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#### Newsletter

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#### June FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors**: Fri, Jun 16, 2023 10:30 am FW History Center

**General Meeting:** Tue, Jun 27, 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.

#### JUNE MEETING

The June meeting is on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the new Fort Worth History Center. This is our NEW meeting time & place. The meeting will be IN-PERSON. The topic is titled "The Regulator Moderator War of East Texas" by Celia Brannon.

Did you have ancestors in the Republic of Texas? It was a wild time with feuds, wars, and land scandals. Sam Houston had to intervene. This may help explain your land records in East Texas.



**Celia Brannon** has spent the last 13 years working for chemical dependency and psychiatric

hospitals in the DFW metroplex. She is a na-tionally certified Mental Health First Aid Instructor. She works with law enforcement, military, Fire/EMT & more. She holds a BA Degree in Mass Communication from Howard Payne University and a MA Degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. Celia is a member of DAR, DRT, NS US Daughters 1812 & DAC. One of her favorite hobbies is helping others find their own family history. Her blogs about her own ancestors can be found on the Facebook page, Too Many **Ancestors to Mention**, or the site www.toomanyancestorstomention .com

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.

**JUNE 2023** 

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#### **FW LIBRARY NEWS**

Central Branch Downtown
Will be closing soon!

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

**FWHC** recently had genealogy staff member **Gaby Kienitz** present her program on *Old Style Handwriting*. If you missed it, you are in luck. Gaby will present it again for FWGS in August. **Mark Aug 29**th on your calendar now!

#### **May FWGS Meeting**

Former FWGS member & Director At Large Sheryl Rascher presented her experience working with and writing County Histories. She shared some unique online places to find them including Hathi Trust and University research libraries, the Portal to Texas History, the Gateway to Oklahoma, and many more. She gave some interesting information about Stephens County and the treasure trove of old photos she has found to fill out the county history books. She also gave some tips on writing to make these more helpful and useful.



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

#### **President's Page**

It is with the utmost sorrow, that I announce the passing of our FWGS Historian and Archivist **JOAN WHITE CRITTENDEN.** Joan was born 4 March 1942 and passed away in Fort Worth on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. She had been a FWGS member since 1996 and served on our board since 2020. She first served as Director At Large and was currently serving as Historian/Archivist. She had just finished a job of leading an Audit committee for a financial review of our FWGS books and last year led the Nominations Committee. She was a good helper & volunteer, an Alabama native, a member of many lineage societies including DAR, UDC, NSUSD1812, DAC and probably more. She was a member of several Quilting Societies and did masterpiece quilts that DAR and others often raffled off. She was immensely talented with sewing, crocheting and all kinds of needlework.

She will be so missed by many in the lineage and genealogy communities. She will be long remembered and her spot hard to fill. RIP Joan.

The family would welcome remembrances to be left on: <a href="https://www.echovita.com/us/obituaries/tx/fort-worth/joan-white-crittenden-16538998">https://www.echovita.com/us/obituaries/tx/fort-worth/joan-white-crittenden-16538998</a>

And our own *Footprints* Editor **Vicky Seibel** has lost her husband after a very hard illness. He passed Saturday, June 17, 2023 in east Texas. We hope to have an obituary for him later. Vicky had taken over editorship of *Footprints* this year and is doing an excellent job long distance, while caring for her husband at the same time. FWGS extends deepest sympathy to both of these families as they grieve.

FWGS President,

Debbie Pearson

P. S. The May issue of *Footprints* was ready a month ago and printed. We have had issues with our mailer helpers (I am one) & with the USPS here in Fort Worth. It is now due to be mailed on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Vicky has been early with her two issues in 2023. So we in FW take the blame for the delay, not Vicky.

## FORT WORTH GENERICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library
Presents

# The Regulator-Moderator War in East Texas

### **CELIA BRANNON**

Did you have ancestors in East Texas during the Republic era? Could one of your ancestors have been a REGULATOR or a MODERATOR? Come hear more about this conflict that had to have President Sam Houston intervene to restore safety. Was it over land, family, or politics? Celia will tell us more!

**DAY:** <u>Tuesday</u>, June 27, 2023

<u>TIME CHANGE</u> <u>TIME</u>: <u>5:00</u> to <u>7:00</u> p.m.

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

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Please observe Health Protocols!



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