



# Arlington Genealogical Society News

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

JANUARY 2015

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015**

**Community Room of  
Arlington West Police Service Station  
2060 W. Green Oaks Blvd.**

**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.

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the meeting:  
Jeannie Schemensky, Dorothy Rencurrel,  
and Tom and Elena Cogdell.

## **NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **ACCESS WORLD VITAL RECORDS via the APL web site**

Arlington Public Library online was enhanced with the World Vital Records (WVR) database on 15 December. World Vital Records' parent company is, MyHeritage.com, a fast growing family history/genealogy company. WVR is available at the Metroplex Online Resources

web page. If work or other commitments keep you from visiting your local library, all you need is an Arlington, Grand Prairie, Kennedale or Mansfield library card to log-on from any remote location to begin using the WVR database. The other online databases of interest include America's Obituaries & Death Notices, Handbook of Texas, Heritage Quest, Texas Digital Sanborn Maps and Ancestry Library Edition available only from within Arlington and Grand Prairie libraries. Here is a direct link <http://morelibrary.org/collection/genealogy>>

### **Arlington Central Library Closed in December**

The Central Library, serving patrons for the past 40 years, closed permanently on Tuesday, December 23, 2014. The closure is a key step in the transition to a new George W. Hawkes Central Library at a site across Center Street from its present location and scheduled to open in 2017. In the interim Arlington library patrons will have a temporary downtown library service center named "Central Express" 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, such as which libraries have Sunday hours.

Library staff plans call for the greater part of the Central Library genealogical research collection to be relocated to the Northeast Branch, 1905 Brown Blvd., until the new library opens. During the moving and re-shelving process, the genealogy collection will not be available for research. The Arlington Director of Libraries, Cary Siegfried, has asked the Arlington Genealogical Society to play an active role during the transition. The AGS Genealogy Resources Committee, made up of AGS members familiar with the APL genealogy research collection, will assist and help the APL Staff during the relocation of the Genealogy Research collection to Northeast Branch Library.

#### **An update on Partner Societies**

The AGS has long been a partner Society with the Texas State Genealogical Society (TxSGS), and renewed the 2015 partnership last November. Our partnership with the Federation of Genealogical Societies began on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 2015. Helping genealogical societies strengthen and grow is an objective common to each of our partner societies. As a member of the AGS, you gain directly or indirectly, when the AGS partners with the State and a National Society. For a complete list of partner society benefits visit the browsing table at our next meeting, **our first meeting at the West Police Service Station community room.** Pete Jacobs, Pres., AGS

## **FUTURE AGS MEETINGS**

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

## **PROGRAMS AROUND THE AREA**

**Jan. 8: Grand Prairie GS: Bernard N. Meisner** on "Naming Conventions."

**Jan. 8: Mid-Cities GS:**  
**Mary Louise Garcia**, Tarrant County Clerk on "Records Available in the Office of the County Clerk."

**Jan. 9: Natl. Archives at Fort Worth:**  
**Nancy Wing**, Archives Specialist from the National Archives in Washington DC. will give some navigational tips for maneuvering around the National Archives web site, <http://archives.gov>

**Jan. 10: Center for Texas Studies at TCU and Fort Worth Library:**  
**Sherrie McLeRoy** will present "Texas Adoption Activist Edna Gladney: A Life & Legacy of Love."

**Jan. 24: Fort Worth GS: Terri Meeks** will begin her Beginners Workshop Series: Session I: How to Get Started and Organizational Hints. For more information:

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

**Jan. 27: Fort Worth GS: Dr. Bernard N. Meisner** on "Techniques & Strategies for More Effective Online Searching."

### UPDATE

Due to the tremendous efforts of Mary Ann Conrad, with assistance from Jerald Miller and Morris-Bates Mortuary in Fort Worth, Robert (Bob) Harris was laid to rest at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery on Jan. 7, 2015, with military honors. Also assisting were Ron Carter and Pete Jacobs.

### AGS OFFICERS 2014-2015

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### NOVEMBER MEETING



**Lance Tahmahkera, Dorothy Rencurrel and Robert Knezek**



**Mr. Tahmahkera's artifacts**

### DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY



**AGS Members and visitors**



### DNA TESTING

More genealogists than ever before are turning to DNA testing to explore their family trees. In addition to traditional Y-DNA and mtDNA tests, which explore the paternal and maternal lines, new autosomal DNA testing gives you an opportunity to explore the rest of your family tree. In addition to the tools and information provided by DNA testing companies, third-party sites let you do even more once you have your DNA results in hand.

1. **[23andMe](https://www.23andme.com/)** <https://www.23andme.com/>  
This test provides information about your Y-DNA (if you're male), mtDNA and autosomal DNA. Using innovative, visually

appealing displays, the Ancestry Composition tool reveals the percentage of your DNA from each of more than 20 populations throughout the world. The Relative Finder tool compares your DNA to other test-takers in the company's database in order to identify genetic relatives, although you'll only be able to communicate with matches if they're interested in sharing with you. You also can learn about your genetic predisposition to certain diseases and conditions, response to certain medications, and physical traits. Don't forget to check out Ancestry Labs for an estimate of your Neanderthal ancestry.

## **2. Ancestry.com**

**<http://dna.ancestry.com/>**

Ancestry.com's huge subscriber base means the AncestryDNA database is growing by leaps and bounds. After testing, you can link your DNA to your Ancestry.com-hosted family tree, and the service will compare your tree to the trees of any genetic relatives to help you find a common ancestor. AncestryDNA also offers a Genetic Ethnicity Summary that compares your results to the DNA signatures of populations around the world.

## **3. FamilyTreeDNA**

**<https://www.familytreedna.com/>**

One of the first genetic genealogy companies, Family Tree DNA has offered Y-DNA and mtDNA testing for well over a decade, and has built a comprehensive database of potential matches. Its autosomal DNA test, Family Finder, ranks your genetic cousins in the Family Tree DNA database

by their predicted relationship to you (ranging from very close to very distant). You'll receive contact information for Family Finder matches so you can share genealogical information.

## **4. National Geographic**

**<https://genographic.nationalgeographic.com/>**

Autosomal DNA testing, called Geno 2.0, is a recent addition to this project's Y-DNA and mtDNA testing. The Genographic Project is a joint nonprofit venture of the National Geographic Project and IBM to study human origins and migration. In addition to Y-DNA and mtDNA haplogroup information, the Geno 2.0 test estimates your ancient ancestral origins by comparing your DNA to more than 40 reference populations. You'll also learn about your Neanderthal and Denisovan ancestry—two extinct human lineages that appear to have left a mark in our DNA.

*Via Family Tree University Dec. 24, 2014*

## **CITING YOUR SOURCES**

For genealogists and family historians, using the correct citation method is an important step to becoming a responsible research detective. Citing sources correctly gives your work credibility and the confidence that your research will stand up to scrutiny.

In your source citations, don't forget to cite the original source (for example, the actual census schedule from National Archives microfilm) in addition to the secondary source (Ancestry.com's databases of census records). All citations should include as much of the following information as possible:

Author(s), name of institution, company, or university

Title(s), subtitle, website, database title, subject of e-mail, etc.

Publisher, publication place, publication date, message originator

Date(s): copyright date, accessed date, e-mail date

Location of source: library, archive, e-mail address, website URL, etc.

Locator: page number, chapter, volume, call number, microfilm number, Family History Library Call number, Family History Library Microform number, National Archives Record Group number, National Archives Microform Publication number, roll and page number, state archive series, image number

*Family Tree University June 4, 2014*

## HINTS FOR FAMILYSEARCH.ORG

You can use wildcards when searching Historical Records and Family Trees. An asterisk stands for any number of letters and a question mark stands for one letter.

The old version of FamilySearch let you narrow your search to a country, US state or a region of a foreign country. The new version of the website lets you search on any word in a place name, including counties, cities, towns, townships and parishes.

Historical Records matches automatically include similar name spellings. Click Advanced Search to search on exact name spellings, to search on a specific event (birth, marriage, residence, death) and to add a spouse's name or parents' names to your target person.

Use the filters (located on the left side of your screen) to narrow your Historical Records search results by category, such as Census & Lists, place or date.

If a book or record collection is online, the library catalog now has links to the digital materials.

Because FamilySearch catalogs records by the locality that kept them, your best bet for finding relevant microfilmed records is often a place search (select "place-names" from the drop-down menu). Type in your ancestor's county and state or parish and country to see what's available.

An author search turns up records created by a particular government agency as well as books by a specific person. Enter immigration naturalization service into the Last or Corporate Name field to see the FHL's holdings of US passenger list microfilm.

Use the keyword search as a catch-all option, especially when other searches strike out. This type of search finds a term anywhere in the catalog listing, not just the author, title or other specific field.



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

**June 14, 1929**

How did you feel, Mr. Grown-up, when you took your first airplane ride? Or have you ever done so? It was a day you will never forget. And Sunday was a day that will be remembered by three Arlington lads who took their first trip above the earth in an airplane. Valin, Staley and Tommy Woodward, sons of Dr. and Mrs. Valin R. Woodward of this city, made their first flight at Love Field, when they were taken up in a Ryan monoplane.

These happy, healthy, nervy little boys wouldn't let one ride for the day, either. As soon as they hit the ground,



nothing would do but to try it again, so the aviator loaded them into a tri-motored Ford plane which carries 14 passengers, and away they went for their second flight.

In describing the flight to the writer, little Valin said: "It sure was smooth. We sailed right up and I looked down and saw the houses and trees passing by and getting smaller. Then it was beautiful, and we could see away off. I wasn't afraid—just a good ride."

All of which is a reminder to us older people that the next generation will be "air-minded", will travel through space without giving it a thought. A hundred years from now if a young man doesn't own his own little ship, he will be riding in the back seat of his rival's machine, and the girl won't think he amounts to much.

#### **Friday June 14, 1929**

Commencing on the first of July, special air mail service will be started. It will be made up in the Arlington office at 2:30 P. M., and will catch the night planes out of Ft. Worth, arriving in Chicago at 7 A. M. and St. Louis at 4 P. M. the next day, and in New York the evening at 1 P. M. A letter mailed here at 2:30 P. M. would arrive in Los Angeles the second morning at 4 A. M., and Atlanta, Ga., the second morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Carter was optimistic about the future of air mail service and predicted an extension of this service to all points of the United States in the near future.

#### **Friday June 14, 1929**

Funeral services for **Marvin Winfred Scott** were conducted Tuesday June 11, at Whitehall Auditorium on the Barachah Grounds with Rev. J. T. Upchurch, officiating.

Mr. Scott was born Sept. 29, 1848, in the state of Georgia and died June 10, 1929, at the age of 80 years, 8 months and 12 days.

He leaves to mourn his death his wife, Mrs. Priscilla Scott, to whom he had been married 55 years, four children and twelve grandchildren, a number of distant relatives and a host of friends. The children

are: Mrs. Nettie Norwood, matron of Berachah Home, Mrs. Laura Norwood of Wichita Falls, George Scott of Hughes Springs and Roy Scott of Bethany, Oklahoma. Interment in Parkdale Cemetery.

#### **Friday June 14, 1929** (advertisement)

Reclaimed Airplane Oil Guaranteed to be as satisfactory as any \$1.00 Oil.

**KING ELLIOTT,**  
**PHONE 219**

#### **Friday June 14, 1929**

**Odd Fellows Give Impressive Program** "Matt" Christopher receives 25-Year Medal.

#### **"DOLLARHIDE GENEALOGY RULES"**

The cemetery where your ancestor was buried does not have perpetual care, has no office, is accessible only by a muddy road, has snakes, tall grass, and lots of bugs--and many of the old gravestones are in broken pieces, stacked in a corner under a pile of dirt.

A Social Security form SS-5 is better than a birth certificate because few people had anything to do with the information on their own birth certificate.

The application for a death certificate you want insists that you provide the maiden name of the deceased's mother, which is exactly what you don't know and is the reason you are trying to get the death certificate in the first place.

When you contact your home state's vital statistics office and ask if they are "online" and they respond, "on what?" you may have a problem.