



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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May 2020

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## MAY GENERAL MEETING GOES ONLINE

The **May** general meeting will be going **LIVE** on digital media, thanks to our partnership with Texas State Genealogical Society. Tune in through your email on the regular meeting night, **Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Meeting time will change to 6:00 p.m.**

Our speaker will be **Patti Huff Smith** (scheduled in March but cancelled due to the Cvd19 Virus). Her topic is **Making the Most of your DNA Results**. It will include a power point and a handout.



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## Fort Worth Library News PANDEMIC VIRUS NEWS

*All Libraries are closed. Public activities are closed. Check the Library web sites for news about special opportunities for Distance Learning.*

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/>

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**THE LATEST:** The City of Fort Worth has announced that the Library system will begin curb-side service at **5 libraries** across the city on **May 19, 2020**. No inside visits yet. The 5 libraries are:

**Southwest Regional, East Regional, Golden Triangle, Summerglen and Northwest.** Days & Hours are: Tues – Fri 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Saturday: noon - 5 p.m.

[FAQ click here.](#)

Originally back in March the date set to reopen libraries was June 1<sup>st</sup>. More announcements will come if this date is still current or changing.

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Since mid-April, a handful of Fort Worth Public Library staff members have been working the phones, dialing the numbers of Library cardholders age 65 & up to see how they're doing, providing personal service at a time when the libraries are temporarily closed.



## May FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:**

**Beginners:** ALL CANCELLED

**Computer Users:**

**General Meeting:** Tues, May 26, 2020  
6:00 p.m. (30 min earlier!)

**Online only by email link.**

If you are already on the FWGS mail list by email you will receive the link.

Email [FWGS@Mail.com](mailto:FWGS@Mail.com) to be on list.



## From the Editor .....

### April Showers Bring May Showers!

I hope you take a break to go outside, smell the flowers and soak up some vitamin D.

**FWGS** is planning to have meetings online only for the foreseeable future, with **THANKS to the Texas State Genealogical Society**. TxSGS is allowing their partner societies to use TxSGS resources to help societies keep local meetings going during the Covid 19 Virus Pandemic. Many of you probably have begun to experience church online or doctor visits through Zoom or other apps. TxSGS uses **Go To Meetings** and it is simple to use. If you are already on the FWGS email mailing list, you will receive an email from FWGS with the link enclosed. On the meeting night, at least 30 minutes prior to the meeting, you click on the link inside and you will be joined to our meeting. Email us if you are not already on the email list so you can be added. Once on the meeting, you can download the hand out. There are also phone numbers to call if you just want to listen to the meeting.

FWGS tried out the technology last month for members and we had over 20 members take advantage. Some FWGS members who live out of state were able "to attend" a meeting for the first time. We welcome them!

So this May, please try it out for yourself. Hear **Patti Huff Smith** speak on DNA results.

**"See" you at the meeting May 26<sup>th</sup>! Check your email that evening for the link.**

*Debbie Pearson,*  
Newsletter Editor

### Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31.

Your 2020 Membership is PAST DUE! \$23 or \$27 payable to FWGS. **Don't miss** any of the 4 quarterlies (*Footprints*) for 2020.

Mail to:

**FWGS**

**ATTN:** Membership Director

P.O. Box 471789,

Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408

Please add your email and print neatly.

**Or Pay Online**

<http://www.txfwgs.org/html/membership.html>

**REMEMBER to let FWGS know your new address if Moving!**



### Where Is *Footprints*?

The FWGS journal *Footprints* has been delayed due to the lock down of our printer at TCU. When the campus was shut down at the beginning of Public Health Orders, the February issue was ready to print. (Editor Rob Yoder had informed the Board at the Feb BOD meeting that it might be a little late as he was behind.) It would have come out in March had the Pandemic not struck. Now, we have also missed the May issue. Hopefully, we will be able to print February and May together in a double issue later in the year. Stay tuned; watch your mail box.



### In Memoriam

Bertie Dancer

February 22, 1935 – April 14, 2020

**FWGS member Bertie Dancer** passed away in April at the age of 85. Bertie served in many capacities on the FWGS Board, starting in 1966 as a Director. She served one term as 1<sup>st</sup> VP and served on many different publication projects. She left a lasting imprint on the society because of her dedication and hard work. FWGS expresses deepest sympathies to her family at this time.



FORT WORTH -- **Bertie Ellen (Boyce)**

**Dancer**, 85, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, in Fort Worth.

**FUNERAL:** 2 p.m., Friday, Laurel Land

Memorial Chapel of Fort Worth followed by

burial in Laurel Land Memorial Park. Family Visitation: 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 19 at Laurel Land Funeral Home.

**MEMORIALS:** The family requests that donations be made to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT), Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) or a charity of choice. Bertie was born Feb. 22, 1935, in Slaton, Lubbock County, to Warner Alford Boyce and Mary Nina Clifton Boyce. She graduated from Lubbock High School in 1952. She married Mayo Dewayne Dancer in Lubbock in 1951. They lived in Florida while he finished his active duty in the Navy Reserves. They relocated to Midland and then transferred to Fort Worth. Bertie was a member of Birchman Baptist Church. She was a Girl Scout leader for several years. Genealogy was a lifelong interest that she and Mayo shared. They were active

members of the Fort Worth Genealogy Society (FWGS), National Genealogical Society and the Lamar County Genealogical Society. They were always proud to find ancestors who lived in Texas during the Republic. Bertie was a Life Member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) in the Frances Cooke Van Zandt Chapter. She received her 50 year pen Dec. 19, 2018. She is preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Mayo Dancer, her parents, Warner and Nina Boyce, and sister, Wanda Jo Boyce Weaver. SURVIVORS: Sister, Mary Faye Boyce Smith and her husband, Jerry of Weatherford; daughter, Winona Dancer Barnes and her husband, Charlie of Trophy Club; son, Boyce Herron Dancer; granddaughter, Dixi Nicole Swink; great-grandson, Josiah Michael Swink of Trophy Club; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.



#### Tips for Zoom Use:

- ☆ Share your Zoom link only with invited participants.
- ☆ Make sure password use and the waiting room feature are turned on for your account.
- ☆ Keep yourself on mute when you are not actively speaking.

## 20 Home School Ideas from Billion Graves

Part 2, continued from April

### Homeschool Genealogy Idea #11: Geography

Put a large map on your wall or floor. Add pins or stickers to the spots where your ancestors lived. Try one color for birthplaces and another color for final resting places.

### Homeschool Genealogy Idea #12: Play Dress-Up

Children who dress up like their ancestors are likely to remember more about them. When you are ready to play the part, make-believe that you are leaving your port of departure to emigrate to a new nation.

### Homeschool Genealogy Idea #13:

#### Family Newspaper

Write stories for a family newspaper. Feature both living family members as well as ancestors. Include breaking news, sports, weather, human interest stories, religion, and finance sections.

### Homeschool Genealogy Idea #14: DNA

Google DNA for kids. Teach them what it is and what it has to do with your ancestors.

If you have taken a DNA test, let your kids know which nations they hail from. Have them make a pie chart for the percentages from each country. That's Math too.

### Homeschool Genealogy Idea #15: Spelling

The spelling of names has not always been standardized. Sometimes our ancestors spelled their name one way at the beginning of a document and another way at the end. If you have an example show them.

If they didn't know how to spell or write at all, they signed their name with an 'X'.

Go to a cemetery and have your children turn their back to a gravestone. You say a name that is written on it. They try to spell it and then turn around to see if they were right. (Take some photos with the BillionGraves app while you are there!)

Series will conclude next month in June.



<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7105590>

### Doing a lot of shopping with Amazon?

Please consider designating FWGS as your charity in Amazon smile. A portion of your proceeds will come back to FWGS. You can make FWGS your choice on one purchase or all purchases. We THANK you!

# FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library  
Presents

## Patti Huff Smith

On

### Between the Lines: What Your Ancestors Didn't Tell You!

### Getting the Most from your DNA Results

In this DNA program, you will learn a simple and easy approach to help utilize your DNA results successfully. Using [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) results and loading them to [GEDMatch.com](https://www.gedmatch.com) will be a strong portion of this presentation. You will leave inspired, equipped and ready to get the most out of your DNA results.



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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

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your \_\_\_\_\_ is will be added to our mailing list in order for you to receive local announcements.)

This membership application is for:  2020  2021  New  Renewal (Newsletter)