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June

General Meeting

The next General Meeting is **Tuesday** night, **June 24th** and the topic will be **"Brick Walls-HELP!"** The speaker will be--- **YOU**. Please come with one of your problems and ask the group for some advice! Maybe we can all share our expertise and use some of our vast collected brain power to help each other. Please come--we can't miss **YOUR** input!

We'll meet at **6:00 p.m.** for coffee in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the **Central Branch Library**. Meeting starts at **6:30**. **Bring a friend or a genealogy buddy with you!**



FW Library News

BRANCH ANCESTRY

Next 2 Meetings:

Wed, July 9, 2 p.m.
Summerglen Branch

Wed, Aug 13, 2 p.m.
East Berry Branch

June FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: June 21st

10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners: June 28th

10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

Computer Users: June 28th

2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

General Meeting: June 24th

6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Coffee at 6:00

Refreshments: Don Crews

May General Meeting with Dr. Bernard N. Meisner

The Civil War was one of the darkest times in our nation's history, but it was the beginning of modern warfare on a huge scale. It also generated a huge amount of records. Most likely we all have either a Yank or a Reb or both in our ancestry.

Dr. Bernard Meisner spoke to FWGS at the May Meeting on **"Mining the Gems in Civil War Pension Files."** He provided many examples of the plethora of kinds of information one can find on Union and Confederate soldiers and sailors. He also showed us the differences in records created and the dates and places you might look for those records.

Did you know even if your civil war pensioner died in the late 1800's, his widow might have lived into the 1920's. Some who married multiple times may have had a widow or dependant into the 1950's. Those records after 1929 might be with the Veterans Affairs Department.

See it never pays to miss a FWGS meeting. You might miss something good!!!

June 6th 2014



The Maj. Ripley Arnold Monument Dedication was held June 6th on the 165th anniversary of the found-

ing of Camp Worth by Maj Arnold. It was a colorful event with dragoons, Indians, bands, horses and more. Look for more next month & Facebook.



From the President.....

June? Already? Have you mailed those graduation & wedding cards yet?

Last month I asked: **Is Anyone Out There?** I conducted a test. I asked email newsletter readers to respond by email and say I READ IT. I only received 9 responses. I could have missed one or two in my busy inbox or spam box and I did have a few respond to me in person, but 9 is disappointing. Your editor is busy trying to make the newsletter interesting and useful, but few are reading it. There is a misperception that FWGS is only for Fort Worth. The newsletter is news for local members and educational for general users and researchers. Pass that on to fellow members and maybe we can increase our readership. I did hear from 2 who would like to join a trip by TRE to Dallas for research at Dallas Library. And one who would like to join a trip to San Antonio for research. Maybe we just need to “build it and they will come.” So watch this space for a TRE trip in September. And we still welcome input to help make our society better.

Debbie Pearson



From the FWGS Mail Bag



A conference for the nation's genealogists
 August 27-30, 2014★San Antonio, Texas
 with local co-hosts
 San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society
 and the Texas State Genealogical Society

FGS 2014 Conference Registration is Open “Gone to Texas” – A Conference for the Nation’s Genealogists

Online registration is now open for the 2014 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, scheduled August 27-30, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas. Register at <https://www.fgsconference.org/> by **1 July 2014** for an **early-bird discount**. This year’s conference theme is “Gone to Texas,” and the local hosts are the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society (SAGHS) and the Texas State Genealogical Society (TSGS). This year’s FGS conference offers an exciting opportunity for anyone interested in researching their family history. This conference will offer over 160 educational sessions on records, strategies, and tools for genealogists of all levels. Sessions will be presented by some of the leading genealogists from the United States. Ten different sponsored luncheons will provide opportunities for networking.

Platinum sponsors include leading family history companies, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, and findmypast. Other participating and supporting organizations include Dell, Lexmark, Board for Certification of Genealogists, National Genealogical Society, The Polish Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools, Texas State Genealogical Society, Texas State Library and Archives Commission, and The National Huguenot Society.

Ed: FWGS is now a member of FGS as one the societies under the Federation. Our society is also a participating member of Texas State Genealogical

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director still reports **149** members for 2014.

FWGS needs YOU!

Old Occupations

Alderman: One of a board or body of municipal officers next in order to the mayor who has legislative, administrative, or magisterial duties.

Carter: A man who drives a cart.

Compositor: One who sets type & arranges it for use.

Cooper: One who makes barrels, hogshead casks, etc.

Copyst: One who copies or transcribes.

Drayman: One who attends a dray, which is a strong low cart or carriage used for heavy burdens.

Hackman: Driver of a hack or carriage for hire.

Hominy: One who deals in the sale of hominy, which is hulled and broken corn that is prepared for eating by boiling in water or milk.

Hostler: 1. A person who cares for horses at an inn or stable; **2.** a person in care of a locomotive after it is left by an engineer after a trip.

Society. TSGS is proud to be one of the co-hosts of "Gone to Texas" along with San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society. That means you're a sponsor too.

This is a great opportunity for Texas genealogists because the large national conventions don't get to Texas very often. I hope you take advantage and attend! Even if you don't attend the conferences, you can volunteer and check out the vendors. If you volunteer your time, they even can reduce your registration price. You can't lose!



Interested in Cherokee History?
June 28-29, 2014 Cherokee History Classes
Free, open to all, Dallas class, limited seating.

Located at: Urban Inter-Tribal Center of North Texas Clinic; 1261 Record Crossing Rd., Dallas 75235

To Reserve a seat:

Please include your name and the names of all those in your party, your address, phone number and the best time to reach you, and any questions that you may have. Seating capacity is limited to 40 people, so please reserve your spot early.

Hosted by:



Cherokee Community North Texas
2911 Esters Road #3430
Irving, TX 75062
**Please address all questions by mail,
or to CCNT's e-mail address:
osiyoccnt@gmail.com.**

What's in a NAME?

Visit the Social Security Administration web site for an interesting look at the popularity of American names over the last 100 years. You can click to choose a decade to see the popularity of your own name or others you are researching.

<http://www.ssa.gov/oact/babynames/decades/>

For an interesting study based on SSA statistics:

<http://fivethirtyeight.com/features/how-to-tell-someones-age-when-all-you-know-is-her-name/>

And for your surname information:

<http://www.pbs.org/pov/thesweetestsound/popindex.php?name=smith&Submit=Submit>

It's Here!

FWGS Presents: Annual Summer Seminar

**Lloyd Bockstruck on
Western Migration:**

1. Colonial Migrations
2. Western Migrations: The Old Northwest
3. Western Migrations: The Lower South
4. Western Migrations: Transappalachia & west bank of the Mississippi River

Saturday, August 9, 2014

\$40.00 until July 31, then \$45

Trinity Terrace, 1000 Texas

Includes Lunch, Door Prizes, Syllabus & more

**See the brochure in this Newsletter or go to the
FWGS web site to download one.**

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/2014-summer-seminar.html>

Register Soon!

Are You Making These 3 Mistakes?

Editor: This was spotted in Michael J. Lecleric's *Genealogy News* blog on Mocavo, in an article on 31 May 2014 entitled: "Three Pivotal Mistakes Genealogists Make"

1. **Believing Without Seeing.** Old, but good advice is to "Trust, But Verify."
2. **Speed Reading and Assuming.** Read carefully, scrutinize, and analyze. Is it possible? Do dates add up?
3. **Trying to do it ALL online.** Is it a transcription? The more hands and typists the info passes through, the more room for errors. Again verify by seeing the actual documents if possible.

More:

http://blog.mocavo.com/2014/05/15471?utm_source=newletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20140531+newsletter&utm_content=blog_posts



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