public feedback and we genealogists are going to have to do just that--SPEAK UP and SPEAK OUT!! They need to know how much it means to be able to access the books, the rare books, the archival material, the city directories, microfilm, the equipment and scanners, the meetings, the classes, and so much more for genealogists. Please read this article and stay apprised. Write emails and letters. Speak at meetings. They must hear our feedback.

<https://digital.olivesoftware.com/Olive/ODN/FortWorth/shared/ShowArticle.aspx?doc=FWST%2F2019%2F08%2F19&entity=Ar00102&sk=0FAC98B5&mode=text>

JULY FWGS Meeting

Lora Pallatto brought our program in July. Her talk was entitled "Follow the Money" and dealt with looking for records that our ancestors may have left on their financial dealings and status. If you would like her notes and materials that she presented that evening, you may email Debbie Pearson, the Program Director at:

FWGS-ProgramDirector@mail.com

Add subject line: JULY SPEAKER

August FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Sun, Aug 18, 2019
2:00 Central, Downtown

Beginners: Sat, Aug 24, 2019
10:30 Chappell Room, Central

Computer Users: Sat, Aug 24, 2019
2:00 Intel Lab, Central

General Meeting: Tues, Aug 27, 2019
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

August Refreshments: **Crystal Barth**

From the Editor



Ole' Summer Sun is trying his best to bake us on these last days of summer. Hope your summer included a trip out of town! August brought to FWGS our annual Summer Seminar. It was very well attended and well received. There were around 115 at Ridglea Country Club to hear **Debbie Duay**. As promised, she really knows the territory in finding ancestors who may have served in the Revolutionary War and families that were in the colonies in this time period. She gave us so many places to look and her web site is fantastically linked to go between these resources seamlessly. Debbie really has a heart to help others learn.

Her web site: <http://www.learnwebskills.com>

Debbie Pearson,
Newsletter Editor

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Rob Yoder has **BIG NEWS!** For those of you who never have your check book with you at the meetings to pay your dues, you can now pay on our website with your credit card or with Pay Pal. And you can pay at the meetings too. TRY IT! Rob did--he went ahead and paid his 2020 dues!

Membership Report:
Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports
126 members.
Renew Today and never miss an issue of *Footprints!*

Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31.
\$23 or \$27 payable to FWGS. Get all 4 quarterlies.
If you do want to pay by check, Mail to:
FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
ATTN: Membership Director
P.O. Box 471789
Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408
Please add your email and print neatly.

MOVING???
REMEMBER to give FWGS your NEW ADDRESS!!!

From the FWGS Mail Bag



The Texas State Genealogical Society
announces their 2019 Family History Conference:

"BLAZING FAMILY TRAILS"

October 11th – 13th

In Houston at the OMNI Hotel Westside

33 speakers, 8 Tracks, 56 Sessions, + 4 add-on Workshops. Have a Fun, Get-Away Weekend!

See website to pre-register, see topics, classes
<https://www.txsgs.org/2019-conference/>

FWGS is proud to be a partner society to TxSGS.
<https://www.txsgs.org/>

FWGS SPONSORED CLASSES:

Saturday, Aug 24, 2019

Exploring ways to preserve or share your
Trees.

FWGS Beginners Class:
"Leaving A Legacy"
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Computer Users Group:
"Wrapping It Up"
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. This month **Carlene Johnson** will be leading both classes.

This is the LAST Session!
Classes will Conclude for 2019.

JOIN FWGS NOW!
Members will pay a lower price for the Summer Seminar.

Now, you can pay ONLINE!

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BACK TO SCHOOL TIME

This is a friendly reminder.

Schools are starting at many different times in Texas.

Some begin in early August and some still start after Labor Day. It takes a reminder to remember to watch for those darting children into our streets. And do you remember? It is state law to STOP for a school bus who displays the Red Stop Sign extending from the bus. Even if the bus does not display the sign, but has flashing red lights, Stop! Children may cross streets from in front of the bus, out of your sight line. These are our future genealogists out there. Watch Out!

SCHOOL CENSUSES

And speaking of Back to School.

Have you ever checked for School Censuses in a county your people lived in? School censuses were usually conducted on a State or County level and therefore stored in the courthouse. I was in a court house once and happened to look down on a shelf and saw them. I started perusing through and found my grandparents with my dad and his brothers and sisters. It had their ages, their grades and which school they attended as well as their parents' name and where they lived! Of course, I already knew this family well. But it still helps to document your family. And if this was a family I was just beginning to research, this would be great information! You might track a child who had died young with no death info. You might prove the order of birth of children, and thereby formulate birthdates. One of our FWGS members used a school record to prove her mother's birth & age. Her mother didn't have a birth certificate, but she had needed proof to enter school and the school kept a record of it. You never know what will be the key to unlock that door!



DID YOU KNOW???

Fort Worth Genealogical Society has TWO Facebook pages?

One is our home page for a FWGS presence on **Facebook**.

It is called:

Fort Worth Genealogical Society.

It is great for Announcements and Flyers.

The other is called:

FWGS Genealogy Talk

This one is more about sharing and is conversational.

Have a question, you need an answer? Post it here. Saw a great web site or a News story on Genealogy. Share it here.

Get a conversation going about Genealogy!

That is what it is here for!

NEITHER Group requires a FWGS Membership!

Just be a Facebook User.

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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 New Renewal (Newsletter)