

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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January 2012

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### Coming Genealogy Events General Meeting

Tuesday, January 31, 2012 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Fort Worth Library – Tandy Lecture Hall  
500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Subject: Sharing Your Genealogy

Speaker: Terri Meeks

Terri Meeks retired from BAE Systems in 2007 as a test engineer for F-16 support equipment. A co-worker introduced her to the world of genealogy. Since her grandparents were immigrants the traditional U. S. census searches produced few results. Tracing her maternal line to Quebec introduced her to new materials and resources for genealogy research. She is currently serving as a director for the Fort Worth Genealogical Society and teaches their Beginners' Genealogy Class. She is a community volunteer at the local Family History Center and translates Catholic Church records from French, Latin and Italian into English for the American Canadian Genealogical Society.

Contact Debbie Pearson for more information at (817)732-3257 or [debeejay@aol.com](mailto:debeejay@aol.com)

### Computer Group Meeting

Saturday, January 28, 2012 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
Fort Worth Library, Downtown  
500 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St

Intel Computer Lab

Subject:

OUTLINE OF COMPUTER GENEALOGY SOFTWARE PROGRAMS

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

### Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, January 14, 2012, 2010 10:15 AM – Noon  
Fort Worth Library, Southwest Branch  
4100 Library Lane at Hulen  
Auditorium

All members welcome

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### Coming Genealogy Events – *continued from page 1*

#### **Beginners Workshop Series**

Saturday, January 28, 2012 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: How to Get Started and Organizational Hints

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

### **Past Genealogical Events**

#### **November General Meeting**

James “Rusty” Brenner discussed how his firm, Texas Cemetery Restoration LLC, restores cemeteries. This work includes repairing broken headstones, surveying the cemetery for unused spaces, and unmarked graves. Rusty described how the firm employs GPS data to prepare a map of the cemetery. In addition, he summarized how the company uses Ground Penetrating Radar to locate unmarked graves. Their GPS data has a higher resolution than what is generally available to the public. Their GPR readings only go to a depth which is somewhat more than is usually found in graveyard.

Interested persons should contact Rusty through his website, [www.historiccemeterymapping.com](http://www.historiccemeterymapping.com) for more detailed information.

#### **The Marriage Record Project Has Been Completed!**

Finishing touches are being applied at this moment and it will be ready to go to the publisher as soon as the art work is completed. Thank you to the 54 volunteers who made this project possible!

Our Board of Directors has established an introductory price of \$15 plus \$3 postage and handling.

If this were published in hard copy instead of on a CD, it would be 3 books with a total of 11,295 pages. What a deal!

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### FWGS Monthly Events January through November

First Day	Newsletter Deadline	Contact Newsletter Editor
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
Fourth Saturday	Computer Users Group	Fort Worth Library – Central

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### A Note from the membership chairman:

If you are wondering about your copies of Footprints: Those who are members in 2011 will receive the August and November issues as they become available. Bird is busy working on the August issue at this time. It will contain the final installment of Tarrant County Marriage Book #2. Marriage Book #3 will begin with the November issue.

If you have questions about your membership in FWGS, please contact RobYoder at [RGYoder@juno.com](mailto:RGYoder@juno.com)

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