

# Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD

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## *Carol Roark*

“Fort Worth Horror: The Great Conflagration - 1909”

**January 13, 2018**

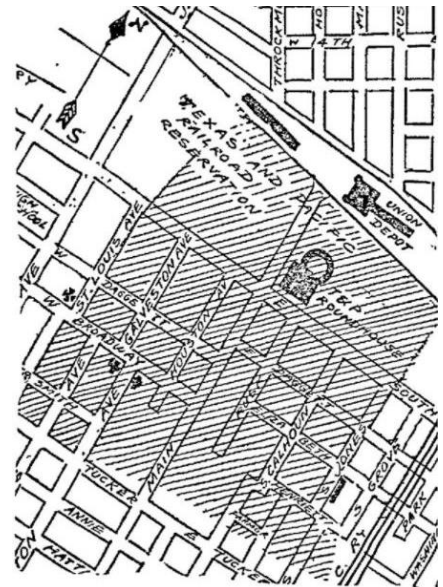


*Broadway Baptist Church after the 1909 Fire*

Many of the great cities of the world, including Rome, London, Lisbon, Chicago, and San Francisco have endured devastating peacetime fires. Fort Worth joined that tragic company on April 3, 1909, when a fire roared through

more than twenty blocks just south of downtown and destroyed businesses, homes, and churches in its path. The first building to burn was a barn, but neither Mrs. O’Leary nor her cow were anywhere to be seen. Two boys experimenting with cigarettes were.

On January 13, 2018, Carol Roark, retired Dallas Public Library archivist/manager, author, and architectural historian, will join the Billy W. Sills Lecture Series to share the rest of the story about one of the most devastating fire rampages ever to char Fort Worth. Don’t miss an opportunity to hear all about this disaster.



*Area of South Fort Worth Destroyed by the 1909 Fire*

**Join us January 13 for a morning of learning,  
fun, and fellowship.**

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

**Saturday, January 13, 2018**

10:00 to 12:00

**NO ADMISSION FEE**

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