



Arlington Genealogical Society News

P. O. Box 373, Arlington, TX 76004-0373

NOVEMBER 2014

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014

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



PROGRAM: Lance Tahmahkera will share the History of the Comanche in Texas. Born and raised in Fort Worth, he has been with Texas Health Harris Methodist, Fort Worth for the past 36 years and is currently, the Imaging Department Manager at TH Harris Methodist Outpatient Center – Burleson. He is a Great-Great Grandson of Comanche Chief, Quanah Parker. With his parents staying close to the Comanche traditions, much of his youth was spent at pow-wows and learning stories of ancestors and tribal ways. For the past 20+ years, he's been asked to share those stories with various schools, colleges, groups and organizations. The stories vary from the origins of the tribe, life on the plains and reservation, Cynthia Ann and Quanah Parker to current day events.



The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the November meeting: LaVerne Knezek, Linda Tong, Cherry Williams 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. Thanks to all our members who have paid their dues as well as those who have become new members.

We would like to welcome the following new members to AGS: Rovaine Brown, Val Schierling, Jeanette Cocharo, Paul Wright, Chuck Hield, and Ann Glendinning.

NOTE: At the October meeting, the CD published by the Texas General Land Office with one year's recordings of "This Week in Texas History--the stories that make Texas great" was won by Ron Carter.

Our annual Christmas party will be held on December 9 at the Library.

NOTE FROM AGS PRESIDENT

Plans continue to progress for the relocation of the Central public library collections and services during the time that the new Central public library is under construction. The national architecture and engineering firm, Dewberry, with offices in Dallas, won the

final selection round and was approved for a 2.5 million dollar design contract by City Council on 28 October. City staff anticipates the new library design plans will be approved by mid May 2015. Ground breaking and construction on the new library could begin as soon as August 2015. Construction should be complete by the end of 2016 and the new Central library could be ready for occupancy in early 2017.

Concurrently, the library staff is planning to close the Central library to patrons after December 19, 2014. Remodeling work will begin in November on the Water Utilities old North Service Center to make that empty building into a temporary home for the Central library. As soon as mid-January 2015 the temporary Central Library could be open to patrons at 200 North Cooper Street. Part of the plan calls for the temporary relocation of the genealogy research collection to the Northeast Branch library located at 1905 Brown Blvd. Our society has formed a committee of members to help, advise and assist as needed with the relocation of the genealogy research collection.

As announced in October, a site selection committee worked at surveying alternative places for our society meetings. The committee surveyed 17 locations (recommendations submitted by our members) and submitted a shorter list to the AGS Board vote on 25 October. I am pleased to announce the AGS Board voted the West Police Service Station at 2060 W Green Oaks Blvd as the first choice. The Board second choice is the Junior League facility at 4002 W Pioneer Pkwy and the third choice meeting place is Southwest Branch Library at 3311 S.W. Green Oaks Blvd. Our request to begin using the West

Station meeting room in January is currently under consideration by the Deputy Chief.

Late breaking news, the AGS request to hold meetings at the West Arlington Police Service Station Community Room beginning in January 2015 was approved this morning, 4 November. Details about the new meeting place will be briefed at the 11 November meeting.



Steve Martonak, Ila Johnson
and Steve Brown

Ila Johnson's very informative October program about German Russian immigration into the US caused me to revisit some family history research. Using Ila Johnson's handouts, along with her suggested online sources, I was able to determine the village name along the Volga river in Russia (Thshcherbakovka) from which my son-in-law's ancestors emigrated.

An active genealogist often lives in a certain community, yet is researching family ties in a faraway community. Using online resources is one way to "see" or "find" what you are looking for in that faraway place. Long before genealogists had the internet, they had genealogy societies. There are many hundreds of genealogy societies in the United States. Don't overlook the value in joining a distant society that is located in the area your ancestors lived. Peter G. Jacobs

THANKS

The AGS board would like to express its appreciation to AGS member, Sheri Tiner, for keeping the Society website updated.

NOTE: If you are using the Central Library street address, 101 East Abram Street, for any AGS business, including payment of AGS dues, please have the address changed to: Arlington Genealogical Society
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Arlington, TX 76004-0373

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COMING EVENTS FOR THE AREA October 28, 29, & 30, starting daily at 10 a.m. EDT National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair

Participate in our biggest genealogy event of the year! During the three days of Internet broadcasting, learn and ask questions about Federal records as resources for family history research. Speakers include genealogy experts from National Archives facilities across the nation and from U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services. From beginner to expert, discover new tips and tricks—we have sessions for all skill levels. After the event, recorded sessions and handouts will remain online. Learn more at <http://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair>

Nov. 5: Genealogy Assn. of Colleyville:
Family Search Conference Recap.

Nov. 6: Grand Prairie GS:
Lisa Louise Cooke will present "Time Travel with Google Earth". Mrs. Cooke is the founder of Genealogy Gems, a genealogy and family history multi-media company.

Nov. 6 Mid-Cities GS:
Judy Knight on "The Daily Buzz"
She will help us gain an understanding of what was happening in our ancestors' lives and what inventions, food, music and literature caught their attention in the 1880s and the Gay Nineties.

Nov. 7: Natl. Archives at Fort Worth:
"Finding Your World War I Relative" by Theresa Fitzgerald and Darla Labinsky, Archivists

Nov. 13: Cedar Hill GS
Lela Evans presents a program on "Personal Archiving: Saving Family Treasures."

Nov. 15: Ancestry in Action Workshop Series: DNA Solutions to Common Genealogical Problems from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Tandy Lecture Hall at FW Central Library. **Reservations Required.** Call 817-392-7740 or email genlhst@fortworthtexas.gov For more info: <http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/WorthReading/event/?id=134376>

Nov. 15: Billy W. Sills Lecture Series:
"Legendary Locals of Fort Worth" by Emily Youree, author and historian.

In a cemetery in England:

Remember man, as you walk by,
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now so shall you be,
Remember this and follow me.

Note on tombstone: To follow you, I'll not consent, Until I know which way you went.

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GENEALOGY TIPS FOR WHEN YOU HAVE 5 TO 15 MINUTES

Add to Great-grandma's or another relative's life timeline, using your family tree software or our [free, downloadable Biographical Outline](#).

Read a few pages of a county or family history.

Check your favorite genealogy blogs for the latest news.

Call an older relative and make an appointment to visit and talk about family history.

Scan several photos.

Write a journal entry or blog post.

Share a genealogy find with your family on Facebook.

Tag photos in your photo-organizing software.

Think of all the crazy ways last names in your family could be spelled, and write them all down so you can try them when you search genealogy websites. We have a [free Surname Variants chart you can download, print and fill out](#).

From FamilyTree Magazine

GENEALOGY RESEARCH LOG AND GET ORGANIZED

Seems like staying organized is on every genealogist's list of top challenges.

These are the basic steps to creating a research log:

1. Decide on a format. You want to be able to search the data and sort them. A spreadsheet in Excel or Google Drive would work, or a note-taking tool such as Evernote.

2. Decide what data you'll record, which will determine the structure of your log. A few suggestions are Ancestor/Family Name, Record/Resource Title, Information Sought, Repository or Website, Outcome, Source Citation, Date Logged, Status, and Notes.

3. Set up your document in your chosen format. I use a spreadsheet in Google Drive, which lets me access my log on any computer with internet access, and on my phone.

4. Maintain your log. This is the hardest part, but your log won't do you any good if you don't use it. Keep it open on your desktop and enter any genealogy to-dos that occur to you. Then next time you plan to visit a library or genealogy website, for example, you can sort your log by the Repository/Website column, and take care of all those tasks.

ARTICLE BY DICK EASTMAN

On October 1, 2014, the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) published, in the Federal Register, a proposed rule to amend the existing definition of eligible applicants by expanding the types of individuals who may request headstones or markers on behalf of decedents. The amendment addresses concerns that the existing applicant definition is too restrictive and results in identified Veteran gravesites going unmarked.

Those wishing to review and comment on the proposed changes are encouraged to do so by searching for "National Cemetery Administration" or "2900-AO95" at www.regulations.gov. Comments must be received on or before December 1, 2014.

Details may be found at <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/features.asp#2>.
<http://blog.eogn.com/2014/10/30/>

MY SUMMER

In July, Wally and I went to the 300th anniversary for several of my German ancestors arriving in America. About 30 Germans from Siegen, Germany, were in attendance.

While in the D. C. area, my cousin took us to Abraham Lincoln's summer cottage, which is located on the grounds of the Soldier's Home, known today as the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

President Abraham Lincoln and family resided seasonally on the grounds of the Soldiers' Home to escape the heat and political pressure of downtown Washington.

The Soldier's Home came into being only after decades of frustrated urging by the military, countered by congressional reluctance to fund services for disabled veterans. It reflected the efforts--remarkable in retrospect--of three men.

These men were Robert Anderson, veteran of the Black Hawk War, General Winfield Scott, hero of the Mexican War of 1846-1848; but it was Democratic senator from Mississippi, Jefferson Davis, who introduced the bill that established the long-awaited "Military Asylum" on March 3, 1851. Ruth Goodman



THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL (cont.)
by Will Keller

Friday May 24, 1929

Mrs. Sadie Bledsoe, 86, better known as "Aunt Sadie" died at the home of her neice, Mrs. James Ditto, Tuesday evening, May 21, 1929. Mrs. Bledsoe, with

her husband, were pioneer residents of Arlington, having located here in 1883.

Since her husband's death Aunt Sadie, as she was lovingly called by her relatives and many friends, had made her home with her neice and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. James Ditto on Division street. She had been sick for several days, went to sleep peacefully Tuesday night, from which she never wakened. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the residence, with H. M. Redford, pastor of the Arlington Christian Church, officiating. Burial in Arlington cemetery.

Aunt Sadie was born in Fulton, Mo. Sept. 27, 1842. She was a lovely Christian character, and truly a southern aristocrat. She was most loyal to her home church and country. A devoted mother of four children, two little boys and two little girls, all of whom died during their early youth.

Although she loved lie and the pleasures here, she was reconciled to reach the end of a long journey, and go to meet her loved ones where there is no parting of the way. Her faith in the final resurrection of the soul was strong and she died happy and contented in that faith.

Friday May 31, 1929 By Ruth E. Miller

We are indeed very sorry to hear of the death of little **Jack Mitchell**, age 7 years, which occurred in an ambulance on last Saturday evening, while enroute to Ft. Worth after having been struck by a car on the Fort Worth-Dallas pike near Point Breeze. He will be remembered as the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mitchell, who about two years ago moved from the Boaz place north of old Wheeler School House to Handley. The funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist church at Handley by Reverends Elmer Leake of Hurst and C. E. Hereford, of Handley, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Besides his parents, he is survived by two brothers, H. C. Jr., and L. D., and two sisters, Reba and Vertia Mae, all of Handley.

Friday May 31, 1929

EULESS NEWS By Sally Ferris

This community suffered a great loss last week when death took from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Waco Booker one of the sweetest little girls of our community.

Little **Miss Helen Eloise Booker** departed this life Tuesday evening, May the twenty-first, after an illness of only about twenty-four hours. She was born in this community November 27, 1917, and had lived here all of her life. In August, 1927, she was converted and joined the Methodist Church, which she was faithful to, 'til the time of her death. She was one of the best pupils in Sunday school. Her teacher knew she could depend on Eloise to do the thing she asked her to do. If there was a program of any kind Eloise was among the first to be asked to help, for we knew she would be there to do her part and more. She was not only faithful and true to her church and Sunday School, but was an excellent pupil in the public school. She always stood at the head of her class.

Helen Eloise was loved by all who knew her, not only her playmates, but all children, as well as all grown up people. The reason for this was that she always wore a smile for everyone and loved everybody. She loved to help other people, if there was a baby near her she was always trying to help care for it and do what she could to help others.

We know it is hard to give her up and we are going to miss her more than words can tell, but it is a blessing to know that God chose one who was so pretty, so sweet, and ready to meet him, instead of taking one who was not prepared to die. We know that Eloise is in Heaven today; and we pray that her going may cause us to look toward heaven and try to live the very best we can. May we be more determined than ever to walk the path our Savior trod so we can meet Jesus peacefully when he calls for us, just as Eloise did last week.

The funeral service was held in the Methodist Church on Wednesday afternoon of last week, with Rev. Pat Leach, of Grapevine officiating, delivering a sweet service. J. T. Lucas, of Grapevine, had

charge of the body. The large floral offering given was proof that she had many friends who grieved her absence. Members of her Sunday School Class carried the flowers.

The pall bearers were Raymond Hubert and Truman Fuller, Lloyd Birch, Lloyd Fuller, all of this place, and Floyd Jones, of Ft. Worth. Those who are left to mourn her death are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waco Booker, one sister, Miss Neva Booker, and two brothers, W. W. and Martin Booker, and a host of other relatives and friends. This community joins together in the greatest of sympathy for this bereaved family and pray that they may live as she did and be ready to meet God when he calls them.

Friday May 31, 1929

We wish to thank our many friends for the kindnesses shown us during the illness and death of our darling daughter and sister, **Helen Eloise Booher**, and for the beautiful floral offerings, especially those from the Euless Methodist Church. May God bless each and every one of you, is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Waco Booher and Family

Friday June 7, 1929

Reports from the Baptist hospital in Ft. Worth regarding Mrs. James A. Grogan at this time are very favorable. Funeral services were conducted Monday at the home of Mrs. Jim Grogan for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Grogan who died at the hospital in Ft. Worth Sunday. Rev. S. M. Bennett officiated with burial in the Arlington cemetery.

Friday June 7, 1929 (advertisement)

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GUITAR We have every Jimmie Rogers
Record in Stock now. DON'T WAIT!
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