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Newsletter

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## APRIL GENERAL MEETING GOES DIGITAL!

The **April** general meeting will be going **LIVE** on digital media, thanks to our partnership with Texas State Genealogical Society. Unfortunately, this first experience with this platform will be **FOR MEMBERS ONLY**. Tune in through your email on the regular meeting night, **Tuesday, April 28, 2020**. **The meeting time will change to 30 minutes earlier at 6:00 p.m.** Our speaker will be **Suzanne Fritz** of the FW Library. Her topic could not be more timely for these days. It will deal with **Newspaper Resources** available online from the library.



**SUZANNE FRITZ** is a Librarian with the Genealogy, Local History & Archives Unit of

the Fort Worth Public Library. She relocated to Fort Worth from Naples, Florida where she worked as a Public Service Librarian and Genealogy Specialist. Suzanne received her B.A. from Mount Holyoke College and her M.S., L.I.S., from Simmons College, Boston. Suzanne is interested in a variety of topics including: Italian-American immigration, German-American genealogy, and Native-American records. She's realized that one of the benefits of moving to Texas has been discovering how much there is to enjoy in regard to Texas genealogy and history.



## Fort Worth Library News PANDEMIC VIRUS NEWS

All Libraries are closed. Public activities are closed. Check the Library web sites for news about special opportunities for Distance Learning.

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Suzanne Fritz emailed that **Ancestry Library Edition** (usually available in libraries only) can now be accessed at home but only until April 30<sup>th</sup>. *See her email below:*

Greetings,

Ancestry Library Edition is available for Fort Worth Public Library cardholders remotely through April 30, 2020 via the Fort Worth Public Library website. From the library website, click on "Research," then "Genealogy & History," and you will see the Ancestry Library Edition remote access login.

**This is only for FWPL cardholders.** I am informed that MetroPAC cardholders are not eligible unless their library has ALE and has worked with Proquest to get access.

If your FW Public Library card has expired, you can e-mail [digitallibrary@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:digitallibrary@fortworthtexas.gov) and include your library card number for remote renewal assistance.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Fritz, Librarian  
FWPL



## April FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:**

**Beginners:** ALL CANCELLED

**Computer Users:**

**General Meeting:** Tues, Apr 28, 2020  
6:00 p.m.  
**Online only**

**Members Only** will receive an email invitation to join our session prior to the 6:00 time. Follow the directions in the email.

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

Presents

## Suzanne Fritz

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### NEWSPAPER RESOURCES AT THE FORT WORTH LIBRARY

**BREAKING NEWS!** New Newsbank databases are available in any Fort Worth Public Library, at home, or on mobile devices with your valid Fort Worth Public Library card. Included is the Fort Worth Star Telegram dating from 1897 – present. Find obituaries and important historic events. America's Genealogy Bank contains American historical newspapers from 1690-1922. The Fort Worth Public Library's Digital Archives contains the Lake Como Weekly. See how newspapers can assist with your next research project.

**DAY: Tuesday, April 28, 2020**

**TIME CHANGE: 6:00 p.m.**

**ONLINE ONLY: FWGS Members must open your email invitation.**

Parking meters are free at 6 p.m. The Sundance Garage on 3rd St. is free for 2 1/2 hours with validation at Library desk. Come at 6:00 for Refreshments.



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### From the Editor .....

By now, you have all been apprised of the closures of FWGS and every other group you belong to including the Fort Worth Library. We are all sheltering in place and probably on our computers or phones or TV—using up the bandwidth and trying not to worry about how much toilet paper we have stored!

**What a great time to work on our genealogy!** Ancestry, Family Search, and all the other subscription programs are available 24-7. Or you could start pulling together that research for a family history book! The possibilities are boundless.

Your FWGS Board of Directors are looking at ways to keep us all in the loop. Hopefully, there will be ways to have meetings virtually and better ways to stay in touch. Stay tuned and Stay SAFE.

*Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor*

### 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**.*

**Fort Worth Genealogical Society**

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*Please add your email and print neatly.*

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

**FWGS Membership has its perks! Discounts on seminars, Footprints journal quarterly, free queries, advance notice on many events, and partnership with TxSGS.**



### 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

The free seminar was cancelled and if you had sent a check for lunches they have been returned. The decision was made to schedule again in 2021.

**817-446-7088**

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

### From the FWGS Mail Bag .....



## FWGS Beginners Class

and

## Computer Users Group

Both classes are held at the Central Branch of FW Library and so therefore have been cancelled. Both instructors Carlene Johnson and Debbie Pearson have held discussions on how to come back should we be able to use the library again. They have discussed the possibility of going virtual too. At this time they feel they have missed too much time to finish up their classes this year, so reluctantly are putting the classes off until next year. If a new avenue becomes available to take the classes online, FWGS will let you know.

## Home School Genealogy Activites

*Posted by Billion Graves in an Email.*

*Edited & Reprinted here.*

**EDITOR:** With the coronavirus closures in schools across the world, many moms and dads have become instant homeschool teachers to their own children. This blog was found and thought it might be helpful to not only help children with studies, but help family ties become closer learning about their ancestors. Billion Graves was happy to share 20 homeschool genealogy ideas. We will print half this month and half next month.

When you are homeschooling, there's math, science, history, reading, spelling, writing, art, music, and more. Not to mention different grade levels. It can boggle your mind. These activities incorporate all these subjects throughout the lessons. Even grandparents can lend support to homeschooling parents, so feel free to **SHARE**.

### Homeschool Genealogy Idea #1: Take Gravestone Photos

First idea: take photos of gravestones with the BillionGraves app! It's a great way for children and youth of all ages to learn together.

Older children can help calculate how much time it will take your family to document an entire cemetery

(beginners take about 250 photos per hour). Younger children can learn how to use a map.

### **Homeschool Genealogy Idea #2: Create a Timeline**

Draw pictures of interesting events from one of your ancestor's lives and hang them down your hallway to create a timeline. Add their birth and death dates. Which inventions existed during different ancestor's lives? [This is a very useful tool for every genealogist, whether you share with kids or not!]

### **Homeschool Genealogy Idea #3: Family Tree**

Create a family tree that will be "hang-on-the-wall-worthy." You can download plenty online free or make it an art project and let them draw out their own.

<https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/keepsakes>

[https://www.google.com/search?source=univ&tbm=isch&q=free+printable+family+tree+forms&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewjA\\_o\\_b0ITpAhXoAZ0JHZGtA7UQsAR6BAgKEAE&biw=1366&bih=625](https://www.google.com/search?source=univ&tbm=isch&q=free+printable+family+tree+forms&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewjA_o_b0ITpAhXoAZ0JHZGtA7UQsAR6BAgKEAE&biw=1366&bih=625)

### **Homeschool Genealogy Idea #4: Start a Journal**

Family history includes YOUR history too!

Imagine your children one day telling their own children about their coronavirus quarantine homeschool days! If they start a journal now, they'll have all the details.

### **Homeschool Genealogy Idea #5: Interview Older Family Members**

Have your children pick up the phone to call their grandparents or other older family members to learn about their history. It is good for the older family members that you are checking on them!

Here are enough questions for a very long time:

<https://www.deseret.com/2014/2/11/20534743/genealogy-150-questions-to-ask-family-members-about-their-lives#here-are-ideas-of-questions-to-ask-when-interviewing-a-family-member-about-their-history>

### **Homeschool Genealogy Idea #6: Ancestor Memory Game**

Print ancestor's photos – two of each – to create a memory game. Children will connect with their ancestors as they match their images. For variety, try matching couples or siblings.

### **Homeschool Genealogy Idea #7: Gravestone Symbols**

Here are some BillionGraves blog posts about gravestone symbols where you and your children can learn about different cultures and religions. Take turns guessing what the symbols mean before you read about them.

[Understanding Gravestone Symbols, Part I](#)

[Understanding Gravestone Symbols, Part II](#)

[Australian Gravestone Symbols](#)

[Catholic Gravestone Symbols](#)

[Irish Gravestone Symbols](#)

[Understanding Jewish Gravestones](#)

### **Homeschool Genealogy Idea #8: Heirloom Stories**

Heirlooms make the past come alive! If you have some special treasures around your house, tell your children where they came from and how they were used. Then have them write a story about it. [What is a spinning wheel or butter churn?] Older children could research the time period the heirlooms are from or who invented them.

### **Homeschool Genealogy Idea #9: Let's Dance!**

Learn a song or dance that was popular during your ancestor's lifetime. Watch a movie their grandparents may have watched. Have your children ever seen a silent movie?

### **Homeschool Genealogy Idea #10: Cook**

Food is an important part of your family's heritage. It was at the heart of your ancestor's home, celebrations, and holidays. Encourage your children to contact older family members to ask for recipes. Then make Grandma's butter cookies or great-grandpa's meatloaf together.

To discover additional recipes from your ancestor's homeland, research international recipes online. Try eating it the way they would have eaten it – with chopsticks, from a family platter with their hands, or while seated on the floor. [www.foodtimeline.org/](http://www.foodtimeline.org/)



<https://smile.amazon.com/stu/23-7105580>



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