



# Arlington Genealogical Society News

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

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

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



**PROGRAM:** Marilyn Funderburk and Nancy Davis of the Daughters of the American Revolution on "What is DAR? What resources do they have? and What is the application Process?"

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the meeting: Jeanie Schmensky, Alice Noe and Chris Roser.

## **NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **Genealogy reference collection is now at Northeast Branch**

Our Genealogy Resources Committee members have been putting in lots of volunteer hours at the Northeast Branch Library helping library staff get the genealogy reference collection shelved and ready for use. The collection takes up nearly 900 linear feet of shelving. We are now doing a book by book audit of the genealogy reference collection. The current audit (the last audit was in 2006) is purely a

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.

### **President's Comments (Cont.)**

committee volunteer effort and it should be finished during the first week of February. Doing a book by book audit to the non-circulating genealogy reference collection will give the genealogy resources committee an accurate list of books on the shelves at Northeast Branch. In the near term the APL cataloging staff will take the audit results and update the APL catalogue database. Over the long term a more accurate listing of the genealogy collection in the APL catalogue will aid collection development, and help in planning the move into the new library in 2017.

### **The West Police Service Center Community Room**

Our Society is fortunate to be holding our monthly meetings in a modern facility. Our first meeting in the new location took place on Tuesday, 13 January. The APD West District Deputy Chief is Jeff Matthews. If you meet him out and about town, do mention how much our Society appreciates meeting in the Community Room at his Service Center. The West Police Service Center is in City Council District Four, and the Council Member for District four is Kathryn Wilemon. So, if you meet Ms.

Wilemon out and about town, please mention how much the Society appreciates being able to hold our meetings in one of the city community rooms.



Pete, Larry & Wally Mary Ann & Laureen  
Missing from the pictures was Donald Lewis.

The members of the Genealogy Resources Committee are: Pete Jacobs, Larry Howser, Wally Goodman, Mary Ann Conrad and Laureen Jacobs.

### The Arlington Historical Society

A few weeks ago I met with Geraldine Mills, President, Arlington Historical Society. If your family history and genealogy efforts are local, you are probably familiar with the AHS and likely are a member of both the AGS and the AHS. Needless to say the folks at the AHS work hard to preserve, protect and exhibit the diverse and rich history of Arlington. One of the topics Geraldine and I talked about is sharing information from local sources. Some of the family history articles you read in this newsletter (the AHS also publishes a newsletter) are taken and re-published from local sources such as newspaper archives or personal papers now held by the AHS or AGS. To help you, the reader or the researcher, better record or locate original sources, the editors for both society newsletters will acknowledge borrowed or quoted material with appropriate references.

Peter G. Jacobs

**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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### PROGRAMS AROUND THE AREA

**Feb. 5: Grand Prairie GS:** Celebrating Family History Month. They will celebrate with an interactive research activity. Put on your detective hat and grab your magnifying glass. Bring your laptop or tablet if you have one, but don't worry if you don't. There's something for everyone to do. A sleuthing we will go.

**Feb. 5: Mid-Cities GS:** Speaker is **L. Vaughn Oliver**, Sons of the Republic of Texas

**Feb. 6 : Natl. Archives at Fort Worth:** Nonpopulation Census Records 1850-1880 by **Katherine Vollen**, Archives Specialist

**Feb. 21 : Center for Texas Studies at TCU and Fort Worth Library:** **Gayle Hanson**, genealogist and historian on "Early African-American Schools in Fort Worth

**Feb. 28: Fort Worth GS:** **Terri Meeks** will begin her Beginners Workshop Series: Session II Using the Federal Census for Family Research.

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



**Previously I said the March 2015  
Arlington FHC Fair is to be March 1.  
It is really March 7.**

**March 7: Arlington Family History Fair**  
For more information, including a current  
workshop brochure, go to  
<http://www.arlingtontxfhc.org/>

**March 21:** Dallas Genealogical 2015  
Spring Lecture, Saturday  
**Debbie Parker Wayne, CG, CGL**  
Genetic Genealogy Analysis and Tools  
This all-day lecture is presented by a noted  
professional genealogist who is experienced  
in using DNA analysis for genealogical  
research. Debbie Parker Wayne will begin  
with a brief review of genetic genealogy  
basics and advice about choosing a DNA  
testing company. The remaining sessions  
will provide in-depth information about  
tools and applications for mitochondrial  
DNA, Y-DNA, and autosomal DNA studies.  
Each session will include a real-life case  
study which uses the latest tools and  
techniques to analyze these DNA types.  
[More Information & Registration Links  
Here..](#)

**"Find A State Where A SSN was Issued."**

<http://www.tngenweb.org/white/ssn.html>  
Shared by Mary Ann Conrad

**A South Texas Internment Camp for  
German-American Citizens during World  
War II**

The hardships endured by Japanese-  
Americans who suffered forced relocation  
and incarceration during World War II are  
well documented and well-known. The  
rationale is that these Americans of Japanese  
ancestry might have been spies. However,  
Japan was not the only nation at war with  
the United States and not the only nation to  
have sent emigrants to the United States.

Americans of German descent were also  
sent to internment camps. One thing I found  
interesting is that many of the detainees  
were pawns traded for "more important"  
Americans held behind enemy lines during  
and after the war.

You can read more in an article by Steve  
Bennett in the *Houston Chronicle* web site  
at <http://goo.gl/5IIzr0>

*Dick Eastman Online Genealogy  
Newsletter, January 21, 2015*

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**JANUARY AGS MEETING**



**Richard Selcer on  
"The Panther Legend of Fort Worth."**

## TERMS FOUND IN LAND RECORDS

**Appurtenances:** The right to buildings or other items attached to or situated on the property or thing being sold, which is considered incidental to the principal property for purposes of title or inheritance.

**Bounty Land:** Land granted to a person as compensation for military service.

**Charter:** Legal document granting right of ownership and subsequent sale, lease, grant or rent of land.

**Convey/conveyance:** The act of transferring legal title of property from one person to another.

**Deed of Trust:** A mortgage or lease; also called a security deed.

**Entrymen:** First person to enter on and apply for a land patent or deed for a particular plot of land from the US Land Office.

**Escheat:** Land ownership reverting to the government or the estate due to lack of heirs.

**Heirship petition:** A legal document to establish the right to inherit from the estate of a deceased

**Metes and Bounds:** A system or method of describing land, which typically uses physical features of the local geography, along with directions and distances, to define and describe the boundaries of a parcel of land. Descriptions are in a running prose style, working around the parcel in sequence, from a point of beginning and returning back to the same point.

**Quitclaim Deed:** A deed in which the seller gives up any claim to rights on the property in question, but doesn't guarantee the title to the property is clear from any other claims. This is usually done when there is some question as to whether any other individual may have a claim (a missing heir, for

example), or in the case of a name change. Quitclaim deeds may also be used in cases where there is no will; all surviving heirs who might have a legal interest in the land owned by the deceased sign a quitclaim deed, giving up any interest they might have in the property. A quitclaim deed may also be used when a warranty deed needs a correction, such as correcting a spelling error of a name.

**Sheriff's sale:** Public Auction of a borrower's assets seized in a Foreclosure order obtained from a court, and carried out by a sheriff or other court.

**Trust Deed (also called a deed of trust or sometimes a Security Deed):**

A document in which a specific financial interest in the title to a property is transferred to a trustee to be held as security for a loan between two other parties. Used in some states (instead of mortgages) to document the financing of real estate purchases. When the loan is fully paid, the title is transferred to the borrower; if the borrower defaults on the loan, the trustee may foreclose on the debt and transfer title to the lender or sell the property to pay the lender from the proceeds of the sale.

**Widow's Examination:** Required in many jurisdictions until the early 1900s. A wife was entitled to "widow's rights" or "dower rights" (typically one-third) of her husband's property -- although she often could not directly control or sell it in her own right. Before he could sell the property, she was required to sign an independent statement that she was aware he was selling the property and she was therefore losing her dower rights. If she did not sign, the property could not be sold.

*Via Family Tree University Jan. 14, 2015*

## DOLLARHIDE GENEALOGY RULES

An 1850 census record showing all 12 children in a family proves only that your ancestors did not believe in birth control.

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Work from the known to the unknown. In other words, just because your name is Washington doesn't mean you are related to George.

### **Proposed Elimination of the Genealogy Department at Indiana State Library**

This could be a huge loss to genealogists: the new Indiana state budget bill proposes a 24% cut in funding to the Indiana State Library. This proposal would eliminate the Genealogy Department, as well as reduce the staff at ISL by 10%. The Indiana Genealogical Society has posted information about this on their blog, and includes links to an analysis by the State Librarian, the contact info for the House Ways and Means Committee, and committee chair Rep. Timothy Brown. You can read more about the proposal at: <http://indgensoc.blogspot.com/2015/01/proposed-elimination-of-genealogy-at.html>. Dick Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter January 22, 2015

### **Records from the Archdiocese of Louisiana and the Floridas between 1576-1803 are now Online**

Another great resource is now available online: [Records from the Archdiocese of Louisiana and the Floridas – 1576-1803](#).

The database contains two entries for each record: (1.) an image of the original handwritten record in French and (2.) an image of an accompanying 3" by 5" index card that was created some years ago.

In addition to the images of original records, a lengthy and detailed history of the records and detailed explanations of the records are also included. For more information or to view the records, go to <http://archives.nd.edu/mano>

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

**June 14, 1929**

#### **LODGE'S TRIBUTE.**

Arlington's new municipal auditorium was the scene Tuesday night of a memorial service, under the auspices of the local Odd Fellows Lodge, which paid tribute to the memory of two deceased brethren, **J. C. Young** and **Lee Gibbins**, attended by a large number of relatives and friends. At the conclusion of memorial services, a program was given, participated in by a delegation from Waxahachie Lodge No. 80, of which "Matt" Christopher had been a member for more than 26 years. He was given a gold medal signifying this distinction.

Rev. S. M. Bennett, pastor of Arlington Presbyterian Church, opened memorial services with invocation, and was the principal speaker. He exhorted his listeners to endeavor to do as Bro. Young and Gibbins had done, to live according to the principles of Oddfellowship, that of "Friendship, Love and Truth." "May the memory of these deceased brethren live in our minds," he said, "and may we all be comrades in good doing."

Mr. Barnes, of Waxahachie Lodge No. 80 presented the 25-year medal to Mr. Christopher, who joined that order Feb. 13, 1903. Mr. Barnes, in his speech of presentation, outlined the growth of Oddfellowship since its birth 110 years ago. He told of its principles and accomplishments and bade his honored brother to continue to exemplify the principles of the order.

The Dallas Railway quartette sang "Kneel at The Cross," and "At Sunset I'm Going Home."

Rev. L. A. Herrin, Baptist minister, responded to Mr. Barnes' address on behalf



of Mr. Christopher. "Friendship has taken them out of the gutter and made them real men," he said. In speaking of the work of the Order among orphans, widows and the poor, he said, "On account of the failure of the churches to do what they should have done, the fraternal orders are taking charge of the moral life of the people." He praised the work of the Odd Fellows Orphans' Home at Corsicana, his home town.

A piano selection was rendered "Do You Believe in Fairies?" by Miss Alene Langston, which was followed by a song by Frances Hill, accompanied on the piano by Miss Cleo Bearden. Joe Langram with the banjo and Chas. Nobles with the mandolin gave three popular renditions.

Tarrant County Odd Fellows band, directed by Frank Dinkins, was seated on the rostrum and played at intervals throughout the program.

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

#### ***Dallas is Besieged With Yo-Yo Craze, Whatever That Is***

Dallas, June 13. – Dallas has the yo-yo craze.

Be it disease, hobby, or simply fad, every one has caught it. How to stop it, no one knows.

More contagious than influenza, the yo-yo habit spread from Dallas citizens to 10,000 Rotarian convention guests, their wives, and children. Scarcely a visitor left the city without at least one or two of the little gems in his pocket.

What is the yo-yo? It is a toy, something like a top. Only it never leaves the string. The little wooden disc at the end climbs back up the string automatically when thrown or dropped with proper precision.

The thrill of throwing out the little disc and sensing it climb back up the string dexteriously has put the city agog.

Bell boys forget their tips to yo-yo. Guests forget to pay them. News boys yo-yo instead of sell papers. Street cars are alive with the toys shooting out in all directions. School teachers have desk drawers full of them. Dances and club

meetings have turned into yo-yo tournaments.

From whence came this freak of man's construction? It was invented, so salesmen say, by Pedro Flores, bus boy in a hotel at Santa Barbara, California. Pedro improved on an idea brought from his native country, the Philippines, and whittled out the toys for his own amusement. Hotel guests were fascinated.

Soon there was a demand for the home-made toys. Pedro bought a wood lathe to hasten their construction. Now the former bus boy operates two factories in Los Angeles which are still unable to supply the demand. As yet, it has been introduced in few places.

Pedro discovered he was the boy Thomas Edison had sought.

Meanwhile, the 25 cent toy began to be elaborated upon. Some were inlaid with costly mother of pearl.

Fascinated by the freak toy which captured adult and child alike, persons have begun to wonder if the craze will continue to spread. An international convention helped it along. More popular here than chewing gum, summer vacations, or Lindbergh, the yo-yo may be in early stages of subduing the world.

#### **Friday June 21, 1929**

#### **Boy Slayer, 6, Court Problem**

*(picture of boy)*

Here is Carl Mahan, 6-year-old slayer of his chum, **Cecil Van Hoose**, at Paintsville, Ky., and whose case gave the local court authorities a problem. Carl was found guilty and sentenced to the reformatory for 15 years by a county judge. Then a circuit judge set aside the decision and sent Carl home. The boy shot his playmate after they had quarreled over a piece of scrap iron. Juvenile experts from Cincinnati examined the boy and said he showed no criminal tendencies.

