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Newsletter

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NOVEMBER MEETING

The next General Meeting is **Tuesday, Nov 29, 2022** (after Thanksgiving) and back at the **Tandy Auditorium**, Central Branch Library downtown. Out topic will be the book ***Wanted in America: Posters Collected by the Fort Worth Police Department, 1898–1903*** by **LeAnna Schooley & Thomas Kellam**. Meeting begins at **6:30** & Library closes at 8:00 p.m. Parking meters are free at **6:00 p.m.** **So come early to visit. Books will be available for sale & autograph!**

No Zoom this month!



LEANNA SCHOOLEY is Executive Director of the Center for Texas Studies at TCU. She holds a Ph.D. in American History from

TCU, a Bachelor's in Museum Studies & History from Baylor University, and a Master's in Architectural Studies emphasizing Historic Preservation from the University of Texas at Austin. A Fort Worth native, she learned early to love history from her educational family vacations.

THOMAS KELLAM is the Archivist for the Tarrant County College District Archives. In addition, he oversees The Heritage Room in the J. Ardis Bell Library on the Northeast Campus, TCC. (828 West Harwood Rd, Hurst, Texas 76054) The Heritage Room holds many collections of donated Fort Worth and Texas history items as well as a digital collection of photographs and ephemera. Tom previously was a librarian in the FW Genealogy Unit in the Central Branch Library.



FW LIBRARY NEWS

FW HISTORY CENTER OPENS
501 E. Bolt Street

The new Fort Worth History Center opened in Oct! Have you been yet? The staff includes Linda Barrett, Manager, Suzanne Fritz, Gabby Kienitz, Lynn Cowles, new page Danielle Westervelt, & brand-new Customer Service Rep Khara Crawford. Please go check it out!

OCTOBER FWGS Meeting

Linda Barrett & Suzanne Fritz led FWGS on a private tour of the new facilities. There are still many of the items you are used to using: some family histories, many of the reference works from states & counties you used, a large collection on Texas, microfilm collections, the large Indus copier you remember, new computers with access to the databases you love (Ancestry, Heritage Quest, Star Telegram) and so much more. With a new customer service rep on site, you can even renew your library card. The helpful staff can help you and direct you to ordering any works that are off-site now. The more you use the new facility the better it will become. Request the materials you need the most. Come explore soon!



Have you joined us on Facebook yet?

We have two sites:

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

NOVEMBER FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Fri, Nov 18, 2022
10:30 am SW Regional Lib

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

General Meeting: Tue, Nov 29, 2022
6:30-8:00 pm Tandy Auditorium

NOTE: THIS is back to downtown & an in-person meeting

From the Editor



Happy Thanksgiving!

FWGS NEWS: The Officer Elections were held in October in-person. Thanks to so many who came back and who toured the new FW History Center!

See election results on page 3

It is nearing the end of 2022 and we have a great last program for you in November. Please come in-person to hear it. It would also be a great time to pay your dues for next year too. **The FWGS Board of Directors**

recently voted to discontinue the EARLY BIRD

discount. Individual membership is \$23.00 and a Household is \$27.00. You may pay by check in the mail or go to our website & pay by credit card through PayPal. See below

If you have pre-paid your 2023 Dues, you are all good.

FWGS will not be taking dues past 2023 for now.

Also, at the next meeting there will be another vote on a BOD's recommended **By Laws change** that was read at the October meeting. One change deals with changing the names of our membership categories and the other is a Federal requirement for all 501 (c) (3) groups about dissolutions of societies. There will be one change to a Standing Rule too. Members please come & Vote . *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**.

Pay Online or by Check/Mail

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

Please add your email and print neatly. You may pay online or print out a membership form and mail a check here:

Make your check payable to FWGS.

Fort Worth Genealogical Society
ATTN: Membership Director
P.O. Box 471789
Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408

The BOD became aware that an error prevented your use of PayPal recently. That issue is fixed. You may use PayPal now.

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies at TCU
in partnership with
FWL Community History Workshop Series

Saturday, Dec 3rd 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

TOPIC: "Fort Worth Horror: The Great South Side Fire of 1909"

Presenter: Carol Roark: Archivist, Historian, Author

Hybrid Meeting: Zoom/In Person

Register here for Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rED8EcscSBOA4syJJ8ipgA

In-Person: **Central Library Tandy Auditorium**

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

In Fort Worth on April 3, 1909 two boys experimented with cigarettes on a windy spring day. It led to a barn catching fire. By the time the conflagration was under control with the help of companies from Dallas, Weatherford and elsewhere, more than twenty blocks of businesses, homes, and churches just south of downtown were destroyed. Join us as historian Carol Roark explains how the fire not only changed the landscape of Fort Worth, but also how it prepared for disasters.

Carol Roark has spent years researching & writing about historic buildings. After 20 years as the Archivist & Manager of the Special Collections Division of Dallas Public Library, she is now working on a number of freelance history and historic preservation projects. She has published four books related to those topics, served as editor for the Tarrant County Historic Resources Survey volumes, and contributed to works on African American and women's history. She and her husband live in a 1919 Arts & Crafts bungalow in Fort Worth's Fairmount/South Side National Register Historic District.

Next: Sat, Jan 7, 2023 Wayne Ludwig with "Longhorns, Legends, and Life on the Trail"

In 2023, this series of Lectures will be moving permanently to the Southwest Regional Library auditorium on Hulen Street.

The FWISD Billy W. Sills Lecture Series

Saturday, December 10 10:00 AM FWISD AD Bldg.

Topic: "Murderers, Drunkards, and Thieves in a Texas County, 1877-1910"

Presenter: Dr. Deborah Liles: Educator, Historian, & Author

Come at 9:30 for Coffee/Nibbles

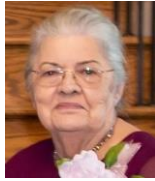


Passing of Member

Linda Kay (Hale) Combrink

August 25, 1941 - October 16, 2022

Fort Worth, Texas - Linda Kay (Hale) Combrink, 81, passed away peacefully in her sleep overnight on Oct. 16, 2022, with her family by her side.



Memorial Service: 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, in Greenwood Chapel.

Linda was born Aug. 25, 1941, to Anna and Luther Hale. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Mary Nell Hale; and brother, Wendell Hale.

Survivors: Loving husband of 61 years, Charles "Roy" Combrink; sister, Patsy Smith of Dallas; sons, Keith Combrink of College Station and Kevin Combrink and wife, Beatrix of Burleson; grandchildren, Anna Chianese and husband, Ethan of Fort Worth, Noah Combrink and wife, Marie of Burleson, Jason Combrink of Burleson and Rebeka Combrink of Burleson; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Before life slowed her down, Linda was active in the Fort Worth Quilt Guild and TCU Faculty Woman's Club. She also enjoyed playing bridge and made many quilts for family and the Tarrant County Chapter of Project Linus.

Editor: We did not see Linda often, sometimes when we had a board dinner. Linda's gift to FWGS was letting her husband Roy serve so faithfully for so many years and give his time. Over the years Linda and I chatted several times, at her house or on the phone. She was friendly and so patient that FWGS was taking her husband's time from her.

RIP

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!!!



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FWGS is proud to WELCOME 5 new board members!!!

There are still 2 positions open. If you wish to serve contact Carlene Johnson:

FWGS-President@Mail.com

Linda Barrett... Manager of FW History Center

Need Information, Have a Question? Email Linda here:

Linda.Barrett@fortworthtexas.gov

Fort Worth History Center

501 E. Bolt St

Fort Worth, TX 761

New Phone Number:

(817) 392-7740

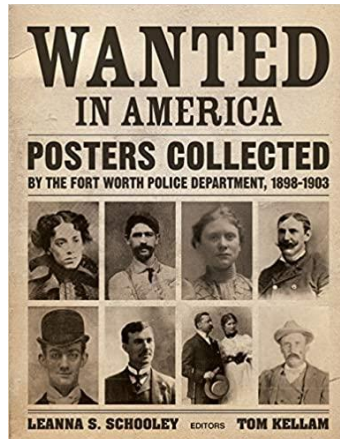
FOOTPRINTS UPDATE:

Footprints Editor Rob Yoder has completed the November issue of *Footprints*. The team hopes to pack it and get it into the mail by the end of November. **CONGRATULATIONS to ROB YODER.** This was his last issue of *Footprints* and he's taking a well-deserved break! THANKS for 11 years of faithful service to continue our FWGS tradition of excellence!

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library
Presents

WANTED IN AMERICA



With

LeAnna Schooley, TCU Center for TX Studies
&

Thomas Kellam, TCC District Archives & Heritage Room

LeAnna & Tom will share how they made this book and the research on these individuals who are someone's ancestors! Their book will be available for sale!

**THERE WILL BE A SHORT FWGS BUSINESS MEETING TO VOTE on
BY LAW CHANGES**

DAY: Tuesday, November 29, 2022

TIME: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

3rd BACK IN-PERSON MEETING

At: Tandy Auditorium, Central Branch Library Downtown

500 W Third St, Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Please observe Health Protocols!

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Fort Worth Genealogical Society – Constitution and Bylaws

The following revisions are proposed to the membership by the Board of Directors

Article III – MEMBERSHIP

Current Bylaws	Proposed Revised Bylaws
<p>Section 1. Types. The membership of the Society shall consist of those in good standing; good standing meaning those who have paid the current years' dues. Membership shall consist of four types: Regular, Family, Contributing, and Honorary Life.</p>	<p>Section 1. Types. The membership of the Society shall consist of those in good standing; good standing meaning those who have paid dues for the current year. Membership shall consist of six categories: Individual Member, Household Member, Organization Member, Contributing Member, Sustaining Member and Honorary Life Member.</p>
<p>Justification: This proposal brings membership types into line with current practice in the Society and with other similar societies. Replacing "Regular Member" with "Individual Member" makes it clear this type of membership is for an individual. Replacing "Family Member" with "Household Member" makes it clear this type of membership is for multiple individuals living in the same household, regardless of family relationship. Adding "Organization Member" allows a distinction between a membership held by one or more individuals and one held by an organization. Continuing "Contributing Member" allows the Society to recognize members who choose to contribute to the Society in any amount in addition to payment of annual dues. Adding "Sustaining Member" allows the Society to recognize members who choose to contribute to the society at a high level.</p>	<p>Section 2. Dues. The annual dues are on a calendar basis from January 1 through December 31. The Board of Directors will determine the amount of annual dues payable to the Society by members of each type. Dues shall be determined and published no later than October for the following year.</p>
<p>Section 2. Dues. The annual dues are on a calendar basis from January 1 through December 31. The amount of dues may be changed by a recommendation from the Board of Directors and the Budget and Finance Committee with a majority vote of the membership present at any regular meeting.</p>	<p>Justification: This proposal places the fiscal responsibility for establishing dues on the Board of Directors and requires notice to the membership during October of the dues for the following year. See Article IV, Section A setting out the Purpose of the board – "To direct and to administer business and funds of the Society." The Board has a fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of the Society to keep it financially sound. Allowing the membership to establish dues could result in a budgetary imbalance leading to financial insecurity for the Society. Announcing the dues in October allows adequate time for collection of dues before the beginning of the new budget year.</p>

Current Bylaws	Proposed Revised Bylaws
<p>No current bylaws provision</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Article IX DISSOLUTION</p> <p>Section 1. Procedure. In the event dissolution of the Society appears desirable or necessary, the Board shall adopt a resolution recommending dissolution of the Society, together with a plan for distribution of assets. The President shall transmit the proposals to the members. The procedure for voting and the requirements for notice and approval shall be the same as provided for amending the Bylaws, except that forty-five (45) days' notice shall be given.</p> <p>Section 2. Distribution of Assets. Upon the dissolution of the Society, all assets shall be distributed in the following manner and order:</p> <p>Assets held under stipulations requiring their return, transfer or conveyance upon dissolution of the Society shall be distributed in accordance with such stipulations;</p> <p>Remaining assets, if any, shall first be applied to final payment and discharge of all liabilities and obligations of the Society;</p> <p>Remaining assets, if any, shall be offered and if accepted conveyed to the Fort Worth Public Library or its successor;</p> <p>Remaining assets, if any, shall be distributed, transferred, conveyed, delivered, and paid over in such amounts as the Board may determine or as may be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction upon application of the Board, exclusively to genealogical, historical, literary, or educational organizations which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.</p>
	<p>Justification: As a 501c3 charitable organization, it is critical for the Society's bylaws to provide for an orderly winding down process in the event the Society dissolves. The remaining assets of the Society must be distributed in a manner compliant with Federal guidelines.</p> <p>The addition of this Article complies with Federal guidelines in place at this time.</p>

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY STANDING RULES

The following revision is proposed to the membership by the Board of Directors

Current Standing Rule	Proposed Revised Standing Rule
<p>1. The Society shall meet on the last Tuesday of each month, except in December, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fort Worth Public Library, 500 W. 3rd St., Fort Worth, Texas. The time, place, and day of regular meetings may be changed by the Board of Directors and President if determined to be necessary. [location amended in 2001] [day and time amended 18 October 2008]</p>	<p>1. The Society shall meet in the months of January-November on a date and at a time and place to be determined by the board.</p>
<p>Justification: The Fort Worth Public Library at 500 W. 3rd St. will no longer be available for meetings after 2022, as the building is being sold. Other library locations with meeting rooms are not available on Tuesday nights. It is desired that the society continue to meet at a Fort Worth library location to avoid paying for meeting space. The Board is allowed, under the current bylaws, to change the time, place and day of meetings. The proposed change to the Standing Rules will simply remove language that is no longer applicable, allowing continued flexibility without confusion.</p> <p>Bylaws provision for reference:</p> <p><i>Article VI. MEETINGS - Section 1. Regular, Regular meetings of the Society will be held on the last Tuesday of each month unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, with notification made to the membership.</i></p>	



Membership in the Fort Worth Genealogical Society is by calendar year, from January 1st through December 31st. All members receive annually, four issues of our quarterly journal, *Footprints*, and receive our monthly Newsletter via e-mail. (Newsletters and meeting announcements are distributed through a Google Groups mailing list.) We will accommodate those without internet access by sending the newsletter through the US Postal System. Those who join mid-year will receive missed issues of *Footprints* for the current year in the mail. Missed newsletters may be downloaded from our website.

Please make your check or money order payable to Fort Worth Genealogical Society or FWGS.

Join FWGS
or ReNew your membership today. Mail completed form with payment to:

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

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

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership - \$23 (per year) | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership - \$27 (per year) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership - \$50 (or more) | <input type="checkbox"/> 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: 2023 New Renewal (web)

FAMILY SECRETS:
A Genealogy Book Club



December 1

Ancestor Trouble

Maud Newton

January 5

***Inheritance: A Memoir of
Genealogy, Paternity, and Love***

Dani Shapiro

February 2

***Wandering in Strange Lands: A
Daughter of the Great
Migration Reclaims Her Roots***

Morgan Jerkins

Do you think about genealogy and family history all the time? The Fort Worth History Center is building a community of people who love genealogy, learning about family history, AND enjoy reading and discussing books on these topics. We will read three non-fiction books over a period of three months. **The book club will meet at 6:30 PM on the first Thursday of each month.**

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Please use the \$23 and \$27 amounts for 2022.