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AUGUST MEETING

The next meeting is on **Tuesday, August 29th at 5:00 p.m. in the new Fort Worth History Center. We love our NEW meeting time & place.** This meeting will be IN-PERSON. The topic is **Deciphering & Writing Historic Handwriting.** FW Librarian **Gaby Kienitz** is speaking to us for her first time. Gaby likes to help us understand the old handwriting styles by using a hands-on approach. Come see it.



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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 has added new staff members for your benefit! You know **Linda Barrett**, Manager; **Suzanne Fritz**, Librarian; **Gaby Kienitz**, Librarian; **Joe Riedel**, Library Asst.; **Khara Crawford**, Customer Service Rep; and **Danielle Westervelt**, Library Page. Now meet the new Librarian/Digital Archivist: **Jared Dempsey.**

July FWGS Meeting

FWGS Secretary Janet Minke

brought the part 2 of her popular program on **Genealogy in the Field.** She again told of her family's routes of migration as she traced them on her own family vacations and road trips. Good research tips she included: studying before you go, reviewing all you have gleaned & interviewing relatives are all tips we heard. Discovering local libraries, museums, & repositories in the locales you visit, plus learning their days open and hours are all a must too. Janet hopes you are traveling to your ancestor's homes!

August FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Fri, Aug 18, 2023
10:30 am FW History Center

General Meeting: Tue, Aug 29, 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.



Have you joined us on Facebook yet?

We have two sites: Fort Worth Genealogical Society & FWGS Talk. Try them both!

From the President.....



August! Who knew we would be giddy over two days in the 90's? But as I write this, we have seen a COLD front of highs in the low 90's and it actually feels cool!

July again brought another wonderful meeting with several visitors and new members attending. Janet's program on her travels and family research were again quite helpful, with practical advice along with some serendipity. The rest of 2023 is booked and we are already planning interesting new programs for 2024. We hope you will venture out to visit us in person to see and hear these excellent programs. One of the sorely missed aspects during Covid, was the interactions and friendly conversations among the patrons. Boy, are members having a good time visiting before and after the meetings! I hope you will come and plug yourself into our meetings.

August is OLD HANDWRITING, September is "Finding Our Scottish Immigrant's Home With American Documents" and October is "Native American Indian Research."

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!

AUGUST IS THE MONTH FOR:



- American Adventures Month
- American Artists Appreciation Month
- National Read a Romance Novel Month
- What Will Be Your Legacy Month

Have You Had A Genealogy Adventure This Summer?

What Will Your Legacy Be?

I hope you are recording that hard worked for research either on an online tree, in your genealogy software program or sharing with your family in a book or written form.



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 also pay online here at a secure PayPal site.
Start here:

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP

NEW Member: Theresa Wilson

FOOTPRINTS UPDATE: August is now Printed and soon mailed! The May will be mailed at the same time.

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 for the initial mailing, for the return of *Footprints* due to bad address, 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 written articles & submissions to Footprints. Watch for the May issue and other upcoming issues for member submissions.



RESEARCHING AROUND TEXAS.....

FORT WORTH HISTORY CENTER
Fort Worth Public Library

FORT WORTH PRESS

Newspaper now available in digital format on

The Portal to Texas History

Visit the collection: fwpl.info/historyportal

For more information, visit fwpl.info/HistoryCenter

TEXAS STATE LIBRARY ARCHIVES COMMISSION

INSTITUTE of Museum and Library SERVICES

The FW Library's collection of the newspaper *FW Press* has been digitized and included in the **Portal to Texas History's** collection. Great news for researchers interested in FW families. The Press existed from 1921-1975. A newspaper focusing on people stories & local crime in a tabloid style, may bring you news that the Star Telegram did not. Some obituary or death notices ran in the Press but not in the more

expensive Star Telegram. **EXPLORE!**
<https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/FWPRS/>



TEXAS RAILROADS

FWGS recently heard from an author who has written a book about Texas Railroads. This work includes the RR's that came through FW.

Many of us had ancestors who worked on or traveled the rails in our country's past. Info is repeated below for your information.

Dear FWGS:

I am the author of The Texas Railroad: The Scandalous and Violent History of the International and Great Northern Railroad, 1866-1925. This book was an outgrowth of research that I did for my first book, Alabama Railroads, which was published by the University of Alabama Press in 1997. I recall how difficult it was to uncover information about "The Texas Railroad" but feel that the history which was revealed was well worth the work and should be of interest to anyone who wants to know more about this significant railroad that served Fort Worth and so many other regions of the state of Texas. This railroad transported many settlers into the state and sold land through its immigration initiatives, so it should be of particular interest to genealogists.

The book is currently available on **Amazon.com** as well as in many libraries throughout Texas.

Thank you very much,

Wayne Cline



FAMILY TREE DNA is having a Summer Sale !

Single Products		
Product	Regular Price	Sale Price
Family Finder	\$79	\$49
Autosomal Transfer Unlock	\$19	\$10
mtFull Sequence	\$159	\$129
Y-37	\$119	\$99
Y-111	\$249	\$209
Big Y-700*	\$449	\$399

For more on Bundles and Upgrades, especially the Y-DNA upgrades go to the website.

<https://help.familytreedna.com/hc/en-us/articles/7587508503823-FamilyTreeDNA-2023-Summer-Sale->

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library
Presents

Deciphering and Writing Historic Handwriting

With

GABY KIENITZ

Does reading cursive on old historic documents make you curse?
Learn some techniques and tools for deciphering historic
handwriting, and get a chance to test your own skills at writing
cursive with a dip ink pen.

NEW TIME

DAY: Tuesday, August 29, 2023

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

NEW LOCATION

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Please observe Health Protocols!



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Dear Friends of History:

As Chairman of “Fall Fest at Pioneers Rest”, I am writing to invite you, your friends and family to come explore our charming Pioneers Rest Cemetery during our upcoming free festival on October 15th from 11:00-3:00 PM. Established in the 1850’s, Pioneer Rest is the oldest burial ground of Fort Worth’s early pioneers. It is our community’s living history museum and is listed in the National Register.

As you know, historic cemeteries like Pioneers Rest receive no government assistance of any type. Maintained by a small endowment, the cemetery is on the 2023 list of Endangered Places in Fort Worth. The Pioneers Rest Cemetery Association is holding this event to raise awareness of the historic importance of the cemetery to the City of Fort Worth. We hope that this will increase our opportunities for support from foundations.

Some of the educational things that will be happening at Fall Fest: Re-enactments of 5 pioneer men and women, including our founding father, Ripley Arnold; General Tarrant for whom Tarrant County is named; and Etta Newby, who gave the home at 1316 Pennsylvania Avenue to the Woman’s Club of Fort Worth. You can take a guided tour of the cemetery using the latest QR code technology that was recently installed. There will be booths for local history information and for sales of history books by local authors.

On the fun side, there will be two old-time bands entertaining us onstage- Buttermilk Junction and Cowtown Opry; food trucks and vendors, family-friendly activities- antique cars and a dog costume contest, a scavenger hunt and silent auction, a display of an Old Tyme Carriage and mini burrows available for photo ops.

The cemetery is located at 620 Samuels Avenue, north and east of the Court House. Since there is little parking on the street, you may park in the Tarrant County East parking lots shown on the attached flyer. There will be a shuttle to take you to the gates of the cemetery and return you back to your car. You might consider carpooling.

Check out more of our history and see cemetery photos at www.pioneersrestcemetery.org. If you have questions, please email me at ceceliarollins@charter.net or call the number below.

Cecelia Van Donselaar, Chairman

“Fall Fest at Pioneers Rest”

817.475.9622

FWGS Newsletter Editor’s Note: Below is the link to a recent article on the Pioneers Rest event and the volunteers. FWGS is participating in the event with a FWGS Book Sales Table. Please come support!

<https://fortworthreport.org/2023/08/22/volunteers-work-to-bring-historic-pioneers-rest-cemetery-back-to-life-with-qr-codes/>

Fall Fest at PIONEERS REST

**SUNDAY
OCT 15**

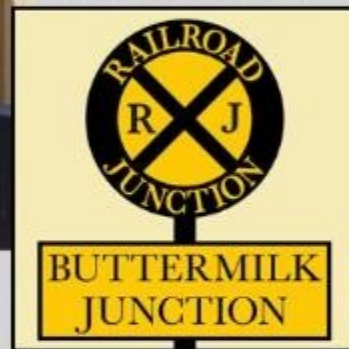
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