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Newsletter

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JULY FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Fri, July 16, 2021 4:00 pm ZOOM

Special Interest Group (SIG) for JULY Family Search.Org July 13~7pm

Next is Aug 10th at 7:00 pm

General Meeting: Tue, July 27, 2021 6:30-8:00 pm GoToMeeting Link for General Meeting is sent on FWGS Mailing List or found on Flyer

Email: FWGS@Mail.com

JULY GENERAL MEETING

The July FWGS meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. on a GoToMeeting Webinar online. Our returning speaker is Suzanne Fritz of the Genealogy Unit of FWPL. Her topic is "Genealogy Resources: Digital Books, Audiobooks, Magazines & FWPL Website Update." Maybe you have noticed that the library website has completely changed. Come find out how better to navigate it & also learn how to use some of the valuable online resources there.



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Use This Link To Register for the Webinar:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/r egister/4728369905375571470

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FW LIBRARY NEWS

APPOINTMENTS NEEDED

Remember: Call ahead to make an appointment if you wish to do some genealogy research in the Central Library Genealogy Unit. You can browse the catalog and request certain books. When you come for your appointment the items will be brought upstairs to you. You might bring a camera or borrow the hand scanner to make copies. 817-392-7740

June FWGS Meeting

FWGS was privileged to have Stephanie Bennett, manager of the Genealogy & History Division of the Dallas Public Library speak to us for the first time. She explained many of the sources available in the library & online and included a handout. (Please find the handout on p. 4.) The meeting was well attended by members and visitors.

Meets Again by ZOOM
Tues, Aug 10th at 7 pm
Emily Richardson will lead.
Watch for an email with the Link!



Have you joined us on Facebook yet?
We have two sites:

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

From the Editor.....

July 18, 2021 is National Ice Cream Day!

FWGS appreciates our members! We hope you are enjoying and taking advantage of our monthly webinars and the special SIG presentation on Family Search.org by **Emily Richardson**. [**Next SIG**: Aug 10th] And very soon, you will find both delayed February & May issues of *Footprints* in your mailbox.

Your board of directors is looking ahead to the possible opening up again to in-person meetings and is interested in your opinions on that matter. We are looking into more member surveys in the near future. Watch email boxes.

It is time to begin our nominations process towards electing new members for the board. IF you are a member and would like to serve on the Nominations Committee, please email Carlene Johnson, FWGS President. If you would be interested in being on the Board of Directors or holding a specific office, please let her know that too. (see article on next page)

Right now, we especially need Nominations Committee and Archival Records Committee volunteers. We can always use those who wish to write articles for our journal *Footprints*, those who would volunteer to scan documents to upload to the cloud, & those who can compile records from courthouses or other sources. We need you to make our Society Better for ALL!

FWGS memberships pay off!

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor

FWGS Membership Report

Rob Yoder Membership Director reports a total of *91 members for 2021. This is a much *lower* number than even last year. We know the Pandemic has affected many areas of our lives, and we hope your FWGS membership is not one of those areas to decline. Please Renew or Join for 2021. You will not miss an issue of *Footprints*!

WELCOME to New Member: Irma Ward

Returning members since last month are: **Willard C. Morrison** & **Geneva M. Smaltz**, both absent for only one year. Welcome Back!

*92 until the recent death of Helen Welborn

From the FWGS Mail Bag





Center For Texas Studies at TCU The FW Library Community Workshops

On Summer Break

Next: TBD. Most likely to begin in SEPTEMBER. Watch here.

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FOOTPRINTS UPDATE

As reported here in February, **Rob Yoder** was injured and could not complete the February issue of **Footprints**, the FWGS quarterly journal. He is healed up now and happy to report that the February <u>and</u> the May issues are completed, have gone to the printer and should be in the mail by the time this newsletter is distributed. Both booklets will be mailed in one envelope. Watch your mail box for this special edition.



CHANGE OF ADDRESSES!

Please, Please!

Remember to Notify FWGS

immediately upon a move.

The Post Office **does not** forward *Footprints* without a cost to our Society.



TIME TO RENEW or JOIN

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 <u>or</u> print out a membership form and mail a check here:

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

FWGS Membership includes 11 FWGS Newsletters, 4 quarterly issues of the Award winning FWGS journal *Footprints,* 11 General Meetings with current topics of genealogical interest given by excellent speakers (at this time all virtual meetings), and many other free meetings or discounts through the year. FWGS is a partner society with Texas State Genealogical Society.



We need MEMBERS right NOW who wish to serve on the following:

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

ARCHIVAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

We also need MEMBERS who would like to serve a term on the Board of Directors:

VACANCIES: Vice President, Historian/Librarian

FWGS can always use Directors At Large and anyone with writing skills, computer skills, web site skills, Power point skills, etc.

We can always use VOLUNTEERS (whether a member or not) to help us with the Digital Tasks that are needed in today's world.

Please email **FWGS President Carlene Johnson** if you can serve or volunteer in any capacity.

FWGS-President @Mail.com

Other Ways to Serve FWGS:

Support out society when you order on Amazon. We are a participating Society in Amazon Smile. Make a one-time purchase designated to FWGS or designate all your purchases to FWGS.



Become a Supporting or Contributing Member of FWGS (Next time you Renew)

NEXT SIG Meeting---Tues, August 10th @ 7:00

p.m. Emily Richardson speaking on FAMILY
SEARCH.org Watch for a Zoom link in your email.

???DID YOU KNOW???

Here are some interesting FWGS Membership Statistics:

1. FWGS has one Fellowship Member:

Michael Patterson

The Board extended a special membership category to him for his many years of dedicated service to the Genealogical Community at Large and for the many years and mounds of accumulated research in Tarrant County & Texas locales. FWGS was especially grateful for Mike's donation of his research for our ongoing *Footprints* series on his Civil War veterans in Tarrant County (especially the NE sections.)

2. FWGS has three Sustaining Memberships and one Contributing Membership.

Sustaining is \$50 & Contributing is \$250. Thank You!

3. FWGS has 91 memberships during this 2021 Pandemic Year (so far).

But that actually translates to at least 95 people (due to multi-family members in a Household) as well as 4 large libraries and 1 Historical Society. Three of the largest and most distinguished genealogical libraries in the US hold FWGS memberships: **DAR Library** in Washington DC, the **Allen County Public Library** in Fort Wayne, IN and the **Mid-Continent Public Library** in Lee's Summit, MO, as well as the Baylor University Library in Waco, TX. And the Wisconsin Historical Society holds a membership too.

4. FWGS has 71 Societies that participate in an Exchange Program. Ten Societies that just exchange digitally.

The Exchange program is a cooperative arrangement where societies agree to donate copies of their journals to other societies in exchange for that society to do the same-donate their journal. FWGS has used this program since its inception to donate all the journals to the Fort Worth Public Library's Genealogy Unit. Over time, this has greatly expanded the library's resources in certain counties or states.

Genealogy & History Division



- Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Genealogy Collection http://www.dallaslibrary.org/genealogy
 - o Located on the 8th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
 - Staffed by subject matter experts with over 80+ years of combined experience
 - One of the TOP genealogy collections in the country based on the size and scope of the collection
 - New material is added constantly
 - One-of-a-kind special collections
- Heritage Lab http://dallaslibrary.org/creativespaces/heritagelab.htm
 - Make digital copies of:
 - Books, Manuscripts & Letters
 - Large Scrapbooks & Ledgers
 - Photographs
 - VHS, DVCAM or HDV Tapes
 - Super 8 & 8 MM film
 - Audio Cassettes
 - Slides and Negatives
 - Learn how to use the equipment: https://my.nicheacademy.com/creativespaces
- Make a genealogy research or Heritage Lab appointment
 - o Call (214) 670-1433
 - Email genealogy@dallaslibrary.org
 - Fill out form: http://bit.ly/DPLGenAppt
- Current Hours
 - o Tues, Thurs-Sat 10-6
 - Wednesday 11-7
 - Closed: Sunday & Monday
- Ask a Librarian http://dallaslibrary.org/research/
 - Chat
 - Video Consultation
 - Phone Consultation
- Digitized Books available through FamilySearch http://bit.ly/DPLFSBooks
 - o 3,200+ unique materials available from Dallas Public Library
- Bi-Weekly Genealogy Programs on Zoom http://bit.ly/DPLGenPrograms
 - Other online genealogy programs will continue throughout the year
 - Dallas Genealogical Society also has a great list of online programs available on their calendar http://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/?post_type=tribe_events
- Virtual Volunteer Transcription Program http://bit.ly/DPLvolunteer
 - Volunteer from home transcribing City of Dallas Permit Books
 - Earn DPL library card with access to databases and e-resources after completing 20 hours of service

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Let us help you with your research!

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In Collaboration with the Texas State Genealogical Society

Presents

An Online Webinar

Suzanne Fritz

Or

Genealogy Resources: Digital Books, Audiobooks, Magazines & FWPL Website Update

Learn how to use Overdrive to enjoy library eBooks, audiobooks, & magazines for free. Learn how to use the Libby App for Android or iOS which is great for phones or tablets. Also, learn to navigate the Fort Worth Public Library's recently re-designed website.

DAY: <u>Tuesday</u>, July 27, 2021

TIME: <u>6:30</u> p.m.

ONLINE WEBINAR ONLY—Must Register

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4728369905375571470



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Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more	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: 2021 2	2022 New Renewal (Newsletter)