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AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

Our next general meeting will be **Tuesday, August 29, 2017** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the Central Branch Library. **Ann McKee** will present: **"Picturing Family History: Identifying, Preserving & Sharing Family Photos."**

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.

Family photos are a Goldmine; but not if they are not labeled. Ann inherited 131 old photos with 106 not identified. Four years later only 20 are not identified. Ann will share her techniques and provide tips to help you identify your old photos.



ANN MCKEE is a retired school librarian and new to genealogy. She started her family

research after inheriting all those post-Civil war era family photos. Along the way she found an early Texas ancestor and a revolutionary war ancestor.

Now Ann has set out to learn all genealogical techniques to pursue her complete family research. She was able to prove her ties to those 2 ancestors above and is a proud member of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Park Free on Streets after 6 PM
2.5 hrs FREE in 3rd St Garage. Just
Validate your ticket at Library desk.



FW LIBRARY NEWS

The WW I Centennial Exhibit continues **downtown** as do the lectures and film series that accompany it. Don't miss these August offerings:

Film Series:

*Thursday, Aug 10 5:30 Tandy Aud.

All Quiet on the Western Front

1930, 136 min.

* Thursday, Aug 24 5:30 Tandy Aud.

The Dawn Patrol

1938, 103 min.

Lectures:

*Sat, Aug 19 1:00 p.m. Tandy Aud.

"We Fought Too - Native Americans & African Americans in WWI"

by Dr. Richard Selcer & Doug Harmon

*Sat, Aug 26 1:00 p.m. Tandy Aud.

Regional Culture During WWI

by Lynn Spalding, Archivist TC Archive

*Sat, Sep 2 1:00 p.m. Tandy Aud

Army Air Service and Royal Flying Corps Airfields

by Bill Morris & Ben Guttery

For More see the complete schedule:

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/news/2017-05-WWI/> .

JULY FWGS MEETING

ARI WILKINS of the **Dallas Library** presented a most interesting talk on Southern Plantation Records and where to access them. She used examples of her own family and research to demonstrate the wealth of what is to be found and the pitfalls of not being fully prepared when one travels to find records. She shared many online libraries and resources. One example of holdings is in the SMU Library in Dallas. Thanks, Ari!

August FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Sat. Aug 19, 2017
10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners: Sat. Aug 26, 2017
10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

Computer Users: Sat. Aug 26, 2017
2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

General Meeting: Tues, Aug 29, 2017
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

August Refreshments: Crystal Barth

Can You Help with one month?

email debeejay@aol.com



From the FWGS Mail Bag



From the Editor

President Don Crews sends his greetings from Alliance, Nebraska where he will be viewing the Solar Eclipse. But he urges you to get your **End of Summer Seminar Registrations in NOW. Deadlines are approaching....**

In other news.....**It is Nominations Time Again!** WHAT? Where did 2017 go? With one officer moved out of state and other officers off to new pursuits or cycling off the Board, 2018 will hold several open spots for **YOU** to get involved with FWGS leadership. You have to have been a FWGS member for a year to hold office and a desire to get involved or share your talents. We will be happy to teach you the rest. Please consider giving a year of service to YOUR organization. Contact Debbie Pearson [here](#) for more.

August means the end of our 8 months of Computer and Beginner's Classes. So you have one last chance to take advantage before the break. Classes will start again in January 2018. *see page 3*

Also, a way of life is ending for Family History Centers. The LDS church has announced the end of the micro-film/microfiche loan program. Last day to order is August 31st. *See article on page 3.*

Enjoy Summer, Schools Open soon!

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor



**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

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

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

.....**They're B-A-A-CK**



Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib

Saturday, September 9th 10:30-12:00 noon

"My Corner Bookstore"

Examines a local rare book dealer specializing in Early Works of the Americas-Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

by **Dr. Alex Hidalgo, TCU**

in Tandy Auditorium, Central Branch, FWL

Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents

Saturday, Sept 23, 2017 10 am-12 noon

Presenter: **Dan Smith**, meteorologist, historian, author

Topic: **"Had a Good Time: The History & Significance of Postcards"**

2720 Cullen St, 2nd Floor Fort Worth, TX 76107

(817) 814-2040

Nothing on **NARA Lunchtime Lectures** until **October 6th** on

Naturalization Records

FALL Previews..... Mark your Calendars Now

1. Oct 27-29th Saints & Sinners Tour@Oakwood Cemetery
Twilight Tours \$20 (Reservation only-beginning Sept 12)
Daylight Tours—Pay at Gate \$10 Adult \$5 Ch/Students

Call to reserve a Twilight Tour (817) 625-5082

2. TCU Extended Learning w/ **Tyler Alberts** of the FW Military Museum. 2 days \$146 Th Oct 26 & Sat Oct 28th

Click [Here](#) for TCU Class Info

FWGS Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports

141 Members.

Welcome New Members:

Melissa Hughson

Nancy Ward

James L. Brock

To Join or Send Renewals, Mail to:

Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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

It is easy to find our FWGS web site. Try:

www.TXFWGS.org



LDS CHURCH ANNOUNCES END TO MICROFILM LOAN PROGRAMS

On June 26, the LDS Church announced the end to their 80 year loan program by September 1, 2017. That makes **August 31st the last day to order** microfilms or microfiche from your local Family History Center. The program began in 1938 when the church began filming records around the world. **The reason to stop? Progress in the DIGITIZATION efforts.** The conversion process is due to be finished in **2020. So why quit early?** Most everything digitized, is already available online in 3 places. *More on that below.*

All current filming is done digitally to go straight into use online. In fact, a huge camera replacement push occurred to get better equipment into the field. And all conversion of older microfilms to digitization is being done with the best cameras and to high standards.

The church has amassed 2.4 MILLION rolls of microfilm since beginning. To date, that includes 1.5 BILLION images (or pages) that have been reproduced digitally and available to patrons around the world. Most genealogists have heard of the “Granite Mountain” in Utah. The masters or originals of the films will continue to be preserved there, in their famous storage, to be preserved for all time.

What will happen to films already on-loan at your local Family History Center? Probably nothing. But, call to see what your center says. Each local will have leeway in their policies. Some items will be deemed surplus and could be returned to Utah or given away.

Where to find these records? Go to the website, www.FamilySearch.org You can search under **(1) Historical Records** (by name or by images), **(2)** search digital copies of **Books**, and **(3)** search **Catalog** to see what is available digitally. To download & print a 2 pg “cheat sheet” click here & print to keep by your computer.

http://broadcast.lds.org/fhd/FH_Find_Digital_Records_A4_WEB.pdf

To read a list of **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** click <https://www.lds.org/callings/temple-and-family-history/familysearch-microfilm-discontinuation/frequently-asked-questions?lang=eng>

So, gone are the 8 Track Tapes, Cassette Tapes, Records, Floppy Disks and now Microfilms. It is the End of An Era!

Here are some of the local FHCs:

Fort Worth Texas Family History Center
5001 Altamesa Blvd
FT WORTH Texas 76133-6001
817-292-8393

Arlington Texas Family History Center
3809 Curt Drive
ARLINGTON Texas 76016-3106
817-446-7088

Hurst Texas Family History Center
4401 East Loop 820 North
NORTH RICHLANDS HILLS, Texas 76180-7375
817-284-4472

And don't forget the Fort Worth Public Library Genealogy and Local History Unit can order and hold LDS microfilms too. **Last day to order is Aug 31, 2017!**

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL CLASSES CONTINUE

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

Final Month!



Beginners Classes

Saturday, August 26, 2017

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

FWGS Board of Director **Sheryl Rascher** will lead this 8th 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.**

8th & Final Session Topic:

Leaving A Legacy



Computer Users Group (CUG)

Saturday, August 26, 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.

8th & Final Session Topic:

Wrapping It Up



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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: _____

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: 2017 2018 New Renewal