

## HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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### Real Life History

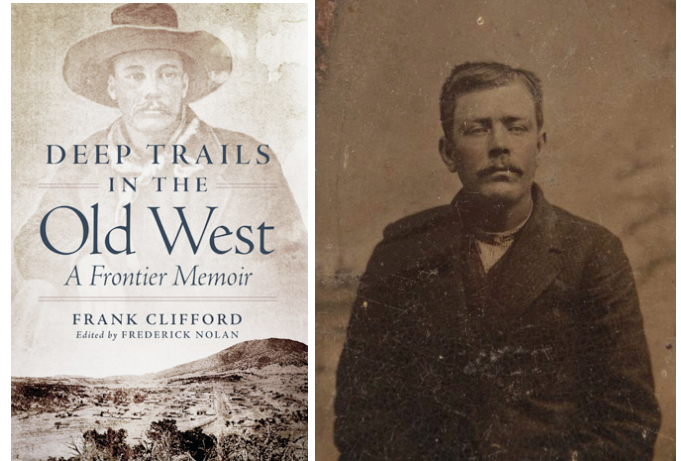
More than just an entertaining and informative narrative of his Wild West adventures, Frank Clifford's memoir, **Deep Trails in the Old West**, also paints a picture of how ranchers and ordinary folk lived, worked, and stayed alive during those tumultuous years.

### Featured This Month

**Deep Trails in the Old West** by Frank Clifford

Born in Wales in 1860, with the name John Wightman, the author moved with his family in 1871 to Cimarron, New Mexico. At around 14 years old, after his father's death, he took up the life of a cowboy. Over the next few years, under the name Frank Clifford and several other aliases, he rode with outlaw Clay Allison's Colfax County vigilantes, traveled with Charlie Siringo, cowboyed on the Bell Ranch, contended with Apaches, and mined for gold in Hillsboro among numerous other activities, some legal and some not, mainly in New Mexico and West Texas. Most of the book tells the story of this period of his life describing in detail how he lived, both in his working life as a cowboy and in other occupations, and how he entertained himself when not working.

Around 1884 he had a serious injury to his hand and spent several months in a hospital at Galveston, Texas. "I had been cogitating pretty deeply while I was in the hospital, and I remember wondering just how old I would probably live to be if I stayed on the range. I gave myself about ten more years, if I was lucky. I remember deciding I might live to be thirty!" He changed his name again and settled down in Emporia, Kansas. Now known as John Francis (Frank) Wallace, he got married, raise a family and worked at various jobs eventually becoming chief clerk of the Santa Fe Railroad and president of the City Council.



In his new life he kept most of the truth about his background and adventures in the Southwest a secret from his family and everyone else. In 1940, however, a chance encounter on a train with an amateur portrait painter named Genevieve Frickel led him to tell her his story. In further meetings, he dictated his story in greater detail and she wrote it down as he spoke, but it was never published. More than fifty years later Clifford's great-grandson revealed the long-hidden memoir to Old West historian Frederick Nolan.

In preparing the manuscript for publication, Nolan faithfully preserved Clifford's own words, providing helpful annotation without censoring either the author's strong opinions or his racial biases. The book includes a picture section and forty pages of notes (at the end of the book) for those interested in reading other views of the events recounted in the book. **Deep Trails in the Old West** is a rich resource of frontier lore, customs, and manners, told by a man who saw the Old West at its wildest.

*Introduction and review by Joe Diel*

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## New at the Library

### Films on DVD

The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward  
Robert Ford ... Panic in the Streets ... Rabbit Hole  
Elvis & Anabelle ... Under the Tuscan Sun  
As You Like It ... Auntie Mame ... Inception  
The Ballad of Cable Hogue ... Crazy Heart  
The Blind Side ... The Last King of Scotland  
Empire of the Sun .... Inglourious Basterds  
Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid  
Ride the High Country ... The Wild Bunch

### on VHS

Dumb and Dumber ... My Cousin Vinny  
The Perfect Storm ... The Rock ... Speed  
Scent of a Woman

### Nonfiction

Mistress of the Monarchy: *The life of Katherine  
Swynford, Duchess of Lancaster* by Alison Weir  
Came Men on Horses: *The Conquistador  
Expeditions of Francisco Vazquez de Coronado and  
Don Juan de Onate* by Stan Hoig  
Isaac's Storm: *A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest  
Hurricane in History* by Erik Larson  
Captain Sir Richard Francis Burton: *the secret  
agent that made the Pilgrimage to Mecca,  
discovered the Kama Sutra, & brought the Arabian  
Nights to the West* by Edward Rice

### Notes from the Library Board

Members of the Library and Hillsboro community are reminded that the Annual Meeting of the HCL will be held on Friday, February 15, at 1:30 pm in the Betty Reynolds Reading Room at the HCC.

Please check your  
library books!!

**BLACK**  
from engulfing



shelves for overdue  
Keep those dreaded  
**HOLES**  
our Library!!

### Mystery

The Cruellest Month by Louise Penny  
Cruel Intent by J. A. Jance

### Fiction

While My Sister Sleeps by Barbara Delinsky  
Half a Man on a New Mexico Cattle Drive by  
Lindley J. Stiles

### Classics

Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh  
Put Out More Flags by Evelyn Waugh  
The Reef by Edith Wharton

### Books on CD

C Is for Corpse by Sue Grafton  
Cross Bones by Kathy Reichs

### Music CD:

Slipstream by Bonnie Raitt

### Reference

The Official Blackbook Guide to World Coins by  
M. Hudgeons, T. Hudgeons Jr. and T. Hudgeons Sr.

### Bookmobile Schedule

#### Wednesday, February 20

Hillsboro: 1:00 – 2:00 pm Kingston: 2:30-3:30 pm

For a complete listing of Library materials, visit  
<http://www.hillsborocommunitylibrary.com>

### Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed  
Tues. 3:30 - 5:30pm Wed. 1:00 – 4:00pm  
Thurs: 3:30 - 5:30pm Fri: 10:00am – 1:00pm  
Saturday 10:00am–2:00pm