

Fort Worth Genealogical Society (Est. 1957)

# Newsletter

June 2009

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## Coming Genealogy Events

### General Meeting

Tuesday, June 30, 2009 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Fort Worth Library – Tandy Lecture Hall  
500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Subject: Cattle Brands and Genealogy  
Speaker: Billie Beth Moore

No, you do not need to live in “cattle country” to have a brand. Come learn about using cattle brands in your genealogy.

Contact Janie Pace for more information - (817) 428-5918 or [jhpacerd@charter.net](mailto:jhpacerd@charter.net)

### Daytime Meeting

**NO MEETING THIS MONTH**

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

### Computer Group Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2009 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Fort Worth Library, Downtown  
500 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St

Intel Computer Lab

Subject:

Using PAF and Word Perfect to publish my Genealogy

Contact Rob Yoder for more information – [RGYoder@juno.com](mailto:RGYoder@juno.com)

### Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, June 20, 2009 10:00 AM – Noon  
Fort Worth Library, Southwest Branch  
4100 Library Lane at Hulen  
Auditorium

All members welcome

# Genealogy Announcements continued

## Beginners Workshop Series

Saturday, June 27, 2009 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: TBD

The full curriculum is located on our website. For additional information contact Terri Meeks –  
terri.meeks@sbcglobal.net

## Summer Seminar News

Speaker

Trevia Wooster Beverly

Date

August 1, 2009

Place

Travis Avenue Baptist Church (Fort Worth)

Topics

1. **The Orphan Trains and Other Lost Babes** - We'll look for the child apprentices, and orphans, as well as those 'branded' in records such as fornication abstracts, bastard files, etc., and discuss adoption records.
2. **Meet Mr. Draper & the Rev. Shane** - Explore the Draper and Shane Manuscripts, premier frontier collections.
3. **Women and their Records** - Kings Daughters & Casket Girls, Maids to Make Wives, America's Witches, Soiled Doves, and Those Harvey Girls
4. **The Natchez Trace Papers** - Housed at the University of Texas. Records collected from Southern states, especially Mississippi

Registration fee is \$40 if before July 24, 2009. It is \$45 after July 24, 2009. Those registrations received before July 20, 2009 will receive a box lunch as well. Indicate on your registration form (below) if you want a vegetarian lunch.

### Summer Seminar Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I request a vegetarian meal

Before July 24<sup>th</sup>, include \$40.00 for each registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check payable and mail to Fort Worth Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 471789,  
Fort Texas, 74147-1408.

# Past FWGS Events

## May Monthly Meeting

Subject: Weapons of the War Between the States  
Speaker: Russell Birkner  
First Sergeant of the 36th Texas Cavalry  
(A local Civil War Re-enacting group).

Russell is a Civil War re-enactor who knows personally what it is like to carry those weapons. He'll showed us period piece weapons and other gear and explain how each was used. An interesting fact is that the uniforms were usually wool even in the heat of the summer. As a result, there were many instances of heat stroke and deaths. Most of the weapons were smooth bore which limited the range significantly. Later in the war, rifles were introduced, and these had a very long range.

Yes, we were still going strong when we had to leave about 8 P. M.

## Project IOGENE

This UNT project is aimed at improving the user interface to the Portal to Texas History at the UNT Library. I am the representative of the FWGS on the advisory board for this project.

I reported the beginning of this project last summer. On Saturday, May 30, I attended a conference at the Willis Library on the UNT Campus which was a progress report on this project. I have found that the new user interface is a significant improvement over the existing interface.

One problem that I had in my very brief tour on Friday evening concerns Childress County where I and both of my parents were born. Both parents and all four grandparents are buried in the Childress Cemetery. Alas, when I selected the option to find newspapers in the county, I instead found a very large listing for a newspaper in Tulia (which isn't close by). I understand that the reason is that the Portal has no copies of the newspaper in Childress; hence it finds the newspaper that it does have which is closest to Childress. This and similar problems will doubtless be resolved eventually. My suspicion is that there are no newspaper archives from Childress County. The newspaper in question would be the Childress Index.

The scheduled roll out of the new interface is June 20, 2009. The project manager has requested that a few of our members attend a meeting to discuss this improvement. She is willing to come to Fort Worth for this purpose.

Renew Your FWGS Membership				
<input type="checkbox"/> \$23 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$27 Family			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 or More Sustaining	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Contributing	<input type="checkbox"/> 2009	<input type="checkbox"/> 2010	
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## Image on the First Page

This photograph shows the entrance to the William Terry Allen log cabin. Mr. Allen built the cabin in 1864 on his own property alongside White Settlement Road (about 6 miles west of the Tarrant County Courthouse). The cabin now resides at 8320 Hanon Drive, White Settlement, Texas 76108. This site is part of the White Settlement Historical Museum property. Contact [www.wsmuseum.com](http://www.wsmuseum.com) for more information.

### FWGS Monthly Events January through November

First Day	Newsletter Deadline	Contact Newsletter Editor
Second Tuesday	Computer Users Group	Fort Worth Library – Central
Second Thursday	Monthly Day Meeting	Fort Worth Library – Southwest Regional
Third Saturday	Board Meeting	Fort Worth Library – Southwest Regional
Last Tuesday	Regular Monthly Meeting	Fort Worth Library – Central
Fourth Saturday	Beginner's Workshop	Fort Worth Library – Central

Newsletter Contact Information: Jim Norris email: [jim-norris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jim-norris@sbcglobal.net) or call (817)244-3361

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**P. O. Box 471789**  
**Fort Worth, Texas 76147-1408**

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Summer Seminar Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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# SUMMER SEMINAR

presented by



**TREVIA WOOSTER  
BEVERLY**

and the

**FORT WORTH  
GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY**

at

**Travis Avenue Baptist  
Church**

800 W Berry St  
Fort Worth, TX

on

**Saturday  
1<sup>st</sup> August 2009**

## The Program

**8:15 – 8:45 a.m.** Registration

**8:45 – 9:00 a.m.** Welcome

**9:00 – 10:15 a.m.**

**MEET Mr. DRAPER & THE Rev. SHANE**

Collected works and papers on the area including portions of the Carolinas, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Ohio River Valley and Mississippi Valley. Time period 1740 - 1810.

### Vendor Break

**10:45 – 12:00 p.m.**

**THE ORPHAN TRAINS AND OTHER  
LOST BABES**

Where to look for orphans, child apprentices, bastard files, those 'branded' in records such as fornication abstracts; including a discussion of adoption records.

### Lunch and Vendors

**1:15 - 2:30 p.m.**

**WOMEN AND THEIR RECORDS**

King's Daughters & Casket Girls, Maides to Make Wives, America's Witches, Soiled Doves and Those Harvey Girls.

### Vendor Break

**3:00 – 4:15 p.m.**

**THE NATCHEZ TRACE PAPERS**

Records collected from Southern states, especially Mississippi (housed at the University of Texas).

**4:15 – 4:30 p.m.** Closing remarks.

### Register early!

Refunds will be made up to July 24th  
less \$5 handling fee.

## Lunch and Refreshments

A catered box lunch containing sandwich, chips, fruit and a cookie is included for registrations received by **July 29th**. Refreshments will be provided during registration and breaks.

### Directions to Seminar

**I-35 southbound:** take Exit 48A toward Berry St/TCU; right on E Berry St to 800 W Berry.

**I-35 northbound:** take Exit 48A toward Berry St/TCU; left on E Berry St to 800 W Berry.

**I-30 westbound:** merge onto I-35W S/US-81 S via Exit 15A toward Waco; take Exit 48A toward Berry St/TCU; right on E Berry St to 800 W Berry.

**I-30 eastbound:** take Exit 12A S on University Dr to W Berry St; left on W Berry St to 800 W Berry.

The church is on the north side of Berry Street.  
Parking available both sides of sanctuary at rear.

### Miscellaneous Info

The Seminar facilities are at the rear of the church sanctuary in the **Children's Ministry Center** on the second floor. (Elevator available).

Attendees will receive a syllabus and a goody bag. Door prizes will be awarded at each break.

For more information, contact:

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E-mail: debeejay@aol.com

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## TREVIA WOOSTER BEVERLY

Tejas Publications & Research  
Houston, Texas

Trevia Wooster Beverly is a professional genealogist; amateur historian; cemetery preservationist; speaker and workshop leader; writer and publisher; book reviewer. She is listed in 1981 and 1990 editions of Meyer & Filby's *Who's Who in Genealogy & Heraldry*, in *Who's Who of American Women, 1981-82*, and *Notable Women of Texas 1984-1985*.

Her interest in genealogy began with a 9<sup>th</sup> grade English project and she has since traced her own paternal line and that of her husband to England in the early 1600s, and her mother's Acadian family from France to Canada, back to France and into Louisiana in 1785.

Trevia has presented numerous lectures and workshops to both genealogical and lineage groups on a variety of topics on both the local and state level. She serves as the Assistant Coordinator and Program Chair of the multi-day summer genealogy conference at Angelina College, Lufkin, Texas. Appointed to the Harris County Historical Commission in 1995; currently serves as Secretary. Served on the Mayor's Task Force for Houston History. She served as Host Chairman for the National Genealogical Society's annual Conference in the States, Houston, 1994. A member of the Society from 1975, she received their Distinguished Service Award, 1994.

A native of Harris County, Texas, she is married to Murphy T. Beverly with one daughter, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.