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JULY MEETING

The next meeting is on **Tuesday, July 25th at 5:00 p.m. in the new Fort Worth History Center. We love our NEW meeting time & place.** The meeting will be IN-PERSON. The topic is titled **"Genealogy in the Field, Pt 2."**

Janet Minke is returning with new locations and new ancestor stories of her research tips on travels.

Janet will use case studies to illustrate reasons for going "out in the field" to broaden your genealogical knowledge.



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NOTE: Meeting Time is now **5 p.m.** Location is moved to the FW History Center, 501 E. Bolt St.

Free parking in their Lot.



FW LIBRARY NEWS

Central Branch Downtown HAS CLOSED!

Fort Worth History Center

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

FWHC recently hosted their largest gathering to date. **Librarian Suzanne Fritz** gave her presentation on **Researching Native American Genealogy** & drew around 75 patrons! If you missed it, **Suzanne will present it to FWGS in October.** Please come.

June FWGS Meeting

Celia Brannon came in June to present research on **The Regulator-Moderator War in East Texas.** This is an oft forgotten chapter in Republic era Texas history. E. Texas (& Shelby County, where this story was centered) was very early settled. So this is an important place to study. Celia found important old photos, gave some excellent books to search and researched many names connected with each side of the conflict. Some old FW citizens had ties there: EM Daggett and Middleton Tate were two. It turns out FWHC has an old handwritten copy of the "Treaty" in their Archives. It is WORTH a look!



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

June FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Fri, Jul 21, 2023
10:30 am FW History Center

General Meeting: Tue, Jul 25, 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.....



Summer is RAGING and the heat is dangerous. What a great time to stay in the AC and work on Genealogy!

Our May *Footprints* has been delayed due to problems with our Bulk Mailing abilities. Because of this issue the May and August issues will be mailed together. The August is almost ready to be printed, so hopefully within the next month, both your issues will arrive.

FWGS has enjoyed some very entertaining, informative speakers this year. We expect more interesting topics and speakers coming in the next two months, including one on **Old Style Handwriting** & one on **Researching Native American Genealogy**. In November, we will have a very fun, one of kind evening of **SHOW & TELL**. YOU bring an important piece of your family history to share that evening. I recently saw a 1619 Ladies Prayer Book from New England still in a Fort Worth family's hands. You won't want to miss this.

After our last meeting, we had two visitors join! Thanks.

Debbie Pearson, President

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies at TCU
The FW Library Community Workshops

Taking a Summer Break.....See ya in the Fall

Celebrate the 150th anniversary of TCU!

**FORT WORTH
INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The FWISD Billy W. Sills Lecture Series

100 N. University Drive.

Also, Taking a Summer Break!

July IS THE MONTH FOR:

- Independent Retailer Month
- National Black Family Month
- National Ice Cream Month
- National Parks & Recreation Month



We missed June last month & the important date:

June 14th is Family History Day

June IS THE MONTH FOR:

- Caribbean-American Heritage Month
- Fashion in Colonial Virginia Month



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>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP

NEW: Trish Bowen Josie Kinard

FOOTPRINTS UPDATE: August is heading to Printer
Is Your Address Correct? Have you renewed? Don't Ever Miss An Issue!



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! In February we had several *Footprints* returned to us.

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

*FWGS Welcomes your submissions to **Footprints**. Watch for the May issue and other upcoming issues.*

Unmarked Graves.....A Project

Quite a few years ago, FWGS welcomed a young Eagle Scout to talk about his chosen project; to document his grandmother's lineage. That was the first I knew that Boy Scouts have a Genealogy Badge.

Billion Graves recently published a blog on the problems of unmarked graves. They gave some hints on how to go about documenting them to add to Billion Graves. They also spotlighted an Eagle Scout who took on an Unmarked Grave project in his city of Patterson, CA. See both articles here:

<https://blog.billiongraves.com/what-about-unmarked-graves/>



RESEARCHING AROUND TEXAS..... DIDJA KNOW???

Texas is home to several large Genealogical Collections. Dallas has their superb downtown library. Locally, FW has their new FW History Center while Arlington, Grapevine, & Grand Prairie all have very good collections. Across the state, Austin has a large Public Library collection as well as the State Library and Archives too. Houston has the fabulous Clayton Library. San Antonio has several large libraries and collections

including SA Public, the DRT Library, and the San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society Library. Summer is a great time to travel and do some research while you explore these great treasures.

Summer tip is to call ahead to make sure of days and hours open. Since the Pandemic some rules have changed too.



Spotlight on....

Franklin County Genealogical Society Mount Vernon, Texas

If you have people to research in that area, it might be worth a visit to the town square of Mount Vernon, TX. The **FCGS** mans two store fronts there. The main one is dedicated to research for genealogical purposes and the other is a meeting space. The FCGS library is a wonderland of maps, family files, books, land records, probates and many other articles pertaining to the settlers of Franklin County, Texas. Several years ago, FCGS was gifted with land abstracts in file folders and they have begun to digitize 6000 already. They are searchable. In addition to all this, they have a browsable library of works on Texas and other states. Patrons can also access Ancestry, Fold3, Newspapers.com and Family Search if they bring their own device. Of note, is their family surname files, some being added from the digitized land records.

The society also sponsors a "**Franklin County First Family**" program for those who can document their direct ancestors who settled in what is now Franklin County by 1880. Those lineages provide a wealth of added information in tracing families.

Besides Franklin county records they have acquired the records and research materials from Titus county and have materials on Hopkins county as well.

Check out their website below and if in the area stop in for a research visit. They do take research requests for look ups.

Hours: Monday through Friday 10 am to 4 pm
Saturday by appointment

Address: 110 E. Main Street, Mt. Vernon, TX 75457

Phone: 903-537-3931

URL: <https://www.fcgensociety.org>

Email: fcgenealogy21@gmail.com (for requests)

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library
Presents

Genealogy in the Field, Pt 2

With

JANET S. MINKE

In Pt 1 Janet shared that 1) Genealogy “in the field” is always an adventure – you never know what you will find – or who you will meet. 2) Even though you do much of your research today on the internet - lots of family history is still only available in person. 3) Life is uncertain – historical libraries close, people die, memories fade, gravestones topple. And 4) Cemeteries may provide clues or resolve questions. In Pt 2 she recounts some of her own adventures “in the field” over the last 40 years – with discoveries in Iowa, Ohio and New England.

DAY: Tuesday, July 25, 2023

TIME CHANGE

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

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Please observe Health Protocols!



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Janet loves to travel, especially when it involves visiting family and places where her ancestors lived. She was fortunate to inherit much genealogy and family history from her mother and enjoys finding new information to add to the story. She has one daughter, Jennifer.

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