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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. is the next FWGS General Meeting. It is a Go To Meeting Webinar online. Our speaker is **Emily Richardson** and her topic is **Finding Your Ancestors in US Church Records.**

Use This Link To Register for the Webinar:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6380060674111091472>



Emily Richardson is a professional genealogist and lecturer living in Denton. She began researching with her mom in court-houses and cemeteries in Ohio & Pennsylvania. In 2019, she retired from higher education as a faculty member and administrator, moved to Texas and opened up Kinsearchers. She is the secretary of the Texas State Genealogical Society, as well as District C Representative. She is on the board for the Fort Worth Genealogical Society and the Robson Ranch Genealogy Club. She teaches genealogy courses for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) for University of North Texas. Emily is currently the Registrar for The Flower Mound NSDAR chapter and on the State Application Team for TXDAR. Emily has participated in multiple SLIG (Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy), IGHR (Institute of Genealogical Studies) and TIGR (Texas Institute of Genealogical Research) week-long courses. She is a coordinator for ProGen49, and a mentor for the NGS course Beyond the Basics.



FW LIBRARY NEWS

APPOINTMENTS NEEDED

Remember: Call ahead to make an appointment if you wish to do some genealogy research in the Central Library Genealogy Unit. **817-392-7740**

September FWGS Meeting

Debbie Parker Wayne shared on a brand-new topic to most of us. She shared about the plans of Texas State Genealogical Society to share the lineages of the members who have joined the Early Texans projects of their Society. This innovative project will have lineages lines, the proofs and documents that applicants provided, along with DNA results, old photos, and links to FindaGrave as well as burial information. This is expected to become an expert place for research on Early Texas residents. <https://www.txsgs.org/programs/dna-project/early-texans/>

OCTOBER FWGS Meetings:

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

Special Interest Group (SIG) for NOV Family Search.Org Nov 9 ~7pm
Next is NOV 9th at 7:00 pm

General Meeting: Tue, OCT 26, 2021
6:30-8:00 pm GoToMeeting
Link for General Meeting is sent on FWGS Mailing List or found on Flyer
Email: FWGS@Mail.com

SIG on FAMILY SEARCH.org Meets Again by ZOOM

Tues, Nov 9th at 7 pm NEW Time
Emily Richardson will lead on LAND RECORDS.

Watch for an email with the Link!



Have you joined us on Facebook yet?

We have two sites:

Fort Worth Genealogical Society & FWGS Talk. Try them both!

From the Editor.....



Happy Halloween!

FWGS is conducting annual elections at our next meeting. Since we have not yet begun to meet in person, the election will again be held by email only. **Members only** will receive a ballot by email after the General Meeting on **Tuesday, October 26th**. For easy identification, the email will be sent from this address: FWGS-Secretary@Mail.com **You will have 24 hours after you receive it to vote. Please respond quickly.**

Since it is Election Time, that means the end of the year is approaching. It will be time to pay your annual dues soon. FWGS offers an Early Bird Discount for those who choose to pay their 2022 dues before December 31, 2021. Take advantage of those discounts and help FWGS better plan for the future. Find a form in this newsletter.

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor



TIME TO RENEW or JOIN for the FIRST TIME

Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31. 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.

You may pay online or print out a membership form and mail a check here:

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES!

Please, Please, Please!
Remember to Notify FWGS immediately upon a move.

The Post Office does not forward Footprints without a cost to our Society.

From the FWGS Mail Bag



**Center For Texas Studies at TCU
The FW Library Community Workshops**

**Next: "The Grape Man of Texas:
Thomas Volney Munson "**

Speaker: Sherrie McLeRoy, Author & Archivist

Saturday, November 6 @ 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

BACK to the Central Branch Library in November!!!

This meeting will be a Hybrid: with in-person at the Central branch Tandy Auditorium and ZOOM for online.

Register Here for Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_M0g8E1bVSCqpiqaB8uKTNQ

If you take a winery tour in France today, you are likely to hear about Denison resident Thomas Volney Munson (1843 - 1913). Sherrie McLeRoy, is a co-author of a book about him. She will discuss Munson's contribution to our body of knowledge about Texas and American grapes in general, and specifically how his work enabled him to help save the European grape and wine industry from devastating blights in the late 19th century. Though he received numerous awards from both French and American institutions for his work, his achievements were largely lost or ignored by the mid-20th century. Don't miss this opportunity to brush up on the history of Texas wine and the man who may have saved the entire industry worldwide.

Sherrie McLeRoy is currently the archivist at the Woman's Club of Fort Worth and is writing a new history of the Club for its 2023 Centennial. Having spent much of her career in museums, McLeRoy has since written, contributed to, or co-authored twenty-four books and numerous magazine and newspaper articles. Her latest publications are *Texas Adoption Activist Edna Gladney: A Life and Legacy of Love* and *Texas Women First: Leading Ladies of Lone Star History*, both from The History Press.

FOOTPRINTS UPDATE: Footprints is delayed.

Aug & Nov issues will be mailed together soon.

North Fort Worth Historical Society Presents

**2021 Annual Saints & Sinners Tour at
Oakwood Cemetery at 701 Grand Ave.**

October 30th & 31st

1:00 & 3:30 p.m.

\$10.00 at the gate



FWGS Early Bird Discount

Get your Early bird discount on 2022 dues. Pay before December 31st to receive these prices.
Individual: \$23 = **\$20** Household: \$27 = **\$25**



Best Family Tree Building Sites in 2021

It is probably no surprise to you the top 4 sites for research and building your tree online:

Ancestry, Family Search, Find My Past, and My Heritage. Three of those are pay sites and the LDS church offers **Family Search** for free to all.

Ancestry puts up 2 million records a day, **My Heritage** has over 92 million users globally, and **Find My Past** has over 6,000 TrustPilot Reviews & specializes in UK research.

But, have you heard of these other sites that recently were rated highly as well:

One Great Family Gives a 7 day Free Trial
<http://www.onegreatfamily.com/>

Genes Reunited <https://www.genesreunited.co.uk/>
Mostly UK centered

Legacy Tree Genealogists a Pro site. They will do your research for you. <https://www.legacytree.com/>

Just Answer Genealogists Another Pro site. This is a a chat box where you can get questions answered at reasonable prices. <https://www.justanswer.com/>

Thinking of subscribing for the first time or wanting to switch? Consider these thoughts:

- 1) Number of records available to search?
- 2) Are the records in countries you need?
- 3) Does it support DNA results or testing?
- 4) Does the site use state of art matching technology for hints?
- 5) Do they have support? Either from staff for technical issues or a community forum for questions from other users.
- 6) Compare prices among similar sites.

2022 FWGS Slate of Officers

The Nominations Committee consisting of Janet Minke, Chair with Joan Crittenden and Rob Yoder presented the following slate to the Board. The election will be held directly after the **General Meeting on October 26th** by email. Please respond within 24 hours to FWGS-Secretary@Mail.com

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SURNAMES

FWGS is contemplating creating a Surnames Directory for our members. Would you be willing to add surnames you research into a database? When inquiries come in, FWGS could match you to the person querying. Look for more information soon.

Footprints Submissions?

Do you have ancestors in Tarrant County or surrounding counties? Would you like to have your family tree in print?

Footprints Editor Rob Yoder is seeking family trees, your research, old photos, newspaper articles from early Fort Worth papers and other interesting records or stories of Tarrant county. If you have something that is ready in digital form contact him at:

FWGS-Footprints@Mail.com

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Texas State Genealogical Society

Presents

An Online Webinar

Emily Richardson

On

Finding Your Ancestors in US Church Records

Church records are an underutilized source. Yet, it is in these records where you may find ancestors' births, maiden or married names, marriage details, deaths, family relationships, and residences. This program will help you develop a step-by-step process for identifying, locating, and accessing church records.

DAY: Tuesday, October 26, 2021

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

ONLINE WEBINAR ONLY—Must Register

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Or pay online <http://txfwgs.org/html/membership.html>

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Address: _____

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Care to add Surnames You're Researching:



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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
⇒ \$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)