



Arlington Genealogical Society News

101 E. Abram Street, Arlington, TX 76010

NOVEMBER 2013

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

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



PROGRAM: In recognition of Veterans' Day, AGS program will feature **Aaron Holt**, on "The Whys, Wheres & Hows of Finding U.S. Military Records."

David Jackson, of APL, will discuss the Library's WWII digital archives collection.

Book in Library: Mastering Census And Military Records

Refreshments will be provided by Jeannie Schemensky, Alice Noe, Yvonne Emanuel and Shirley Simpson.

Officers for 2013-14 are:

President: Sylvia Hoad
1st VP: Refreshments: Linda Tong
Asst.: Cecilia Messick
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Pete Jacobs, assisted by
Dorothy Rencurrel
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Treasurer: Virginia Orchard
Asst. for Membership: Don Lewis
Parliamentarian: Cherry Williams
Newsletter: Ruth Goodman
Library Liaison: Mary Ann Conrad
Publicity: Wally and Ruth Goodman
Web Master: Sheri Tiner

Web Address:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txags>

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.

Our newest AGS members are:

Geraldine "Gerry" Foster
Matha May Martin
Cecil and Deanie Bena

OCTOBER AGS PROGRAM



Mary Ann Conrad, Peggy Quinn,
Cecilia Macias Gilbreath and Linda Seitz

Tom Cogdell shared this from Mrs. Gilbreath's program on finding family history via land title search: Be sure to look for court records related to the appointment of a guardian in the event that minor children are left by the death of parents. The guardian is required to make annual reports until the child reaches a majority.

MEMBER NEWS

Please keep Linda Tong, our 1st VP, and her family in your thoughts and prayers as Linda is experiencing some health issues at this time.

PEDIGREE CHARTS

There are numerous styles of pedigree charts including one for Step family and adopted families on <http://familytreemagazine.com> Use the link "Research Toolkit," click on free forms, click on Basic Charts and Worksheets and click on Stepfamily PDF.

ITALIAN RESEARCH

For anyone working on Italian ancestry and internment of Italians during WWII, go to <http://permanent.access.gpo.gov/lps16164/italian.pdf> Start on page 69 where they give lists of names.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat., Nov. 9, 2013, 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Arlington Central Library Community Room: Native American Heritage Month will an annual event at the Arlington Public Library every November. The first event is an appearance by Tim Tingle, a Choctaw author and story teller at the Central Library. For more information: <http://www.arlingtonlibrary.org/calendar/storyteller-tim-tingle-weaves-tales-choctaw-nation>

AGS: Our December, 2013, meeting will be our annual potluck Christmas dinner. Hopefully several will bring family heirlooms, stories, etc. relating to their ancestors.

FORT WORTH

Nov. 23: The program in the Billy W. Sills Lecture Series will be Rick Selcer, historian and author; Kevin Foster, police officer and author on "More Stories about the Bad Old Days in Fort Worth." All presentations are scheduled for Saturday mornings from 10-12 at the Billy W. Sills Center for Archives, 2720 Cullen Street, Fort Worth, TX. 817-814-2040.

ELLIS ISLAND MYTH

There is a family myth amongst tens of thousands of American families: "The name was changed at Ellis Island." The stories claim the immigrant arrived at Ellis Island and was unable to communicate with the officials. A record was then created by some official who assigned the immigrant a new name.

1. Passenger lists were never created at Ellis Island. They were created abroad, beginning close to the immigrant's home, when the immigrant purchased his ticket for the ship.

2. The passenger lists were always prepared in "the old country" by steamship company officials.

3. The idea that the immigrant was unable to communicate with officials at Ellis Island is ludicrous. In fact, one third of all immigrant inspectors at Ellis Island in the early twentieth century were themselves foreign-born, and all immigrant inspectors spoke at least three languages.

4. Later immigrants had to verify their correct names every year. Starting in July of 1940, the Alien Registration Act required every alien resident in the United States to register at their local post office every January. To read more of Dick Eastman's article, go to

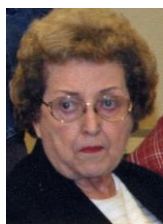
http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2013/10/no-family-names-were-not-changed-at-ellis-island.html

I went to a luncheon today at UTA for retirees and met the daughter of one of our officers. She said that I taught her general chemistry back in the 1980s. She must have passed, since she has a PhD now and is working at the UNT Health Sciences Center in Fort Worth. Tom Cogdell, AGS member

The Fort Worth Central Library Archives staff have processed, cataloged, and ready for access in the Central Library Archives, 17 new collections:

Grace Wright Scrapbook; [Lyle Keith Williams Papers](#); North Texas Catholic; [Reimers Collection](#); Fort Worth Weekly; [Texas Federation of Music Clubs Records](#); La Semana; Roy and Claribel Kendall Slides; Jim Taulman Slides; The Great War in Pictures; Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau Slides; [Tex Eddleman Oral History](#); Hutchins Family Bibles; Tarrant County Junior College Newspapers; Fort Worth Today; Simpson-Crocker Family Album and Out of Town Clubs Yearbooks.

IN MEMORIUM



Claire Edwards passed away Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013. Claire Edwards was a member of our Society for many years. She held an officer position during the 1988-89 term, and held several positions in AGS. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dfw/obituary.aspx?n=claire-edwards&pid=167673946&fhid=3106>

DAR AND DNA

Beginning January 1, 2014, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will accept Y-DNA evidence in support of new member applications and supplemental applications. DNA evidence submitted along with other documentation will be considered along with all of the other source documentation provided to prove heritage. Y-DNA will not be considered as stand-alone proof of lineage because while it can be used as a tool point to a family, it

cannot be used as absolute proof for an individual. You can read more in an article by Lynn Young, President General of the DAR, at <http://youngblog.dar.org/dna-evidence-dar-applications-and-supplementals>

BOOKS PURCHASED BY AGS IN OCTOBER



- AL: Heritage of Coffee County
Hartford City Cemetery, Geneva Co.
Claybank Memories: A History of Dale
County
An Inventory of Burials in Memory Hill
Cemetery, Dothan, Houston Co.,
Memory Hill Cemetery, Dothan,
Houston Co.
- Rural Land Owners of Barbour Co.
DeKalb County, Alabama Probate Court
Records, 1836-1930
- Texas Mortality Schedules 1850-1860
- Soldiers of the American Revolution in
Illinois
- New York in the American Revolution
- South Carolina in the American Revolution
- Without Indentures: Index to White Slave
Children in Colonial Court Records
[Maryland & Virginia]
Bedford County, Tennessee Earliest Co.
Court Records
McMinn County, Tennessee Marriages,
1820-1870
- Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home Records,
Austin TX, 5 Vols., 1951-1



**GENEALOGY BOOKS ON SHELF
OCTOBER 2013**

AR: Arkansas Place Names
Cemeteries of **Washington** County,
Arkansas, Volume VII
The Battle of Prairie Grove: Records
W/Mementos of December 7, 1862
MD: St. James Parish Registers, 1787-1815
Baltimore & Harford Cos.
History of **Harford** County, Maryland

MO: Civil War Records: Missouri Home
Guard Units, Vol. 1
Civil War Records: Missouri Home Guard
Units, Vol. 2
Civil War Records: Missouri Home Guard
Units, Vol. 3
Missouri Civil War Records books donated
by Kenneth Weant

Annals of **Platte** County, Missouri: From
Its Exploration Down to 1897: Pts. 1 & 2

NC: Surname List and Index **Mecklenburg**
[NC] Genelological Society, 1982

OK: Kiowa Cemetery [**Roger Mills Co.**]

PA: Persons Naturalized in the Province of
Pennsylvania: 1740-1773

TN: **Sumner** County Tennessee
Newspapers, Vol. 1, 1820 – 1907
Washington County Tennessee Marriage
Records: Bks 2, 3, 4 & 5; 1871-1899

TX: 8800 Texas Marriages, 1824-1850,

Vol. 2, M – Z
Inventory of County Records **Bell** County
Courthouse
First Settlers of **Bowie** and **Cass** Counties,
Texas : From The Originals in
the General Land Office
Marriage Records 1879-1920, **Concho**
County, TX
Death Records of **Erath** Co. Texas, Vol 1,
1903 – 1917
Bible Records, Vol. 1 [**Harris Co.**]
Henderson County, TX in the Civil War
Sterling County, TX Marriages,
Bks. 1 & 2, 1891-1920
Divorce Records of **Tom Green** County,
Texas, 1875 - 1940

VA: Marriage Bonds of **Bedford** Co. VA,
1755 – 1800

WZ BOOKS:
Marriage Notices, 1785-1794 for the Whole
United States: From the
Massachusetts Centinel and the
Columbian Centinel
Missing Relatives and Lost Friends



THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL (cont.)
by **Will Keller**

Friday March 1 FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

An old copy of The Arlington
Journal printed September 11, 1914,
about fifteen years ago, was brought
into this office this week by F. R.
Peters, Route 3, and contains much of
interest. Brief bits of news gathered
from this paper are as follows:

Enrollment of the public school was about 480 at that time.

Officers of the old Citizens National Bank were as follows: W. M. Dugan, Pres.; W. C. Weeks, vice-pres.; C. B. Berry, cashier; H. T. Lockett, asst. cashier. Directors: W. C. Weeks, Harry Weeks, E. E. Rankin Jr., W. M. Dugan, T. F. Yates and Jno. M. Elliott.

Cotton was below ten cents per pound in 1914, and the paper carried on a big campaign to get the people, especially the business men, to buy a bale at ten cents per pound.

Wm. H. Davis in the real estate business. Geo. Coble ran a feed store; Charles Elliott was in the dairy business; C. W. Duke of Webb had charge of the Farmers Gin for the season; Noah Deal was in the optical business; Henry Williamson was in the garage business; Joe Carpenter ran the T. & P. restaurant; Reddy Bros. were in the grocery business; R. B. White sold school and office supplies; W. M. Dugan wrote fire insurance; F. C. McCorkle and Hugh M. Moore were licensed embalmers of the city; Rose B(r)os., real estate, were here; L. R. Carlisle did drayage and transfer; as also did V. G. Wilcoxson.

This old issue of the Journal forcefully demonstrates that a newspaper is the only authentic and detailed history that is compiled of the town, and when your name or a news item goes into print it goes likewise into a permanent history of the town.

Friday March 8, 1929 **Capitol Dome Perils Life** *(picture of pilot)*

Shortly before dawn, one foggy morning in Washington recently, the dome of the Capitol came within 50 feet of costing the life of **Amberse Banks**, above, night flyer of the New York-Washington-Atlanta airmail line. In the dense fog, no lights were visible and Banks had no idea he was over Washington until his near-collision with the top of the Capitol. As a result of his two and a half hours of blind flying, lights are expected to be kept

burning all night at the Bolling Field airport in the future.

Friday March 8 LOCAL NEWS

J. P. Cooper, father of Bill Cooper, well known N. T. A. C. student, died in Dallas Wednesday. Funeral services will be held in Waxahachie today.

Friday March 8 LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. T. H. Wood's mother, **Mrs. Sarah Kathryn Boyd**, 76, 2909 Bowser Ave., Dallas, died Friday night in Dallas. Funeral services were conducted Monday morning.

Friday March 15 LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. E. L. Keene and children attended the funeral of their grandfather, **A. G. Hutcheson**, at Henrietta, Texas, Sunday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Keene's mother, Mrs. Annie Wood, who had been visiting there for some time.

Friday March 15 EULESS NEWS **By Sally Ferris**

We were sorry to learn of the death of **Mrs. Ollie Russell** of Arlington. Mrs. Russell was reared in the Watson community. After she married they moved to this community and lived here for a time, then later moved to Arlington. Her funeral was conducted in the Presbyterian church of Watson last Sunday afternoon. Some of those of this community who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Edd Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cromer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Luster Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cannon, Misses Sally and Gertrude Ferris, Louise Fuller and Minnie Ola Skaggs.

Friday March 15 CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the many kindnesses shown us during the month's illness and death of **Mrs. Dewey Russell**. We especially desire to express our appreciation for the beautiful flowers which helped so

much to encourage her during her illness. Dewey Russell, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Young, brothers and sisters.

Friday March 15

J. G. Mooneyham, at one time a resident of this section, was buried in Watson cemetery March 12. Mr. Mooneyham was born June 13, 1854, in Tennessee, and was 85 years of age. He died near Waxahachie and was brought to Watson to be buried near his wife. He leaves two daughters and three sons. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. M. Bennett, pastor of the Arlington Presbyterian Church.

Friday March 15 THE BLUES

Of course every person has the "blues" occasionally, and it is hard for any person to escape the awful state at this tail-end time of the taxpaying season, when it's dig up what you haven't got or pay more. A few of us right now are entertaining the after-effects of the flu, and are threatened with penalties because we haven't the wherewith to settle with the tax collector. But please remember that things could be worse, and all the hard luck isn't coming your way.

Friday March 15 PANTEGO NEWS By Mrs. B. W. Fuller

Those attending funeral services of **Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Young's daughter** at Watson, Sunday, were: Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Fuller and Katherine; W. H. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williams and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Austin and Ruel Jr.

Friday March 15 WATSON NEWS By Frances English

Great sorrow came into the hearts of many since the last writing. We were sad to learn of the death of our long loved one, **Mrs. Dewey Russell**. Her maiden name was Miss Ollie Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young, of Arlington. Ollie was born in this community and had spent most of

her life here. She had a host of friends, and was loved by all who knew her.

This young lady was born in the year 1902. Mrs. Russell died at a sanitarium at Wichita Falls. She had been a long sufferer. Three little children and a loving husband are left.

The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church here of which she had belonged for many years. Services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Binyon of Grapevine and Rev. S. M. Bennett of Arlington. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery at this place. Pallbearers were: Arvile Noah, Ivan Watt, Stanford Perritt, Mike Thompson, Cecil Perritt, and Leroy Grimmitt. Besides her husband, Dewey Russell, and three small children, Jack, Billie, and Bettie Jean, Mrs. Russell is survived by her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Young, two sisters, Lucille Young and Mrs. W. A. Thomson of Ft. Worth; three brothers, Dewey, Olen and R. E. Young, of Arlington; one half-brother, Edd Grider of Breckenridge. They were unable to get in touch with Burney Young and family, who had moved recently. Many other close relatives and friends mourn the death of this fine, young woman.

Friday March 15 CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of thanking our kind neighbors and many friends for their kindnesses and willing assistance received in coming to our rescue when we lost our home by fire early Sunday morning. Words cannot express how much we appreciate your help and we also wish to especially thank Mr. Ed Collins and his boys for their splendid service and good work. All our household goods were saved, altho' considerably damaged by water. We also wish to make special mention of the telephone girls' promptness in this time of excitement.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Metcalf.



Happy Thanksgiving