

# Newsletter

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## March Meeting

On Monday, March 31, 2003, approximately forty members and guests of the FWGS met at the Fort Worth Public Library. After a short business meeting, Treasurer Roy Combrink introduced the speaker, Albert Hickman, whose lecture was titled "After Their Spirits Left: The Value of Funeral Home, Cemetery, and Monument Company Records". Mr. Hickman recommended funeral home, cemetery and Monument Company records as possible sources for an individual's place of birth, parent's names and other information. He suggested contacting these businesses about their records by locating their names in telephone books, city directories, and the Internet. Funeral home records often contain a great deal of family data as well as the information about the funeral service. They sometime include the obituary and even a copy of the death certificate. Cemetery associations maintain "sexton's records" that indicate the locations of plots. Monument companies have records related to the purchase of grave markers. These later two types of records also may provide clues for your research. Properly approached, these institutions are usually willing to help researchers.

## April Meeting

The next general meeting of the FWGS will be on Monday, April 28, 2003, at 7:00 pm at the Tandy Lecture Hall at the Fort Worth Public Library -- Central. Our guest speaker will be Ellie Hutcheson who will present information about DAR records.

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Reminder: The parking meters around the Library are free after 6:00 pm. You can also park in the *Sundance Parking Garage* on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Taylor. It is free after 7:00 pm. Please do not use the surface lot on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Taylor because it is reserved for valet parking for the *Reata Fort Worth Restaurant*.

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## Renew Your FWGS Membership

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$23         | Individual   | <b>Renewing for Year:</b>     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$27         | Family       | <input type="checkbox"/> 2003 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 or more | Sustaining   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2004 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250        | Contributing | <input type="checkbox"/> 2005 |

Renew your FWGS Membership by sending your name, address and email to Fort Worth Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 9767, Fort Worth, Texas 76147-2767.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2003  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY -- CENTRAL  
TANDY LECTURE HALL  
500 WEST 3RD, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

### NEWSLETTER CONTENT DEADLINE

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2003

### Monthly Day Meeting

(ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!)  
THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2003  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY  
4001 LIBRARY LANE (OFF HULEN)  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

### COMPUTER USERS GROUP

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY -- CENTRAL  
INTEL COMPUTER LAB  
500 WEST 3<sup>RD</sup>, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

### Board of Directors Meeting

(ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!)  
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2003  
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY  
4001 LIBRARY LANE (OFF HULEN)  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

**Fort Worth Genealogical Society**  
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## Collection of FOOTPRINTS

I have an almost complete collection of FOOTPRINTS and predecessor publications dating back to 1960 and maybe even earlier that I would like to donate to someone interested. Please contact Theron Smith at 817-292-1869 or [tl2smith@flash.net](mailto:tl2smith@flash.net).

## Up Coming Events

September 13, 2003 (Saturday) 8:30 am - 3:30 pm *All Day Seminar with Lloyd de Wit Bockstruck*  
Hosted by the East Texas Genealogical Society, Tyler, Texas  
For more information, contact: Scott Fitzgerald at (903) 592-6576 or (903) 597-7865;  
E-mail: [scottfitzgerald@tyler.net](mailto:scottfitzgerald@tyler.net); Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txetgs/Meetings/bockstruck.html>

If you have any items that you would like to include in the newsletter, please call (817) 871-7740 or e-mail one of the Newsletter Editors: Ken Hopkins [ [khopkins@fortworthlibrary.org](mailto:khopkins@fortworthlibrary.org) ] or Lynn F. Johnson [ [lynn@airmail.net](mailto:lynn@airmail.net) ]. For information to be included in the newsletter, please contact the editors by the first day of the month.

### FWGS Monthly Events

1 <sup>st</sup> Day	Newsletter Deadline	Contact Newsletter Editors
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	Computer Users Group	Fort Worth Public Library -- Central
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	Monthly Day Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest Regional
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Board Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest Regional
Last Monday	Regular Monthly Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Central

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