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MAY GENERAL MEETING

Our May General Meeting will be **Tuesday, May 31st at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Tandy Auditorium** in the FW Central Branch Library (500 W. Third St.) Our speaker will be **Kent Hopkins**, speaking on **“The Society of Mayflower Descendants: Our Roots and Our Vision.”**

Do you have a Mayflower ancestor or suspect you might? Come learn about this society that preserves the records of these founding ancestors.



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

KENT HOPKINS has proven lineage to not one, but four Pilgrim ancestors. He descends from William Bradford, John Howland, John Tilley, and Stephen Hopkins. He is active in the society and has been Governor & Education Chairman of the DFW Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants. He is President of Kent Accounting Systems, President of the DFW Chapter of Enrolled Agents, and Chief Financial Officer of Clubhouse for Special Needs. He flew in Navy Patrol Squadron Nine (The Golden Eagles) in the early 1960s. He and his wife, Katie, have 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren.



Don't forget parking is easy downtown with all meters free at 6:00. Or park FREE in the 3rd 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

Memorial Day Closures

All libraries and book drops will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2016. For all locations except the Central Library, the book drops will close at the end of the day on Saturday, May 28. The Central Library's book drop will close at the end of the day on Sunday, May 29. No items will be due between Saturday and Tuesday.

Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 31, and the book drops will reopen when the location opens.

APRIL MEETING

Unfortunately, as you probably heard, the April 26th FWGS general meeting was called off due to the threats of very severe weather (hail, wind, rain, tornadic activity, etc.) headed straight for us. And while Fort Worth proper dodged that one, we knew no one wanted to take the chance and drive downtown. So our president put us on notice on Monday and then called it off on Tuesday.



Never fear, Sharon Katz, our speaker on DAR Tools Online, has agreed to reschedule later in the year. So you will still get a chance to hear her excellent presentation. **Watch our web site and this newsletter for announcements.**

BRING a FRIEND to the meeting!

April FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: May 21st
10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners: May 14th
10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

Computer Users: May 14th
2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

General Meeting: May 31st
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central
Refreshments at 6:00

Refreshments:

From the Editor



Those March hail stones and April showers are bringing some beautiful flowers. Enjoy spring!

Your May *Footprints* is here. I hope yours has been successfully delivered.

Also FWGS has announced the END OF SUMMER Seminar will continue this year with one big change! The location will be at Trimble Tech High school (FWISD). You may recognize this old historic high school as the one across the street (east) of Harris Hospital (downtown.) In fact, this partnership with Tech will include a lunch prepared by the award winning new Culinary Department there.

Kelvin Meyers will be the speaker and promises an exciting lineup of topics (see page 3).

Keep informed by watching this newsletter, visiting the web site or subscribing to our new Google Group List email (see this page.)

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/2016-summer-seminar.html>

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib
Summer Break---No sessions scheduled

Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents
Saturday, May 21st 10 am- 12 noon

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

Topic:
"Preserving the Past"

Lunch Time Lectures @ NARA are taking a
Summer Break...Check back in the Fall.

New Mailing List

Fort Worth Genealogical Society is moving our mailing list. The new list is through **Google Groups** and will give FWGS the ability to include graphics and attachments with our announcements. That means we will be able to deliver our newsletters directly to your inbox.

We need everyone to participate and subscribe to this new mailing list, whether a member or a guest. Soon, this will be our main way to communicate, so please re-subscribe to the new list. Contact FWGS@mail.com to give permission to subscribe to the new list.

NARA 's Virtual Genealogical Fairs

Revisit the 2015 Virtual Genealogy Fair

On October 21 & 22, 2015, the National Archives hosted a live, two-day, virtual Genealogy Fair via webcast on YouTube with thousands of family historians participating in the live event. It is not too late to be part of this educational program!

If you missed last year's live broadcast, all of the recorded session videos and handouts remain available from their web page. As in previous years, you can watch the sessions and download the materials at your convenience.

NARA began these Virtual Fairs in 2005. See more here:
<https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/>



Dallas Genealogical Turns 60!

Congratulations & Happy 60th Birthday to our neighbors in Dallas. They planned a birthday celebration with cake on May 7th (10:30 a.m.) at their general meeting in the J. Erik Jonsson Library in downtown Dallas.

From the History Books: Their first monthly meeting was held at the Downtown Y.M.C.A. on **October 26, 1954**. One of the founders, **John Plath Green** (1910-1984), was elected president. And the first Newsletter (Volume 1, Number 1) was published **February 21, 1955**.

FWGS Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports 140 members to date.

Returning: Peter & Carolyn Lombard

Rest In Peace

FWGS member: Dorothy E. Whitlock, 89 passed Aug, 2014.

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

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

Next class is *May 14th!

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

Topic: **Church, Cemetery & Vital Records**

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

NEXT Month: June 25th on Immigration, Emigration & Naturalization Records

***ATTN: This is a major date move due to the commitments of the Library. Please make note on your calendar of this change.**

MOCAVO Becomes a Part of FIND MY PAST

Mocavo, founded by Cliff Shaw and launched in March, 2011, was a private genealogical based web site and comprehensive search engine. They collected digitized records of many types and allowed patrons to base family trees there as well. Mocavo launched with a promise: "Free Forever." But, they did add two levels: free and fee. After launch they were immediately listed as one of the top 100 web sites in the US for genealogy. They also added a UK version. And they have continued to grow and add more records.

Now, **Findmypast** has acquired Mocavo and states it's "a move that aims to deliver a more focused, efficient and comprehensive service to US family historians." The move was expected to be complete by March 31st.

As they move all content over to **FMP** they promise "you'll soon be able to enjoy everything currently available on Mocavo and more. As part of our 'Free Forever' promise, Mocavo subscribers will continue to enjoy free access to all of the same records that were previously published for free on Mocavo." If you HAD an account you will still have your account.

Mocavo promises more information soon with some new how-to-guides. Here is more info for those with existing accounts (free=Basic or fee= Gold or Silver):

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Existing Gold/Silver Mocavo subscribers: Your existing subscription will be migrated to FMP and when this expires, you will be given an additional 90 days to enjoy FMP. You can be assured that your payments will remain unchanged for your current subscription. If you hold a FMP subscription too, we will make the necessary adjustments to your two accounts.

Non-Subscribers (Basic): We will either merge your account with your FMP profile, or create a new one if you're not currently registered with FMP. If you have a FMP subscription, this will continue without any disruption. We will also be giving you 30 days free access to FMP.

The one and only thing existing account holders will need to do is go to the new site and change your existing password. You should have received an email to do this, but you can find it here:

<https://www.findmypast.com/account/forgotpassword>

FindMyPast has over 4 billion searchable records worldwide; nearly 8 billion names. You can search, but need a subscription (fee) to see the actual records. FMP has been the leader in English speaking records from the British Isles (especially England & Ireland), New Zealand and Australia. They have added US records and now have acquired the records of Mocavo. They, as does Ancestry and now FamilySearch, have the ability to add Family Trees. All of these sites are a way to compete with Ancestry. You be the judge, try it out.

BIG NEWS: SAVE THE DATE, SEPT 10th

FWGS announces the 2016 Speaker for their annual End of Summer Seminar: **KELVIN MEYERS** of Dallas, TX.

Our New Location this year will be :

Trimble Tech High School (Cannon Street @ Henderson)
Fort Worth, Texas

1. **Can a Dead Man Sign a Deed?**
2. **Abstract versus Original, Do I need both?**
3. **The Hand That Rocked the Cradle Could Rule the World**
4. **Who Cares Who Their Neighbors Were? You Do! That's Who!**

Watch our web site for downloadable registration forms and more news.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/2016-summer-seminar.html>

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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

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