



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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September 2020

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## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The **September** general meeting will continue to be held as a **LIVE Webinar**, thanks to our partnership with Texas State Genealogical Society. **Be sure to click on your link in your email invitation. It's Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.** Click the **GoToMeeting** email as early as 6:10 to be sure you are up and running. Our topic will be Immigration to the Colonies & the US. **Nancy Maxwell** will give some history & detail the processes of coming to America from the earliest days to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.



**NANCY MAXWELL** is the genealogy librarian at Grapevine Public Library. She helps to lead the Name Droppers Genealogical

Interest Group there. She has been hooked on her own genealogy since 1981 when she discovered her Jewish, Russian & Armenian ancestors and their immigration into NYC & Mass. Nancy is uniquely qualified to speak on Immigration & Naturalization, having done the work in her own families and through her college degrees. She holds a B. A. in English from California State University, Fullerton, M. S. in Library Science from the University of Southern California, and M. A. in History from the University of North Texas. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in American History at UNT, with a focus on Colonial and Revolutionary eras. **Nancy will continue in October with the Naturalization companion talk to this Immigration talk. Tune in for both! Sept 29<sup>th</sup> & Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**



## Fort Worth Library News PANDEMIC VIRUS NEWS

FW Libraries continue to tweak & find ways to adjust to the pandemic. As of this writing, the city still has only 15 libraries open and that is mostly for curb side pick up or drop off. Eight libraries have LIMITED indoor visits, mostly for computer time. Those are: **Diamond Hill /Jarvis , East Regional, Golden Triangle, Northwest, Ridglea, Seminary South, Southwest Regional and Summer Glen.**

Curb side only: **Central, East Berry, Ella Mae Shamblee, Meadowbrook** (formerly eSkills), **Northside, Riverside and Wedgwood.**

Days & Hours are: Tues – Fri 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Saturday: noon - 5 p.m. Always check before you go and read policies. <http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/about/library-policies/>

Also check for the many opportunities available for distance learning or special services available online.



### SEPTEMBER TOPIC:

**“They’re Coming to America: Immigration to the British North American Colonies & the United States”** by Nancy Maxwell.

## September FWGS Meetings:

- Board of Directors:
- Beginners: ALL CANCELLED
- Computer Users:
- General Meeting: Tues, Sep 29, 2020  
6:30 p.m.

### Online only by email link.

If you are already on the FWGS email list, you will receive the link. Email [FWGS@Mail.com](mailto:FWGS@Mail.com) to be on our list.

From the Editor .....



**FALL IS FINALLY HERE!**

Fall swept in a few days ago and the U.S. has now endured two full seasons and part of a winter under what will most likely be called **THE GREAT COVID 19 PANDEMIC OF 2020** in the history books. **FWGS** is surviving and sincerely hopes that all our members (and the genealogical community at large) have survived and are enjoying good health. FWGS has survived all these months, although has had to curtail many events and classes due to the library being closed. We continue to have our monthly meetings (with a speaker & topic) over GoToMeetings thanks to the generosity **Texas State Genealogical Society**, our partner society. We plan to continue through **November** with a possible Zoom meeting just for fun & visiting in **December**. **Stay tuned to watch for more details!**

And let me address the difference in **Zoom** and **GoTo Meetings** and **Webinars**. I was talking to a member by phone recently. I asked if she had been tuning in to our meetings online. She said NO, she did not want to worry about cameras and being online with all the talking, voices, etc. I realized then, that many of you may not know how our webinars have been working. If you receive an email from FWGS and it mentions our meeting in one day or today or in one hour, go ahead and register for our meeting. The earlier you do the initial registration the first time, the better. You don't want to begin, ten minutes before start time. After you are registered for the first time, it will be simple every month. On the evening of the meeting, click the link to our meeting at around 6:00 or 6:15 and get into the meeting. You will not need to enable your camera and your voice will be muted. You must be sure your volume is on or you will not hear the meeting. If the speaker has a power point to watch, you will see that. You will hear his/her voice and you will be able to type any questions you might have in the chat box. They will be covered at the end of the presentation. Also, if there is a hand out that night, you can download it and print it out for your own use. It has proved to be such a successful system, easy & enjoyable. I hope you will watch every month.

*Debbie Pearson,*  
Newsletter Editor



**Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31.** \$23 or \$27 payable to FWGS. **Don't miss any of the 4 quarterlies (*Footprints*) for 2020.**

FWGS continues to publish 4 quarterlies every year, while many societies have moved to digital copies delivered to your email inbox. FWGS continues the original mission of genealogical societies to have their research preserved in libraries for prosperity. FWGS also maintains a Society Journal Exchange with other societies. FWGS exchanges our **Footprints** with nearly 100 other societies, who in turn send their journals to us. FWGS donates all the other journals to the FW Library Genealogical Unit for YOUR benefit and your research. This is another reason it is so important to try to keep our memberships up and our costs down. If you move, please let FWGS know of your new address in advance of the move. The costs mount up for the society as we pay the mailing cost 3 times!

Due to the Pandemic, the February and May issues were delayed, but were later mailed together in a double mailing. August was on time and was mailed. Next will be the November issue.

If you wish to renew your membership, join anew, or make a donation, you may Mail to:

**FWGS**

**ATTN:** Membership Director  
P.O. Box 471789,  
Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408

Please add your email and print neatly.

**Or Pay Online**

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

**Presidential Debate: 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>**

Don't miss our meeting! We will be through before the DEBATE begins. Set the DVR if you must.



SEPT and OCT topics will be linked together. Both deal with **Coming to America**. They can stand alone but are linked. September will cover **Immigration** (leaving the old country) and October will cover **Naturalizations** and the paperwork that can entail. Don't miss either one.



## FWGS ELECTION TIME AGAIN

Yes, it is also that other Election time again, and of course, it is your duty as an American citizen to vote in all National, State, and Local elections. AND as a FWGS member it is your duty to participate in our society as well.

We need 3 new officers for next year. The open positions have actually been open all of 2020, but the pandemic hit and we have carried on without filling them. Perhaps, you like to take notes or minutes and would not mind attending all the board meetings. If so, would you consider being **Secretary**? Maybe, you like leadership and are consistent at attending meetings. You could be our **Vice President**. It is a good chance to learn about the society workings and be ready to take the position of President in the future after your time as VP-in-Training. The **Historian/Archivist** deals with FWGS book inventories and the keeping of the FWGS records. Maybe that is something that interests you. All are positions on the Board of Directors and have voting rights. All require attendance at BOD meetings. You must have been a FWGS member for at least a year to hold these positions.

**If you have other talents, we can use you!** Some of the



already filled officer positions would be gladly vacated to a willing, talented, dedicated new officer if you just express your wish. Maybe you don't want to hold the office, but could help.

How about being on a committee to help the officer— lighten and share the load!

- Do you like computer work?
- Are you a good writer or researcher?
- Can you format copy?
- Do you have writing and editorial skills?
- Do you use Power Point, Excel, Publisher and other popular software. Web design software?
- Can you create, design or maintain websites?
- Do you like Facebook postings?
- Do you speak for groups?
- Do you like teaching classes?
- Can you write a short article on your ancestor?

## FWGS NEEDS YOU!

## FWGS 2020 Slate of Officers (most returning)

President	Carlene Johnson
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Secretary	<i>open</i>
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If you wish to learn more about each office and its duties please refer to our current FWGS Bylaws found here:

[http://www.txfwgs.org/documents/fwgs\\_bylaws.pdf](http://www.txfwgs.org/documents/fwgs_bylaws.pdf)

Duties of Officers begin on page 6.



<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7105590>

## Doing a lot of shopping with Amazon?

We know you are! Please consider designating FWGS as your charity in Amazon smile. A portion of your proceeds will come back to FWGS. You can make FWGS your choice on one purchase or all purchases. We THANK you! We support the Fort Worth Library.

### DID YOU KNOW?

FWGS has 2 Facebook pages. One is about the society and the other is called FWGS Genealogy Talk. It is for sharing, questions & talking about genealogical topics. Try them both. The Talk you have to ask to join.



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PO BOX 471789  
FORT WORTH TX 76147-1408**

Please print clearly

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

Individual Membership - \$23  
⇒ \$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)