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Newsletter

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## APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Our April meeting will be **Tuesday, April 25, 2017** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the Central Branch Library. **Thomas Morton**, instructor & genealogist, will present: **"Are You Descended From Kings?"** Time will be **6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.**

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



Whether we admit it or not, don't we all wish we had Royalty in our line?

Tom will show you the names that are likely to lead you to royalty. (Tom has helped more than 150 people find they are descended from kings & queens.) He will show you easier steps to find royalty in your family history and then download the files into your Family Tree Maker file. Tom will then show you how to publish your findings in a book for friends and relatives. *You will need to be familiar (at least a basic understanding) with Family Tree Maker and Ancestry.com for this part of the discussion.*

**THOMAS MORTON** is a retired professional engineer from Canada. He has been doing genealogical research for more than 50 years and has more than 84,000 people in his Family Tree Maker database. He has published 50 family history books for friends & family and has traced more than 150 people back to kings, queens and emperors.

Thomas currently is a "Silver Frog" & teaches genealogy courses for the TCU Extended Education Program.

## FW LIBRARY NEWS

April Brings a Closure



Don't Forget: All FW

Libraries will be closed for the **EASTER HOLIDAY** on **Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**. All hours resume on Monday, April 17, 2017.

## MARCH FWGS MEETING

Our **March** General Meeting was well attended by almost forty persons. The draw was to hear **Ila Fichtner-Johnson** speak on **News-papers**. Ila shared examples of what can be gleaned in articles & obituaries, then gave examples of web sites to find digital versions of papers. Besides the most familiar subscription sites such as America's [Genealogy Bank](http://Genealogy Bank) (which is free in the FW Library & with your FW residential library card at home) and [Newspapers.com](http://Newspapers.com) (which is free at Family History Centers), she also mentioned some less popular. These were free: Library of Congress' [Chronicling America](http://Chronicling America) project, [Small Town Papers.com](http://Small Town Papers.com), [The Olden Times.com](http://The Olden Times.com), and [Free Newspaper Archives.com](http://Free Newspaper Archives.com). Don't confuse this last one with [Newspaper Archive.com](http://Newspaper Archive.com) which is a subscription site for \$9.95/month.

The **NY Times** has a subscription site and free archive with papers back to 1851-1922. The free section is called [TimesMachine](http://TimesMachine).

## PARKING IS EASY!

Meters are FREE at 6 PM and you can always 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 at the library desk.

## April FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:** Sat. Apr 15, 2017  
10:15 Southwest Regional

**Beginners:** Sat. Apr 22, 2017  
10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

**Computer Users:** Sat. Apr 22, 2017  
2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

**General Meeting:** Tues, Apr 25, 2017  
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

**Refreshments:** **Judy Ramos**

Can you do JUNE? [debeejay@aol.com](mailto:debeejay@aol.com)

From the Editor .....

Happy Easter, Happy Spring!



President Don Crews reports some BIG NEWS from the March Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board decided to offer a 2017 Incentive for FWGS membership. For those who wish to join FWGS from now to the end of the year, you may pick up ONE FWGS book FREE as a perk of your membership this year, 2017. We are not forgetting those who joined earlier either—they also may pick up a book free. You need to attend a meeting to acquire your book. (If you cannot attend, you may have it mailed at your expense.) At the March meeting, the FWGS book made available by the Board was the \*Pioneers Rest Cemetery book. It will also be available at future meetings. Mark our meetings on your calendar NOW so you don't miss out!

Don also reports that the board finalized the topics for the End of Summer Seminar with Lisa Louise Cooke on Sept 9th. See the ad on p. 3 in this issue. It will be another wonderful seminar for those who want to step up their research techniques with Technology.

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor

\* Pioneers Rest Cemetery in Fort Worth is the city's first cemetery for early settlers.

**FWGS Membership Report:**

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports 123 Members as of March 18th. Can't wait to see the next report as I saw at least 5 or so new members join later in March.

**Welcome to these New Members:**

Crystal Swartz Larry & Dixie Dibley

To Join or Send Renewals, Mail to:  
Fort Worth Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 471789  
Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408

**Last Minute News.....WW I Remembrance Events**

Both will feature speakers and music

Sat, April 8 1:00-2:00 p.m. Veteran's Memorial Park,  
4120 Camp Bowie Blvd, FW  
Park at Arlington Hgts UMC

Sun, April 9 1:30-2:30 p.m. Rustin Pavilion,  
Southlake Town Center

April 6-May 6 Historical Exhibit  
Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau bldg at 636 S.  
Main St.

From the FWGS Mail Bag .....



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

Saturday, April 8th 10:30-12:00 noon

**"From Tea Cakes to Tamales:**

**Third-Generation Texas Recipes"**

by Nola McKey, author & editor

in Tandy Auditorium, Central Branch, FWL

**NEXT: Sat, May 6 "One Hundred Years of Weather in DFW"**

with Mark Fox, Warning & Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service Fort Worth

Hear about historic weather events in the Metroplex. Find out why the National Weather Service put an office in Fort Worth.

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

Saturday, Apr 22, 2017 10 am-12 noon

Presenter: Susan Kline, historian, & author

Topic: "The Familiar & Not-So Familiar: Properties Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in Fort Worth"

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107

(817) 814-2040

**NEXT: Sat, May 27— "A History of Fort Worth's Black Community Through Calvin Littlejohn's Photos"**

by Ron Abram, preservationist & operations manager

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

1400 John Burgess Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76140

Training Room

Register at [ftworth.education@nara.gov](mailto:ftworth.education@nara.gov) for a FREE space.

Date: Friday, April 7, 2017

Topic: Introduction to Military Records

w/ Joe Ryan, Archive Technician

Learn how to access, request, & decipher military personnel records stored at the National Archives in St. Louis.

Next: The NARA web site doesn't show another Lunchtime Lecture until October 3, 2017.

Topic: Flight 19: The Lost Squadron.

Deals with flights lost in the Bermuda Triangle

**TCU Extended Education Courses**

Thursday, April 27 and Saturday, April 29, 2017

**Fort Worth Parks: A Study/Tour of Open Spaces**

with Quentin McGown

2 hour Class and 6 hour tour with Lunch---\$146.00 (Sr. Discounts)

Space limited. For more and to Register:

<https://lifelong.is.tcu.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?&course=17SCTS33>

Study of history & evolution of the park system in FW. Will include the large parks (Forest & Lake Worth), but will explore some of the smaller and less known parks too.



## Beginners Classes

Saturday, April 22, 2017

10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Vice President Terri Meeks will lead this 4<sup>th</sup> class at the Central Branch Library, in the Chappell Room at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Parking on the street meters & at the 3<sup>rd</sup> St Garage are free all day on Saturdays.

4<sup>th</sup> Session: Archives & Libraries

Both classes are FREE & available to non-members too.

## Computer Users Group (CUG) Saturday, April 22, 2017

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Debbie Pearson will chair CUG this year. This class includes hands-on computer time in the Intel Lab at the Central Branch Library. Time will be spent in instruction with time to explore the web using what you have learned. Space is limited to FWL computers available.

4<sup>th</sup> Session: Archives & Libraries Online



## SAVE THE DATE

September 9, 2017

FWGS End Of Summer Seminar

with Lisa Louise Cooke

Trimble Tech HS, Fort Worth

- \* Google Books: the Tool you should use every day.
- \* Create a Free Google Earth Map Collection for Your Research
- \* Making Evernote Effortless
- \* 7 Awesome Apps that Eliminate Eye-Rolling! *Brand New*

Please Reserve that date NOW for another wonderful day with Lisa spent on Technology in Your Genealogy.

## HAT'S OFF to East Parker County H & G Society



EPC Historical & Genealogical Society is planning a Historical Research Trip down to Hill College in Hillsboro, TX. It will be a full day with research and lunch. The center has 8 computer work stations so the trip will be limited to 8. To check if they are full email Vickie at [vkballow@att.net](mailto:vkballow@att.net)  
Date: Friday, April 7, 2017 Meeting at 7:45 am at the Church at the Crossing parking lot in Aledo. Leave promptly at 8 am. They will carpool down.

Hill College is the home to both the Texas Heritage Museum and the Historical Research Center. The research center specializes in military history, especially Civil War.

<https://www.hillcollege.edu/museum/index.html>

Museum Hrs: M-Th 8 am-4:30 pm. Fri 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

Research Center Hrs: M-F 9:00 am—1:00 pm.

EDITOR: Last month, I ran a story on Pioneer Families of Tarrant County (PFoTC), a Heritage group within FWGS. I heard from Michael Patterson, who is a regular contributor to *Footprints*, a FWGS member, and an expert on early families in North East Tarrant County. He mentioned another important resource that he uses regularly for early tax records for Tarrant County that is available easily and FREE. It is the Fort Worth Library and their web site. Read on for more.....

## Tarrant County, Texas Tax Records Available

Tarrant County tax records are available online for tax years 1850-1880 through the FWL and their *Digital Archives Collections*. Here is the link:

<http://www.fortworthtexasarchives.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16084coll13> Be sure to read about the

collection, to do a better search. The first year of tax records were actually recorded by the Navarro county tax collector, as Tarrant county was still part of Navarro and not yet completely organized. Thanks, Michael for the tips!



## Who Do You Think You Are?

The TLC network continues the run of the highly successful TV show *Who Do You Think You Are?* currently in season 9. It shows on Sunday nights at 9 p.m. (Check your listings)

This season has featured Courtney Cox, Julie Bowen, Jennifer Gray, Noah Wyle, & Jessica Biel. Courtney Cox had one of the longest lineages that I can remember since the show started. Ultimately, she links back to William the Conqueror, with several royal lines along the way and much political intrigue, murders, and family feuds. Her episode is available to view on TLC or this app. Others will be available soon. <https://www.tlco.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/>  
Still to come are Smokey Robinson, Liv Tyler, & John Stamos.

On the same night as WDYTIA, TLC has another very interesting show, also sponsored by ANCESTRY. It is LONG LOST FAMILY and deals with 2 researchers who were adoptees and have successfully found their birth families. These 2 researchers each take on a case of either a birth parent or an adoptee searching to reunite and carry it through to a meeting. Tips on how to trace down clues from remembrances or records can help genealogists in our research too. Find some older episodes here: <https://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/long-lost-family/>

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World War I in US

April 6, 1917 The U.S. joined its allies--Britain, France, and Russia--to fight in World War I. Under the command of Major General John J. Pershing, more than 2 million U.S. soldiers fought on battlefields in France. *Expect exhibits in Metroplex.*



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**Membership Application & Renewal Form - ☆ - Fort Worth Genealogical Society**

Individual Membership - \$23  
⇒ \$20 if paid before the new year begins

Family Membership - \$27  
⇒ \$25 if paid before the new year begins

Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Your email address will be added to our mailing list in order for you to receive local announcements.)

This membership application is for:  2017  2018  New  Renewal