

Fort Worth Genealogical Society (Est 1957)

# Newsletter



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## Coming Genealogy Events

### General Meeting

Monday, May 19, 2008 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
Fort Worth Public Library – Tandy Lecture Hall  
500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Subject: The Texas Legation Papers  
Speaker: Dr. Gregg Cantrell

The Republic of Texas created its own government and collected records which are preserved in the State Archives. But, what happened to the records of the Texas Legation Office located in Washington, D. C., when Texas joined the Union? They were recently found, and you won't believe where they have been. For the rest of the story, come to the meeting.

Contact Debbie Pearson for more information - [debeejay@aol.com](mailto:debeejay@aol.com)

### Daytime Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 2008 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Fort Worth Public Library, Southwest Branch  
4100 Library Lane at Hulen  
Auditorium

Subject: What Is Available In Our Courthouse For Me

Contact Ellie Hutchison for more information – [misselly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:misselly@sbcglobal.net)

### Computer Group Meeting

Monday, May 12, 2008 7:00 PM – 8:45 PM  
Fort Worth Public Library, Downtown  
500 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St  
Intel Computer Lab

Subject: 10 Steps for Finding Your Family Tree Online

Contact Clois Richardson for more information – [cloisrich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cloisrich@sbcglobal.net)

### Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, May 17, 2008 10:00 AM – Noon  
Fort Worth Public Library, Southwest Branch  
4100 Library Lane at Hulen  
Auditorium

All members welcome

# Coming Genealogical Events Continued

## **Beginners Workshop Series**

Saturday, May 24, 2008 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
Fort Worth Public Library, Downtown  
500 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St  
Chappell Meeting Room (next to auditorium)  
Subject: Church, Cemetery and Vital Records

The full curriculum is located on our website. For additional information contact Bettye Richhart – [bettye.a@richhart.net](mailto:bettye.a@richhart.net)

## **Genealogy Announcements**

### **Bob Markgraf (1957 – 2008)**

It is with deep regret that we mark the passing from this life of Bob Markgraf on Saturday, April 26, 2008. He was the son of the late Paul Markgraf and long time member Helen Markgraf Stevens. He is survived by his wife, Lydia Markgraf, son, Joseph Markgraf and wife Leslie, grandchildren, Zach and Emily, mother, Helen Markgraf Stevens, stepfather, Louis Stevens, brother, Deryl Markgraf and wife Gail, and nephew, Jason Caughran.

### **April General Meeting**

The speaker for the April General Meeting (on Monday, April 28, 2008) was John Wylie. John is a member of the Society. John described various ways to cut costs. These may be summarized in four areas:

#### Tips and Tricks to Save Money

- Read periodicals and Ezines rather than buying them
- Buy only Context Books
- Find out of print books online
- Watch for free access to paid online services

#### Sharing Ideas

- Buy refurbished technology (many so-called refurbished units were returned without being used at all).
- Use the power of search engines (“Google is your friend”)

#### Keep your eyes peeled for bargains

- Use free software.
- Ms Office versus Open Office (I don't like Open Office)
- Adobe Elements versus Gimp (I like and use Adobe Photoshop CS3)
- Norton Anti-Virus versus AVG (there are other free antivirus packages)
  - And, if you are determined to pay, then either Nod32 or Kasperski perform better than Norton
- Paint Shop Pro versus Paint.net
- Family Tree Maker versus Legacy

#### The greatest savings tip of all

- Do your homework before going on a long trip.

# **Genealogy Announcements** Continued

## **Marion Day Mullins Marriage Collection Project**

### **Proof Readers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to proof read some of the earliest marriage records from 56 Texas and Republic of Texas counties. Work in the comfort of your own home. Please visit our website for more information. Select the Projects tab.

To volunteer, or for more information, please visit the FWGS website and click on the Projects button.

## **University of North Texas IOGENE Project**

The UNT Library has numerous Texas historical records which comprise the Portal to Texas History. The UNT Library has decided to improve the user interface under the IOGENE Project. The Project Manager is Kathleen Murray, Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of North Texas Libraries.

Kathleen has formed an Advisory Board which consist representatives from the local genealogical societies. At present the board contains members of these genealogical societies:

Collin County Genealogical Society  
Dallas Genealogical Society  
Denton County Genealogical Society  
Fort Worth Genealogical Society  
Grapevine Namedroppers  
Texas State Genealogical Society

Members of the board will be involved in the design process beginning with an assessment of their user environment and continuing through usability testing of the redesigned Portal interface.

I have agreed to represent the FWGS on this board. During an interview on April 10, I described to Kathleen how I went about researching my ancestors. Thus, the first part of my mission as a member of the board is complete.

The target date for completion is yearend 2009.

For more information about the project, go to <http://iogene.library.unt.edu/>.

## **Make Plans for Summer Seminar Now**

**August 9, 2008**

Our annual Summer Seminar will take place at the Garden Center of the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. The seminar speaker will be Henry Z. "Hank" Jones. He is a nationally known, multifaceted genealogy lecturer, researcher, and author who brings more than 40 years experience to the seminar.

### **Seminar Schedule**

8:15 am – 8:45 am – Registration – Refreshments – Vendor Setup  
8:45 am – 9:00 am – Welcome  
9:00 am – 10:15 am – Lecture – [When Sources are Wrong](#)

## Seminar Schedule Continued

10:15 am – 10:45 am – Break – Vendors and refreshments  
10:45 am – 12:00 pm – Lecture – [Tracing Origins](#)  
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm – Lunch – Vendors  
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm – Lecture – [Family Tradition](#)  
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm – Break – Vendors and refreshments  
3:00 pm – 4:15 pm – Lecture – [Psychic Roots](#)

This seminar should be of great help to all, and we look forward to seeing a very good turnout.

The fee will be \$40 per person on or before July 31<sup>st</sup> and \$45 per person on or after August 1<sup>st</sup>. The fee includes a box lunch. For more information, please visit our website. Click on the “Summer Seminar with Hank Jones” line under the “Meetings at a glance” entry on the main page.