

Fort Worth Genealogical Society (Est 1957)

Newsletter



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Coming Genealogy Events

General Meeting

Monday, July 28, 2008 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Fort Worth Public Library – Discovery Theater
500 W. 3rd Street

Subject: Women's Archives at the Fort Worth Public Library
Speaker: Betty Shankle

Come to the meeting to learn about these archives, and how they will help your research.

Contact Debbie Pearson for more information - debeejay@aol.com

Daytime Meeting

Thursday, July 10, 2008 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Fort Worth Public Library, Southwest Branch
4100 Library Lane at Hulen
Auditorium

Subject: Early New York

Contact Ellie Hutchison for more information – misselly@sbcglobal.net

Computer Group Meeting

Fort Worth Public Library, Downtown
500 W 3rd St
Intel Computer Lab

No Meeting This Month

Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, July 19, 2008 10:00 AM – Noon
Fort Worth Public Library, Southwest Branch
4100 Library Lane at Hulen
Auditorium

All members welcome

Coming Genealogy Events continued

Beginners Workshop Series

Saturday, July 26, 2008, 2008 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Fort Worth Public Library, Downtown

500 W 3rd St

Chappell Meeting Room (next to auditorium)

Subject: Using Military Records As A Research Tool

The full curriculum is located on our website. For additional information contact Bettye Richhart – bettye.a@richhart.net

Genealogy Announcements

June General Meeting

The June General Meeting featured a talk by Susan Pritchett, Tarrant County Archivist, which told us about the history of the Tarrant County Archives, and their contents.

The sources of material in the Archives may be briefly describes as:

1. County records such as District Court civil cases from 1877 to 1910, most marriage licenses from 1877 to 1976, audit reports from 1911 to 1938, public works projects from the late 1920s to the mid 1930s, property assement rolls from 1879 to 1890, and a Register of Physicians from 1876 to 1907.
2. Records from the Tarrant County Historical Commission such as official records of the Commission from 1977 to 2008. The Archives also contain the 335+ historical marker applications which have been approved.
3. Individually donated records such as 332 file boxes of land title abstracts, Fort Worth City Directories, an 8 volume collection of Sanborn fire maps, bound editions of the Fort Worth magazine from 1946 to 1973, among many others.

The Tarrant County Archives are open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 5 PM. The permanent staffer, Susan Pritchett, is occasionally assisted by volunteers. One should call 817-884-3272 to obtain directions and to insure that a staffer will be available.

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.

Make Plans for Summer Seminar Now

Saturday, 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](#)
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 31st and \$45 per person on or after August 1st. 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.

Texas Death Records Now Online

Family search has announce the existence of a pilot project which contains death records for many states including Texas. To get to the pilot project, access <http://pilot.familysearch.org/>. Drop down the page to Vital Records and select Texas Deaths, 1890-1976. From there, begin your search for ancestors.

I have found records for my grandfather, W. G. Norris (died 1940), my great uncle, V. Norris (died 1925), and my father, W. G. Norris, Jr. (died 1958). However, I have not been so fortunate to find other ancestors. The database definitely has gaps.

Image of Fort Worth Live Stock Exchange On Page 1

The Fort Worth Livestock Exchange building (on Exchange Avenue) is now a museum.

FWGS Monthly Events Jan. thru Nov.

1 st Day	Newsletter Deadline	Contact Newsletter Editor*
2 nd Monday	Computer Users Group	Fort Worth Public Library -- Central
2 nd Thursday	Monthly Day Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest
Regional		
3 rd Saturday	Board Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest
Regional		
Last Monday	Regular Monthly Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library – Central
4 th Saturday	Beginner's Workshop	Fort Worth Public Library --Central

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