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Newsletter

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August FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Sat. Aug 18, 2018
10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners: Sat, Aug 25
10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm--Central

Computer Users: Sat, Aug 25
2:00-4:00 Intel Lab----Central Library

General Meeting: Tues, Aug 28, 2018
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

Aug Refreshments: Crystal Barth
Can You Help With One Month ?

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be Tuesday, **August 28, 2018** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the Central Branch Library. The program will be "**Newspaper Research in Texas & Oklahoma**" by **Ann McKee**. Ann is going to show how using Newspapers can help your research. She has found that using *The Portal to Texas History* and *The Gateway to Oklahoma History* are great repositories of older newspapers.

6:30 - 7:45 p.m.



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

ANN MCKEE is a former school librarian who re-tired and decided to tackle the job of identifying a box of old family photos she inherited. Along the way, she not only taught herself a lot about old photographs but fell headlong into genealogy. Now she is filling out her family tree and using every resource she can find to expand what she knows about her ancestors. She has found that old newspapers can really fill in gaps or answer questions about your ancestor's life. Come find out what she has found. She has a great handout for you too.

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



FW LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday Hours

Labor Day: Mon, September 3 all libraries will be closed. Open on 4th.

ALSO—East Regional will be undergoing interruption of services as they begin installing new flooring. Call ahead or check their web site before going for a visit.

Southwest Regional underwent the remodeling as well, but is back to full operation and normal hours again.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES-- FORT WORTH

NARA will be closed on **Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd**. Reopens on September 4th.

JULY FWGS Meeting

Judy Ramos, brought such an interesting program in July. She developed her talk by accident last year when she reflected on a writing project she had participated in about 52 of her ancestors. Forcing herself to write made her re-examine her research. There may be gaps that need to be filled. If answers cannot be found, write about the details you do have. She recommends using a photo or a document and write everything you can say or glean from that object. Practice helps all writers to be more succinct.



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From the Editor



I am sure some of you have been wondering—What happened to the FWGS newsletter? Either you have not received it or it has been an abbreviated version.

Your editor has been taking care of ill relatives and dealing with their deaths. It has been a tough winter, spring, and summer. Hopefully, things are clearing now. I hope you will forgive the lapses. Family comes first.

FWGS has continued to soldier on this year after some losses within the society last year. It looks like good things are ahead though. FWGS filled two more open positions on the board with **Carlene Johnson** agreeing to come on the board as a **Director At Large** as well as agreeing to take on the Beginner's Classes for the entire 2018 season. This summer, **Virginia Brown** agreed to fill the open **Vice President** position. Right now, she is hard at work on plans for a Seminar in 2019 and a History Fair this fall. Watch for details soon. Yes, indeed, there are good things ahead!

Please continue to support FWGS with your membership and by renewing every year. We are better when we all work together!

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib

**Saturday, September 8, 2018
10 a.m. - 12 Noon**

Topic: Tejano Tiger: Santos Benevides and the Texas-Mexico Borderlands

By **Dr. Jerry Thompson**, Educator & Author
Hear Dr. Thompson speak on his latest book: *Tejano Tiger: Jose de los Santos Benevides and the Texas-Mexico Borderlands, 1823-1891*. Book signing after.

Next: October 6th: Oakwood Cemetery

Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents

Saturday, Sep 15, 2018 9:30 am - 11 am

Presenter:

Joe Strain, educator & museum docent

Topic:

"Nancy "Mame" Russell: Charlie's Muse & Love"

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

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Next: TBA

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

1400 John Burgess Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76140

Training Room

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

Date: **Friday, October 5, 2018**

Topic: **Beyond The Census: What Else Is Out There?
NARA Records Online**

By: TBA

Digitization has changed the way we research and more records are available at our fingertips than ever before. Learn where the most current digitized records can be found and what interesting records are out there waiting to be explored.

Next: Nov 2nd Baking, Soil Erosion, and Rats...Oh My!
Records of the Extension Service.

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director, reports 131 members.

New Member

Laura L. Wiese

Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31. We do not prorate memberships. If you join mid-year we will furnish you your back issues of *Footprints*.

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

Please add your email and print neatly.



CHANGES of ADDRESSES

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!

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



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

DNA In The NEWS

Have you noticed how many times you hear about DNA turning up in a major news story lately. Solving crimes, uncovering long lost suspects, finding lost relatives and reuniting biological families. Two articles read recently, shed some light on the role of DNA in helping adoptees find their birth families. One, entitled “*The Twilight of Closed Adoptions*,” proposes that the era of closed adoptions is over and should be too. With the advent of easy, affordable DNA tests and the mass numbers of Americans participating in them, the odds of an adoptee “getting a hit” leading to their biological family is very good. Some adoptees are just participating in DNA tests for health reasons, and then are shown results pointing to family members. This article thinks the number of participants in these databases has reached “critical mass.” They cite that nearly everyone can find at least a fifth cousin, with some adoptees actually finding a parent. They liken it to a large jigsaw puzzle. Once you have a lead on a fifth cousin, you can keep searching family trees to see where you fit in, leading to a break-through. This article reviews the history of adoptions (open used to be the norm). They make the case that DNA tests are creating “extended families of adoption.” Why not be open just like the families of blended, divorced, and step-families. America has changed, families have changed, maybe the laws should change too.

Doggie DNA

Another article seen recently was in the August 5th issue of *Parade* magazine. Apparently, it is not enough to run the DNA on your human family members, but now you can run your canine family member’s DNA too. The article cited **Wisdom Panel Canine Breed Detection DNA Test** for about \$85. For about \$150, they offer a more extensive test with health implications, much like the human tests do at **23 & Me**. This company lets you know information and traits specific to different breeds, once the test results are in. They also claim to have the world’s largest breed database. Just like many human tests, you swab the dog’s cheek to obtain a sample. Right now, they are offering a \$10 off promo.

See wisdompanel.com

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

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

LAST class is August 25th!

Beginners Class with **Carlene Johnson** meets at **10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in **Chappell Room**.

Computer Users Group meets at **2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** with **Debbie Pearson** in the **Intel Lab**.

TOPICS: Beginner’s will cover ideas to put your work into a form to share with family or others.

CUG will get a list of popular web sites and will also cover Vital Statistics from the May session that was missed.

Debbie and Carlene hope you will come for this last session of 2018. The series will kick off again in January of 2019. Stay tuned!

In Memorium

The Genealogy world lost a giant recently with the death of **Lloyd Bockstruck** of Dallas. While never a FWGS member, Lloyd was a frequent speaker for us. He headlined so many seminars over the years, always drawing quite the crowd. He was known for his extensive knowledge on almost any subject, especially geography and history. One of his particular favorites was the Colonial period and Revolutionary history. Lloyd was quite simply one of the best lecturers in the US genealogy community.

In addition to lecturing he had been supervisor of the genealogical section of DPL where many were first introduced to him. He was always there to help another patron with his expertise. In his earliest career, he had taught school in Africa.

In addition to being an excellent researcher, he used that skill to compile works for the genealogy world. His books are standards in the genealogy department of libraries all across the US. His name will certainly be remembered.

RIP Lloyd.

There is more in our August *Footprints*, Legacy.com, and the Dallas Gen Soc website. <http://eastgate-garland.tributes.com/obituary/show/Lloyd-Dewitt-Bockstruck-106151844>



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⇒ \$25 if paid before the new year begins

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