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Newsletter

web site: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/>

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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The next FWGS General Meeting will be **Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the FW Central Branch Library (500 W. Third St.). The topic will be **"Masonic Home & School in Texas"** given by speaker **Jerry Beck**. This is a new topic & speaker for FWGS. You won't want to miss it. Did one of your families have a tragedy and you lost track of them? It was a common practice for children to go to an orphanage if the widow could not provide. Jerry will tell us about those important records beginning in 1899.

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



JERRY BECK is not only a former Assistant Superintendent of the school, he is also a former student and a very involved member of the M.H. of Texas Ex-Student Association. Jerry graduated from the school in 1960, went on to college, & attained his Masters Degree in Education. He was delighted to return to the Masonic Home as Asst. Supert. where he retired in 1999.



PARKING IS EASY!

Meters are FREE at 6 PM and you can always 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.



FW LIBRARY NEWS

October is American Archives Month

FW Library is participating by sponsoring a day of interesting topics in the Central Branch Tandy Lecture Hall on **Saturday, Oct 8th**:

* **10:30-Noon** Sarah Walker & Anna Guy Burroughs (of the Tarrant Black Historical & Gen Society) present: **Lenora Rolla: Preserving Ft. Worth History**

* **1 pm- 2pm** Carol Roark (author & preservationist) presents: **How to Research Your Home.**

* **2:15-3 p.m.** Wendy Ossoinig (of Octávaye Restoration Services) presents: **Fundamentals of Preservation--Saving Our Cherished Memorabilia.**

Sunday, October 16 in Austin, there is another opportunity for Archives study. <http://www.austinchivesbazaar.org/>

September General Meeting

Tresa Tatyrek, spoke on organization for a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah. Of course, SLC is home to one of the greatest treasures in the genealogy world-the Family History Library. One must not take too much. She recommends as little paper as possible—bring your trees on apps for your device. A phone or a tablet is essential. Phones can take pictures of pages-skip the copiers. But a flash drive is a must. **#1 Hint:** DRINK Stay hydrated! Bring lotions/lip balms too. Here is the LDS site:

<https://familysearch.org/locations/saltlakecity-library>

October FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Oct 15th

10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners: **Concluded for Yr.**

10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

Computer Users: **Concluded for Yr.**

2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

General Meeting: Oct 25th

6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

Refreshments: **Ed & Sherry McCoy**

Can you Volunteer? debeejay@aol.com



From the Editor

You might want to get ready for that early voting for U.S. President, but that is not what my little pumpkin friend above is advocating. He is reminding you that **October** is the month to elect new Officers for the Board of Directors of Fort Worth Genealogical Society. Please come to vote and show support for your society. (And of course come for our speaker, **Jerry Beck** speaking on the Masonic Home & School of Texas in Fort Worth.)

Here are our bylaws to help you learn more about our society and offices to be filled.

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/document/s/fwgs_bylaws.pdf Contact Carol Reeves if you wish to hold an office. careeves@sbcglobal.net

The society just hosted our annual End of Summer Seminar on September 10th and it was a great success. President Don Crews reports a great turnout. The topics were interesting, our speaker informative, the food delicious, and the facility so convenient to use and centrally located. Good parking too. Thanks to all of you who attended and help support our Society. Special thanks to Trimble Tech **Principal Omar Ramos, Chef Natasha Bruton**, her wonderful Culinary students, and the Honor Society students who helped us so much. **FWGS congratulates Trimble Tech H.S. on their 100th Anniversary!**

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib

Saturday, Oct 1st 10:30-12:00 noon

**"How to Research & Publish
a Family History Narrative"**

by **Edward Wright**, Independent Scholar

in **Tandy Auditorium, Central Branch, FWL**

Next: **Saturday, November 5th** "Picturing Texas Politics"
by **Chuck Bailey**, Attorney at Law

Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents

Saturday, October 22nd 10 am-12 noon

Presenter:

Dan Smith, meteorologist, historian, and author

Topic:

**"The Bankhead Highway: Fort Worth's Connection to
the First All-Weather Transcontinental Highway"**

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107

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

1400 John Burgess Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76140

Training Room

Register at ftworth.education@nara.gov for a FREE space.

Date: **Friday, October 7, 2016**

Topic: **Researching American Indians On-Line**

by **Meg Hacker**, Archives Director

Next: **Friday, Nov 4th** "Overview of Military Records at NARA" by
John Deeben, Archives Specialist

Texas State Genealogical Society

2016 Family History Conference

October 28-29-30

Headline Speakers:

Cyndi Ingle (of *Cyndi's List*)

Judy Russell (*The Legal Genealogist*)

Dallas, TX at the Crowne Plaza Dallas Downtown

72 Sessions..5 Workshops..35 speakers..Exhibit Hall

Early Registration & Price break ends **October 7**

Make Hotel Reservations by **October 15**

Register ONLINE:

<http://www.txsgs.org/conference/registration/>

Also **Thursday, October 27...10 am to 8 pm**

A Pre-Conference FREE Research Day at Dallas Public Library

Staff led tours, Expert help (especially on completing your

TSGS **Texas Heritage Certificate**), & Light Refreshments too!

FREE shuttles from the Hotel to the Library.

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports **145 members.**

IT'S NOT JUST FOR MEMBERS!

By now you have heard: **FWGS** has moved our mailing list. You need to sign up. The new list is through **Google Groups** and will be so much better. If you have not given Rob your email address and your permission to switch you over to the new list, please do it NOW.

Contact FWGS@mail.com to give permission to subscribe to the new list or visit our website and click there.

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/mailing_list.html

REMINDER:



FWGS **Beginners Class & Computer Users Group (CUG)** are both ended for the Year 2016. These classes will return in January 2017. Expected date is 4th Saturday, January 28th, 2017, but watch our website or this newsletter for more.



Presidential Elections, 1789–2012

With the upcoming presidential elections, do you ever wonder how *your ancestor* voted in his day? (And I do mean HIS day. All American women did not get the vote until 1920!) I found these web sites that were helpful for answering some historical questions. Perhaps you can do some digging about the elections in which *your ancestor* was eligible to vote.

Info Please:

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0781450.html>

This gives graphical representation of Presidential Elections, 1789–2012. Quickly find the major candidates for President and Vice president, their parties, and the number of electoral votes received.

270 to Win:

<http://www.270towin.com/historical-presidential-elections/>

This one is on the news a lot now. The Red/Blue maps you see on TV starting with the last election back to the First. (Of course the traditional Red/Blue is a more modern invention.)

History Channel:

<http://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/presidential-elections>

This site includes an interesting 4 min video on American Voting 101. There is also info for each election from George Washington to the Obama election of 2008. **ALSO:** History Channel now offers “*History Vault*,” a subscription based service to view past History channel specials on myriad subjects commercial free. Monthly subscriptions start at \$4.99 and yearly starts at \$49.99.

POLITICAL FAMILY TREES: www.politicalfamilytree.com

Think you might be related to a President or 1st Lady? This interesting subscription web site includes all their family trees along with many governors, senators, & more. Historical and current! Also has tons of historical info and videos. Good tutorials for students too! **\$74.95**/some items sold separately.

Old Adage: Want your genealogy done for FREE?

RUN FOR OFFICE!



Global Cemetery Projects Through Ancestry & Find A Grave



Ancestry and Find A Grave are teaming up to sponsor a world day of Cemetery Transcription Projects. Do your part for history. Help preserve your local cemetery. The Global Cemetery Meet-Ups are happening October 7-9. At the time of this writing there are about 90 projects in the US and Canada with the most in the US. There are even two events in Hawaii. In Texas, there were only 5 scheduled, but I expect that number to change as more events are planned and announced. Do you have a group of friends looking for a good work to do or a local cemetery not already recorded on Find A Grave? This would be a good Boy Scout project or Service Project for a club. While Ancestry is mostly a paid subscription, Find A Grave is always completely FREE. You will need to set up a FREE account on Find A Grave to be a coordinator in this project.

How to Participate

1. [Sign in](#) to your Find A Grave account or [sign up to become a member](#).
2. Review a [list of local cemeteries](#) for your county, and look for those that need photos or have photo requests outstanding.
3. Check out our [global calendar](#) for suggested meet-ups or sign up and suggest your own.
4. Grab a friend and a camera and [let us know](#) where you will be.*

*In order to add events to our global calendar, *you will need to be a member of Find A Grave*. It's free and you can [sign up here](#). Then, you need to sign up for the [Community Forums](#), which is also free. Once you are logged into the Forums, just register for an existing event or add your own. Simply fill out the registration form and submit it, we'll add it to the global calendar!

Editor: I have left the hyperlinks in the above information, but for those “Print” readers, here is the main web page for this:

http://www.ancestry.com/cs/find-a-grave-community-day?o_xid=73668&o_lid=73668&o_sch=FindAGrave

Cemetery Etiquette Guide

Learn the do's and don'ts of finding and photographing headstones in this FREE guide available to print from Ancestry.

http://c.ancestry.com/cs/media/social-research-cemetery.pdf?o_iid=62546&o_lid=62546&o_sch=Web+Property



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FWGS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Fort-Worth-Genealogical-Society-319546544054/>

Membership Application -★- Fort Worth Genealogical Society			
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership - \$23 ⇒ \$20 if paid before 1 Jan of year checked	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership - \$27 ⇒ \$25 if paid before 1 Jan of year checked		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Membership - \$250 or more		
Name: _____		Phone: _____	
Address: _____		City: _____	
State: _____	Zip: _____	E-mail Address: _____	
This membership application is for: <input type="checkbox"/> 2016 <input type="checkbox"/> 2017 <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal			