

Newsletter

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Coming General Meeting

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Fort Worth Library – Tandy Lecture Hall 500 W. 3rd Street Subject: This Old Tarrant County House Speaker: Dr. Dawn Youngblood

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.

Contact Janie Pace for more information - (817) 428-5918 or <u>ihpacerd@charter.net</u>

Computer Group Meeting

Finished for 2011 Resuming January 2012 Contact Clois Richardson for more information – <u>cloisrich@sbcglobal.net</u>

Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, October 15, 2011, 2010 10:15 AM – Noon Fort Worth Library, Southwest Branch 4100 Library Lane at Hulen Auditorium All members welcome

Beginners Workshop Series

Finished for 2011 Resuming January 2012

The full curriculum is located on our website. For additional information contact Terri Meeks – <u>terri.meeks@sbcglobal.net</u>

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September General Meeting

Our speaker, Larry McCarty, discussed Daniel Quarles and his descendants in these topics:

- 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.

Mr. McCarty described his family lineage, and how his task was made easier as the result of connection to Samuel Clemens.

1940 U.S. Census Records to be Free

From Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter:

This "news" has been mentioned in previous newsletter articles but I discovered last week at the FGS conference that not everyone has "received the word." Therefore, I'll repeat the news in an attempt to tell even more people.

The 1940 U.S. census records will be released by the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration on April 2, 2012. That's less than seven months from now. Best of all, the more than 3.8 million original document images containing 130 million-plus records will be available to everyone free of charge.

To be sure, not everything will be available on April 2. Not only are the records unavailable to genealogists prior to April 2, those records are also unavailable to indexers and unavailable to the companies that host the records online. **EVERYONE** gains access on April 2. The companies involved in making the records available online will require several months to digitize and index the records and then to make them available online.

I would look for the records to become available online within days but without indexes. The indexes will probably be added around June or July. If you are looking for ancestors in any town or city of significant size, you will want the indexes.

Ancestry.com has already pledged to make the 1940 census records available online free of charge through the end of 2013. One will be able to search more than 45 fields, including name, gender, race, street address, county and state, and parents' places of birth.

Other online sites also will offer the same records online, although with different indexes and with different search criteria. FamilySearch will have the records available free of charge forever.

Having different indexes is a great benefit as errors are common in all indexes. Having two or more versions of the records available makes it easy to compare one version against the other version(s), greatly increasing the probability of finding the information you seek.

You can find more information about the release of the 1940 census on the National Archives and Records Administration's website at www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/index.html

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You can also find 1940 census Enumeration Districts, a census street finder, and more at Steve Morse's *One-Step Genealogy* site at <u>http://stevemorse.org/</u>

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FWGS Monthly Events January through November

First Day Third Saturday Last Tuesday Fourth Saturday Fourth Saturday Newsletter Deadline Board Meeting Regular Monthly Meeting Beginner's Workshop Computer Users Group Contact Newsletter Editor Fort Worth Library – Southwest Regional Fort Worth Library – Central Fort Worth Library – Central Fort Worth Library – Central

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