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MAY MEETING

May's Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** on GoTo Webinar. Welcome **Carol Roark** for her first time speaking to FWGS. Her talk "**Frontier Government: Early Tarrant County Courthouses**" is the result of years of research. Enjoy this history of our many courthouses and the citizens who shaped our county. Use This **Link To Register for this GoToWebinar:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2446103731576477707>



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FW LIBRARY NEWS

APPOINTMENTS NEEDED

Remember: Call ahead to make an appointment if you wish to research in the Central Library Genealogy Unit. **817-392-7740.**

It's official now. The City of FW is selling the Central Branch Library. **Have you contacted your City Council Rep more information and give your input?**

April FWGS Meeting

Evan Spencer & Sara Pezzoni from the Archives & Special Collections at the UTA Library presented an updated presentation on what is available in-house and by online searches. Their collections are constantly being digitized and if it's not already, perhaps if you call for an item, then it will be digitized. Sara elaborated on the sizes of the FW Star Telegram photo archives and the years available. It is a massive amount. She recommends searching the Star T through one of the newspapers online, get the vol and page# and then see if she still has the photo in the archives.

SIG on FAMILY SEARCH.org

With **Emily Richardson**

See you on June 14



Have you joined us on Facebook yet?

We have two sites:

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

May FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Fri, May 20, 2022
10:30 am S W Regional Lib

Special Interest Group (SIG) for Family Search.Org **June 14 @ 7 pm**

General Meeting: Tue, May 31, 2022
6:30-8:00 pm GoToWebinar

Link for Meeting is sent on FWGS Mailing List or found on Flyer. Visit www.TXFWGS.org Click on Mail List Button on left side to join Email List.



From the Editor

May is Here!

The National Archives 1950 Census is up! Have you thought about volunteering to work on transcriptions of your family or a neighborhood you know? Family Search is recruiting genealogists for this important work. The index will only improve with our help! See pages 2-3.

FWGS enjoyed two new speakers last month from UTA & the Archives. May 31 will be a treat with **Carol Roark** and her deep research on Tarrant County's Courthouses over the years of our county. See page 1 and flyer inside.

FWGS continues work on the Bylaws and now Standing Rules. It is difficult work because CHANGE is never easy. FWGS thanks **Secretary Janet Minke** for all her hard work and research. Thank your board too for putting in several extra sessions on this grueling task. **Watch your inbox for the updates which will require a member only vote by email SOON!**

FWGS member **Emily Richardson** will take some time off this summer. Her **Family Search SIG** group by ZOOM will go to every other month in June. Try it next month and see!

Help keep our 65 year-old tradition alive! Join and pay dues AND volunteer with the society. FWGS needs many volunteers. Contact President Carlene Johnson to see how you can fit in. carlevjgenealogy@gmail.com

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor



TIME TO RENEW or

JOIN for the FIRST TIME

Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31. Individual dues are \$23 and a Household is \$27.

Make your check payable to FWGS.

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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>

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies at TCU

TAKING THE SUMMER BREAK!

The FWISD Billy W. Sills Lecture Series

Next Presentation: **Saturday, May 26, 2022**

- **Presenter: Libby Willis: Historian, Preservationist & Author**
- **Topic: "On Fire For the Lord: David Ayers & Methodism in New York State & Early Texas."**

Don't forget that they have a different location

100 N. University Drive.

Enter the doors in the center of the building.

Coffee and snacks at 9:30.

The wearing of masks is encouraged.



How Indexing the 1950 Census Will Be Different

By **Jason Wright**

January 27, 2022

(reprinted from Family Search Blog)

The release and publication of the 1950 United States census in April 2022 will be unlike any previous census publication. Thanks to powerful new processes and technical innovations, the searchable index to the 1950 census will be published sooner. This expedited schedule means you will be able to search for ancestors' names soon after the census records are released.

Searching the records and volunteering will also be more user-friendly than ever before. Read on to learn more about the 1950 census indexing project and the preparations for this historic release.

What Will Be Different?

Volunteers can work on census records closer to heart. Based on feedback we've received through the years, FamilySearch is working to make your volunteer experience more personalized. Volunteers will be able to work on records related to their family and for locations in which they have an interest.

Ancestry will create an initial automated index using machine learning algorithms and AI handwriting recognition technology. In past years, thousands of indexing volunteers spent months or even years making census collections searchable. This year, Ancestry's sophisticated artificial intelligence and handwriting recognition technology will save time by creating an initial index from digital census images. While this index won't be perfect, it will expedite the review and publication process to let you search for your family's names in the 1950 census sooner after its release.

Volunteers will help review the computer-created index for accuracy. Instead of creating an index from scratch, volunteers helping with the 1950 census indexing will be invited to review the automated index to ensure that every name is included and indexed correctly. A human review will refine the index and help ensure that everyone included in the census can be found.

The census images will be delivered online by the National Archives to expedite publication. When the 1940 United States census was released, organizations such as FamilySearch and Ancestry that wanted to help publish the images had to first transfer them to their own hard drives. Then, in a separate step, these groups uploaded the images onto public servers. For the 1950 census, these images will be made available in the cloud for direct and immediate download by participating organizations on 1 April 2022.

What Remains the Same?

Volunteer efforts will still be crucial for success. While FamilySearch will use new technologies and processes to create the 1950 census index, the careful efforts of volunteers are still needed to complete a comprehensive review. The work of dedicated volunteers will make the publication of the completed index much faster than for previous census years.

Sharing your experiences with others will make a difference. A comprehensive review of the index will be completed sooner if volunteers share their experience with family and friends who may also choose to participate. FamilySearch, as a nonprofit organization, relies on the goodwill of patrons and outside organizations to help spread the word about

this opportunity to expedite the publication of the 1950 census.

WATCH <https://www.familysearch.org/en/info/1950-us-census-ancestry-and-familysearch-innovations-and-collaboration>

EDITOR: **Will you consider volunteering to Index the 1950 Census?** FWGS Director At Large Joan Crittenden volunteered and indexed Winston County, Alabama , Precinct 1. It was a county with her familial connections.

ANCESTOR SURNAMES PROJECT

FWGS is contemplating creating a Surnames Directory for our members. Would you be willing to add surnames you research into a database? When inquiries come in, FWGS could match you to the person querying. Look for more information soon. Please email **President Carlene Johnson** with input: FWGS-President@Mail.com

FOOTPRINTS UPDATE: February is finished. May is almost done. Editor Rob Yoder hopes to mail both in one envelope in either late May or early June. Watch that mailbox for BOTH issues!

Footprints Submissions?

Do you have ancestors in Tarrant County or surrounding counties? Would you like to see your family tree in print? Do you like finding interesting details about Tarrant County in your research? Is writing about your ancestors enjoyable to you?

WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!!!

Footprints Editor Rob Yoder is seeking family trees, your research, old photos, newspaper articles from early Fort Worth newspapers and other interesting records or stories of Tarrant county. If you have something that is ready in digital form contact him at:

FWGS-Footprints@Mail.com

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Texas State Genealogical Society

Presents

An Online Webinar

Carol Roark

On

Frontier Government: Early Tarrant County Courthouses

You've seen the stately courthouse that sits on the bluff over the Trinity, but not all know of the history leading up to that building. It wasn't the first courthouse, nor has Fort Worth always been the county seat of Tarrant County. Learn how the Tarrant County seat came from Birdville to the bluff, and how it evolved from a small wooden structure to the majestic pink granite structure of today.

DAY: Tuesday, May 31, 2022
TIME: 6:30 p.m.

ONLINE ZOOM WEBINAR ONLY—Must Register

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Membership Application & Renewal Form -★- Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Individual Membership - \$23
⇒ \$20 each for 2022 & 2023 (until Dec. 31st)

Family Membership - \$27
⇒ \$25 each for 2022 & 2023 (until Dec. 31st)

Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

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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 form is for: 2022 2023 New Renewal (Newsletter)