



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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JULY 2021

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## JULY GENERAL MEETING

The July FWGS meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 27, 2021** at **6:30 p.m.** on a GoToMeeting Webinar online. Our returning speaker is **Suzanne Fritz** of the Genealogy Unit of FWPL. Her topic is **"Genealogy Resources: Digital Books, Audiobooks, Magazines & FWPL Website Update."** Maybe you have noticed that the library website has completely changed. Come find out how better to navigate it & also learn how to use some of the valuable online resources there.



**Suzanne Fritz** is a Librarian with the Genealogy, Local History and Archives Unit of the FWPL.

She relocated to Fort Worth, Texas from Naples, Florida where she worked as a Public Service Librarian and Genealogy Specialist. Suzanne received her B.A. from Mt. Holyoke College & 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 is working on family history projects that draw from the rich record resources pertaining to Texas.

**Use This Link To Register for the Webinar:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4728369905375571470>



## 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. You can browse the catalog and request certain books. When you come for your appointment the items will be brought upstairs to you. You might bring a camera or borrow the hand scanner to make copies. **817-392-7740**

### June FWGS Meeting

FWGS was privileged to have Stephanie Bennett, manager of the Genealogy & History Division of the Dallas Public Library speak to us for the first time. She explained many of the sources available in the library & online and included a handout. (Please find the handout on p. 4.) The meeting was well attended by members and visitors.

**SIG on FAMILY SEARCH.org!**

**Meets Again by ZOOM**

**Tues, Aug 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

**Emily Richardson will lead.**

**Watch for an email with the Link!**



**Have you joined us on Facebook yet?**

**We have two sites:**

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

## JULY FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:** Fri, July 16, 2021  
4:00 pm ZOOM

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

**Next is Aug 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

**General Meeting:** Tue, July 27, 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.....

July 18, 2021 is National Ice Cream Day!



FWGS appreciates our members! We hope you are enjoying and taking advantage of our monthly webinars and the special SIG presentation on Family Search.org by **Emily Richardson**. [Next SIG: Aug 10<sup>th</sup>] And very soon, you will find both delayed February & May issues of *Footprints* in your mailbox.

Your board of directors is looking ahead to the possible opening up again to in-person meetings and is interested in your opinions on that matter. We are looking into more member surveys in the near future. Watch email boxes.

It is time to begin our nominations process towards electing new members for the board. **IF** you are a member and would like to serve on the Nominations Committee, please email **Carlene Johnson, FWGS President**. If you would be interested in being on the Board of Directors or holding a specific office, please let her know that too. (see article on next page)

Right now, we especially need Nominations Committee and Archival Records Committee volunteers. We can always use those who wish to write articles for our journal *Footprints*, those who would volunteer to scan documents to upload to the cloud, & those who can compile records from courthouses or other sources. We need you to make our Society Better for ALL!

**FWGS memberships pay off!**

*Debbie Pearson*, Newsletter Editor

## FWGS Membership Report

**Rob Yoder Membership Director** reports a total of **\*91** 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 New Member:

**Irma Ward**

Returning members since last month are: **Willard C. Morrison & Geneva M. Smaltz**, both absent for only one year. Welcome Back!

**\*92 until the recent death of Helen Welborn**

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



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

### On Summer Break

Next: TBD. Most likely to begin in SEPTEMBER. Watch here.



### FOOTPRINTS UPDATE

As reported here in February, **Rob Yoder** was injured and could not complete the February issue of *Footprints*, the FWGS quarterly journal. He is healed up now and happy to report that the February and the May issues are completed, have gone to the printer and should be in the mail by the time this newsletter is distributed. Both booklets will be mailed in one envelope. Watch your mail box for this special edition.



### 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.



### TIME TO RENEW or JOIN

**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**

**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 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.



- **Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Genealogy Collection** <http://www.dallaslibrary.org/genealogy>
    - Located on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
    - Staffed by subject matter experts with over 80+ years of combined experience
    - One of the TOP genealogy collections in the country based on the size and scope of the collection
    - New material is added constantly
    - One-of-a-kind special collections
  - **Heritage Lab** <http://dallaslibrary.org/creativespaces/heritagelab.htm>
    - Make digital copies of:
      - Books, Manuscripts & Letters
      - Large Scrapbooks & Ledgers
      - Photographs
      - VHS, DVCAM or HDV Tapes
      - Super 8 & 8 MM film
      - Audio Cassettes
      - Slides and Negatives
    - Learn how to use the equipment: <https://my.nicheacademy.com/creativespaces>
  - **Make a genealogy research or Heritage Lab appointment**
    - Call (214) 670-1433
    - Email [genealogy@dallaslibrary.org](mailto:genealogy@dallaslibrary.org)
    - Fill out form: <http://bit.ly/DPLGenAppt>
  - **Current Hours**
    - Tues, Thurs-Sat 10-6
    - Wednesday 11-7
    - Closed: Sunday & Monday
  - **Ask a Librarian** <http://dallaslibrary.org/research/>
    - Chat
    - Video Consultation
    - Phone Consultation
  - **Digitized Books available through FamilySearch** <http://bit.ly/DPLFSBooks>
    - 3,200+ unique materials available from Dallas Public Library
  - **Bi-Weekly Genealogy Programs on Zoom** <http://bit.ly/DPLGenPrograms>
    - Other online genealogy programs will continue throughout the year
    - Dallas Genealogical Society also has a great list of online programs available on their calendar [http://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/?post\\_type=tribe\\_events](http://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/?post_type=tribe_events)
  - **Virtual Volunteer Transcription Program** <http://bit.ly/DPLvolunteer>
    - Volunteer from home transcribing City of Dallas Permit Books
    - Earn DPL library card with access to databases and e-resources after completing 20 hours of service
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# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Texas State Genealogical Society

Presents

An Online Webinar

## Suzanne Fritz

On

### Genealogy Resources: Digital Books, Audiobooks, Magazines & FWPL Website Update

Learn how to use Overdrive to enjoy library eBooks, audiobooks, & magazines for free. Learn how to use the Libby App for Android or iOS which is great for phones or tablets. Also, learn to navigate the Fort Worth Public Library's recently re-designed website.

**DAY:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021

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

**ONLINE WEBINAR ONLY—Must Register**

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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 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)