



Arlington Genealogical Society News

101 E. Abram Street, Arlington, TX 76010

OCTOBER 2013

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013

Arlington Central Library
Community Room 6:30 p.m.



PROGRAM: No Missing Links by Cecelia Macias Gilbreath on Finding family history by way of a land title search.

Refreshments will be provided by Peggy Quinn, Gerry Foster and Tom and Elena Cogdell.

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Arlington Genealogical Society meets on the second Tuesday monthly from September through June. Annual Dues, which are due in September, are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. Membership form is attached for your use. If you have already paid your dues, please disregard.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ARLINGTON

Nov. 12: In recognition of Veterans' Day, AGS program will feature **Aaron Holt**, on researching veterans and **David Jackson**, of APL, discussing the Library's WWII digital archives collection.

FORT WORTH EVENTS

Oct. 26: The program in the Billy W. Sills Lecture Series will feature Mark Nobles, historian and author on "Fort Worth's Rock and Roll Roots." All lectures are from 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Billy W. Sills Center for Archives, 2720 Cullen Street, Fort Worth, TX 817 814-2040.

DALLAS

Oct. 12: Dallas Genealogical Society Fall Seminar featuring **D. Joshua Taylor**, nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer and researcher. He also appears on the PBS program Genealogy Roadshow. Josh will show us

how to unravel the real story behind family legends, take advantage of online archival materials, use research time wisely to maximize results, and take advantage of various methods to share our stories with friends and family.

For more information, contact <http://www.dallasgenealogy.org>

PLANO, TEXAS

Nov. 2, 2013 - Our free annual Plano Stake Great Family Search conference. Perfect your skills, share ideas, gather resources. Our keynote speaker this year is David Rencher, Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch. We welcome all interested parties, regardless of religious affiliation. Please [click here](#) to download the registration form. Fill it out and submit it as soon as possible to reserve your space.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Plano Texas Stake
2700 Roundrock Trail
Plano, Texas 75075
<http://www.greatfamilysearch.com>

McKINNEY NEWSPAPERS ONLINE
Collin County Genealogical Society has partnered with The University of North Texas' (UNT) "Texas Digital Newspaper Program" to digitize and make available online to a worldwide audience the contents of six microfilm rolls of the McKinney, Texas newspaper, The Democrat, from the years 1884-1904 and one microfilm roll of incomplete runs of the Daily Gazette, Democrat, McKinney Examiner and McKinney Gazette (years ranging from 1880 to 1936). This is a total of 5047 newspaper pages whose content can then be found via search engines like Google or through direct searches free of charge at The Portal to Texas History Web site:
<http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/TDNP/browse/>

RECENT PROGRAMS

At the September AGS meeting, Barb Wylie shared some ideas on how to make genealogy more interesting for your family. She suggested keeping it simple; don't show them ancestor charts with numerous ancestors. Share real stories about real people. Show them items that belonged to someone they know or knew, such as a quilt or the family on the latest census. Prepare an ancestor's recipe for a family reunion and talk about making a cookbook. Most of all, let everyone know that you like "old stuff," in case someone is thinking about discarding family information.

Sept. 19 - John C. Waugh spoke on Texas in the Civil War, sharing how Texas was able to defend itself by water at Galveston and Sabine Pass as well as the north with assistance from the Indians in Oklahoma. There are several books by Mr. Waugh in the Arlington Library, especially "Sam Bell Maxey and the Confederate Indians."

Sept. 21 -- Ancestry.com presented a very informative seminar on how to use Ancestry and utilize it to the fullest. One of the first things when searching, explore all the pull-down windows to see what is available. Under Search, go to Card Catalog--just like we used to do at the Library in the olden days. Check to see what is available for what you are searching. When you find a record you want to examine further, right click the image and "open in a new tab." This way it is more readily available at the top of the page. Also, Ancestry has numerous videos on <http://www.youtube.com/> and search for Ancestry; they also has an online blog. <http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/>

At lunch, Meg Hacker, Archives Director of the National Archives, SW Region, shared "Research Some Cool Overlooked and Underused Records."

REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS

Please remember the following families who have experienced a death recently.

J. C. and Dorothy Newland lost their daughter, Karen Newland Magnus, on September 18, 2013; a memorial service was held on Sunday, September 22, 2013.

Virginia Orchard, AGS Treasurer, lost a close friend, Klaas Van Vliet.

Ancestry.com and FamilySearch agreement to expand BYU Family History Library By Caroline Smith on September 12, 2013.

The BYU Family History Library will have access to many new international historical records, Ancestry.com and FamilySearch announced last week. According to the initial announcement, the agreement lays out a five-year plan to digitize and index over a billion international historical records, which will then be published on both ancestry.com and familysearch.org.

<http://universe.byu.edu/2013/09/12/ancestry-com-and-familysearch-agreement-to-grow-byu-family-history-library/>



Ribbon Cutting at New Library at Moore Elementary School, Fort Worth

Selected students from M. H. Moore Elementary School were the first to see their new library, which features more than 2,000 new books, extended space, new computers and iPads from Target. Note Sylvia Hoad, AGS President in picture. Photo courtesy of Fort Worth Star Telegram

The story behind the grant:

"The grant that I won is a \$100,000.00 grant from Target and Heart of America. Think of it as Extreme Library Makeover. There were several factors that made us stand out. The grant committee was looking for schools that had a minimum of 60% free or reduced lunches - we have 98% free or reduced lunches. They also looked at the socio-economics of the neighborhood. We are in a very low income Hispanic area where 97% of our students are economically disadvantaged. My principal's enthusiasm and my 28 years of experience also weighed heavily in our selection. During our interview with the grant committee, we had a strong presence of PTA members and parents to show our community support.

The library was the size of two classrooms and we knocked out two walls to make it the size of three classrooms. The room was gutted to the walls. We got new carpet, a new area rug, all new book shelves, 2,000 new books and 150 parent resources, new furniture that is child sized and child attractive, a circulation desk (I didn't have one), 10 new I Pads, a new desktop computer for the circulation desk, and stuffed animals to decorate the library with. We also got a wall mounted Promethean Board. The grant also included some art work for the library and a wall of honor that has pictures of famous people and their accomplishments. The walls are now painted bright cheery colors - like red, aqua and lime green. Quotes from famous people are displayed on the walls in both Spanish and English. We have new computer tables and a printer in the library. Also, included in the grant, each student and their younger siblings got to take home a backpack with

seven new age appropriate paperback books. Some of our students have no books at home. Another phase of the grant is the Meals for Minds program. Each month, every student in the school will go home with 22 pounds of food. The food will include a minimum of 25% fresh produce, a choice of brown or white rice, a choice of four different kinds of beans, and a choice of chicken or tuna. The Tarrant Area Food Bank will be handling the food distribution each month. The parents keep saying that this is a blessing. One mother told the principal that her family had not had food for a week.

There were campus beautification projects. Some of those projects included putting stepping stones around the trees in front of the school, painting four square - squares on the playground, painting quotes on the walls, painting a map and a multiplication square on the playground, and possibly building a composting bin for our community garden." Sylvia Hoad, AGS President

TORONTO (Sept. 26, 2013) – Ancestry.ca, Canada's largest family history website, announced today the launch of almost 200,000 passenger records dating from 1819 to 1836, documenting passengers travelling between Quebec City and Montreal on the ships of the St. Lawrence Steamboat Company. For this reason, the St. Lawrence Steamboat Company passenger lists are significant source of information for genealogists and family historians. "The passenger lists can offer Canadians rich information about their ancestors but also help paint a picture of the changing face of Canada through one of our most significant bodies of water" says Lesley Anderson, a genealogist and Content Manager for Ancestry.ca. "The St. Lawrence River is an important part of our history, and we are proud we can offer the only known surviving historical records of the ships that

operated on the river in the 1800s. This collection is truly a national treasure." <http://www.eogn.com>



Books Donated April, 2013 - Death of UTA Professor Dr. Cantwell:

- AL** - Old Huntsville Land Office records & military warrants, 1810-1854
- AR** - Historical Atlas of Arkansas
- OK** - Images of Oklahoma: A Pictorial History
Historical Atlas of Oklahoma
- SC** - Pendleton District & Anderson County, SC Wills, Estates and Legal Records 1793-1847
- TX** - The Daughters: A Dozen Decades of Daughters of the Republic of Texas
Claiming Their Land: Women Homesteaders in Texas
Texas Boundaries Evolution of the States Counties
Historical Atlas of Texas
Los Mesteños: Spanish Ranching in Texas, 1721-1821
Archer County, Texas 1880-1890
Centennial Family History & Program June 29-July 6, 1980
Land is The Cry!: Warren Angus Ferris, Pioneer Texas Surveyor & founder of Dallas Co.
African American Bryan, Texas: celebrating the past (Brazos Co.)
Down Memory Lane With Uncle Bob: Coryell Co. TX
Coryell County Scrapbook
A History of Coryell County, Texas, Vol. 4

Voices from the Wild Horse Desert:
 The Vaquero Families of the King
 and Kenedy Ranches

Painted Pole: The Beldings and Their
 Ranches in Palo Pinto Co.:
 Pioneer days to computer age

Time Was in Mineral Wells: ‘A Crazy Story
 But True’ (Palo Pinto Co., TX)

Possum Kingdom Journal, Vol. 1
 (Palo Pinto and Young Cos.)

Weatherford, Texas: Images of America
 (Parker Co.)

A Cry Unheard: The Story of Indian
 Attacks In and Around Parker
 County, TX 1858-1872

Bravo of the Brazos: John Larn of Fort
 Griffin, Texas (Shackelford Co.)

Per Stirpes: The John M. Nail family in
 Texas, 1839-1995
 (Shackelford Co.)

Pioneering North Texas
 For 500 Years: The Shackelford County
 Courthouse

A Texas Frontier: The Clear Fork Country
 and Fort Griffin, 1849-1887
 Shackelford & Throckmorton
 Counties

Doodle Bugs & Cactus Berries: A
 Historical Sketch of Stephens
 County

Fort Davis: A Family Frontier Fort
 (Stephens County)

Gamblers & Gangsters: Fort Worth’s
 Jacksboro Highway in the 1940 &
 1950

History of the Fort Worth Legal
 Community

The Fort That Became a City: An Illustrated
 Reconstruction of Ft. Worth
 1849-1853

Documents of Texas History
 Land “Irish Pioneers in Mexican &
 Revolutionary Texas”

Texas Extra: A Newspaper History of the
 Lone Star State: 1835-1935 (2 Books)

Indian Exodus” Texas Indian Affairs
 1835-1859

Satanta
 Carbine & Lance “The Story of Old Ft.
 Sill”

The Texas Indians

Depression Desperado: The Chronicle of
 Raymond Hamilton

Trail of Tears “The Rise & Fall of the
 Cherokee Nation”

The Frontier of Northwest, Texas:
 1846-1876



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THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL
Friday March 1, 1929

Martha Elizabeth Collins (1841 – 1929)

She was a devoted wife, a true and
 glad mother, a staunch friend. “Her
 children, grandchildren, and great
 grandchildren arise and call her blessed.”

Her maiden name was Martha
 Elizabeth Gray, and she came of pure
 colonial stock. It is with personal pride in
 making the following comment concerning
 one name listed as an ancestor of “Gran”
 Collins, that of John Lewis, Sr., born in
 Wales about 1640, and who died in Hanover
 County, Virginia, in 1726. His brother,
 William Lewis, did not come to America,
 but died in Ireland; his older son, John,)
 came to America in 1720 and settled in
 Virginia, and became styled as Pioneer John
 Lewis, by Campbell in his history of
 Virginia. Thus began one of the ancestors
 of the writer in America, Dr. Woodward
 being the ninth generation from William
 Lewis; while Mrs. Woodward is the tenth

generation (thru Mrs. Collins) from his own brother, John Lewis, Sr., of Hanover County, Virginia.

Into the wedded union of Rice Wood Collins and Martha Elizabeth Gray, better known to their old friends of Arlington as Uncle Woods and "Gran" Collins, she brought the grace and dignity of a long line of worthy ancestors, but with the thought only of how she could best contribute to the advancement of the new life they were beginning in Alabama. Uncle Woods died in 1912 in Arlington.

Throughout all the subsequent years she identified herself absolutely with the life of the husband she had chosen. They lived on the same spot of ground or homestead, right here in Arlington.

What mother could point with more pride than Gran Collins to the record of her three late sons, whom she reared to manhood in Arlington: namely, Tom, George and Terrell Collins. All three died in the prime of life, but had lived long enough to secure for themselves a name that is still remembered and revered as to honesty and high ideals of purpose in both the business and religious worlds. No better women ever lived than the daughters of Gran Collins some of whom preceded her to heaven. Their husbands have been good men who have been identified with the progress of Tarrant and Wise counties; they have raised families and while the most of them can lay no claim to wealth they have been respected as honorable citizens.

Although Gran had passed her eightieth and seven years, and was seeking another goal, that of joining her loved ones in an Eternal Home. Dr. Valin R. Woodward.

Friday March 8, 1929

Mrs. H. L. Johnson, age 51 years, 7 months and 7 days, died at her home in the John T. White community on last Friday at 2 a. m., after having been confined to her bed for the past six months.

Before her marriage in 1895 she was Miss Mary Sue Bullock and was born near Somerville, Tennessee, where she spent most of her life, until with her husband and family she moved to Fort Worth about eleven years ago. Mrs. Johnson was a very devout Christian and had been since she was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church when she was near the age of twelve years.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Johnson leaves three daughters, Mrs. Mabel Duncan, Meridian; Mrs. Lenna Mae Markel, El Paso, and Mrs. Lovella Barnett, Fort Worth; and three sons, Bernard, Detroit, Michigan; and Henry and Carlton of Arlington, to mourn her loss. One son, Harry, died at the age of four several years ago.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church at Arlington with Rev. W. E. Hawkins Sr. officiating, and interment in Parkdale cemetery with Rev. Elmer Leake officiating, and Hugh M. Moore Undertaking Co. in charge. Active pallbearers were Will Works, N. D. Mitchell, L. B. Price, G. G. Wynn and S. J. Tidwell and Miss Ann Morgan.

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The population of Texas has increased about 17.6 per cent since 1920, being estimated at more than 5,490,000.

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Card Of Thanks To My Brethren of the Masonic bodies and friends: We deeply appreciate your helpfulness and sympathy during our long shut-in days. I would so much love to thank you by personal letter, but do not find my strength yet sufficient. The many beautiful flowers and other tokens of your love and confidence brought cheer to us during this dark day.

May God reward you for your tender words of helpfulness and deeds of kindness.
D. C. Sibley and family.

ARLINGTON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM 2013-2014

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