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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The **October** general meeting will continue to be a **LIVE Webinar**, thanks to our partner Texas State Genealogical Society. **Be sure to click on your link in your email invitation.** Meeting starts at **6:30** on **Tuesday, October 27th**. Click the **GoToMeeting** email as early as 6:10 so you'll be ready. This meeting is part 2 of **Nancy Maxwell's** presentation on **Immigration & Naturalization.**

The 2 talks can each stand-alone if you missed one. This one features the Naturalization process.



NANCY MAXWELL is the genealogy librarian at Grapevine Public Library. She helps to lead the Name

Droppers Genealogical Interest Group there. She has been hooked on her own genealogy since 1981 when she discovered her Jewish, Russian & Armenian ancestors and their immigration into NYC & Mass. Nancy is uniquely qualified to speak on Immigration & Naturalization, having done the work in her own families and through her college degrees. She holds a B. A. in English from California State University, Fullerton, M. S. in Library Science from the University of Southern California, and M. A. in History from the University of North Texas. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in American History at UNT, with a focus on Colonial and Revolutionary eras.



Fort Worth Library News



Ancestry In Action Series

Suzanne Fritz has been teasing us for 2 months about the 3 Virtual Webinars for October. We were told about the state and nationally known speakers and at last they have come. (See page 2 for the topics.)

Suzanne did not mention the new bonus topic: **Lives Of Cemeteries** that will be a live Webinar by **Gaby Kienitz**, one of our FW Librarians. She will tell about the histories of some of our most famous, historic, and maybe unusual cemeteries in Fort Worth & Tarrant County. Nov 5th more on p. 2

Don't Worry if you miss one these topics.....the Library intends for them to be recorded and available later on the Library's YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/FWLibrary>

And by the way, the Library has been busy making videos during the pandemic. Be sure to peruse their YouTube offerings for the whole family: Story time, Lectures, Music, Hobbies, & More.

FWGS Meeting **OCTOBER TOPIC:**

"They've Come To America: Naturalization in the British North American Colonies & the United States" by Nancy Maxwell.

October FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Fri, Oct 16. 10:30

Beginners: CANCELLED

Computer Users: CANCELLED

General Meeting: Tues, Oct 27, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Online only by email link.

If you are already on the FWGS email list, you will receive the link. Email FWGS@Mail.com to be on our list.



From the Editor

Boo! That's Your **Trick**. What's your **TREAT**? Read about the Ancestry In Action Virtual Programs this month from our friends at the Fort Worth Public Library. All are a real Treat for Genealogists!

October brings our FWGS Annual Elections. Of course, since we are not meeting in person, this will prove a challenge for our society. At the virtual webinar meeting on October 27th we will present the slate of officers. There is still time to send your name to our **President Carlene Johnson** if you wish to be on the Board. We still have an open **Vice President** position & the **Historian/Archivist** position. Her email is FWGS-President@Mail.com

After the slate is read, Elections will be open to vote by email. MEMBERS ONLY may vote. You will receive an email and you may vote and return that email. You will have 3 days to return your vote. Please help us to follow our rules and still keep our society going by helping us with this new process. **RETURN the email & Vote!**

A BIG thanks to new 2020 board member **Janet Minke** who stepped up to take the **SECRETARY** position. Another new 2020 Board member, **Charles Garner**, deserves our thanks for posting topics on our FWGS Genealogy Talk Facebook page! He posts lots of history.

FWGS is looking at ways to continue with our meetings in 2021! The Library is still forecasting not opening for meetings, so your Board is looking at ways to conduct our Beginners classes and Computer Users Group again in 2021. Also, a new group is being looked at as well. This would be aimed at Beginners (or higher) and those who seek advice with a problem or brick wall. We anticipate this as a Zoom Round Table format.

October is also time to start thinking about the end of the year. Usually November is our last meeting and we get a HOLIDAY break. It also means we are nearing our EARLY BIRD Membership Dues drive! Pay those dues for **2021** early and get a discount. Unfortunately, FWGS membership is down this year. We hope you renew & encourage friends to join too. **We need you!**

Debbie Pearson,
Newsletter Editor

From the Genealogy Unit at Fort Worth Library:

Ancestry-In-Action:

Solving Family History Mysteries

*Due to the Covid-19 situation, the Fort Worth Public Library will present a series of three genealogy **virtual** programs. **These will be on the Library You Tube later!***

Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 4:00 pm – The Family DNA Project featuring Nicka Smith. Genetic genealogy truly bears fruit if multiple family members on multiple lines of the family have tested. Learn how to create and manage a project for your family while being mindful of privacy and sensitive issues that may arise.

Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 4:00 pm – Genetic Genealogy: The African-American Experience featuring Franklin Smith. African American genetic (DNA) genealogical research is as unique and challenging as African American genealogy research. Just as genealogy research requires a different search strategy before 1870 so does genetic genealogical research. This presentation will provide a basic explanation of genetic genealogical research and the unique approach African Americans must utilize to answer their genetic genealogy questions.



Friday, October 30, 2020 at 4:00 pm – “The Lost Family: How DNA Testing is Upending Who We Are” Book Talk featuring Libby Copeland. This virtual program will discuss how the rise of home genetic testing has impacted individual and families. Themes include adoption, non-paternity events and the American family. 30 minute moderated book discussion followed by 30 minutes of audience Q&A with Libby Copeland. **LATE WORD: This event cancelled.**

AND BONUS! This just in from FW Library.....

A Webinar on **Thurs, November 5th at 7 p.m.** over Zoom! <http://bit.ly/LivesOfCemeteries>

Lives of Cemeteries by Gaby Kienitz, Librarian. Gaby will present the histories of many historic cemeteries in Fort Worth & Tarrant County. If you are already on the library email list, you will receive notice with a link to register. Or you can use the link above. Registration ahead of time is encouraged.



FWGS ELECTION TIME AGAIN

FWGS NEEDS YOU!

2021 Slate of Officers

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If you wish to learn more about each office and its duties please refer to our current FWGS Bylaws found here:

http://www.txfwgs.org/documents/fwgs_bylaws.pdf

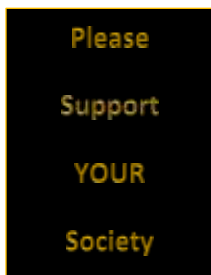
Duties of Officers begin on page 6.

Tuesday Night, October 27th, FWGS will begin our election of the 2021 Officers. Due to the Pandemic, the election will have to be conducted by email this year. FWGS members only are allowed to vote. Members will receive an email with the slate from: FWGS-Secretary@Mail.com on Tuesday night after the meeting. You will have until **Friday, Oct 30th to respond with your vote**. Please reply to the above email using the **SAME** email you received it on. That is the email we have on record as belonging to you.

Results will be tallied by Acting Secretary Janet Minke and will be released after the vote. Please help us conduct our elections in a timely manner in these new circumstances. Thank You!



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



Texas State Genealogical Welcomes You to the 2020 TxSGS Family History Conference!

This year's event takes a "VIRTUAL" approach due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. **Judy G. Russell** (*The Legal Genealogist*) keynotes this year's conference during the TxSGS Live! event which takes place on **Friday and Saturday, November 13-14** online. In addition to Judy, eight other speakers will provide lectures during this two-day event.

That's not all! These lectures will be recorded, including the live question and answer session, and combined with 22 additional pre-recorded lectures from some of your favorite and well-known speakers. Even though you won't be able to see them in person, **you will be able to access their lectures online for 90 days beginning on November 15, 2020, through February 5, 2021.**

The full conference features 22 speakers presenting 32 sessions. The Family History Conference promises opportunities for learning in a variety of areas, or tracks. Use the tracks to plan your conference experience. Go back and review them as often as you like during the replay period. **TxSGS members receive a discount.**

THE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Online registration is here:

<https://www.txsgs.org/registration-2/>

Speakers & Topics here:

<https://www.txsgs.org/speakers-topics/>

2 FWGS FACEBOOK Sites: Hit "Like Us"

- 1) Fort Worth Genealogical Society
- 2) FWGS Genealogy Talk

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with Texas State Genealogical Society

Presents

Nancy Maxwell

On

They've Come to America: NATURALIZATION in the British North American Colonies & the United States

This is a two-part talk: September was about the history and process of immigration from departing from the homeland to settlement in America. Tonight will be about the history of American naturalization and its various processes.

FWGS Election of Officers Begins

DAY: Tuesday, October 27, 2020

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

ONLINE WEBINAR ONLY—Must Register

Email FWGS@Mail.com to be placed on FWGS email list.



Nancy Maxwell has been doing her family genealogies since 1981. She is descended from Russian Jews and Armenians from Turkey who all arrived in America after 1900 and settled in Massachusetts and New York City.

She received her B. A. in English from California State University, Fullerton, M. S. in Library Science from the University of Southern California, and M. A. in History from the University of North Texas.

She is now working on her Ph.D. in American History at UNT, with a focus on the colonial and Revolutionary eras.

Nancy has been the genealogy librarian at Grapevine Public Library since July 2001 where she manages the collection, gives genealogy programs (beginners to advanced), and speaks to the local *Name Droppers* genealogy interest group as well as to outside groups. She also works to have young people learn the joys of genealogy.

Nancy has compiled two books that have been published by Heritage Books; *Washington County, Arkansas Sheriff's Census for 1865* (1994) and *Washington County, Arkansas Miscellaneous Record Book, 1841-1879* (1997), as well as a few family history genealogical articles for genealogical society journals.

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Fort Worth Genealogical Society Board of Directors Election for 2021

The FWGS Elections will begin as the Slate of Officers are read at the General Meeting on **October 27th** at **6:30 p.m.** The meeting will be conducted by Live Webinar over GoToMeetings. Register for the meeting when you receive an invitation by email.

TO VOTE: *We are not going to make you stand in line or mail a ballot.* Members only will receive an email with the slate of candidates. The email will come from the address: FWGS-Secretary@Mail.com and is due to go out that evening. Please look for it in your email box soon.

Please reply back to the above email address as yea or nay. Reply from the same email address you received the slate email on. You will have until midnight on Friday, October 30th to respond.

Votes will be tabulated by Acting Secretary Janet Minke and reported at a later date.

FWGS thanks you for your continued membership in these trying days of the Covid-19 Pandemic of 2020.

And thank you for carefully following these directions to get your vote back to us.





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Membership Application & Renewal Form -*- Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Individual Membership - \$23
⇒ \$20 if paid before the new year begins

Family Membership - \$27
⇒ \$25 if paid before the new year begins

Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail Address: _____
(Your _____ is will be added to our mailing list in order for you to receive local announcements.)

This membership application is for: 2020 2021 New Renewal (Newsletter)