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JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

The January general meeting will be held Virtually on **Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** on a GoToMeeting Webinar online. Our special guest speaker will be **Libby Copeland** author of the best seller: [The Lost Family: How DNA Testing is Upending Who We Are.](#) Libby's Book Talk explores the rapidly evolving phenomenon of home DNA testing, its implications for how we think about family & ourselves, and its ramifications for American culture broadly. This is a very special event. Invite a friend!



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IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN AUTO-GRAPHED COPY OF HER BOOK: Telephone order a signed & personalized copy through **The Village Bookstore** in Pleasantville, NY. (**Attention: Jennifer Kohn, (914) 769-8322.**)



FW LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY PRESENTATIONS

Do you remember the November program by Librarian **Gaby Kienitz** on **The Lives of Cemeteries**? If you missed it, it is now available on the Library's YouTube Channel. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iig-QniTYLWM>

Explore this channel. There are many interesting programs on it.

December FWGS Meeting

FWGS had a rare December meeting on the 15th. This was a ZOOM meeting to allow for a little fellowship time and to have our INSTALLATION of 2021 Officers. With busy schedules and Christmas happenings, we did not draw a large crowd. But with the ability to see and talk to each other we did have the opportunity to share with each other and get to know some of our members a little better. It was a good time for all. We did welcome new board member, **Emily Richardson** who has been instrumental in our GoTo Meetings in 2020. Director **Janet Minke** moved to take the Secretary position. We look forward to a great 2021!



Have you joined us on Facebook yet? Go to our site and hit LIKE!

January FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Fri, Jan 15, 2021
10:30 am ZOOM

Beginners: Sat, Jan 30, 2021
10:00 am ZOOM

Computer Users: Sat, Jan 30, 2021
11:00 am ZOOM

General Meeting: Tues, Jan 26, 2021
6:30-8:00 pm GoToMeeting

Link for General Meeting is sent on
FWGS Mailing List or on Flyer

Email: FWGS@Mail.com



From the Editor

Happy New Year and Happy VACCINATIONS

We can only hope that 2021 will be a healthier year. It appears certain, that will still be a long process. FWGS continues to meet online and the FW Central Library continues to be closed to large gatherings. Texas State Genealogical Society has extended their help to partner societies by offering their use of software for Virtual meetings through May of 2021. We so appreciate being their partner society and for their help.

As we start the New Year it is time to renew your dues. We hope you took advantage of the Early Bird offer, but membership at \$23.00 (or \$27.00 for a household) is still a bargain. Consider the 4 issues of *Footprints*, discounts for workshops, advance news on many events, and some very good programs & classes. **Please help support FWGS.** And don't forget you can pay your dues online or by check in the mail.

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center for Texas Studies at TCU and the Fort Worth Public Library sponsor the Preserving Our Past Community Workshop Series

Saturday, February 6, 2021

10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon

Topic: **“Expanding the Archive: Hidden Histories of Race in Houston”**

By **Dr. Tyina Steptoe**

Requires Registration: Watch for a Library email or FWGS email with Registration details. Or contact Linda Barrett at linda.barrett@fortworthtexas.gov

January: New Classes Begin

As FWGS anticipates a New Year of **Beginners Classes** we acknowledge life and circumstances have greatly changed and so must we. FWGS is revamping and changing our normal routine. And we can pretty much guarantee things will continue to change, so we reserve the right to stop, start, reconfigure and change again! The first change is, of course we will be Virtual on ZOOM. Secondly, the Computer Users Group (CUG) is renamed Online Genealogy. And thirdly, both will cut down to an hour for a two hour total. The first event will be held on the 5th Saturday of January instead of the 4th Saturday.

It is still FREE!

Saturday, January 30, 2020

Virtual by Zoom

FWGS Beginners Class:

“Getting Started”

10:00 am to 11:00 am

Online Genealogy:

“Beginning Use of Ancestry.com”

11:00 am to 12:00 noon

Since these two events are going virtual we will have to have you register first, to receive a link. We may be limited in number so please carefully consider your registration and your calendar. And for the Online Genealogy, you will not be able to be hands-on as we were in the Intel Lab in the library.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84401087627?pwd=NHhEeUs4UXlrU2hVZnhYRitjYnVpZz09> ZOOM Registration Link

2021: TIME TO RENEW



Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31.

Your 2020 Membership has ended. It's time to renew!

Individual dues are \$23 and a Household is \$27.

Make your check payable to FWGS.

Fort Worth Genealogical Society

ATTN: Membership Director

P.O. Box 471789

Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408

Please add your email and print neatly.

If you want to pay online or print out a membership form and mail it with a check go here:

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

All memberships receive 4 quarterly issues of *Footprints* (by mail) & 11 months of the FWGS Newsletter (by email).

CHANGES of ADDRESSES

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!

REMEMBER to NOTIFY FWGS immediately upon a move. The post office does not forward *Footprints* without a cost to the society.





GOOD NEWS-----BAD NEWS



For the 2nd year, the Arlington TX LDS Stake has had to cancel their annual **Family History Seminar**. Concerns over Covid-19 are just too great. The event, usually held in March, had already been planned and was about to begin, when the Pandemic hit in 2020. Refunds were issued. This year, it was pretty certain as 2020 progressed that it would not happen in 2021 either.

The Good News is that **ROOTS TECH 2021** is going to go on February 25th-27th. It just is going to be Virtual this year. But the BEST NEWS of all it that it is going to be **FREE** to all!

Roots Tech is in its 20th year and is world renowned for its genealogy speakers, technology information, software, devices, apps, and vendors.

Below is a note from Jen Allen, Event Director:

What to Expect

You can expect the same great content, speakers, and activities you've come to love at RootsTech, only now it'll be available in your living room on-demand and for free.

- Celebrity keynote speakers from across the globe
- Dozens of classes to choose from in multiple languages
- An online interactive marketplace featuring companies from around the world
- Cultural activities to celebrate your heritage and learn new skills

Go ahead and explore the **Roots Tech Connect** web site to see what is in store, who is speaking, and then use the link to Register Now.

<https://www.rootstech.org/>

Roots Tech devotes has a section of past video presentations that are FREE to watch. Check it out:

<https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive?lang=eng>



Mary Lou Saxon Jobs

July 15, 1933 - December 3, 2020

Mary Lou was a member of Fort Worth Genealogical Society from 1994 through 2019.

Fort Worth, Texas - Mary Lou Saxon Jobs passed away suddenly but peacefully on December 3rd, 2020 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Mary Lou was born in San Antonio, Texas on July 15, 1933, the daughter of Alice Louise Phillips and Samuel Millerman Saxon. Mary Lou lived with her mother and grandmother, across the street from her great aunt, where she spent hours playing as a little girl and where Christmas dinners were always hosted. As a child she rode the train to Austin in the summers to spend time with her father.

Mary Lou graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1951. She attended San Antonio College from 1951-52 and The University of Texas, Austin 1952-54, resided in the Scottish Rite Dorm and majored in Home Economics/Child Development.

On July 13, 1954 she married William Paul Jobs at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in San Antonio. The young newlyweds lived in El Paso while Bill was in the Army. After several moves, the happy couple settled in Fort Worth in 1958 and recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

Mary Lou worked as a secretary for various department stores and state institutions between 1951 and 1956. December of that year their first child Thomas Anthony was born. After years as a homemaker and mother of five children, Mary Lou returned to the workforce as a U.S. Bureau of the Census field interviewer, map maker, trainer and field office supervisor from 1975-90.

Passionate about the arts, symphony and theater, Mary Lou devoted thousands of hours as a volunteer at Bass Hall. As an active member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church, decades of volunteerism and devotion to her community she was beloved by all who knew her.

Mary Lou is predeceased by her parents, brothers Tom and Sammy Saxon, and survived by her husband William Paul, children Thomas (Carole), Nancy (Skip), Ellen, Mary (Randy), Mike (Toni), brothers Mason Phillips and Bill Saxon (Betty), grandchildren Christina and Kevin Wils and Alison and Brian Jobs.

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FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with Texas State Genealogical Society

Presents

Libby Copeland

Discussing Her Best Seller



The Lost Family How DNA Testing is Upending Who We Are

The Lost Family explores the rapidly evolving phenomenon of home DNA testing, its implications for how we think about family and ourselves, and its ramifications for American culture broadly. *The Wall Street Journal* says it's "a fascinating account of lives dramatically affected by genetic sleuthing." *The New York Times* writes, "Before You Spit in That Vial, Read This Book." *The Washington Post* says *The Lost Family* "reads like an Agatha Christie mystery" and "wrestles with some of the biggest questions in life: Who are we? What is family? Are we defined by nature, nurture or both?"

DAY: Tuesday, January 26, 2021

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

ONLINE WEBINAR ONLY—Must Register

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3075991942569322252>



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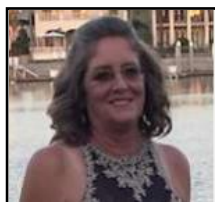
FWGS brings back their classes after some revamping. Both classes will run back-to-back on ZOOM. Pre-Registration is required. Numbers may be limited by zoom capacity. Each class will run one hour. Questions will be welcome in typed form. You may email questions or areas of interest ahead of time to FWGS-President@Mail.com

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Carlene Johnson is a FWGS member, currently serving as President. She has been a society speaker, taught the Beginners Classes in 2019 and began the 2020 series before the Pandemic hit.



Debbie Pearson is a member who currently serves as FWGS Programs Director and Newsletter Editor. She has led the Computer Users Group (now renamed Online Genealogy) for many years. She has served in many positions, including FWGS President and speaker.

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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)