



# Arlington Genealogical Society News

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

DECEMBER 2014

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014**

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



## **Arlington Genealogical Society announces**

What: The Annual Christmas Party

When: Tuesday evening, 9 December.

Where: Central Library in the Community Room

Time: Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Program: You are the program

Members, Family and Guests are welcome! Please bring one of your treasures from your family history. Be prepared to show it, and tell us what it means to you. In prior years response has been great so your story must be around five minutes on average. The "Show and Tell" will be preceded by a potluck supper for which each person or family should bring one dish. The dish you bring could be made from a family recipe and part of your story. The food will be buffet style, and tables will be set up and decorated for a sit-down dinner.

The main course is sliced ham provided by the Society. To complement the main

course bring a salad, a vegetable dish, a covered dish, or a dessert. We still need some volunteers so please reply if you can help set-up.

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.

## **NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **Arlington Central Library Closure in December**

The George W. Hawkes Central Library will close to patrons on Tuesday, December 23, 2014. This is a key step in the transition to the new Central Library at a site across Center Street from its present location and scheduled to open in 2017.

During the time that the new library is being constructed, downtown library services will be offered at the temporary Central Express facility located at 200 North Cooper Street. This downtown Library will open on January 13, 2015 and will offer computer access, Wi-Fi, new and high demand materials for adults and children and holds pickup. Recently announced hours of service at the Central Express Library will be 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Additional information can be found on the APL and the MORELibrary web sites.

During the moving and re-shelving process the genealogy collection will not be available for research. Library staff plans call for the greater part of the Central Library genealogical research collection to be relocated to the Northeast Branch. The Arlington Director of Libraries, Cary Siegfried, has asked the Arlington Genealogical Society to play an active role during the transition. Several AGS members, familiar with the APL genealogy research collection, have formed a committee to assist, advise, and help the APL Staff regarding the temporary relocation of the Genealogy Research collection to Northeast Branch Library. The AGS Genealogy Resources Committee first met during early November to name a chair person and hold a brainstorming session. Current committee members are: Tom Cogdell, Mary Ann Conrad, Wally Goodman, Sylvia Hoad, Larry Howser, Laureen Jacobs and Pete Jacobs with Laureen Jacobs as the committee chair. The AGS Genealogy Resources Committee is adjunct to the AGS Purchasing Committee.

### **Christmas Season and the Genealogist**

As a genealogy hobbyist, you are not alone when you look forward to the Christmas holidays. It is a traditional time to reach out to family with season's greetings and sharing a bit (or a lot) of family news. With a genealogist's eyes and ears attuned to family history, don't overlook the here and now information that comes to you through the exchange of holiday greetings in many forms. We enjoy genealogy from our own perspective, each having his or her individual focus. One common thread in genealogy is making a record that can be shared and passed on to descendants and/or relatives. We all know family history begins in the present, so take "genealogy" notes as you read those greeting cards or interact via social media. What you record today will be the family history read by your descendants in the future.

### **The benefit of Partner Societies**

The AGS has long been a partner Society with the Texas State Genealogical Society (TxSGS), and renewed that partnership during November. At the November meeting the, members approved a recommendation to join the national Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). Our partnership with the FGS begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 2015. Helping genealogical societies strengthen and grow is a common objective to each of our partner societies. As a member of the AGS, here is a brief list of the benefits you gain, directly or indirectly, when the AGS partners with the State and a National Society. For a complete list visit the browsing table at our next meeting.

We, as a partner society with the Texas State Genealogical Society,

- . . . receive a complimentary subscription to STIRPES journal with helpful research articles, county records, family histories, review, queries, and other material of genealogical interest published quarterly.

- . . . are eligible for grants, and for Partner Society and/or Individual Writing Awards.

- . . . have direct on line access to a Speakers Directory with lists speakers, their topics/programs, and their contact information.

- . . . are eligible for a discount to attend the TSGS State Conference, hosted each year with workshops and seminars.

We will soon be a partner society with the Federation of Genealogical Societies. When that happens . . .

- We can post our AGS events to the FGS Calendar.

- We will have access to a searchable database of FGS member societies and organizations, plus libraries and archives, educational organizations, and genealogical vendors.

We will receive two complimentary subscriptions to the FGS FORUM, a quarterly electronic magazine, plus access to the archive of issues of the FGS FORUM from 1989 to present.

We can order, at no cost to us, AGS Bylaws, AGS Newsletter and AGS Website Reviews by FGS subject matter experts.

We will be eligible for controlled access to the FGS web site Members-Only Area.

### **FUTURE AGS MEETINGS**

#### **Jan. 13, 2015: Richard Selcer on "The Panther Legend of Fort Worth."**

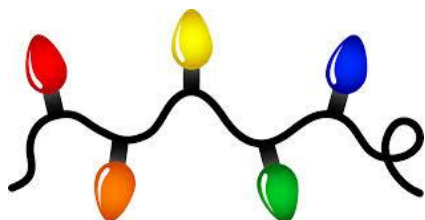
The well-known story of how a Fort Worth lawyer moved to Dallas and told them that his former hometown was so dead, a panther had been seen sleeping in Main Street, is only part of the story. There is the reported story and then there is the real story. Either way, Fort Worthers embraced the story in a BIG way, slapping the "panther" or "cat" on everything from businesses to athletic teams. He will talk about the facts of the story, the myths, and how we came to have not just one, but 2, panther sculptures in Fort Worth.

**Feb. 10, 2015: Marilyn Funderburk** will speak on "Genealogy Research through DAR."

**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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### **AGS OFFICERS 2014-2015**

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

### **PROGRAMS AROUND THE AREA**

**Dec. 5, 2014:** The National Archives of Fort Worth topic for December is "New and improved American Indian Online Resources" by Meg Hacker. Workshop time is 12 noon - 1 pm.

Dec. 6, 2014: "Past meets present in downtown Fort Worth" with Rene Gomez, Senior Librarian, Fort Worth Library from 10:30 am to Noon at Tandy Lecture Hall at Main Library. This project will merge photographs with recent images to illustrate changes to familiar locales over time. It will help to raise awareness of historic places in the Fort Worth area.

### **DOLLARHIDE'S GENEALOGY RULES BY WILLIAM DOLLARHIDE**

Treat the brothers and sisters of your ancestor as equal, even if some of them are in jail.

Death Certificates are rarely filled in by the person who died.

When visiting a funeral home, wear old clothes, no make-up, and look like you have

about a week to live. The funeral director will give you anything you ask, if he thinks you may be a customer soon.

### FORMER MEMBER

It has come to our attention that former AGS member, Bob Harris, passed away the latter part of November. If you can share any information about Bob's family, please contact one of the AGS board members.



Bob Harris at Christmas 2007



### THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL (cont.)

by Will Keller

#### Friday June 7, 1929

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses and floral offerings at the burial of our **baby** Sunday, and for the sympathetic consideration shown to the mother during her present illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. **Grogan**.

#### Friday June 7, 1929 WATSON NEWS By Mrs. Frances English

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Graham's brother, who was laid to rest in West Fork Cemetery Monday evening,

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 3 o'clock. We have a tender feeling for all these loved ones who mourn over their dead.

#### Friday June 7, 1929 "Lige" Pressley Found Dead in Field, Victim of Apoplexy

"Lige" Pressley, 68, farmer, of rural route number six, fell dead while plowing in the field Tuesday a while before the noon hour.

Kenney Hudson, who was working in the same field with Mr. Pressley, found the body a short while after the tragedy and hurriedly summoned Dr. J. F. McKissick, Arlington physician, who arrived and pronounced him dead, the cause of which was apoplexy. Hudson had talked with Mr. Pressley only a very short while before his death, and had not noticed anything unusual, it is said, but after leaving him to take up his work again, soon noticed that no one was tending the plow of Pressley. Mr. Hudson investigated and found the body lying on the ground with life extinct, although at the time he did not know the exact condition of the stricken man.

Mr. Pressley had suffered for many years with a cancer on his face, and this, it was believed, might have been a contributing factor that brought on the stroke that resulted in his sudden death.

Funeral services were held Wednesday evening at three o'clock at the residence, Rev. S. M. Bennett, pastor of Arlington Presbyterian Church, officiating.

#### Friday June 14, 1929

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends for the beautiful floral offerings, and for their kindness and sympathy extended to us in our bereavement in the loss of our husband and father.

MRS. E. B. PRESLEY,  
HARRISON PRESLEY,  
MRS. D. W. FINLAN.

