



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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December 2020

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## DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

**FWGS** usually does not have a December meeting and takes a holiday. But 2020, as we all have seen, is an **UNUSUAL** year! **FWGS** decided to take this opportunity to have a **ZOOM MEETING** on **December 15<sup>th</sup>** at our regular **6:30 pm** time slot. This fun meeting will be to let everyone have a **SHARE SESSION** and “see” each other. Maybe a bit of Holiday Cheer and a party (zoom style). First, we will have an **Installation of Officers** who will take their offices on January 1, 2021.

Then, we will open it up to **SHARING**. You may tell us what you have done during this pandemic, tell of an ancestor you found or researched, or tell of a new resource you found. Whatever you want to share. We will see how many wish to participate and then, we’ll see how much time you can have. Hope we feel closer since not meeting for so long. Here is the link: <https://zoom.us/j/98094740927?pwd=aUpBSVh3UDE5bHZzK3lBRWJoeHILUT09> **Just click this link at 6:15 that night.**

You may use your web camera and be on screen **or not use it**---it is **your choice!**

**LAST MONTH’S MEETING**  
FWGS quickly concluded the meeting as **Emily Richardson**, host of our online meetings, was under a tornado alert in Denton. Just as **Gerry Gieger** got off, his lights went out. And of course a tornado did strike in Arlington. We hope you all were safe!



## Fort Worth Library News

### LIBRARY HAS NEW WEBSITE and NEW WORKSHOP

The library is totally within the City of Fort Worth web site now. Hopefully, it will improve soon.

*The Library is sponsoring a one-hour workshop on:*

**If These Walls Could Talk: Researching Your Home’s History** by **Jennifer Brancato**, Librarian/Archivist.  
**Sat, December 12<sup>th</sup> 4:00-5:00 pm.**

Learn how to use resources available at Fort Worth Library to learn about the history of your home, neighborhood, and community. Jennifer will teach you how to conduct research using maps, photographs, historical records, & government information to discover:

- \*When your home was built and its architectural style.
- \*Who else has owned or lived in your home.
- \*The history of your neighborhood and its role in the community.
- \*Your neighborhood's place in Fort Worth's growth as a city.
- \*How to begin preserving records of your neighborhood's rich history.

**Go here to register for this online event:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_vOwOieZmTtGbuoDMjg7ag](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vOwOieZmTtGbuoDMjg7ag)



## December FWGS Meetings:

- Board of Directors:** None Scheduled
- Beginners:** CANCELLED
- Computer Users:** CANCELLED

**General Meeting:** Tues, Dec 15, 2020  
6:30 p.m.

### Zoom meeting this time!

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 .....

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

FWGS is ending this year with a special, extra meeting on **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. We wanted to give the membership an opportunity to have a ZOOM meeting on camera (if you choose to be on camera) and have a little time to share with each other what you have been doing during the Pandemic. FWGS will kick off the meeting with a virtual **Installation of Officers** too. Please tune in and join us for this last meeting of the year. Link to meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/98094740927?pwd=aUpBSVh3UDE5bHZzK3IBRWJoeHILUT09>

Our November FWGS meeting turned out to be in the path of a TORNADO—a rare Fall tornado. Leave it to Texas! We hurriedly concluded the meeting for safety.

Of course, as we approach the end of the year, I have to remind you that your FWGS dues are expiring in just a few days. That is why FWGS offers their early bird dues special during the month of December. **YOU PAY YOUR DUES NOW, BEFORE JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> AND SAVE A FEW DOLLARS!** That helps you (with a discount) and helps us with a better number of how many **Footprints** issues we have to print in February 2021!

FWGS has suffered a drop in membership during this Pandemic. We hope you consider joining or renewing to help us stay strong for another year.

There is a bright spot to look forward to in 2021: **TSGS** has decided to keep up the **Partnership Sharing** of GoTo Meetings through **May of 2021**, so FWGS has already started planning some great speakers up to May of next year. Virtual meetings allow us to get speakers from far away spots, that we would never have been able to get before the Pandemic. That's a bright spot! We have Libby Copeland from New York coming up first in January, then we have speakers from Oklahoma and Houston coming too, just to give you a peek ahead!

Please renew those dues and take advantage of all that is coming in the New Year.

FWGS Wishes You the Peace & Meaning of the Season.

*Debbie Pearson,*  
Newsletter Editor

## FWGS has some exciting NEWS for 2021:

You may recall that back in October, 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.”**

Libby wanted to participate, but technicalities with FW Library paperwork, prevented her from speaking. 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. This will be an approximately 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 a good Christmas present for yourself or share a copy with someone you know.**

**FWGS Membership Report: 32 Paid for 2021**

Thanks to NEW MEMBERS:

Laurie Behn Nancy & Craig Bergvall Ashley Duff  
Mary Charles Dodd Hull Susan Watkins



## Doing a lot of shopping with Amazon?

### Christmas is coming! Shop Away!

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>



#### Texas Czech Genealogical Society

(TCGS) is promoting the newly published 222 page book, **Památník Čechoslováků**, which contains photos,

stories, & a surname index. (\$48.00, free shipping). Book orders may send a check made to **TCGS**, with book title, Qty of purchase, and your shipping address to: **Nancy Machu, 3337 Bianco Terrace, Round Rock, TX 78665** or to charge your order call **Nancy Machu** at **512-971-4284**, email [nbmachu@gmail.com](mailto:nbmachu@gmail.com)

One of the main purposes of the TCGS is to publish books of interest to the Czech genealogical community.

**Czech Family Histories Volume V** is scheduled to be published in mid-year or in the 4th quarter of 2021. Family stories and photos are being accepted and must be received via email or postmarked on or before January 23, 2021. For inclusion into this publication, contact **Charlene Hurta** at [cmhurta@earthlink.net](mailto:cmhurta@earthlink.net) TCGS is a very busy and productive society. Visit their web site for more on their publications and work:

<https://txczgs.org/>

## 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.*



This is the time of year to buy your **DNA Kits**. Companies run their sales during the Holidays

Here is a quick run-down of which companies are offering sale prices and when they expire:

**Family Tree DNA:** Save on Family Finder, Y-DNA, & mtDNA during the Holiday Sale! **Ends Dec 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Y Tests start at \$99 Family Finder starts at \$59 and mtDNA starts at \$139. [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com)

**Ancestry DNA:** **SALE ENDS DEC 31** WHILE SUPPLIES LAST! Origins+Ethnicity Test is \$59 and Health Test is \$99. See [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

**23 and Me:** Save until **Dec 26**. (Order by 16<sup>th</sup> to receive by 25<sup>th</sup>) Ancestry + Traits Test at \$79.  
Health+Ancestry Test at \$129. VIP Health+Ancestry Test at \$429. See [www.23andme.com](http://www.23andme.com)

**My Heritage DNA:** Sale Ends **Dec 13<sup>th</sup>** Basic Test at \$49. See [www.myheritage.com](http://www.myheritage.com)

**HomeDNA:** <https://homedna.com/> Not sure if these are sale prices or regular prices...  
Origins Maternal at \$69. Origins Paternal at \$69.  
HomeDNA Starter Ancestry Test at \$69.



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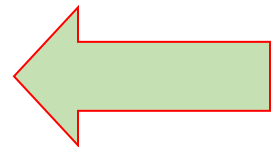
Presents

## FWGS Installation of Officers & Zoom Share Time!

Join us on our **Very First Zoom Meeting**. We have been apart since February, so let's turn on the cameras and SEE each other. We will do a quick installation to meet your new FWGS Board of Directors. Then we will have a share time. You can tell us what you have learned about an ancestor during Covid-19 or how you have been doing your research during these quarantine times. Share a little!

**FWGS does not usually hold meetings in December. This is a special event & note the date change! You may tune in and choose to use your camera or not share your camera. You may choose to participate in the Share Time or remain silent and listen. It is your choice. But we hope you tune in!**

**DAY:** Tuesday, **DECEMBER 15, 2020**  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.



**Online ZOOM Meeting**

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## Your 2020 FWGS Dues are Expiring on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Early Bird Discounts for 2021 dues apply **ONLY** until December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Why not join now and not miss any issues of **Footprints**? Help FWGS better plan for the number of issues we must print and mail.

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)

**Individual: \$20.00** ~~23.00~~

**Household: \$25.00** ~~27.00~~

Join us or extend your membership today. Please mail the completed form with payment to:

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

Please print clearly

### Membership Application & Renewal Form -☆- Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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

Family Membership - \$27  
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Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

Name:

Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

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E-mail Address:

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This membership application is for:

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