



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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January 2019

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## JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

The January general meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the Central Branch Library. The meeting will begin upstairs in the auditorium with refreshments and a little business. Then we will go downstairs to the Genealogy Unit where staff will demonstrate the **Flip Scanners**. These scanners are scheduled to be allowed for checkout purposes, so come learn how to use them. Staff can demonstrate equipment or answer questions.

Bring a document or photo for us to try out on the scanners!

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

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

**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.**

### IMPORTANT NEWS FROM NARA

Due to the shutdown of the Federal Government, **National Archives** facilities are closed, websites and social media are not being updated or monitored, and activities are canceled, with the following exceptions which remain open and operational: **Federal Records Centers (including the National Personnel Records Center), Federal Register, the Ronald Reagan Museum, and the George W. Bush Museum.**

**Check before you drive to NARA.**



## FW LIBRARY NEWS

### REMEMBER ME

**World War I Exhibit Continues Downtown in Central Branch**

#### Lecture Series:

**Sat, Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm--Tandy**

"World War I Aviation in Fort Worth and Some of Its Consequences"

**Sat, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.---Tandy**

"Camp Bowie: The Final Year & Lasting Impact"

#### Film Series:

**Thurs, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.----Tandy**

**Flyboys**

### November FWGS Meeting

Two of our members brought their scrapbooks and shared about how they made them. **Andy Ward** spoke first and had a power point to illustrate his talk. He had made a book to honor his father and his war service. He meticulously saved and preserved medals, ribbons, telegrams, photos and much more. He also made multiple copies of his book for his siblings. It was an amazing amount of work. **Carlene Johnson** also shared her works. She uses the decorative, artistic approach to her scrapbooks. Both speakers agreed that the key is to just begin! Compile those items and seek out acid-free papers and materials to make your pages. Your descendants will treasure these books!



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## January FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:** Sat. Jan 19, 2019  
10:15 Southwest Regional

**Beginners:** Sat, Jan 26, 2019  
10:30 Chappell Room, Central

**Computer Users:** Sat, Jan 26, 2019  
2:00 Intel Lab, Central

**General Meeting:** Tues, Jan 29, 2019  
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

### Refreshments at 6:00

Jan Refreshments: Debbie Pearson

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



Happy New Year! Cold, but no snow yet!

As we say bye to 2018, FWGS wants to say a special thank you to **President Roy Combrink** for stepping up to take on the presidency in 2018. If you recall, **President Don Crews** passed away suddenly in Nov 2017 and Roy stepped up from Vice President to take the job. He held us together during a difficult time and we admire his dedication. We also had several important losses of members and Board of Director's families. Thank you to all you who have soldiered on under those difficult times as well. **RIP to those well-loved members.**

FWGS also must say a large thanks to those who have stepped up to take positions on the Board of Directors to serve the society for one year. We applaud **Janice Blakley** for agreeing to become a Director At Large and serve for her first time. She expressed interest at a meeting and we were happy to welcome her aboard. Of course, we must say a huge thank you to **Carlene Johnson** for not only serving but taking on the presidency! We're off to a great start! See you at all the meetings!

*Debbie Pearson*, Newsletter Editor

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



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



**Saturday, February 2, 2019  
10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon**

**Topic: " I.M. Terrell: How a Handful of Graduates from One Black High School Changed Music History"**

**By Tom Reynolds, musician & more**

**Next:** March 2 Ruth Karbach "The Lady Was a Doctor: Fort Worth Medical School, 1894-1918."

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

**Saturday, January 19, 2019 9:30 am - 12 noon**

Presenter:

**Matt Oliver, Director of Communications of Trinity River Project Authority**

Topic:

**"A Vision: The Trinity River Project"**

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107 (817) 814-2040

**Next: March 23<sup>rd</sup>** "Early Transoceanic Pan Am Air Travel and the Amon Carter Connection" by Bill Morris & 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](mailto:ftworth.education@nara.gov) for a space.

Date: **Nothing on the Schedule at this time. All Classes on Hold due to Government Shutdown!**

Topic:

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**

**FWGS Beginners Class:**

**"Getting Started"**

**10:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**Computer Users Group:**

**"Beginning Use of Ancestry.com"**

**2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**Both classes are held at the Central Branch of FW Library. Beginners held in Chappell Room and CUG in the Intel Lab. Come get in on the first class in the 8-month series!**

**Membership Report:**

**Rob Yoder**, Membership Director, reports 4 new members.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:**

Ruth Ann Hodges	Joyce Ann Young
Ralph L. Holloway	Andrea Elledge
Shirley Coe	

**Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31.** Your 2018 Membership has ended. It is time to renew now! Your individual dues are \$23 and a household is \$27.

*Make your check payable to FWGS.*

**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.



## NOVEMBER FWGS INSTALLATION

Librarian **Linda Barrett** installed the following slate of officers at the November 27<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. (Apologies to Janice Blakley whose name was inadvertently left off in the last newsletter.)

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### 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY of WORLD WAR I NOVEMBER 1918 TO NOVEMBER 2018

The Fort Worth Library has been host to a wonderful exhibit at the Central Branch on World War I entitled **Remember Me!** The exhibit opened November 10<sup>th</sup> and will run through February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This exhibit is part 2 to the **Cowboys to Doughboys** exhibit that ran in 2017. This exhibit focuses on the men and women who gave service and even their lives. One of the most moving aspects is the honor roll of names of soldiers on long banners around the Gallery. It is a well done and moving exhibit, not to be missed. There is also a Film Series and a Lecture series to accompany the exhibit. <http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/worthreading/2018-10-remember-me/>

#### They Shall Not Grow Old

On another topic related to WW I, **Peter Jackson** an award-winning director has produced a stunning documentary on the war. With film footage over 100 years old, enhanced with color and 3D like techniques, it is as fresh as today's films. The silent films are brought to life with lip readers and actors who literally translate what is on screen. They also use interviews of British vets in their older ages giving their remembrances. It ran in theaters for only one day. Hopefully, it will run again. It will be available for purchase. See trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrabKK9Bhds>



## LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION

**Austin.....They're Back!**

The 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session opened on Tuesday, January 9, 2019. HB 703 has already been filed and this is a bill that genealogists will want to watch. **HB 703 asks to restrict access to Texas birth records for 125 years.** This is a huge increase over the 75 years already in law. Texas State Genealogical Society (TxSGS) has a committee watching this now. The RPAC (Record Preservation and Access Committee) is chaired by noted genealogist **Terri Flack**. Terri will let us know if this bill goes forward to a vote (many die in committee). You can always ask your legislators about the bill and express your opinions to them. Read more and follow progress. <https://www.txsgs.org/programs/rpac/> AND <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSession=86R&Bill=HB703>

If the last two sessions have seen an attempt to unblock birth certificates for the adopted, you can predict that the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature will probably have one too. Stay tuned for more news on that front too. Two groups monitor progress on opening birth certificates for adoptees: <https://www.texasadopterights.org/> AND <https://adopterightslaw.com/>



#### GENEALOGY on TV

PBS is running the current new season of **Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.** Season 5 premiered January 8<sup>th</sup> with celebrity stories for **Andy Samberg** and **George R. R. Martin** in episode 1. DNA plays the greatest role in both of these stories. I have seen many cases where DNA unlocks the final door, but Andy's story will "blow you away" with how all the pieces of the story come together. I really recommend you seek this one out to watch. You can catch the series on KERA, ch 13 locally on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. Or go to the web site for all episodes in reruns. Celebrity list too. <http://www.pbs.org/weta/finding-your-roots/about/season-5-episode-guide/>

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR FWGS DUES YET?**



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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*