



# Arlington Genealogical Society News

101 E. Abram Street, Arlington, TX 76010

JANUARY 2014

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014**

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



**PROGRAM:** Your Guide to Special Collections at UTA. What to expect when you come to Special Collections to do research, where to park, and highlights of genealogical interest.

Brenda McClurkin is the former Historical Manuscripts Archivist at the University of Texas at Arlington Library Special Collections and Archives, and now heads that department.

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the January meeting: Pete Jacobs, Faye Elder, Jan Penland and Dorothy Rencurrel.

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.

Officers for 2013-14 are:

President: Sylvia Hoad

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Jan. 9, 2014:** Public Meeting No. 2 on Hugh Smith/East Branch Library Project to assess replacing Hugh Smith Recreation Center and possibly co-locating services provided by the East Arlington Branch Library.

<http://naturallyfun.org/parks/projects-planning/>

**Jan. 9, 2014:** Cedar Hill GS's speaker will be David Appleton on "One Approach to Publishing Your Family."

<http://www.cedarhilltx.com/index.aspx?NID=1523>

## DECEMBER AGS PROGRAM



**Jan. 10, 2014:** National Archives at Fort Worth – Montgomery Plaza location, 2600 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 162, will have a Friday Freebie beginning at 12:00 noon. The topic will be, “Highlights of the National Archives at Fort Worth.” Space is limited so reserve your spot by emailing: [ftworth.education@nara.gov](mailto:ftworth.education@nara.gov)

**Jan. 11, 2014:** The Texas State Library and Archives Commission will expand its hours of operation to accommodate researchers. They will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. The facility is located at 1201 Brazos Street in Austin. For more information please visit <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/>  
The Archives will be open Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13.

**JAN. 15, 2014: THEATRE**  
**ARLINGTON** Presents [Lunchtime at the Library](#) Wednesday, January 15 12:15 p.m.  
@ Central Library.

Bring your brown bag to the library and enjoy a little drama with your lunch as Theatre Arlington presents a reading from their new production, Enchanted April. Director Melanie Mason will perform the reading and answer questions about the play.

<http://www.arlingtonlibrary.org/calendar/theatre-arlington-presents-lunchtime-library-0>

**March 11, 2014:** AGS speaker will be Tarrant County Clerk, Mary Louise Garcia.

### CEMETERY INSCRIPTION

John Penny's epitaph in the Wimborne, Dorset, England, cemetery:  
Reader, if cash thou art in want of any,  
Dig 6 feet deep and thou wilt find a Penny.

We were able to have our December dinner on December 10 in spite of the ice storm a few days earlier. Attendance was down because of the weather and loss of electricity for some members. We had approximately 25 in attendance.

Cary Siegfried, Library Director, spoke to us of the new library plans. She will have more to share with us as time goes on. Lauren Jacobs led us in "The 12 Days of Christmas in Texas" and several members shared stories. The fellowship was wonderful and the food delicious.

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

As we approach a new year, genealogists try to start with a clean slate on what they hope to accomplish in the coming year. Some suggestions might be:

**1. GET ORGANIZED:** Take some time away from your research and organize those genealogy files, clean out your bookmarks and input your scribbled notes into your genealogy program. If you are overwhelmed by the accumulation of family history records and notes that you have stuffed in boxes and drawers, then set aside a regular time each week for organizing a little at a time. Take heart - you will most likely find all sorts of new clues as you sort out the records you have already found and add the data and notes to your genealogy program.

## **2. LABEL & STORE YOUR FAMILY PHOTOS.**

Most of us have piles of precious family photos sitting in piles or boxes waiting to be labeled, organized, put into scrapbooks, digitized, etc. Don't let another year go by with those photos fading both from light and from people's memories. Get together with relatives and identify as many people as you can and label those pictures. Be sure to use a photo-safe marking pencil or pen! If you have access to a scanner then consider digitizing the photos onto CD-ROM to preserve them indefinitely. Even if you don't have time to create scrapbooks and really get the photos organized right now, make sure you get them out of old envelopes and shoeboxes and into archival quality plastic sleeves or acid-free photo boxes before they are lost forever. Make copies of important photographs and other important documents and share them with another family member. The recipient will no doubt enjoy the gift, and a second copy will help to ensure that these precious photos will not be lost forever in the event of an unforeseen disaster.

## **3. DON'T PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW...**

Sometimes it seems as if everything else gets in the way of quality genealogy research time. You use a calendar to schedule other important activities, why not genealogy? Whether you use a standard paper calendar or an online version, make it a point to set aside time for personal genealogy research or schedule special events such as genealogy conferences or research trips. Setting aside time for genealogy is only the first step, however. To really make the most of your precious genealogy time, you also need to take time to plan ahead and prioritize your research.

## **TIPS FOR USING FAMILYSEARCH**

<https://familysearch.org/>

On the records search page, you can use wildcards in names when searching records and family trees. An asterisk (\*) stands for any number of letters and a question mark (?) stands for one letter.

**2.** Matches automatically include similar name spellings. Click the boxes by the first or last name to search on exact name spellings.

**3.** You also can click Exact boxes to search for the exact place of residence, birth, death or other life event you specify.

**4.** Use the Search with a relationship section to search with the name of a spouse, parent, or other person who might appear in a record with your target ancestor. This can help the right records rise to the top of your results list, especially when you're searching for someone with a common name.

**5.** Use the arrow in the Preview column to view indexed information from each match.

**6.** To run a new search, instead of going back to the search page, use the Refine Your Search box to the top left of your search results page.

**7.** In your search results, the filters located on the left side of the screen let you narrow the results list by collection (such as 1920 census records or WWI Draft registrations); places and year ranges (1700s, 1800s, 1900s) for birth, marriage, death, residence and other life events; and gender.

**8.** To find collections of digitized records that you can search individually or that

aren't yet searchable (because they haven't been indexed), go to the [Browse All Records](#) page and use the filters to narrow the list by place, year range, or type of record. For example, if I want to look for church record databases related to places in Germany where my immigrant ancestors are from, I would click Place filter Continental Europe and then Germany. From Collections, I'd choose Birth, Marriage and Death (where church records are categorized). You also can search with the Filter By Collection Name box, but you have to be able to guess a word in the collection title.

9. Collection titles with Browse Images in the Records column aren't indexed—you have to browse by locality, name, or however the records are organized.

**HISTORICAL BIRTH, MARRIAGE  
AND DEATH RECORDS GO ONLINE  
ON SCOTLANDSPEOPLE  
December 31, 2013 from Dick Eastman**

The following announcement was written by the folks at ScotlandsPeople:

Dec. 31, 2013 - Scottish records of births from 1913, marriages from 1938 and deaths from 1963 will go online for the first time on 1 Jan 2014. The new images will be available on the ScotlandsPeople website [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

**NEW YORK STATE HISTORICAL  
PHOTOS & NEWSPAPERS  
1795 THRU 2007  
December 28, 2013 from Dick Eastman**

The Fulton History web site, a great **FREE** collection of old newspapers, photographs, and post cards. Tom Tryniski, the site's owner, continues to add many more newspapers every week. There are currently 26,108,000. Read more at: <http://fultonhistory.com/my%20photo%20albums/All%20Newspapers/index.html>

**SSDI ACCESS IS NOW LIMITED  
December 30, 2013 from Dick Eastman**

Judy Russell, author of *The Legal Genealogist* blog, has written about the new restrictions now in place on the Security Death Master File — also known as the Social Security Death Index (SSDI). Her article is available at <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2013/12/30/ssdi-access-now-limited/>.

**Bad News:** there are new restrictions on what was public domain information that can be useful to genealogists.

**Good News:** the restrictions apply only for records of individuals who died within the past three calendar years. You can read more at <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2013/12/30/ssdi-access-now-limited/>



**ELLIS ISLAND STORIES  
October 27, 2013 from Dick Eastman**

The following announcement was written by Statue Cruises, the official concessioner to the National Park Service is the premier harbor cruise operator in New York Harbor :

New York, NY – In honor of the reopening of Ellis Island on Monday, October 28, 2013, Statue Cruises is pleased to announce the launch of a new blog to tell the stories of the immigrants who came to the United States through Ellis Island.

Inspired by the stories of their own employees' families, Statue Cruises has launched *Heartbreak & Hope: The Stories of Ellis Island* to tell not only those stories but the stories of the many descendants of over 14 million people who found their way to the U.S. through the Ellis Island Immigration Station.

Anyone with an Ellis Island story is welcome to submit their story through the blog for publication. The blog will also feature those stories of the employees of Statue Cruises, and its parent company Hornblower Cruises.

Visit Heartbreak & Hope at <http://blog.hornblower.com/heartbreakandhope>

#### WASHINGTON STATE

Doing genealogy research in Washington State? Check out [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov) for records on births, marriages, deaths and lots more.

#### MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S GUIDE TO HISTORICAL NEWSPAPER DATABASES

December 28, 2013 from Dick Eastman

Michigan State University has compiled a long list of historic and current newspapers, complete with links to each database. Some of the databases are available free of charge while others are hosted at commercial sites that charge hefty fees. For more information:

<http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/newspaperguide>

Click on **Electronic Resources :**

**Newspapers** on top left.

#### GENOME HACKER UNCOVERS LARGEST-EVER FAMILY TREE: 13 MILLION INDIVIDUALS OCTOBER 29, 2013 FROM DICK EASTMAN

Using data pulled from online genealogy sites, a renowned 'genome hacker' has constructed what is likely the biggest family trees ever assembled. The researcher and his team now plan to use the data — including a single uber-pedigree comprising 13 million individuals, which stretches back to the 15th century — to analyse the inheritance of complex genetic traits, such as longevity and facial features.

You can read more in an article by Heidi Ledford in the Nature web site at <http://www.nature.com/news/genome-hacker-uncovers-largest-ever-family-tree-1.14037>.

#### SAM HOUSTON REGIONAL LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTER IS BURGLARIZED, HISTORIC ITEMS STOLEN December 18, 2013 from Dick Eastman

Police officers are looking for the burglars responsible for stealing historic items from the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center. Police say among the items taken were silver bowls, dishes, silverware, an Indian headband and swords.

Details and a video may be found in an article in Click2Houston.com at <http://goo.gl/RsS1YU>



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

Friday March 22, 1929

The following account of the death of Bill Hulsey appeared in the "Ladonia

News," March 15. This young man's mother, Mrs. Hulsey, was Julia Collins, formerly of Arlington. Mrs. Hulsey is an aunt of Mrs. O. A. Horton of Arlington.

**William Collins Hulsey** was born in Ladonia, Nov. 25, 1910, the older of the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hulsey. He spent his entire life here, graduating from high school last spring. He went in the fall to Arlington to enter the North Texas Agricultural College at that place but took sick and came home.

The funeral was held at four o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Christian Church.

Of this church Bill had been a member since he was twelve years old and as a child and youth had been a true Christian.

Rev. E. B. Chancellor, his pastor and friend, conducted a most appropriate service. Members of the class of '28 and '29 acted as pall bearers and flower girls.

Interment followed immediately after the service at the church, and the loved body was laid to rest in a profusion of flowers in the Presbyterian Cemetery.

Bill is survived by his parents, his younger brother, Robert, and a great number of distant relations. These have the heartfelt sympathy of all who know them and who knew and loved this stalwart, upright, young man.

"Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death."

### **Friday March 22, 1929**

**J. N. Cooper**, owner and proprietor of the new "Cooper Hotel", located at the corner of Division and North Center street, announces the opening of this new building for Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 7 to 12 o'clock. A turkey dinner will be served from 7 to 9 o'clock, and there will be good orchestra music.

It is a two-story, sixteen-room structure. The building was built by Cawthon & Son, local builders. Every room is furnished with latest in furniture with individual baths. The public is cordially invited to this open house.

### **Friday March 22 WATSON NEWS By Frances English**

We were very sorry to learn of the death of **Mrs. W. K. Williams** who died one day last week at a Dallas sanitarium. Mr. Williams and family had been with us only a short time, but learned to love them very much. Their youngest son, Paul, has taken great interest in our Sunday school and Endeavor which we appreciated. Our greatest sympathy goes to them as expressed by the flowers that were sent by the church of this place.

### **Friday March 22, 1929 WATSON NEWS By Frances English**

W. T. Waggoner's race horses, which were reported stolen, were found near Grand Prairie. They were not stolen—someone opened the gate and they wandered away.

### **Friday March 29, 1929**

**J. F. Hill**, well known Texas contractor, died at his home here just north of town, on route 4, Tuesday morning, March 26. Mr. Hill was suddenly stricken with apoplexy while on duty at his work in Corpus Christi some ten days past. He was able to make the trip home in a car with his son. His condition grew worse and Tuesday morning, he succumbed.

Mr. Hill was sixty-two years of age and a native of Virginia. He had lived in Fort Worth 28 years, having moved to Arlington six years ago. He was married to Miss Laura Brown also of Virginia, in 1892, and to this union eight children were born.

Funeral services were conducted with Rev. Frank Norris officiating, with interment at Mt. Olive cemetery.

Surviving are his wife and the following children: Mrs. W. E. Ashmore of Fort Worth, Mrs. S. J. Alexander of Breckenridge, Mrs. Ed Klappenbach of Wichita Falls, and Dale, Fred and Jack Hill of Arlington.