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JUNE GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be **Tuesday, June 27, 2017** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the Central Branch Library. **Jim Hodgson** of the Fort Worth Aviation Museum, will present: **"How World War I Transformed Texas."**

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.

Jim will explain how events during the war years changed Texas forever. He'll cover some of the personalities of the times & their records. Find out how you can help commemorate the Centennial of WW I locally.



JIM HODGSON is a Chicago native with a love for all things aviation. His college

degrees were in industrial engineering and management. He joined the Marine Corps and in 1972 earned his Naval Aviator Wings. He later became a pilot with Continental Airlines and retired in 2013 with more than 28,000 flight hours.

Retirement has brought a new career as the Executive Director & Chairman of the Bronco Association, which operates the Fort Worth Aviation Museum. Jim is also a member of the Tarrant County Historical Commission and one of the original founders of the Texas World War I Centennial Commemoration group.

Jim lives in Grapevine and is a 2017 recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution's Distinguished Citizen Award.

FW LIBRARY NEWS



New FW Library to be Built

FWL hosts the official groundbreaking ceremony on **June 19, 2017** at **10 am** for the new branch library at 4624 Golden Triangle Blvd. The Mayor & others will bring remarks. **cont'd p. 3**

MAY FWGS Meeting

FWGS was pleased to have **Connie Gray** come up from Austin to speak on Adoption. Connie presented a very informative history of birth certificates and adoptions in Texas. Did you know the first adoptions had to be enacted by the state legislature? When that became too cumbersome permission was given for it to be handled by county courts and recorded there. Not until the 1970's was a father's name included when the birth parents were not married. Edna Gladney was instrumental in paving the way for modern adoptions helping enact legislation to reduce stigma for children and mothers. Connie uses the web site *David Gray's People Finder* for easy access to birth records by TX counties: <http://davidgrayspeoplefinder.com/> It is by subscription with rates starting at \$25 yearly. Connie will help adoptees or birth families looking for lost members.

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 at the library desk.

JUNE FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Sat. June 17, 2017
10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners: Sat. June 24, 2017
10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

Computer Users: Sat. June 24, 2017
2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

General Meeting: Tues, June 27, 2017
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

June Refreshments: Phil Morris

Can You Help with one month?
email debeejay@aol.com



From the FWGS Mail Bag

Editor: *The Lectures at Billy Sills, Lunchtime Lectures at NARA, and the Center for Texas Studies Lectures are all finished for the Summer and taking their well deserved breaks. We will bring you news of the Fall Lectures as soon as we hear.*

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL CLASSES CONTINUE



Beginners Classes

Saturday, June 24, 2017

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

FWGS Board of Director **Sheryl Rascher** will lead this 6th 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 3rd St Garage are free all day on Saturdays. **Library opens at 10:00 a.m.**

6th Session Topic:

Immigration, Emigration, & Naturalization

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



Computer Users Group (CUG)

Saturday, June 24, 2017

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Debbie Pearson chairs 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.

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NARA Citizen Archivist Program

Are you interested in learning what it is like to be an archivist? Experience the description side of archival life! From **June 27th – June 29th**, our Citizen Archivists will be indexing slave manifests from ca. 1830. Space is limited to only three archivists. To apply, please send your contact information and a paragraph stating why you would like to become a Citizen Archivist **by June 16th** to ftworth.education@nara.gov. If you have any questions please contact us at **817-551-2051** or email us at ftworth.education@nara.gov. **National Archives at Fort Worth 1400 John Burgess Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76140**



From the Editor

June Salutes Grads & Dads

FWGS Salutes Dan & Terri Meeks!

President Don Crews reports that at the May Board of Directors meeting the board acknowledged the resignation of **Terri Meeks** (effective June 1) as VP and facilitator of the Beginners Classes. He recommended that **Judy Ramos** be appointed to fill the VP position for the remainder of 2017. The Board voted affirmatively and it was placed on the agenda of the May General Meeting for a member vote. At the May General Meeting, **Gerry Gieger** moved (**Rob Yoder 2nd**) that **Judy Ramos** be accepted as the VP to fill the remainder of the term and to take effect on June 1. The vote was unanimous. Board Member **Sheryl Rascher** will take over teaching the Beginner's Classes for the last 3 sessions (June-August).

President Don Crews helped host a dinner to celebrate the years of service to FWGS for both **Terri and Dan Meeks**. Past and present Board members helped wish them the best and thank them for their dedication. Dan was a former speaker, took photos for meetings and seminars, ran for box lunches, and was our technology guru, so we will miss him too. Terri taught our beginners for 9 years and thinks they began attending meetings in 2000. Dan and Terri are off to Colorado and on to new adventures in a new home. Thank You both. Good Luck and Bon Voyage!

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor

FWGS Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports
138 Members

Welcome to this New Member:
Brien A. Mason

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

Individual Membership: \$23 Family Membership: \$27

June 9th International Archives Day

Fort Worth boasts several Archives locally. Have you visited NARA or Tarrant County Archives? See more p. 3 <http://www.ica.org/en/about-international-archives-day>



SAVE THE DATE !

September 9, 2017

FWGS

End Of Summer Seminar

with **Lisa Louise Cooke**

Trimble Tech HS, Fort Worth

Here are the Subjects/Topics Covered in September:

1. Google Books: the tool you should use every day!

(Brand new for 2017 - this was a BIG hit at Rootstech)

25 million digitized and searchable free books are at your fingertips with Google Books. Learn how to make the most of this goldmine chock full of historical data!

2. Create a Free Google Earth Map Collection for Your Research (Brand new for 2017)

Learn how to find free digital maps for your ancestral locations, add them as permanent overlays to Google Earth, and then organize them into your personal map reference collection. You'll learn best practices for keeping them organized and enriching your research.

3. Making Evernote Effortless

Learn the best strategies for making Evernote a breeze to use for your genealogy research. Shave time off your note-taking with quick keys, shortcuts, saved searches, search operators, Reminders, note sharing, source citation, and building Evernote into any browser you use (including mobile devices!)

4. 7 Awesome Apps that Eliminate Eye-Rolling! (Brand new for 2017)

Eliminate your relative's bored eye-rolling and captivate them with compelling stories and imagery! We'll cover seven easy-to-use and free mobile apps that will help you tell your family history stories in a riveting way.

New Golden Triangle Library

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This new branch will be a 15,000-square-foot facility with a collection of more than 50,000 books, DVDs, and CDs. There will be dedicated areas for children's activities/story times, public computers, laptops, WiFi, and a meeting room for 100. Going with new trends, this branch will also feature a Maker-Space with 3-D printers, a laser cutter, A-V equipment and will offer science and technology classes. Self-checking auto-stations will be included too. Amazingly, this branch will house a Municipal Court Satellite with video walk-in court! Make Payments and file court documents there!

Local Archives Aid Genealogists

(Cont'd from pg 2) **JUNE 9th Int'l Archives Day**

If you have Tarrant County ancestors you may want to visit some of the local Archives that are such gems in their own unique ways.

Billy Sills Archives for Fort Worth ISD 2720 Cullen St, FW 76107, Lena Recer, Dir. <http://www.fwisd.org/Page/3345>

This little gem is part museum and part archives. It holds many old yearbooks or "annuals" from many schools, some dating back to the earliest days of FWISD. Need a picture or verification that your ancestor lived here? Try them. Call ahead to see what hours they will be open. (817) 814-2040 Watch video for history.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ng0plkGbYYs>

Tarrant County Archives 200 Taylor St, FW 76196, 5th floor Dr. Dawn Youngblood, Archivist. Open M-F (closed lunch)

<http://access.tarrantcounty.com/en/tarrant-county-archives.html> Call ahead -- (817) 884-3272.

There are family and business files that have been donated, some older records from the courthouse that have been repositied there (such as marriage licenses that were never returned/picked up) and some land & real estate records. You can search by name on their web site and a recent search showed Marriages from 1877 actually online. They are undergoing a large digitization project and some records may be unavailable temporarily. Go Explore! Many, various records.

National Archives Record Administration, SW branch 1400 John Burgess Drive, FW 76140. M-F, 8-4

call (817) 551-2051 or email ftworth.archives@nara.gov website: <https://www.archives.gov/fort-worth>

The Southwest branch is a repository for Indian records and the staff is most knowledgeable on these and many other types of records. To pull actual records you will need to make requests in advance and then wait for notice. But so many things are available online or by microfilm. In 2015 this location opened their new Research Room for use of microfilm and on computers. By agreement with partner societies such as **Ancestry, Fold3, & Family Search**, many of the NARA holdings of interest to genealogists are available FREE at their sites.

Editor: I recently found a statement on NARA website. The agreements with these partners states that eventually these records will become free to all. Even on the subscription sites! Good News for researchers!

Sunday



June 18

GENEALOGISTS:

Give Dad a DNA Test This Year!

No Tie--Just the "Tie That Binds"

Ancestry: <https://www.ancestry.com/> Click on DNA tab or 1-800-ANCESTRY

Save 20% thru June 18 at 11:59 p.m. ET (**\$9.95** shipping)

Ancestry only offers one test (male/female for global ancestry): **\$79*** (~~was \$99~~)

Family Tree DNA: <https://www.familytreedna.com/sale.aspx>

Save 20% or more thru June 18, 2017. (**\$12.95** shipping)

1. **Family Finder** (males/females for global ancestry): **\$69** (~~was \$89~~)
2. **Y DNA-37** (males only for surname): **\$139** (~~was 169~~)
3. **Combo pack** [Y DNA-37 plus Family Finder] (males only): **\$199** (~~was 258~~)

23 and Me: <https://www.23andme.com/>

Save \$20. Offer ends June 18, 2017. Limit 2 kits. (**\$9.95** shipping) But FREE GIFT WRAP

1. **Ancestry Service** (males/females for global ancestry) **\$79** (~~was \$99~~)
2. **Health + Ancestry Service** (males/females for health traits & global) **\$179** (~~was \$199~~)

Be sure to read all the tests that the Health component offers.



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⇒ \$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: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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

This membership application is for:

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