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MARCH GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting is **Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the **Central Branch Library**. The speaker is **Debbie Pearson**, our FWGS Program Director. She will be sharing about the usefulness of **"Using City Directories."** Debbie will share where to find them, tips for using them, & says directories have been around longer than you think. **Meeting: 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.**

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



DEBBIE PEARSON is FWGS Programs Director & Newsletter Editor. She has been a FWGS member since 1986.

Debbie is a Fort Worth native. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Stephen F. Austin University and her Master's degree from TCU, both in Education. She retired with 37 years teaching elementary education.

Debbie got her genealogy start from her aunt who took her on many trips across the south and midwest, exploring cemeteries, local libraries, archives, visiting new family and finding old family homes, including one old log home. She has taken her research further by joining DAR, DRT, NSUSD 1812, and UDC to honor the ancestors she discovered along the way. **Park Free on the Streets after 6 P.M. OR 2.5 hrs FREE in 3rd St Garage with Library Validation of Ticket.**



FW LIBRARY NEWS

March is Women's History Month & the Library has several events planned. Tarrant Co Black Historical & Genealogical is sponsoring a Panel discussion about local female civil rights leaders on **March 16 at 1pm in Tandy Aud.** A Hispanic discussion is on **Thurs, Mar 21 at 6 pm in Tandy Aud.**

February FWGS Meeting

Mark Lucas-Kelly of the Lucas Funeral Homes (and the Lucas Family) came and brought the February program. Mark shared a little bit about the founders in the Lucas family who came across the United States and then settled in the Dallas area and Grapevine. (Their homestead was swallowed up in the DFW airport.) The first location was a Furniture and General Store on Main Street in Grapevine. Many funeral homes began as furniture stores or carpentry shops as they made the coffins. Later they had a 2-story building in downtown where they sold coffins downstairs and burial garments upstairs. Back then many families kept their recently deceased in their home and the funeral directors came to your house and prepared the body right there on a "cooling board." Mark shared how until the 1960's, funeral homes ran the ambulances. Times have really changed!



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March FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Sat. Mar 16, 2019
10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners: Sat, Mar 23, 2019
10:30 Chappell Room, Central

Computer Users: Sat, Mar 23, 2019
2:00 Intel Lab, Central

General Meeting: Tues, Mar 26, 2019
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

Mar Refreshments: Virginia Brown

From the Editor



I hope you received your copy of *Footprints* in the mail in February. If you did not, you may have forgotten to renew. Still not too late. (see below)

Our February speaker, **Mark Kelly**, was quite entertaining and it was interesting to hear about funeral changes over the years. FWGS meetings are always informative, but are also a place to speak with others about genealogy. We hope you come early at 6:00 to take advantage, visit, and share some refreshments.

VP Virginia Brown is looking for volunteers to serve on the Summer Seminar committee. FWGS will again sponsor the all-day event, most likely in August, 2019.

Mark our next meeting down on your calendar. And don't forget that the Spring Time Change is early this year. Set those clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 10, 2019. Ugh...catch up on your sleep!

See you at the meeting!

Debbie Pearson,
Newsletter Editor



Membership Report:

By **Rob Yoder**, Membership Director

New Members: William & LaNell Taggart

Renew Today and never miss an issue of *Footprints*!

Saturday, March 23, 2019

FWGS Beginners Class:

“Researching at the County Courthouse”

10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Computer Users Group:

“Courthouse Records Online”

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Both classes are held at the Central Branch of FW Library. Beginners is held in Chappell Room and CUG in the Intel Lab.

Next: The 4th Session is **Saturday, April 27th
Libraries & Archives**

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib



Saturday, April 6, 2019

10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon

**Topic: “Making History Come Alive:
WBAP-TV Archives Project”**

By Brian Hooker, VP KXAS-TV

Next: May 4th “True Tales from the Texas Fence Cutting Wars, 1880 – 1890” by: Dr. Brooke Wibracht, TCU

Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents

Saturday, March 23, 2019 9:30 am - 12 noon

Presenters:

Bill Morris & Dan Smith

Topic:

**“Early Transoceanic Pan Am Travel &
the Amon Carter Connection”**

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107 (817) 814-2040

Next: April 20th “Women, the Oldest Profession & the FW Connection” by Jessica Webb, TCU doctoral candidate

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.

(817) 551-2015

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

SAVE THE DATE: LDS Family History Seminar April 13!

Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31.

Your 2019 Membership is DUE! \$23 or \$27 payable to FWGS. Mail to:

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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.



LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION

Austin.....

ADOPTEE RIGHTS BILL: HB 2725

<https://capitol.texas.gov/Search/DocViewer.aspx?ID=86RHB027251B&QueryText=%22hb+2725%22&DocType=B>

The news from Austin is that there is now a sponsor and bill number for the Texas Adoptee Rights bill. **HB 2725** is sponsored by Texas **Representative Gina Calanni** of Katy, TX. Rep Calanni is an adoptee herself. Below is her statement on the bill:

From the office of Representative Gina Calanni (D - HD 132, Katy, Texas):

“I am proud to file such necessary legislation,” said **Rep. Calanni**. “As an adoptee myself, I know firsthand the difficulty of not having immediate access to my original birth certificate. Adult adoptees in the state of Texas should not be barred from this basic human right.”

The basic bill seems to be much the same as the last two sessions, although Rep. Calanni's office has strengthened the language of this bill. **HB 2725** contains a contact preference form which would give birth parents the opportunity to express their wishes for contact. It also contains a family medical history form that the birth family may complete. This bill also provides all adult adoptees born in Texas access to a non-certified copy of their **original** birth certificate. *(TX law replaces the birth parents' names and inserts the adopting parents' name as the parents thereby blocking access to the birth parents by the adoptee.)*

The STAR group (Support Texas Adoption Rights) is planning a lobby day on March 11th. If you feel strongly pro or con on this issue, contact your representative to express your opinion. Find your TX Rep with your Zip Code here..... <https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/home>

CONDOLENCES

Membership Director Rob Yoder was recently verifying FWGS membership rolls and found that several of our members had passed away. FWGS wishes to express sincere condolences to each of their surviving family members. This issue runs 3, there was one in the last issue, and next month we will include more.



In Memoriam

Carolyn Reeves Ericson
1931-2018

FWGS member Carolyn Reeves Ericson passed away on December 2, 2018 at the age of 87 in Nacogdoches, TX. Although never living in Fort Worth, she and her late husband joined and supported many genealogical societies across Texas and the nation. **She was a FWGS member for 49 years.** She and her husband owned Ericson Books and were vendors at FWGS Seminars and workshops as well as other major genealogy events.

She was a genealogist, writer, researcher, publisher and columnist, writing the *Kissing Kuzzins* column for 40 years. Besides dealing in books, she collected historical and rare books. She also did much research and wrote over 100 books. Much of her research and personal papers were donated to the East Texas Research Center within the Steen Library at Stephen F. Austin University. There are 3 boxes of research materials with 300-400 items available to researchers.

<https://library.sfasu.edu/findingaids/?p=collections/findingaid&id=409&q=&rootcontentid=45001>

Carolyn's husband Dr. Joe Ericson predeceased her. He was one of our charter PFoTC members. Both will be terribly missed. Here is the link to her Find A Grave Memorial. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10376315/carolyn-ericson>

In Memoriam

Wayne James
1934-2019

FWGS Member Wayne James passed away February 2, 2019. Wayne and his wife Peggy were both members from 2006 until 2012. Wayne continued his membership until 2018.

<https://wadefamilyfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/3709978/James-Wayne/index.php>

In Memoriam

Edwin Hollis Ferree
1927-2018

FWGS Member Edwin Ferree passed away September 1, 2018. He had been a member for 26 years, since 1992. <https://thompsonfunerals.com/obituaries/edwin-hollis-ferree/269/>



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