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## MARCH GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be held Virtually on **Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** on a GoToMeeting Webinar online. The special guest speaker will be **Sue Kaufman** of the famous Clayton Library in Houston. She will be speaking on "Learn How to Research at the Clayton Library from Home." Don't miss this one.



**SUE KAUFMAN** is the Senior Manager of Houston Public

Library's Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. An Illinois native, Sue has more than 30 years of experience as a genealogy librarian, having started her career in Peoria, IL. She then moved to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana and then moved to Texas in 2004. Sue was awarded the National Genealogical Society's P. William Filby Award for outstanding service as a Genealogical Librarian in May of 2019 and named a Fellow of the Texas State Genealogical Society in October 2019. She is past President of the Texas State Genealogical Society and currently serves as its Director of Education.

Use Link To Register for Webinar.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2183777839047728140>



## FW LIBRARY NEWS

### Libraries Begin To Open

On **Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** ALL Libraries will open for LIMITED check out. They are streamlining the curbside pick-up process as well. See website for more details. <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/library/posts/curbside-service-changes>

### February FWGS Meeting

FWGS welcomed **Nancy Calhoun** from Oklahoma on a Virtual Visit last month. She spoke about some tips that Oklahoma experts use when doing Oklahoma genealogy online. She of course mentioned the **Gateway to Oklahoma History** website:

<https://gateway.okhistory.org>

Here are some others: **State Vital Records Index**

<https://ok2explore.health.ok.gov/>

& the **Oklahoma Historical Society**. Their collections of newspapers are quite extensive & they have oral histories as well.

<https://www.okhistory.org/research/newspapers>

Don't forget the digital & archives collections at large universities such as OSU & OU. Many unique collections pertaining to Native Americans exist through all of the above websites.



Have you joined us on Facebook yet? Go to our site and hit LIKE!

## March FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:** Fri, Mar 19, 2021  
10:30 am ZOOM

**Beginners:** **ON HOLD** 2021  
ZOOM

**Computer Users:** **ON HOLD** 2021  
ZOOM

**General Meeting:** Tues, Mar 30, 2021  
6:30-8:00 pm GoToMeeting

Link for General Meeting is sent on  
FWGS Mailing List or found on Flyer

Email: [FWGS@Mail.com](mailto:FWGS@Mail.com)



### From the Editor .....

#### Lucky Enough to Be Vaccinated Yet?

We hope we are all getting one step closer to opening up libraries to public meetings again. Although, we have still managed to enjoy some really good programs virtually last year, and we continue the trend in 2021. Don't miss **Sue Kaufman** on the 30<sup>th</sup>! She has some exciting information about using some of the Clayton Library's resources from HOME in FORT WORTH!

Your board is excited to bring you a Members Only Workshop this Saturday (27<sup>th</sup>). It is virtual and features the excellent **Tresa Tatyrek's "Genealogy in a Nutshell"** topic. Part of the day features some beginning to intermediate techniques and part of the day deals with DNA. She is providing a handout and a practice session if you are not familiar with Zoom.

**FWGS memberships pay off!**

*Debbie Pearson*, Newsletter Editor

**Footprints Editor Rob Yoder had Ice Storm Damage with the February storms. He reports that the February issue is delayed. Look for the Mav issue to be a double issue!**

#### TIME TO RENEW



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

Your 2020 Membership has ended. It's time to renew! Individual dues are \$23 and a Household is \$27.

*Make your check payable to FWGS.*

**Fort Worth Genealogical Society**

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**If you want to pay online or print out a membership form and mail a check go here:**

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

All memberships receive 4 quarterly issues of *Footprints* (by mail) & 11 months of the FWGS Newsletter (by email).



#### 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.

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



### Center For Texas Studies at TCU The FW Library Community Workshops

**Saturday, April 1, 2021**

**10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon**

Topic: **"The Bass Reeves Trilogy:  
The Rememory of a Legend"**

By **Dr. Sidney Thompson**

Ever wondered how historical fiction writers stay period-accurate while creating an engaging story? Sidney Thompson is the author of two novels about real-life figure Bass Reeves, the first Black deputy U.S. Marshal west of the Mississippi. Thompson will discuss reconstructing the past with a fictional bent and the line between fact and fiction. He will talk about how historical research allows him to piece together Reeves's life and patch those with ideas from the present. For anyone who has ever been curious about the process of writing a story about a real-life figure or how to include realistic details in period pieces, this program is for you!

Dr. Sidney Thompson teaches creative writing and African-American literature at Texas Christian University. He holds a Ph.D. in American literature, with a specialization in African-American narratives, and an M.F.A. in creative writing (fiction).

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_mGXlntUtSEO6CKXIJUKG5w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mGXlntUtSEO6CKXIJUKG5w) **Link To Register for Webinar.**

**Next:** May 1: National Preservation Month: Saving a Fort Worth Neighborhood



#### IRISH ROOTS?

#### **New Irish Genealogy Resources 2021 Publication**

*A handy e-book setting out all the Irish family history records released in the last 10 years*

17 March 2021

A fresh edition of New Irish Genealogy Resources has been published. It follows the same popular and easy-to-use format as all previous editions, providing brief details of all brand-new and upgraded Irish genealogy records released in the ten years from January 2011 to mid-March 2021.

Take a look at this free 7-page sample (2Mb) from the 2011-2015 e-booklet.

<https://www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/support-files/sampleofnewirishgenealogyrecords2011-2015.pdf>

The 2021 edition has 130 pages and is just under 9Mb. Contact Irish Genealogy Toolkit if you want to purchase a full copy. In Dollars or Sterling:

<https://www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/>



## IN MEMORIUM

FWGS has lost several members lately. In December of 2020 we lost **Billie**

**Beth Moore**, a longtime member. Her Obituary & Memories are on the Shannon Rose Hill website:



**Billie Beth Moore**, of Fort Worth, Texas passed on Sunday, December 13, 2020. Billie Beth enjoyed spending time working on genealogy. She was a very sweet and faithful woman that was very active in several organizations. The organizations that she was a part of were Daughters of American Revolution, The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and very active member at Meadowbrook-Poly UMC. If you knew Billie, she was known to never answer to 'just "Billie" because her dad's name was also Billie. She would only answer to "Billie Beth".

She is survived by cousins, Robert Walters, Patti Herzik-Niesner, Mark Walkers, and Wendy Schlinke. She was preceded in death by her parents, Velma Vera Walters and William Ransom Moore.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 23rd, at 1:00 p.m. at Shannon Rose Hill Funeral Chapel with Graveside Service to follow in the cemetery at 2 p.m.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.shannonrosehill.com](http://www.shannonrosehill.com) for the Moore family.

**Editor:** Billie Beth and her mother were both longtime members of FWGS. Billie Beth had done genealogical

programs for the society in the past, with her specialty being "How Cattle Brands Can Help in Your Genealogy." Membership Director Yoder reported: "Billie Beth has been a member of Fort Worth Genealogical Society for **52 years**, from 1969 through 2020. She served on the Board of Directors for nine years as a director; from 1973 through 1981. She and her mother, Velma, were regulars at the monthly meetings for many years."

**FWGS expresses sincere condolences to all her friends. Our community has lost a great friend.**



In 2021, **RON WRIGHT** died. Most all of Fort Worth, Arlington and Tarrant County knew him. First as the former City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem of Arlington, then as Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector, and most recently as Congressman Ron Wright of the Texas 6<sup>th</sup> District. **But we at FWGS knew him as one of our Charter Members of the Pioneer Families of Tarrant County (PFoTC)**, a sub-group of FWGS. Ron was quite interested in history and genealogy with deep roots in Fort Worth and Tarrant County. Soon after completing his lineage papers for inclusion in PFoTC, he was our guest speaker for our special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet and spoke about his ancestors in early Fort Worth. He was a Sixth Generation Tarrant County resident. It was quite an honor for us and he was a terrific speaker.

Unfortunately, Ron was suffering from Lung Cancer and then caught Covid19. He was the first sitting member of Congress to die of Covid19. His viewing was held in AT&T Stadium and his Funeral was held in the Exhibits Hall of the Will Rogers Memorial Center. **RIP Ron.**

**FWGS expresses condolences to his wife Susan and his 3 children (Justin, Derek, & Rachel Wright) and their families.**



# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Texas State Genealogical Society

Presents

**An Online Webinar**

## Sue Kaufman

On

### Learn How to Research at the Clayton Library from Home

The Houston Public Library's Clayton Library for Genealogical Research is one of the foremost genealogy research destinations in the US. While the library is presently closed to patrons due to COVID-19, there are still a large number of resources accessible online. In addition, library staff are available to answer research questions and look up resources for focused research questions. Sue will introduce FWGS researchers to the Clayton Library and share how to access those online resources.

**DAY:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021

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

**ONLINE WEBINAR ONLY—Must Register**

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