



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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## MARCH

### GENERAL MEETING

Our March general meeting will be **Tuesday night, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30** in **Tandy Auditorium** of the FW Central Branch Library (500 W. Third St.) The speaker is **Roger Cobb**. The topic is near to his heart because it involves DNA and his own brick wall. He titles it **“Legally a Cobb—Biologically a Mills: A DNA Study.”** It is a fascinating tale you won’t want to miss. See how DNA really can lead to a break-through in your search.



**Refreshments begin at 6:00 p.m., with the meeting starting at 6:30.**



**ROGER COBB** has enjoyed genealogy research for nearly 50 years. He is a native of Wisconsin, but he and

his wife have been in the area since 2005 when they moved to be near a daughter. He retired from a career in safety engineering and running his own business. Retirement has given him the time to really get involved in genealogy.



### PLEASE JOIN US

Bring a Friend with you!

**Don’t forget parking is easy downtown** with all meters free at 6:00. Or park **FREE** in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Garage (only a block E. from the library door) for 2 ½ hours with your ticket validated in the library before you leave.

## FW Library News



The FWL Genealogy Unit is proud to offer another Ancestry –In–Action

genealogy workshop free to the public. It will be **Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30** and will feature **Warren Bittner**. Warren Bittner, CGSM, is a researcher and lecturer with over 30 years experience. He is a former Manager of the German Collection of the FHL at Salt Lake. His two topics will be:

- *Understanding and Researching Illegitimacy*
- *German Research: Bads, Bergs, Burgs and Bachs*

Call **817-392-7740** to reserve your seat. Light refreshments served too.

### February Meeting

**Sandy Prindle**, retired Justice of the Peace, author, & Civil War historian brought the February program on the Lincoln Assassination. He comes to several conclusions of his own that are based on new findings in the 1970’s and a reexamination of older evidence. Evidence points to high levels of the Confederate government in plots to kidnap Lincoln. Isn’t it more likely the assassination was done by a ring of operatives, rather than one madman? But Sandy asks, was this southern plot to kidnap or kill Lincoln a reaction to an earlier Northern plot to kill all members of the CSA government if caught. There is some evidence that Confederate spies uncovered that plot. Sandy truly has a nose for intrigue and for telling a story evidenced by the success of his 3 books. Email him if you want to get a book. [travelingsandy@gmail.com](mailto:travelingsandy@gmail.com)

## March FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:** Mar 19<sup>th</sup>  
10:15 Southwest Regional

**Beginners:** Mar 26<sup>th</sup>  
10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

**Computer Users:** Mar 26<sup>th</sup>  
2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

**General Meeting:** Mar 29<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central  
Refreshments at 6:00

**Refreshments:** Don Crews



**From the Editor .....**

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

I hope you have been doing genealogical research this winter and have found some "pots of gold" — maybe a new ancestor, maybe some new clues to unravel. I hope when you talk to your relatives they all have the "gift of gab" and it is not all "Blarney."

If you do have Irish Ancestry, remember the FW Library reminded us at our January visit that they have a large collection of Passenger Lists, Ship Arrivals, and International resources. Here are some online places to learn about Irish research:

[http://genealogy.about.com/cs/ireland/a/irish\\_genealogy\\_2.htm](http://genealogy.about.com/cs/ireland/a/irish_genealogy_2.htm) and also check out:

<http://www.genealogybranches.com/irish.html>

And let me say again, please renew your 2016 dues. They are past due, and you don't want to miss your next issue of *Footprints!* No Blarney!

*Debbie Pearson*, Newsletter Editor



**From the FWGS Mail Bag .....**



**Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib**

**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:30-12:00 noon**

**"Caruso in Cowtown"**

by **Ruth Karbach**, author & researcher  
in **Tandy Auditorium, Central Branch, FWL**

Up Next: **Saturday, May 7**

**"The Story of Chandor Gardens"**

by **Steven Chamblee**, horticulturist, editor, author, instructor

**Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents**

**Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 10 am- 12 noon**

Presenter: **Bob Ray Sanders**, journalist

Topic:

**"The History of KERA and its Fort Worth Connection"**

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107

Up Next: **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Presenter: **Quentin McGown**, historian, thespian author, educator, and judge

Topic: "Preserving the Past"

**Lunch Time Lectures @ NARA Noon-1 p.m.**

**1400 John Burgess Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76140**

Phone number is 817-551-2051

Email is [ftworth.archives@nara.gov](mailto:ftworth.archives@nara.gov)

Call ahead or email for a reservation or questions.

**Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Naturalization & Passenger Arrivals**

Up Next: **May is NOT** scheduled yet.

Dallas Genealogical Society presents

**2016 Spring Seminar with Paul Milner**

**Saturday, March 12, 2016**

10:00-4:30 w/Registration beginning – 9:30 AM

J. Erik Jonsson Central Library Auditorium

1515 Young Street, Dallas Texas, 75201

(Parking in the library garage is \$1.50 for seminar attendees.)

- 1) Effective Use of England's National Archives Website
- 2) Irish Emigrants to North America: Before, During & After Famine
- 3) Scottish Emigration to North America: Before, During & After Rebellions
- 4) Overlooked Sources for 17th and 18th century English Research

Member/Non-Member Prices \$45/55. aft Feb 21 \$10 more.

**Membership Report:**

**Rob Yoder**, Membership Director reported **126 members** in January. **That means we're still missing some members!** **January** starts the new Membership Year, so now is the time to send in your 2016 Dues!

**Some Interesting 2016 Statistics:**

9 New Members

12 Former Members Returning

4 Members Renewed for 2017 Now, that's an Early Bird!

**QUERY**

**AUSTIN-ANDERSON** family.....I am researching this family and want to speak with descendants of **William Bluford Austin (1847 TN – 1918 TX)** who is buried in **Birdville Cemetery in Tarrant County Texas**. He and his wife, **Martha Anderson Austin**, came with their family from **Sparta Tennessee** to **Birdville Texas** about **1900**.

Please contact me before **July 2016**:

**Jane Austin Bruckner** [jane@janebruckner.com](mailto:jane@janebruckner.com)



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**FWGS conducts Beginners Classes & Computer Users Group (CUG) for 8 months every year.**

New classes began in **January 2016**

Classes meet on **Saturdays** at the FW Central Branch Library, 300 W.5<sup>th</sup> St.

**Next class is March 26<sup>th</sup>!**

**Beginners Class** with **Terri Meeks** meets at **10:30 a.m.** in the **Chappell Room.**

**Topic: COUNTY COURTHOUSE RESEARCH**

**Computer Users Group** meets at **2:00 p.m.** with **Ed McCoy** in the **Intel Lab.** (Hands-On computer use.)

**Each class meets for 2 hours.**

For more:

[http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/beginners\\_workshops.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/beginners_workshops.html)

**NEXT Month: April 30<sup>th</sup> on Info From Libraries and Archives**

### **Revolutionary War Ancestors?**

Do you have an ancestor who fought or served in the American Revolution? Maybe you need help finding one. Many of the lineage and patriotic societies, such as **DAR** (for women) and **SAR** (for men) want to help you find that elusive ancestor. They can help you document and qualify to join their organizations if you wish.

Debbie Duay is a very committed DAR member in Florida who wants to help you. She has created a free web site with 2 free tutorials. One is ***Researching Your Patriot Ancestor*** which is broken into 4 short modules to walk you through the process. She includes many links to other useful sights too. Her other tutorial is ***Researching Your Family Tree: An Introduction to Genealogy***. Don't you love FREE and don't you love helpful people! Debbie has helped over 400 people join the DAR or SAR.

**Debbie Duay** received her Ph.D. in Adult Education from Florida Atlantic University. She has 15 years of experience in genealogy, and she has taught numerous classes and workshops throughout Florida on researching early American ancestry.

**Her Web Site:**

<http://www.learnwebskills.com/>

### **NEVER TOO LATE**

How many times have you read or have seen in a TV news story, that an adopted adult searches for a long lost parent only to discover that the parent died before they could find them. I saw another one of those stories on TV recently and could hardly believe the results.

**Betty Morrell, aged 82** had always yearned to meet her birth mother. Her granddaughter began searching for over 20 years and found her. You would expect that the birth mother, who was a teenager (13) when she gave birth, would have already been deceased, but **NO**. Betty was reunited recently with her **96 year old birth mother!** It truly is never too late. For a picture of the reunion and more on the research it took, see:

<http://abcnews.go.com/ABCNews/mother-daughter-reunite-82-years/story?id=36697184>



### **GOOD NEWS FOR FAMILY TREE MAKER USERS & ANCESTRY USERS**

After the announcement from **Ancestry** in December that they would no longer support FTM software, there has been another decision. The news this February is that your FTM software will still work on Ancestry because FTM was acquired by **Software MacKiev**, a company that has a long relationship with Ancestry and also with FTM software. (They have had the Mac version for 6 years.) Now they will have **Mac & Windows versions** and both will work on Ancestry and your home computer.

The other good news is that now another software will work on Ancestry too. For the first time, **RootsMagic** users will be able to have access to Ancestry hints and searches if they add their trees to Ancestry. Ancestry expects this to be in place by **the end of 2016**.

The decisions will still be yours: use your desktop software only on your computer or link to the Ancestry web site where you can upload or download as you wish. See: **FTM** <http://www.mackiev.com/> and /or **RootsMagic:** <http://www.rootsmagic.com/>

**Editor:** Ancestry said they are responding to your wishes and needs and happy to offer more options. I wish they had skipped the December drama and just waited for the February announcement which was more positive and did not create panic.



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**Membership Application -★- Fort Worth Genealogical Society**

Individual Membership - \$23  
⇒ \$20 if paid before 1 Jan of year checked

Family Membership - \$27  
⇒ \$25 if paid before 1 Jan of year checked

Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

Name:

Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

E-mail Address:

This membership application is for:

2016  2017

New  Renewal

**Winter Weather**

Please remember that in the event of severe weather on the day of a FWGS scheduled event we follow: 1. FW Library closing schedules and 2. FWISD closing schedules. You can check our FWGS Facebook page or check the NBC channel 5 TV or web site for cancellations of meetings.