

Fort Worth Genealogical Society (Est. 1957)

# Newsletter



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## Coming Genealogy Events

### General Meeting

Tuesday, August 25, 2009 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Fort Worth Library – Tandy Lecture Hall  
500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Subject: Photo Restoration and Genealogy  
Speaker: Janine Smith

Janine will discuss how to repair damaged images using your computer and its photographic tools.

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

### Daytime Meeting

Thursday, August 13, 2009 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Fort Worth Library, Southwest Branch  
4100 Library Lane at Hulen  
Auditorium

Subject: Census

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

### Computer Group Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2009 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Fort Worth Library, Downtown  
500 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St

Intel Computer Lab

Subject: Political Family.com

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

### Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, August 22, 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, August 29, 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: 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.

The full curriculum is located on our website. For additional information contact Terri Meeks – [terri.meeks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:terri.meeks@sbcglobal.net)

## **Salt Lake Family History Expo Aug 28-29, 2009**

Benefits of attending:

1. Experts teach best practices for successful research and how to avoid common mistakes (Value \$25 per class)
2. Receive FREE research consultation (Value \$50)
3. Receive handouts for all classes on one CD, there are 10 classes each hour so this is a great tool for getting more information from the classes you are unable to attend.
4. Talk directly with genealogy resource providers in Exhibit Hall and try it before you buy it
5. Social networking with other genealogists and beginning family history researchers, this is one of the most valuable aspects of the Expo. Yes, you can connect with people who want to help you reach success with your research goals

We have more than 100 classes being offered at this Expo, when you add up the value you can see that the bargain cost of attending is little in comparison to the benefits!

Register online today at [\\_www.fhexpos.com\\_](http://www.fhexpos.com) (<http://www.fhexpos.com/>)

## **Retirement of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck**

Heather Williams, manager of the History, Social Sciences and Genealogy Department at the Dallas Public Library announced the retirement of Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck after 36 years of service to the Dallas Public Library. His last day with the Library was Friday, July 31, 2009.

# Past FWGS Events

## June Monthly Meeting

Our own Billie Beth Moore told us a lot about Cattle Brands. It seems that they are registered at the County Clerk's office of a specific county. Thus, if you know that one of your ancestors had a brand (and not necessarily owning any livestock), you can find the brand at that location.

## July Monthly Meeting

Judy Knight discussed the arrangement between Footnote.com and the National Archives to place many more of the archives on the Internet. She also discussed the improvements made to the graphical interface for Footnote.com which make searching easier.

Digitizing the archives is a very labor intensive task, but work continues to reach the goal of full access.

## 2009 Summer Seminar

It was a glorious success. The following topics were described in detail:

1. The Draper Collection and the Shane Collection  
"Two collectors of early American history, each with a different focus, yet with some crossover, these two present special collections of materials that should be looked at by almost every family researcher." (From the Seminar syllabus).
2. The Orphan Trains and other lost Babies  
Fry, Annette R., "The Orphan Trains" (New York: New Discovery Books, 1994) (FWL J362.734 FRY)
3. Women and their records  
Blumenthal, Walter Hart "Brides from Bridewell. Female Felons Sent to Colonial America" (Westport CT: Greenwood Press 1973)
4. Natchez Trace papers  
University of Texas at Austin, The Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, <http://www.cah.utexas.edu>

All references were taken from the syllabus.

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**From New England Historic Genealogical Society July 22, 2009, newsletter:**

Spotlight: *The Victoria Regional History Center in Texas*  
**by Valerie Beaudrault**

Victoria, located thirty miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico, is the seat of Victoria County, Texas. The Victoria Regional History Center is a department of the Victoria College — the University of Houston —Victoria Library (VC/UHV). The Center “acquires, preserves, and makes available to students, faculty and the public, archival records of enduring value that document the histories of the institutions on the Victoria College/University of Houston-Victoria campus as well as those records that preserve the social, political, economic, and cultural history of Texas, particularly the region of Texas that includes Victoria and surrounding counties.” The library’s holdings include an extensive collection of books, maps, and other published materials as well as county records, personal papers, business and association records, newspapers, and photographs.

Learn more by visiting: <http://vrhc.uhv.edu/home.htm>

**Image on the First Page**

The photograph shows the K. M. Van Zandt cabin which is located on Crestline Road near Forest Park. This is the original location of this home. Mr. Van Zandt (1836 – 1930) was a prominent early citizen of Fort Worth. GPS reports the location as 97°21'31.1"W 32°44'38.2"N.

**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

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