

# **Fort Worth Genealogical Society**



## **Meeting Flyers**

**2005-2019**

# 2019

The flyers within this book are arranged in reverse chronological order,  
i.e., the latest flyer appears first and goes back in time.

## **December 2019 - No Flyer**

Meetings  
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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## John Wylie

On

### WHAT'S NEW IN TxSGS

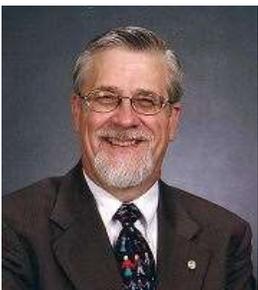
John is going to Install our new officers, then bring us news from the Texas State Genealogical Society's latest conference. He will review some of the benefits that a membership in our state society can give you. He will also bring some free gifts. Door Prizes and Awards are in store this night too. Please don't miss this one!

**DAY:** Tuesday, November 26, 2019

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.

**Tandy Auditorium, Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

Parking meters are free at 6 p.m. The Sundance Garage on 3rd St. is free for 2 ½ hours with validation at Library desk. Come at 6:00 for Refreshments.



**John Wylie** is Past President of TxSGS, current District Z Representative and Preservation Capture System (PCS) Committee Chair. He, with his wife Barb, operated a professional genealogy business for 25 years in North Texas. John spent 26 years in the USAF as a Medical Service Corps officer retiring in 1990. One of five co-founders of GenTech, John was President for 5 years and chaired 3 national conferences for that organization before it was merged into the National Genealogical Society. He served on the GenTech Data Model Working Group which developed the first open source data model of the genealogical process that is still used by many software developers. He served the Association of Professional Genealogists on the Board for 6 years, including 4 as Secretary. He has presented more than two hundred lectures at national, state and local seminars and conferences. John has authored or co-authored more than 25 articles in state and national publications. In local Societies, he has served GPGS as President for one year and Library Liaison for 10 years. In DGS, John served in a variety of board positions in the 1990's. He was awarded the Lloyd Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award by DGS in 2004.

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## Wayne Ludwig

On

### THE OLD CHISHOLM TRAIL: A RESEARCH PROJECT

Wayne mounted a massive research project to either prove or disprove the name of the cattle trail that ran through Ft. Worth that we know as the Chisolm Trail. Along the way he decided he had enough to write a book. His research techniques and methods fit perfectly with what good family researchers should do too. Come hear some history, hear his methods, and maybe buy Wayne's book.

**DAY:** Tuesday, October 29, 2019

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.

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**Wayne Ludwig** is a Fort Worth native, cattle trails historian, and author of the new book, The Old Chisholm Trail: From Cow Path to Tourist Stop (Texas A&M University Press, 2018). He created the Texas Cattle Trails History Group on Facebook, and is a member of Western Writers of America and the Academy of Western Artists. The Old Chisholm Trail... was awarded the Elmer Kelton Book of the Year award by the Academy of Western Artists. The book was also named a Finalist for the Robert A. Calvert Book Prize by the Department of History at Texas

A&M University and Texas A&M University Press, and a Finalist for 2018 Most Significant Scholarly Book by the Texas Institute of Letters. His first feature magazine article, "What We Know About the Ol' Chisholm Trail," appeared in the February 2019 issue of *Wild West* magazine. Wayne has been a guest speaker at various symposiums and historical association events.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Patti Huff Smith

On

# THE BEATITUDES OF A GENEALOGIST

Patti will share new tips and tools of genealogy research including: how to get started, genealogy charts, free internet look-ups, 100 Top Genealogy Sites and more! She hopes you leave inspired and ready to tackle your roadblocks.

**DAY:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.

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**Patti Huff Smith** comes from a marketing career where she once spent 9 years working with author Zig Zigler. She has also worked over 20 years in church leadership positions and with her husband Gary Smith led marriage seminars. They have been married 34 years with 4 adult children and live in Coppell, Texas.

Patti grew up traveling in an Air Force family. Since they were separated from extended family, she was not familiar with her family history. Later in life a son got interested in Civil War history and together they began documenting their family veterans. Her passion for genealogy was born and continues today with her interest in DNA studies.

Currently, Patti is Director of Volunteer Coordination in the Dallas Genealogical Society. She also holds memberships in these societies: Navarro Genealogical, Hill County Genealogical, Johnson County Genealogical, Central Texas Genealogical, Coppell Historical, and Texas State Genealogical Society. Patti has also enjoyed lecturing on genealogical topics including DNA.

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## Sheila Randolph

On

## The NPE\* BLUES

\*A Non Paternal Event

What happens when your DNA test reveals an NPE? Someone in your family heritage does not share your DNA, therefore is not your blood relative. It happened to Sheila. Come hear tales of her DNA journey.

**DAY:** Tuesday, August 27, 2019

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**Sheila Randolph** is an Attorney in Fort Worth who has handled cases ranging from Misdemeanors to Capital Murder. A sixth-generation Texan, Sheila received her undergraduate degree from Emerson College in Boston in 1981 and her law degree from the University of Texas in Austin in 1985. While in law school, she was admitted to the American Journal of Criminal Law, and later became an Articles Editor for the AJCL. She has been an Assistant Criminal District Attorney, a TCLEOSE instructor for the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office investigators, and a Director of the Tarrant County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. With the exception of the few years when she tried to become the next blues-singing sensation, Sheila has been practicing law since 1985. An avid genealogist, Sheila is a member of Julia Jackson 141 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy on the record of her 3<sup>rd</sup>-great grandfather Samuel Buffington, and an Auxiliary member of the Colonel William H. Griffin Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. She also volunteers her time as the defense attorney for the Felony Alcohol Intervention Program, and is on the Community Advisory Committees for Tarrant County MHMR Addiction Services and Tarrant County Recovery Initiative (ROSC).

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Lora Pallatto

On

# Follow The Money

Can't find an elusive ancestor, but you think he should be there. Or you found him, but you need more details to "flesh him out." You've tried it all (you think?) Come hear Lora describe alternative resources for finding documentation of ancestors, where they lived, and spent their money.

**DAY:** **Tuesday, July 30, 2019**

**TIME:** **6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium**

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**Lora Pallatto** was born in Casper, Wyoming. She grew up in Norwalk, Connecticut, and graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1975 with a degree in English specializing in grammar and dialects. She has lived in Connecticut (25 years) Massachusetts (9 years) and California (26 years) and has recently retired with her husband John to Lewisville, Texas.

Lora's ancestors arrived in America before 1840. Her husband's family all arrived after 1840. Like everyone, her ancestry includes the famous and the infamous, but mostly regular folks.

Lora is a member of New England Historic Genealogical Society, Mid-Cities Genealogical Society, Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Rhode Island Genealogical Society, California Genealogical Society, and DAR.

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## Brian Hocker

On

# The Archives of NBC KXAS Channel 5

KXAS Channel 5 has certainly been on the front row of local history since coming on air in 1948. When the station made the decision to build a new building and leave Broadcast Hill in east Fort Worth, they uncovered boxes and boxes of historical print and media. Come hear this interesting story and find out where **we** can easily access that history and possibly use it in our research.

**DAY:** Tuesday, June 25, 2019

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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**Brian Hocker** is Vice President, Digital Media, Programming and Research for NBC 5 where he is



currently leading the station's expansion onto new distribution platforms like TV Everywhere and Sony Playstation Vue. He directed the local rollout of COZI-TV, a network programmed with iconic television series on digital channel 5.2. At the station he wears many hats, dealing with compliance with FCC, purchase of new programming, research, and general operations. He recently has been instrumental in seeing that the archives and history of Channel 5 is preserved for the future.

Brian and his wife are 32-year residents of Fort Worth and active in the community. Brian has served as Chair of the Cowtown Marathon Board and the American Marketing Assoc, DFW chapter.

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# Lynell Moss

On

# FamilySearch Research Wikis

Ever thought you would like an assistant to help you find the records you need or an expert to ask about a county or a state you need to research? Have you ever used the Family Search Wikis? Lynell will show you how and show their great value to genealogists and researchers.

**DAY:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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**Lynell Moss** is a sixth generation Dallasite. She has been researching her family and other's families since 1968. She has been in a leadership position with the Plano Family History Center for 24 years and is the Director of the Great Family Search Conference.



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## Bernard N. Meisner

On

# The Value of Collateral Line Research

Researching collateral lines (aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws, etc.) can reveal information not discovered in your direct lineage research. It can add to the overall historical story of your family or lead to others researching the family and break through brick walls. Bernard will show examples from his own family research.

**DAY:** Tuesday, April 30, 2019

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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**Bernard N. Meisner, Ph.D** is a genealogist and lecturer based in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. He began researching his family over 25 years ago and enjoys sharing lessons learned from those experiences, including his mistakes. He has the strong right wrist typical of long-time genealogists; the result of endless hours cranking microfilm readers in the years prior to the Internet! Although he knew only one grandparent (his maternal grandfather) he has successfully identified all of his great-great grandparents and several

triple- and quadruple great grandparents. He is past president and social media chair of the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society, and is a member of the National Genealogical Society and the Texas State Genealogical Society.

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## Debbie Pearson

On

# Using City Directories

Once upon a time there were Phone Books and City Directories where you could look up information on your friends and your community. (And not just for large cities—even small towns.) These directories can yield many details vital to our genealogical research. Come learn where to find them and how to use them.

**DAY:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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**Debbie Pearson** is a retired school teacher of 37 years. She did her undergraduate work at Stephen F. Austin and her Master's at TCU. She developed her love of genealogy from her aunt who insisted she travel back to Tennessee, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, North & South Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Indiana, and Illinois to see where their ancestors lived and to study locally. She spent many hours in courthouses and libraries and eventually refined her research into memberships in DAR, NSUSD 1812, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Her Texas roots run back to 1839 in Shelby county making her a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Texan. She also serves currently in Fort Worth

Genealogical Society as Newsletter editor and Programs Director.

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Mark Lucas-Kelly

On

# History of Lucas Funeral Home in Grapevine

Mark will not only present some history of the Lucas family and how they founded their business, but will also cover some of the early practices of funeral homes and just how different it is today.

**DAY:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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**Mark Lucas-Kelly** is part of the Lucas Family, a sixth-generation funeral home family with roots in Grapevine, TX dating back to the late 1850's and Fort Worth as of 1929. Mark returned to Texas a few years ago after living in the Western United States for 23 years, including a brief stint across the country in Vermont. Before returning to the family business Mark taught public school History, Government and coached Mock Trial. He also managed two public radio stations, helped build a world class resort in Moab, UT, ran a major University Student Newspaper in Seattle, WA and was an actor in L.A. along with a few other endeavors. He is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

Currently Mark directs marketing efforts and community outreach for Lucas, Robertson Mueller Harper and Blessing Funeral Homes and is a Celebrant for families with no church affiliation that need someone to honor their loved one's life.

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# **FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

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## **FW Library Genealogical Staff**

On

# **USE & CHECKOUT of FLIP SCANNERS**

Have some old family photos or documents you need to scan? Bring them to the meeting and we will show you how to do it! FWGS recently donated towards the Library project to purchase Flip Scanners for the Genealogy Unit. We all want to see them and find out how to use them. Library Staff will give us a demonstration and instruction. (Meet in the Tandy Auditorium FIRST, then after business and refreshments, we will go downstairs.)

**DAY:** Tuesday, January 29, 2019

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## CARLENE JOHNSON

AND

## ANDY WARD

ON

# SCRAPBOOK SHOW & TELL

and

## Installation of Officers

We will end our year with a chance to see some beautiful scrapbooks dedicated to family history. Carlene will share how you can combine scrapbook artistry with family history and Andy will share a scrapbook on a military history. AND you may bring your books or old photo albums to share as well. We will have a table to display your albums.

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## “Scrapbooking Your Family”

Three society members; Carlene Johnson, and Andy & Sharon Ward talk about methods used to create their family scrapbooks.

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**We will also have the installation of Officers.**

The incoming Board Members are:

President	Carlene Johnson
Vice-President	Virginia Brown
Secretary	Sharon Ward
Treasurer	Crystal Barth
Program Director	<del>Virginia Brown</del> Debbie Pearson
Membership Director	Rob Yoder
Historian/Archivist	Phil Morris
Newsletter Editor	Debbie Pearson
Footprints Editor	Rob Yoder
Director at Large	Ed McCoy
Director at Large	Roy Combrink
Director at Large	Janice Blakely

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## CARLENE JOHNSON

ON

### Soldiers Homes: Researching at Beauvoir

Searching for more information on your Civil War ancestor? Besides checking for Military records, have you considered Old Soldiers Homes? Many were scattered around the country for Union and Confederate soldiers. Beauvoir, the former home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, was used as one of those Confederate Soldier Homes. These records may contain facts that military records do not.

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**Carlene Johnson** has been researching her family history since 2010. She began learning with Terri Meeks in FWGS' Beginner's Classes. Due to family obligations and work, she had to settle for being a part-time genealogist.

Carlene has now retired and is working on research full time. She is working both her own and her husband's lines too. Especially since his family has passed on to her several boxes of "family treasures" such as photos, military records, and more. This led her to combine genealogy with another of her favorite

hobbies—scrapbooking. She now makes family history scrapbooks and incorporates some of those family treasures she inherited.

Carlene is a member of FWGS and currently serves on their Board of Directors. She teaches all their Beginner's Classes for the Fort Worth Library.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## LINDA SIMMONS

ON

# Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestors

Often called the Second War for Independence, the War of 1812 created so many records for modern genealogists. Many Americans participated and with pay and bounty land given for service as well as pensions and widow's pensions, the odds are good that you will find an ancestor who participated.

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**Linda Simmons** is a native of Sarasota, Florida. She attended Carson-Newman College in East Tennessee obtaining an Elementary Education degree. Later she added a Master's Degree as a Reading specialist.

Linda and her family moved to Colleyville, Texas in 1984. She taught Language Arts at Colleyville Middle School for 23 years, retiring in 2010. Linda now lives in Fort Worth.

Linda has used retirement to be active with her interests such as music, genealogy, and history. She plays viola in her church orchestra, she holds memberships in DAR, Colonial Dames XVII Century (VP) and is past president of the local Nat'l Soc US Daughters of 1812. Linda is also a member of Grapevine's Name Dropper's genealogy group and Genealogy Association of Colleyville, TX.

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## ANN MCKEE

ON

### Newspapers, A Resource For Genealogists: Discovering Family History Through the Portal to Texas History and The Gateway to Oklahoma History

By using newspapers found on these two free databases, I solved some family mysteries and discovered interesting facts about the lives of my ancestors. Learning about how my ancestors interacted with the communities where they lived made them "come alive" and increased my understanding of things they valued. Newspapers are a wonderful resource for anyone who wants to learn more about the lives of their ancestors.

**DAY:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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**Ann McKee** was a school librarian who took up genealogy in 2013 after her retirement. Ann honed her research skills by trying to identify family members in her inherited, unmarked family photos. She successfully identified all but a few of the photos and now is steadily working on learning all she possibly can about her ancestors. Along the way she has found ancestors in early Texas and a Revolutionary War ancestor. Her research has allowed her to complete her lineage papers and join DAR and DRT. She has also become a genealogy speaker imparting her experiences.

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## “Writing about my ancestors made me a better genealogist”

By Judy Everett Ramos

When Judy joined a group of genealogists tasked with writing one ancestor article each week for an entire year, she had to look for each ancestor’s personal story, fill in gaps and get around brick walls, and give everyone their own personality. Judy will show you how to go beyond names, dates, and places to bring your ancestors’ stories to life using easy and practical tips you can use immediately.

**DAY:** Tuesday, July 31, 2018

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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Judy began genealogy research in the sixth grade. She is a member of 11 lineage organizations, including National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society Sons and Daughters of Antebellum Planters 1607-1861, and Descendants of Texas Rangers. In 2016, Judy received the Mamie Wynne Cox Historical Research Award from the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for her article on early Texas history. In 2013, she received the national Spirit of 1812 award for her series of genealogy articles about the War of 1812. Judy is a Corpus Christi, Texas native, but she has traced her roots around the globe. Judy is a former newspaper reporter and currently works in public relations and freelance writing when she is not working on genealogy.



# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## PEARL DILL

On

### Deciphering Old Handwriting

Experienced Genealogists know that eventually you have to try your hand at reading an original deed, will, or family letter written in the old style of handwriting. You cannot always rely on transcriptions or they may not even be available. Knowing the practices and customs of handwriting from previous times will be invaluable to reading these documents. Not knowing them leads to misinterpretations and costly mistakes.

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**Pearl Dill** began doing her genealogy in 1975 when her children were small. But as we all find, a busy career, a busy family, and a busy life sometimes detain us. She put genealogy on hold for a few years.

In 2003, after retiring from American Airlines, she picked it up again, taking several long road trips to visit courthouses, cemeteries and other dark corners in several states including Tennessee (her home state), Kentucky, Alabama, Oklahoma, Virginia, California, and Missouri.

She became active in local genealogy groups including facilitator at the Genealogical Association of Colleyville for 2 years. She also has taught Beginning Genealogy, Genealogy Brick Walls and Digital Footprints at The REC in Grapevine.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## SUZANNE FRITZ

On

# Genealogy Resources at the Fort Worth Library

Learn about available resources at the Fort Worth Library to help you begin or continue your genealogy research project. This presentation includes an overview of print, microfilm, and database genealogy resources at the Fort Worth Library. The new digital archives will also be highlighted.

**DAY:** Tuesday, May 29, 2018

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**Suzanne Fritz** is a Librarian with the Genealogy, History and Archives Unit of the Fort Worth Library. She relocated to Fort Worth, Texas from Naples, Florida where she worked as a Public Service Librarian and Genealogy Specialist. Suzanne received her B.A. from Mont Holyoke College and her M.S., L.I.S., from Simmons College, Boston. Suzanne is interested in a variety of topics including: Italian-American immigration, German-American genealogy, and Native-American records. She has realized that one of the benefits of moving to Texas has been discovering how much there is to enjoy in regard to Texas genealogy and history.

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## “More Than Just Common Census, A Look At Non-Population Schedules”

By Sheryl Rascher

Using her Peters Colonist ancestors who arrived in Texas in 1841, Sheryl demonstrates historical characteristics of the U.S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules. Genealogical content, value and availability are discussed for Agriculture, Manufacturers/Industry, Social Statistics, Slave, Defective Dependent Delinquent, Indian and Mortality Schedules.

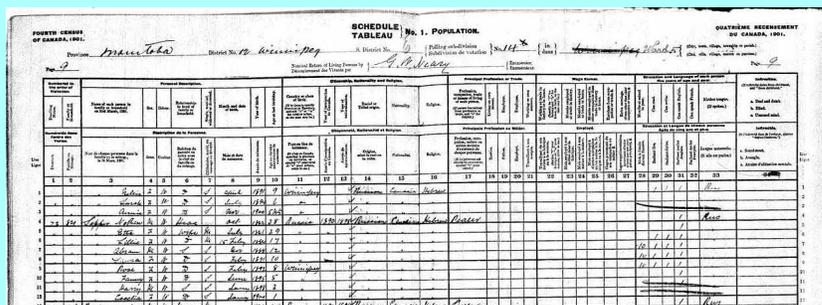
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Fort Worth native Sheryl Rascher is a veteran training developer and instructor with genealogical connections throughout Texas. Her passion is to research, capture and share, with focus on Texas and U.S. history. As a seventh grader taking Texas History, conversations with her grandmother peaked her interest in her own family history. A member of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, she currently serves as President of the Erath County Genealogical Society and has served on the Fort Worth Genealogical Society board.



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The image shows a scan of a 1900 U.S. Census form, Schedule 1: Population. The form is titled "FOURTH CENSUS OF CANADA, 1901" and "SCHEDULE 1: POPULATION". It contains various columns for demographic data, including name, sex, age, marital status, and occupation. The form is filled out with handwritten entries, and there are some corrections and annotations. The form is numbered "No. 1" and "Page 1".

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## Nancy Maxwell

On

### *Using PERSI\**

### *\*PERiodical Source Index*

The Periodical Source Index is a unique subject index for genealogy and local history periodical articles. It was created by the staff of the Allen County Public Library Foundation and the ACPL's Genealogy Center. Genealogical researchers have found it to be a superior research tool. Come find out how you can use it too.

**DAY:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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**Nancy Maxwell** has been a librarian in the genealogy department of Grapevine Library since 2001. She received her B. A. in English from California State University, Fullerton, her M. S. in Library Science from the University of Southern California, and a M. A. in History from the University of North Texas. She is now working on her Ph.D. in American History at UNT.

Nancy caught the genealogy bug in 1981 and has been at it ever since! Her ancestry is Russian-Jewish and Turkish-Armenian--both being extremely challenging and rewarding to research.

Nancy has compiled two books that have been published by Heritage Books: *Washington County, Arkansas Sheriff's Census for 1865* and *Washington County, Arkansas Miscellaneous Record Book, 1841-1879*, as well as a few genealogical periodical articles.

Nancy enjoys speaking to groups on genealogical topics. She also leads the Grapevine Name Droppers group at the Grapevine Library. She especially loves to talk to youngsters and loves to encourage them in their family research and discover the joys of genealogy.

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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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Presents

## **“Writing a Family History”** By Clay Patterson, FSA Scot

The hardest part is getting started. Clay will share ideas on assembling & writing your family history, no matter how large or small, and perhaps even publishing it for the benefit of others. Many previously unknown cousins, some who know more of our family than we do, “come out of the woodwork” with new information when a family history work is published. This is a reschedule from the original date last November.

**DAY:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018

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Clay Patterson has been a genealogist for over 35 years; was a BCG Certified Genealogist (2007-2012) and has been designated a Fellow in the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (FSA Scot) since 2006.

He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, National Genealogy Society & the International Society of Family History Writers. Clay has authored, edited and published three major family history works:

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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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## “Researching with Archives at TCU”

By Dr. June Koelker, Library Dean

The Mary Couts Burnett Library on the TCU campus can be an important resource for genealogy research. Dr. Koelker will discuss the many finding aids available from the web, full text documents available from the library’s digital repository and walk-in access to material in Special Collections that will be of value to genealogists.

**DAY:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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Appointed as the Dean of TCU’s Mary Couts Burnett Library in 2006, Dr. June Koelker also has responsibility for the TCU University Press.

She began her career at TCU as the Associate Dean of the Library in the late 80s. Her educational background includes a PhD from the University of North Texas and MBA and MLS degrees from the University of Arizona.

Dr. Koelker has been on the Library Board of the Southlake Texas Public Library and is past Chair of the Texas Council of Academic Libraries. Her big news continues to be the recent addition to the TCU Library that opened in October 2015.

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**December 2017**

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**DAY:** Tuesday, November 28, 2017

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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## “Symbolism in Victorian Cemeteries”

By Diane Dyess

There is a language resting with our dead that speaks all of its own. Diane will begin in the 1600s with “skull and bones” on tablets and morph to angelic cherubs over the 200 year span. A headstone, like history, is more than names and dates. It is more than history, it is art, heritage, culture, and sacred.

**DAY:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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Diane Dyess said she has spent her entire life visiting cemeteries. It began when my grandmother (a charter member of the FWGS) was registrar for lineage groups and these markers helped confirm heritage.

For 60 years she has engaged in a life-long study of cemeteries and its cultural practices. Diane has aided the research of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a member of DAR as well as the UDC, Daughters of 1812, Colonial Dames, Genealogist General for the Blue and Grey and a member of the Mayflower Society. Diane has presented dozens of lectures throughout the nation and has been awarded the Jefferson Davis Medal for her historical research. She is a volunteer at the Texas Civil War Museum.



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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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## “Forgotten Treasures in the Texas Courthouse: Discovering the Miscellaneous Books”

By Patti Gillespie

Are you looking for context and documentation? Do you have an ancestor that seems to have slipped between the cracks? This presentation not only presents three fun Texan stories that have come to life with the information found in a Miscellaneous Book, but Patti will also show examples of assorted documents. Attendees will receive a list of all the Texas counties that hold one of these forgotten treasures.

**DAY:** Tuesday, September 26, 2017

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

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An avid hobby genealogist for 20 years, Patti formed a research company, Family Lines & Stories. She helps clients and is a public speaker and presenter. She enjoys blogging at <http://www.familylinesandstories.com/>. Patti has assisted NARA Fort Worth with indexing slave manifest; spoken at the Texas State Genealogical Society state conference; chaired the video and streaming portion of the national Professional Management Conference sponsored by the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG); and has been awarded the Birdie Monk Holsclaw IGHR award. She is a founding member and second-term president of the Wise County Genealogical Society. Patti also volunteers in her local Family History Center and serves on the boards for Wise County Historical Society and Wise County Historical Commission. Patti attends as many conferences and watches as many webinars as she is able to manage with her husband, children, grandchildren, and acreage.

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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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## “Picturing Family History: Identifying, Preserving, and Sharing Old Photos”

By Ann McKee

Family photos can be a goldmine, if you know who everyone is. Ann will explain how when she inherited 131 old photos, 106 of them were not labeled and had no identifying information. That was in 2013. Today, only 20 photos remain unidentified. Ann will provide tips and strategies to help you use all your photos to discover family history.

**DAY:** **Tuesday, August 29, 2017**

**TIME:** **6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium**

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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Ann McKee began researching her family in 2013 after she retired from a career as a school librarian. Ann was always interested in family history, but in the beginning her main goal was to try and identify the people in 131 photographs from her mother’s family. The photographs dated from the Civil War up to the first half of the 20th century. Her family history research allowed Ann to identify over 110 of the old photographs and to discover both an early Texas ancestor and a Revolutionary War ancestor. Ann is a member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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Presents

## “Southern Antebellum Records”

By Ari Wilkins

Ari Wilkins will demonstrate the key to using Southern Antebellum records. She will explain plantation records and show how they can offer great insight into many Southern families. Ari will discuss how these records document families' personal and business correspondence, conditions of plantation life (including the elusive names of slaves and descriptions of slave relationships) and much more. Learn how to search the collection and apply it to your genealogical research.

**DAY:** **Tuesday, July 25, 2017**

**TIME:** **6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium**

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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Ari Wilkins, a graduate of Louisiana State University, has researched her family history since 1998. Ari worked with the esteemed genealogist, Dr. James Rose, for many years on his final project, “Generations: The WPA Ex-Slave Narrative Database.” Ari is the owner of the genealogical consulting company, Black Genesis. Ari also works as a contributor for Proquest’s African American Heritage database and Afrigeneas.com. She has spoken nationally at Federation of Genealogical Societies, Texas State Genealogical Society, Ohio Genealogical Society, Samford Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research, American Library Association, and a multitude of local societies. Ari has been a Library Associate at Dallas Public Library since 2007. She teaches a series of basic research classes using popular genealogical websites. She specializes in African American research. Ari has been active in several genealogical societies.



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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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## “How WWI Transformed Texas”

By Jim Hodgson,  
Fort Worth Aviation Museum

Jim will explain how a variety of events that took place during the war years changed Texas forever and are still with us today. He will also talk about some of the personalities of the day and explain how local genealogists can help commemorate the momentous events of 1914 - 1919 over the next two years.

**DAY:** Tuesday, June 27, 2017  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium  
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Jim is the Executive Director and Chairman of the Bronco Association, which operates the Fort Worth Aviation Museum. The museum tells the story of how aviation has changed lives, the economy, and culture of North Texas since 1911. It maintains a growing collection of 26 war birds. A Chicago native, Jim has degrees in industrial engineering and in management. He earned his Naval Aviator Wings with the Marine Corps in 1972 and became a pilot with Continental Airlines in 1978. He retired in 2013 with more than 28,000 flight hours. Jim is a member of the Tarrant County Historical Commission and one of the original founders of the Texas WWI Centennial Commemoration group. He lives in Grapevine and is a 2017 recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution's Distinguished Citizen Award.



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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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## “The History of Adoption and Birth Certificates in the State of Texas”

By Connie Gray

The History of Adoption in Texas is a lively discussion of past social mores and the evolution of adoption in our state. This month’s speaker has a personal stake in this issue. Adopted at the age of nine, Connie was determined to uncover her own genealogical truths. Upon turning 18 in 1976, she petitioned the Travis county court, obtained her original birth certificate, and within two years located her entire biological family. Connie will address historical documentation; adoption law; birth certificates, birth books, and adoption; political action to ensure accuracy of records.

**DAY:** **Tuesday, May 30, 2017**

**TIME:** **6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium**

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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The satisfaction of knowing her own genetic history propelled Connie into becoming a Search Angel, someone who helps people reconnect who have been separated by adoption. In 2013, she founded the organization Texas Adoptee Rights, which has been the driving force to restore access to original birth certificates to adults who were adopted as minors in Texas. This session, SB329 and HB547 are working their way through the capitol and the board members are at the capitol daily to educate on the truth of adoption and how DNA has eroded privacy for everyone. For the first time, descendants of adoptees will be able to obtain their ancestors original birth certificates. She asks everyone to contact their own state senators and representatives to ensure that all Texans have access to their own genealogy records.

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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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**“Are you descended from Kings?”**

**By Thomas Morton  
Silver Frogs Instructor,  
Texas Christian University**

Tom will show you easier steps to finding royalty in your family history and how to download the files into your Family Tree Maker file. He will show you the names that are likely to lead you to royalty. Tom has helped more than 150 people find they are descended from kings and queens. Tom will then show you how to publish your findings in a book for friends and relatives. You will need to be familiar (at least a basic understanding) with Family Tree Maker and Ancestry.com.

**DAY: Tuesday, April 25, 2017**

**TIME: 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium**

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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Thomas Morton is a retired professional engineer from Canada. He has been doing genealogy research for more than 50 years and has more than 84,000 people in his Family Tree Maker database. He has published 50 family history books for friends and family and has traced more than 150 people back to kings, queens and emperors. Thomas is a Silver Frog who teaches genealogy courses for the TCU Extended Education Program

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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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## “Using newspapers to connect your family to history”

By Ila Johnson

Old newspapers provide a wealth of insight into history and critical events as they were unfolding through time. Gone are the days of wading through back issues of newspapers to do genealogy research. Today, the Internet and digitization of old newspapers has made everything just a click away. Ila Johnson will explain how to access newspapers easily at home, your local library, or at your local Family History Center.

**DAY:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

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Ila Fichtner-Johnson has been doing genealogy for more than 50 years. She started with her mother, going to court houses to look for records. Her mother’s lines are from Pennsylvania but her grandparents on her father’s side are Germans from Russia. For the last 20 years Ila has been researching the Germans from Russia.

Ila currently teaches “Beginning and Advance Genealogy using Legacy Family Tree,” “So you want to write your Family History,” and “On-line Genealogy” at TCC’s South campus in the Senior Program. She lives in Fort Worth.

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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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**“To join or not to join...a lineage society”**

**By Judy Everett Ramos**

Many genealogists have heard of the Sons/Daughters of the American Revolution lineage society and maybe you have considered joining. But, did you know you can also join lineage societies if your ancestors were early sheriffs, teachers, or were accused of witchcraft? There is a lineage society for almost everyone. Judy will introduce you to some well-known, and lesser known, lineage groups and explain what every genealogist should think about when considering membership.

**DAY: Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017**

**TIME: 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium**

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Judy began genealogy research in the sixth grade. She is a member of 11 lineage organizations, including National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society Sons and Daughters of Antebellum Planters 1607-1861, and Descendants of Texas Rangers. In 2016, Judy received the Mamie Wynne Cox Historical Research Award from the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for her article on early Texas history. In 2013, she received the national Spirit of 1812 award for her series of genealogy articles about the War of 1812. Judy is a Corpus Christi, Texas native, but she has

traced her roots around the globe. She has written for Everett Generations and Alabama Pioneers websites. She also writes for “Crossroads,” the magazine of the Utah Genealogical Society. Judy is a former newspaper, television, and radio reporter and currently works in public relations when she is not working on genealogy.



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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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Presents a workshop about genealogy and weather:

**“We’re Not in Kansas Anymore!”**

**By Terri Meeks**

We complain about the weather all the time. It’s either too hot or too cold, too wet or too dry. Our farm family ancestors kept close watch on the weather as it directly affected their economic well-being. Have you lost track of your ancestor’s family? Are you looking for that elusive burial record? What was your ancestor’s occupation and what affect did it have on his community? Want to put additional flesh on the bones? Perhaps weather might be the answer.

**DAY:** **Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017**

**TIME:** **6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium**

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Terri Meeks retired from BAE Systems in 2007 as a test engineer for F-16 support equipment. A co-worker introduced her to the world of genealogy in 2000. Terri soon discovered that her grandparents were immigrants so the traditional U.S. census searches produced few results. Tracing her maternal line to Quebec introduced her to new materials and resources for genealogy research. She is currently serving as Vice President of the FWGS and teaches their Beginners’ Genealogy Class. She is a community volunteer at the local Family History Center and has recently taught a series of genealogy classes for the TCU Silver Frogs program. She also translates Catholic Church records from French, Latin and Italian into English for the American Canadian Genealogical Society.



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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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## “Mining Obituaries for Ancestors”

By Sandra J. Crowley

Reading obituaries can provide a great deal of information about your ancestors and even about the community where they lived. Sandra will discuss how you can find the hidden genealogical gems in published and online obituaries. Sandra will provide detailed instructions and helpful resources to improve your own personal research.

**DAY:** Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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Sandra Crowley is a genealogist and lecturer based in the Dallas/Fort Worth area who specializes in using technology for all aspects of family history. She is a Tennessee native, but she lived in Minnesota for 20 years and moved to Texas in 2002. She is a member of several genealogical societies and non-profit boards, including Federation of Genealogical Societies, Texas State Genealogical Society, Mid-Cities Genealogical Society, and she is Immediate Past President of the Dallas Genealogical Society. She also belongs to numerous genealogical societies in other states. Sandra has a business degree and served in executive

positions with several technology companies during her career. She combines her passion for family history with her interest in technology.

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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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## “The Masonic Home and School of Texas”

By Jerry Beck

Retired Masonic School Asst. Supt.

Jerry will present a brief history of the Masonic Home and School of Texas from its beginning in 1899 to the present day facility, located in Hurst, Texas. His presentation will include information concerning the records of students who were enrolled in the Masonic Home and School.

**DAY:** Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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Jerry Beck is a former student of the Masonic Home and School. He was a resident of the Home and School for eight years. He entered the Home in June of 1952 and graduated in May of 1960. Jerry completed college studies with a master’s degree in Education Administration. He worked as the Assistant Superintendent of the Masonic Home and School from 1988 until his retirement in August 1999. Jerry is an active member in the Masonic Home of Texas Ex-Student Association.



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## “Planning and Executing a Successful Research Trip to Salt Lake City”

By Tresa Tatyrek

A trip to the genealogist mecca at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City is on every genealogist’s bucket list. Tresa will discuss how to pack, what to take with you, and how to make lists of things you want to look for so that when you go, you will have more than just a little success. She will also provide tools to help us make those lists.

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Tresa Tatyrek’s interest in family history and genealogy goes back to childhood. She began research in 1997 on her and her husband’s families, tracing more than 40 family surnames. Her research now includes client genealogy work. Tresa volunteers for groups and libraries in DFW and has received awards from the Dallas Genealogical Society and Grapevine Public Library. She is a past president of the Dallas Genealogical Society and their past webmaster. Tresa is a member of the Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and is a Volunteer Genealogist for them. She is a member of six other lineage societies and a member of the National Genealogical Society.

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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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## “The DAR Genealogical Research System: Another tool in the toolbox”

By Sharon Katz

Not in DAR? No matter. This tool is for everyone. Sharon will survey the records available in the Daughters of the American Revolution database, called the Genealogical Research System (GRS). She will reveal some hidden gems along the way and will demonstrate how to utilize the GRS to further your research, even if you're not a member of DAR. *Rescheduled due to April weather cancellation.*

**DAY:** Tuesday, August 30, 2016  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium  
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Researching family history is Sharon's lifelong passion. She always wanted to be a DAR member and in 2010 that goal became a reality. She served as Chapter Registrar for three years, served as chair of various committees, and is now First Vice Regent for the Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter. She is passionate about DAR and loves talking to others about the organization. When she is not on the trail of another ancestor, Sharon volunteers with her church and in her community, and she also works part time at the Grapevine Public Library.

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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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## “Arlington, Texas Family History Center: What? Why? Where?”

By Merry Shaw

Director, Arlington Texas Stake  
Family History Center

Merry will discuss the various facilities provided around the world by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which supports its extensive family history program, such as the Family History Library, various discovery centers, and more than 4,000 family history centers. She will talk about the large variety of Internet sites and other programs available to you for free at your local Family History Center.

**DAY:** Tuesday, July 26, 2016

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Merry Shaw became enchanted with family history research when she was eight years old. She searched for her ancestors using telephone calls, snail mail, and personal visits. Her original goal was to preserve the history of her father, who passed away when she was a young child. The result of these efforts is a 500-page history on her Foster family and a two-volume history of her Madsen family. Merry is the mother of three children, and she has 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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## “Beginning Your Native American Genealogical Search”

By Aaron Holt  
Archives Technician,  
National Archives Fort Worth

Aaron will explore various Tribal Rolls with a focus on the Five Civilized Tribes (Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, Seminole and Cherokee). He will touch on the laws that regulated US Government and Tribal relations. Aaron will attempt to answer, among other questions: Who was a member of the Tribe? What does “By Blood” mean? Was Great-Grandmother a Cherokee Indian Princess?

**DAY:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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Aaron Holt is a native Texan. He was born in Fort Worth and raised in a small town nearby. He has worked for the National Archives for almost 25 years. For the last 20 years, when not working on various projects dealing with NARA's holdings, Aaron helps patrons with their genealogical research. Aaron says it has been his pleasure to present various talks about the holdings of the National Archives at Fort Worth for nearly 20 years.

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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## “The Society of Mayflower Descendants: Our Roots and Our Vision”

By Kent Hopkins

Are you a Mayflower descendant? How can you find out? Mayflower descendant Kent Hopkins will discuss resources to learn about Mayflower descendant lineages. He will also talk about how the faith of the Mayflower pilgrims sustained them on their journey and how the Society was founded in order to preserve the pilgrims' story.

**DAY:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016

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Kent became interested in genealogy when his grandparents told him he descended from William Bradford and other Mayflower pilgrims. Kent has proven his lineage to William Bradford, John Howland, John Tilley, and Stephen Hopkins. He is active in the Society of Mayflower Descendants and has been Governor and Education Chairman of the DFW Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants. He is President of Kent Accounting Systems, President of the DFW Chapter of Enrolled Agents, and Chief Financial Officer of Clubhouse for Special Needs.

He flew in Navy Patrol Squadron Nine (The Golden Eagles) in the early 1960s. He and his wife, Katie, have four children, 10 grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.



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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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Presents

## “The DAR Genealogical Research System: Another tool in the toolbox”

By Sharon Katz

Not in DAR? No matter. This tool is for everyone. Sharon will survey the records available in the Daughters of the American Revolution database, called the Genealogical Research System (GRS). She will reveal some hidden gems along the way and will demonstrate how to utilize the GRS to further your research, even if you're not a member of DAR.

**DAY:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016

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Researching family history is Sharon's lifelong passion. She always wanted to be a DAR member and in 2010 that goal became a reality. She served as Chapter Registrar for three years, served as chair of various committees, and is now First Vice Regent for the Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter. She is passionate about DAR and loves talking to others about the organization. When she is not on the trail of another ancestor, Sharon volunteers with her church and in her community, and she also works part time at the Grapevine Public Library.

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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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## A Presentation on DNA Testing by Roger Cobb

### “Legally, a Cobb – Biologically, a Mills”

After years of family research, YDNA testing helped Roger Cobb discover that his grandfather was a Mills and not a Cobb. Roger will demonstrate how DNA testing is another genetic genealogical way to research when paper copies are not available.

**DAY:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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Roger will explain the three basic types of genetic DNA testing: YDNA, mT DNA, and Autosomal/Family Finder DNA. He will provide information about the different DNA companies and what they offer.

Born and raised in Wisconsin, Roger and his wife, Barbara, moved to Texas in 2005 to be near their daughter. After a career in safety engineering and running a business, Roger retired and focused on genealogy. He has enjoyed genealogy research for more than 45 years. He has spent the last 10 years combining DNA results with genealogy research. He has presented more than 80 talks involving DNA research to various groups.

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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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Presents

## “The Lincoln Assassination: Booth's Confederate Connections”

By Sandy Prindle

Retired judge and author Sandy Prindle is a recognized scholar and authority on the Lincoln assassination. If you have Civil War ancestors or just enjoy history, don't miss this presentation. Sandy will also have his books for sale: “The Sins of Tarrant County,” “Cleansing The Sins,” and “Revolution II.”

**DAY:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

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Sandy Prindle served as Justice of the Peace in Northeast Tarrant County 24 years, receiving every award given by its state association. Sandy has been a Civil War and Lincoln Assassination scholar for 40 years. He is a member of the national Surratt Society and the Fort Worth chapter of the Civil War Round table. The details on the Confederate connection in Lincoln's assassination have been under told through the years and Sandy promises a story that will keep you riveted to your seat!

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## FWL Genealogical Staff

On

### Touring the FW Genealogy Unit: What's New?

Have you been in the Fort Worth Genealogy Unit in awhile? Have you noticed some changes? Is there something you've wanted to try out or a question you've wanted to ask, but you were uncertain? This is the night to come! Tour the department and learn what is new to the department. Meet in the Tandy Auditorium then after business and refreshments, we will go downstairs to tour.

**DAY:** Tuesday, January 26, 2016

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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**Bryan McKinney** and his staff will be available to teach us how to use the scanners, computers, tell us of new databases or answer our questions. Bring a flash drive if you want to save some scans for your home computer or you can email them to yourself.

**Meet upstairs in the Tandy Auditorium first at 6:00 p.m. Tour starts at approximately 6:45.**

Contact Don at (817) 263-6921 or <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/>

**December 2015**

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents

## Terri Meeks

On

### Skeletons In Your Closet?

Do you have a skeleton in your closet? That ancestor no one talked about or who disappeared? Maybe it was mysterious or maybe it was unfortunate. Maybe there was more to the story or a different ending than you were lead to believe. Terri will use some case studies to show how much more there can be to the story of that skeleton in your closet.

**DAY:** Tuesday, November 24, 2015

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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Terri Meeks retired from BAE Systems in 2007 as a test engineer for F-16 support equipment. A co-worker introduced her to the world of genealogy in 2000. She soon discovered that her grandparents were immigrants so the traditional U. S. census searches produced few results. Tracing her maternal line to Quebec introduced her to new materials and resources for genealogy research. She is currently serving as Vice President of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society and teaches their Beginners' Genealogy Class. She is a community volunteer at the local Family History Center and translates Catholic Church records from French, Latin and Italian into English for the American Canadian Genealogical Society. Her husband, Dan, is also an avid genealogist and techno-geek.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Presents

## Debbie Pearson

On

# I Ain't 'Fraid of No Ghosts: Cemetery Searches OnLine

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents

## Lenna Hughes Recer

On

### Archives of the Fort Worth ISD

This presentation will spotlight the Billy W. Sills Archives Collection of the Fort Worth Schools. Find out how this unique jewel came to be, what it includes, and how you might use it.

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Lenna Hughes Recer retired in 2007 and now volunteers twice weekly with the Billy W. Sills Center for Archives. While not a professional archivist, she is a passionate believer in the importance of preserving our history, a passion that was fostered by her association and friendship with Billy Sills.



Lenna, a Fort Worth native and grad of FWISD went on to earn degrees from TCU and UNT in Music and Education. As a teacher she taught many subjects, but especially history and social studies where she met and served with the late Billy Sills. She also played viola in the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra for ten years.

Besides her work with FWISD, she is a full-time volunteer as a supporter of the arts. She currently is treasurer of the Chamber Music Society of Fort Worth and Director of the 2016 McCammon Voice Competition (a major component of the Opera Guild). She has held various offices in the Symphony League of Fort Worth and continues to serve as Executive Advisor on the SLFW Board as well as a member of the SiNaCa Glass Studios' board. She also is a member of the Hall Ensemble board (a chamber music ensemble from the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra).

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Presents

## Dr. Bernard Meisner

On

### The NEW Ancestry

Ancestry has rolled out a beta version for subscribers to use and give feedback. Dr. Meisner has been using this “New” version of Ancestry.com and has several things to tell us about the changes. You will want to hear more about what is still the same or what is different now.

**DAY:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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## Mary Louise Garcia

On

### County Clerk: Keeper of the Tarrant County Land Records



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Presents

## Randolph Farmer

On

### The True Story of “Curly Bill,” Horse Thief, Cattle Dealer, Murderer, Lawman

Randy has researched & written a book on his favorite character from old Fort Worth--Curly Bill. Curly Bill lived from 1858-1909 and led a varied, colorful life. Come hear Randy tell about the research to write this book.

**DAY:** Tuesday, June 30, 2015

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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Randolph Farmer lives in Plano and comes to us from the financial services world with over 28 years experience, 17 of those years teaching financial planning courses. He is currently employed with Edward D. Jones as a Financial Advisor. He holds a BA in Psychology from North Texas State and an MBA from Central Oklahoma State University.

His interests in genealogy include his own family history, serving on the board of Collin County Historical Society, researching historical characters, and writing books and articles. In July, 2008 he won the *Rex MacBeth Scholarship Grant* from Wild West History Association for research on Curly Bill. Randy published his book on Curly Bill in 2012 and another on Collin County, Texas in 2011. He also enjoys speaking about those subjects as well as his ancestor, Nathaniel Robbins. Robbins was a friend to Sam Houston, an Indian agent and a cattle driver and qualifies Randy for the TSGS group, First Families of Texas.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents

## Judy Everett Ramos

On

# Using Social Media in Your Genealogy

**Don't care for Facebook or Twitter? But what if they could help you in your pursuit of your genealogical research? Hear Judy explain how we can supplement our techniques and come into the Future!**

**DAY:** Tuesday, May 26, 2015

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Judy Everett Ramos is Director of Communications for the HEB ISD. Judy has been with HEB ISD since 2001 and came to the district after a 13-year career in the tourism industry, working with the cities of Arlington and Corpus Christi to attract visitors. Before beginning her career in public relations, Judy was a newspaper reporter in Corpus Christi. She also holds a teaching certificate and did student teaching in journalism.

Judy has a master's degree in media studies from Texas Christian University and a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from Southwest Texas State University.

Family is important to Judy and that is how she began her genealogic research. She found her ancestors qualified her to join many lineage societies among them DAR, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Texas First Families, & NSUS Daughters of 1812. Judy has combined her love of reporting with genealogy and now writes a genealogical column for an online news group called Examiner.com. She is active on Find A Grave too.

A Corpus Christi native, Judy is married to Omar, an administrator with Fort Worth ISD. They have one son.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## Brenda McClurkin

On

## UTA Photographic Collections

This presentation will spotlight the Archives Collection of the University of Texas at Arlington, especially their vast photographic collections.

**DAY:** Tuesday, April 28, 2015

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**Brenda S. McClurkin** is the Head of Special Collections and Archives at the University of Texas at Arlington Libraries. She has served in this position since July 2013, having worked as Historical Manuscripts Archivist since October 2002.

Brenda has long had a passion for archives and historical research and has taken an atypical journey toward her dream. She processed her first archival collection as a senior history student at Colorado Woman's College in Denver and was immediately "smitten." Brenda began her library career in the Western History Department of the Denver Public Library. In her native state of Arizona, she detoured into architectural librarianship, and ultimately into real estate brokerage and construction. Returning to her passion, she completed her MLS at the University of Arizona in 1991. Moving to Texas in 1994, Brenda was quick to volunteer her services working with archival collections in Weatherford and Fort Worth, particularly Historic Fort Worth's Ball, Eddleman, and McFarland family papers. She completed an Archival Administration Certificate at UT Arlington in 2001 and became a certified archivist in 2002.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Presents

## Olyve Hallmark Abbott

On

### *Come Sundown: The Life and Letters of a Frontier Woman*

Olyve has collected and published a book of 140 letters of Permelia Nickell Hawkins, her gr-grandmother. Permelia and her family came from Morehead, Kentucky to Texas in 1880. Following the storyline in the letters reads like a novel. Come hear about this fascinating tale.

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Olyve Abbott is a past president of Fort Worth Genealogical Society. She is also the author of four Texana paranormal books of legends and true stories and two novels. She is published in several anthologies and magazines. For fifteen years she edited and published *Hawkins Heritage*. She is on the board of the Oklahoma Writers Federation and a member of the Fort Worth Writers. She is also a frequent speaker on the paranormal and the "Golden Age of Television."

Olyve is a graduate of Southern Methodist University. She attended Juilliard School of Music and studied opera with Dame Eva Turner of the Royal Academy. Her interest in writing followed a successful career in opera, musical comedy, and television.

Olyve's other interests include membership in Colonial Dames XVII Century. She has served as Exhibit Judge for the Texas Numismatic Association's annual convention. And she recently was Runner-Up and "Ms. Congeniality" in the Ms. Texas Senior America Pageant, 2013.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Bernard N. Meisner

On

### Techniques & Strategies For More Effective Online Searching

This presentation will cover how to determine what information is available, where it is located, and how to use search tools such as **filters**, **wildcards**, **relationships**, **complementary data sources**, and **tailored search engines**.

**DAY:** Tuesday, January 27, 2015

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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

*In collaboration with*



*Present:*

## Pat Gordon

*Fort Worth Genealogical Society Past President, 1999-2000*

### **Beyond Vital Statistics**

**Who were these people, anyway?**

Fleshing out who the ancestors were for whom you've collected birth, death, marriage records and etc.

**Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Fort Worth Library, 300 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**  
**Tandy Auditorium**

For additional information, please contact Don Crews at (817) 263-6921 or [dhcrews@juno.com](mailto:dhcrews@juno.com).



# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents

## Phil & Peggy Jones Besselievre

On

# Family History Centers: Resources & More

Come learn more about what the LDS Family History  
Centers have to offer from two experts!

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Phil and Peggy Jones Besselievre have been involved in gathering family information for more than 50 years. They have served in various capacities at the Fort Worth Texas Family History Center since it opened in 1983.

Peggy is a native Texan, born in Dallas. She worked for years as a Registered Nurse in various capacities. She served as Secretary of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society for two years in the 1970's.

Phil came to Texas 60 years ago, via North Dakota, Wyoming, and Utah. He worked as an engineer at Convair/General Dynamics/Lockheed for 40 years, before retiring. He has served as Director of the Family History Center for seven years.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Anna Guy-Burroughs

On

### What's In a Name?

Names & Naming Patterns in  
Genealogical Research.

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Anna Guy-Burroughs has been successfully conducting genealogical research for close to 20 years. What started as mild curiosity soon turned into a persistent and professional passion. Anna has made numerous presentations at conferences and workshops, and is owner and operator of a successful genealogical research and presentation Company, OnceRemoved.

Anna's personal history is quite diverse. She has been able to successfully research and document her personal adoption, as well as both her biological and adoptive heritage. Her experience in African American research comes from extensive exploration of her husband's family throughout slavery, reconstruction and migration as well as following their journey to and from West Africa.

Anna has been married to her wonderful husband Michael for close to 30 years and has two wonderful adult daughters. She has been employed with American Airlines for close to 16 years, where she currently serves as a Sr. Learning Strategy Consultant in the area of Learning and Development.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Presents

## Debbie Pearson

On

### World War I 100 Years of Records

This month marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of WW I for the European front. Let's take a look at some of the places to find records and information on the men and families of this time period, including NARA, Fold3 & Ancestry.

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## Lela G. Evans

On

### PERSI\*

Have you ever used PERSI? Have you ever heard of it? No matter—Lela is here to make us better understand and better find valuable information in PERSI. \*PERSI is the PERiodical Source Index that indexes articles from genealogical and historical journals, magazines, etc. Come and see how YOU can access it to find more on your families.

**DAY:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014

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**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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Lela Golightley Evans is on staff as librarian at University of North Texas at Dallas since December 2009. In 2010, she was given responsibility for the archives there. Her past library experiences were in college and public libraries.

Evans earned her Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Texas and her Bachelor's in Business Administration in Management from Northwood University. She received an Archival Administration Certification through the University of Texas at Arlington in December of 2013. She holds memberships in American Library Assoc., Texas Library Assoc., and Society of Southwest Archivists.

She volunteers as a county coordinator for the USGenWeb Project and is a regionally known speaker for historical and genealogical subjects. She likes helping others find new information!

Contact Don at (817) 263-6921 or <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/>

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## Brick Walls—HELP!



Do you have a Brick Wall you cannot get around or over? Or an elusive or puzzling ancestor who you still cannot find? Maybe a fresh pair of eyes and ears will help snare that elusive ancestor or at least give you some new ideas and places to look.

**You are invited to share a problem or share a solution from the audience as we all put our collective wealth of knowledge together.**

**DAY:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## Bernard N. Meisner

On

# Mining the Gems in a Civil War Pension File

Pension applications generally contain supporting documents such as: discharge papers, affidavits, depositions of witnesses, narratives of events during service, marriage certificates, birth records, death certificates, family Bible pages, and other supporting papers. Dr. Meisner will demonstrate using actual family pension files.

**DAY:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

Parking on the streets is free after 6 p.m. Come at 6:00 for Coffee



Bernard N. Meisner is past president and current secretary, parliamentarian and webmaster of the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society. He began researching his family over 25 years ago and enjoys sharing lessons learned from those experiences, including the mistakes. Although he knew only one grandparent, he has successfully identified all of his 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandparents and several 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandparents.

Bernard has just retired as the Acting Chief of the Science & Technology Services Division of the National Weather Service's Southern Region. He is certified as a consulting meteorologist by the American Meteorological Society and holds a teaching certificate from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He has taught at the Universities of Texas, Oklahoma and St. Thomas (Houston). A native of Pittsburgh, PA, he has visited almost every community named Pittsburgh/Pittsburg in the United States.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents

## Terri Meeks

On

### Who's Your Mama? Tracing Your Female Ancestors

For every male ancestor in your direct line you have a female ancestress. And we know those maiden names were not always recorded. Terri has some tips in trying to track down those elusive female maiden names.

**DAY:** Tuesday, April 29, 2014

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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Terri Meeks retired from BAE Systems in 2007 as a test engineer for F-16 support equipment. A co-worker introduced her to the world of genealogy in 2000. She soon discovered that her grandparents were immigrants so the traditional U. S. census searches produced few results. Tracing her maternal line to Quebec introduced her to new materials and resources for genealogy research. She is currently serving as Vice President of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society and teaches their Beginners' Genealogy Class. She is a community volunteer at the local Family History Center and translates Catholic Church records from French, Latin and Italian into English for the American Canadian Genealogical Society. Her husband, Dan, is also an avid genealogist and techno-geek.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents

## Gail Blankenau

On

# Keeping Up With The Smiths and Joneses

FWGS is pleased to introduce Gail Blankenau from Nebraska to the Metroplex. If you are stymied by your ancestors with common names, this presentation is made to order. Although these families present special problems, there are techniques you can use to zero in on your ancestor as an individual—no matter how common the name.

**DAY:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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**Gail Blankenau**--is a professional genealogist, speaker, and writer visiting and researching in Tarrant County from her home in Lincoln, Nebraska. She is an experienced genealogist and photo historian who shares her research and advice in such well-known periodicals as the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, *The Genealogist*, *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, *Family Chronicle*, *Internet Genealogy*, *Nebraska Ancestry* and the *Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly* magazines.

Gail has been the featured speaker at the National Park Service Homestead Monument Genealogy and Land Records Symposium, the Iowa State Genealogical Society state conference, the Nebraska State Genealogy state conference and is a popular speaker at local societies across eastern Nebraska and in Council Bluffs, Iowa. This is a first time to speak in our area.

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## Robyn Conley

On

# Writing Your Life's Story

Join Robyn for a fun, interactive session to learn tips on writing YOUR life story. Genealogists often concentrate solely on their relatives' past lives, but this session will help each genealogist focus on their own life story. You'll learn secrets published authors use when telling good stories, as well as a few organizational ideas to help the task feel less daunting.

**DAY:** Tuesday, February 25, 2014

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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**Robyn Conley** is a well-respected and sought-after freelance editor. For over twenty years Robyn has critiqued novels and book length non-fiction as well as articles, short stories and poetry collections, helping writers make their work marketable throughout the various changes in publishing. This has earned her the nickname-Book Doctor. Her clients have won contests and landed contracts with traditional publishers after hiring her red pen. Robyn has also taught writing and publishing mechanics and writing as a healing therapy at TCU, UTA, & at hundreds of individual seminars around the country. She has over 10 published titles including Beyond the Branches: Writing and Scrapping Your Complete Family Tree and Be Your Own Book Doctor.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## FWL Genealogical Staff

On

# Touring the FW Genealogy Unit: What's New?

How long has it been since you visited the Fort Worth Genealogy Unit down town? Have you noticed all that new equipment? Is there something you've wanted to try out or a question you've wanted to ask, but you were uncertain? This is the night to come! Tour the department and learn how to use some of those really nice scanners and see what is new to the department. Meet in the Tandy Auditorium and after business and refreshments, we will go downstairs to tour.

**DAY:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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**Betty Shankle** and her staff will be available to teach us how to use the scanners, computers, tell us of new databases or answer our questions. Bring a flash drive if you want to save some scans for your home computer or you can email them to yourself.

**Meet upstairs in the Tandy Auditorium first at 6:00 p.m.**

**Tour starts at approximately 6:45.**

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**December 2013**

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents the

## November Meeting

On

1. Tips for Ancestry.com
2. Meet My Ancestor
3. Installation of 2014 Officers

The Year 2013 is winding down and the Holidays are upon us! Right before Thanksgiving, why not come to our last meeting of 2013. Debbie Pearson will give us some tips she learned at the recent ANCESTRY.COM Texas seminar. We will have some fun meeting people and their ancestors!!! **(Did I mention there will be Door Prizes for participants?)** And, last, but not least, we will meet and install your new 2014 Board of Directors for FWGS.

**Please Come and Join the CELEBRATIONS!!!**

**DAY:** Tuesday, November 26, 2013

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Presents

## Diane Dyess

On

### Signs & Symbols of Cemeteries

Have you ever visited a cemetery and seen markings, drawings, or ornamentation on graves and you did not know what it meant? Do you know what a "Consort" is? Come hear Diane enlighten us on what we might miss when visiting our ancestor's graves.

**DAY:** Tuesday, October 29, 2013

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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**Diane Dyess** is a native of Fort Worth and currently resides in Haltom City. She serves as Treasurer of the Six Flags Chapter, NSDAR, Registrar of the Julia Jackson UDC, State Officer of Daughters of Colonial Wars and is a member of the Mayflower Descendants, NSUSD1812, Daughters of the Republic of Texas and many other lineage organizations. She has completed the Field Genealogy Courses for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Presents

## Donna Donnell

On

# The Swartz Brothers, Fort Worth Photographers: A Family Study

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**Donna Donnell**, a Fort Worth native and genealogist, has been digging up family roots since 1975. She has written several articles on Western characters associated with Fort Worth, most notably The Wild Bunch. Donnell, debunked the tale of Fort Worth Madam, Eunice Gray, who for decades was believed to be the infamous Etta Place, girlfriend of The Sundance Kid. Her research has gained national attention. Most recently, she and co-collaborator, local historian/author, Dr. Richard Selcer, organized and displayed “The Swartz Brothers: Fort Worth’s First Family of Photographers, at the Fort Worth Central Library. Donnell, did most of the historical research of the three Swartz brothers and located descendants, who gathered in Fort Worth to celebrate the historical recognition of their ancestors.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents

## Dreanna Belden

On

### Portal to Texas History: Have You Tried It Lately?

The Portal to Texas is History is the University of North Texas' valuable resource to online sources of interest to genealogists. Historical writings, photographs, family information, journals, records, donated collections...and so much more are digitized and FREE.

**DAY:** Tuesday, August 27, 2013

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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**Dreanna Belden** earned her BS in Business in 1993 from University of the State of New York and her MS in Library Science in 2003 from UNT. She had found her new home as she began work for UNT the next year as a Project Development Librarian. She is still in the Library, but currently is Assistant Dean for External Relations. Dreanna has been busy publishing in journals and presenting at conferences on digital advances and archiving in the modern age. She holds memberships in Texas Association of Museums, Society of Southwest Archivists, American Library Association, and the Texas Library Association. The American Library Association recognized her as an Emerging Leader in 2007.



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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Jerad Saindon

On



Do you worry the family will toss your genealogy out when you are GONE? Come see and learn more about the EXCITING new innovation in preserving your genealogy right to your headstone. It is the newest technology for preservation and access to records.

Jerad will offer a FWGS special price for purchases.

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**DAY:** Tuesday, July 30, 2013

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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Jerad Saindon lives in Beumont, Texas and works for LifeMarker. LifeMarker uses the newest technology of Quick Response Codes and uploaded genealogical documents to make your tombstone an interactive, "talking" marker.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Presents

## Michael Patterson

On

### Civil War Trivia: Common Knowledge in the 1860's

Most of us have our genealogy back as far as the mid- 1800's. And we know as we uncover records we have to analyze what we are finding. To analyze records you must know something of the times and culture you are studying. Come see if you know these interesting facts about the Civil War era.

**DAY:** Tuesday, June 25, 2013

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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**Mike Patterson** is a native of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. He lived in and graduated from Grapevine High School. Then graduated from UTA with a degree in history and English in 1977 and later taught Texas History. Mike has served several terms as president, program chairman, and other offices of the Fort Worth Audubon Society. He and wife Marilyn have been all over the U.S. chasing rare birds. He has many talents including cabinet building and engraving stone monuments. He's been at his research since the age of 13 and he and his family are the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> generations to live on the original family homeplace.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents

## Mary Louise Garcia

On

### Today's Tarrant County County Clerk's Office



Mary Louise Garcia is the current County Clerk of Tarrant County and will tell us the availability of records today and yesterday & facts of this busy, vital office.

**DAY:** Tuesday, May 28, 2013

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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Mary Louise Garcia was sworn in as County Clerk on January 1, 2011, her first term as an elected official. Before joining the county in 2002 as a senior administrator in the Sheriff's Department, she owned the Garcia Group, a public relations firm serving a variety of businesses, nonprofits and political clients.

As a lifelong Fort Worth resident, Mary Louise Garcia has always been active in civic organizations, volunteer groups, schools and her church. As a newly elected official she immediately engaged in both state and national level of Clerk & Recording Associations serving as Co-Chair, panel discussion member and volunteer.

Mary Louise and her husband, Chris Garcia, an independent businessman, are both volunteers and parishioner of Holy Family Catholic Church. They have two daughters, Juliana, a sophomore at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, and Gabriella, a freshman at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents

## Lisa McKinney

On

### Records of Fort Worth Real Estate

Lisa will share her research that went in to her award winning reference work, *Fort Worth Real Estate: Ben F. Allen & Sons Business Records, City Property, 1914-1916, Vol. I*. Learn about these WW I era Texas records. Lisa will have books available for purchase.

**DAY:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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**Lisa McKinney** lives in East Texas and has done genealogy research for 20 years. She has Cherokee, Yankee and Confederate roots. Lisa earned a Master's in Liberal Arts from SMU. She currently does freelance writing and editing, as well as genealogy research for clients. She won a 1st place writing award from the Dallas Genealogical Society for "*Coming to Understand Sources*." She also won a short-story award from the Greater Dallas Writers' Association. She's writing a book, "*A Boy's Life in Gramercy Park*," based on genealogical research of an 1867 diary. She recently compiled *Fort Worth Real Estate: Ben F. Allen & Sons Business Records, City Property, 1914-1916, Vol. I*, which won the 2012 TSGS Writing Award for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Reference Works. In 2012, she also began a regular newspaper column, "Ask the Ancestors." Lisa still finds time to volunteer with the Van Zandt County Genealogical Society, write a blog, attend seminars, and speak to genealogists.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Presents

## Ruth Karbach

On

### The Search for Ellen Lawson Dabbs, M. D., from the Fort Worth Library Archives to the High Plains of New Mexico

Come hear Ruth share a success story researching one of Fort Worth's pioneering women using many research sources and our own FW Library Archives.

**DAY:** Tuesday, March 26, 2013

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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Ruth Karbach has had 3 careers: a social worker, a curator of Thistle Hill, and now as a historian and historical researcher and writer. She was one of the contributors to the very successful book, *Grace and Gumption: Stories of Fort Worth Women*. She also contributed to *Celebrating 150 Years: The Pictorial History of Fort Worth*. After 4 years of research on Dr. Ellen Dabbs, her work is about to be published in *Texas Women/ American Women*.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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**Sherri Knight & James Pylant**

On

## The Red Lights of Waco

Do you know what a “Red Light District” is? Do you know much about the World’s Oldest Profession? Did you know Texas had some areas where a Red Light District was actually LEGAL and regulated? Did you know one spot was right in the middle of a small town with a religious affiliated college? Let’s hope we don’t find an ancestor or ancestress there, but there are some really good research facilities and records there. Come hear more about this fascinating story and learn more of these records and libraries.

**DAY:** Tuesday, February 26, 2013

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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Sherri Knight is a sixth-generation Texan who grew up on a dairy farm in rural Erath County. She graduated from Tarleton State University earning degrees in English & History plus a Masters in Education. She taught for a total of 31 years earning awards such as Outstanding History Teacher and Teacher of the Year as well as scholarships for further study and study abroad. She keeps quite busy in retirement researching history and her family genealogy and volunteering as Director of the Stephenville Museum and Vice President of the Erath County Historic Commission.

James Pylant is a 7<sup>th</sup> generation Texan. He has been a professional genealogist in Salt Lake City and edited *American Genealogy Magazine*. He currently is editor of the web site GenealogyMagazine.com. He has judged family history writing and editing projects, served as advisor at Tarleton’s Historic Images project, and has been a consultant for *The Bottom Line*.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

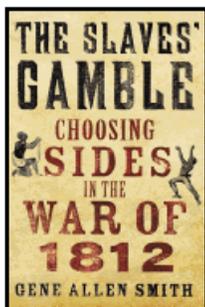
In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## Dr. Gene Smith

On

### The Slaves' Gamble: Choosing Sides in the War of 1812



Dr. Gene Smith's new book explores a little known aspect of the War of 1812--the part some African Americans played in this important understudied war. Along the way, he will explore some of his research techniques and resources, such as records available to genealogists through NARA. Books will be available for purchase.

**DAY:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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Gene A. Smith, Ph.D., is a Professor in the Department of History at TCU and teaches undergraduate and graduate level courses on early American History. He has written, edited or co-authored several books on aspects of naval and maritime history, the War of 1812, and early American territorial expansion. His book *Filibusters and Expansionists* explores early American expansion across the Gulf South into Texas and his new book deals with the War of 1812, and a study of African American combatants. He is also co-authoring a military history of the United States. Additionally, he has received internal research awards from Montana State University-Billings and TCU, as well as fellowships from the Henry E. Huntington Library, the Virginia Historical Society, the U.S. Department of the Navy, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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**December 2012**

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## Thomas Kellam

On

A Researcher's Introduction

to the

## Tarrant County College District Archives

Tom Kellam is District Archivist of the TCC District Archives and the Heritage History Room, Local History located in the J. Ardis Bell Library located on the Northeast campus. He has been with TCC since 2011 and is currently building the collection. Come hear what is available locally for researchers.

**DAY:** Tuesday, November 27, 2012

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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Tom Kellam is a native of Fort Worth where he attended Paschal HS and went on to obtain degrees at UTA in Philosophy and Master's in History with an Archival Administration certificate. He also obtained his Master's in Library Science from UNT in Denton. Most local genealogists remember Tom from the Fort Worth Library in the Genealogy and Local History Department. But after leaving the FW Library, Tom moved to a position as District Archivist with the Tarrant County College District.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

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## Marcy Carter Lovick

On

## DAR Records Online

DAR records are a valuable genealogical research tool. And they are available online as demonstrated recently on the hit TV show, "Who Do You Think You Are?" The DAR maintains a searchable list online of ancestor names and other resources available to genealogists. Watch Marcy demonstrate how to use this wonderful, free resource.

**DAY:** Tuesday, October 30, 2012

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

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**Marcy Carter-Lovick** currently serves as the State Chairman of the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission for the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution. She is also certified as both a Volunteer Field Genealogist and a Genealogy Consultant for NSDAR, where she volunteers to assist interested women in proving their lineage to a patriot of the Revolutionary War and joining DAR.

In addition, Marcy is a member of ten different lineage societies, and serves as chapter registrar for two of those organizations. Marcy and her husband John both serve on the Advisory Council of the Norwegian-American Genealogy Center and Naeseth Library in Madison, WI.

Marcy retired in 2006 after more than 30 years in the shopping center marketing industry. She and John have two sons and three granddaughters and keep busy with family and travel as well as their church and involvement in Lake Cities Ballet Guild.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Cecelia Gilbreath

On

### “No Missing Links,” Part 2

Cecelia will continue her topic from August but deal mostly with Probate Record copies that have been donated from the Stewart Title Company to the Tarrant County Archives. Cecelia has been volunteering at TCA making the collection more user friendly for genealogists. She brings over 25 years experience in Title Records.

**DAY:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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Cecelia Macias Gilbreath, was born and raised in Fort Worth, attending FWISD schools: Morningside Elementary; Daggett and Morningside Jr High; and graduated from R. L. Paschal HS. She has been married to a Fort Worth Fire Fighter for 51 years, with two children & 2 grandsons. Most of her career was in real estate title company work from which she retired after 27 years. Recently (within the last two years) she discovered genealogy and now has become a volunteer at the Tarrant County Archives where she is working on the Probate Records donated by Stewart Title Company. Other activities and hobbies are: charity quilting with Legacy Church of Christ, gardening, & traveling. She is active in her Central Meadowbrook Neighborhood Association, active with the Retired Fort Worth Fire Fighters Association, and a member of Retiree Health Benefits Committee for the City of Fort Worth.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Cecelia Gilbreath

On

### “No Missing Links”, Part 1

Cecelia is going to tell us all the basics of Title Searches, Abstract Offices and the valuable records of a genealogical nature that are available now, in the modern era. She will pull from her long career as an Assistant VP for Rattikin Title of Fort Worth. (She will speak again in September for Part 2, which will deal with Probate records in Title searches.)

**DAY:** Tuesday, August 28, 2012

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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Cecelia Macias Gilbreath, was born and raised in Fort Worth, attending FWISD schools: Morningside Elementary; Daggett and Morningside Jr High; and graduated from R. L. Paschal HS. She has been married to a Fort Worth Fire Fighter for 51 years, with two children & 2 grandsons. Most of her career was in real estate title company work from which she retired after 27 years. Recently (within the last two years) she discovered genealogy and now has become a volunteer at the Tarrant County Archives where she is working on the Probate Records donated by Stewart Title Company. Other activities and hobbies are: charity quilting with Legacy Church of Christ, gardening, & traveling. She is active in her Central Meadowbrook Neighborhood Association, active with the Retired Fort Worth Fire Fighters Association, and a member of Retiree Health Benefits Committee for the City of Fort Worth.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## Kimberly Johnson

On

### Preservation on a Budget

Genealogists already know the value of preserving family treasures, papers, and heirlooms, but are sometimes shocked at the cost of those materials for preservation on the market today. Kimberly will tell us of new advances in preservation methods and some ways to cut some of those costs. Come hear the latest in preservation!

**DAY:** Tuesday, July 31, 2012

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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**Kimberly Johnson**, is the Coordinator of the Archives of Texas Women's University in Denton. She brings a vast wealth of experience in dealing with fragile and special documents, fabrics, books, etc.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Trace Chinworth

On

### Military Museum of Fort Worth

Come hear about the little known jewel of a museum here in Fort Worth. Learn about the old Camp Bowie and other Fort Worth military ties. Maybe you will find a connection to the military ties of your ancestors in other conflicts or wars throughout history.

**DAY:** Tuesday, June 26, 2012

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

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Trace Chinworth III, was raised in Fort Worth, TX and graduated from Paschal High School. He then attended both Texas Wesleyan College and the University of Texas in Austin. Trace is a Vietnam veteran, having served in 1966-1967 with the 25th Infantry Division. He then worked as a Union Stagehand for almost 30 years and is now retired, giving him time for historical research and travel. Trace is a past Board member of the Tarrant County Historical Society, and currently serves on the Board of the OTME as the Vice President and Chairman of the Educational Outreach Committee. Trace for years has held small lectures on the history of the early Indo-China wars and the U.S. involved Vietnam Conflict. Trace reaches out to local schools and history classes to share his knowledge and first hand experiences concerning Vietnam.

The Fort Worth Military Museum located at 712 Dorothy Lane, Fort Worth, TX, 76107 - phone (817) 386-9498.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents

## Al Hickman

On

### Funeral Home Records

Come hear about tricks to search these valuable records for more than just death dates.

**DAY:** Tuesday, May 29, 2012

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

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Al Hickman has been doing genealogy research for over 30 years. He has personally researched in 54 County Courthouses, in nine states; National Archives – Southwest Region; Texas and Arkansas State Archives; Texas State Library and Texas and New Mexico State Land Offices, as well as over 40 libraries in several states. He is a member of the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society. He published a family newsletter, *The Hickman Herald*®, for three years and serves as treasurer and correspondent for the Hickman Family Reunion. He has spoken at: Mid-Cities Genealogical Society, Grapevine Name Droppers, Tarrant County College Genealogy Classes, Pecan Plantation Genealogy Club, Grand Prairie Genealogical Society, Parker County Genealogical Society, Ellis County Genealogical Society, Collin County Genealogical Societies in Plano and McKinney, Wise County Historical Society, Irving Genealogical Society, Arlington Genealogical Society, Denton Genealogical Society, Mesquite Genealogical Society, Fort Worth Genealogical Society and the Hickman Family Reunion.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents

## Roger Cobb

On

### Legally a Cobb; Biologically a Mills: DNA & Your Genealogy

DNA Testing helped solve a brick wall. Also included will be a description of DNA Basics and how DNA may help you.

**DAY:** Tuesday, April 24, 2012

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium  
Central Branch, Fort Worth Library  
500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

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Roger Cobb was born and raised in Wisconsin. He and wife, Barbara, moved to Texas in 2005 to be near their daughter. After a career in safety engineering and running his own business, Roger retired and started to focus on genealogy. He has enjoyed genealogy research for over 45 years.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Presents

## Sherri Knight

On

### Finding the Black Sheep: Every Family Has One!

Ever heard that a family member killed a man or robbed a bank or ran afoul of the law? Want to learn more but not sure how to go about it? Learn from Sherri, who spent two years tracking down the real story about her great, great uncle who killed a man in the 1880's. Leave with concrete ways to do your own "black sheep research" using court records, criminal records, early day newspapers & more.

**DAY:** Tuesday, March 27, 2012

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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Sherri Knight is a sixth-generation Texan who grew up on a dairy farm in rural Erath County. She graduated from Tarleton State University earning degrees in English & History plus a Masters in Education. She taught for a total of 31 years earning awards such as Outstanding History Teacher and Teacher of the Year as well as scholarships for further study and study abroad. She keeps quite busy in retirement researching history and her family genealogy and volunteering as Director of the Stephenville Museum and Vice President of the Erath County Historic Commission. She has also found time to write 4 books. She holds memberships in DRT and the American Association of University Women. She and her husband, Arden, live in her hometown of Stephenville.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents

## Meg Hacker

On

### The 1940 Census Release

Meg Hacker is Director of Operations for the Southwest Region of National Archives and Records Administration (NARA.) She will give us a thorough background on the 1940 Census as well as ways it differs from other census years. Be here and get prepared for NEW ways to research!

***Remember the new Census launches on April 2, 2012!!***

**DAY:** Tuesday, February 28, 2012

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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Meg Hacker was born in Florida and raised in West Texas. Meg has been with the National Archives—Southwest Region since 1985. She received her B.A. in American History from Austin College and her M.A. in American History from Texas Christian University. Texas Western Press published her thesis, *Cynthia Ann Parker: The Life and The Legend*. She has presented to numerous historical and genealogical societies, archives and library associations, teacher in-services, and classrooms on a wide assortment of topics including: Chinese exclusion, repatriation oaths, genealogy, immigration records, Native American records, 19th century Fort Smith criminal cases, maritime records, and basic strategies for researching at the National Archives.

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Terri Meeks

On

### Sharing Your Research

There are lots of different ways to get your genealogy noticed. You can write and publish a book, but that is not the only way. Terri will share some of the many ways she has discovered to get that valuable information out there for others to see and have fun doing it.

**DAY:** Tuesday, January 31, 2012

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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Terri Meeks retired from BAE Systems in 2007 as a test engineer for F-16 support equipment. A co-worker introduced her to the world of genealogy. Since her grandparents were immigrants, the traditional U.S. census searches produced few results. Tracing her maternal line to Quebec introduced her to new materials and resources for genealogy research. She is currently serving as a director for the Fort Worth Genealogical Society and teaches their Beginners' Genealogy Class. She is a community volunteer at the local Family History Center and translates Catholic Church records from French, Latin and Italian into English for the American Canadian Genealogical Society.

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## **December 2011**

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Presents

## “Rusty” James R. Brenner

On

# Texas Cemetery Restoration

- Cemetery condition assessments
- Monument and tombstone conservation, preservation, and restoration
- GPS Cemetery Map generation
- Burial data collection and GIS Database generation
- Ground Penetrating Radar surveys



**Rusty Brenner.** I started in the monument preservation business while working with my father at his monument company in Crockett, Texas as a teenager. I fell in love with visiting old cemeteries, photographing old tombstones, and learning about the history of the people buried there.

The mission of Texas Cemetery Restoration LLC is to provide exceptional conservation, preservation and restoration services to individuals and cemetery associations for their cemetery and monument restoration projects and to help them plan and preserve cultural resources through our GPS mapping, database, and ground penetrating radar services.

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**DAY:** Tuesday, November 29, 2011

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Presents

## Dr. Dawn Youngblood

On

### ‘This Old Tarrant County House’

**Dr. Dawn Youngblood will discuss how to use Tarrant County records and other means to discover the story of your home or any house that catches your fancy.**

**DAY:** Tuesday, October 25, 2011

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Presents

## Larry McCarty

On

### Daniel Quarles

- **The history of the Daniel Quarles Family Migration**
- **Daniel Quarles association to John A. Quarles and Samuel Clemens**
- **The lineage of the Daniel Quarles Family and Reconnection after 150 years.**

Mark Twain spent many happy summers at his favorite Uncle John Quarles farm in Florida Missouri. "Among the African-Americans Sam new best were a woman named Aunt Hannah. But above all. Sam remembered "Uncle Dan'l," his good friend, ally and adviser. This story identifies Danial's family and follows his son Harve Quarles migration to Texas prior to emancipation. The character Jim in The Adventures of Tom Sawyer shows a great likeness to Daniel Quarles. "I can hear Uncle Dan'l telling the immortal tales which Uncle Remus Harris was to gather into his book."

**Larry McCarty** is a native Texan, born in Houston. His family moved shortly thereafter to his 'home' in Midland, Texas. He currently lives in Grand Prairie with his wife.

He served our country in Vietnam as a member of the U.S. Army and is now retired from IBM after thirty years.

Larry has been a guest on Cable T.V. during the Black History Month with Ruthe Jackson. He has been a speaker at multiple genealogical societies and family reunions across our state of Texas. News of his recent research has been published in the Irving Rambler and the Lake Gazette of Monroe, Missouri. He is currently in the final editing stage of his first book.

**DAY:** Tuesday, September 27, 2011

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Presents

## Betty Gosdin

On

### The Somervell County Heritage Center, Genealogy and Archives

The Historic Collection may be under threat of compromise. Listen to Betty describe what may happen to the future of the Heritage Center in Glen Rose and her position as director.



**Betty Gosdin:** Betty has been the Director of the Somervell County Heritage Center, Genealogy and Archives, for almost 17 years. She opened the doors of the place in 1995. Betty graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas with a degree in Elementary Education, with a minor in History, a minor in English and a Kindergarten certificate. She is a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, and the Mayflower Society. She is registrar for Colonial Dames and Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Vice Regent for her DAR Chapter, and a past member of the Board of Management for Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She is Chairman of the Glen Rose Planning and Zoning Committee, on the Glen Rose Preservation Board, past Chairman of the Executive Board of Directors of the Somervell County Senior Citizens Center, and Treasurer of her church. She taught school for several years before becoming the Director of the Heritage Center.

**DAY:** Tuesday, August 30, 2011  
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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Present

## Betty Porter and Ida Joe Reynolds

On

### The New Birdville Museum

The Historic Collection and the Old School Records Collection  
Plus the Haltom City Genealogy Records from the Old Library



**Betty Porter** - In July of 1995, while serving on the Haltom City Beautification Board, it came to my attention that the history of Birdville was not being saved. The city had allotted money for historical preservation but no one had ever used it. The board was trying to beautify an old cemetery in our city so I went to the city manager and asked for the money to help with the work planned for the cemetery. I was told I could not have that particular money without first obtaining a non-profit status from the IRS. I went to work and started making phone calls on how to do just that!! I organized a board of directors that includes myself and four other volunteer citizens from the entire Birdville area. My dream is to, someday, have a museum in which to preserve mementos about the Birdville area.

**Ida Joe Reynolds** - Worked as a secretary for 30 years with Birdville ISD. Birdville Schools began in 1858 with a Birdville Academy and had a school on the same campus site until 1952 when the first of the main campus was opened. At retirement, I salvaged boxes of newspaper articles and a few annuals. I now have at least one annual for every year that Birdville High Schools have published. There are now three high schools with the first annual being published in 1941. Now we have a collection of 52 - 4" binders with articles sorted by decades as well as binders showing all the past Board of Trustees by year and names, old school pictures starting as early as 1893 and a binder with a picture of every campus along with all the principals named for that campus since it was opened. A collection of Birdville artifacts shows how far we have come. With the school collection and the old town of Birdville collection we have set up a museum to display our collection.

**DAY:** Tuesday, July 26, 2011

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Jack Dyess

On

### The History of the Texas Navy

Jack was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Omaha and his Master of Science from The University of Nebraska/Omaha.

He enlisted at the age of 19 in the military and retired 35 years later as a Major in the US Army. He served two tours in Viet Nam as a combat engineer. While in the Army, he participated in the Montreal Olympics on the US Orienteering team.



He was elected as President of the U.S. Orienteering Federation and coached the Ohio University team to three national championships. His passion for the sport lead him to publish a book that was used at the college level until recently.

His love for boating began at a young age. He is the major stockholder in DFW Maritime as the lead instructor for US Coast Guard Captain's licensing and holds a Captains license in the US Merchants Marines, 100 Gross Tons. He is often requested to serve as an expert witness in boating accident cases. As one of 22 active Instructor Evaluators for the American Sailing Association (ASA) he holds 19 ASA certifications.

Governor Rick Perry commissioned Jack an Admiral in the Texas Navy in 2007 as recognition of his service to his Country, his State and his City. Jack currently serves as Commander of the Chester Nimitz Squadron – the only active squadron of the Texas Navy and represents the citizens of Haltom City on the City Council. He is an avid military history enthusiast.

Jack is married to Diane Agerton Dyess, who introduced him to genealogy and his ancestors. He is an active member of the Robert E Lee Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans.

**DAY:** Tuesday, June 28, 2011

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Mickey Hoefler

On

### The Annetta Cemetery and Early Parker Co. History



Mickey Hoefler

The Annetta Cemetery and early Parker County History – I have been the caretaker for the Anetta Cemetery for seven years. It started out as just mowing, leveling graves, and in general, keeping it clean. It has turned into a labor of love. We are expanding the grave space area, adding new and modern facilities and in general upgrading the area without losing the country atmosphere. Our Board of Trustees has been very generous in letting me do some upgraded items that have benefited us very much. Thank you for inviting me.

**DAY:** Tuesday, May 31, 2011

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Shirley Apley

On

### “Fred Knows All: an in-depth look at Texas Death Certificates”

Discover the various death certificates used by the State of Texas. What does an autopsy report look like? Did everyone have to have a burial transit permit? These and other items on Texas death certificates will be revealed which will aid researchers when they go looking for a death certificate. Also, find out what Fred knew.

**Tuesday, April 26, 2011  
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**Shirley Apley is Senior Librarian over Genealogy, History, Archives and Literature at the Fort Worth Public Library.** Shirley Apley comes from South Dakota and has worked for the Fort Worth Public Library for over 15 years. She has a BS in History from the University of South Dakota and a Masters in Library Science from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas. Shirley has been involved in genealogy research since she was eighteen years old. She has taught “Advanced Genealogy” classes for the Senior Education Division of Tarrant County College’s Continuing Education Department. She enjoys research and working with others to find their family heritage.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Liz Hicks

featuring

### German-Texas Heritage

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Elizabeth "Liz" Nitschke (pronounced Niche-key) Hicks is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Texan, descending from early German settlers of Comal, Travis, and Austin counties. She is the genealogy editor for the German-Texan Heritage Society, and Angel Chair for Clayton Library Friends. Liz has served as President and Membership Chair for Clayton Library Friends, and as a contributing editor for "Tree Talk". Genealogical articles authored by her include: "The Southern Claims Commission", "Georgia Salt Rolls", "Yellow Book of Funeral Directors", and "Bodies in Transit". Liz was the genealogist for the family histories, "Jean Schneider, A Fisher-Miller Colonist and His Descendants", and "Hicks-Lawrence Genealogy".

Photograph: Pioneer Church in Fredericksburg, or Vereins-Kirche Museum

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents

## Aaron Holt

featuring

The New National Archives at Fort Worth  
brand new location at Montgomery Plaza,  
which will open Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>!



**DAY:** Tuesday, Feb 22, 2011  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium  
Central Branch, Fort Worth Library  
500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Fort Worth

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Aaron Holt is the authority at the National Archives at Fort Worth. Aaron will talk about what is available; what is unique to the Fort Worth location. We will find out the hours of operation and which Saturday the archives will be open.

For more information: Contact Janie at (817) 428-5918 or <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/>

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## John Wylie

On

### *What the Pros Know—Tips from 20 Years of Working on Other People's Lines...*

This talk is a collection of tips and tricks that I've learned in years of full-time researching. Some of them save time; others save money, many relate to finding lost or obscure records, but most show how to glean the most from the records we encounter most often. Using real-world examples, I include an open Q&A so you can ask for help with your brick wall. If you're still looking for better ways to research, you need this lecture.

**DAY:** Tuesday, January 25, 2011

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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**John Wylie**, a full-time professional genealogist since 1990; he serves the Texas State Genealogical Society as Vice President; the Association of Professional Genealogists as national secretary from 2006 through 2009; the National Genealogical Society as a member of the GenTech Advisory Committee since 2002 and the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society as past-president and current Library Liaison. A founder of Gentech he served on the team that developed the *GenTech Genealogical Data Model*. In twenty years John has authored more than 25 articles in publications including *Stirpes*, *Digital Genealogist*, *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and *Genealogical Computing*. He has lectured at over a dozen national conferences and at state and local seminars in 29 states. He co-authored the NGS special publication *Indexing Family Histories* and wrote the *How to Cite Sources* tutorial used on Ancestry for eleven years. He was the 2004 recipient of the DGS Lloyd Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Book Fair



- **Bring a Genealogy Book to donate to the Library (it's tax deductible)**
- **Or Bring a Genealogy Book to share with genealogy buffs – show why it's such a great resource to you**
- **And see the installation of your new FWGS officers**

**DAY:** Tuesday, Nov 30, 2010

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## Blaine Hedberg

On

## Norwegian Immigrants

Blaine Hedberg of the Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library in Madison, WI, has been named as the first Fellow to hold the Gerhard B. Naeseth Chair for Genealogical Research and Publication. For the last twenty-seven years, Nesberg has been working on a biographical directory of the earliest Norwegian settlers in Union County, South Dakota. He has recently completed the fifth and final volume of "Biographical Directory of Norwegian Immigrants to the United States 1825-1850," begun by his predecessor Professor Gerhard B. Naeseth.

**DAY:** Tuesday, October 26, 2010

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Blaine Hedberg, a 1983 graduate of the University of Wisconsin- Madison, has been employed by the Norwegian-American Museum of Decorah, Iowa, since 1982, and by the Norwegian American Genealogical Center, Inc., since 2007. His major responsibility associated with the Naeseth Chair was to complete the massive work begun in 1946 by Gerhard Naeseth, in identifying the first 18,000 Norwegian immigrants who came to the United States. Professor Naeseth published the first volume of this work before his death in 1994, and Hedberg has completed volumes 2-5. Volume I includes immigrants from 1825-1843; Vol 2, 1844-1846; Vol 3, 1847-1848; Vol 4, 1849; Vol 5, 1850.

For more information contact Janie Pace at (817) 390-7176.

# **FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

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## **Jane Austin Bruckner**

On

**“The Life and Times of John Austin, Constable of Cornwall Parish, Lunenburg Co, VA 1680-1759”**

**Come hear about the life and experiences of living in Southside Virginia when Virginia was a Royal Colony. What did a Constable do? What was a Parish? How did the Parish Church maintain moral and religious codes? Learn about the building of Fort Christianna and the Eastern Woodland Indians. See some fascinating insights of this early period before the American Revolution.**

**Tuesday, September 28, 2010**

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**Jane Austin Bruckner. Jane is a member of the Fort Worth Genealogical society. She graduated with high honors from Rutgers University in New Jersey and is a Registered Nurse. In addition, she earned a Master's degree at Texas Christian University. She has researched her family lines...finding 10 Patriots who fought in the American Revolution. She is a past Regent of the Short Hills New Jersey Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution, and is a member is the Mary Isham Keith Chapter of DAR in Fort Worth.**

**She belongs to several lineage societies, and is currently serving as the Historian of the Frances Cooke VanZandt Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in Fort Worth. Her ancestor Mitchell Putman, fought and was wounded at San Jacinto, returned home to Gonzales Texas only to have his children stolen by the Indians!**

**In 2002, Eakin Press in Austin published Jane Bruckner's book entitled “Grandmother Stories from the Heart of Texas.” It is available at Eakin Press and also at amazon.com. Come and win one of the books as a door prize. Others are available for sale for \$20 each. All monies from the book sales this evening will go to FWGS.**

For more information contact Janie Pace at (817) 390-7176.

Visit the FWGS website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/>

# **FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents**

## **Historic Texas Cemetery Designations and the Texas Historical Marker Application Process**

**By**

**Susan Taylor and Jo Pirtle from the  
Tarrant County Historical Commission**

**Learn how to help preserve your old family cemetery with a Historic Texas Cemetery designation. We will briefly cover the application process and help you determine exactly how to pull together the supporting information required. Then, the second step in the process, we will discuss just how to apply for a Texas Historical Marker.**

**Tuesday, August 31, 2010  
6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium**

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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Preserving Family History: Are your ancestors buried in a cow pasture on private property or in a remote area that does not receive perpetual care? Are you concerned about vandalism or that this beautiful marble gravestone which marks your great, great, great grandparents could be plowed under or destroyed by grazing cattle, or worse? With just a little time and effort, I obtained a Texas Historic Cemetery designation and had that cemetery registered in the county and with the state, thus establishing the 'cemetery' as a Historic Texas Cemetery. I have asked the experts at the Texas Historical Commission to walk us through the process. They will also discuss the process to obtain a Texas Historical Marker.

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# **FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

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Presents

## **Library Tour**

On

### **What's New in the Genealogical Department**

**Let's find out what's new in the Fort Worth Library  
Genealogical Department!**

**Come for a casual tour, Genealogy Bank demo and  
Refresher course on digital readers.  
Meet in the Tandy Lecture Hall.**

**Tuesday, July 27, 2010**

**6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium**

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## Travis Morris

On

The Indexing Program made available by The Genealogical Society of Utah, a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Travis Morris, will be explaining the indexing program that allows access to over two hundred million roles of microfilm, organized and made available by The Genealogical Society of Utah, a branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. So get ready for a show and tell, rather than a lecture! He will also talk about contributing to FindAGrave.com.

**Tuesday, June 29, 2010**

**6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium**

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Travis Morris taught the Personal Ancestral File program at the Computer Counsel of Dallas for two years. He is a founder of Gentech which is now owned by The National Genealogical Society. He also volunteers at the Cleburne Family History Center and is a past president of the Johnson County Genealogical Society. Travis has been researching genealogy for the past 40 years, mainly in the United States. He still teaches a genealogy class at his Church.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## Faye Elder

On

## Dowsing for Graves

Dowsing is a long used method for locating water, buried power lines and graves. The rods themselves are made of various materials from a wooden stick to metal rods bent in an L-shape. Hold the rods, one in each hand and allow them to move freely. The rods will react to a grave by crossing one another. To identify whether the grave is that of a male or female, only one rod is used. Again the rod will react by moving one direction or the other. With practice, dowsers learn to determine if the grave is that of an adult or a child simply by counting the steps taken as one walks over the grave from the beginning of the rods reaction to when the rods returns to it starting position. Almost everyone will be successful in learning to dowse.

**DAY:** Tuesday, May 25, 2010

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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**Faye Elder** is a native of Fort Worth and a 6<sup>th</sup> generation Texan. She graduated from Polytechnic High, The University of Texas at Arlington and Texas Wesleyan. She is a retired teacher and a long time family researcher and genealogist. Faye became interested in learning to dowse when she saw a program on Texas Country Reporter on the subject. She knew the woman being interviewed, and called her and asked her to help locate unmarked graves in a cemetery not far from Austin. She met Faye and several of her family members, taught them to dowse and she has been dowsing ever since!

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## Judy Knight & Sandra Crowley

On

### Make it Count! The Role of the U. S. Census

**Make it Count! The Role of the U.S. Census** - The first U.S. Census was conducted in 1790. In 2010 we'll conduct the 23rd census. The questions have changed; tabulation methods have changed. Yet the importance to government and to genealogists continues to flourish. How did these counts take place; what prompted the changes; and what can we expect when the 1940 census data is released to the public by the National Archives in 2012? Take a journey with us through the history of the U.S. Census and walk in your ancestor's footsteps.



**Tuesday, April 27, 2010**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Tandy Auditorium**

**Central Branch, FW Library**

**500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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**Sandra Crowley** - (at left) holds a business degree from the University of Memphis and is a former Vice President of Marketing and Communications of several Minnesota technology companies. She has also consulted for Hewlett Packard and Gelco Expense Management. She was born in Tennessee and lived in Minnesota for 20 years before settling in Texas in 2002. She grew up with a love of history, including family research. Today she enjoys combining her passion for technology with her love of family history. She works part-time, is on the board of several non-profit organizations, and teaches PowerPoint and Online Genealogy classes at Tarrant County College.

**Judy Knight** - (at right) Judy Allen Knight has been fascinated learning about her family history since a child. Yearly reunions at the family cemetery and her great-aunt's scrapbooks sharpened her interest. She has over 30 years experience in genealogy. After 27 years teaching in the public schools, she began teaching beginning and advanced genealogy at Tarrant County College, southeast campus. She is president of Historic W.V.S. Allen Cemetery Association, past president of Mid-Cities Genealogical Society and past district 11 representative of the Texas State Genealogical Society. She has spoken at meetings and held 1day workshops at numerous genealogical societies.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents

## Ruth Fischbein Lloyd

On

### The Child of Holocaust Survivors... and her journey of discovery!

Come and listen to Ruth Fischbein Lloyd as she discusses what it was like being the child of Holocaust Survivors and learn about her journey of discovery as she researched her genealogy and her intriguing family history.

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

6:30 p.m. in The Discovery Theater

Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

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Ruth Fischbein Lloyd is the child of Holocaust Survivors who never discussed her family's past. Ruth has a remarkable story to tell of her journey of discovery as she researched her genealogy. She will discuss the resources she consulted to find her most intriguing family history!

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Presents

## Bob Ray Sanders

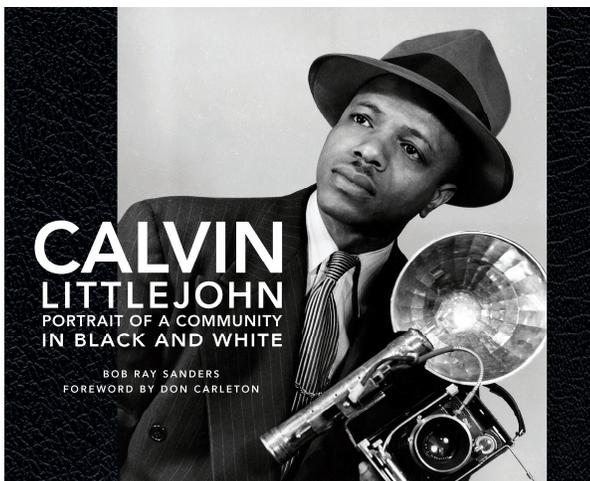
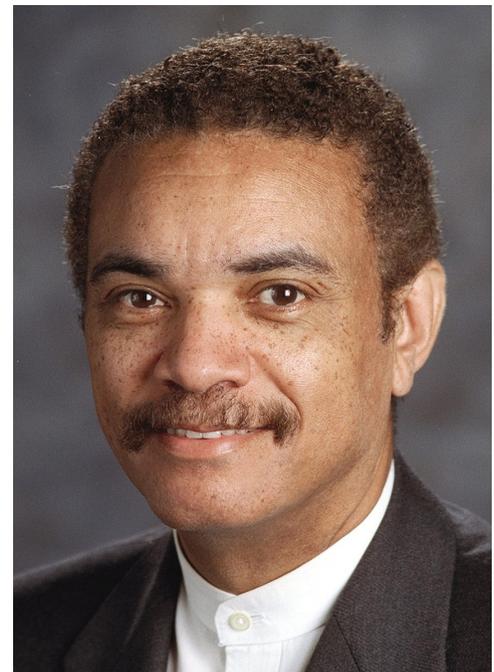
On

“Calvin Littlejohn: Portrait of a Community  
in Black and White.”

**Tuesday, February 23, 2010  
6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium**

**Central Branch, FW Library,  
500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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Bob Ray Sanders will present a variety of historical photographs featured in the book and be available for personal signing and sales of this portrait of early African American Fort Worth history in pictures. Books will be available for sale. For Those folks who can't make it but would like to order the book, please call 1-800-826-8911. and be sure to give the distributor A&M this discount code: 0223-TCUP

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**January 2010**

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**December 2009**

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December

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

PRESENTS

## Jacob Martin

ON

### "Earning a Merit Badge in Genealogy"

Jacob Martin will tell us about his quest to earn a Scouting Merit Badge in Genealogy. Jacob is a native Texan and lives in Benbrook with his family. He is fourteen years old and has been home schooled his entire life. As a Boy Scout, he has attained the rank of Tenderfoot in Troop 351 of the Longhorn Council, Silver Star District.



Jacob credits his interest in genealogy to his maternal grandparents' efforts to record their genealogies. His maternal grandfather, Richard Dutch, published a book (The Dutch Family: Pioneers of New England) which traces the Dutch family back to the year 1625 A.D., and his maternal grandmother, Margaret Schrode Dutch, is currently working on putting a book together about her side of the family. She is also working on the history of her mother's family, the Watsons.

In addition to the above program...

## End of the Year Wrap Up:

- Installation of Officers
- Year End Reports
- Refreshments and Surprises!!!

**Tuesday, November 24, 2009**

**6:30 p.m. - Tandy Auditorium**

**Central Branch - Fort Worth Library - 500 W. 3rd St.**

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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PRESENTS

## Aaron Holt

ON

### "Native American Records and The Dawes Rolls From the National Archives, Southwest Region, Fort Worth, Texas"

**Tuesday, October 27, 2009**

**6:30 p.m. - Tandy Auditorium**

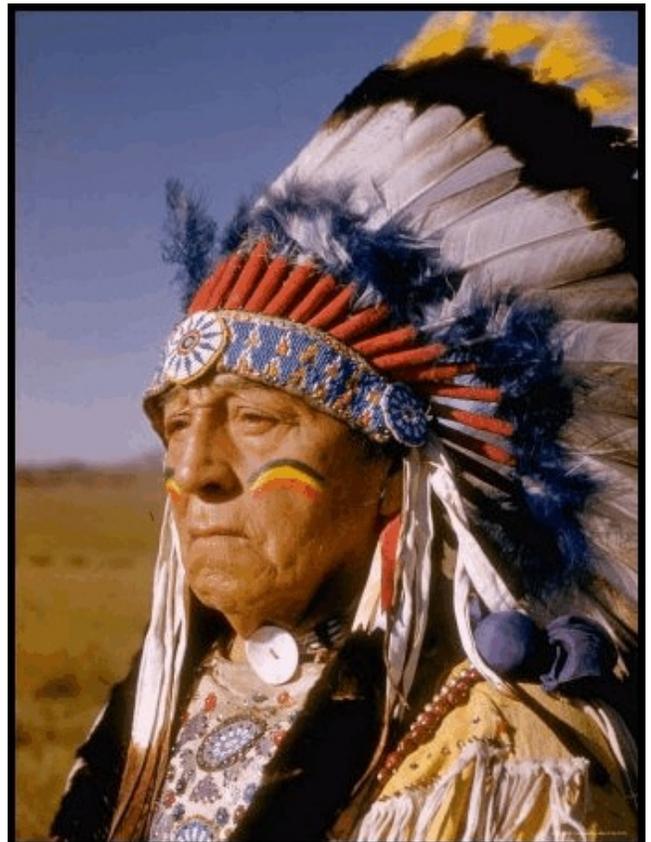
**Central Branch - Fort Worth Library - 500 W. 3rd St. (Downtown)**

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**Aaron Holt is the authority at the National Archives, Southwest Region in Fort Worth.**

The National Archives holds information about American Indians who maintained their ties to Federally-recognized Tribes (1830-1970). Most records are arranged by tribe.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Presents

**Not one, not two, not three but FOUR experts**

Who will provide information about the

## The TC Historical Commission

...what it is, what it does and what it has...

**Four members of the Tarrant County Historical Commission:**

**Marvin Wilson from Arlington**

**Cindy Wilson-Arrick from Fort Worth**

**Betty Porter from Haltom City**

**Jo Pirtle from Forest Hill**

**will share information about Tarrant County History and the Archive resources!**

**Are you looking for a specific local genealogical proof affidavit?**

**Come with your questions and ask this panel of experts!**

**NEW DAY: Tuesday, Sep 29, 2009**

**NEW TIME: 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium**

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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**Marvin Wilson** is a photographer, and is very active in Arlington's preservation groups. He is the Vice-Chairman and Public Relations Chair and has a Power Point presentation about what the Tarrant County Historical Commission is, what it does and the resources available.

**Cindy Wilson-Arrick** has served on several historical boards, committees and is Past Chairman of the Commission as well as Archive Chairman.

**Betty Porter** is President of the Birdville Historical Society, Parliamentarian of the Commission and has served on various historic boards. She is a volunteer at the Archive.

**Jo Pirtle** has been Chairman of the Historic Cemetery Committee for the last two years and is a volunteer at the Archive. She has a presentation of some of the old cemeteries.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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PRESENTS

## Janine Smith

ON

### Photo Restoration and Genealogy?



Do you have an old family photo that is damaged beyond repair? It may not be, not yet!!! Have you considered getting the photograph restored, but don't know where to go or what to do first? There may be hope! Janine Smith, a professional genealogist, will show her remarkable photo restoration talent with examples of before and after photo work! This is a must-see event!

**Tuesday, August 25, 2009**

**6:30 p.m. - Tandy Auditorium**

**Central Branch - Fort Worth Library - 500 W. 3rd St.**

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**Janine Smith**, a professional genealogist and award winning photo restoration artist, has over 15 years experience in analysis and family history research and over 30 years experience as a traditional portrait artist, now specializing in digital photo restoration. She's co-owner, with her mother, Caroline, also a genealogist, of Landailyn Research and Restoration in East Fort Worth. Janine is the 2008 winner of the Photoshop User Award for Photo Restoration, an International competition with over 700 entrants, and is proud to be numbered among the premiere photo restoration artists in the world, today. She's currently in negotiations with a major book publisher for a book she's writing on the fundamentals of photo restoration.



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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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PRESENTS

## Judy Knight

ON

## Footnote.com and the National Archives...

PLUS, Judy is really excited to show us how to use Google Earth, General Land Office Website and Earth Point Website to locate your ancestor's land of today using township and range. Come and see a very dramatic showing of what has been digitized and put online at the National Archives!

**Tuesday, July 28, 2009**

**6:30 p.m. - Tandy Auditorium**

**Central Branch - Fort Worth Library - 500 W. 3rd St.**

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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PRESENTS

## Billie Beth Moore

ON

## Cattle Brands In Genealogy

Think you explored all there is to explore in the Courthouse? Not yet!!! Have you looked to see if your ancestors had animal brands or markings registered? You did not have to live in "cattle country" to have brands. Let Billie Beth Moore enlighten you and you might find something of interest to add to your genealogy.

**Tuesday, June 30, 2009**

**6:30 p.m. - Tandy Auditorium**

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**Billie Beth Moore** is one of our own FWGS members, where she has been an active member and teacher since 1969. She has just completed a two-year term as Chaplain General of the DRT, and is a 51-year member and newly elected President of the Frances Cooke Van Zandt Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Besides DRT she is active in The Six Flags Chapter DAR, having served as a Past Regent, and the Julia Jackson Chapter #141 UDC, a past President, and currently serves as Chaplain.

Billie Beth is retired from KXAS, Channel 5 where she worked for over 41 years. She holds a BA in Journalism-Advertising from North Texas State University (now UNT) and a Masters of Education Degree from Texas Wesleyan University. Billie Beth is a very active member of the United Methodist Women at Meadowbrook United Methodist Church here in Fort Worth. She has researched her genealogy for over 54 years. She has traveled the world and will cruise the Panama Canal this fall.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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PRESENTS

## Russell Birkner

ON

### Weapons of the War Between the States

Do you want to understand more of the military aspect of your Ancestor's life in the War Between the States or other military engagements? Russell is a Civil War re-enactor who knows personally what it is like to carry those weapons. He'll show us period piece weapons and other gear and explain how each was used. He'll also tell you what day-to-day life was like in the Confederacy and the Union. You will want to see the period uniform too.

**NEW DAY:** Tuesday, May 26, 2009

**NEW TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

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Russell Birkner is a First Sergeant of the 36<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry, a local Civil War Re-enacting group. Russ has enjoyed participating with the re-enacting group for over nine years. Some recent events were Beaumont Ranch in March, Confederate Reunion Grounds in Mexia in April and Jefferson and Temple in May. June 12-14 features the National Re-enacting event at Brice's Crossroads in Baldwyn, MS and Oct 9-11<sup>th</sup> features a living history and tactical event at Beaumont Ranch. Russ conveys the history, as both of his Great-Great

Grandfathers fought for the Confederacy during the War. Russ is married 21 years to "the most perfect wife in the world" and has a son in college at UNT. Russ served 12 years in the Texas Army National Guard. Come see the weapons up close!

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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PRESENTS

## FORT WORTH POLICE ARCHIVES

With

# Thomas Wiederhold

**Come hear Police Officer Thomas Wiederhold tell of the efforts of the Fort Worth Police Department to preserve the records and history of the Dept as well as honor the memory of all officers. Learn how he has researched back to the earliest officers in old Fort Worth and the Stockyards. If you think your ancestors were involved in law enforcement in Tarrant County, you won't want to miss this fascinating speaker.**

**NEW DAY:** Tuesday, April 28, 2009

**NEW TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Public Library**

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**TOM WIEDERHOLD** graduated from NM State University and brings a great deal of experience in law enforcement to us. He is a US Army Veteran of the Military Police (1973-1977) and has been a City Police Officer since 1977, with the last 26 years in Ft Worth. He is currently President of the FW Police Historical Association & North Ft. Worth Historical Society. He is also a member of Tarrant County Historical Commission & State Director of the Reenactment Guild of America. Tom is married to a FW Officer with 4 grown kids, one also a FW officer. He combines his love of History and acting to create Historical Living History presentations. This tin type photo is in the costume of an early 1880s gunfighter.



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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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PRESENTS

## BRENDA McCLURKIN

ON

### The Letters of John Jay Good, Frontier Lawyer: A Case Study Using Manuscript Collections

Is your genealogy just names and dates and locations? Too dry? Come see an example of how searching manuscript collections can make your ancestor more alive and your genealogy more interesting. We'll learn of John Good's early history in Parker and Tarrant Counties. We'll see the battle over the county seat relived. Don't miss this example of what the little details can add.

**NEW DAY:** Tuesday, March 31, 2009

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**Brenda McClurkin, Archivist**, comes to us from UTA in the Historical Manuscript Special Collections. Brenda has long had a passion for archives and historical research. She completed her Master's in Library Science degree at the University of Arizona in 1991, and worked 3 years at the State Library of Arizona heading the Federal Documents Unit. Moving to Texas in 1994, she was quick to volunteer her services in local archival collections of the Ball-Eddleman-McFarland House in Fort Worth, Weatherford College, and the Weatherford Public Library. She obtained an Archival Administration Certificate at The University of Texas at Arlington in 2000 and was admitted to the Academy of Certified Archivists in 2002. Brenda has served as the Historical Manuscript Archivist in Special Collections of the University of Texas at Arlington Libraries for six years.

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## CIVIL WAR RESEARCH IN TARRANT COUNTY

With

### Michael Patterson

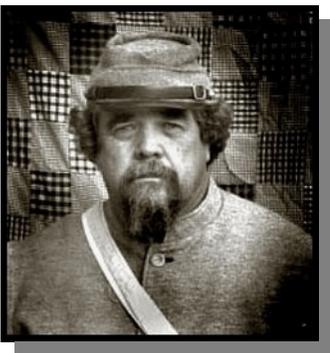
MIKE PATTERSON is the major force behind the recent efforts to find, research and memorialize all Civil War veterans who either served from, lived in, or are buried in Northeast Tarrant County. Come hear how interest in his Confederate ancestors and local history evolved into this project to identify these veterans, both Union and Confederate and erect a monument to honor their service. You may even find a tip to help you in your own research.

**NEW DAY:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009

**NEW TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Lecture Hall

**Central Branch, Fort Worth Library**

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**Mike Patterson** is a native of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. He developed his interest in history and research at 13 when he started his research at the old Fort Worth Library. He and his family are the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> generations to live on the family homeplace. He graduated from Grapevine High School & UTA in 1977 with a degree in history and English, and taught Texas History, mostly in the Birdville ISD. Mike has served several terms as president, program chairman, and other offices of the Fort Worth Audubon Society. He and wife Marilyn have been all over the U.S. chasing rare birds. He has many talents including cabinet building and engraving stone monuments.

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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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## FORT WORTH POLICE ARCHIVES

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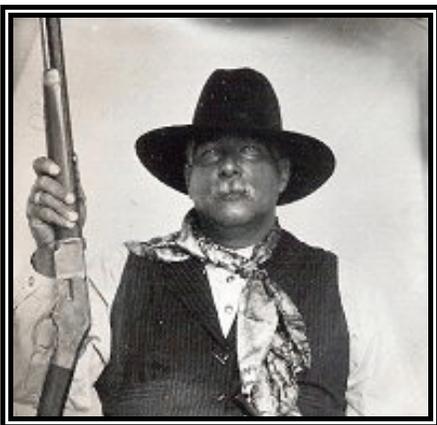
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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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PRESENTS

## KINDRED KIN

## SEARCHES

## FUN & GAMES AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Please come have some refreshments and play our FWGS Genealogy Bingo as we wrap up the year with election of new officers. We will also get to spend some time discussing our searches over this past year. Please bring your genealogy notebook and get ready to have some FUN!!!

**NEW DAY:** Tuesday, November 25, 2008

**NEW TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Discovery Theatre

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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PRESENTS

## LINEAGE SOCIETIES: HELP FOR GETTING IN!



Do you have an ancestor you think will qualify you for admission to a Lineage Society? Bring your papers and notes and talk to our experts, who can not only provide you with information, but some advice on how to get the right proof to get you into the organization. Get all the details plus some contact names to get you started. We'll have representatives from SAR, DAR, Colonial Dames, NSUSD 1812, DRT, UDC, and more.

**NEW DAY:** Tuesday, October 28, 2008

**NEW TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Discovery Theatre

**Central Branch, FW Public Library**

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Along with the Fort Worth Library, Genealogy Department

PRESENTS

# Vaughn Oliver

ON

## Researching with the Sons of the Republic of Texas

Are you interested in early Texas history or do you have ancestors who were in Texas before or during the Early Republic of Texas period? Have you ever wondered about how to get into a Lineage Society or what resources they might have to help genealogists? Come find out the answers to these questions and hear first hand from the President General of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

**Monday, September 29, 2008**

**7:00 p.m. Discovery Theatre**

**Central Branch, Fort Worth Library**

**Parking on the streets is free after 6 p.m. Come at 6:30 for Coffee**

Vaughn Oliver is the current President General of the SRT, where he holds the honor of being a Knight of the Order of San Jacinto. He also holds memberships in SAR, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and American Legion. He is a retired college professor with a Bachelor of Science in Electronic Engineering and a Master's degree in Computer Science from UTA. He served a 4 year enlistment in the US Air Force and was an Eagle Scout with an enduring love of the Scouting program to this day. He still volunteers as a Cubmaster and also volunteers at the NARA branch in Fort Worth. When he finds spare time he enjoys hunting, fly fishing, and computers and of course, spending time with family and grandchildren. He and wife of over 40 years, Janiece, live in Weatherford, Texas.

For more information contact Debbie at (817) 691-3257

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

## MICHELLE MEARS

ON

## THE ARCHIVES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

The Archives of UNT were established in 1974 and are housed on campus in Denton. In addition to the University's records, they also collect Oral Histories, Manuscripts, and County Records from Cooke, Montague, Denton and Wise counties. Come hear their Archivist bring us up to date on their collection.

**Monday, August 25, 2008**

**7:00 p.m. - Discovery Theatre**

**Central Branch, Fort Worth Library**

Parking on the streets is free after 6 p.m. Come at 6:30 for Coffee

Michelle Mears is presently the Archivist at UNT and is only the third in its history. Ms. Mears has a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Texas, a master's degree in History from Baylor University, and is a long-time member of the Academy of Certified Archivists. Past work includes grant archivist at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, agency librarian for the Texas Historical Commission, and archivist at Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple, where she established the archives for the 111-year-old hospital.

A native of Austin, Ms. Mears has been researching and writing about Austin's historic freedmen communities since 2000; a topic she became interested in while working on a master's thesis. She has written a book, entitled, "[And Grace Will Lead Me Home: African American Freedmen Communities in Austin, Texas, 1865-1928](#)," which will be Published in the spring of 2009, by Texas Tech University Press.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

**BETTY SHANKLE & BILL KISH**

ON

## **NEW SURPRISES in Fort Worth Public Library's Genealogy Dept.**

**We have changed this topic to include some right-up-to-the-minute changes happening in the Department. Betty will still use some of the materials from the Women's Archives, but this new program will help us to learn about the new digital microfilm/ microfiche equipment being installed. We will hear first-hand from Zytron's representative who will demonstrate the equipment for us. Don't miss being among the first to learn how to use these new items to help us make genealogy research easier and better.**

**Monday, July 28, 2008**

**7:00 p.m. Discovery Theatre**

**Central Branch, FW Public Library**

**Parking on the streets is free after 6 p.m. Come at 6:30 for Coffee**

**Betty Shankle** is an Archivist at Fort Worth Public Library. She holds a B. A. in History and an M.L.I.S. in archives / library studies. Betty is a member of Society of American Archivists, Society of Southwest Archivists, Tarrant County Historical Commission and volunteers at the National Archives-Southwest Division. Projects Betty is involved with include the Fort Worth Library Women's Archive, processing archival collections, constructing exhibits and displays promoting the Archives, writing articles for archival publications and generating databases indexing available resources at Fort Worth Public Library Archives.

**Bill Kish** is employed with Zytron Imaging Services of Hurst. He will be demonstrating three ST 200 X digital viewer/printer/scanner systems. One has microfilm/microfiche capabilities and two are for microfilm use. Researchers can view, print, scan or save to flash drives using the new research equipment.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

## SUSAN PRITCHETT

SPEAKING ON

# The New Tarrant County Archives

Come learn more about the new location and home of the Tarrant County Archives. Hear about some of the unknown finds that await in one of the best kept secrets of Fort Worth. Learn from Susan Pritchett, the director, and the one who knows it the best.

**Monday, June 30, 2008**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Fort Worth Public Library, Central Branch Downtown**

**Free Parking on streets after 6:00 p.m.**

Susie Pritchett has worked in the Tarrant County Archives for 8 years. As a Fort Worth native, Susie has always been passionate about Fort Worth history and preservation. She has served as a member of the Tarrant County Historical Commission, holding positions as secretary and chairman. She was active in the Junior League of Fort Worth for many years, primarily working on history-related projects such as oral histories and research on the McFarland House before it was purchased by the Junior League. She has also given historical bus tours of Fort Worth to Leadership Fort Worth classes and school children. Susie is married and the proud mom of seven.

**Call Debbie at (817) 691-3257 for more information.**

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

## Dr. Gregg Cantrell

ON

# The Texas Legation Papers

The Republic of Texas created its own government and collected records which are preserved in the State Archives. But what happened to the records of the Texas Legation Office located in Washington, D.C. when Texas joined the Union? They were recently found and you won't believe where they have been. Come find out and see how you can examine some of those records while they are on loan to TCU.

**DATE CHANGE**

**MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008**

**DATE CHANGE**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Tandy Lecture Hall - Fort Worth Public Library**

**Central Branch, 500 West 3rd Street**

**Free Parking on streets after 6 p.m. & in the Sundance Parking Garage  
when you enter after 5 p.m.**



Gregg Cantrell earned his Ph.D. in History from Texas A&M University in 1988. He taught at Sam Houston State University, Hardin-Simmons University, and the University of North Texas before joining the History Department faculty at TCU in August 2003, where he holds the Erma and Ralph Lowe Chair in Texas History. He is the author of several books, including: *The History of Texas*, *Lone Star Past: Memory and History in Texas*, and *Stephen F. Austin, Empresario of Texas*, as well as 2 other books on aspects of American politics. He is currently working on a history of the Texas Populist Party of the 1890s, to be published by Yale University Press.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

## John Wylie

### Genealogy On The Cheap

Noted speaker and genealogist, John Wylie, shares some tips and techniques for doing genealogy with an eye towards saving money. He'll also bring news from Texas State Genealogical Society.

**MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Tandy Lecture Hall, Fort Worth Public Library**

**Central Branch, 500 West 3rd Street**

**Free Parking on streets after 6 p.m. & in the Sundance Parking Garage  
when you enter after 5 p.m.**



**John Wylie**, a professional genealogist, is currently President of the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society and the newly elected Director for District 11 of the TX State Genealogical Society. John serves the Association of Professional Genealogists in his second term as national Secretary, the National Genealogical Society as a member of the GENTECH Advisory and Standards Committees and his church as Chair of the Information Technology Committee and a member of its History Committee. A founder of GENTECH, he has authored articles in numerous publications including the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and *The Digital Genealogist*, and served on the team that developed the *GENTECH Genealogical Data Model*. He has lectured at over a dozen national conferences and in 29 states. With Patricia Law Hatcher, he co-authored the NGS publication *Indexing Family Histories*. He also wrote *How to Cite Sources* published on Ancestry.com for nine years now. He is also the 2004 recipient of the Dallas Genealogical Society Lloyd Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

## Dr. Gene Smith

ON

### Going To Texas: 5 Centuries of Texas Maps

From the Center for Texas Studies, the Davis Map Collection is touring the state and returns to Fort Worth in 2010. It includes maps from 16<sup>th</sup> century New Spain, the Republic of Texas era, & up to modern 21<sup>st</sup> century maps of Texas. These maps are not only historical documents but also important representations of culture, art, political trends, and records of westward expansion and the growth of Texas.

**MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2008**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Discovery Theater, Fort Worth Public Library**

**Central Branch, 500 West 3rd Street**



Gene A. Smith, Ph.D., is a Professor in the Department of History at TCU and teaches undergraduate and graduate level courses on early American History. He has written, edited or co-authored several books on aspects of naval and maritime history, the War of 1812, and early American territorial expansion. His book *Filibusters and Expansionists* explores early American expansion across the Gulf South into Texas. He is presently working on several projects dealing with the War of 1812, including a study of African American combatants, as well as co-authoring a military history of the United States. Additionally, he has received internal research awards from Montana State University-Billings and TCU, as well as fellowships from the Henry E. Huntington Library, the Virginia Historical Society, the U.S. Department of the Navy, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

## Cynthia Harriman

ON

### The Texas Civil War Museum in Fort Worth

Come hear more about Fort Worth's Newest Museum from the Director of Communication and Education. See and hear about the best Civil War Collection west of the Mississippi.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Tandy Lecture Hall**

**Fort Worth Public Library**

**Central Branch, 500 West 3rd Street**

**Free Parking on streets after 6 p.m. & in Sundance Garage**



**Cynthia Loveless Harriman** is the Director of Communication and Education at the Texas Civil War Museum. Prior to this position she taught school in the Arlington ISD and worked as a major gifts officer for Baylor University Development. Cynthia has served as Vice President of the Texas Historical Foundation, founding secretary of the Texas & Southwestern Collectors Association; past president of the Texas Association of Museums Trustees, and currently serves as a Director and Senior Fellow for the Grady McWhiney Research Foundation and is Trustee Emeritus for the Texas Confederate Museum Collection. A 7th generation Texan, she is a member of Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Dallas Southern Memorial, and numerous history and museum associations.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

## Shirley Apley

### "Where Oh Where Is Bessie?"

Having the distinction of being the woman who broke out of the Tarrant County and Fort Worth Jail most frequently, Bessie Williams Joyce lead a colorful life in Fort Worth. Follow her antics through newspapers accounts, historical documents, and folklore to see why a young woman of the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century felt the need to be a "free spirit". And, see if you can determine if she was "the Bessie" who witnessed the shooting of a police officer.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Discovery Theater**  
(just inside Children's Section)

**Fort Worth Public Library**

**Central Branch, 500 West 3rd Street**

**Free Parking on streets after 6 p.m. & in Sundance Garage**

**Shirley Apley** comes from South Dakota and has worked for the Fort Worth Public Library for over 12 years. She has a BS in History from the University of South Dakota and a Masters in Library Science from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas. Shirley has been involved in genealogy research since she was eighteen years old. She has taught "Advanced Genealogy" classes for the Senior Education Division of Tarrant County College's Continuing Education Department. She enjoys research and working with others to find their family heritage.



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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Announces

## **December Dinner**

with

## **Ron Wright, Mayor Pro-Tem, Arlington**

**MONDAY, December 10, 2007**

**6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Luby's Cafeteria**

**251 North University Drive 76107**



**Come for a Dutch Treat Dinner. Go through the Line and choose your meal. Gather and eat in the private dining room. We will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year and the Charter Members of the Pioneer Families of Tarrant County.**

**Ron Wright is one of our newest members of the Pioneer Families and is a 6<sup>th</sup> Generation Tarrant Countian. He will speak about his early ancestors in Tarrant County and his love of history.**

For more info and to make a **RESERVATION** call **Debbie** at (817) 691-3257  
or email at [debeejay@aol.com](mailto:debeejay@aol.com)

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



## Year Celebration

And

### MEET MISS IMA BLUEBLOOD\*

Please join us in celebrating the 50 years that FWGS has been contributing to the Community and to the World of Genealogy.

We will have Refreshments, Remembrances & Meet Miss Ima Blueblood in a vintage 1957 skit on Genealogists in the Library.

You won't want to miss the BIG fun and help FWGS move into the next 50 years as we install the 2008 Officers.

**Monday, NOVEMBER 26, 2007**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Tandy Lecture Hall**

**FW Public Library, Central Branch, 500 West 3rd Street**



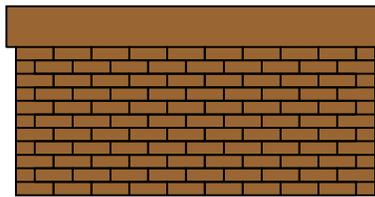
\*Miss Ima Blueblood will be played by Ellie Hutcheson, 50 year member of FWGS. Some surprise actors will be performing as well. You won't want to miss this show.

Call Debbie at (817) 691-3257 for more information.

# **FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

PRESENTS

## **OVERCOMING THOSE BRICK WALLS**



**SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORY!**

Come and Share ONE Brick Wall you overcame by using  
an Unusual Resource or maybe through Serendipity!

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Tandy Lecture Hall**

of the

**Fort Worth Public Library**

**Central Branch**

**500 West 3rd Street**

**Call Debbie at (817) 691-3257 to arrange to share that night.**

# **FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

PRESENT

## **PEGGY & PHIL BESSELIEVRE**

ON

### **WHAT'S NEW WITH THE LDS & FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS?**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Tandy Lecture Hall**

of the

**Fort Worth Public Library**

**Central Branch, 500 West 3rd Street**

**Peggy Jones Besselievre** has been an avid family researcher for thirty-five years. She has worked in the Fort Worth Family History Center since 1983 when it opened - always on Monday.

**Phil Besselievre** has been a support until his retirement from Lockheed Martin in 1994. He now assists Peggy in the FHC and is very good with computers. Their primary research areas of interest are Southern states, New England, Ohio, and Iowa.

**Come find out what is new and on the horizon for the  
World's Largest Genealogical Library and Research Centers.**

For more info contact Debbie at (817) 691-3257

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

## Dan & Terri Meeks

ON

### WRONG WAY RESEARCH: LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES

Both Terri and Dan will draw upon their international travel experiences to help you avoid some of the common mistakes of researching overseas.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2007**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Tandy Lecture Hall**

**Fort Worth Public Library**

**Central Branch, 500 West 3rd Street**



**Dan Meeks** is a Ground School Instructor at American Airlines where he teaches airline pilots about international flight procedures around the world. This affords him many opportunities to travel to the Far East, South America and Europe and to do international genealogical research. Ancestors he has researched hail from England and Ireland.

**Terri Meeks** is a retired BAE Systems test engineer. She tested computer hardware and software in support of the F-16 not only for the U.S. Air Force but for the multi-national F-16 partners. Her work took her to many US bases as well as Korea, Denmark, and The Netherlands. She has also traveled internationally doing research on her French, Irish, and English ancestors.

For more info contact Debbie at (817) 691-3257

# **FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Presents

**FWGS Past President,**

# **PAT GORDON**

*Going Digital*

**MONDAY, JULY 30, 2007**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Tandy Lecture Hall**

of the

**Fort Worth Public Library**

Central Branch, 500 West 3rd Street



Pat is a member of Fort Worth Genealogical Society and former President. She has become a well-known speaker in genealogical circles. She will be presenting at the 11th Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference in Lufkin, Texas, as she did last year. Pat has expertise in most matters digital and wants to tell us some of the ways we can improve our genealogy and the way we keep it by digitizing. She'll cover scanning and preserving documents. Please come to hear more about GOING DIGITAL.

Call Debbie at (817) 691-3257 for more information.

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

## Brenda McClurkin

GENEALOGICAL FINDS IN THE SPECIAL

COLLECTIONS OF UTA LIBRARY

**MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2007**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Tandy Lecture Hall**

of the

**Fort Worth Public Library**

**Central Branch, 500 West 3rd Street**



**BRENDA S. McCLURKIN will tell us about some of the special historical manuscripts & other overlooked materials at the UTA Library. This is her first visit to FWGS!**

Brenda has long had a passion for archives and historical research and has taken an atypical journey toward her dream. She processed her first archival collection as a senior history student at Colorado Woman's College in Denver and was immediately "smitten." She began her career as a library assistant providing reference service in the Western History Department of the Denver Public Library. In her native Arizona, she detoured into architectural librarianship, and ultimately into real estate brokerage and construction. Returning to her passion, she completed her Master's in Library Science degree at the University of Arizona in 1991, and worked 3 years at the State Library of Arizona heading the Federal Documents Unit. Moving to Texas in 1994, she was quick to volunteer her services in local archival collections of the Ball-Eddleman-McFarland House in Fort Worth, Weatherford College, and the Weatherford Public Library. She obtained an Archival Administration Certificate at The University of Texas at Arlington in 2000 and was admitted to the Academy of Certified Archivists in 2002. Brenda has served as the Historical Manuscript Archivist in Special Collections of the University of Texas at Arlington Libraries for over four years.

**For more info contact Rob at [rgyoder@juno.com](mailto:rgyoder@juno.com)**

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

## ALLEN TOWNSEND

ON

## GENEALOGICAL FINDS IN THE

## AMON CARTER MUSEUM

**MONDAY, MAY 21, 2007**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Tandy Lecture Hall**

of the

**Fort Worth Public Library**

**Central Branch, 500 West 3rd Street**

**Allen Townsend's** career in libraries spans more than 20 years. He holds a masters degree in Library Science from the University of North Texas and a Master of Music from Southern Methodist University. Since 2003, he has served as the Library Director at the Amon Carter Museum, having previously held similar positions at both the Dallas Museum of Art and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. He also served as President of the Art Libraries Society of North America in 2004 and remains active in that organization. He has authored several articles and book reviews in scholarly journals, and recently contributed to a new book on museum libraries titled, *Art Museum Libraries and Librarianship*, published by Scarecrow Press in 2007.

For more info contact Debbie at (817) 691-3257

FORT WORTH  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

presents

“Oaths of Repatriation &  
Other Resources at the National Archives”

By Meg Hacker

**Monday evening,  
April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
at 7:00 p.m.**

**In the auditorium of the Fort Worth Public Library,  
Central Branch (Downtown)**



*Meg Hacker*

*(Margaret Schmidt Hacker)*

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*Director of Archival Operations*

National Archives and Records Administration—Southwest Region

Born in Florida and raised in West Texas, Meg has been with the National Archives--Southwest Region since 1987. She received her B.A. in American History from Austin College and her M.A. in American History from Texas Christian University. Texas Western Press published her thesis, *Cynthia Ann Parker: The Life and The Legend*. She has presented to numerous historical and genealogical societies, archives and library associations, teacher in-services, and classrooms on a wide assortment of topics including: Chinese exclusion, repatriation oaths, genealogy, immigration records, Native American records, 19<sup>th</sup> century Fort Smith criminal cases, maritime records, and basic strategies for researching at the National Archives.

Call Debbie at (817) 732-3257 for more information.

FORT WORTH  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

presents

**Tom Kellam & Shirley Apley**

**“The Genealogy of a Neighborhood”**

**Monday evening,  
March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
at 7:00 p.m.**

**In the auditorium of the Fort Worth Public Library,  
Central Branch (Downtown)**

**Tom Kellam**

Tom was born and raised in Fort Worth. He attended public schools in Fort Worth graduating from Paschal High School in 1967. Tom received a BA in philosophy from the University of Texas at Arlington and a Masters of Library Science from the University of North Texas in 1994. He has worked for the Fort Worth Public Library since 1989 where he holds the position of Senior Librarian and City Archivist. Presently he is working on the arrangement and description of the historical records of the City of Fort Worth.

**Shirley Apley**

Shirley comes from South Dakota and has worked for the Fort Worth Public Library for over 12 years. She has a BS in History from the University of South Dakota and a Masters in Library Science from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas. Shirley has been involved in genealogy research since she was eighteen years old. She has taught “Advanced Genealogy” classes for the Senior Education Division of Tarrant County College’s Continuing Education Department. She enjoys research and working with others to find their family heritage.



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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

presents



## David Appleton

### “Introduction to Heraldry”

Monday evening,  
February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
at 7:00 p.m.

**In the auditorium of the Fort Worth Public Library,  
Central Branch (Downtown)**

David B. Appleton has been researching and teaching about heraldry since 1983. This on-going interest has taken him all across the United States and Canada and to Europe on numerous occasions to participate in congresses and symposia on the subject. He is a long-time member of a number of heraldry and genealogy societies and organizations, as well as a participant in a number of heraldry internet newsgroups. In addition to his illustrated lectures and presentations, he has written numerous articles for a variety of publications on the topic. He has also created a number of computer-based PowerPoint™-style programs teaching various aspects of heraldry.

**You may call Debbie for more information at (817) 691-3257.**

# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

presents

## Kelvin Meyers

“Whose Estate Is It Anyway”

**Monday evening,  
January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
at 7:00 p.m.**

**In the auditorium of the Fort Worth Public  
Library, Central Branch (Downtown)  
500 West 3rd Street**

A professional genealogist for the last eighteen years, and an avid researcher-historian for the last twenty-eight years, Kelvin Meyers brings a great knowledge of social sciences, history, genealogy and some PI techniques to his work. The Dallas Public Library employed him for ten years in the Genealogy Department. Now, he is engaged in missing heir searches with the firm of Blake and Blake.

A native of Crosby County, Kelvin has published two books on his home county; deed abstracts and a compilation of records, including, church, marriage, and census. For a spring of 2007 release, his third book will feature abstracts of the probate minutes. He is also abstracting the births, deaths, and marriages from the Semi-Weekly Farm News.

**You may call Debbie for more information - (817) 691-3257**

## **December 2006**

Meetings  
are not  
typically  
scheduled  
in  
December

# **The Fort Worth Genealogical Society**

**ESTABLISHED 1957**

MEETING - Monday, November 27, 2006  
Please join us at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments,  
7:00 p.m. - program.

FORT WORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY-TANDY LECTURE HALL,  
(Downtown Fort Worth)  
500 West 3rd Street

## **Yesterday's News**

### **Finding Answers in Old Newspapers**

Almost any newspaper or publication from our ancestor's time and locality is worth reading. These publications will help us understand why our families moved, changed occupations or religions, and perhaps why they died early in life. We may not find an obituary or marriage notice but we will find weather and crop reports, advertisements for cheap land, political notices, religious news, and evidence of epidemics - all clues to help us find that illusive ancestor or understand the ones we know.

OUR SPEAKER, JARI EMMONS, is a former director and current librarian at the Fort Worth Family History Center, a former director and past president of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society, a former board member of the Texas State Genealogical Society, and a member of both the Dallas and Mid-Cities Genealogical Societies. She has completed a certification in Family History at Brigham Young University and attended the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University in Birmingham. During her 50 years spent researching her family history, she has taken many courses, attended countless lectures, and studied under the best teachers, but she says her greatest lessons were learned through trial and error.

Join us for an evening with this very entertaining and informative speaker.

For more information - call Gira at  
817-847-5579

# The Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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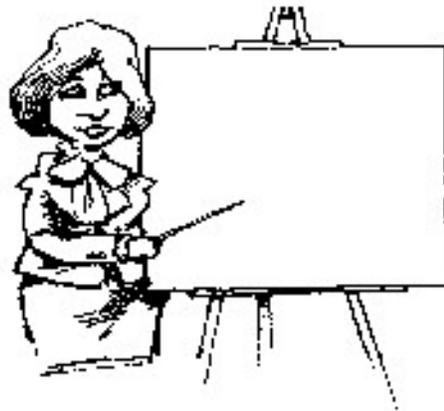


MEETING - MONDAY, October 30, 2006  
7:00 P.M. TO 8:45 P.M.



FORT WORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY-Chappell Meeting Room  
(Downtown Fort Worth)  
500 West 3rd Street

## *Open Mike Night and Halloween Party*



Come dressed as your favorite ancestor and tell us how you researched this person. If you don't have a favorite ancestor or if you are just beginning your research, this is your opportunity to seek the advice of our experts.

Anyone interested in family history research is encouraged to attend. Free to the public. Refreshments will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Ginia Brown at 817-847-5579.

# The Fort Worth Genealogical Society

**ESTABLISHED 1957**

MEETING - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2006  
PLEASE JOIN US AT 6:30 P.M. FOR REFRESHMENTS,  
7:00 P.M. PROGRAM.

FORT WORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY- DISCOVERY THEATER,  
(Downtown Fort Worth)  
500 West 3rd Street

## **LIVING IN AN EPIDEMIC**

This presentation will give an overview of different epidemics that swept through the United States in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries and how people's lives were affected. Learn how to spot clues in genealogical records to learn if an outbreak impacted the families of your ancestors.

**OUR SPEAKER** Kimberly Wells, was born in South Carolina, the daughter of a U.S. Marine. She spent her early years moving about the country. She graduated high school in Virginia, moved to Texas and received a B.A. in history, and an M.A. in Library Science from the University of North Texas at Denton. She spent six years working in the Fort Worth Central Library Genealogy Department where she was a consistent patron favorite. Currently, she is the Adult Services Librarian at the Denton Public Library.

Free session, the public is welcome.

Contact Ginia 817-847-5579 for more information.



# The Fort Worth Genealogical Society

ESTABLISHED 1957

MEETING - MONDAY, August 28, 2006

7:00 P.M. TO 8:45 P.M.

FORT WORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY TANDY LECTURE HALL

(Downtown Fort Worth)

500 West 3rd Street

## *Using DNA in Genealogical Research*

DNA surname projects are fast becoming widespread in the field of family history research. This informative session will help you understand what to expect from DNA testing and how it can support or refute traditional evidence gathered by other methods. You will also learn how you can find and join a surname project.

**Our Speaker, Don Raney**, received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Southern Methodist University. He has been an active genealogist for over 25 years. During this time, he has taught genealogy classes at Richland College, was a director of the Dallas Genealogy Society and GENTECH, Inc, and a life member of San Jacinto Descendants. He has been and continues to be a much sought after speaker and lecturer at numerous conferences and society meetings throughout the state. In addition to his other pursuits, he currently heads the DNA Interest Group of the Dallas Genealogical Society.



Free session, the public is welcome.

For more information, contact Ginia Brown at 817-847-5579



# The Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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MEETING - MONDAY, July 31, 2006

7:00 P.M. TO 8:45 P.M.

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(Downtown Fort Worth)

500 West 3rd Street

## CITING YOUR SOURCES

The importance of properly cited sources in genealogical research cannot be overemphasized. One of the pitfalls of many beginning and some seasoned family historians is failing to document each piece of evidence or clue as it is found and to analyze its validity. Unfortunately, once unsubstantiated files are released in print, by word of mouth, or on the Internet, this faulty information can never be fully retracted. Several excellent books and papers have been written to help writers and researchers understand the concept and mechanics of citing sources. One such paper, "How to Cite Your Sources," written by our speaker can be found at [http://www.genealogy.com/19\\_wylie\\_print.html](http://www.genealogy.com/19_wylie_print.html).

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**Our Speaker, John Vincent Wylie** is a highly respected professional genealogist whose lectures and written materials have helped a whole generation of aspiring family historians. He is a nationally known speaker, a published author, and a specialist in teaching genealogists how to use computer technology. He is currently secretary of the Association of Professional Genealogists. John is the ultimate genealogist: interesting, entertaining, and above all informative.

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# The Fort Worth Genealogical Society

ESTABLISHED 1957

MEETING - MONDAY, June 26, 2006

7:00 P.M. TO 8:45 P.M.

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500 West 3rd Street

## Finding Your Ancestral Land Using Family Maps

Locating an ancestor's land on historical maps is often a long and confusing process. Arphax Publishing Company of Norman, Oklahoma, has simplified this search in their series of *Family Maps* Land Patent Books. *Family Maps* are collections of historical and modern maps showing the location of General Land Office patents with patentee's names, cemetery locations, drainage features, railroads, and modern roads broken down by township for selected counties. These maps are a rich tool to use in finding clues to one's ancestry, locating neighbors, and finding possible marriage partners in a way tax lists and census records cannot do.

**Our speaker, Gregory A. Boyd, attorney, software engineer, and family historian, created these one-of-a-kind, customized maps and books. The *Family Maps* series of Land Patent Books are published county by county, state by state, for original settlers whose purchases are indexed in the U.S. Bureau of Land Management database ([www.glorerecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov)). See <http://www.arphax.com/> for more information. *Family Maps* are on their way to the Fort Worth Central Library and other major U.S. libraries. **Don't miss your chance to meet the creator of this important project.****

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# The Fort Worth Genealogical Society

ESTABLISHED 1957

MEETING - MONDAY, May 22, 2006

7:00 P.M. TO 8:45 P.M.

FORT WORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY TANDY LECTURE HALL  
(Downtown Fort Worth)  
500 West 3rd Street



## Your Family History On DVD

If you've dreamed of converting your family history, old photos, documents, movies and videos into fascinating stories to share with your family, this session is for you. You do not need advanced computer skills. Learn how to convert your collection to a DVD by following the easy steps set out in the book, *Family History DVD*.

**Our Speaker, Becky Volding McLaughlin**, is the daughter of Merle Volding, an 81 year old retiree, who wrote *Family History DVD*. Mr. Volding wanted to digitize his extensive family photo and movie collection but found the project too complicated and costly. To learn the process, he spent time digging through books and manuals full of technical information he didn't need to know. Then, he wrote a set of simplified instructions that even the most inexperienced computer user can follow. Becky co-authored the PC version of the book while her father wrote the Mac instructions.



Free session, the public is welcome.

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# The Fort Worth Genealogical Society

ESTABLISHED 1957

MEETING - MONDAY, April 24, 2006

7:00 P.M. TO 8:45 P.M.

FORT WORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY DISCOVERY THEATER

(Downtown Fort Worth)

500 West 3rd Street



## *Scottish Research Old Methods, New Methods & Serendipity*

Learn how to research your Scottish ancestors without leaving the metroplex by using microfilm from the Family History Centers, resources from the Dallas and Fort Worth Libraries and information found through selected web sites.

**Our Speaker, Terri Bradshaw O'Neill**, discovered the Joys of Genealogy in 1982 when she joined the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society. An active researcher since that time, she has made good and constant use of the excellent research repositories in the Dallas/Fort Worth area as well as those in New York, North Carolina, Virginia and Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of 1812, National Genealogical Society, New York Historical Society, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Virginia-North Carolina Piedmont Genealogical Society, Dallas Genealogical Society and the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society. For six years, she was the editor of a family history periodical, *Moore/Stanford/Webb Chronicles*. Her articles have been published in the *DGS Newsletter*, the *NYG&B Record*, the *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*, the *Alamance County, North Carolina Genealogist*, *Virginia-North Carolina Piedmont Genealogical Society Lineages*, and the *North Carolina Genealogical Society's Journal*.

Free session, the public is welcome.

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# The Fort Worth Genealogical Society

ESTABLISHED 1957

MEETING - MONDAY, March 27, 2006

7:00 P.M. TO 8:45 P.M.

FORT WORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

(Downtown Fort Worth)

500 West 3rd Street



## *Treasures in the Attic*

The dream of every family historian is finding an old box marked, "Do not touch" that holds our family's letters, photographs, newspaper clippings and other treasures.

**Our Speaker, Walter Clay Dixson**, author of *Richland Crossing, A Portrait of Texas Pioneers*, has written a compelling family history based on extensive genealogical research and family records carefully preserved by his father. This is the history of a family, the good and the not so good, who migrated to Texas in 1846, braved the elements, survived conflicts with the Texans, endured the Civil War, and witnessed history in a harsh land. Mr. Dixson's father, Richard Burnett Dixson, was the first cousin of gunfighter, **John Wesley Hardin**.

Walter Dixson, owner of Peppermill Publishing Company, will explain procedures and costs involved in producing a quality family history.

For more information, contact Ginia Brown at 817-847-5579

# The Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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MEETING - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2006

7:00 P.M. TO 8:45 P.M.

FORT WORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

(Downtown Fort Worth)

500 West 3rd Street

## *Family History Research At the Fort Worth Central Library*

**Shirley Apley**, Senior Librarian, in the Fort Worth Central Library Genealogy, History, and Archives Department will discuss Fort Worth's extensive genealogical collection as well as online resources available through the library.

Shirley was born in South Dakota but became a Texan 10 years ago. She holds a Masters degree in Library Science from Emporia State University. She has taught advanced genealogy classes at Tarrant County College and is the director of the library's "Ancestry in Action" program.

## *Genealogy Library Tour*

The public is invited to meet the staff and tour the Fort Worth Genealogy section from 5:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.

Free to the public.

For more information, contact Ginia Brown at 817-847-5579

# The Fort Worth Genealogical Society

**ESTABLISHED 1957**

MEETING - MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2006  
PLEASE JOIN US AT 6:30 P.M. FOR REFRESHMENTS,  
7:00 P.M. PROGRAM.

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(Downtown Fort Worth)  
500 West 3rd Street

## **CAPTURING MEMORIES IN A 3-RING BINDER:**

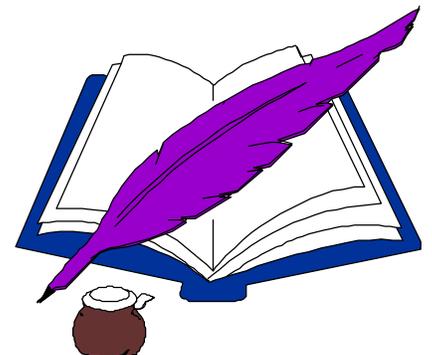
*A Collaborative Family Project*

If you would like to learn an innovative method of sharing family photographs, family stories and genealogical research but can't afford to publish a "real" book, come watch and listen as John and Barbara Brixey Wylie demonstrate what they have done toward solving this problem.

**OUR SPEAKERS, JOHN and BARBARA BRIXEY WYLIE, are nationally known professional genealogists. Both are published authors, outstanding speakers, and recipients of numerous local, state and national awards.**

**Free to the public.**

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**December 2005**

Meetings  
are not  
typically  
scheduled  
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December

# The Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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MEETING - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2005

7:00 P.M. TO 8:45 P.M.



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(Downtown Fort Worth)

500 West 3rd Street

## Christmas Ideas for Genealogists and Family Historians

Before you finalize that Christmas wish list, you may want to consider adding a few items that will enhance your research. If you are unsure how some of the latest technology works, this meeting is for you.



**Our speaker, Dan Meeks**, has been working with computers for over 25 years. During this time he has learned to effectively use electronic hardware and software in his genealogical research. Dan will explain how to capture information quickly, manipulate data, and build a "picture" of what families and individuals were really like. Dan describes himself as a "gadget freak." We know him as an excellent and witty speaker with a vast knowledge of technology.

Free to the public. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 P.M. immediately before the meeting. For more information, contact Ginia Brown at 817-847-5579.

# The Fort Worth Genealogical Society

**ESTABLISHED 1957**

MEETING - MONDAY, October 31, 2005

7:00 P.M. TO 8:45 P.M.

FORT WORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY-Chappell Meeting Room  
(Downtown Fort Worth)  
500 West 3rd Street



## *Open Mike Night and Halloween Party*



Come dressed as your favorite ancestor and tell us how you researched this person. If you don't have a favorite ancestor or if you are just beginning your research, this is your opportunity to seek the advice of our experts.

Anyone interested in family history research is encouraged to attend. Free to the public. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. immediately before the meeting.

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# The Fort Worth Genealogical Society

**ESTABLISHED 1957**

MEETING - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

7:00 P.M. TO 8:45 P.M.

FORT WORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY-AUDITORIUM

(Downtown Fort Worth)

500 West 3rd Street

## ***French Canadian Research***



Finding your French Canadian ancestors is much easier than you think. Quebec has maintained many different record types not usually found in the English dominated provinces. Church records, census records, and notary records are a few examples. Also, many family lines have already been documented. Don't let a little French stand in your way. Come learn some history, geography, and a few simple translation skills to get you started.

**OUR SPEAKER, TERRI MEEKS**, is a twelfth generation Acadian Theriault descendant and an eleventh generation Quebec Tremblay descendant. She has translated Catholic church records from French and Latin into English for the American-Canadian Genealogical Society. Most recently, she has been a board member and vice president of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society. The public is invited to hear this very versatile speaker.

For more information,  
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or Don at 817-263-6155.



# The Fort Worth Genealogical Society

**ESTABLISHED 1957**

MEETING - MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2005  
PLEASE JOIN US AT 6:30 P.M. FOR REFRESHMENTS,  
7:00 P.M. PROGRAM.

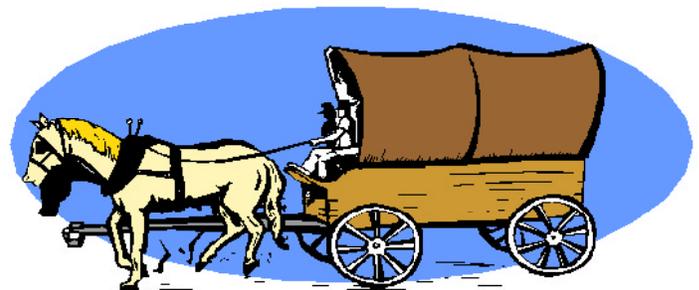
FORT WORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY-CHAPPELL MEETING ROOM,  
(Downtown Fort Worth)  
500 West 3rd Street

## Migration With a Technological Twist

Tracking our ancestors can be a time consuming effort. Fortunately, there are many online services and technological tools that can make our search easier and more understandable. ANIMAP, GenSmarts, GoogleEarth and PowerPoint will be demonstrated by one of the South's leading professional genealogists. Everyone from beginner to advanced will benefit from this session.

**OUR SPEAKER, JOHN WYLIE,** is a full-time professional genealogist and recipient of the 2004 Dallas Genealogical Society Lloyd Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award. He is a nationally known speaker, teacher, and writer. Since 2000, he has served on the National Genealogical Society Standards Committee. He specializes in teaching genealogists how to use computer technology and computer users how to do sound genealogical research.

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# The Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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MEETING - MONDAY, JULY 25, 2005  
PLEASE JOIN US AT 6:30 P.M. FOR REFRESHMENTS,  
7:00 P.M. PROGRAM.

FORT WORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY-CHAPPELL MEETING ROOM,  
(Downtown Fort Worth)  
500 West 3rd Street

## Finding Your Ancestor in Tax Records

Tax lists are one of the most valuable, but also one of the most neglected sources of genealogical and historical information, especially in the pre-1850 period. Lists can be used to trace the migration routes of ancestors, prove parentage, and establish birth and death dates. Case studies will show how this can be accomplished. Come listen and learn how to use this valuable genealogical tool from a speaker who has successfully traced several of her ancestral lines using tax records.

**OUR SPEAKER, JARI EMMONS**, is a former director and current librarian of the Fort Worth Family History Center. She is a current board member and former president of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society, a former board member of the Texas State Genealogical Society, and a member of both the Dallas and Mid-Cities Genealogical Societies. She has completed a certification in Family History at Brigham Young University and attended the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University in Birmingham. During her 50 years spent researching her family history, she has taken many courses, attended countless lectures, and studied under the best teachers, but she says her greatest lessons were learned through trial and error.



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# The Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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MEETING - MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2005  
PLEASE JOIN US AT 6:30 P.M. FOR REFRESHMENTS,  
7:00 P.M. PROGRAM.

FORT WORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY-CHAPPELL MEETING ROOM,  
(Downtown Fort Worth)  
500 West 3rd Street

## Who Better to Write Your Obituary

**OUR SPEAKER, MARTI FOX**, board member, and director of publications for the Dallas Genealogical Society, is an aspiring genealogist who comes from Irish, Scottish, and German stock. Marti came up with the obituary topic during a year when several friends and family lost loved ones and she watched them struggling, through their grief, to write a beautiful and accurate obituary. The result was not necessarily the one they would have created with time and forethought.

Attend this meeting and be inspired to write an informative obituary for yourself and your living loved ones. As a genealogist, who better to write your obituary than the person who knows you and your lineage best.

For more information, contact Ginia Brown at  
817-847-5579.



# The Texas General Land Office



The Texas General Land Office Archives and Records staff will present

## **SAVE TEXAS HISTORY**

**June 7, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon  
at the Fort Worth East Regional Library,  
6301 Bridge Street.**

The day after the Alamo fell, the delegates to the Texas Constitutional Convention at Washington-on-the-Brazos created the first draft of a national charter for the new republic – a document that provided for the creation of a general land office for Texas. Since that day in 1837, the land office has amassed 35 billion records. Land records, maps, muster rolls, and eye witness accounts of the Alamo tragedy are but a few of these invaluable historic records.

The GLO proposes to digitally scan all 35 billion records and convert them into electronic images. Come learn how this will benefit you as a genealogist, historian, teacher, or just a proud Texan.



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# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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MEETING---WEDNESDAY, May 25, 2005  
PLEASE JOIN US AT 6:30 P.M. FOR REFRESHMENTS,  
7:00 P.M. PROGRAM.

FORT WORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY AUDITORIUM  
(Downtown Fort Worth)  
500 WEST 3rd STREET



## Researching in Ireland

**Our Speaker, Patricia Carr Biczynski**, is a sixth generation Texan who was born in Ireland. She considers herself a family historian rather than a genealogist, and just because she came from the old country doesn't mean researching there is any easier. Her topic, "Researching in Ireland," is the story of what it took to find her own family origins.

Millions of Americans are descendants of Irish men and women who came to America during periods of Irish economic and political turmoil. Locating the records of these ancestors is often difficult. An understanding of Ireland's long and troubled history is key to finding the right records. Mrs. Biczynski's lively and sometimes humorous history lesson will help pinpoint the places for each researcher to start.

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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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MEETING - MONDAY, April 25, 2005  
PLEASE JOIN US AT 6:30 P.M. FOR REFRESHMENTS,  
7:00 P.M. PROGRAM.

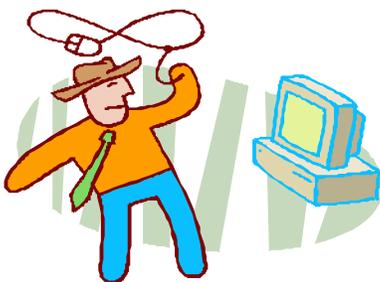
FORT WORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY (Downtown Fort Worth)  
CHAPPELL MEETING ROOM  
500 WEST 3rd STREET

## ALBION'S SEED: FOUR BRITISH FOLKWAYS IN AMERICA (Part II)

The New England Historic Genealogical Society considers ALBION'S SEED written by Brandeis professor, David Hackett Fischer, one of the greatest works of American history. Fischer's basic thesis is that although less than 20 percent of the present U.S. population has British antecedents, our British genesis is still the dominant factor determining our culture.

**Shirley Apley**, senior librarian at the Fort Worth Central library, previously presented a program on the Puritans and Cavaliers who arrived between 1629 and 1675. She is back by special request to tell us about the last two mass migrations: Quakers from 1675 to 1725 and borderland English, Scots and Irish from 1717 to 1775. Are we still influenced socially, morally and politically by these early settlers?

**Come listen and you be the judge.**



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**The April 2005 flyer is believed to be the first flyer created on a regular basis. There were other flyers that predate this, but they were made only on rare occasions.**