



# Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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## NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** is the next FWGS General Meeting. It is a Go To Meeting Webinar online. **Kevin Klaus** is speaking on **Genealogy Resources at the Texas GLO**. Find out how to research land records and more for your Texas ancestor.

Use This Link To Register for the Webinar:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2622736971907548944>

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## 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 will need to have a list of books or other resources you wish to view so they can be pulled by staff. **817-392-7740**

## October FWGS Meeting

**Emily Richardson** presented an excellent program on various church groups who have thrived in our American settlement eras. Her excellent slide show and handout were quite appreciated. She gave some very needed basic information on the differences between the denominations, where they thrived and sometimes resources where those records might be housed. Contact Emily at [kinsearchers@gmail.com](mailto:kinsearchers@gmail.com) if you had a question about those church records.

## NOVEMBER FWGS Meetings:

**Board of Directors:** Postponed til Dec 10:30 am ZOOM

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

**General Meeting:** Tue, Nov 30, 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)

**SIG on FAMILY SEARCH.org**

**Meets Again by ZOOM**

**Tues, at 7 pm NEW Time**

**December Winter Break**

**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!**

From the Editor.....

Happy Thanksgiving!



Hope your holidays were FEAST-ive and SAFE! This Thanksgiving had great meaning, but that meaning got a little lost due to the Pandemic. See p. 3 for more on that.

As we wind down 2021, it hardly seems possible that another year has come and gone. We still deal with the Corona virus and Americans and world citizens still are losing their lives. Please stay vigilant in protecting yourselves and others, even now as we begin regular flu season. FWGS is discussing whether to talk about beginning in-person meetings again in 2022. **How do you feel about meeting in-person downtown in the Central Branch Library?** We hope to send out a survey soon. We need your input and opinions.

Thanks to our members who responded last month for our second e-vote in FWGS history. See p. 3 for results.

FWGS is so **THANKFUL** for our continuing members and guests. **Now** is the time to either join for the first time or renew your membership for 2022. November and December are your last chances for the EARLY BIRD Dues Discounts. Please don't miss your chance!

*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>

**See page 3 for EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT Prices**

From the FWGS Mail Bag .....



Center For Texas Studies at TCU  
The FW Library Community Workshops

**Next: "Untapped: Another Round of Fort Worth Beer History"**

**Speaker: Gaby Kienitz**, Librarian & Museum Conservator.

**Saturday, December 4 @ 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**BACK to the Central Branch Library in December!!!**

This meeting will be a Hybrid: with in-person at the Central branch Tandy Auditorium and ZOOM for online.

Register Here for Zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_lgtVhCOyS\\_yuCxp6jNsVRPA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lgtVhCOyS_yuCxp6jNsVRPA)

Although Fort Worth brewing history is a tale that's been told well by others, join us as we venture off the beaten path. Librarian **Gaby Kientiz** explores stories of how hardships, handshake deals, and backstabbing--along with a whole lot of gumption and good luck shaped the ups and downs of more than 150 years of beer brewing and drinking in Fort Worth.

**Gaby Kientiz** is a librarian in the Genealogy, Local History, and Archives Unit at the Fort Worth Public Library. She has been a librarian specializing in genealogy, history, and archives for the past 6 years, but not all of them in Fort Worth. Previously, she was a museum conservator for 20 years for a variety of history museums across Canada and the US, with brief stints at an archaeological museum in Bodrum, Turkey, conserving items recovered from a Bronze Age shipwreck. In short, she has spent her entire working life in public institutions preserving history and striving to make it accessible.

**FOOTPRINTS UPDATE: Footprints is delayed.**

**Aug & Nov issues will be mailed together soon.**

**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.



### FWGS Early Bird Discount

Get your Early Bird discount on your FWGS 2022 dues. Pay before December 31<sup>st</sup> to receive these prices.

Individual: \$23 = \$20 Household: \$27 = \$25

### OCTOBER FWGS ELECTION RESULTS

Dear Members:

Email voting has closed and I am pleased to announce the results. The proposed Slate of Officers has been unanimously approved. Your new Board of Directors for the 2022 year are:

<b>President</b>	<b>Carlene Johnson</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<i>Open</i>
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*Please notice the positions that are still open.*

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or would like to be considered for the position of Vice President, Director at Large or Historian/Archivist.

Sincerely,

**Janet S. Minke, Secretary**

[FWGS-Secretary@Mail.com](mailto:FWGS-Secretary@Mail.com)

### ANCESTOR SURNAMES

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)

### QUADRICENTENNIAL of the PILGRIMS LANDING

1621-2021

Yes, this Thanksgiving marked the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pilgrims settling at Plymouth, Massachusetts. History was made in successfully building a settlement in New England, in dealings with Native American peoples, in setting up a new governance system and religious system, and beginning a trend of groups searching for a new life from religious persecutions. Americans still hold these as important principles of our American identity today.

Starting in 2020, there were many events and celebrations planned to commemorate this historic anniversary. Unfortunately, the Pandemic and safety measures worked against making the events better known and attended. *Check out some of these website and links to learn more about it.*

**Plymouth 400** <https://www.plymouth400inc.org/>

**Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants:**  
<https://www.massmayflower.org/index.php/activities/400th-anniversary-of-landing-of-the-pilgrims-2020>

**Mayflower Society :**  
<https://themayflowersociety.org/thanksgiving-history>

**Family Search Mayflower Descendants:**  
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/collection/mayflower-descendants/>

### 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

## KEVIN KLAUS

On

# Genealogy Resources at the Texas GLO

Did you know that the **Texas General Land Office Archives** has more than 35.5 million documents and over 45,000 maps and sketches dating back to 1561? The Texas GLO contains a wealth of genealogical resources for anyone researching ancestors that received an original Texas land grant. This talk is a general overview of the Spanish collection and grants given under the Republic of Texas with an emphasis on Headrights, Bounty and Donation grants, the Court of Claims files, and Confederate Scrip Voucher files. If you have any Texas ancestors, come hear what is available!

**DAY:** **Tuesday, November 30, 2021**

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

**ONLINE WEBINAR ONLY—Must Register**

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INDIVIDUAL \$20

HOUSEHOLD \$25

Care to add Surnames You're Researching:

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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)