

Johnnie Jo Sowell Dickenson: Celebrating Over 40 Years of Service with WCGS

After over 40 years as president of the Walker County Genealogical Society (WCGS) in Huntsville, Texas, Johnnie Jo Sowell Dickenson stepped down on May 21, 2022.

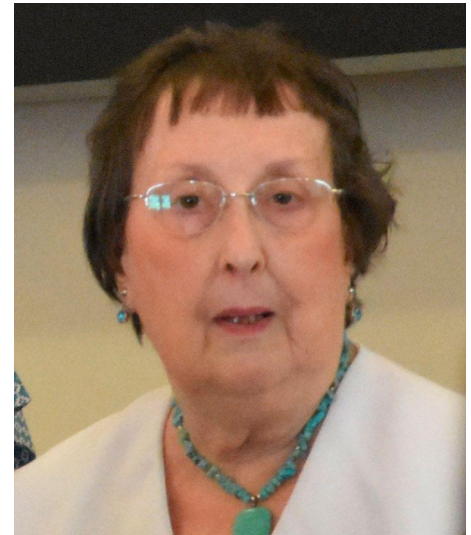
Members honored Dickenson for the numerous contributions she has made over the years to the society and presented her with flowers. A flag at the Texas capitol was flown in her honor for the day.

A member of WCGS since the early 1970s, Johnnie Jo has guided it through a multitude of ups and downs. Over the past two exceptionally challenging years, she has kept the society viable and alive during the 2021 pandemic.

Johnnie Jo has been a professional genealogist for over 40 years, taught

extended genealogical courses at Sam Houston State University, conducted numerous genealogical seminars, wrote a column about genealogy for the Huntsville newspaper for two years, and authored several books and articles on genealogical research. Previously honored by the Huntsville City Council for her dedication, a 21,000 square foot genealogy section at the local library was named for her in 2004.

She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Magna Carta Dames, Colonial Dames of the



CXVII Century, and Daughters of the American Colonists. Johnnie Jo plans to spend more time with her husband of 60 years, J. D., and enjoy some richly-deserved leisure time. An icon in WCGS and East Texas genealogy, Johnnie Jo's leadership will be missed. ★

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