



Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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August

General Meeting

The next General Meeting is **Tuesday night, August 26th** and the topic will be **“World War I: 100 Years of Records.”** The speaker will be **our own President, Debbie Pearson.**

All summer the TV news has heralded 100th anniversary milestones for the beginning of World War I. In June it was the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand and now in August Great Britain has asked the nation to turn out all lights and leave one candle burning for the anniversary of Britain’s entrance into the “War to End All Wars.”

Debbie will help us explore records available for WWI in data bases. Some are subscription, but she will show us how we can access some for free.



Debbie Pearson is a retired teacher and Fort Worth native. She is serving FWGS as President and Newsletter Editor.

We’ll meet at **6:00 p.m.** for coffee in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the **Central Branch Library.** Meeting starts at **6:30.**

Bring a friend or a genealogy buddy with you!



FW Library News

BRANCH ANCESTRY

Next 2 Meetings:

Wed, Aug 13, 2 p.m.

East Berry Branch

Wed, Sept 10 2 p.m.

Ella Shamblee Branch

July General Meeting: PERSI with Lela Evans

What a delight to see so many members and visitors at the July meeting. It was a good turnout. We missed you if you were not there.

And **Sheryl Rascher** brought some delicious cookies and juice. But the real draw was **Lela Evans** and her **PERSI** discussion. She had an informative power point and handout and ran us through the Heritage Quest web site. That is the best place to find PERSI. She even used her own example by coming to the meeting early to find a work she was looking for that was in the FWL downstairs. She had found that work mentioned in PERSI and found that FWL had it by consulting WorldCat. We learned a lot by her examples.

Those there got a better understanding of the records that can be found on PERSI. And perhaps, what we can't find there. (Family Histories)

And one aside: our society has always been proud to be in the Wayne County Library, the home of PERSI. But in one example we saw on Lela’s screen, they have mis-indexed us as **FOOTSTEPS**!!! Our society has been proudly publishing **FOOTPRINTS** for nearly 50 years now—not Footsteps!!

You can be assured Wayne County will find out about this!!!

August FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: August 16th

10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners: August 23rd

10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

Computer Users: August 23rd

2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

General Meeting: August 26^h

6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Coffee at 6:00

Refreshments: **Sam Akins**



From the President.....

Normally I would be complaining about the summer heat, but not so much lately. Hope you are enjoying this unusual summer!

I also hope I see you soon at the Annual Summer Seminar with **Lloyd Bockstruck**. This year the topic is **Western Migration**, which hits everyone in America. All our ancestors moved westwards. (Unless you landed in San Francisco and move Eastwards.) This hits those who had English ancestors who landed on the eastern seaboard and moved on. This includes those with French ancestry who landed in Canada or New England and moved through the Northwest Territory; any New Englanders who moved south and then west. Lloyd has some special information for us on all this and more. He includes special information on river travel and old, original trails and wagon roads. In our syllabus, Lloyd has provided a wealth of old maps you are going to want to keep. We are almost at the end of our registration time, so hurry and send in that registration. It is a bargain at \$45.00 for lunch and Lloyd! **August 9th**.

It has come to my attention since the last issue of our newsletter that the husband of Jan Cowley passed away. FWGS sends sympathy to **Don Cowley's** sons.

And another long-time former Board Member passed away too. **Don Fleming** died July 21st. He served as Director and along with his wife, Martha as Archivists in the 1990's. FWGS sends our sympathies to Martha Fleming and her family.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dfw/obituary.aspx?n=donald-r-fleming&pid=171820235>

Debbie Pearson



https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Worth-Genealogical-Society/319546544054?ref=hl&ref_type=bookmark



From the FWGS Mail Bag

From the National Archives:

Beginners Classes at NARA-August 16th

Archives Technician **Aaron Holt** will be presenting a program for **BEGINNERS** on **Saturday, August 16th** at **10 a.m.** at our **Montgomery Plaza location** (2600 West 7th Street, Suite 162). Afterwards, stick around and practice what you have just learned!

Reserve your spot today by emailing us at ftworth.education@nara.gov or calling **817-831-5620!**

FWISD Presents

Billy W. Sills Lecture Series

September 13, 10:00 a.m.

Presenter: Max Courtney, forensic scientist and historian

Topic: "CSI/Fort Worth: Forensic Science and Court Room Drama in Fort Worth"

2720 Cullen Street

(Metro Opportunity High School, 2nd Floor)

Fort Worth, TX

817-814-2040

Last Chance to Register!!!

FWGS Presents: Annual Summer Seminar

Lloyd Bockstruck on
Western Migration:

1. Colonial Migrations
2. Western Migrations: The Old Northwest
3. Western Migrations: The Lower South
4. Western Migrations: Transappalachia & west bank of the Mississippi River

Saturday, August 9, 2014

\$45.00

Trinity Terrace, 1000 Texas

Includes Lunch, Door Prizes, Syllabus & more

See the brochure in this Newsletter or go to the FWGS web site to download one.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/2014-summer-seminar.html>

**From the October 2002 Family Tree Magazine:
The Top Ten Libraries for Genealogical Research**

Allen County Public Library

Fort Wayne, IN 46802
(219) 421-1200 www.acpl.lib.in.us

Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

Houston, TX 77004
(832) 393-2600 www.hpl.lib.tx.us/clayton

Birmingham Public Library

Tutwiler Collection of Southern History and Literature
Birmingham, AL 35203
(205) 226-3665 www.bham.lib.al.us

Dallas Public Library

Genealogy Section
Dallas, TX 75201
(214) 670-1424 dallaslibrary2.org/genealogy/index.php

Denver Public Library

Western History and Genealogy
Parkway, Denver, CO 80204
(720) 865-1821 history.denverlibrary.org/

Detroit Public Library

Burton Historical Collection
Detroit, MI 48202 (313) 833-1480
www.detroit.lib.mi.us/burton/burton_index.htm

Los Angeles Public Library

History and Genealogy Department
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 228-7400 www.lapl.org/central/history.html

Mid-Continent Public Library

Genealogy and Local History
Independence, MO 64050
(816) 252-7228 www.mcpl.lib.mo.us
<http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us>

The New York Public Library

Humanities and Social Sciences Library
Irma and Paul Milstein Division of United States History, Local
History and Genealogy, Room 121
New York, NY 10018 (212) 930-0828
www.nypl.org/locations/schwarzman/milstein-division-us-history-local-history-genealogy

Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

800 Vine St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 369-6905
www.cincinnati.library.org/main/genlocal.html

OLD OCCUPATIONS

Hacker -- Maker of hoes
Hatcheler -- One who combed out or carded flax
Haymonger -- Dealer in hay
Hayward -- Keeper of fences
Higgler -- Itinerant peddler
Hillier -- Roof tiler
Hind -- A farm laborer
Hooker -- Reaper
Hooper -- One who made hoops for casks and barrels
Huckster -- Sells small wares
Husbandman -- A farmer who cultivated the land
Jagger -- Fish peddler
Journeyman -- One who had served his apprenticeship
& mastered his craft, not bound to serve a master, but
hired by the day
Joyner / Joiner -- A skilled carpenter
Keeler -- Bargeman
Kempster -- Wool comber



Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports **148**.
FWGS needs YOU!

**Friday Freebies begin again at NARA in
Montgomery Plaza**

Friday, September 5th at 12 noon to 1 p.m.

“What Can I Find in Federal Court Records?”

by Barbara Rust, Senior Archivist at NARA

Reserve your spot today by emailing us at

ftworth.education@nara.gov or calling **817-831-5620!**



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The August issue of *Footprints* is Coming!

Do you have a Query or an Article?

Have you ever considered placing a query in *Footprints*? If you have a **Tarrant County area** question on family, send it to: FWGS@mail.com or visit our [web site](#) or mail to our society PO Box. Mark it Attention: Footprints Editor. Include a specific question with supporting information to make it clear and include a time period and location. You must include your name & postal address. If you wish, you may add an email.