



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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November 2020

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## NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

FWGS continues their **LIVE Webinar** series with the next meeting starting at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24th**. Be sure to click on your **GoToMeeting** link in your email as early as 6:10 so you'll be ready. Thanks to TxSGS for helping. Our topic is **War of 1812 Pension Records**.

Learn about this little-known war and where to find these records.



### DEBBIE PEARSON

is a retired school teacher of 37 years. She did her undergraduate work at Stephen F. Austin in Elementary

Education with a Kindergarten endorsement. She earned her Master's degree in Education at TCU. She developed her love of genealogy from her aunt who insisted she travel back to Tennessee, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, North & South Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Indiana, and Illinois to see where their ancestors lived and to study locally. She spent many hours in courthouses and libraries and eventually refined her research into memberships in DAR, NSUSD 1812, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Her Texas roots run back to 1839 in Shelby county making her a 5th generation Texan. She also serves currently in Fort Worth Genealogical Society as Newsletter editor and Programs Director.



## Fort Worth Library News

### LIBRARY HAS NEW WEBSITE

Have you noticed you do not go to a separate FW library site now. The library is totally within the city of Fort Worth site. **NOT A FAN!** I never liked the City of FW site & now all the great things from the Genealogy unit are hard to find, mixed within City Business. I was hoping to find the videos I touted last month.....oh well.

Found the **Preserving Our Past** workshop by LINDA BARRETT:  
**DEC 5, 2020 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

### Cowtown Strategy: Planner James Toal's Urban Designs for Fort Worth

Presented by: FW Public Library Librarian **Linda Barrett**.  
*James Toal shaped much of today's Fort Worth. Join us as Linda Barrett reviews his career, beginning with his role at the Fort Worth Planning Dept. in the early 1970s, where much of his work involved parks and the Trinity River. He left the City in 1985 but continued to influence Fort Worth until his death in 2013.*

Register here:

<https://bit.ly/FWPL-CowtownStrategy>



## November FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Mon, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>

Beginners: CANCELLED

Computer Users: CANCELLED

General Meeting: Tues, Nov 24, 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](mailto:FWGS@Mail.com) to be on our list.



**From the Editor .....**

**Are you Thankful???** 2020 has not been kind to us and will go down in history as a year to remember! Yet there still are **BLESSINGS** for which I will now give **THANKS**.

**FWGS** has managed to keep meeting virtually and furthering some of our society aims. I am thankful we have been able to keep interesting, meaningful speakers online to further our aim to educate our patrons and members. I am also thankful that **Footprints** has continued its publication (despite a few delays from Covid 19) to further another two of our aims: preserving & publishing records as well as Tarrant County history.

And I am thankful for **Rob Yoder** who does **ALL** the work of **Footprints** with the help of his many collaborators, especially **Michael Patterson**. Rob also manages our web site and our email lists as well as his regular job or handling our membership rolls. And he recently finished our **2020 Member Roster** (which is available only for members.) REALLY THANKFUL to Rob. See p. 3

I can't thank just one, I have to thank **Carlene Johnson** for jumping in so strongly in leading our society in the face of unprecedented changes in our world and to our society this year. She has kept us going through it all!

And thanks to **Crystal Barth** who has kept us solvent by keeping us on track financially with trips to the bank.

FWGS had a super new crop of **Directors At Large** this year, and we plan to keep them for a long time! Thanks

**Joan Crittenden, Charles Garner, & Janet Minke**. And I have to give a BIG THANK YOU to a newer member,

**Emily Richardson**. She not only is a member of FWGS, but a member of TxSGS. Together, she and **Sandra**

**Crowley** of TxSGS, got us up and running with our Webinars when the Pandemic hit. **And a HUGE THANK**

**YOU TO TxSGS** for their partnership and sharing of **GoToMeetings**. **We all in FWGS must thank them!**

I also have to thank all our speakers this year! We enjoy you and thank you for your time and talents. But most of all **I HAVE TO THANK YOU the MEMBERSHIP!!!**

Thank you for sticking with us and keep it up in 2021.

We can't do it without **YOU!**

*Debbie Pearson,*  
Newsletter Editor

**FWGS has some exciting NEWS for 2021:**

You may recall that the FW Library was not able to bring us the anticipated Book Talk with noted author **Libby Copeland** on her best-selling book **“The Lost Family: How DNA Testing is Upending Who We Are.”** That was back in October.

Libby really wanted to participate but a technicality with FW Library paperwork, and it did not happen. So FWGS made inquiries and **WE ARE NOW PROUD TO ANNOUNCE:**



**LIBBY COPELAND WILL DO HER BOOK TALK WITH FWGS ON JANUARY 26, 2021!!!**

This virtual program will discuss how the rise of home genetic testing has impacted individuals and families. Themes include adoption, non-paternity events and the American family. Approx. 30-minute moderated book discussion followed by 30 minutes of audience Q&A with Libby Copeland.

Libby has her book for sale everywhere, even on **AmazonSmile**. But if you would like a signed & personalized copy ahead of her talk, you may purchase it now at :



**The Village Bookstore in Pleasantville, NY**

(Attention: **Jennifer Kohn**, 914-769-8322).

Makes great Christmas presents for family. So would a **DNA Test** to go with it. Those are **ON SALE** now through Thanksgiving and into early December. Check out **AncestryDNA, Family Tree DNA, and 23 & Me** among others for Sale Prices right now!!!!



## FWGS ELECTIONS RESULTS

Despite not being able to meet in person, we managed to vote by email successfully and required NO recounts! And we gained a **BRAND-NEW** board member. Thanks, Emily! And Thank You members for complying and participating!

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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](http://www.txfwgs.org/documents/fwgs_bylaws.pdf)

Duties of Officers begin on page 6.

**Start thinking now for 2021 how you can serve in FWGS.** To be eligible to an officer or serve on the Board, you must be a member for at least a year.

Maybe you **don't** want to hold an office, but could still help. How about being on a committee to help one of our officers—lighten and share the load!

- Do you like computer work?
- Are you a good writer or researcher?
- Can you format copy?
- Do you have writing and editorial skills?
- Do you use Power Point, Excel, Publisher and other popular software? Web design software?
- Can you create, design or maintain websites?
- Do you like Facebook postings?
- Do you speak for groups?
- Do you like teaching classes?
- Can you write a short article on your ancestor?

## Doing a lot of shopping with Amazon?



Please consider designating FWGS as your charity in Amazon smile. A portion of your proceeds will come back to FWGS. You can make FWGS your choice on one purchase or on all purchases. We THANK you!

We support the Fort Worth Library.



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



### GENEALOGY-ON-TV TIME AGAIN!

Had enough NETFLIX for a while? Not ready for Hallmark Christmas movies yet? How about **Finding Your Roots** with **Louis Gates, Jr.** **Season 6** is currently re-running on **PBS station KERA, CH 13** right now. **Watch on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m.** The current series runs into January. Maybe by then we will have news of a Season 7.

### 2020 FWGS MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Now Available to Members Only!

Email to: [FWGS-Membership@Mail.com](mailto:FWGS-Membership@Mail.com)

Members will be sent an email with a link to download the membership roster.

***This Membership Roster is property of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society and is distributed to its members for their personal use only. It may not be copied, sold, rented, used for mass mailing or any other purpose, private or commercial, without prior official approval of the Society's Board of Directors and written consent.***

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Texas State Genealogical Society  
Presents

## Debbie Pearson

On

# War of 1812 Records

The War of 1812 (or as some thought of--our 2<sup>nd</sup> War for Independence) was one of the most widely participated in, but least acknowledged American wars. It also was one of our shortest wars, yet created a mountain of records—and records that left behind some important and interesting information about your ancestors. Learn about this war and where to find those records.

**DAY:** Tuesday, November 24, 2020

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.

**ONLINE WEBINAR ONLY—Must Register**

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

This membership application is for:  2021  2022  New  Renewal (Newsletter)