

Fort Worth Genealogical Society

# Newsletter

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## 2007 FWGS Board

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## Upcoming Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday (October 29, 2007)

Fort Worth Central Library – Tandy Lecture Hall

6:30 pm: Coffee      7:00 pm: Program

**“OVERCOMING THOSE BRICK WALLS”**

**Share your success story!**

Come and Share ONE Brick Wall you overcame by using an Unusual Resource or maybe through Serendipity. If you want to talk at the meeting, call Debbie at (817) 691-3257 to arrange to share that night.

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.

**LOCAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Marion Day Mullins Marriage Collection Project.** The Fort Worth genealogical Society needs volunteers in the Fort Worth area to transcribe hand written abstracts of the earliest Texas marriage records from 56 counties. These were copied by Miss Marion Day Mullins and others in the 1950's and 1960's.

What You Need: You need a computer that can read a PDF file from a CD-ROM. You also need software; Microsoft Excel or Microsoft Works Database is preferred, but many word processors can do the job, even Notepad.

You may choose the county you wish to work from, if available. The handwriting is usually very clear. Some counties have over 100 pages and others as few as 9 pages. They average about 40 records per page. Work on just one county or several. You choose the amount of work you are willing to do.

Visit our website for examples, to track our progress, or just for more information. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txfwgs>

Ready to get started? Contact Rob Yoder to volunteer. [RGYoder@juno.com](mailto:RGYoder@juno.com) or call (817) 535-7931 or (817) 800-0269.

## FWGS Calendar

Regular Monthly Meeting

**Monday, November 26, 2007**

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

Fort Worth Public Library - Central Auditorium

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

**Program: "I'm a Blueblood", a skit by Ellie Hutcheson**

Computer Users Group

**Monday November 12, 2007**

7:00 pm – 9:00pm

**Topic: Researching Using Land Records**

**Speaker: Clois Richardson**

Fort Worth Public Library - Central

Intel Computer Lab

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

**Topic: Master the Census**

MONTHLY DAY WORKSHOP

**(All Members Are Welcome)**

**Thursday, November 8, 2007**

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Topic: Louisiana**

Southwest Regional Library

4001 Library Lane (off Hulen)

Fort worth, Texas

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**(All Members Are Welcome!)**

**November 17, 2007**

10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Southwest Regional Library

4001 Library Lane (off Hulen)

Fort Worth, Texas

Beginners Workshop

**Saturday, January 26, 2008**

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

**Topic: To be announced**

Chappell Meeting room

Central Library

## Genealogy Announcements

### 2007 Community History Workshop Series

**Sponsored by the Center for Texas Studies at TCU and the Fort Worth Public Library**

November 3

“Preserving Your treasure”

Bill Cheek, CASETA; George Palmer, founder of Texas Art Collectors Association; and Helen Houp, Helen A. Houp Fine Art Conservation, Inc.

December 1

“Where Oh Where Is Bessie?”

Shirley Apley, Fort Worth Public Library

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

The Mid-Cities Genealogical Society (web site <http://www.geocities.com/mcgstx>) meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at Euless Public Library, 201 North Ector Dr., Euless, Texas. Visitors are always welcome. Their Program on Thursday, November 1 will be

The Genealogy of a Neighborhood  
By Shirley Apley, Fort Worth Librarian

Watch a neighborhood change from a bustling low income area to a public housing development. Through city planning records, photos and census records, the area known as “Little Mexico” transforms over a 50 year period.

## Are You Planning a Research Trip to Austin?

### Renovations at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission

The Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building, home of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, is getting a facelift! This is good news for both our customers and our staff, as the 46-year old building has been in great need of renovation. We expect construction work on the two-year renovation to begin in September 2007, but some important changes are afoot now that may impact your research with us. Please read on!

We are pleased that we'll be able to stay open throughout most of the renovation; however, services will be limited, and much of our collection will be moved offsite. As with any construction project, unexpected events may cause us to close for certain brief periods.

We urge researchers to call ahead when planning a trip to our facility. The number is 512-463-5455. With advance notice, the official state records of Texas stored offsite can be retrieved for you. Unfortunately a portion of our collection will be inaccessible during the renovation.

Bookmark [www.tsl.state.tx.us](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us) and follow the Renovation News link, which includes a timeline and will be kept current with news about our services throughout the two year project.

Thanks for your patience and understanding as we bring our facilities into the 21st Century.

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**Nominating Committee Report.** The nominating committee has presented the following slate of officers and directors for 2008. They will be voted on at the October 29<sup>th</sup> general meeting. The slate is

|                  |                                |            |          |
|------------------|--------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Rob Yoder        | President                      |            |          |
| Jim Norris       | 1 <sup>st</sup> VP, Newsletter |            |          |
| Debbie Pearson   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP, Speakers   |            |          |
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| Cyndy Miller     | Corresponding Secretary        |            |          |
| Clois Richardson | Director                       |            |          |
| Bettye Richhart  | Director                       | Don Crews  | Director |
| Crystal Barth    | Director                       | Rita Bryan | Director |

**FWGS Monthly Events Jan. thru Nov.**

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| 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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