



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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OCTOBER 2022

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## OCTOBER MEETING

FWGS is planning a special General Meeting for **Tuesday, Oct 25, 2022**. We will have a special **TOUR of the FORT WORTH HISTORY CENTER** by **Linda Barrett & Suzanne Fritz**. Our start time will move to **5:00-7:00 p.m.** just for this meeting. Set your clocks for 1 ½ hours earlier (due to the early closing time of this branch.) **Come see the shiny new facility, find out what is different or new, & meet the new staff!**

**No Zoom this month!**

**LINDA BARRETT** is Manager of the Fort Worth History Center. Linda spent 25 years in Health care fields before her career in Library Science. She earned her Bachelor's in History in 2000 & her MLS degree in 2014. She was selected to manage the Genealogy unit in 2017. Linda is especially interested in the history of urban planning and how it shapes Fort Worth. Another of Linda's interests is the WPA in Fort Worth, particularly the Federal Writers Project. She often uses genealogical research to learn more about individuals involved in her interests.

**SUZANNE FRITZ** is a Librarian at the Fort Worth History Center. She worked in genealogy in Naples, Florida prior to FW. Suzanne received her B.A. from Mount Holyoke College and her M.S., L.I.S., from Simmons College, Boston. Suzanne is interested in a variety of topics including: Italian-American immigration, German-American genealogy, and Native-American records. She loves the benefits of rich record resources pertaining to Texas.



## FW LIBRARY NEWS

**IT IS FINALLY HERE!!!**

The **GRAND OPENING** of the new Fort Worth History Center is Oct 22nd at 501 E. Bolt St.; 10 am to Noon! Please come! See flyer p 4

The new staff includes Linda, Suzanne, Gabby Kienitz, Lynn Cowles, new page Danielle Westervelt, & brand-new Customer Service Rep Khara Crawford.

**FRI, Oct 21: Family History Binge** SW Regional; 10 am to 4:25 pm.

See flyer on p 5

## SEPTEMBER FWGS Meeting

**Patti Huff Smith** shared her knowledge & experiences using various platforms of Social Media to find living relatives through her genealogical pursuit. Patti actually gave us two chances to view her presentation: on our regular night & then a bonus Zoom a week later. Patti has set up FB pages on her ancestors with pictures and more. She leaves these public to attract people who may be searching too. She has chipped at Brick Walls this way, discovering new branches of family. One tidbit I gleaned on social media site was a service called Random Acts of Photo Restoration. Volunteers will help you redo an old photo for free! Try it yourself.



**Have you joined us on Facebook yet?**

**We have two sites:**

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

## OCTOBER FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:** Fri, Oct 14, 2022  
10:30 am SW Regional Lib

**Special Interest Group (SIG) for Family Search.Org** On a **BREAK**

**General Meeting:** Tue, Oct 25, 2022  
**5:00-7:00 pm** FW History Center  
501 E. Bolt St.

**NOTE: This is a TIME and PLACE change in our schedule!!!**

## From the Editor .....



### Pumpkins on the Porches.....It's October!

**FWGS NEWS: THE BIG NEWS! We are meeting in person AGAIN for the OCTOBER Meeting! BUT, we are changing the LOCATION and the TIME!!! [Make a Note!](#)**

We will have a special meeting at the **NEW Fort Worth History Center at 5:00 until 7:00 pm.** We will have a short business meeting, VOTE for new officers, hear some news. THEN, we will meet the NEW staff and take a tour of everything! You can't miss this opportunity!

**In other news:** the bylaw changes proposed in August, were voted on in the September meeting and passed by those in attendance. There is still more to be done. We hope to take further bylaw changes in smaller bites than we did in the summer.

As we vote for new leadership, it reminds us there is lots of room for YOU! Whether on the board or working on a project or a committee, **WE NEED YOU!** Please contact Carlene if you would like a job or place:

**President Johnson** [FWGS-President@Mail.com](mailto:FWGS-President@Mail.com)

Or contact **Joan Crittenden** at [JWCritt70@gmail.com](mailto:JWCritt70@gmail.com)

Nominations Committee, Chair if you wish to serve on the Board as a Director or an Officer.

*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  
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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>

#### FOOTPRINTS UPDATE:

**Footprints Editor Rob Yoder** is working on the **November** issue of *Footprints*. The team hopes to finish it and get it in the mail by the end of November.

## From the FWGS Mail Bag .....



### Center For Texas Studies at TCU

in partnership with

### FWL Community History Workshop Series

**It's Back!**



**Saturday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon**

**TOPIC: "Trinity River Groove:  
Story of the Cowtown Sound"**

**Presenters: Gene Fowler:** Writer & Performer  
& **William Williams:** Songwriter, Guitarist, & Music Historian

**Hybrid Meeting: Zoom/In Person**

As we go to press the hyperlink was not available to register, so go to <https://texasstudies.org/> and check the calendar soon.

**Central Library Tandy Auditorium:**

**500 W. Third St. Fort Worth, TX 76102-7305**

**What's your favorite?** Jazz, western swing, big band, blues, rock'n'roll, all of the above? **Gene Fowler & William Williams** explore the contributions of musicians in these genres and more in their story of music in Fort Worth and Dallas from the 19th century to the 1960s. This program, drawn from their book, *Metro Music*, will take you back to the groovy sounds and the legendary venues including the Crystal Springs Dance Pavilion, the Longhorn Ballroom, the Blue Bird, and so many more. Don't miss it!

**Next: Sat, Dec 3, 2022** "Fort Worth Horror: The Great South Side Fire of 1909" with Carol Roark

### The FWISD Billy W. Sills Lecture Series

**It's BACK!**

**Saturday, OCTOBER 15 10:00 AM FWISD AD Bldg.**

**Topic: "The Neglected Cowboys"**

**Presenter: Wayne Ludwig,** author & western historian

**Come at 9:30 for Coffee/Nibbles**

The public perception of the American West has been heavily influenced by dime novels, books, movies, and television. Until recently, the Hollywood version was all male, all white. Women and minorities were not mentioned. Come hear about these neglected cowboys (girls).

**Wayne** is a cattle trails historian extraordinaire. A Fort Worth native, he is the award-winning author of *The Old Chisholm Trail: From Cow Path to Tourist Stop*. He spoke to FWGS on how he researched that book. See his *Texas Cattle Trails History Group* page on Facebook.



## TxSGS Family History Conference Straight Ahead

The 2022 Conference features five tracks on the latest in DNA; Ethnic research; Records and Resources; Methodology, and Skill Building. With 42 sessions from 24 speakers, there will be something of interest and benefit for everyone.

Everyone who registers receives access to the TxSGS Live! sessions on November 4-5. Depending on the package you purchase, choose up to 32 additional sessions to watch whenever you choose. Watch all 42 sessions plus the bonus sessions **as many times as you wish for 90 days**, until February 6, 2022.

### Choose from 3 exciting packages!

- All-in-One: All live sessions plus all On-Demand and Bonus
- Standard Package: All live sessions plus your choice of 15 On-Demand sessions and all Bonus sessions
- Lite Package: All live sessions plus your choice of 5 On-Demand sessions and all Bonus sessions

### Included in all packages:

- Bonus sessions (to be announced soon)
- Access to the Virtual Expo Hall (Open October 28 – November 6)
- Digital Syllabus

### To view more and to register for the conference:

<https://www.txsgs.org/2022-txsgs-family-history-conference/>

**TxSGS Members** receive a discount so you might want to join first, then register.

<https://www.txsgs.org/membership/>

**Editor:** Even though the Early Bird Registration is over, the fees are still a good deal. For the time extended and the number of sessions, this is a GREAT bargain! And you don't have to drive, park or get a hotel anywhere!!!



## Passing of Former Member

Gayle Williams Hanson

10 Jan 1952-15 May 2022

**Gayle** was an important member of FWGS from 2010-2014, although she attended meetings longer than that. Rob noted in *Footprints* that she helped on several projects when volunteer notices were posted.



I know that I always enjoyed talking with her and served on the 1918 WWI Centennial project where she contributed about the African American community in Fort Worth. She loved research about family and historical topics. She was also a proud alumna of Trimble Tech High School. I served with her on other Library committees and the last time I served with her was on a Library focus group about the sale and moving of our genealogy unit. I was always trying to get her to speak to FWGS, but she demurred. She was too busy. I will forever miss that we did not get that privilege.

### RIP Gayle.

Her obituary ran in the FW Star Telegram:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/dfw/name/gayle-hanson-obituary?id=34895959>

Rob ran in a tribute in the August 2022 *Footprints* and the Arlington GS ran a tribute in their June 2022 Newsletter.

**Linda Barrett...** Manager of FW History Center  
Need Information, Have a Question? Email Linda here:

[Linda.Barrett@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:Linda.Barrett@fortworthtexas.gov)

If you purchase items on Amazon, remember to tag FWGS in your **AmazonSmile** charity donation designation.

We appreciate the donations from Amazon when you set FWGS as your designee!!!



# Family History Binge

October 21, 2022 | 10:00 AM—4:25 PM | Southwest Regional

**10:00 am – 11:00 a.m. Deciphering Handwriting in Genealogical Records**

*Joseph B. Everett, MLS, AG, Family & Local History Librarian (BYU Library)*

In this age of technology, reading handwriting is becoming a lost skill, but it is essential for success in genealogical research. It is not enough to rely on computer indexes. Learn about techniques and tools for improving your skills in deciphering handwritten documents. Information about developments in handwritten text recognition will also be included.

**11:10 am – 12:10 p.m. Choosing Genealogy Services & Software**

*Tony Hanson, Family Historian*

A high-level overview of the capabilities offered by 'online genealogical services,' 'genetic DNA testing services' and 'family tree software providers.' Make informed choices from the wide range of products and services that are currently available.

**1:10 – 2:00 p.m. Citing Sources Without Stressing Out (Sponsored by: Denton Public Library)**

*Amy Johnson Crow, MLS, founder & lead educator at Generations Connection, host of Generations Café podcast*

Citing sources is one of those things in genealogy research that tends to make us kind of twitchy. We know we should be doing it, and we want to do them right... so we tend to stress out about it. But there is a key to thinking about citing sources—and it won't raise our blood pressure.

**2:10—3:25 p.m. How to Approach and Solve Brick Wall Problems with DNA**

*Sara Allen, Senior Librarian, Allen County Public Library, Genealogy Center*

Learn steps to take to evaluate your brick wall problem, learn the best DNA tests to use for different problems, and how to work with DNA results and genealogical research to solve the problem. We will also go over several case studies that utilize these strategies.

**3:35—4:25 p.m. United States Migration Patterns: Why They Left, Where They Went, and the Stories They Left Behind (Sponsored by: Waco-McLennan County Library)**

*LeAnne McCamey, professional genealogist, publisher, author, & American Genealogical Research Services Owner*

An overview of migration touching on the reasons to study and the keys to understanding it. Four distinct migration time periods are briefly addressed in addition to reasons people migrated and how to find documents and records left behind. Instruction in the methodology of developing an individual or family migratory tracing.



# You're Invited

to the Fort Worth History  
Center Grand Opening

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Saturday, Oct. 22  
10 a.m. to Noon

501 E. Bolt St.  
Fort Worth, TX 76110

[FortWorthHistoryCenter.org](http://FortWorthHistoryCenter.org)



# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents

## TOUR of NEW FORT WORTH HISTORY CENTER

With

**Linda Barrett, Manager**  
**Suzanne Fritz, Librarian**

Please come see and experience the new home of Fort Worth Genealogy and Local History in their new location. (It's the old home of the Seminary South Branch, FWPL.) Our hosts will show us all we need to know to begin researching again in-person. See what is new or different in this newly refurbished space.

**BEFORE THE TOUR THERE WILL BE A SHORT FWGS BUSINESS MEETING TO VOTE FOR 2023 OFFICERS**

**NEW** **DAY:** Tuesday, October 25, 2022  
**TIME:** 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**NEW** **2<sup>nd</sup> BACK IN-PERSON MEETING**  
**At the NEW FORT WORTH HISTORY CENTER:**  
**501 E. Bolt St, Fort Worth, Texas 76110**

**Please observe Health Protocols!**

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# The Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD

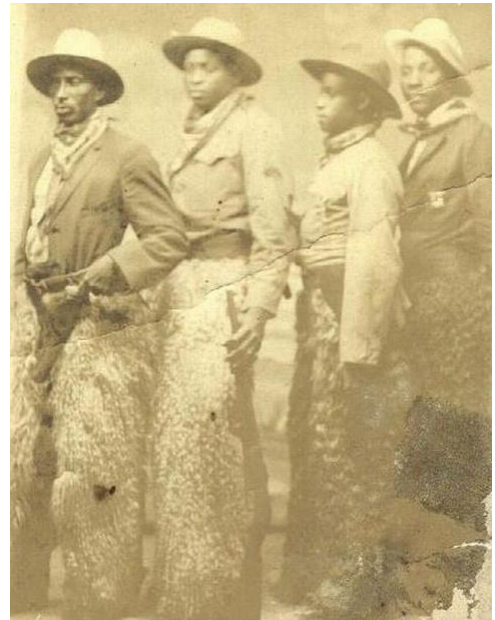
presents

*Wayne Ludwig*

“The Neglected Cowboys”

**October 15, 2022**

The public perception of the American West has been heavily influenced by dime novels, books, movies, and television. Until fairly recently, the Hollywood version of the cowboy portrayed a hardy, self-reliant knight of the plains. With few exceptions, the Hollywood cowboys were typically Anglo males. Women and minorities were relegated to secondary roles or simply whitewashed out of the story. The stories of these “Neglected Cowboys” are integral to the history of the American West.



Wayne is a cattle trails historian extraordinaire. A native of Fort Worth, he is the award-winning author of *The Old Chisholm Trail: From Cow Path to Tourist Stop*. He created the Texas Cattle Trails History Group on Facebook which has a membership of over 11,000.

Check out his Facebook page and join us on Saturday, October 15 as Wayne tells the story of the cowboys who looked more like Danny Glover as Deets in “Lonesome Dove,” than John Wayne in “High Noon” or Roy Rogers in TV westerns.

**Join us October 15 for a morning of learning,  
fun, and fellowship.**

Join us for coffee and “nibbles”  
beginning at 9:30 a.m.

**Saturday, October 15, 2022**

10:00 to 12:00

**NO ADMISSION FEE**

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