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APRIL MEETING

The next Meeting will be held virtually on **Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** on GoTo Webinar. Our two speakers are **Evan Spencer & Sara Pezzoni** who both work at UTA in Special Collections and will present **“Researching Online in the Special Collections at UTA.”** We know you will want to know more about what is available in these special collections, but especially the vast photo collection from the FW Star Telegram.

Use This Link To Register for this GoToWebinar:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/181131768590438670>



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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?**

March FWGS Meeting

Thomas MacEntee did an excellent presentation for us on a topic we all need. Whether we inherit genealogy from a relative or we encounter it online, we need to know how best to deal with it. Thomas presented examples of materials he received and his system to log in information. He also shared some of his templates with us and his great handout. FWGS was so fortunate to get him before he stopped speaking to groups.

SIG on FAMILY SEARCH.org

With **Emily Richardson**

Will Meet Again by ZOOM

on May 10th

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!

April FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Fri, Apr 15, 2022
10:30 am S W Regional Lib

Special Interest Group (SIG) for Family Search.Org **May 10 @ 7 pm**

General Meeting: Tue, Apr 26, 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

Hope your Easter was Wonderful!



The BIG NEWS this April is that the National Archives has released the 1950 Census! Have you tried it yet?

The indexing will only get better as you begin to use it and make those important corrections that only we humans and family members can make. See page 3.

FWGS enjoyed a wonderful speaker in **Thomas MacEntee** last month and expects another good class in April with speakers and news from UTA & the Archives there. Be sure to tune in online. See page 1 and flyer inside.

FWGS continues work to improve the society through bylaws changes and updates.

FWGS is offering a **SIG** for users of Family Search led by member **Emily Richardson**. Have you joined in yet? This is conducted over ZOOM, so there is plenty of time to ask questions and interact with the host and other participants. Try it next month and see!

Director At Large Charles Garner has done some classes and discussion groups on beginning genealogy in retirement centers. Great outreach and thank you!

It came to your editor's attention last month that our society has turned 65 years old. Won't you help us continue this extraordinary group by renewing your dues now. If you receive this complimentary newsletter and have not joined, please do that today! **FWGS** has need of many volunteers right now so please contact our 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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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
EXTENDED EDUCATION COURSE**

Topic: Wall Street of the West: How Fort Worth Became the Livestock Center of the Southwest

Speaker: Quentin McGown, Historian, Author

Through an **evening lecture** and accompanying a **six-hour bus tour led by Quentin McGown**, the class will explore the roots of the livestock industry in Cowtown along with some of the places and personalities associated with the rise and eventual decline of the massive local market that came to define the city for much of its history. **Delicious Central Market box lunch included on the Saturday bus tour.**

Course dates:

Lecture: April 28th, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Bus Tour: April 30th, 9:00am – 3:00pm (lunch included!)

Course fee:

\$158. Discounts available for seniors and TCU faculty, staff, and students. Your participation helps support future TCU Extended Education/Center for Texas Studies programming.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.campusce.net/tcu/course/course.aspx?catId=171&fbclid=IwAR3ODbvsJKsK57fcYhDo32khf3uN2vaeqnNxEQsnVRFitvngNIOF3tgRNug>

As we go to press there were still 8 seats available. You can pay online to reserve your spot!

THE NEXT Library Community Workshop partnered by FW Library & TCU's Center for Texas Studies:

TOPIC: Hidden Gardens of BRIT: A Showcase of the Herbaria & Library Collections

DATE: May 7 @ 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Want to learn about the Botanic Research Institute of Texas (BRIT)? It's more than just a beautiful garden! **Barney L. Lipscomb**, Director of the BRIT Press and Library and the Leonhardt Chair of Texas Botany joins us to discuss the Herbarium and Library, two research collections at BRIT.



It's Finally Here!

The 1950 Census release opened on Friday, April 1st after the 72-year rule of confidentiality was reached. Apparently, the 1950 census is now available for everyone to view on a free, dedicated website from the National Archives: 1950census.archives.gov

Here's what you can expect to find on the 1950 Census website:

- Approximately 6.57 million population schedules
- 33,360 Indian Reservation schedules
- 9,634 enumeration district maps images
- 234,447 enumeration district descriptions
- Location and name-based search capabilities: Explore the records by State, County/City, Name, Reservation, and Enumeration District.
- Name transcription capabilities: Use the built-in transcription feature to correct and add names to the name index. You can help make the 1950 Census population schedules more discoverable for everyone.

AND....

The FWISD Billy W. Sills Lecture Series Returns

Next Presentation: Saturday, April 23, 2022

- **Presenter:** Dr. Deborah Liles, historian, author, and educator
- **Topic:** "Murderers, Drunkards, and Thieves in a Texas county, 1877-1910."

Don't forget that they have a different location now -- 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.



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 Needs YOU!!!

See if there is a way you can participate in our genealogy

community. We are looking for someone to serve as a **Director At Large**. Rob Yoder is needing help with **lifting the mail bags and taking them to the Post Office? Can you help with this 4 times a year?** Please email **President Carlene Johnson** for more: FWGS-President@Mail.com

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 Footprints is delayed.

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

Evan Spencer & Sara Pezzoni

Speaking On

Researching Online in the Special Collections at UTA

DAY: Tuesday, April 26, 2022

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

ONLINE 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

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 form is for: 2022 2023 New Renewal (Newsletter)