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Newsletter

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November 2018

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## NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The November general meeting will be our last meeting of the year. Come on **Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** to the **Tandy Auditorium** of the Central Branch Library. The program will be a little different this time. **Andy Ward & Carlene Johnson** will share a few facts and tips on making a family scrapbook. In fact, we will have tables set up for YOU to bring a scrapbook or old photo album and we will have a **"Scrapbook Show and Tell."** We will also have **Installation of Officers** as well.

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

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

**CARLENE JOHNSON** is a member of the FWGS Board of Directors and teaches our Beginner's Classes.

Carlene is a scrapbooker and since delving into her family research she has merged both studies.

**ANDY WARD** is a FWGS member. He is married to Sharon Ward, who is FWGS Secretary.

Andy will share his scrapbook with a military history of his relative.

**Park Free on the Streets after 6 P.M.  
OR 2.5 hrs FREE in 3<sup>rd</sup> St Garage with  
Library Validation of Ticket.**

**Invite a Friend to visit a  
General Meeting with You!**



## FW LIBRARY NEWS

### HOLIDAY HOURS

**OPEN:** All libraries will be open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018.

**CLOSED:** ALL libraries will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018, and Friday, Nov. 23, 2018. **Regular hours will resume on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018.**

### NATIONAL ARCHIVES--FORT WORTH

**CLOSED:** Research Rooms will close at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Closed on Thursday, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### October FWGS Meeting

**Carlene Johnson** made her first presentation to FWGS and we hope she will do many more. Her brand-new talk on Beauvoir and Soldier Homes was so interesting and innovative. Not only did she speak about *her* visits to Beauvoir and the surprisingly well stocked research library, but she included some history of soldier homes in America. Her power point also included so many photos of the history of the home which was purchased by the Jefferson Davis family. (I did not know he was not the original owner or that he wrote his memoirs on the grounds.) And she also shared information on the damages in the last hurricanes and the history the home now shares as a Museum. It was a jam-packed presentation!



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## November FWGS Meetings:

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

**Beginners:** Concluded for 2018

**Computer Users:** Concluded for 2018

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

**Refreshments at 6:00**

November Refreshments:

**Ed & Sherry McCoy**

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



The Race is On to the End of the Year and the Holiday Season is about to begin. Can you believe it is almost the end of the year and time to RENEW YOUR DUES! The November General Meeting is your last chance to pay in person, save a stamp, AND get the early bird rate! **Treasurer Crystal Barth** will be at the meeting to take your check.

Also, this meeting will bring the Installation of 2019 FWGS Officers led by Librarian **Linda Barrett**. And we ask your help to help with our **SCRAPBOOK SHOW & TELL** program. If you have a family scrapbook or really old photo album (like tintypes or such), please feel free to bring it for display (for the evening only). **Carlene Johnson** and **Andy Ward** will give some tips and ideas on making a family history scrapbook. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind end of year meeting. Hope to see you all there. **Happy Thanksgiving!**

*Debbie Pearson*, Newsletter Editor



**Membership Report:**

**Rob Yoder**, Membership Director, reports 139 members.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:**

<b>Linda BELOTA</b>	<b>Katie CROW</b>
<b>Melissa A. JOHNSON</b>	<b>Anne REHFELDT MADDOX</b>
<b>Janet S. MINKE</b>	<b>Sherrye WOODWORTH</b>

**Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31.** Your subscription will end soon. Why not renew now! From now til Dec 31<sup>st</sup> you can renew your individual dues for \$20 and household for \$25. On Jan 1<sup>st</sup> they will be \$23 and \$27.

**ATTN: Membership Director**  
**P.O. Box 471789**  
**Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408**

*Please add your email and print neatly.*



**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 FWGS Mail Bag .....**

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



**Saturday, December 1, 2018**  
**10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon**

Topic: **"How Bridges Shaped Fort Worth History"**

By **Rene Gomez**, FW Librarian, Genealogy Unit

Next: Jan 5, 2019 **"Lost Texas: Photographs of Forgotten Buildings"**

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

**Saturday, Dec 15, 2018 9:30 am - 11 am**

Presenter:

**Dr. Julian Haber**

Topic:

**"The Yanks Are Coming Over There, Over There"**

November 11 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> year since the US entered WW I. Hear Dr. Haber tell stories of those who served.

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor  
Fort Worth, TX 76107 (817) 814-2040

**Note: Dr. Haber was ill for November meeting. The December speaker moved up to November. Hoping Dr. Haber will be able to do December meeting instead.**

**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](mailto:ftworth.education@nara.gov) for a space.

Date: **Nothing on the Schedule at this time.**

Topic:

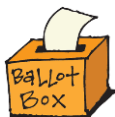
Don't Forget **NARA** will be closed for Thanksgiving on **NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**. They will also close early on Wednesday. (See p. 1.)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**January 26, 2019**

**FWGS will again start their Beginners Class & Computer Users Group in 2019.**

Both groups will run for 8 months, Jan-Aug.  
Look for exciting new changes & announcements to come soon!



## OCTOBER FWGS ELECTIONS

The following slate of officers was elected at the October 30<sup>th</sup> General Meeting:

President:	Carlene Johnson
Vice President:	Virginia Brown
Treasurer:	Crystal Barth
Secretary:	Sharon Ward
Programs & Newsletters:	Debbie Pearson
Membership & Footprints Editor:	Rob Yoder
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Installation will be at the November General Meeting.



## 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER 1918 TO NOVEMBER 2018

This November marks the 100<sup>th</sup> year since the close of World War I and also the World Pandemic of Flu that killed unheard of numbers of people. Some estimate 50 million died world-wide. Both events were interrelated as the close quarters and extensive travel of soldiers spread the disease more readily than ever before in history. NARA holds many records of interest to the genealogist on both of these topics. Recently, two items were seen by your editor, originating from sources at NARA. Click the links to read more:

**Article on new plats of WW I graves overseas.**

<https://unwritten-record.blogs.archives.gov/2018/11/06/newly-digitized-series-initial-burial-plats-for-world-war-i-american-soldiers/?fbclid=IwAR338GqVM4C1t-kE10G8ZzE3swlCYRCgJcbmbUn1CFF4G0lrmbsVnqgbml4>

AND

**NARA has an online exhibit on the Flu of 1918.**

<https://www.archives.gov/exhibits/influenza-epidemic/>

**Here's another article on the Flu from the EcoHealth Alliance**

[https://www.ecohealthalliance.org/2018/05/outbreak-pandemic-strikes?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIq5jJqZvu3gIVk4-zCh2Hlg-jEAAAYASAAEgJWZPD\\_BwE](https://www.ecohealthalliance.org/2018/05/outbreak-pandemic-strikes?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIq5jJqZvu3gIVk4-zCh2Hlg-jEAAAYASAAEgJWZPD_BwE)

## Changes Come to the National Archives

### Standard Research Room Rule Changes are Coming

*Researcher Notice - Effective October 1, 2018*

Research Services aims to improve the experience of all users of archival records in the custody of the National Archives while also ensuring the safety of the records. To that end, they have finalized a common set of rules which will be implemented in archival research rooms nationwide over the next few months. Implementation in the Washington, DC area already began on **October 1, 2018**. All other facilities will implement the rules **January 2, 2019**.

The rules are intended to provide clear instructions to both staff and researchers on the research room:

- registration process;
- entry and exit procedures;
- items authorized and not authorized for use in the research rooms;
- pull requests;
- records handling guidelines; and
- copying and equipment approvals.

The rules reflect the National Archives' current approach to holdings security and are intended to ensure a consistent customer service experience across all facilities. There may be unique circumstances in the specific facility you use that warrant additional guidance or clarification. However, this additional guidance will not contradict the common set of research room rules.

The rules will be available for researcher use in each facility or can be requested in writing from the facility managers listed below:

Archives II, College Park, MD – Michael Knight,  
[michael.knight@nara.gov](mailto:michael.knight@nara.gov)

Archives I, Washington, DC – Trevor Plante,  
[trevor.plante@nara.gov](mailto:trevor.plante@nara.gov)

**Editor:** This is the perfect time to remind all researchers to plan ahead before making a trip to a research facility. Not only inquire about dates/times of operation, but all rules and policies. Check those special holiday schedules. Other states celebrate different holidays you may not know. Nothing is more irksome to travel so far and spend your money only to be disappointed. **PLAN AHEAD, ASK QUESTIONS.**



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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

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:  2018  2019  New  Renewal *newsletter*