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JUNE GENERAL MEETING

FWGS will meet virtually on **Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** on a GoToMeeting Webinar online. The speaker **Stephanie Bennett** is Head of the Dallas Library Genealogy Unit. Her topic is **“Resources Available at the Dallas Library.”** You won’t want to miss finding out what is new, what has changed and what can you find online now.



STEPHANIE

BENNETT is the manager of the Genealogy & History Division of the Dallas Public Library. Previously, she was the genealogy librarian in the division for four years. Her love of genealogy started about nine years ago, and she has been avidly researching ever since. Stephanie’s passions are connecting genealogy researchers with resources and making genealogy materials more accessible.

Stephanie holds two BAs from the University of Missouri-Columbia and an MLS from Texas Woman’s University.

Use This Link To Register for the Webinar:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8741315767385896206>



FW LIBRARY NEWS

APPOINTMENTS NEEDED

Remember: Call ahead to make an appointment if you wish to do some genealogy research in the Central Library Genealogy Unit. *More News soon on more openings!*

May FWGS Meeting

FWGS welcomed for the first time, all the way from Arizona, **Ms. Kim S. Harrison**. Kim is a nationally known genealogist and speaker. One of her areas of expertise is Railroad Records and she showed us the importance, not only of those records, but of the railroads themselves. Railroads were vital to the settling of our country and to the communities where our ancestors lived. It makes sense that those records can provide great clues to where to look for our ancestors and for records that can further the stories of our ancestor’s lives. She showed the importance of using Newspaper records too. Newspapers can provide information on employment, routes, dates, and even fatalities of RR accidents.

Kim delights in answering your questions too.

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Have you joined us on Facebook yet?

We have two sites:

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

JUNE FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Fri, June 18, 2021
10:30 am ZOOM

Special Interest Group (SIG) for JULY
Family Search.Org July 13~7pm

General Meeting: Tue, June 29, 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

FWGS is proud to continue bringing excellent programs with top notch speakers this summer. And now we are bringing some *extra* programming in the form of a **SIG (Special Interest Group)** based on wants and needs. The first SIG will be offered on **July 13th** on the Topic of **FAMILY SEARCH.org** and presented by FWGS Board member **Emily Richardson**. You won't want to miss this program when she gives us some useful hints and tips on using the gigantic FREE website run by the LDS church. (See more from Emily on p.3 & Flyer Insert)

Summer is here and I hope you are vaccinated and healthy and will try to venture out to do some genealogy this summer. If you don't feel confident with crowds and the libraries are limiting your visits, you can always visit those cemeteries. And if you do, Be Kind! Take some pics and upload to Find A Grave or Billion Graves. Clean up some weeds or grass and do NO HARM to monuments. Please take care of what we all share! HAPPY SEARCHES!

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor

TIME TO RENEW



Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31.

It's time to renew! **Individual dues: \$23**

Household: \$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 TCU @ The FW Library-----Tandy Auditorium



On Vacation Until September

Fort Worth ISD's

Billy W. Sills Center for Archives

AN UPDATE

If you are like me, you have really missed the once a month lecture series that was presented at the Billy Sills Center for Archives. Not only were there informative, interesting programs presented, but the archive holds an amazing amount of materials on Fort Worth people and history. The old high school yearbooks alone are worth a trip to visit. Of course, like everything during COVID 19, the archives had been shut down and the lectures put on hold. To make matters worse, the FWISD is going through some changes with closing, selling and relocating many of their properties throughout the district.

Of course, moving around is nothing new for the archives which is currently at 2720 Cullen on the 2nd floor. Since its inception, it has moved from closets to storage spaces and then into empty rooms in various schools, until the 2nd floor on Cullen, when it finally had the space it deserved and felt more like a true museum and archives.

We have all been holding our breath wondering how things would settle out for the beloved Billy Sills Archives. And now, **Director Lenna Recer** has finally given some information for us. Below is an excerpt from her email in May:

I've delayed updating you about the relocation of the Billy W. Sills Center for Archives until I received something definite about the move. I have received some definite news (at least, I hope it's definite). As with most everything, there is good news and bad news involved.

The bad news first. The Center is going to be relocated, temporarily, in the current **Ad Building at 100 University Drive**. Everything will be moved to that location. *We won't have access to everything, but we will keep accessible those documents of information that*

*we use frequently. We will occupy the temporary location for a year and three or four months. Additionally, we will not be able to resume the lecture series until we are in the permanent location. The good news, and it's really good, is that our permanent landing spot will be in the **new Ad Building in a space just adjacent to the Board Room.** Everyone is aware of the space we need, and they've been working with us to ensure that most of our dreams will come true. There are many things to celebrate about this new location. I am especially pleased that being located near the Board Room will increase our visibility and accessibility considerably. I have been told that we can have **the lecture series presentations in the Board Room.***

Things are looking up. We are excited about the possibilities of the new space, and we are looking forward to once again bringing you interesting and exciting historical experiences through the lecture series.

Lenna Hughes Recer

Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD
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Here's hoping the yearbooks will be kept out and time moves quickly! Thanks to Lenna for lovingly tending to the Archives and advocating for preserving history just as Mr. Billy Sills did while he was an educator in FWISD.



Death of Long-time FWGS Member

Helen Welborn joined FWGS in May, 1968 making her a member of **53 years.** She

served on the Board twice in 1973 & 1975 as a Director At Large. I knew Helen to be an avid learner, attending FWGS seminars and workshops. **RIP**



Helen Louise Helms Welborn

September 17, 1925 - June 4, 2021

Fort Worth, Texas - Helen Louise Helms Welborn was born September 17, 1925

in Ranger, Texas and passed away June 4, 2021 at home.

Funeral: 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2021 in Mount Olivet Chapel. **Interment:** Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Helen was the first of four children born to Thomas Grady Helms and Mary Aubrey Thomas Helms. Helen married Hiram "Hi" Welborn in Weatherford, Texas on April 11, 1944. They had been married 72 years when he passed away in 2016. She retired from Union Pacific Resources. Helen was a genealogist and had researched both her family and her husband's family. She was a member and past Regent of Six Flags Chapter, The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution; member and past President of the Fort Worth Area Regent's Club; member and past Regent of Hon. Philip Livingston Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists; member of Gen. Edward H. Tarrant Chapter, United States Daughters of 1812, and member of The Fort Worth Genealogical Society.

After retirement she volunteered at the Fort Worth Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame in the Fort Worth Stockyards. Helen and Hi loved their family and enjoyed spending time with them. After retirement they enjoyed time with their family and friends at their ranch in Big Bend.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; brother, Carl Helms; and sister, Wilma Ogletree.

Helen is survived by her son, Andrew Welborn and daughter, Lynn Welborn Henry (Thome); four grandchildren, Matthew Welborn (Amber), Jill Gossett (Ed), Elizabeth Flowers (Curtis Jr.) and Kent Welborn (Megan); six great-grandchildren, Morgan and Mason Welborn, Kaitlyn and Hunter Gossett, and Tatum and McKenzie Flowers; sister, Wanda Helms, sister-in-law Gerry Helms; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the various members of hospice staff who attended Mother professionally and with compassion. Thank you.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to North Fort Worth Historical Society, Community Healthcare of Texas (hospice) or the charity of choice.

Special Interest Group (SIG)

"Family Search.org"

Led by **Emily Richardson**

Tuesday, July 13, 2021 ~~~ 7:00 p.m.

Held virtually by ZOOM.

Discussion, Tips, Q & A.

Learn more about the website FamilySearch.org

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Texas State Genealogical Society

Presents

An Online Webinar

Stephanie Bennett

On

RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT THE DALLAS LIBRARY

Most of us have not visited a library in a year and half or longer. Hear Genealogy Unit Manager Stephanie Bennett tell us about current policies at DPL and share some of the newer things we may have missed. She will especially highlight those resources that are available online or in digital collections.

DAY: **Tuesday, June 29, 2021**

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

ONLINE WEBINAR ONLY—Must Register

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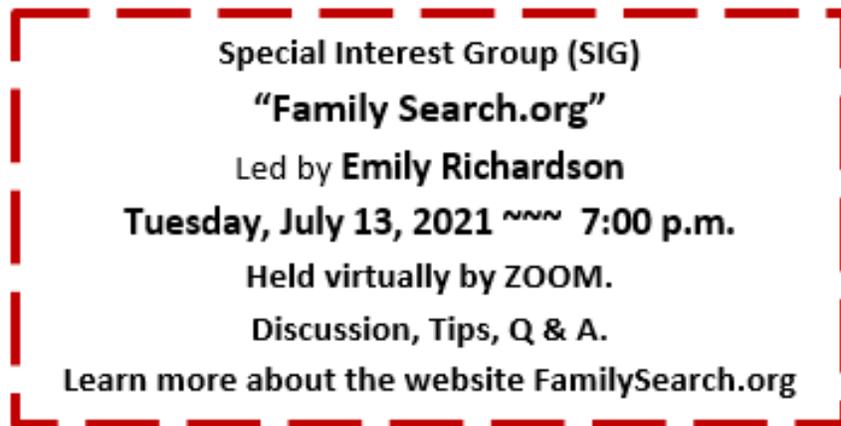
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG's)

First SIG: FamilySearch.org

The FamilySearch Genealogy Group is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about using FamilySearch for their genealogy. The group is a Special Interest Group (SIG) of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society and is free & open to all.

Emily Richardson will be the group leader and you can email her at kinsearchers@gmail.com if you have a specific question about the SIG. Emily is a Director At Large for FWGS and is Secretary of Texas State Genealogical Society. She has also presented lectures at Texas State Genealogical conferences.

The first meeting will be held virtually online on **Tuesday, July 13th at 7:00 p.m.** A link will be provided to everyone prior to the event. Use that link to attend the event. This first meeting will include a review of several basics about FamilySearch and then open the floor for discussion. You can help set the remaining agenda. Come learn, listen and share. We are thrilled to you have as a part of this first SIG!!



Watch your email for the Link!



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⇒ \$25 if paid before the new year begins

Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

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