



Fort Worth Genealogical Society

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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be held Virtually on **Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** on a GoToMeeting Webinar online. Our guest speaker is **Nancy Calhoun**, retired genealogy librarian from Oklahoma. Her topic is: **“Researching Oklahoma: Shedding Light on the Sooner State.”** Don't miss this excellent topic and excellent speaker!



NANCY CALHOUN started her research with family stories, then took a genealogy class in Kansas while

working on her M.S. degree and serving in Teacher Corps. It was a perfect combination with her degrees in English, History, Vocational Home Economics, & minor in Photography. She spent 20 years in publishing & newspaper work. Nancy then used her genealogy by serving in libraries, retiring as head of the Genealogy and Local History Department at Muskogee Public Library. She has research interests in Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, Texas & Oklahoma. Nancy has won writing awards from International Genealogy Writers & Editors. Her hometown is Ninnekah where the family has an Oklahoma Centennial Farm.



FW LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY CLOSURES

While most libraries have remained closed to only Curbside service, the few that do have 1 hour inside service were closed during the recent snow events. North & West side libraries then closed due to Boil Water restrictions. At this time, only West side libraries are still closed.

January FWGS Meeting

FWGS had a very special guest speaker in Libby Copeland last month. She was the author & researcher of the best seller, [The Lost Family: How DNA Testing is Upending Who We Are.](#) This meeting was a book discussion and was conducted interview style by Debbie Pearson, FWGS Program Director. It was an interesting and thought-provoking discussion, with some of the listeners posing questions for Libby. We know some of you ordered her book too. Good Read!



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

Must Pre-Register for Nancy Calhoun's Presentation on Feb 23rd
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5778014280038163724>

February FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Fri, Feb 19, 2021
10:30 am ZOOM

Beginners: Sat, Feb 27, 2021
10:00 am **CANCELLED**

Computer Users: Sat, Feb 27, 2021
11:00 am **CANCELLED**

General Meeting: Tues, Feb 23, 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



Whew! We thought 2020 was rough! We were so looking forward to a better 2021. Not going so well, is it? First, riots in Washington, DC. Now, historic snow events covering the entire state of Texas, bringing staggering power outages, water shortages, grocery shortages, delivery issues for mail, newspapers, & supplies, and now boil water notices.

Sounds like a good time, to work on your genealogy (if you still have power.) Don't forget, with the generosity of Texas State Genealogical Society (TxSGS), you can sit in your home and watch an excellent presentation each month from our society. This month it is on **Oklahoma**, a difficult state to research from home.

FWGS needs your help **this** month! We are seriously low in financial support since the Pandemic hit. If you could **join** or **renew** your dues to FWGS, it would help us be able to bring you more programs & genealogical benefits. **Could you see your way to help support us in 2021?** FWGS and many societies across our nation have been affected and we understand many families cannot spare dues renewals in these uncertain days. But, if you can, would you choose a society to support? We would appreciate it so much if you chose FWGS.

Stay safe and warm.....

♥ *Debbie Pearson*, Newsletter Editor

P.S. See a members-only opportunity elsewhere in this newsletter!!

FWGS LOVES our Members!!!

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**.*

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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 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).

From the FWGS Mail Bag



**Center For Texas Studies at TCU and
The Ft. Worth Library present**

The Preserving Our Past Community Workshop Series

Saturday, March 6, 2021

10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon

March is Women's History Month

Topic: **"The Texas Ranch Sisterhood:
Portraits of Women Working in the Land"**

By **Alyssa Banta**, discusses her book

You will need to Register for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_q6c3BQagSoKwFx4Fw1H09A

Don't Forget:

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 Connect use the link to Register Now.

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



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.

FWGS BREAKING NEWS

FWGS has had to cancel our Beginning Workshop Series & the Online Genealogy Series. January was not well attended & with all the outages, we have decided to pause again this year. **BUT** the **Good News** (see flyer on p 3)A Members Only Workshop is planned for **March 27**. It is heavy on Beginning Genealogy & some DNA. **THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN OR RENEW BY MARCH 20TH to be included!!!!**

Any member (beginner or not) is invited to Register!

Do you have Early Texas Ancestors?

Submit your DNA to the Early Texans DNA Project!

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- Learn which parts of your DNA are linked to other early Texans.
 - Facilitate your application for TxSGS's heritage certificate programs.
 - Confirm documentary trail by correlating DNA with related descendants.
 - Find cousins who may be able to expand your knowledge of your Early Texas ancestor!

All reasonable efforts will be made to maintain the privacy of project members while sharing non-identifying information that may help researchers link to Early Texas ancestors.

Your DNA will contribute to an understanding of early Texas history by

- Determining which admixtures are found in living Texans,
- Linking those admixtures to early settlements in Texas colonies, and
- Determining Y-DNA and mtDNA signatures for early Texas settlers.

Who is eligible?

Group 1 - Descendants of Republic of Texas settlers and early Mexican and Spanish colonists – those who settled Texas before 19 February 1846.

Group 2 – Descendants of early settlers of the state of Texas who arrived by 31 December 1900.

Interested? Learn more at <http://www.txsgs.org/programs/dna-project/>

Questions? Email dna@txsgs.org

FWGS presents a Beginning Genealogy Workshop

FREE! And **Available to FWGS Members Only!**

Saturday, March 27th --- 9 am – 2 pm

Virtual Zoom Conference with

Tresa Tatyrek on

“Genealogy in a Nutshell”

FWGS Members Email: Rbecaliles@gmail.com

Give your name, request for FWGS workshop, & email address. She has the list of members and will send your link for the virtual program to your email. **Must Pre-register by March 20th!**

Another Good Reason to Join FWGS in 2021!

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Texas State Genealogical Society

Presents

AN ONLINE WEBINAR

Nancy Calhoun

On

Researching Oklahoma: Shedding Light on the Sooner State

Texans were a huge percentage of the thousands who swarmed into Oklahoma and Indian Territories. But what resources are available for tracing those ancestors and family members who came for a new beginning? Knowing the history, timeline, and geography can make your research a “successful run” to stake a genealogy homestead. Follow the speaker’s own Texas-born grandparents as they settle in the brand-new state. This is a must-see topic for those with ancestors who lived in Oklahoma or the Indian Territory!

DAY: **Tuesday, February 23, 2021**

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

Register Here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5778014280038163724>

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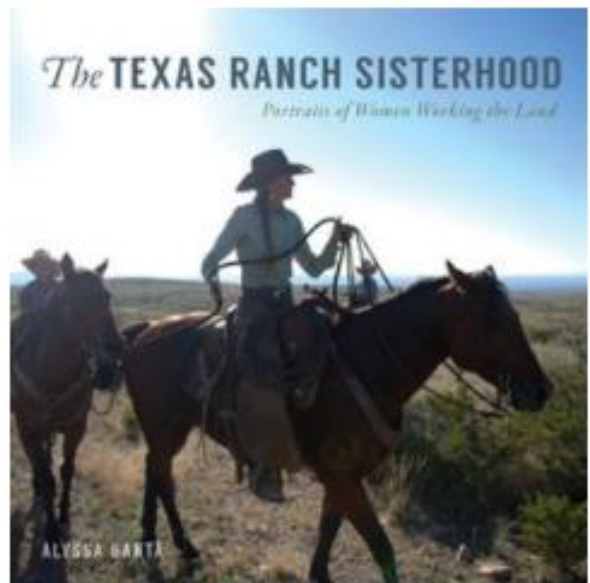


FORT WORTH
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Presented by: Alyssa Banta, writer and photographer

Alyssa Banta is an award-winning photojournalist and writer. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree of Austin College and a Master of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin. She has photographed for publications such as The New York Times Magazine, Smithsonian Magazine, and Harper's Magazine, and for the aid agencies United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Red Cross.

Join us for Women's History Month as Alyssa Banta talks about her book, *The Texas Ranch Sisterhood: Portraits of Women Working in the Land*. Most think of ranchers as exclusively men, but Banta's photographs tell a different story. She will present the experiences of multiple women ranchers throughout Texas--some of whom are part of a long family legacy on the land. To truly understand ranch work, Banta spent more than a year with these women, living in their homes, and working with them in the field. The result is a terrific example of how to document the present for the future. Don't miss this opportunity to hear her unique insights into the lives of women ranchers across the Lone Star State.



Register for Webinar here:

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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)