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February FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Sat. Feb 17, 2018
10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners: Sat, Feb 24
10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm--Central

Computer Users: Sat, Feb 24
2:00-4:00 Intel Lab----Central Library

General Meeting: Tues, Feb 27, 2018
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

Feb Refreshments: **Brenda James**
Can You Help with April?

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be Tuesday, **February 27, 2018** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the Central Branch Library. The program will be "Writing a Family History" by **Clay Patterson**. This topic is a much requested one by researchers. Clay says the hardest part is just getting started.

6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

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



CLAY PATTERSON has been a genealogist for over 35 years. He was a BCG Certified

Genealogist (2007-2012) and has been designated a Fellow in the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (FSA Scott) since 2006.

Clay also holds memberships in the Association of Professional Genealogists, NGS & International Society of Family History Writers.

Clay is a writer, editor, and publisher himself. He combines all his interests into his writing and publishing projects. (Armorial, Scots heritage, and family history.)

Check out his web site:

<http://www.rosecrag.com/about.html>

Park Free on the Streets after 6 P.M. OR you have 2.5 hrs FREE in 3rd St Garage. Just validate your ticket at the Library desk.



FW LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday Hours

President's Day: Mon, Feb 19 **OPEN**
Central Library will be open!
Branches that usually close on Monday will still be closed.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES-- FORT WORTH

NARA will be closed on President's Day, Monday, February 19.

January FWGS Meeting

Dr. June Koelker, Dean of Library at TCU came with some interesting examples of what you might find in the TCU archives. There are rare books, files of donated papers of individuals or politicians. There are old photos, memorabilia, and so much more. You just need to explore. And you do not have to be a TCU student to use the archives. You can come in but parking is limited. Or you can use the web site and search before you make the trip. There are some databases available only in the library and they do have limited use of Ancestry! One surprising note is that libraries are changing into social networking spots. Students demand services to fit their needs, hence the library is now open 24 hours daily during school sessions. And they allow food and drink with a coffee bar.



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From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib

Saturday, March 3, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 Noon

Topic: *Prostitution & Power: Madams of Hell's Half Acre, 1876-1920*

by Jessica Webb, TCU PhD. candidate

Next: April 7: TBA

Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents

Saturday, Feb 24, 2018 10 am-12 noon

Snacks at 9:30 a.m.

Presenter:

Bill Morris, museum director & aviation historian

Topic:

"Fort Worth's Aviation Heritage"

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107 (817) 814-2040

Next: Mar 24: The Thunderstorm Project with Dan Smith

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

1400 John Burgess Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76140

Training Room

Must Register at ftworth.education@nara.gov for a space.

Date: Friday, February 23, 2018

Topic: Census Records in Historical Context

By: Jenny Sweeney, Education Specialist

Do you ever wonder why the questions on the census change? In this program, learn how to gain a better understanding of the historical context of the time when a specific census was taken and how it will inform your research.

Next: None scheduled until April 6th on Baseball

FREE FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR COMING IN APRIL

The Arlington Stake Family History Center is teaming up this year with the Burleson Stake to present a Family History Seminar on April 7, 2018 in Arlington at 3809 Curt Drive. Local presenters or Pre-recorded presentations from RootsTech can be heard. Call (817) 446-7088 or go to www.arlingtontxfhc.org to find out more.



CHANGES of ADDRESSES

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!

REMEMBER to NOTIFY FWGS immediately upon a move. The post office does not forward *Footprints* without a cost to the society.



From the Editor

February is **Heart Healthy Month**. We all could do better taking care of our hearts, I am sure. My heart swelled with pride last month when several of our members and board members stepped up to take on new challenges.

First, **Carlene Johnson** stepped up and committed to teaching the *Getting Started* first Beginners Class of the 2018 season. She did an excellent job and will be back for the February 24 class on *Census Records*.

Then VP **Roy Combrink** took over the vacant President's job after the unexpected death of Don Crews. In addition, **Crystal Barth** agreed to take the Treasurer's job after **Phil Morris** resigned due to health. **Sharon Ward** agreed to take the Secretary position, vacated by Crystal. At the January General Meeting we had a vote to ratify all these changes, but this still leaves a vacancy for Vice President, Programs Director, Historian/Archivist, and 3 At-Large Directors. There is room for YOU! Have you been a member of FWGS at least one year and are willing to serve? President Roy Combrink wants to hear from you.

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director, reports only **97** members. We finished 2017 with 148 members. This means about 50 members have not gotten their dues in for January and February and are in danger of missing out on their February *Footprints* and more good things. Please don't forget to mail!

Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31. We do not prorate memberships. If you join mid-year we will furnish you your back issues of *Footprints*. Help us with budgeting and planning for 2018! **Renew quickly!**

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A column about some basics of DNA began in December and will run for several future issues.

Let's dig a little deeper into the BIG 3 DNA tests this month. And let's define some terms you hear all the time when people are discussing their recent DNA results.

First—when you get your results you most likely will have 2 parts: Your DNA profile and your haplogroup. So-what is a haplogroup? (*Here is where everyone starts to wish they had paid more attention in Science class.*) A haplogroup is a designation of individual groups of people (or closely related groups of people) within the full spectrum of all humans. If you think of the human race as a giant family tree, then a haplogroup is one branch. All the descendants on that branch originated from one individual. Now we are not talking your genealogy—we are talking near the dawn of time. 12,000 to 30,000 to 50,000 years ago—too far back for finding genealogy. But we might be talking about your roots of origin. Africa, Asia, Europe, etc.

Your haplogroup designation will be a combination of Alpha-numeric such as **B 4'5** or **B 5a1a**. Now here is where you need to know some Civilization history and Migration history. As an example, the B 5a1a is a haplogroup of Native American ancestry (usually found in SW America or N Mexico.) But **B 4'5** is an Asian haplogroup found in SE Asia. Don't forget it is known that early humans left Asia over the Bering Land Bridge when sea levels were lower and made their way through Alaska, Canada and North America, Central America and eventually South America. Native Americans descend from Asian ancestors and their closely related haplogroups show it. Migrations through history have scattered haplogroup members around the world.

You can find haplogroup reports in the Y DNA or the mtDNA Tests. That is because you have **paternal haplogroups** and **maternal haplogroups**. Men who inherit their father's Y chromosome can be placed in a paternal haplogroup. Women cannot, but can find this from a close male's test. Remember last issue we called mtDNA "deep genealogy" because it traces so back into your past. Your "mother to mother to mother" mitochondrial DNA is the only DNA outside of the nucleus of cells. It does not mutate as quickly and therefore carries down for stretches of thousands of years. Your maternal haplogroup is shared with all people who shared your same female ancestor from the time it altered. And remember, men **do** inherit their mother's

mtDNA, so large groups of descendants are placed into this one haplogroup.

Y chromosomes do recombine with X chromosomes so Y DNA does alter through time. It is estimated that Y is 95% unchanged from your ancestral male, so your Y haplogroup is fairly accurate. But alter, recombine, or mutate--DNA will, given the right circumstances and time. That is where the other letters and numbers come in when designating your haplogroup. These are the places where your DNA altered or mutated from another branch on that giant family tree.

Second—some test results on your deep ancestry of origin will vary from test to test or company to company. This is sometimes to be expected, if your autosomal varies. Autosomal is your nearer genealogy and may not reflect your origins of 20,000 years or so. Differing companies may be working with different testing sample groups. And that brings up a point. Is your ethnicity or origin 100% true or correct? Not exactly. This is a relatively young science so far. As more people around the world get tested, our knowledge base will grow and expand. Results may evolve over time. A larger sample base will always be better.

So Y chromosomes and mtDNA are a small portion of your total DNA and ancestry. Most haplogroups started thousands of years ago and show your "ancient" ancestry. And you will find this in the Y DNA test and the mtDNA test. The Autosomal test will be better to show your closer genealogy because it is a larger portion of your total DNA. Autosomal DNA changes with each successive generation allowing you to get back five to ten generations. These results may well match better with recorded history and what you believe about your own ancestry. Your ancient haplogroups may indicate origins that you don't identify with as they are so far beyond your experiences and beliefs.

..... More next month on DNA.....

FWGS conducts Beginners Classes and a Computer Users Group (CUG) for 8 months every year. New classes began in **January** on **4th Saturday** at the FW Central Branch Library, 300 W.5th St.

Next class is February 24th!

Beginners Class with **Carlene Johnson** meets at **10:30 a.m.** in **Chappell Room**.

Computer Users Group meets at **2:00 p.m.** with **Debbie Pearson** in the **Intel Lab**.

Both classes last 2 hours and will cover the **Federal Census** this month.

NEXT Month: March 24th on **County Courthouse Research**



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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

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Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail Address: _____

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This membership application is for: 2018 2019 New Renewal *newsletter*