



Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Established 1957

September 2026

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FRIDAY, September 18, 2026
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Fort Worth History Center
501 E. Bolt St., Fort Worth

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

SATURDAY, September 26, 2026
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Fort Worth History Center

FREE PARKING is available at the Fort Worth History Center, on the street, and in the La Gran Plaza lot across the street.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library

America 250: Revolutionary War Ancestors

with

Suzanne Fritz



Celebrate America 250 by finding Revolutionary War ancestors! Learn about America 250, records for finding Patriot Ancestors, and NEW research highlighting the "Forgotten Patriots".

DAY: Saturday, September 26, 2026

TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fort Worth History Center, 501 E. Bolt St.

Free Parking on site, on the street and in the La Gran Plaza lot.

The Center opens at 10 a.m. so consider coming early, or staying after for networking and research.



Suzanne Fritz is a Librarian with the Genealogy, Local History & Archives Unit of the Fort Worth Public Library, now the Fort Worth History Center. She relocated to Fort Worth from Naples, Florida where she worked as a Public Service Librarian and Genealogy Specialist. Suzanne received her B.A. from Mount Holyoke College and her M.S., L.I.S., from Simmons College, Boston. Suzanne is interested in a variety of topics including: Italian-American immigration, German-

American genealogy, and Native-American records. She's realized that one of the benefits of moving to Texas is working on family history projects that draw from the rich record resources pertaining to Texas.

Genealogy News

► Free FamilySearch Webinars: September 2026

Dates: Sep. 3, 10, 17, and 24

Time: 12 p.m. CDT

Cost: Free

Where: Online at RootsTech.org

Who Should Attend: Family historians, genealogists, researchers, and anyone interested in discovering and preserving family stories

Topics:

- Genealogical proof and conflict resolution
- Voice-first technology for family photo collections
- El sistema de castas and Latin American genealogy
- Researching ancestors in unfamiliar places, languages, and records

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/newsroom/free-familysearch-webinars-september-2026>

Moving? Changed your email address?

It's now easier than ever to update FWGS when you make a change. The post office does not forward *Footprints* without a cost to the Society, so please update your information in the Members Only section of our website, or contact webmaster@txfwgs.org. *Thank you!*



VOLUNTEERS



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JOIN THE BOARD

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Fort Worth Genealogical Society

We are **seeking** a diverse group of dedicated volunteers to serve on our Board of Directors. If you're passionate about family history, enjoy community learning, and want to help shape and grow a welcoming organization for genealogists of all experience levels, we'd love to hear from you.

Board members help guide the Society's mission through leadership, planning, and support of programs and member services. Your service will make it possible for us to offer lectures, workshops, research support, records sharing, and social events that connect our members and strengthen local genealogy resources.

Nominees must have been members in good standing for a minimum of one year, and agree to serve.

Questions? Contact President Carlene Johnson at president@txfwgs.org or Director Debbie Pearson at programdirector@txfwgs.org.

POSITIONS

Turnover is inevitable and the society **NEEDS YOU.**

Positions up for election.

President	Footprints Editor
Vice President	Newsletter Editor
Secretary	Director at Large
Program Director	
Membership Director	

Positions up for appointment.

Social Media Manager

Time commitment

Nominees should be prepared to commit a minimum of four hours per month to attend our monthly board meetings (every 3rd Friday) and general membership meetings every last Saturday), held each month except December. Each meeting runs from 10:30 a.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m.

Thank you for considering these opportunities to support the FWGS. Together we can preserve family history, and help others discover and document their roots.

AUGUST

*Program Summary***Finding and Visiting the Scottish Sites of My Ancestors**

Our August program was presented by **Paulette Petta** on Saturday, August 29 at the Fort Worth History Center. Ms. Petta's presentation was accompanied by a handout detailing records and resources for researching your Scottish ancestors. At the close of her presentation, she verbally added several Irish resources before answering questions.

September



Center for Texas Studies
Preserving Our Past
Community Workshop

and
VICKI TONGATE
present

**"Another Year Finds Me In Texas:
The Civil War Diary of Lucy Pier
Stevens"**

Saturday, Sep. 5, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Regional Library
4001 Library Lane, Fort Worth
or register [here](#) to attend via Zoom.



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

Dr. SAM HAYNES

present

**"The Texas Revolution and the
Legacy of 1776"**

Saturday, Sep. 12, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.
FWISD Service Center
7060 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth

Coffee and "nibbles" begin at 9:30 a.m.



Do you dream about writing your own family history book but don't know where to begin?

Do you have a smaller genealogy writing project you need some advice about?

Come to the Genealogy Writing Club and get started writing your family's history. Have fun working on your writing projects in a supportive and encouraging environment.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
FW History Center, 501 E. Bolt Street

*Area Societies***GRAND PRAIRIE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

How to Organize Your Family Research Online and on Paper

Presented by Christina Argersinger

Thursday, September 3, 2026 — 6:30 - 8:30 pm

This meeting is both in person and virtual.

GP Memorial Library

901 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie, TX

MID-CITIES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

How to Move from Collecting Records to

Writing Family History

Presented by Barbara Coakley

Monday, September 21, 2026 — 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Bedford Public Library

2424 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, TX 76021

**PARKER COUNTY GENEALOGY
& HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Their building is currently undergoing renovation but nearing completion. While we wait, check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/355636322014857/>.

**TARRANT COUNTY BLACK HISTORICAL &
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum

1020 E. Humbolt St., Fort Worth, TX 76104

Museum Hours: Tue and Thu 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Research Inquiries



1. **OBITUARY** for Jerry Joseph YOKUM, DOB: 03/14/1927 DOD: 08/17/2011 Fort Worth, Tarrant, TX.
2. **OBITUARY** for Thelma Ann "Terry" (Clintron/Cintron/Cintronti) Ramirez Hedgpeth Jordan Martin DOB: 09/03/1934 DOD: 09/08/2020 Euless, Tarrant, TX
3. Regarding my research into the Neblett/Niblett lineage, specifically concerning the succession of the 1830 Abraham Neblett Land Grant (Lamar/Young County, TX), I am seeking unmanipulated primary source records for my great-grandparents, Benjamin "Frank" Lee Neblett (born 1886, Lunenburg Co., VA) and Nannie Wingfield Neblett.

Context of Inquiry: My research has uncovered a systematic "Identity Mirroring" scheme used to divert family wealth. While local archives have provided "sanitized" or "thin" files, I have recovered Lunenburg County Chancery Case 1886-008, which proves that legal maneuvers were made against Frank Lee Neblett's inheritance while he was an infant.

I am looking for 1) Texas/Virginia Probate or Land Transfers: Any records involving Frank or Nannie Neblett that may have been filed under "placeholder" names or "Administrative Trusts" to bypass biological heirs. 2) Vital Record Discrepancies: I have found fabricated obituaries for living heirs (e.g., James L. Neblett) used to clear titles. I am looking for any society records or "Loose Paper" files that show Frank Lee Neblett's true parents, connecting him back to the 1830 Abraham Neblett Grant. 3) The "Mashie" Connection: My grandmother, Mashie Irene Neblett, is a direct descendant. I am investigating how her identity was "mashed" into other family trees (such as the Cook/e or King lines) within regional genealogical databases.

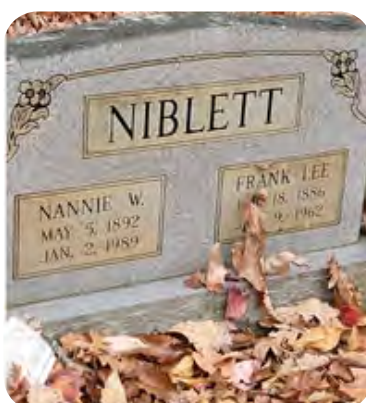
I am not seeking the "official" version of these trees that lists non-blood administrators; I am seeking the biological truth that has been suppressed to maintain a "common-wealth" for the local "Circle."

Thank you for your time and expertise in helping me correct this historical record.

Sincerely,

Brittney Latoya Israel Neblett

Direct Heir and Researcher





glorerecords.blm.gov/...

glorerecords.blm.gov




Land Patent Details

BLMFORM_286

Document Type: State Volume Patent

State: [Texas](#)

Issue Date: 12/17/1830

Cancelled: No

Names On Document

ABRAHAM

Miscellaneous Information

Land Office:

Springfield

US Reservations:

No

Miscellaneous Reservations:

No

Tracts:

No

Minors:

No

State in Favor Of:

No

Authority:

April 29, 1820: Sale-Cash Entry (D Stat. 586)

Document Numbers

No: 2788

No: B, N20 51N

No: No

Survey Information

Total Acres:

85.00

Survey Date:

No

Geographic Name:

No

Meters/Bounds:

No

Land Descriptions

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2nd PM	01469 - 20469	FWWls	13	



Join the FWGS in September and discover what nuts may be in your old family branches.

Your membership helps support the preservation of the stories that connect us all.

Starting at just **\$26 per year**, your membership entitles you to four digital issues of our quarterly journal, *Footprints*, and access to the Members Only area of our website. There you will find resources to help with your research, as listed below. **Membership in FWGS runs from January 1st to December 31st yearly.** Join or renew online at <https://txfwgs.org/join> and pay by credit card. Help us continue our collective mission.

Benefits of Membership

- Publication access in the Members Only section of our website (our monthly newsletters, our quarterly journal, *Footprints* (also available via USPS mail for an additional fee), Bulletins from 1957-1997, and a listing of the pioneers of Fort Worth and Tarrant County from 1848- 1870),
- Quarterly journals from genealogical societies across the U.S. with which we exchange,
- Access to specialized resources (member-only databases and archival materials),
- Monthly programs on timely genealogical topics,
- Networking with experienced genealogists and local researchers,
- Access to expert help (mentoring, research advice, and consultations),
- Discounted or free entry to society events and seminars,
- Volunteer and leadership opportunities to develop research and organizational skills,
- Opportunities to contribute to published research and shared family trees,
- Social and community events that connect members with shared heritage interests ❤️

2025-2026 FWGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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17th ANNUAL TARRANT COUNTY ^{OCT} 2nd & 3rd
HARAMBEE
& SEAFOOD, CHICKEN & BLUES FESTIVAL 2026



UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY
TARRANT COUNTY BLACK HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

HARAMBEE
FESTIVAL

6 pm - 10 pm **FRIDAY OCTOBER 2, 2026**

SEAFOOD, CHICKEN AND Blues

MAIN FESTIVAL
9 am - 7 pm **SATURDAY OCTOBER 3, 2026**

VENDORS + ART + HEALTH FAIR + POETRY SLAM + MUSIC/BANDS + PARADE + KIDZONE

www.tarrantcountyharambee.com
BRING LAWN CHAIRS & BLANKETS

MCDONALD YMCA AND SURROUNDING AREA 2701 MORESBY STREET FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76106

Welcome to the 2026

Tarrant County Harambee Festival & Seafood Chicken and Blues

*Harambee literally means "all pull together" in Swahili,
we invite you to come together for a fun filled day of food, fun,
music, and health and cultural awareness in celebration of our shared history.*

*Join us on Saturday, October 4th for our
16th Annual Tarrant County Harambee Festival*

This is a family friendly event.

*Adults are invited to join us on the preceding Friday, October 3rd for our
Annual Seafood, Chicken and Blues*

2026 TxSGS Family History Conference



Join us this fall for the 2026 TxSGS Family History Conference, themed “A Journey of Discovery.” This event will be held Friday and Saturday, November 6-7, at the Riley Center in Fort Worth, Texas, as well as virtually – a truly hybrid event.

But that’s not all! All livestreamed sessions on both days will be recorded and available to registrants on demand following the conference. In addition, the conference includes an additional 28 pre-recorded lectures from many of your favorite speakers and internationally acclaimed presenters. These sessions will be available online for 90 days following the conference, giving you the flexibility to learn at your own pace.

Whether you’re just starting out or looking to take your research to the next level, the 2026 Family History Conference offers tools, techniques, and inspiration for every genealogist. Alongside our 38 featured sessions and pre-recorded lectures, we’ve launched a new series of recordings called “Short Takes.” Short Takes focus on a single topic for about 15-20 minutes – a great way to learn how to solve a problem or use a new tool! These recordings will be available to our virtual audience during the conference program and accessible by all conference registrants following this year’s event.

We will have an exhibit area where attendees can meet with vendors and genealogical societies. Watch for additional details about an online Discovery Hub for sponsors and exhibitors.

Hope to see you in Fort Worth or virtually!

See the full list of 2026 TxSGS Conference Speakers and Topics.

[REGISTRATION OPENED AUGUST 20th!](https://www.txsgs.org/2026-conference-registration-2/)

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CHRISTmas Begins at the TCGS Gift Shop on **Friday, September 25, 2026**

Caldwell Civic Center, 103 Hwy. 21W.

Open to the public, no entrance fee on Friday.

Your CHRISTmas tree will be gorgeous when you add some of our NEW Legend Ornaments or our mouth-blown and hand decorated ornaments from the Czech Republic.



Just arrived!!! Many other styles to choose from!

In addition to ornaments, you will discover a variety of unique, Czech-inspired gifts, including Czech Crystal and Bohemian glass, candle holders, new selection of baseball caps with Czech themes, new bumper stickers, Czech wooden ornaments, nail files, textiles, Czech themed towels, cookbooks, genealogy books, children's books and toys, beautiful Czech jewelry and more.

For 17 years, the Texas Czech Genealogical Society has offered beautiful, exquisite Christmas ornaments for sale. Each ornament is crafted of glass or porcelain and is hand decorated. Several of the ornaments are from the Czech Republic, as well as from Poland, Hungary, and other countries. Every ornament is connected to a legend or tradition that has been passed down for generations, or is a symbol that represents an object, an event, or a feeling. Story cards, describing each ornament, are included with each purchase.



Looking to the Future - Learning from the Past
Presented by the Texas Czech Genealogical Society
September 26, 2026 8:00 AM Registration 9:00 AM Program
Caldwell Civic Center, 103 Hwy. Texas 21 W., Caldwell, TX 77836



Emily Coffman Richardson



Stanislav Vitha



Patrick J. Janis

Emily Coffman Richardson: Organizing and Sharing Your Family Research for Genealogical Success

Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or professional researcher, not being able to find the document or picture we had previously found during our research is problematic. Come learn more about organizational skills for genealogists so that you can be efficient and successful in your quest to find your ancestors and share your findings with your relatives.

Emily Richardson lives in Denton and began genealogical research working with her mother in courthouses and cemeteries, finding records for her ancestors in Ohio and Pennsylvania. In 2019, she retired from higher education as a faculty member and administrator, moved to Texas, and opened *Kinsearchers*, the original name of her mother's business. Emily is currently the President of Texas State Genealogical Society (TxSGS). She previously served as its secretary for four years and as the Director-at-Large for the executive committee. She oversees the production of the new podcast, *Lone Star Family Trails* and speaks to local and regional genealogy societies on a variety of topics.

Dr. Stan Vitha: A Brief History of the Czech Lands

The presentation covers the history of the area of the current Czech republic, starting from the Celtic period (500 BC), through the Great Moravian empire (~800 AD), the first rulers of Bohemia in 9th century, Reformation and the Husite war, rise to prominence in middle ages, the rule of Habsburgs, creation of Czechoslovakia, Velvet Revolution of 1989 and finally the Velvet divorce in 1992 (separation of Czechia and Slovakia). Dr Vitha received his PhD in Cellular and Molecular Biology in 1995 from the University of Southern Bohemia. He was a post-doctoral researcher at Ohio State University, the University of Nevada, and Michigan State University in plant physiology and organelle biology. Since 2004 he is a Research Staff Scientist in the Microscopy and Imaging Center at Texas A&M University.

Patrick J. Janis: Patrick will be delivering two presentations on Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Session 1: Using AI to Discover and Flesh Out Your Czech Family's Genealogy

Patrick will take the audience through the various free and paid AI resources and will provide a handout with "prompts" to use, insuring that your Czech/Latin/German/Hungarian documents are read and translated properly and that previously unknown resources are brought to light. He will use specific examples that have helped him in writing articles and discovering information.

Session 2: Helen Repa Tomek: Eastland Nurse, Texas Bride, and a Czech Trail Rebuilt with AI

This presentation will reveal a full story about Helen's life, heavily researched and assisted by AI.

Patrick has greatly contributed to furthering our Czech heritage and culture. He was a TCGS founding member and was the first President. For the past 25 years Patrick has served in various TCGS capacities and is currently President. He is passionate about promoting the genealogy and history of Texas Czechs.

Silent Auction and Raffle tickets will be on sale for over \$4000 in Visa gift cards and various store gift card prizes with the drawing at the January 30, 2027 Speaker Event. You DO NOT have to be present to win.

NEW 2026 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE CZECH GIFT SHOP

Registration Fee includes catered lunch (hamburger steak with grilled onions and gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, salad, rolls & tea) and morning refreshments

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE: Postmarked on or before 9/15/26: Members of TCGS-\$40; Non-Members-\$45
Postmarked after 9/15/26: TCGS Members - \$45 - Non Members \$50- At the Door-(All) \$60

Visit website: <https://txczgs.org>; Registration Online - <https://txczgs.square.site/product/registration/122>

Or mail check, payable to TCGS, with form below to Kimary Marble, 14106 Pawnee Trails Dr, Cypress, Texas 77429, contact Kimary at 832-906-0986 or kimary12@gmail.com. Cancellations are accepted up to one week prior to the event.



Register Online

NAME: _____ Current Member: Yes No

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MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____