



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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## JUNE MEETING

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** on GoTo Meeting Webinar. **Sandra Crowley** will speak on differentiating people of similar names in the same places. Her own research results went into her talk entitled **"In Search of Frye Parnell."** We all have family mysteries, so tune in for her tips.

Use This Link To Register for this GoToWebinar:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7992950779455319051>



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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?**

### May FWGS Meeting

**Carol Roark** presented her well researched work on the many courthouses & county seats of Tarrant county. Starting with the county's inception all the way to our present buildings, she showed newspaper articles, old photographs and documents from the county & state that chronicled the differing buildings and locations. Along the way, there was political mischief and some malfeasance that led to some epic disasters. Carol's digging unearthed some rare photos. She recommends using newspaper searches such as Newspapers.com & Genealogy Bank as well as the Archives at UTA!

**SIG on FAMILY SEARCH.org**

With **Emily Richardson**

**TAKING A SUMMER BREAK!**



**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, Jun 17, 2022  
10:30 am S W Regional Lib

**Special Interest Group (SIG) for Family Search.Org** **SUMMER BREAK**

**General Meeting:** Tue, Jun 28, 2022  
6:30-8:00 pm GoToWebinar

Link for Meeting is sent on FWGS Mailing List or found on Flyer. Visit [www.TXFWGS.org](http://www.TXFWGS.org) Click on Mail List Button on left side to join Email List.



**From the Editor** .....

**Celebrating our Fathers and Forefathers!**

**FWGS NEWS:** Your Board of Directors have been so busy these last few months. With leadership from **Carlene Johnson & Janet Minke**, a complete study and rewrite of Bylaws and Standing Rules has been conducted and approved by the Board. Now the documents will go out by email to all FWGS members for any questions or suggestions. A vote will follow at the **JULY** general meeting. Again, the vote will be by returning your **official email vote** sent by the **FWGS Secretary Janet Minke**. Please watch your email as we approach our June 28<sup>th</sup> general meeting for your copies of the proposals. Please read them to see that you understand the proposals. Email any questions to the President or Secretary.

**President Johnson** [FWGS-President@Mail.com](mailto:FWGS-President@Mail.com)

**Secretary Minke** [FWGS-Secretary@mail.com](mailto:FWGS-Secretary@mail.com)

*FWGS Is Old Enough for Medicare!!!*

**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. [FWGS-President@mail.com](mailto:FWGS-President@mail.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.**

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>

**From the FWGS Mail Bag** .....



**Center For Texas Studies at TCU**

**TAKING THE SUMMER BREAK!**

**The FWISD Billy W. Sills Lecture Series**

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**Well, I got my first ANCESTRY Hint from the 1950 Census on my family tree.**

My first searches to find my parents have not been successful. Neither were head of households, as they were not married yet. They were single, workers, and living in boarding houses or apartments on the west side. Both worked in the defense industry, a huge draw for Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas.

My hints from ANCESTRY were from relatives that were heads of households. Those were the first to be indexed. The race to get a more accurate reading of **ALL** names in the 1950 census and get that index on to the genealogy sites is on. It will take many of YOU to help fully index that project.

**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.

**News Video about the Release of the 1950 Census:**

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=news+about+the+1950+Census&docid=60803361131477257&mid=174063B22565DAFCB532174063B22565DAFCB532&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

**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](mailto:FWGS-President@Mail.com)



## BOOK CORNER

### In Honor of Father's Day

Author **Bill Griffeth** published his surprising memoir **A STRANGER IN MY GENES** back in September of 2016. His book chronicled the surprise he received after taking a DNA test and discovered the father he knew was not his biological father. His genealogical journey and the implications that DNA test results can have on you and your family are touchingly recounted. Now, Bill has written the sequel to his journey revealing the other half of the DNA test: finding his biological family and all the emotions that entails. His new book is entitled **STRANGERS NO MORE**. In addition to Bill's own stories, this volume shares some of the stories that other DNA testers and genealogists have shared about their surprises too.

*This book about genealogy is a "page turner" and easy to read. "You won't want to put it down!"*

The Bookstore at The New England Historical and Genealogical Society (NEHGS) is offering this book with some special discounts! **Through August 31<sup>st</sup>**, when you purchase a copy of Strangers No More (\$29.95), you automatically receive a 20% discount upon checkout for The Stranger in My Genes. Order through the NEHGS Bookstore at <https://www.americanancestors.org/> **Click on the Bookstore tab near the top.**

You may be familiar with the website **American Ancestors** (a part of NEHGS). Since Bill Griffeth is a trustee for NEHGS he will be participating in a book talk... *See below from American Ancestors.*

“ Join us **July 14th at 6:00 p.m. (ET)** for an American Inspiration Author Series event with **Bill Griffeth**. Bill will discuss **Strangers No More** with **Libby Copeland**, journalist and author of The Lost Family: How DNA Testing Is Upending Who We Are. Tickets to this event include a **signed copy** of **Strangers No More** sent within the United States. We hope to see you there! “ This one hour event costs \$45.00 and includes your autographed copy of his the new book. Register here and pay online: <https://my.americanancestors.org/1736/2003>

You may recall **Libby Copeland** spoke with FWGS last year about her book and her DNA surprise. Whether you purchase your copy through NEHGS, buy a ticket to the Webinar and receive a free, signed copy or just buy it online or in a bookstore, we think you will enjoy this/these books. If you do buy on Amazon, remember to tag FWGS in your **AmazonSmile** charity donation designation. We appreciate the donations from Amazon when you set FWGS as your designee!!!



**FOOTPRINTS UPDATE:** **Footprints Editor Rob Yoder** has completed the **February & May** issues of *Footprints*. They are being picked up from the printer and in the process of being labeled and mailed as this newsletter goes to print. Watch your mailbox for both issues in one envelope.

### 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](mailto:FWGS-Footprints@Mail.com)

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Texas State Genealogical Society

Presents

An Online Webinar

## Sandra Crowley

On

# In Search of Frye Parnell

Multiple names; multiple locations; multiple wives – how do you determine which ancestor is yours and which line to research? Learn how historical records, timelines and documenting your findings can yield clues to help you complete the puzzle that is your family tree.

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