



Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

The February meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 28th at 5:00 p.m. in the new Fort Worth History Center. THIS IS A TIME & LOCATION CHANGE.** The meeting will be IN-PERSON. The topic is titled **“Allocate Ownership & Set-Up a Genealogical Will”** and will be given by **Suzanne Fritz** of the Fort Worth History Center.

Haven't we all wondered how to save our work after we are gone. Will it be thrown out, can we donate it? Suzanne will help us.



Suzanne Fritz is a Librarian with the new Fort Worth History Center of the Fort Worth

Public Library. She relocated to Fort Worth, Texas from Naples, Florida where she worked as a Public Service Librarian and Genealogy Specialist. 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's realized that one of the benefits of moving to Texas is working on family history projects that draw from the rich record resources pertaining to Texas.

NOTE: Meeting Time changed to 5 PM. Location is moved to the FW History Center, 501 E. Bolt St. Free parking in their Lot.



FW LIBRARY NEWS

Central Branch Downtown

On **January 31, 2023** the downtown branch changed their hours of operation, closing at 6:00 p.m. everyday.

Central Branch Library Hours

Sunday & Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10:00 AM–06:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM–06:00 PM
Thursday	10:00 AM–06:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM–06:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM–06:00 PM

Fort Worth History Center

501 E Bolt St, Fort Worth, TX 76110
(817) 392-7740

Sunday & Monday	Closed
Tues – Thurs	11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Fri – Sat	10:00 am - 6:00 pm

January FWGS Meeting

The first meeting of the new year was cancelled due to the “Great January Ice Storm of 2023.” Schools closed Tuesday-Thursday and some even on Friday. Most libraries were closed too. FWGS called off the meeting Monday night and luckily Suzanne can bring her program to us in February.

FWGS will now begin meeting monthly at the FW History Center at 5:00 p.m. The center closes at 7:00 p.m.



Have you joined us on Facebook yet? We have two sites: Fort Worth Genealogical Society & FWGS Talk. Try them both!



FEBRUARY FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Fri, Feb 10, 2023
10:30 am FW History Center

General Meeting: Tue, Feb 28, 2023
5:00-7:00 pm FW History Center
501 E Bolt St., 76110

Free Parking is available in the Library parking lot and in the La Gran Plaza Mall lot.

From the President.....

Happy Valentines & Presidents Day



Our first issue of *Footprints* is about to be printed! FWGS will only be printing issues for our members and partner societies, libraries and exchanges. That is why it's **IMPERATIVE** that you renew your membership in January to be included in the count for the printing. If you renew or join after the printing date, you will be sent a digital version. In fact, going forward you may request a digital version instead of a printed version, if you prefer.

Our January meeting was cancelled by the ice storm and library closings. Our February meeting will bring **Suzanne Fritz** back. We are now meeting at the FW History Center at 5:00 pm for the rest of the year. **The Proposed ByLaws Change read at November Meeting will be voted on at the February meeting now. See p. 4**

Debbie Pearson, President

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

From the FWGS Mail Bag



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

Topic: "The Lacy Makes Boots"

Speaker: Carol Lipscomb, Independent Historian

Location: NEW! SW Regional Library, on Hulen St.

Date: Saturday, March 4 @ 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

This meeting will be a Hybrid: with in-person at SW Regional branch Auditorium and ZOOM for online.

Register Here for Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uob-EfDFQ100yqaAzeifBw

March is Women's History Month: Join us to learn about entrepreneur **Enid Justin** and her legendary boot-making family. Daughter of Justin Boots founder, H. J. Justin, "Miss Enid" decided in 1925 to start her own boot company in Nocona, Texas. Against all odds, the Nocona Boot Company grew into a multi-million dollar corporation. Biographer Carol Lipscomb will share the risks and rewards that characterized Enid's business career alongside the trials and tribulations of her personal life.

Dr. Carol Lipscomb is an independent historian. Having resided in Nocona for 20 years, she was introduced to Enid Justin's life and legacy through local history and exhaustively researched her background for *The Lady Makes Boots*. She serves as secretary of the board of the Texas Historical Foundation and currently lives in Fort Worth.

Next: Sat, Apr 1 Gaylon Finklea Hecker & Marianne Odom Discuss their book Growing Up in the Lone Star State: Notable Texans Remember Their Childhoods



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**. Consider contributing or sustaining FWGS with an added donation.

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>

FOOTPRINTS UPDATE: The first issue by new Editor **Vicky Seibel** is at the printers now and will be printed, addressed, & mailed very soon! Congratulations to Vicky! **Be sure your address is correct with FWGS.**



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. **Bad Addressess Cost FWGS 3 times:** once to mail, once to pay for the return of *Footprints*, and again to return it with the New address. Please Help us!

FWGS Needs YOU!!!

If you have some free time, have talents you're itching to use, and want to support FWGS, please email **President Debbie Pearson** at FWGS-President@Mail.com We need committee members to help with mailing *Footprints*, finding speakers or even speaking yourself, and writing newsletters.

Love to these Brand New Board Members:



Membership Director	Gwen Boyd
<i>Footprints</i> Editor	Vicky Seibel
Director at Large	Janice Blakely
Director at Large	Diana Dirks
Director at Large	Cecelia Van Donselaar

It is almost here!

Arlington LDS Stake Family History Seminar

The Family History Seminar will be held on **Saturday, March 25, 2023** starting at **9:00 a.m.**

Arlington Texas Stake Center, 3809 Curt Drive
817-446-7088 Registration begins at 8 a.m.

To Register: <https://arlingtonxfhc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-Registration-Form.pdf>
or see site: <https://arlingtonxfhc.org/family-history-seminar/>

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH FOR:

- African-American Cultural Heritage Month
- From Africa to Virginia Month
- National Black History Month
- Library Lovers Month

Did you know??? Feb. 25, 1870: **Hiram Rhoades Revels** was sworn in by the Senate and became the first African American to serve in Congress

A helpful guide for navigating registration & getting the most out of RootsTech 2023. From <https://dna-explained.com/2023/01/30/rootstech-update-class-navigation-aids-the-pass-winner/>

The FWISD Billy W. Sills Lecture Series

Don't forget that they have a different location now -- 100 N. University Drive. Enter the doors in the center of the building. They will be waiting to greet you.

Coffee and snacks at 9:30. The wearing of masks is encouraged. 817-814-2040

Next Presentation: Saturday, March 11, 2023

- Presenter: Debra Nyul, historian and author
- Topic: "If Walls Could Talk: 100 years at Lily B. Clayton School"

FRENCH ROOTS



Longtime FWGS members may remember former Officer & Speaker Terri Meeks, who had French Canadian roots. She posted this picture taken in France meeting up with

her cousin there. **Now that is a Genealogy Road Trip!**

Footprints Submissions?

Do you have ancestors in Tarrant County or surrounding counties? Would you like to see your family tree in print? Do you like finding interesting details about Tarrant County in your research? Is writing about your ancestors enjoyable to you?

WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!!!

Footprints Editor Vicky Seibel is seeking family trees, your research, old photos, newspaper articles from early Fort Worth newspapers and other interesting records or stories of Tarrant county. If you have something that is ready in digital form contact her at: vickyseibel1@gmail.com

Are you ready for RootsTech 2023?

Your resource guide for the upcoming conference.

March 2-4, 2023



Roots Tech in Salt Lake City

FWGS BOD Recommended By Law Change: Read in November, 2022 to be Voted on in January 2023. January meeting was cancelled due to Ice Storm. Now to be voted on in February 28th, 2023 meeting held in person at Fort Worth History Center, 5:00 pm.

**Article V
DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 9. Duties of the HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST. The Historian/Archivist shall:

- Keep the Society's scrapbook, obtaining newspaper articles pertaining to the Society and its members.
- Take pictures at any time deemed appropriate for display in scrapbook.
- Shall be reimbursed for film and development costs from the Society's general fund as budgeted.
- Purchase a new scrapbook each year.
- Bring scrapbook for viewing as follows: February for previous year and September for current year.
- Place previous year's scrapbook in archives after February meeting.
- Maintain an archives to preserve the history and accomplishments of the Society.
- Accept and file reports and all other documents of the Society, i.e., Footprints, newspapers, etc.
- Shall not dispose of any materials or equipment without prior consideration and approval by the Board of Directors.
- Open archives, when convenient, to any member in good standing within seven days of written notice of request.
- Shall inventory and record the property, materials and physical assets of the Society when requested by Board of Directors. Shall submit a report of said inventory to the Board of Directors in a timely manner.
- ~~Shall serve as an advisory non-voting member of the Board of Directors.~~

Justification: The proposal is to remove the final item in the list of the duties of the Historian/Archivist to grant all members on the Board of Directors equal voting privileges and to remove ambiguity between the list of duties and Article IV – Governing Body, Section 1.C.

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library
Presents

Allocate Ownership & Set-Up a Genealogical Will

With

SUZANNE FRITZ

Are you an avid genealogy researcher but unsure about how to share your family history with the next generation? Learn how to allocate ownership and set up a genealogical “Will” with Librarian Suzanne Fritz.

**THERE WILL BE A SHORT FWGS BUSINESS MEETING TO VOTE on
the one Bylaws Amendment presented last November.**

DAY: Tuesday, February 28, 2023

TIME CHANGE TIME: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

4th BACK IN-PERSON MEETING

LOCATION CHANGE Fort Worth History Center, 501 E. Bolt St.

Free Parking in the parking lot.

Please observe Health Protocols!



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