



Arlington Genealogical Society News

June 2013

Tuesday, June 11, 2013
Arlington Central Library
Community Room
6:30 pm

Arlington Genealogical Society meets on the second Tuesday every month from September through June. Annual dues, due in September, are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a couple.

Program: Dawn Youngblood, Tarrant County Archivist

The director of the Tarrant County Archives, Dr. Youngblood, will talk to the AGS about genealogy research resources at the Tarrant County Archives located on Taylor Street in downtown Fort Worth. The Tarrant County Archives were established by the Commissioners Court in May 1976.

Visitors to the Tarrant County Archives, at Tarrant County Plaza Building, can view thousands of old maps, photos, court and land records as well as more than 500 special collections. Tarrant County is transitioning parts of the archive into the digital age. "The whole idea is to bring it into the 21st century. Once it's online, people can discover it," said Youngblood. The Tarrant County Archive contains a treasure trove of local history. Within the "treasure trove" of local history genealogists will find "nuggets" of local family history just waiting to be discovered.

At the June AGS meeting Dr. Youngblood will share with our members how to best use Tarrant County records as well as other means to discover the story of your roots within local Tarrant county history. Who knows what "family history" you may uncover! AGS members and guests will be glad you were there!

Hospitality:

Hospitality for the June meeting will be provided by Ruth Goodman, Dorothy Rencurrel, Sylvia Hoad, and Jean Schemensky.

We appreciate these for their contribution to the meeting and remember those who have pitched in to help throughout the 2012-2013 year for our Society.

AGS OFFICERS FOR 2012-2013

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Web Address:
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txags

Business

Cherry Williams presiding.
Visitors on May 14-
Leon Carpenter, new member
Kelly Sillers
David Jackson (APL)
Becky and Beau Garland
Rayne Hamby
Irene Garner
Ben Grimes

Mary Ann Conrad stated that she ordered a book in memory of Stanley Wimmer, Mercer County West Virginia Marriages, from his home county. She recommended for our reading and research American Places, four volumes and McLennan County Records, to complete a set. Her request for \$175 for books was approved.

Sylvia Hoad arrived after receiving an award from the Fort Worth School Board for which we congratulate her.

She took the floor for the remaining business. Jenny Manca (APL) reported that the Writing Your Memoirs workshop on the 16th is filled. David Jackson (APL) reminded us of the World War II program HONOR, RESPECT, REMEMBER at the Central library on May 18, noon to 3 pm. Sylvia reported that nominations for the officers for 2013-4 are

President, Sylvia Hoad
1st Vice President, Hospitality, open
2nd Vice President, Program Chairman, Pete Jacobs
Secretary, Alice Noe
Treasurer, Virginia Orchard

Sylvia requested nominations from the floor or volunteers to speak up for the 1st Vice President, Hospitality position. None were received, so the slate as presented was approved by vote. We clearly need some one, or several, to accept the nomination by the time of the June meeting, when the election will be held. Officers will be installed at the September meeting.

Please call Sylvia Hoad with any suggestions you have for resolving this matter.
817 461 0510

Genie's Genealogical Gem

Genealogy Software Programs

Tonight's program is on Family Tree Maker.

There are several genealogy software programs on the market and they are all similar, yet different. These programs allow you to record your family history in an organized manner. I know Family Tree Maker would have a box that would pop up to alert you of a possible problem as you record new family members. These boxes would question such things as if the father of the new child could be the father since he died longer than 9 months prior to the birth. If you record a 60 year old woman giving birth, that would also be questioned with one of these boxes.

You can go online and look at the different programs that are available, usually see a video about them to determine which one is right for you and your needs. These programs can be purchased for a small one time charge and are well worth the investment. Some can be

downloaded directly to your computer and some you have to go to the store, such as Best Buy, purchase them and then install them yourself.

If you are not familiar with these types of programs, tonight's program will be informative as to what is available and the capabilities of such a program.

I would highly encourage you to purchase this type of program to help you with keeping accurate records of your genealogy research.

On the Calendar

AGS September 10

AGS does not meet in July or August. Meanwhile, happy hunting for your kin.

Fort Worth Genealogical Society **Beginners Workshop Series**, Saturday mornings
Fort Worth Central Library, 500 West 3rd St, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, Chappell Meeting Room
Instructor Terri Meeks
terri.meeks@sbcglobal.net
Jun 22 **Immigration**
Jul 27 Military
Aug 24 Your legacy

17th Annual Angelina College Genealogical Conference - 2013, Lufkin, Texas
Constructing Images from the Past
July 18 Choice of two all day workshops
Coming to America, Immigration/Naturalization or
Putting Meat back on the Bones
July 19-20 Eight speakers in 24 sessions
www.angelina.edu/genealogy/genealogy.html

NARA @ Fort Worth
Workshops are given on the first Friday of the month, noon to 1 pm. These are free but please RSVP to ftworth.education@nara.gov
August 2 NARA at your fingertips, Michael Wright

Dallas Genealogical Society Summer Institute
Bits of Yesterday: Using Maps and Records to Complete your Family Story
Pamela Boyer Sayre and Richard Sayre
Dallas Public Library, August 2-3
www.dallasgenealogy.org

Fort Worth Genealogical Society Summer Seminar
"DNA"

Saturday, August 10

Speaker: Jane Buck from Family Tree DNA

Register early. There is a discount. This program is expected to be popular and the room size is limited.

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs

Federation of Genealogical Societies

August 21-24 Annual Conference

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Hosted by the Allen County Public Library

A star-studded speakers list

Download brochure and registration form

www.fgs.org

Close to Home **ANCESTRY DAY** September 21

Ancestry.com representatives will present an all day program, sponsored by our sister society Mid-Cities

Genealogical Society, at the **Arlington Convention**

Center. Fees and registration information at

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txmcgs/

Save the date

2013 Texas State Genealogical Society Conference

October 31-November 2 in Round Rock

Happenings

We thank Marilyn Hay for her lesson on Family Tree Maker. She had prepared a handout but failed to bring it, so it was sent to Mary Ann Conrad and distributed by her via email to AGS members and to the guests present at the May meeting.

Marilyn demonstrated how to merge information from an Ancestry family tree into a personal family tree. The process is designed to be automatic upon executing the right steps, paying appropriate attention to making naming formats the same. Photos from Ancestry trees may also be transferred to your FTM file.

There are precautions about combining census information after 1880 when family relationships such as husband, wife, son, and daughter are included in the information.

Marilyn concluded with information about taking genealogy courses at Tarrant County College Northeast where she teaches courses of five four-hour sessions during a two week period. She advises that you need to get entered into the TCC

system as a student in advance of signing up for a specific course.

HONOR, RESPECT, REMEMBER

Armed Forces Day, May 18, 2013, George W.

Hawkes Central library

Noon-

There was a ceremony around the Col. Neel Kearby statue on the west lawn. The US and Texas flags were presented by an honor guard from a high school ROTC unit, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Several veterans and some city representatives were seated. Library Director Cary Siegfried invited those present to come inside the library and view the World War II displays and attend the afternoon talks. Arlington Historical Society Director Geraldine Mills disclosed plans to add two memorials bearing the names of all Arlington soldiers and sailors who lost their lives in WWII to the site. A USAF officer then read the citation for the Neel Kearby statue, which includes his receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Faces of Arlington, World War II-

A talk by Wanda Marshall of the Arlington Historical Society

Research into the Arlington servicemen who lost their lives in WWII first produced a book by Beverly Reynolds, Arlington in World War II, Arlington Historical Society, 2010. After its publication, family members of servicemen kept arriving at the Fielder House Museum with the names of others. Wanda Marshall, with the help of others has continued research for years, mostly looking for pictures of the lost.

Noting that a town of 4500 people had the loss of 48, and still counting, Wanda prepared individual folders for those she could find information about. They may be seen at the Fielder House. She showed photographs of those she has and gave the branch of service, battle location, and what is known about circumstances of the death. Presented in alphabetical order, it became apparent that there were Arlington servicemen everywhere that the war was fought, including one lost in Flying Tiger Service before the US entered the war and two killed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Here are some examples, without names.

Hawaii, Pearl Harbor Day, aboard USS Oklahoma and USS Nevada
 Airplane crashes at El Paso and Alamogordo
 Shot down in Europe, parachuted, killed by Germans after landing
 Test pilot in B24 crash at Carswell
 Infantry soldier in Italy
 Tank crew by direct hit
 Marine on Saipan
 Soldier who landed in a glider on D-Day and was killed later in the battle of the bulge
 Flight instructor when a trainee crashed the plane
 Battle of Manila in the Philippines

Military Records at the National Archives
 A talk by Aaron Holt of the Fort Worth NARA
 Aaron made a comment related to the preceding talk that NARA has a record of all WWII deaths, by **county**. It was also noted that the army and air corps list all deaths of servicemen and the navy lists only those that result from combat.
 NARA records before WW1 are open to all
 'Modern Records' WW1 to present open to family
 Free internet access at the West 7th St facility is to all of Ancestry, all of Fold3 and all of Familysearch, as well as the open government records in ARC (Archival Research Catalog)
 The WW2 records were not microfilmed, but were converted directly from punch card records to digital
 It is possible to make an emergency application for a military funeral, for which their staff can render aid, as they do with routine matters
 There are photographs of WW2 scenes of great variety accessible via ARC, though it is the least intuitive resource to search.
 Inquire- ftworth.archives@nara.gov

Tarrant County Clerk Mary Louise Garcia

The Fort Worth Genealogical Society meeting on May 28 had a program about the office of County Clerk and the self-described Mary Louise began with figures and improved into programs. Modernization is saving money and more and more records are available online. The departments under her jurisdiction are-
 Accounting
 Land records
 Courts (criminal, probate, family law)
 Courts of law (civil)

Commissioners
 Vital records
 Records preservation

She saved the last two to the end expecting that they were of special interest to genealogists.
 She advocated and got plans made for emergency operations, remembering how the Dallas County Records Building flooded not long ago.
 She made it possible for Tarrant residents to file a property fraud alert, with notice distributed along with tax statements. You may choose to register to avoid trouble like someone who tries to take your home by adverse possession while it is empty.

She told us about bulk sales of records when a reputable commercial firm wants to buy a suite of records of certain kinds, for example the sale of Tarrant County birth records 1900-1930, marriage records 1880-present and some death records to Ancestry, presumably now posted there.

She then discussed the Texas House of Representatives Bill 3252 to close Texas birth records for 125 years and death records for 50 years (changed from 75 and 25 under current law.) The Texas State Genealogical Society opposes the change and testified against it at hearings this spring. The association of Texas County Clerks took no stance regarding the change and it looks like the issue died at the end of the session. Mary Louise says, "By law they are open records and you should be able to see them." (Applause)



We regret that Jenny Manca is leaving Arlington Public Library to become a children's librarian at the Allen Public Library on June 4. We will miss her as the APL's representative to our

society, as she has shown extraordinary talent in producing our meeting announcements, demonstrating the use of internet connections in the library, and being very pleasant and helpful.

Articles

Are you interested in researching Tarrant County land records or Texas Civil War veterans? Your search just got easier with the publication of the "Tarrant County Original Land Grants, 1854-1884" and the "United Confederate Veterans Robert E. Lee Camp No. 158" Digital Archive collections <http://cdm16084.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/> A big thank you goes out to the FW Library Digital Archives team for their hard work and PC bleary eyes. The scanned images in these two collections are made available by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services <http://www.ims.gov/> to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/> under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. (2013)

Thanks to Suzanne Fritz, Librarian
Fort Worth Library -- Central

Family Trees is a new book by a distinguished French history professor, whose interest is in how European concepts of family distinction have been adapted to America, with its influx of people from all over the world. Some study their family story to

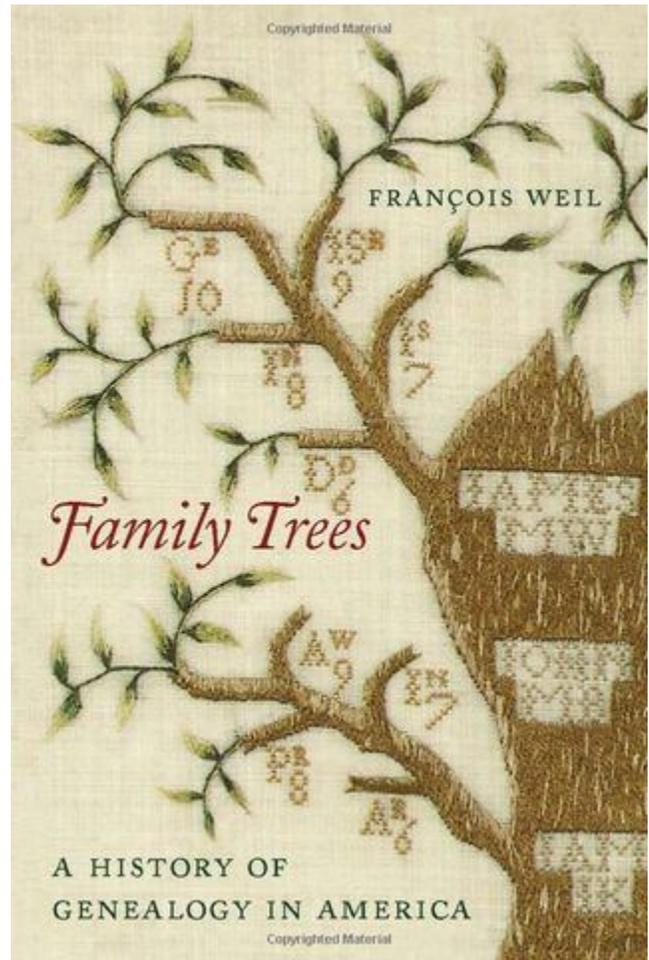
- 1) seek illustrious ancestors for social purposes

- 2) preserve family stories and maintain connections

- 3) document social mobility

He discusses the effects that the publication of "Roots" by Alex Haley had. Although dismissed by academic professionals as full of borrowed stories, half-truths and pure invention, their opinions were ignored by an eager public who loved the stories and were motivated to discover their own.

While it may be interesting to learn that your ancestors were early arrivals in Massachusetts, Virginia, Saint Augustine, El Paso del Norte, or San Francisco, the main thing is to learn their story and to appreciate their joy at earning American liberty. Thanks to Dick Eastman, April 17, 2013



Links

Texas State Genealogical Society
www.txsgs.org

Texas General Land Office store
Collectible maps

Notecards

More

Savetexashistory.org

The University of Texas at Arlington Library
Special Collections
www.uta.edu/library/spco/

Tarrant County, Texas
Property Fraud Alert
www.propertyfraudalert.com/tarranttx

The Arlington Journal Volume 5, Arlington Tex.
Thursday May 23, 1901 **Bold** = page number, lower
case = column, W symbolizes that the content is a
wire story, not of local interest at this time.

5 1 5W 2 4W 3 5W 4-5 ads

6 1 W T Cone bought out the Johnson Restaurant
next door to Sibley and Crabtrees Grocery and will
reopen it after repairs; gallery beside Barnes and
Lanier's Gro torn down, being a hazard on South
Main Street; WOW picnic on the grounds near
Arlington College; Portrait frames for sale by A J
Mahaney; Cotton sale last Tuesday of about 200
bales at 6½-6¾ cents per pound.

2 City council passed an ordinance to allow the
North Texas Traction Company to build its line
through Arlington and Western Texas Traction Co
to do maintenance, 50 year term. W C Weeks
Mayor, C W Kent City Secretary, May 9, 1901; The
Misses Bryan of Grand Prairie gave a reception for
Miss Wolford, attended by Arlington young people
Misses Maggie Middleton, Lula Mathers, Birda
Weeks, and Mssrs. Will Mathers of Mansfield, Jack
Ditto, Chas Brower, Leslie Coulter, W W
Schonacker and George H Benton; Work began on
the home of Cashier W M Dugan on his lot in the
rear of the home of Dr Sanders; Mr. and Mrs. C B
Cone have a new baby boy 12 pounds.

3 Two of the gentlemen here for the party spent
the night on the cold and wet prairie. See George
Benton for detail. A negro Will Fisher working on
the section gang here shot his wife and three others
before he could be arrested. Citizens National Bank
of Arlington received a charter to do business from
Charles W Dawes, Comptroller. T&P offers
reduced rates for those attending the Confederate
Reunion in Memphis, Tennessee, \$12.50 round trip.

4 Sanders and Middleton have installed a soda
fountain.

5 Dr. J G Phillips Veterinary Surgeon, at W T
Hutcheson's Livery; Dr. J H Elliott, Dentist,
graduate of Vanderbilt Dental College, office in
Cravens Building.

4-5 ads: Wade's Saloon; Sanders and Middleton
Prickly Ash Bitters; T&P time table 6 trains daily in
each direction; Elija Hathman, City Scavenger and
Cemetery Sexton, will keep your place clean, Call
Box No. 333.

7 1 2W and ads 2 2W 3-5 all ads,
including Arbuckle Coffee, Lion Coffee

8 1-5 John A Boyd---The Fair Store

1 Personals: Mr. Walter ____ of Mansfield here;
Prof ____ Cromer in Grand Prairie; Major F A
H____ attending the State Grain Dealers
Association at Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. H S Pitts who
formerly lived here visited; Mr. and Mrs J P Jones
left for the ranch at Baird; Dr. J M Brittain of
Jacksonville visited his brother Dr. B F Brittain. His
daughter Mrs. Somerville of Dallas accompanied
him; Mr. and Mrs. W R Eaves and son have
returned from Palo Pinto accompanied by niece
Miss Nell Corrigan; Will Robinson went to Fort
Worth on business; T R Hammack in Dallas on
business; Miss Mattie Newman visited Fort Worth;
Mrs. George Gooden has been ill; Miss Della Foster
visited relatives in Grapevine; Mrs. W T Cone is
back from Mexia; Bud Garner of Dallas visited his
brother-in-law George Gooden; Jas. Alspaugh was
in town from his place seven miles out; Dr. and
Mrs. J M Cooper attended a reception at the Bryan
home near Grand Prairie; Mr. Webb Ditto is now
conducting the Interurban surveying Corps; Mr.
Terrell Collins, Mrs. R L Hamlett, and Miss Sue
Wright were in Alvarado with friends and relatives.

2 Mrs. M R Collins has been ill; Mrs. Mike Ditto
is visiting in Cedar Hill; Mrs. F H Jones of
Jacksboro visited Mrs. W M Dugan; Mr. Philip
Harmon of Newark visited daughter Mrs. D C
Harrison; Miss Nina Bryan of Grand Prairie and
Miss Lillian Wolford visited Dr. and Mrs. J M
Cooper; H S Pitts and Miss Georgia Mayhaw
visited Arlington from Palo Pinto; Rev. Reese of
Polytechnic College filled in the pulpit for the ill
Rev. W N Curry; C W Kent of the AJ attended the
State Press Association in Houston; A pleasant time
was held at Calloway Lake chaperoned by Mrs. A J
Rogers.

3 Ordinance: The City Council has declared it a
misdemeanor to throw articles of all kinds in the
streets of Arlington.

W C Weeks Mayor, C W Kent City Secretary,
May 9 1901

The Johnson Station School finished its term
under Prof. Lawrence.

4-5 ads: Dick Beamon Ice Cold Drinks and Ice
Cream Soda

Sibley & Crabtree: Grocers

W L Simmons, Jr., M. D., Physician and Surgeon
Dr Edgar Doak Capps, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat
Weaver's Pharmacy, 5th and Main, Fort Worth