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MAY GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be held Virtually on **Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** on a GoTo Meeting Webinar online. Speaker **Kim S. Harrison**, will speak on **“Genealogical Research Using Railroad Records.”** All of our ancestors were affected by the coming of the Railroads and they left a treasure trove of records.



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Use This Link To Register for the Webinar:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6687164161162458124>



FW LIBRARY NEWS

APPOINTMENTS NEEDED

Remember to call ahead to make an appointment if you wish to do some genealogy research in the Central Library Genealogy Unit. (See more on p. 3)

April FWGS Meeting

FWGS had a return visit from Patti Smith Huff in April with more info on how to use **GED.match.com** to complement your DNA testing results. **GED.match.com** is a free site, but as it has been added on to and improved with some new sections being placed into an extra fee section. So, the basics are free, but many of the varying ways to sort and analyze your results requires a small monthly or yearly fee. Patti showed us how to compare your results with your suggested matches and what the degree of separation from you or your common ancestor may mean to your research. It was a fascinating talk with much further studying needed for most of us. Patti provided a helpful handout and offers her help to any FWGS member with a question.



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

We have two sites:

Fort Worth Genealogical Society & FWGS Talk. Try them both!

May FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Fri, May 21, 2021
10:30 am ZOOM

Beginners: **ON HOLD** 2021
ZOOM

Computer Users: **ON HOLD** 2021
ZOOM

General Meeting: Tue, May 25, 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

From the Editor



And bringing rain, hail, & tornados. Hope you're fine!

FWGS thanks Texas State Genealogical Society (AGAIN) for extending their deadline for assistance with their GoToMeeting service to allow FWGS to continue Virtual Meetings during the Pandemic. As long as our meeting places are still closed, they will continue to assist us. So keep looking for our virtual meetings on GoToMeeting through September 2021. If the Library does open to meetings in their spaces again, we will ask members & guests to see if you will want to do in-person meetings or stay virtual. FWGS will keep you informed.

If you receive a survey from FWGS, please fill it in completely. Many decisions may need to be made and the wishes of our members and guests should help us greatly with those decisions. (see latest survey results on p.3)

Rob Yoder is still healing from his injury and still hopes to have a February issue of *Footprints* to members by the end of May. The May issue will be late. Watch that US Postal mailbox.

FWGS memberships pay off!

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies at TCU
The FW Library Community Workshops

Saturday, June 5, 2021
10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon

Topic:
"TCU Explores Its Past to Expand Its Future"

by Dr. Frederick Gooding, Jr., Assoc Prof, TCU.

Starting in August 2020, TCU began its multi-year Race and Reconciliation Initiative (RRI). This effort seeks to understand TCU's past in regard to racism and people of color through research revealing important untold stories. The first year of the initiative focused on Black Americans and TCU's relationship with racism, slavery, and the Confederacy. Dr. Gooding, chair of the RRI, will join us to discuss the results of the first year and share key facts that have recently been uncovered.

To Register use this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OmpEC-YgTmCgI5_RtdzZ8g

Next: TBD. Most likely they will begin their Summer Break!

FWGS Membership Report

Rob Yoder Membership Director reports a total of 84 members for 2021. This is a much lower number than even last year. We know the Pandemic has affected many areas of our lives, and we hope your FWGS membership is not one of those areas to decline. Please Renew or Join for 2021. You will not miss an issue of *Footprints*!

WELCOME to 11 New Members for 2021:

Ashley Duff	Laurie Behn	Susan Watkins
Ruth A. Hendrick	Heather Walker	Sandra Plane
Karen Nace	Cyndy Fairchild	Charla Spraggens
Nancy Calhoun	Cendy Roberts	

(A special shout out to Nancy Calhoun who joined after she spoke to FWGS about Oklahoma at our February meeting!)

TIME TO RENEW



Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31.

It's time to renew! Individual dues are \$23 and a Household is \$27. Make your check payable to FWGS.

Fort Worth Genealogical Society

ATTN: Membership Director

P.O. Box 471789

Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408

Please add your email and print neatly.

You may pay online or print out a membership form and mail a check go here:

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

FWGS Membership includes 11 FWGS Newsletters, 4 quarterly issues of the Award winning FWGS journal *Footprints*, 11 General Meetings with current topics of genealogical interest given by excellent speakers (at this time all virtual meetings), and many other free meetings or discounts through the year. FWGS is a partner society with Texas State Genealogical Society.



CHANGE OF ADDRESSES!

Please, Please, Please!

Remember to Notify FWGS

immediately upon a move.

The Post Office **does not** forward *Footprints* without a cost to our Society.



CEMETERY RESEARCH

Two great cemetery research resources are **Find A Grave** and **Billion Graves**, as most genealogists have discovered. Both are similar with transcriptions of tombstones, photos of the cemetery and/or tombstone, and directions and information about the cemetery, even its history. Sometimes family or genealogists have added photos or biographies of the deceased and then linked them to family members across the country. Sometimes a researcher is lucky to stumble onto several generations linked together, that start on the east coast with Colonial dates and then move westward across the country up to the present-day deaths of descendants. Billion Graves was the first to modernize their web site with GPS coordinates and apps and even a blog and newsletter. But every step, Find A Grave kept up and seems to be the more popular site, especially with their ties to Ancestry. Now, Find A Grave has added an interesting newsletter for users or members. The first was just sent by email in May and is entitled **Find A Grave Insider**. They will include interesting stories, tips on using their site, and reader responses. Contact Team@findagrave.com to receive the newsletter.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG's)

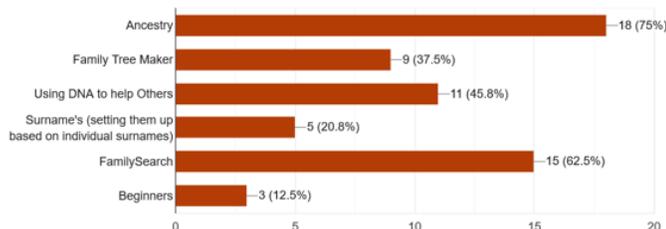
FWGS Director-At-Large Emily Richardson has conducted a few Member Surveys for FWGS recently. They are very easy to use and respond to, and come to you by your email. The last survey had 24 responses and the results are below. **Please, if you receive a survey from FWGS, do complete it. We can only respond to your wishes or suggestions if you register them.**

This past question dealt with changing or redesigning our extra meetings such as Beginners or Computer Users Group. They will now be called **SIG's** (Special Interest Groups) and will be conducted over ZOOM. Emily is going to handle the first SIG on the topic of **Family Search.org** and expects to give us a date in **July**. Stay tuned to emails and this newsletter for more details and the ZOOM link to join the group. **FREE!** *You will need a computer or tablet or phone with sound capabilities and the Zoom app loaded. Camera is optional.*

SURVEY RESPONSES ON SIG'S

1. 24 responses, all are members of Fort Worth Genealogical Society
2. Are you interested in [SIG's](#)
 - a. 54.2% Maybe
 - b. 41.7% Yes
 - c. 3.1% No
3. Modality
 - a. 54.2% virtually
 - b. 29.2% doesn't matter – would attend either way
 - c. 16.7% in person
4. Topics

Which of the following SIG's would you want to be involved in? Check all that apply.
24 responses



5. Other topics
 - a. African American Freedom Towns
 - b. Computer use in genealogy; research in certain areas (Tennessee, Alabama)
 - c. I want to learn how to use Family Tree Maker the most
 - d. Free colonial settlement in New Amsterdam
 - e. Southern Colonies; Colonial migration; how to write family history; better citations

FWGS Programs Director Debbie Pearson is looking for speakers to address some of the above suggested topics. Answering those surveys pay off!



MOVING

Don't Forget: The Fort Worth Public Library's Genealogy, Local History, & Archives unit is moving to 501 East Bolt Street. Until the new location opens, the GLHA collections will be available **BY APPOINTMENT**. Please contact the staff at **(817) 392-7740** or at genlhst@fortworthtexas.gov to schedule an appointment.

You may request items by title or topic and then staff will have them ready for your appointment in the Chappell Meeting Room. Staff will stay with you in case you have questions or need other items during your appointment. Currently, the nearest photocopier is located in the plaza area, so you might want to bring a digital camera, your phone, or borrow the library's wand scanner.

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FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Texas State Genealogical Society

Presents

An Online Webinar

Kim S. Harrison

On

Genealogical Research Using Railroad Records

Railroad Records can hold a goldmine of information. Not only can you find personnel records, but railroads literally changed the map of the US during their developing years. The founding of our country, the settlements to the west and even complete towns could live or die by the railroad's progress. Come hear how to find those records.

DAY: Tuesday, May 25, 2021

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

ONLINE WEBINAR ONLY—Must Register

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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 email address will be added to our mailing list in order for you to receive local announcements.)

This membership application is for: 2021 2022 New Renewal (Newsletter)