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Newsletter

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## OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The next FWGS General Meeting will be **Tuesday, October 29, 2019** at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the **Central Branch Library**. Our speaker, **Wayne Ludwig** recently embarked on a huge research project to write his book on **The Chisolm Trail**. Wayne will speak about how to approach your family research in the same way a writer approaches their research. Learn from his methods.

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



### WAYNE LUDWIG

is a Fort Worth native, cattle trails historian, and author of The Old

Chisholm Trail: From Cow Path to Tourist Stop (Texas A&M University Press, 2018). He created the Texas Cattle Trails History Group on Facebook, and is a member of Western Writers of America and the Academy of Western Artists. Wayne's book was awarded the Elmer Kelton Book of the Year award by the Academy of Western Artists. This book was also named a Finalist for the Robert A. Calvert Book Prize by the Department of History at Texas A&M University and Texas A&M University Press, and a Finalist for 2018 Most Significant Scholarly Book by the Texas Institute of Letters. His first feature magazine article, "What We Know About the Ol' Chisholm Trail," appeared in the February 2019 issue of Wild West magazine. Wayne has

been a guest speaker at various symposiums and historical association events.



## FW LIBRARY NEWS

### Holiday Closures

All Libraries will close for  
**COLUMBUS DAY**

**Monday, October 14, 2019**

**Other Library News.....**

### 2 Genealogical Events in October

The Library Genealogy Unit is sponsoring TWO wonderful genealogical opportunities this month.

#### October 18<sup>th</sup> Genealogy Drop-In

This is a state wide event with many libraries tuning in by video to show several topics by some of the state's best speakers on topics from beginning to advanced techniques. This year, 3 FW libraries are participating: Central, SW Regional, & Shamblee branches.

#### October 19<sup>th</sup> Ancestry-In-Action

This all-day WORKSHOP with **Bernard Meisner** speaking on 3 different topics will be held in the Tandy Auditorium of Central Branch Library.

(see more on topics on page 3)

### September FWGS Meeting

**Patti Huff Smith** of the Dallas Genealogical Society came to teach some basics of genealogy and impart her wisdoms in her talk entitled "**The Beatitudes of Genealogy.**" She provided a generous hand-out that she is making available even if you were not present. Just email: [FWGS-ProgramDirector@mail.com](mailto:FWGS-ProgramDirector@mail.com) & ask for the September handout.

**REMEMBER:** Parking Meters are FREE at 6 PM on Weeknights/ All Day Weekends

### October FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:** Sat, Oct 19, 2019

10:15 SW Regional

**Beginners:** January 2020

10:30 Chappell Room, Central

**Computer Users:** January 2020

2:00 Intel Lab, Central

**General Meeting:** Tues, Oct 29, 2019

6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

**Refreshments at 6:00**

October Refreshments:

**Joan Crittenden**



From the Editor .....

WELCOME FALL

Cooler Weather has finally come! Lots of activities going on, so don't forget to schedule FWGS and genealogy into all your plans.

**FWGS:** Our October meeting will feature **Wayne Ludwig** as speaker. Wayne's talk will allow us to focus on an interesting historical topic to Fort Worth—the Chisholm Trail AND it will give us a unique way to look at the research techniques he used. His research methods are the same we genealogists should use too. Wayne set out to prove or disprove that the cattle trail that ran through Fort Worth was really called the Chisholm Trail. Come hear what he found out and how he came to the conclusions he did. You definitely need to look at your research projects with the same discipline and objective outlook. We can all learn from this talk. And enjoy it too. Wayne will have copies of his book there to purchase and autograph.

**Genealogy:** The FW Library has two opportunities this month, one on the 18<sup>th</sup> (Genealogy Drop-In) & one on the 19<sup>th</sup> (Ancestry In Action Workshop w/Bernard Meisner.) *Find out more on page 3*

*Debbie Pearson,*  
Newsletter Editor

From the FWGS Mail Bag .....



Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib

Saturday, Nov 2, 2019

10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon

Topic: "The Art of Texas: 250 Years"

By **Ron Tyler, Ph.D, former Director**  
**Amon Carter Museum of American Art**

**Next:** Dec 7: Freedom to Play? Fort Worth City Parks  
During Jim Crow by Jennifer Brancato

**Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents**

Saturday, April 26, 2019 9:30 am - 12 noon

Presenter:

**Libby Willis**, historian, preservationist, and author

Topic:

**"On Fire for the Lord: David Ayers and Methodism in New York State and Early Texas"**

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107 (817) 814-2040

**Next: December 7<sup>th</sup>** "Slavery & Livestock in Tarrant County, Texas, 1849-1865" by Deborah Liles, historian, author, and educator

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**REST IN PEACE**

Shirley Webb Cullum

9/24/1946 - 8/8/2019

FWGS joins genealogists throughout Texas in remembering the late **Shirley Webb Cullum** who held the position of State Coordinator of the Texas State GenWeb Website. She started with the website in 1999 and had been state coordinator since 2006.

<https://memorials.bozemitchellmckibbin.com/shirley-cullum/3943791/>

FWGS member and officer **ROB YODER** has agreed to fill the vacant State Coordinator position as an interim. Rob also serves Texas GenWeb as the website coordinator for Tarrant County (for which he won County of the Month back in October of 2009). **Congratulations Rob.** And if you have never taken a look at GenWeb please check it out.

TX <http://www.txgenweb.org/index.htm>

Tarrant [http://www.txfwgs.org/TARRANT\\_COUNTY/](http://www.txfwgs.org/TARRANT_COUNTY/)

USA <http://www.usgenweb.org> all 50 states

**Membership Report:**

**Rob Yoder**, Membership Director reports

**139** members.

Welcome New Member **Dana Stripling**

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

**Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31.**

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If you do want to pay by check, Mail to:

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**P.O. Box 471789**

**Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408**

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**MOVING???**

**REMEMBER to give FWGS your NEW ADDRESS!!!**

Use the Address Above

## ANCESTRY IN ACTION

Saturday OCTOBER 19, 2019

**Bernard Meisner** will be the featured speaker at the Ancestry-In-Action genealogy workshop scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 10:30 am – 3:30 pm at the Fort Worth Central Library in the Tandy Lecture Hall. The schedule for the day will be:

- **10:30 am – 11:30 am -- You've Received Your DNA Test Results, What Now?**

Are you one of the millions who have recently taken a DNA test to learn about your ethnicity. This presentation will include the tools, tips and techniques to get you started, including the newest tools announced at the recent RootsTech conference.

**11:30 am – 1 pm--Lunch On Your Own**

- **1:00 pm – 2:00 pm The Luck of the Irish: How to Overcome the Record Losses and Find Your Ancestors.**

Access to Irish genealogy records has improved substantially in the past twenty years. Although almost all the 19th century census records no longer exist, Irish archives have been proactive in improving the access to existing records. This presentation will focus on the four primary record sources: existing census records, civil registrations, church records, and land records.

**2:00 pm – 2:30 pm – Break**

- **2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Tracking Urban Ancestors**

At one time or another, almost every researcher will be faced with finding an ancestor in a large city.

*Please note that parking is free in downtown Fort Worth on Saturdays. There are many dining options in downtown at various price points.*



<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7105590>

## GENEALOGY DROP-IN

Friday, OCTOBER 18 10 am –5:15 pm

Central Branch, SW Regional, & Shamlee Branch

This day-long series of webinars, provided by the **Genealogy Network of Texas** and sponsored by the **Genealogy Center of the Waco-McLennan County Library** and the **Central Texas Genealogical Society**, covers a variety of genealogy research topics. The presenters include professional genealogists, librarians and other experts.

*Attendees can stay for as many or as few of the webinars as they wish. **Please note:** Fort Worth Public Library locations will not be streaming the last two sessions, which are held after-hours.*

10 - 10:50: **Technology Enabled Collaborations for Genealogists** presented by **Tony Hanson**, Family Historian

11 - 11:50: **Finding Elusive Records on FamilySearch.org** presented by **John Huff**, FamilySearch Experience Manager

Noon - 1:30: **Genealogy Basics: Getting Started on Your Family Tree** presented by **Carl Smith**, Genealogy Librarian, Montgomery County Memorial Library System

1:40 - 2:40: **Probate: More Than a Will** presented by **Kelvin Meyers**, Ancestry ProGenealogists, Researcher

2:50 - 3:50: **Roll Call: New Sites and Sources for Military Records and Research** presented by **Curt B. Witcher**, MLS, FUGA, IGSF Manager, The Genealogy Center Senior Manager, Special Collections, Allen County Public Library

4 - 5:15: **Introduction to GEDmatch** presented by **Sara Allen**, Librarian, Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library

### October General Meeting is Election Month

At the September Meeting the 2020 slate of officers to be voted on in October was announced by the Nominations Committee. 3 new Directors were named: **Joan Crittenden, Charles Garner, & Janet Minke.** **Ed McCoy** agreed to hold V P. **There is still a vacancy for Secretary.** Contact Debbie Pearson if you are interested. [debeejay@aol.com](mailto:debeejay@aol.com)



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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

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This membership application is for:

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