

Fort Worth Genealogical Society

# Newsletter

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## Upcoming Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday (August 27, 2007)

Fort Worth Central Library – Tandy Lecture Hall

6:30 pm: Coffee      7:00 pm: Program

**“Wrong Way Research: Learn From Our Mistakes”**  
by Dan & Terri Meeks

Both Terri and Dan will draw upon their international travel experiences to help you avoid some of the common mistakes of researching overseas.

**Dan Meeks** is a Ground School Instructor at American Airlines where he teaches airline pilots about international flight procedures around the world. This affords him many opportunities to travel to the Far East, South America and Europe and to do international genealogical research. Ancestors he has researched hail from England and Ireland.

**Terri Meeks** is a retired BAE Systems test engineer. She tested computer hardware and software in support of the F-16 not only for the U.S. Air Force but for the multi-national F-16 partners. Her work took her to many US bases as well as Korea, Denmark, and The Netherlands. She has also traveled internationally doing research on her French, Irish, and English ancestors.

For more info contact Debbie at [debeejay@aol.com](mailto:debeejay@aol.com)

\*Parking is free on the meters around the Library after 6:00 pm and in the Sundance Parking Lot on 3rd and Taylor after 7:00 pm.

**Welcome new members** - The Society wishes to welcome the following new members: Sharon Carter, Richard Duffy, Nancy Herring, Marjorie Holveck and Betty L. Swain. We also welcome back returning members Carole Drexel, Bettye Ryon and Moretta Weatherford

**Beginners classes** – The beginners workshop is conducted by Bettye Richhart the fourth Saturday of each month, from 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. in the Chappell meeting room at the Central Library, January through August. On August 25 her topic will **Leaving a Legacy**. Unique ways of sharing your research with family members, publication hints, choice of numbering systems, indexing, proof reading, how to secure a copyright, acquiring a Library of Congress Catalog Card Number and suggestions for the design of your publication. This will be the last beginners class for the year. Bettye will resume the Saturday classes in January 2008.

**Computer User Group**. The program in September will be given by Clois Richardson. His topic will be the 101 Best Web Sites for 2007. The meeting will be in the Intel Computer Lab at the Central Library at 7 pm on Monday September 10.

## FWGS Calendar

Regular Monthly Meeting

**Monday, September 24, 2007**

**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Fort Worth Public Library - Central Auditorium

500 West 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fort Worth, Texas

**Program: "What's New With the LDS & Family History Centers?"**

**Speaker: Peggy & Phil Besselievre**

Computer Users Group

**Monday September 10, 2007**

7:00 pm – 9:00pm

**Topic: The 101 best Web Sites for 2007**

**Speaker: Clois Richardson**

Fort Worth Public Library - Central Intel Computer Lab

500 West 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fort Worth, Texas

MONTHLY DAY WORKSHOP

**(All Members Are Welcome)**

**Thursday, September 13, 2007**

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Topic: Early Arkansas**

Southwest Regional Library

4001 Library Lane (off Hulen)

Fort worth, Texas

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**(All Members Are Welcome!)**

**September 15, 2007**

10:00 AM –12:00 Noon

Southwest Regional Library

4001 Library Lane (off Hulen)

Fort Worth, Texas

Beginners Workshop

**Saturday, August 25, 2007**

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

**Topic: Leaving a Legacy**

Chappell Meeting room

Central Library

## Genealogy Announcements

### Preserving Our Past

September 8

"Reflecciones de Fort Worth"

Delsa Perez, Historian/Photographer of Hispanic Histories

Tandy Lecture Hall, Fort Worth Central Library, 500 W. 3rd St., Fort Worth, Texas 10:30am-12:00pm.

The Fort Worth Public Library  
Genealogy, History and Archives presents

Shirley Hodges, President Genealogical Speakers Guild

Sunday, August 26, 2007 at 1 pm

Tandy Lecture Hall

#### Tracing Your Ancestor Through Military Records

An in-depth look at military records and how they can help us learn about our ancestors. By learning the best strategies for researching these records the researcher will be able to learn more about their ancestor in both war and peace time.  
**and**

#### Wither Thou Goest: Tracing Your Female Ancestors

Discusses techniques and finding aids to find those elusive female ancestors. The lecturer will discuss the challenges faced by the researcher in this area. The lecture will cover the types of records that women appear in and the role of women throughout the years.

RSVP: 817-871-7740 or email: [ancestry@fortworthlibrary.org](mailto:ancestry@fortworthlibrary.org)

Parking is free on weekends

#### FWGS Monthly Events Jan. thru Nov.

1 <sup>st</sup> Day	Newsletter Deadline	Contact Newsletter Editor*
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> Saturday	Board Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest Regional
Last Monday	Regular Monthly Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Central
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Beginner's Workshop	Fort Worth Public Library --Central

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**For information to be included in the newsletter, please contact the editor by the first day of the month.**

**Nominating Committee:** In June each year, a nomination committee is appointed consisting of five members. Their duty is to find candidates for each elected office on the Board of Directors. Three members have already been appointed to this committee; Elly Hutcheson, Debbie Pearson and Gerry Gieger. We need two additional members to help. The elections are in October so the committee has a while to complete their assignment, although they usually don't get started good until September. You will be contacting other members, by phone and e-mail, asking for nominations and verifying that nominated members are willing to serve. Please contact Rob Yoder at [RGYoder@juno.com](mailto:RGYoder@juno.com) or 817-535-7931 if you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee.

**2007 Seminar** – The FWGS just completed a very successful seminar with speaker Lloyd Bockstruck, head of the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library. There were 79 genealogists in attendance and all enjoyed Lloyd's discussions of Georgia history and research, pitfalls in genealogy research and uses of state statutes as sources of genealogical information. The committee of Don Crews, Terri Meeks, Olive Pearson, Debbie Pearson, Rob Yoder, Rita Bryan, Jan Cowley, Ellie Hutcheson, Clois Richardson and Ann Lefevre deserve our thanks for a job well done.

## **Family Search News release August 15, 2007:**

### **Nationwide Local and County Histories to Go Online.**

Three genealogical Libraries pool their collections in massive digitization effort.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH— Thousands of published family histories, city and county histories, historic city directories, and related records are coming to the Internet. The Allen County Public Library (ACPL) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library, and FamilySearch's Family History Library in Salt Lake City announced the joint project today. When complete, it will be the most comprehensive collection of city and county histories on the Web—and access will be free at [www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu](http://www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu).

The digital history project will target over 100,000 published family histories and thousands of local histories that are rich in names as well as biographical and genealogical data associated with those names. "Publishing those collections from the three libraries involved will make a significant and attractive family history digital library online for genealogists and historians," said David Rencher, director of Records and Information for FamilySearch.

"I believe the most immediate, substantial contribution of this collaboration will be the addition of local history materials," said Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center Manager, Curt Witcher. The collaborative project will digitally scan thousands of historic city directories, as well as city and county histories from North America. The ACPL and the Family History Library have the largest collections of city and county histories from North America. "I believe the strength of our two well known, well used, and well loved institutions working together is a terrific benefit to the genealogical community," added Witcher.

Once digitized, the collections will have "every word" search capability, which allows users to search by name, location, date, or other field across the collection. The search results are then linked to high quality digital images of the original publication. Digitization efforts have begun. New additions will be noted and hyperlinked in the Family History Library Catalog at FamilySearch.org as they are digitized. The collection can be accessed currently at [www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu](http://www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu).

FamilySearch is providing the computers, scanners, and camera operators required to complete the project.

FamilySearch is a nonprofit organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. FamilySearch maintains the world's largest repository of genealogical resources accessed through FamilySearch.org, the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and over 4,500 family history centers in 70 countries.

This will be a super source of information for genealogists and these three libraries are to be commended for deciding to providing this information on the web for free.

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