

# Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD

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## *J'Nell Pate*

“Early Immigration and its Effect on Fort Worth”

**May 17, 2014**



The Statue of Liberty is engraved with an Emma Lazarus poem that begins “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.” And the United States is often referred to as a “melting pot” or a “salad bowl.” In thinking about immigration, we remember Ellis Island, the port in Galveston, or the building of the transcontinental railroad. All of these things influenced the “face” of America. Most of us know all about the early history of immigration to America and the influence it had on us as a nation. But what do you know about immigration to Fort Worth? What was involved in this immigration, and what effect did it have on the development of Fort Worth?

Join us at the Billy W. Sills Center for Archives Saturday morning, May 17, when J’NELL PATE will share stories of early immigration to Fort Worth and its effect on the culture of this fair city. Ms. Pate is retired from Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, where she taught history and government. She is the author of nine books, including *Livestock Legacy: The Fort Worth Stockyards, 1887–1987* and *North of the River: A Brief History of North Fort Worth*. Pate has written a column on western history for her hometown newspaper, *The Azle News*, each week since 1968.

Join us for coffee and “nibbles”  
beginning at 9:30 a.m.

**Saturday morning, May 17, 2014**

10:00 to 12:00

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