



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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March 2020

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## MARCH GENERAL MEETING

The March general meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 31, 2020** at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the Central Branch Library. The speaker will be **Patti Huff Smith**, speaking on DNA results. Her topic is **"Between the Lines: What Your Ancestors Didn't Tell You! Getting the Most From Your DNA Results"** **6:30 - 7:45 p.m.** Refreshments begin at **6:00 p.m.**, with the meeting starting at **6:30.**

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## Fort Worth Library News PANDEMIC VIRUS NEWS

Efforts to control the spread of the Corona virus may mean cancellations or closures. Watch the Library web sites before coming or call ahead.

**FWGS may have to cancel future meetings as well. Watch for an email or check the FWGS web site. FWGS & FWL often follow the FW Schools schedule of closures too. BE AWARE!**

### February FWGS Meeting

**Ari Wilkins** brought an informative program on the Society of Friends, commonly known as "Quakers." She informed us that Quakers held beliefs that all people are children of God regardless of race or color. While some Quakers did hold slaves after they entered the US, the growing pressure from their leadership was to divest themselves. Many meeting groups would set up trusts to purchase and hold the slaves until they could be transported to northern states and freed. These records can be found in meeting minutes & sometimes in courthouse records. She provided us with a 4 page handout. We passed out 2 pages at the meeting. If you would like the full handout, please email

[FWGS-ProgramDirector@Mail.com](mailto:FWGS-ProgramDirector@Mail.com)

**Parking is Free on the Streets after 6 P.M. OR 2.5 hrs FREE in 3<sup>rd</sup> St Garage with Library Validation of Ticket.**

## March FWGS Meetings:

- Board of Directors:** Sat. Mar 21, 2020  
10:15 Tandy Aud, Central
- Beginners:** Sat, Mar 28, 2020  
10:30 Chappell Room, Central
- Computer Users:** Sat, Mar 28, 2020  
2:00 Intel Lab, Central
- General Meeting:** Tues, Mar 31, 2020  
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

**Refreshments at 6:00**

**March Refreshments:**

**Debbie Pearson**





From the Editor .....

FWGS has started the new year well with two great programs and March is bringing another great one. Many of you have stated you want to know more about your DNA results, so mark the calendar now for **March 31<sup>st</sup>** as we do just that! See article on p 1.

**FWGS NEWS:** Ed McCoy, who has been a long-time board member and our current Vice President, has resigned due to family commitments. That means we are now in need of **three** members to fill out the Board of Directors. Contact our president **Carlene Johnson** at [FWGS-President@mail.com](mailto:FWGS-President@mail.com) to let her know if you can act as Secretary, VP or Historian/Archivist.

**CENSUS NEWS:** March is the month we should all be expecting to find official forms and documents in our mailboxes. Read and RESPOND by April 1! Our descendants will thank us.

**Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor**

From the FWGS Mail Bag .....



**Center For Texas Studies TCU @ The FW Library-----Tandy Auditorium**

**Saturday, April 4, 2020  
10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon**

Topic: **“The History of Gun Control in Texas”**  
By **Dr. Brennan Gardner Rivas, TCU**

**Next:** May 2: Dr. Brian A. Cervantes “Amon Carter: A Lone Star Life”

**Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents  
Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:30 am - 12 noon**

Presenter:

**Michael Duus, speaker**

Topic:

**“Vintage Music---Vintage Records”**

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107 (817) 814-2040

**Next:** April TBD

FWGS again offers their renowned **8 Month** series of **Beginners Classes** and the companion series--**Computer Users Group**. If you have gone through the series before, you might want to come again in 2020! Carlene Johnson, Beginners Instructor is doing a large overhaul to the series. New things are being added. She asks you to attend both and we'll help you or give you advice.

**It is still FREE!**

**Saturday, March 28, 2020**

**FWGS Beginners Class:**

**“Researching at the County Courthouse”  
10:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**Computer Users Group:**

**“Finding Records from Courthouses Online”  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

Both classes are at Central Branch of FW Library. Beginners in **Chappell Room** & CUG in **Intel Lab**. Come for both classes and your instructors Carlene Johnson and Debbie Pearson will help you with your searches on the computer.

**PAST TIME TO RENEW**



**Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31.**

Individual dues are \$23 and a Household is \$27.

*Make your check payable to **FWGS**.*

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**ATTN: Membership Director**

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**Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408**

*Please add your email and print neatly.*

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

**You are running out of time to RENEW & still receive the February Footprints.**

**CHANGES of ADDRESSES**

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!

REMEMBER to NOTIFY FWGS immediately upon a move. The post office does not forward *Footprints* without a cost to the society.



**LDS Arlington Stake Family History Center**

Will have a seminar on **Saturday, March 21, 2020.**

**Free!**

3809 Curt Dr, Arlington, TX 76016

Call to see if there is still space available. **817-446-7088**

<https://arlingtontxfhc.org/family-history-seminar/>

## ANCESTRY LAYS OFF EMPLOYEES

Posted by Ancestry Team on February 5, 2020 in Website  
Reprinted here

By Margo Georgiadis, president & chief executive officer

“For more than three decades, **Ancestry** has helped millions of people learn more about themselves by connecting them to their past so they can gain meaningful insights to impact their future. Our relentless focus on serving our customers has enabled us to sustain innovation and market leadership in both Family History and Consumer Genomics. Tens of millions of people have chosen Ancestry as the place to discover, preserve and share their story.

DNA continues to be an important way for millions of people to start their family history journey. About 30 million people worldwide have already started a DNA journey, including over 16 million with Ancestry, seeking to learn more about themselves and make meaningful new connections. And we’re just starting to see the full potential for how genetics impacts health. We’re only at the beginning of all that’s possible.

At the same time, over the last 18 months, we have seen a slowdown in consumer demand across the entire DNA category. The DNA market is at an inflection point now that most early adopters have entered the category. Future growth will require a continued focus on building consumer trust and innovative new offerings that deliver even greater value to people. Ancestry is well positioned to lead that innovation to inspire additional discoveries in both Family History and Health.

Today we made targeted changes to better position our business to these marketplace realities. These are difficult decisions and impact 6 percent of our workforce. Any changes that affect our people are made with the utmost care. We’ve done so in service to sharpening our focus and investment on our core Family History business and the long-term opportunity with AncestryHealth™.

Looking ahead, interest in Family History remains strong and we’re continuing to grow and invest in breakthrough solutions to help people understand their heritage and put people on the path to improved health

and wellness. We’re equally committed to building a brand consumers trust, helping lead the industry with best-in-class data stewardship principles and a commitment to trust and transparency, including our annual Transparency Report.

Our team at Ancestry has maintained our leadership position for decades through game-changing product improvements and compelling storytelling and we remain focused on continually innovating to deliver even greater value to those we serve.”

### HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR FWGS DUES YET?

2020 has begun and you don’t want to ever miss an issue of *Footprints*.

### 7 Facts About Your Ancestors Found in Obituaries and Death Notices:

1. Date of death, name of cemetery, date & place of the funeral & burial.
2. Name, place, & year of birth.
3. Names of children, where they lived, & their position in the family’s birth order.
4. Names of the towns and how long they lived there.
5. Age of spouse at death and how long ago that was.
6. Details on the longevity of parents and grandparents.
7. Count of descendants, by generation.

The above is given by **Genealogy Bank** who has been running a special price for their subscription service. It was to end Feb 28 but you might call **866-641-3297** and ask if still available. **Ancestry** users get a special price too. OR you can use the service FREE if you are a FW Library card holder. Their newspaper collections are vast and full of obituaries, weddings, anniversaries, and so much more on our families.



<https://www.amazon.com/ftw>

Already have an Amazon Smile designation?  
Alternate with FWGS on certain purchases.

**FWGS thanks you!**

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## Patti Huff Smith

On

### Between the Lines: What Your Ancestors Didn't Tell You!

### Getting the Most from your DNA Results

In this DNA program, you will learn a simple and easy approach to help utilize your DNA results successfully. Using [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) results and loading them to [GEDMatch.com](https://www.gedmatch.com) will be a strong portion of this presentation. You will leave inspired, equipped and ready to get the most out of your DNA results.

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**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. Tandy Auditorium

**Central Branch, FW Library, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

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**Membership Application & Renewal Form -\*- Fort Worth Genealogical Society**

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⇒ \$20 if paid before the new year begins

Family Membership - \$27  
⇒ \$25 if paid before the new year begins

Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your \_\_\_\_\_ is will be added to our mailing list in order for you to receive local announcements.)

This membership application is for:  2020  2021  New  Renewal (Newsletter)