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Newsletter

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## OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Our next general meeting will be on **Halloween (Tuesday, October 31, 2017)** in the **Tandy Auditorium**



of the Central Branch Library. **VP Judy Ramos** says **"DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE ANCESTOR"** if you want.

The program will be

**"Symbolism in Victorian Cemeteries"** by **Diane Dyess.**

**6:30 - 7:45 p.m.**

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

**DIANE DYESS** is a native of Fort Worth but now resides in Haltom City. She is a very active member in multiple lineage or patriotic societies. She has held offices in the Six Flags Chapter, NSDAR, the Julia Jackson Chapter UDC, State Officer of Daughters of Colonial Wars. She is also a member of the Mayflower Descendants, NSUSD1812, Daughters of the Republic of Texas and many others. She has completed the Field Genealogy Courses for the Daughters of the American Revolution. Researching in Southern Cemeteries is one of her favorite pursuits.



## FW LIBRARY NEWS

The WW I Centennial Exhibit is ending for 2017 on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Hurry! See the October offerings here: <http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/news/2017-05-WWI/> **2018 will bring a new WWI exhibit-Those who served.**

**Friends of FW Library Has Public Sale:** <http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/news/2015-09-Friends-of-the-Library-Book-Sale/> **\$15 for a BOX of Books!**

## September FWGS Meeting

**Patti Gillespie** came to our September meeting with an informative talk on the oddities that can be found in the Miscellaneous Records in our Texas courthouses. Other states may have these records too. Patti compared it to opening your kitchen "junk drawer." *Don't want to get rid of it--- throw it in the Miscellaneous files.* There were examples of certificates of completion of courses. There were birth records for children born out of the country. There were many copies of records from other states. If people thought something was important, then you better file it at the local courthouse. Go try them the next time you are searching in a courthouse! You never know what you'll find.

**It's Easy to attend our General Meetings downtown! You can Park Free on the Streets after 6 P.M. And you have 2.5 hrs FREE in 3<sup>rd</sup> St Garage. Just validate your ticket at the Library desk.**

## October FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:** Sat. Oct 21, 2017  
10:15 Southwest Regional

**Beginners:** CONCLUDED for 2017

**Computer Users:** CONCLUDED for 2017

**General Meeting:** Tues, Oct 31, 2017  
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

**Refreshments at 6:00**

**Oct. Refreshments:** Roy Combrink

**Can You Help with one month?**

email [debeejay@aol.com](mailto:debeejay@aol.com)

Look for **FWGS**



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**From the FWGS Mail Bag .....**

**Free NARA Lunchtime Lectures**

Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> –12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

**“Flight 19: The Lost Squadron”**

by **Joe Ryan**, Archives Technician

On December 5, 1945, 5 American torpedo bombers disappeared into the Bermuda Triangle - never to return. Discover how the National Archives @ Fort Worth's archival holdings help to illuminate what happened that day.

**Register:** [ftworth.education@nara.gov](mailto:ftworth.education@nara.gov) or call **817-551-2051**

Training Room,

1400 John Burgess Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76140

**Next:** Dec 1 **TEXAS CITY**



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

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30-12:00 noon

**“Summer of Love, 1967-1972”**

by **MAX HILL**, retired Librarian & historian

in Tandy Auditorium, Central Branch, FWL

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of “Summer of Love,” Max Hill will discuss the spread of the youth counterculture.

**Next:** Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> **The Murder of William Clark** by Rene Gomez

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

Saturday, Nov 18, 2017 10 am-12 noon

Presenter: Tom Reynolds, businessman, musician, & historian

Topic: **“I.M. Terrell’s Music Giants”**

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

(817) 814-2040

**Next:** Dec 16 on artist Charles M. Russell by Joe Strain

**Mark your Calendars Now.....**

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

Click [Here](#) for TCU Class Info

2. Oct 27-29<sup>th</sup> **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**

**NEED A LITTLE HELP???**

**FWGS Director Sheryl Rascher** will be in the Genealogy dept. of FWL at **5 pm.** before the next General Meeting on Halloween. She is volunteering to help you with some problem you have encountered. FWGS is offering this service on a trial basis Sept thru November. Try it!

**From the Editor.....**



**Our October meeting falls on Halloween!**

Come for a real treat as we explore Cemeteries! Virtually, not in person! **Judy Ramos**, Programs Director invites you to come **DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE ANCESTOR** in keeping with the Halloween evening. AND, it will be Election night for new officers. It is still not too late to throw your hat into the ring! Contact **Debbie Pearson** [here](#) for more.

**Rob Yoder**, has presented a ByLaws change for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and it also, will be voted on at the October meeting. This will be a great meeting and very informative. I am sure **Roy Combrink** will have some delicious Halloween treats. Members, please come vote& bring a guest!

*Debbie Pearson*, Newsletter Editor

**We are also looking for teachers for next year to help with training. Can you help?**

**BIG NEWS—FWGS 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

The \$5.00 price for all FWGS publications on sale at the Summer Seminar was quite a success. The board has decided that ALL MEMBERS should get an equal chance to share in these prices. SO, in honor of our 60th Anniversary: from now until the end of the year, ALL FWGS MEMBERS can purchase CD’s and Hardbound books for \$5.00 (NOTE: There are a few exceptions!) [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/documents/Big%20\\$5%20Sale.pdf](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/documents/Big%20$5%20Sale.pdf) Check out the website for all descriptions of works.

**FWGS Membership Report:**

**Rob Yoder**, Membership Director reports **147** Members.

**Welcome Members!**

**New**

**Returning**

**Toni Y. Smith**

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

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**More Later...Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** at FWL Central. 2 Topics: DNA & WWI Research. **Ancestry in Action**



## Hurricane Harvey Havoc Continues TX State Genealogical Society Cancels 2017 Conference

The TSGS 2017 Family History Conference was due to open on October 20<sup>th</sup> in Katy, Texas, but is now canceled due to damage to the conference hotel. Finding another hotel without damage and with open rooms is now impossible. TSGS is busy contacting those who had already paid & registered about refunds.

**Randy Whited**, President of TxSGS & 2017 Conference Chair issued this statement: "We are continuing to work on bringing you the **2018 Conference** and will announce dates and location for that early in 2018..... We support the resiliency of the Houston residents and businesses and look forward to returning there for a future TxSGS Family History Conference. Thank you for your support of TxSGS and our community."

### SEASON PREMIERE: October 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### FINDING YOUR ROOTS



#### WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., SEASON 4

*(Tuesdays, October 3 – December 26,  
7-8 pm CT)*

The acclaimed series returns with Professor Gates exploring the mysteries, surprises and revelations hidden in the family trees of popular figures including: **Aziz Ansari, Scarlett Johansson, Ted Danson, Larry David, Ava DuVernay, Bryant Gumbel, Garrison Keillor, William H. Macy, Suzanne Malveaux, Ana Navarro, Amy Schumer, Mary Steenburgen, Christopher Walken** & more. **First episode:** Bernie Sanders & Larry David!

**And in other Television News:** PBS begins another Ken Burns series. This one is his epic treatment of the Vietnam War. Airing over a two week period, the series is pointing attention to the service records of that war. **Family Tree Magazine** has an article on deciphering a **DD 214 record**.

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/premium/read-veterans-dd-214/> The entire article is not available without a subscription, but a year's subscription is reasonable and there are so many articles, tutorials, charts and more available online. There are other articles on Vietnam War research as well. There are free parts to the web site too. **This article is free:**

[https://www.familytreemagazine.com/articles/news-blogs/genealogy\\_insider/vietnam-war-research-tips/](https://www.familytreemagazine.com/articles/news-blogs/genealogy_insider/vietnam-war-research-tips/)

One tip gleaned from the article is to use this **FREE Military Dictionary:** <http://www.military-dictionary.org/> Now you can figure out all those Military acronyms and jargon.

Vietnam War records can be found on **FOLD3.com**. They list over 21 million records just for Vietnam with a total approaching 600 million records online. Of course, most of the Vietnam vets service records are not here and must still be sent for in the usual way. But take a look at what is here. Fold3 is a subscription service but many of the records on the site are kept free. And of course, the site can be viewed for free at the Genealogy room at the local NARA offices in Fort Worth.

#### FIND A GRAVE GETS A NEW LOOK!

Have you noticed the little message bar at the top of your **Find A Grave** page? It invites you to take a look at the **NEW Find A Grave** site. You can click over to view the exact same page, just in a new format. You can make edits in the new page or create new memorials, anything--and it will save all work to the new and the old versions. In fact, F-A-G wants you to try them out and then give your feedback in the BETA version.

So here is your chance to say what you like and what you don't. This reminds of changes to ANCESTRY a few years back. And they heard you and made changes, so it is expected that they will listen to your input this time too. After all, **Find A Grave** is owned by Ancestry now. At the time Ancestry took over, they did say they would update. Let's hope they make changes to the search engine and make it better too.

EDITOR: I found the interface to be very "slick" and much more attractive than before. F-A-G always had a very rudimentary, low-tech look. I was intent on finding out if all the things I could do before are still there. They were. You can search for an individual by name or search for a cemetery. Once on your surname in a cemetery, you can click and find everyone of that surname in that cemetery. The maps and cemetery information is still there. Most importantly, all the bio information, pictures, links, and memorials are all still there. I encourage you to check it out for yourself and let Find A Grave know if they left something out.



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Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

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

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For images or more information about these products, or to preview indexes, visit our online Book Store. – [www.TxFWGS.org](http://www.TxFWGS.org)

#### Hardcover Books

##### **Historic Oakwood Cemetery, with Calvary Cemetery and Old Trinity Cemetery of Fort Worth, Texas**

Compiled by Helen McKelvy Markgraf and Rob G. Yoder. Published in 1994 by FWGS. A complete listing of burials from grave stones, the Oakwood Sexton's books and other various records. There are 111 pages of obituaries and biographical information, 10 pages of photographs. This book is printed on 688 pages of 8 1/2 x 11 acid free bond paper, has a surname index and a library buckram binding. – Browse the index at [www.TxFWGS.org](http://www.TxFWGS.org)

**Retail price was \$40.00**

**Now only \$5**

##### **Pioneers Rest Cemetery**

Compiled by Weldon Hudson and Barbara Knox. Published by FWGS in 2001. A complete list of burials from Fort Worth's oldest community cemetery dating back to 1849. The book contains many obituaries, biographical information, photographs and a full name index. – Browse the index at [www.TxFWGS.org](http://www.TxFWGS.org)

**Retail price was \$25.00**

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##### **Tarrant County, Texas Marriage Records, Volume III**

Compiled by Helen McKelvy Markgraf and published in 1992 by FWGS, this book has a buckram hard cover binding, 234 pages, measures 8 1/2 x 11 and has a full name index. This book incorporates Tarrant County's marriage books 7 through 12, containing 5,866 marriages abstracts dating from Nov. 16, 1892 to Nov. 3, 1901.

**Retail price was \$30.00**

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##### **From Ayr to Thurber, Three Hunter Brothers and the Winning of the West**

Compiled by William Hunter McLean. 158 pages, cattle drives, ranching, prospecting, cattle commission companies, from New Mexico Territory and Texas to Montana, from Colorado to Illinois; and of the unique mining town of Thurber, Texas, genealogical passages. – Browse the index at [www.TxFWGS.org](http://www.TxFWGS.org)

**Retail price was \$15.00**

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##### **Alexander Beall, 1649-1744 of Maryland, One Line of Descent in America**

Compiled by William Hunter McLean. One of the initial "Five Beall Families of Maryland" identified by ancestry and biographies from 1649 Scotland to 1976 Fort Worth, Texas. 90 pages. – Browse the index at [www.TxFWGS.org](http://www.TxFWGS.org)

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### The Texas Marriage Collections of FWGS

This CD contains three FWGS publications: The Marion Day Mullins Collection of Early Texas Marriage Records, 9,569 pages, over 116,000 marriage records from 56 counties; Marriage Records of Early Texas 1824 – 1846, 170 pages, every known marriage record from the Republic of Texas era; and The Footprints Collection of Texas Marriage Records, 1,556 pages, previously printed in FWGS quarterly journal. – Visit our online Book Store at [www.TxFWGS.org](http://www.TxFWGS.org) to browse details online, such as years covered in each county)

**Retail price was \$15.00**

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### Footprints 1957-1997

This CD Contains all FWGS periodicals from 1957 through 1997 with items such as: Bible records; church records; lodge records; cemetery and funeral home records; military records; newspaper clippings and obituaries; old letters, maps and diaries; school, tax and voter lists; queries; and other genealogical or historical research in Texas. Includes a surname index and topical index – Browse the indexes online, at [www.TxFWGS.org](http://www.TxFWGS.org)

**Retail price was \$10.00**

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### 1870 Federal Population Census, Tarrant County, Texas

Transcribed by Joe Grant, assisted by Don & Martha Fleming, 159 pgs, index. This CD contains the same material as found in the booklet (see next page).

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### 1890 Census Reconstruction of Tarrant County, Texas

Project coordinators Helen McKelvy Markgraf Stephens and Rob G. Yoder. More than 131,000 records, 15 sources from 1880 through 1900, index.

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### Generations, Volumes 1 through 6

Compiled by Dixie Hall Bennett, Joe F. Grant and Jerry S. Grant Series contains over 1500 pedigree charts. All six volumes are on one CD – Browse the index at [www.TxFWGS.org](http://www.TxFWGS.org)

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## Jewelry

### FWGS Footprint Lapel Pin

This 10 carat gold filled pin may also be used as a tie tack or hat pin. Measures 3/4 inch high by 7/16 inch wide and sports our trademark footprint and our initials, FWGS.

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**The following publications are not on sale, but are available at our everyday low prices.**

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<b>1810 Census - Pendleton District, South Carolina</b> Compiled by Nancy Timmons Samuels. 76 pgs, 8½" x 11" booklet, index, comb binding.	<b>Retail price \$10.00</b>
<b>1870 Census, Tarrant County, Texas</b> Transcribed Joe Grant, Don & Martha Fleming, 159 pgs, 8½" x 11" booklet, index, comb binding. This booklet contains the same material as on the CD-ROM (see previous page).	<b>Retail price \$10.00</b>
<b>United States Atlas 1890 and Complete Post-Office Directory</b> Compiled and published by Eleanor S Hutcheson, 120 pgs, 11" x 14", perfect binding. This book, originally printed prior to 1900, was developed by using the United States Census of 1890. Maps of the States and Territories (38 pgs.), State population statistics, and a complete Post Office directory (82 pgs.) have been retained. Also, miscellaneous statistics deemed interesting have been included. <b>Only a small quantity is on hand. This book is priced well below the actual value.</b>	<b>Retail price \$15.00</b>

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	Pioneers Rest Cemetery	\$25.00	<b>\$5</b>	\$5.50		
	Tarrant Co. <sup>(Texas)</sup> Marriage Records, Vol. III	\$30.00	<b>\$5</b>	\$5.50		
	From Ayr to Thurber	\$15.00	<b>\$5</b>	\$5.00		
	Alexander Beall, 1649-1744 of Maryland	\$15.00	<b>\$5</b>	\$4.50		
CD-ROM	Texas Marriage Collection of FWGS	\$15.00	<b>\$5</b>	\$3.50		
	Footprints 1957-1997 - (41 years of our journals)	\$10.00	<b>\$5</b>	\$3.50		
	1870 Census, Tarrant Co., TX - (same as booklet)	\$10.00	<b>\$5</b>	\$3.50		
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	FWGS Footprint Lapel Pin	\$20.00	<b>\$5</b>	\$4.00		
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