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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The next meeting is **Tuesday, Sept 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. IN PERSON ONLY**

at the Tandy Auditorium of Central Branch Library on 500 W. Third downtown. **Patti Huff Smith** is speaking on **Using Social Media To Find Family**. Find your ancestor's descendants among the living on social media! **No Zoom this month!**



PATTI HUFF SMITH is from a marketing career where she worked with author Zig

Ziglar among others. She also worked over 20 years in church leadership positions and with husband Gary Smith led marriage seminars. They have been married over 35 years with 4 adult children and live in Coppell, Texas.

Patti grew up traveling in an Air Force family and was apart from extended family so learning about her genealogy became needed. This military background spurred her to trace her ancestor's military experience and a genealogist was born. Her main interest today is DNA studies.

Patti is quite active in Dallas Genealogical Society and also holds memberships in Navarro Genealogical, Hill County Genealogical, Johnson County Genealogical, Central Texas Genealogical, Coppell Historical, and Texas State Genealogical Society. Patti has also enjoyed lecturing on genealogical topics including DNA.

SIG on FAMILY SEARCH.org

With Emily Richardson

TAKING A BREAK!



FW LIBRARY NEWS

APPOINTMENTS NEEDED

Remember: Call **817-392-7740**.

NEWS: Starting Sept. 1st Fold 3 Library Edition is now available for use by FWPL cardholders. We have access to it through a bundle of databases via TexShare. Accessing it will work like accessing the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, where you enter your library card number and a PIN [usually either the last four digits of the card number or the telephone number that you signed up with, unless the cardholder has chosen to go in & change the PIN].

ALSO: The **GRAND OPENING** of the new genealogy unit is approaching Oct 22nd! **See article on p. 3**

AUGUST FWGS Meeting

Dr. Bernard Meisner shared his experience making a digital presentation on his ancestors for his family as gifts. What better way to get the non-genealogists interested than a visual history with links to photos and documents like wills or birth certificates. He even matched information from old churches and employers of his ancestors and found modern day videos to share some history as well.



Have you joined us on Facebook yet?

We have two sites:

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

SEPTEMBER FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Fri, Sep 16, 2022
10:30 am SW Regional Lib

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

General Meeting: Tue, Sep 27, 2022
6:30-8:00 pm Tandy Auditorium
Central Branch

From the Editor



FWGS NEWS: THE BIG NEWS! We are meeting in person for the SEPTEMBER Meeting! We will be back at our old home in the Tandy Auditorium in the Central Branch Library downtown. (See flyer) Please be there in person to hear **Patti Smith** and to vote on the new bylaws changes. The shortened list includes proposals to accommodate voting when we cannot meet in person in times of pandemics or other catastrophic events. And meeting via platforms such as Zoom. It is a must to get this into our current bylaws. Please contact **Carlene Johnson** if you need any clarifications or need any written materials that were distributed.
President Johnson FWGS-President@Mail.com

Don't forget parking is free at the meters on streets at 6:00 pm. We will begin right at 6:30. Library closes at 8:00 pm.

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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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 Is Old Enough for Medicare!!!

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

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies at TCU in partnership with **FWL Community History Workshop Series**



Is BACK!

Saturday, OCT 1st 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

TOPIC: “Exploring Two Iconic DFW-Founded Food Companies: Fletcher’s Original State Fair Corny Dogs and Mrs. Renfro’s Salsa”

Presenters: **AMBER FLETCHER**, of Fletcher’s Corn Dogs
JOHN “Jack” RENFRO of Mrs. Renfro’s Salsas

Hybrid Meeting: Zoom/In Person

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NpGZ4b7JQZuj7aFXZIYI_Q **Register for Zoom**

Central Library Tandy Auditorium:

500 W. Third St. Fort Worth, TX 76102-7305

It's State Fair time, folks! There couldn't be a better time to talk about Texas food. This month we welcome **Amber Fletcher** and **Doug Renfro**, whose roots run deep in the DFW food scene with Fletcher's Corny Dogs and Mrs. Renfro's Salsa. They will discuss the history behind their family businesses and give us some insights into the production of their famous foods.

Next: Sat, Nov 5, 2022 “Trinity River Groove: The Story of the Cowtown Sound”

The FWISD Billy W. Sills Lecture Series

Is BACK!

Saturday, OCTOBER 15 10:00 AM FWISD AD Bldg.

Topic: “The Neglected Cowboys”

Presenter: Wayne Ludwig, author & western historian
Come at 9:30 for Coffee/Nibbles

Come hear Wayne’s research on an important and neglected part of American and Western history!

TCU EXTENDED EDUCATION Courses

Tuesday evenings, October 4 & 11 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

TOPIC: “At the Edge of Space and Time: The Last Kiowa Raid in Tarrant County” **BY Dawn Youngblood**

Using the last Kiowa Raid as a touchstone, students will be immersed in the lives and history of the Kiowa, learn how they differed from the Comanche, and discover the secret life of a Kiowa captive taken as a baby girl from the family farm on the West Fork of the Trinity River in 1867 and honored by the Kiowa for her bravery and tenacity to this day. **\$74**

<https://www.campusce.net/tcu/course/course.aspx?C=1136&pc=503&mc=0&sc=0>

LETTERS FROM THE LIBRARY

By Genealogy Unit Head Linda Barrett

The Fort Worth Public Library's Genealogy, Local History, and Archives (GLHA) unit is transforming into the **Fort Worth History Center! The Grand Opening will be on October 22, 2022—more details will be available soon.** The GLHA unit has been packing up and is beginning the move process. No service will be available from October 9, 2022 until October 22, 2022 while the move takes place. The new location is at 501 East Bolt Street, just off of I-35, across from La Gran Plaza to the north.

A new sign is being fabricated, and the parking lot has been repaved. On the inside, we've painted, moved some shelving around, and created a secure yet publicly visible workspace for processing archives collections. If you've ever wanted to see what archivists actually do with collections while they are processing them, you'll frequently have an opportunity to watch.

There will be a designated space for archival research right next to the service desk, complete with lockers for researcher belongings to increase security of collections. The northwest corner of the building can be used for small meetings or classes. In this area, several small tables on wheels can be used separately by individuals or pushed together for group work. That area will also have a large monitor.

A variety of technological devices will be available, too. There are two (new) digital microfilm readers, a tabletop public book/document scanner for smaller items, and a large overhead scanner for oversized or heavy items. All of these will have print, USB, and email functions. Of course, there will be a photocopier, as well.

The Fort Worth History Center has a smaller footprint than the old location, so some items will be stored offsite. Collection use from 2015-2022 was studied to inform selection. Because some items will be stored offsite, researchers are

encouraged to plan ahead and visit the Fort Worth Public Library catalog <https://fwpl.polarislibrary.com/polaris/> prior to visiting in person. When you find an item you are interested in using in the catalog, click the "availability" button to see if it is located at the Fort Worth History Center or offsite. Initially we are asking researchers to expect a three-day turnaround to get items delivered; however, we suspect that we will be able to reduce that to two days after a few months to get everything ironed out.

All archives collections will be housed offsite and will require advance request for use, too. We studied the processes used at TCU and UTA for their offsite archives storage to develop our system.

Linda Barrett

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If you purchase items 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 **August** issue of *Footprints*. **IT HAS NOW BEEN MAILED!** (Covid and illness got in the way of getting it mailed on time.) Hopefully it will be in your mailbox as you read this.

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library
Presents

Patti Huff Smith

On

USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO FIND & ATTRACT DESCENDANTS OF ANCESTORS

Discovering living relatives affords a chance to connect with unknown family members and stay in touch with ones we know. Social media is an excellent way to achieve your goal if you need help solving a family mystery or identifying family photos. Utilizing Social media outlets is another way to further family research and learn more about your ancestors.

DAY: Tuesday, September 27, 2022

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

**NEW 1st BACK IN-PERSON MEETING: TANDY AUDITORIUM;
CENTRAL BRANCH LIBRARY; 500 W 3rd Street. PLEASE ATTEND!**

Scheduled September Vote on Proposed ByLaws Changes will be at This Meeting In- Person only!

Please observe Health Protocols!



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