



Arlington Genealogical Society News

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 8, 2015
Community Room of
Arlington West Police Service Station
2060 W. Green Oaks Blvd.



PROGRAM: **Lauren Jacobs** will share "My Family History Paper: Lessons learned, sources used and its organization."

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the Sept. meeting: Trudi Ensley, Virginia Orchard, Bill Wilson and Sylvia Hoad.

At the June, 2015 meeting, the following people were elected officers for 2015-2016 and will be installed at the September meeting:

President: Pete Jacobs
1st VP Programs: Steven Brown
2nd VP Refreshments: Jeanne Rives
Secretary: Sylvia Hoad
Treasurer: Jennie Schemensky



Annual Dues, which are due in September, are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. Attached is the AGS form to renew your dues or join us.

Arlington Genealogical Society meets on the second Tuesday monthly from September through June.

Web Address:

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

UPCOMING AGS MEETINGS:

Oct. 13: **Kelvin Meyers** on "Why Did Scarlett Make a Dress Out of Her Mother's Drapes?"

Nov. 10: Dr. Dawn Youngblood, Tarrant County Archives, on how to use the Archives.

WORDS FROM YOUR SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Our Genealogy Resources Committee took some time this past July to browse the Arlington Public Library genealogy reference collection and they selected books to highlight. A list is now on our AGS website and is titled, *A Top Ten List of Books in our Library's Genealogy Collection*. The same top ten list is also on the APL website with a different title, *The*

Library's Genealogy Collection; go to the Blogs & Community tab, then click Readers Recommend. Those ten books along with an additional 6000 genealogy reference titles are housed at the Northeast Branch Library and used at that facility. When searching the Arlington Public Library catalog, enter each title and click on Full Display and Expand to get detailed descriptions. The cataloging system used for genealogy reference is not Dewey Decimal but it is easy to follow—the majority of the titles are shelved by state. More information about the genealogy collection cataloging system can be found under useful links on the AGS website.

In June, Arlington City Council, although favorable about the features of the planned new Central Library, took issue with the proposed exterior architecture for the new building front façade. A second session of the City Council on this topic was not on the August agenda, so now we hope to hear City Council has approved a revised architectural plan sometime during September.

The Executive Board has made significant progress on AGS administrative business. A Federal tax filing extension was done during April to allow Somerville and Assoc. (a tax firm) more time. AGS final Federal tax forms and payment was made on 20 July. In the June Newsletter I wrote that the AGS executive board is discussing and working on a goal to become a State of Texas non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation. The AGS filed for and was granted non-profit incorporation status in 1971. Unfortunately, at the end of 1985, the AGS' right to conduct business in Texas as an incorporated entity (the AGS Franchise Tax account) was involuntarily ended by the Texas Office of the Comptroller. The AGS "in arrears" franchise tax account was settled in August and now lists a \$0.00 liability. When we get the official clearance letter from the Texas Comptroller's Office, the AGS will request reinstatement of the "right to transact business in Texas" as an incorporated entity. Meanwhile the Board has begun preparation for filing an application for recognition of exemption with the IRS. One of the

preparation tasks is to revise our Bylaws and another task is for the AGS Executive Board to put in place an annual budget process. Revising the Bylaws will be an item of new business at our September membership meeting.

TSGS partner societies were invited to send a representative to one of two FamilySearch "Demo and Discuss" sessions in mid-July to see the FS Texas Digitization Pilot Initiative. Texas is the only location for this pilot initiative. One purpose of this FS initiative is to test as many of these free-to-use camera/scanner kits (operating in Texas counties) as possible over the next few years. Another purpose is for you (societies/society members) to help FS open doors to records custodians all over the State of Texas. While there are a number of ways this initiative will function, a common model is for a local Society to apply to use a camera/scanner kit for a limited time to digitize public county records using volunteers.

Often heard is the adage, "One picture is worth a thousand words" so . . .



For those interested in more information about the FamilySearch.org digitization initiative in Texas, pickup an information handout sheet on our browsing table during membership meetings.

Peter G. Jacobs, President of the AGS

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

Sept. 3: Mid Cities GS:

Lynell Moss of the Plano Family History Center Her topic is "Using FamilySearch.com for Your Genealogical Research."

Sept. 3: Grand Prairie GS:

Attendees are asked to gather research documents for one ancestor they want help with and bring them to the meeting. Attendees will break up into groups to have different people examine research and offer tips and ideas.

Sept. 10: Cedar Hill GS:

Researching Mexican American Genealogy
Speaker: **Susan Vega**, from HOGAR de Dallas Society.

Sept. 11 and 12: East Texas Genealogical Society Annual Fall Seminar, featuring John Sellers. For more information, go to <http://www.etgs.org/meetings.html>

NARA AT MONTGOMERY PLAZA, FORT WORTH

AGS member, Wayne James, shared the following from Bernard Meissner via Mid Cities GS:

"I learned at the meeting of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society this evening that NARA is accelerating the closure of their Montgomery Plaza site. Saturday hours were ended in February, and the last Friday Freebie seminar was in June. The Montgomery Plaza site (Microfilm research and Public Access Computers) was previously planned for closure next February. Now it will close completely on September 25th, and a new public access facility is expected to open at their 1400 John Burgess Drive site on October 2nd.

The reason for the closure was the limited number of folks who used the facility did not justify the expense of maintaining it. Regards, Bernard"

Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

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



Sept. 16-20: FAPL: The Friends of the Arlington Public Library Fall Book Sale is September 16- 20 at Meadowbrook Recreation Center, 1400 Dugan St.

Stop by the Friends of the Arlington Public Library Book Sale to find a bargain and support your library too. The sale is expected to have over 50,000 items. Also, don't forget to stop by the Unique Treasures Area, you might find a real treasure!
CASH-CHECK-CREDIT CARDS are welcome!

<http://www.arlingtonlibrary.org/friends-book-sale>

Sept. 19: Fort Worth GS: End of Summer Seminar will feature **Lisa Louise Cooke** on "Technology: Genealogical Skills for the Future."

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

October: North Texas Genealogical Association Seminar 2015: A workshop is in development for October, 2015. Our guest speaker will be Kelvin L. Meyers. More information soon.

<http://www.ntgatrailtracers.org/news-events/>

FAMOUSKIN.COM

Have you ever wondered if you were related to a famous person, check out the website <http://www.famouskin.com/>
My husband's Wingfield Family Society recently learned of a possible link to the family of George Clooney. Woohoo!!

ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY EARNS NATIONAL DESIGNATION JULY 27, 2015

Early childhood literacy has always been at the forefront of the Arlington Public Library's programming efforts, and the

Texas State Library and Archives Commission is about to help the Library take that goal to the next level.

APL was recently selected as one of 24 Texas libraries chosen by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) to receive financial support to establish the Library as a Family Place Library. Family Place Libraries is a national network of libraries that helps children's librarians increase their organization's visibility as centers for child and family development, and establish the library as a hub for parent and community involvement.

"Becoming a Family Place Library will bring our current children's programming and literacy efforts to the next level," Cary Siegfried, Director of Libraries, said. "We are continually looking for ways to further support parents as the first and most important teachers their children will ever have, and the training and resources provided by Family Place will be an invaluable asset in furthering this commitment."

Library Services Manager Abby Dozier and Community Programming Librarian Kayla Parker will attend the four-day training at the Middle County Public Library in Long Island, NY, late this fall. The TSLAC funding will provide tuition for the training, a cost of \$12,000 per library. Additionally, each of the 24 Texas libraries selected will receive \$6,000 to purchase toys, furniture, shelving, and a parenting collection that will help create a family-friendly space in the library where the Family Place Parent/Child Workshops are held. See more at:

<http://www.arlington-tx.gov/news/2015/07/22/arlington-public-library-earns-national-designation/>

FGS PROJECT

All year: "[Preserve the Pensions.](http://www.preservethepensions.org/)" presented by the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the National Archives, and the genealogical community, to digitize War of 1812 pension files through 2015. For more info:

<http://www.preservethepensions.org/>

Via Judy Ramos Everett, August 29, 2015

JUNE 2015 AGS PROGRAM



Peggy Quinn, Paul Wright, Steve Brown, Bernard Meissner and Tom Cogdell

BEGINNERS RESEARCH VIDEO

Ancestry just posted a video about Beginners research and I know we have several members that are beginners so thought you might like to watch this video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0PoHrDLFA&feature=em-uploademail>

Via Mid Cities GS newsletter and Wayne James, AGS member

THE ADOPTION AND DONOR CONCEPTION FACTBOOK

<http://www.genealogical.com/products/The%20Adoption%20and%20Donor%20Conception%20Factbook/8812.html>

Mary Ann Conrad shared the book listed above for persons who might be adopted or looking for adoption records.

Just a couple of interesting notes listed about the content:

While the 2010 Census estimated 1.6-million "adopted children" in the U.S. (1 out of every 6 households has an adopted child), university researchers estimate "5 to 7 million adopted children" and professional pollsters say 48% of all Americans are "touched by adoption."

Half the U.S. population will have bogus ancestry within 4 generations due to falsified adoption birth records.

The other book by this author can be found at: *The Ultimate Search Book: Worldwide Adoption, Genealogy, & Other Search Secrets* by Lori Carangelo AA.6 C

Mary Ann received the following response from AGS member, J. C. Newland:

"You know we adopted children in 1961. In 2010 they 'united' with their 11 other siblings – making a total of 13 living children from the same mother (4 different known fathers). Their stories are something to behold. When they got together for a group gathering the first time in October, 2010, we were there. Present were 12 of the 13 children as one that lives in Washington was ill and could not attend. My daughter and the oldest 'sister' of this group was interviewed on one of the local TV stations, but some of the group said they would 'never assemble' if that avenue was pursued. Their stories, though private, have been published as "*A Single Strand.*"

Their connection was due largely from the internet and some of these "United Siblings" doing their own research. However things really came together because one of the brothers' decided to get some professional help to locate siblings after his mother died in early 2010. He engaged Cher Caldwell, a Post Adoption Specialist.

Others may be interested in her services too. Her Facebook contact is: <https://www.facebook.com/CHERCALDWELL>"

DAR BIBLE RECORDS

In the June, 2015 newsletter, I mentioned that the DAR has Bible Records. http://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search/?Tab_ID=12

I entered my ancestors' names, John Alexander and Elisabeth Ash Rector. Lo and behold, there was a record.

I downloaded the search form, included \$15 and requested a copy of the record. It seems that a Rector had a Bible Record which had been transcribed many years ago, the location of which is unknown at this time.

The bottom line of this record is that I discovered brothers of my 5-times great grandfather went to Arkansas and Texas.

The surname in Arkansas was Conway and that descendents were the 1st and 5th Governors and the town of Conway was named for this family.

From another source, I found that another brother's descendents came to Texas and fought with Sam Houston at San Jacinto, later settling in San Saba, Texas.

MEMBER NEWS

Long time AGS member, Linda Tong, passed away on July 26, 2015, and her funeral was as upbeat as Linda.

Our condolences to one of our AGS members, Kathy Bateman, whose mother-in-law passed away. <http://www.obitsforlife.com/obituary/1156730/Bateman-Emily-LaTrell.php>

NEW GENEALOGY BOOKS ON THE SHELF

ALABAMA:

Rural Lands Owners, **Barbour Co.**, Alabama 1851 **AL.6 G**
Coosa County Records: AL.5 C v. 1
Coosa County Records: AL.5 C v. 2
DeKalb County Alabama Probate Court Records, 1836 – 1930 AL.6 D
1907 Confederate Census: Counties:
Limestone, Morgan & Madison **AL.4J**
Tuscaloosa County Alabama Marriages; 1869 - 1882 AL.6 L
Abstracts of Tax Assessment For Collector – **Tuscaloosa Co., Alabama 1894 AL.6 T**
Tuscaloosa County, Alabama 1889 Poll Tax List; Some 1868 Beat Roll/Real Estate Records AL.6 R
Tuscaloosa Co. Alabama Records: 1837 Tax List – Probate Records, Vol. 1 AL.6 S
Vita Data From Cemeteries in **Dallas Co. Alabama AL.5 V**

ARKANSAS:

Greene County Historical & Genealogical Soc., Vols 21-23, 2008-2010 AR.98 G

GEORGIA:

Carroll County, GA Deed Book C & D,
1836 – 1843, Vol. 2 **GA.6 W**
Carroll County, GA Deed Book E, F & G,
1843 – 1855, Vol. 3 **GA.6 W**
Early Court Records of **Columbia** County,
Georgia: 1792-1840 **GA.6 B**

ILLINOIS:

Index To **Edgar** Co., IL Miscellaneous Probate
Records, 1823-1963 **IL.6 B**
Edgar Co., Illinois Marriages,
1878 – 1886 **IL.6 E v. 3**
Edgar Co. Illinois Marriages, Vol. 5,
1894 – 1900 **IL.6 E v. 5**

LOUISIANA:

Selected Papers By Winston DeVille
By Donald E. Pusch, Louisiana &
Mississippi Church, Census, Death
Records LA, MS 1700's **LA.6 D**

MARYLAND:

Maryland & Virginia Colonials: Genealogy
of Some Families, Vol. 1 **WZ.29 Tucker**
Maryland & Virginia Colonials: Genealogy
of Some Families, Vol. 2 **WZ.29 Tucker**
Free African American: **Anne Arundell**
Co., MD Marriage Licenses, 1865-1888
MD.6 H

MASSACHUSETTS:

Mayflower Descendants &
Their Marriages **MA.6 L**

MISSISSIPPI:

1890 Mississippi Census Index –
Civil War Veterans or Widows **MS.4 D**
Mississippi Roots 'N Records: Vol. 3
Copiah County **MS.6 B**

MISSOURI:

Recordings of Linn Township Cemeteries,
Vol. 1 [**Moniteau** Co. MO] **MO.5 R**
Missouri 1890 Census Index, Civil War
Veterans or Widows **MO.4 D**
Civil War Records, Missouri Volunteer
Union Officers, Vol. 1
By Kenneth Weant
Missourians In The Civil War, Vol. 3
thru Vol. 17 [**15 books**] **MO.4 W**
By Kenneth Weant

Buchanan County Missouri

Probate Index to Wills **MO.6 B**
1880 Census **Buchanan** County, MO
[Minus City of St. Joseph] **MO.3 1880**
Index To The Minutes: Board of Land
Commissioners MO, 1805-1912;
1832-1835 **MO.6 I**

Note: More books will be listed in future
newsletters as space allows.



THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL (cont.)
by Will Keller

Friday August 9, 1929

Funeral services for **Billy James Cox**, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cox, were held at the Arlington Methodist Church, Thursday morning, at 9 o'clock. Reverend Ike Sidebottom of Ft. Worth officiated. Miss Mary Smith Monk sang two solos, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

After the services the body was forwarded to Bowie for burial. Mrs. C. D. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Swaim, Miss Ione Putnam, Mrs. Clarence Wright and son, Harold, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Cox to Bowie for the burial.

Billy James died Tuesday morning after complications had set in. He had been suffering from double pneumonia. He is survived by his mother and father and small brother. Grandparents on both sides live in Bowie. Pallbearers were: Newt Lyons, Chester Farris, Jack Brown, and Clarence Wright.

Friday August 9, 1929

(two pictures. One plane named "City of Tacoma")

These pictures tell their own story. Above is the damaged bullet-like plane in which Lieutenant Harold Bromley hoped to

make a non-stop flight from Tacoma, Wash., to Tokyo, Japan. It crashed on take-off. Pictured below is the wrecked plane in which **Captain P. L. Crichton** and **Owen Haughland**, Minnesota flyers trying for a refueling endurance record, were killed when it fell after being in the air 154 hours.

Friday, August 16, 1929

A series of crimes that break all records for Arlington were staged the past week, with the killing of **Roosevelt Thomas**, negro shoe shiner, in the colored section of town, and two drug stores burglarized, the chief loser being Webb Bros. drug store, at which place the thieves took \$1800 worth of jewelry which has been recovered.

Roosevelt Thomas, well known Arlington negro, was killed with a shotgun Sunday evening by Budell Bledsoe, another negro, in a brawl that began in the negro section of Arlington. The trouble started over a debt of fifty cents. After the shooting, officers were called and Chief of Police Ed Collins found that the killer had taken (out) across the fields to fairer lands and so far has not been located.

Two thieves entered the rear of Webb Brothers drug store at about 11:25 Thursday night by forcing the door and took more than \$1800.00 worth of jewelry from the counters, consisting chiefly of diamond ring and watches. Officers were soon right in behind these fellows and caught one of the two in Dallas Wednesday. He proved to be Jack Reynolds, a local man, who had operated the White Cottage tourist camp, and is now in jail awaiting bond. Reynolds confessed the crime, and led Sheriff "Red" Wright to the spot where the loot was buried in the ground in the rear of the tourist camp and was still in good condition when recovered. All officers in Dallas and Ft. Worth and outlying cities had been notified and given a description of the suspects and the capture of this man is very much to the credit of the Tarrant County Sheriff's department. The narcotic case at the drug store was broken into and bottles taken, but

the narcotics were left through mistake, said T. C. Webb, proprietor.

Sunday night at 2:30 Caton's Variety store was entered by someone cutting the rear window and \$27.00 in cash stolen. This job was done by a local boy, who confessed the crime, returned the money, and is now under bond. Mr. Caton also owns a variety store on Magnolia street in Fort Worth, and the same night his Arlington store was burglarized \$200.00 was stolen from the Ft. Worth house, and no clue has been found as to who committed the crime. This store was also forced from the rear in order to gain entrance.

Friday, August 16, 1929 EULESS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ferris attended the funeral service of the latter's grandmother Monday afternoon, which was held in Boyd.

Friday, August 16, 1929 EULESS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd **Thomas** attended the funeral service of the former's brother, which was conducted in Fort Worth.

Friday August 16, 1929 Cabin Boy On Graf Zeppelin *(picture of boy wearing cap and tie)*

A fortunate boy is Ernest Fischbach and every youngster who reads these lines will agree. This 15-year-old lad from Friedrichshafen, Germany, is the cabin boy for the Graf Zeppelin on its around-the-world flight.

Friday August 16, 1929

Eva White Randol, wife of the late R. A. Randol, was born Aug. 4th, 1864, in White Co., Tenn. She departed this life Aug. 2nd, 1929, at the age of 65 years. Mrs. Randol was a resident of this community 45 years. Coming to Texas when a young woman, she became the wife of Robert Randol and to this union was born seven children:

Mrs. F. L. Harvey, of Arlington; Mrs. Belva Jones, of Iowa Park, Texas; J. J. Randol, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. R. D.

Young, Sparta, Tenn.: Mrs. O. E. Hurst, Arlington; one daughter dying in infancy. Mrs. Randol also leaves two step children to mourn her loss: Mrs. Nancy Mitchell, of Arlington, and Lee Randol, of Okla. City, also one brother: Mr. Gillentine, of Ft. Worth. Mother Randol was a wonderful mother, friend, and neighbor, and words are too weak to express how we shall miss her. The many floral offerings and the great multitude of friends who came to pay the last tribute, are a wonderful testimony to the life she has lived in the community. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Scott, assisted by Rev. Leak, of Hurst, and Rev. Langston, of Arlington. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Arlington cemetery.

Wheeler community extends its heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Friday September 6, 1929

Miss Marjorie Boyd, age 48, of 5303 Miller Avenue, Dallas, was instantly killed near Venus Saturday afternoon in an automobile accident. Miss Boyd was a sister of Mrs. T. H. Woods, of this city. She is survived by two brothers, J. H. Boyd, of Dallas, and W. B. Boyd, of St. Louis, one sister, Mrs. T. H. Woods, of Arlington, and two nieces, Miss Lucile Woods, of Arlington, and Mrs. E. J. Dupree, of Dallas.

Friday September 6, 1929

Another jewel has been added to the diadem of Heaven, and the heavenly choir is made sweeter by the presence of our beloved classmate, **Mrs. J. S. Tucker**, who has joined that celestial home, Friday, August 30, 1929.

Be it resolved that the Mary Cooper Class tender to the family of our dear sister, our sincere condolence and sympathy in their deep sorrow, and a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and Arlington Journal. Committee: Mrs. T. B. Norwood, Mrs. W. C. Cowan, and Mrs. H. J. Slaughter.

Friday August 16, 1929 EULESS

NEWS(note newspaper date and dod) One of the oldest members of the Methodist

Church departed this life last Sunday morning, August 18, 1929.

Mrs. Emily Rose Ella Himes was born to Mr. and Mrs. Blackman, November 18, 1857, in Bedford county, Tennessee. She was married to Mr. S. D. Himes in December, 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Himes came to Texas in 1892 and settled in this community where they made their home the rest of their lives. There were six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Himes: four boys and two girls. One girl passed away while in infancy, and the other one departed this life while a young woman. All boys still live.

Mrs. Himes joined the Lutheran church at the age of 14. When she moved to Texas she joined the Methodist church here. She attended church and Sunday School regular just as long as she could.

Mrs. Himes had been ill for a long while and had certainly gone through a lot of suffering but she always kept her faith in God and talked of the rest and peace she would have in a short time.

The funeral service was held at the church Monday afternoon at three o'clock, with Rev. C. A. Norcross, of Dallas, a former pastor of this church officiating, assisted by Rev. A. T. Plunkett, the pastor of the church.

Rev. Norcross preached a beautiful sermon and we hope each one present will take heed to the things he told us and may we try to live as God would have us live.

The pallbearers were her grandsons, Raymond and Hubert Himes, of Dallas, Woodrow and J. D. Himes, of Minters Chapel, and Luther and Steve Himes of this place.

The flower girls were her granddaughters, Mrs. Hugh Moreland and Miss Lola Himes, both of Fort Worth, Mrs. Clyde Blevens, of Grapevine, Miss Viola and little Miss Mabel Himes, of this place.

Those who survive her are her sons, J. T. of Grand Prairie, M. W. of Minters Chapel, E. G. of Mineral Wells, and H. E. of this place, eighteen grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. **Her husband departed this life July 27, 1927.**



Arlington Genealogical Society

Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Renewal New Member

Individual: \$15 _____ Family: \$20 _____

Please make check payable to Arlington Genealogical Society

Mail form with payment to:
 AGS C/O J. Schemensky , 1903 Alpaca Ct., Arlington Texas 76001-5695

Surnames you are researching:

Surname	State	Surname	State	Surname	State

The Arlington Genealogical Society meets the second Tuesday of months September through June at 6:30 PM at the Arlington West Police Service Station, located at 2060 W. Green Oaks Blvd. in their Community Room.