



Fort **W**orth **L**ibrary

presents

## From Cowboy to Doughboy

*Honoring the Centennial of the GREAT WAR*

Enjoy Exhibits, a Film Series, and Programs & Lectures

July 9<sup>th</sup> through October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

All Events will be at the Central Branch Library in Tandy Auditorium

## JULY EVENTS

**OPENING RECEPTION:** Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Central Branch Gallery

### **Programs & Lectures:**

#### **July 15, 1 p.m. North Texas and WW I: Before, During, After and Today**

by **Jim Hodgson**, Director, Texas WWI Centennial Commemoration Association and Executive Director, Fort Worth Aviation Museum

*Mr. Hodgson discusses the worldwide and Texas events that took place during 1914 - 1919. He also examines how the economy, culture and lives of Texans were changed and the continuing impact today.*

60 min

#### **July 29, 1 p.m. The Army and Camp Bowie**

by **Tyler Alberts**, Ex Dir, Military Museum of Fort Worth

*Mr. Alberts highlights the history of Camp Bowie and both the immediate and lasting impacts of the camp on the City of Fort Worth. He will touch on impacts to the local economy, the Spanish influenza at the base hospital, Infantry Division training, and the lasting relationship of the camp and the Arlington Heights neighborhood.*

### **Film Series:**

#### **Thursday, July 13, 5:30 p.m. *Wings***

Two young men of differing social classes learn about friendship, love and the realities of war as fighter pilots during WWI. "It" girl Clara Bow stars alongside Buddy Rogers and Richard Arlen. PG13, 1927, 144 min.

#### **Thursday, July 27, 5:30 p.m. *The Big Parade***

An American soldier faces the challenges of friendship and romance while on the frontlines in France during WWI. Silent era heartthrob John Gilbert and Renée Adorée star in this beautifully shot film by King Vidor.

NR, 1925, 151 min.



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## JULY GENERAL MEETING

Our next general meeting will be **Tuesday, July 25, 2017** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the Central Branch Library. **Ari Wilkins** of Dallas Library will present: **“Southern Antebellum Records”** 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.**

What are Southern Plantation Records? Personal or Business Records & Correspondence. Ari will show how these can help *all* genealogists, black or white. African-Americans can possibly find an elusive name.



**ARI WILKINS** comes to us from Dallas PL where she also teaches a series of classes and

specializes in African American Research. She owns **Black Genesis**, a genealogical consulting business. Ari has become a popular speaker at national conferences: Federation of Genealogical Societies, Texas State Genealogical Society, Ohio Genealogical Society, Samford Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research, American Library Association, and many local societies. She also contributes to Afrigeneas.com and Proquest’s African American Heritage database.

Ari graduated from Louisiana State University & has researched her family history since 1998. She is active in many genealogical & professional societies.



## FW LIBRARY NEWS

**On Sun, July 9<sup>th</sup>** the Library held a Kick-off Reception for a new Exhibit in the Gallery & other sections of the Library. It is called: *From Cowboy to Doughboy...* & celebrates the Centennial of the US entrance into WW I, the Great War. From now until October 19<sup>th</sup> there will be Lectures, Exhibits, & a Film Series, all at Central Branch. <http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/news/2017-05-WWI/> **Note: Check web site for all 9 lectures on Great War.**

## JUNE FWGS Meeting

**Jim Hodgson** presented a very interesting talk with facts about Fort Worth in pre- and post WW I times. WW I began a draft and almost 1 million Texans registered with about 198,000 serving. Over 5,000 Texans died (about 1/3 of those due to the Spanish Influenza.) Fort Worthian **Ben E. Keith** exerted early pressure to lobby for airfields and Army camps as a way for the small town to grow and be prosperous. FW eventually was a leader in the production of meat and oil for the war efforts. **Jim invites all FWGS members to contribute stories and pictures to the effort to memorialize the people of WW I. more on this later...** <http://www.worldwar1centennial.org/index.php>

## PARKING IS EASY!

Meters are FREE at 6 PM and you can always park FREE in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Garage for 2 ½ hours with your ticket validated at the library desk.

## JULY FWGS Meetings:

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

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

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

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

**Refreshments at 6:00**

**July Refreshments: Carol Reeves**

**Can You Help with one month?**  
email [debeejay@aol.com](mailto:debeejay@aol.com)



From the FWGS Mail Bag .....

### FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL CLASSES CONTINUE



#### Beginners Classes

**Saturday, July 22, 2017**

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

FWGS Board of Director **Sheryl Rascher** will lead this 6<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. **Library opens at 10:00 a.m.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Session Topic:**

**MILITARY RECORDS**

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



#### Computer Users Group (CUG)

**Saturday, July 22, 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.

**6<sup>th</sup> Session Topic:**

**MILITARY RECORDS**

### END OF SUMMER SEMINAR

**“A DAY OF TECHNOLOGY  
WITH LISA LOUISE COOKE”**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2017**

**EARLY BIRD PRICE IS \$40.00**

**INCLUDES LUNCH, HANDOUTS, DOOR PRIZES!**

**Sign Up Now**—Registration blanks available in this newsletter and online. Download and mail the registration blanks from here: (scroll way down)

[http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/documents/2017\\_Seminar\\_Registration\\_Packet.pdf](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/documents/2017_Seminar_Registration_Packet.pdf)

More information on our web site for directions, time lines, menu, and more.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/2017-summer-seminar.html>



From the Editor .....

### Happy 241<sup>st</sup> Birthday AMERICA

What a great country and a great time to be able to work on our genealogy. July is a great month to work on your Revolutionary Ancestors (if you have them!) If you are not sure or need to brush up on how to find out, come to both the **Beginners Class** and the **Computer Users Group** on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Both will cover **Military Records!** *see column 2 or visit our web site* →

I hope you were able to hear **JIM HOGSON** speak in June on World War I. Fort Worth is beginning a year of remembrance for the lives and service given in those years. Fort Worth Library is kicking off a wonderful exhibit in the Gallery of Central branch on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Titled **From Cowboy to Doughboy**, it will run until Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. FWL is also bringing nine lectures (about 2 a month) during this time over such topics as women’s contributions, old Camp Bowie, soldiers of color, Royal Air Fields, and so much more. There will be classic films shown dealing with the time period, including the Castle story (Vernon & Irene). If you missed Jim, he will speak again on July 15 at Central. The web address is on page 1. Check out all the Library is offering.....

In other news, FWGS is opening up REGISTRATION to our **End of Summer Seminar** with **Lisa Louise Cooke**. Enjoy A Day of Technology with lunch for \$40.00. Mail that registration today!

*Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor*



### FWGS Membership Report:

**Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports  
139 Members**

**To Join or Send Renewals, Mail to:**

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## US Census Minute

It has been awhile since the 1930 and 1940 Censuses were released with the big race to get them indexed. The 1930 release was in April, 2002 and the 1940 was April, 2012. And it will be awhile before the 1950 census will be released and then indexed. The census privacy rule is to wait 72 years, putting the release in April of 2022. So while we wait, let's look at some Surname trends and information. The following are the top 15 surnames for the last 37 years. **Smith** was still the most popular in 2010 (and the 2 prior censuses) with 2,442,977 occurrences. The total US population of 2010 was reported at **308,745,538**.

### Top 15 Surnames over last 3 Census

1990	2000	2010
Smith	Smith	Smith
Johnson	Johnson	Johnson
Williams	Williams	Williams
Jones	Brown	Brown
Brown	Jones	Jones
Davis	Miller	Garcia
Miller	Davis	Miller
Wilson	Garcia	Davis
Moore	Rodriguez	Rodriguez
Taylor	Wilson	Martinez
Anderson	Martinez	Hernandez
Thomas	Anderson	Lopez
Jackson	Taylor	Gonzalez
White	Thomas	Wilson
Harris	Hernandez	Anderson

### Trend: Hispanic Names on the Rise

In 1990 there were no Hispanic surnames in the Top 10 or Top 15. By 2000 it had risen to 2 in the Top 10 and 4 in the Top 15. The last census revealed GARCIA as the 6<sup>th</sup> most common name with 3 surnames in the Top 10 and 6 (nearly half) in the Top 15.

The first Asian surname in the Top 50 of 2010 is NGUYEN and comes in at 38 with 437,645 occurrences. The Top 15 Fastest Growing Names from the 2000 census trended towards Asian, Middle Eastern and Hispanic surnames.

**Now, are you curious about your surname?** The US Census Bureau has fascinating facts on their web site. <https://www.census.gov/> [Watch the US Population Clock tick forward and the World Population Clock spin crazily forward!]

The Bureau will let you download a *pdf* spreadsheet of the 1000 most frequent surnames from 2010. Find it here:

[https://www.census.gov/topics/population/genealogy/data/2010\\_surnames.html](https://www.census.gov/topics/population/genealogy/data/2010_surnames.html) Scroll down to **RELATED FILES**. You will see the green X file for a pdf of a spreadsheet. Click and download the file. After downloading, hit **CRTL f** and type your surname into the little box. If it appears, note the ranking box. If not, you are a rare find!

*Seriously*, a quick search of the 10 surnames of our FWGS Board, showed only 5 names were in the top 1000. **Morris** was 62<sup>nd</sup>, **Ramos** was 76<sup>th</sup>, **Pearson** was 308<sup>th</sup>, **Reeves** was 390<sup>th</sup>, and **Yoder** was 598<sup>th</sup>.

Another tidbit learned is that Census Bureau is hiring for the **2017 Census of Agriculture**. How many genealogists have used those schedules in their research of the 19<sup>th</sup> century? They can be very revealing about your ancestor's status. This modern census, which is conducted every five years on behalf of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's *National Agricultural Statistics Service*, is a nationwide data collection effort to count every farm in the United States. This service helps to set US policies.

The Census Bureau maintains a helpful quick fact section titled **Fact Finder**. Downloads, videos—there is much to explore. They even keep a GENEALOGY page. <https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>

### ANCESTRY INSIDER SAYS FAREWELL

After ten years of blogs, newsletters, speaking & contributing mightily to Genealogists, the *Ancestry Insider* is stepping down. You can still read many of his past articles. He'll be missed. <http://www.ancestryinsider.org/>



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Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

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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