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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The November FWGS General Meeting will be **Tuesday the 26th** at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the **Central Branch Library**. **John Wylie** is coming to speak and represent the Texas State Genealogical Society. He'll bring some surprises for us all too. **Refreshments begin at 6:00 p.m., with the meeting starting at 6:30.**



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.



FW LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday Closures

All libraries will close early on Wed, Nov 27. **Hours: 10 am to 3 pm**
All Libraries will be closed all day on Thanksgiving Day & Friday
November 28 -29, 2019

Resume: Saturday, Nov 30th

October FWGS Meeting

Wayne Ludwig brought a most informative and interesting program in October. He has done meticulous research on whether or not what we today call the Chisholm Trail was actually called that at the time. Most of his research indicates it was not, and went by various names; mostly the Texas Trail. Wayne's process of research and proving his point was what we genealogists needed to hear. His ability to set a premise and then prove or disprove that premise while keeping strictly objective is exactly the same process to use in our family research. He turned his research into an award-winning book. This talk was fun and educational!

REMEMBER: Parking Meters are FREE at 6 PM on Weeknights & All Day on Weekends

November FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Sat, Nov 16, 2019

10:15 SW Regional

Beginners: January 2020

10:30 Chappell Room, Central

Computer Users: January 2020

2:00 Intel Lab, Central

General Meeting: Tues, Nov 26, 2019

6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

November Refreshments:

Debbie Pearson



From the Editor

Be Grateful for Many Blessings

November brings the start of the Holiday season where families gather together. Be grateful for all the love of the generations and all the family stories. Write them down now!

Veterans Day makes us thankful for those who bravely serve and we remember our ancestors who served our country too.

We are grateful for our Fort Worth Library and their services such as books, journals, data bases, microfilm and more. The library recently hosted live videos of the Genealogy Lock In around the state. What great topics and speakers were heard. They also hosted a day of topics with Dr. Bernard Meisner. Our Cornucopia runneth over from the library.

And FWGS is grateful for three new volunteers to step forward and serve as Directors-At-Large on our Board. Thank You to **Joan Crittenden, Charles Garner, & Janet Minke.** We truly are blessed at this Thanksgiving.

Debbie Pearson,
Newsletter Editor

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib

Saturday, Dec 7, 2019

10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon

Topic: "Freedom to Play? Fort Worth City Parks During Jim Crow"

By **Jennifer Brancato, Fort Worth Library Archivist**
Always FREE

Upcoming: Jan 4, 2020: **Joe Nick Patoski** will discuss his new book *Austin to ATX: The Hippies, Pickers, Slackers, and Geeks who Transformed the Capital of Texas*

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**Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents**

Saturday, December 7, 2019 9:30 am - 12 noon

Presenter:

**Deborah Liles**, historian, author, and educator

Topic:

"**Slavery & Livestock in Tarrant County, Texas, 1849-1865**"

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107 (817) 814-2040

Free Nibbles at 9:30 a.m.

Next: Watch for January 2020

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**Membership Report:**

**Rob Yoder**, Membership Director reports

**139** members.

IT IS TIME TO RENEW FOR 2020

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

**Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31.**

\$23 or \$27 payable to FWGS. Get all 4 quarterlies.

If you do want to pay by check, Mail to:

**FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**ATTN: Membership Director**

**P.O. Box 471789**

**Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408**

*Please add your email and print neatly.*

**EARLY BIRD Discounts. Pay your dues NOW for 2020!**

**MOVING???**

**REMEMBER to give FWGS your NEW ADDRESS!!!**

Use the Address Above



**Footprints Wins Award**

FWGS has published a journal almost since the founding of the society in 1957. The present journal *FOOTPRINTS* is published quarterly every year and is available to all membership categories. And now for the second time in recent memory *Footprints* has won an award from the Texas State Genealogical Society. At the October Conference the winners were announced and FWGS **Vice President Virginia Brown** was there to accept on the society's behalf. **Rob Yoder**, editor won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in our category and receives a check as well as the great honor. This is Rob's first win. Previous editor **Rita Martin** won before. John Wylie of TxSGS will award the honor to Rob at the November meeting. Come see!

**Congratulations Rob Yoder!**

Just last month we congratulated Rob for becoming the State Coordinator for the Texas Gen Web website.

## Thanksgiving: More Than Turkey & Pumpkin Pie

Let's remember our Ancestors and our Heritage at the holiday time. Here are some websites below to help us know more about US history and maybe help us in our research:

### Pilgrims--

**Plimoth Plantation:** <https://www.plimoth.org/>

Did you know that the UK gave the US a replicate vessel of the Mayflower to commemorate the friendship of the two nations during WW II. Plimoth Plantation is currently restoring the vessel in time for the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 2020.

### Their Indian Friends---

**Wampanoag Indians:** <https://www.plimoth.org/what-see-do/wampanoag-homesite>

**Mayflower Society:** For Information on Joining [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mayflower\\_Society](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mayflower_Society)

## November Veteran's Salute



Two disturbing news stories have detailed the arrest, conviction and recently the sentencing of a researcher who stole items from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). As if this was not bad enough, the items stolen were American servicemen's dog tags, and to make it worse, he sold them on EBay for over \$43,000. The 2<sup>nd</sup> man unlawfully took four tags with the intent to give them to relatives. Genealogists and researchers must be roiling that our national treasures are being pilfered, but also that *our* reputations as researchers might be sullied along with these criminals. This is how all of us get bad names in Libraries, Archives, and Courthouses. Please double your efforts to be careful when using these valuable repositories and remember we don't want to ever be refused access because of thievery.

NARA itself has issued a call for any interested parties who may have bought the items or come across them to notify NARA at (301) 837-3153 or email at [MissingDocuments@nara.gov](mailto:MissingDocuments@nara.gov)

### Links to Stories:

**NARA site:**

<https://www.archives.gov/research/recover/wwii-id-tags>

Most recent case on ABC NEWS:

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/man-accused-stealing-wwii-dog-tags-national-archives-63809969>

**For Military Research:**

**Fold 3:** [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com)

**Ancestry:**

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/39/>

**Family Search:**

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United\\_States\\_Military\\_Online\\_Genealogy\\_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Military_Online_Genealogy_Records)



<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7105590>

## October FWGS Election Results

The following Slate of Officers for 2020 were elected at the last meeting:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| President               | <b>Carlene Johnson</b> |
| Vice President          | <b>Ed McCoy</b>        |
| Treasurer               | <b>Crystal Barth</b>   |
| Newsletter & Programs   | <b>Debbie Pearson</b>  |
| Membership & Footprints | <b>Rob Yoder</b>       |
| Directors At Large      | <b>Joan Crittenden</b> |
|                         | <b>Charles Garner</b>  |
|                         | <b>Janet Minke.</b>    |

**These elected officers will be Installed by John Wylie from Texas State Genealogical Society at the November Meeting. Please come to Welcome them.**

**\*There are still 2 vacancies for Secretary & Historian/Archivist** If you are interested please contact Debbie at [debeejay@aol.com](mailto:debeejay@aol.com)



## 2019 FWGS Dues are Expiring on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Early Bird Discounts for 2020 dues apply now until December 31<sup>st</sup>

Why not join now?

You may write and mail a check or you may pay online with Pay Pal or credit cards.

<http://www.txfwgs.org/html/membership.html>

EARLY PRICES (only until Dec 31)

Regular: \$20.00

Family: \$25.00

Don't take a chance you will miss an issue of Footprints or miss a meeting. Renew NOW!

Join us or extend your membership today. Mail completed form with payment to:

**Fort Worth Genealogical Society  
PO BOX 471789  
FORT WORTH TX 76147-1408**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Membership - \$250 or more                               |                       |  |
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Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

Name:

Phone:

Address:

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State:

Zip:

E-mail Address:

(Your email address will be added to our mailing list in order for you to receive local announcements.)

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