



# Arlington Genealogical Society News

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

OCTOBER 2015

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015**  
**6:30 - 9:00 p.m.**  
**Community Room of**  
**Arlington West Police Service Station**  
**2060 W. Green Oaks Blvd.**



**PROGRAM:** Kelvin L. Meyers will speak on "Tax Records" or "Why did Scarlett Make a Dress of her Mother's Drapes?"

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the October meeting: Peggy Quinn, Jan Penland, Alice Noe and Kathy Polozolo.

## AGS OFFICERS 2015-2016

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



Annual Dues, which are due in September, are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. If you have paid your dues, please accept our thanks and disregard this notice.

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

## UPCOMING AGS MEETINGS:

**Nov. 10:** Dr. Dawn Youngblood, Tarrant County Archives, on "How to Use The Archives."

**Dec. 8:** Our Annual Christmas Dinner

## MEMBER NEWS

Linda Seitz's father passed away Sept. 16. A link to his obituary - [http://herald-review.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/seitz-john-f/article\\_74a6ffb5-bd58-5843-b73d-ffd94d3ca2df.html](http://herald-review.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/seitz-john-f/article_74a6ffb5-bd58-5843-b73d-ffd94d3ca2df.html)

Kathy Bateman's father passed away on October 3. Link to his obituary: <http://amarillo.com/obituaries/2015-10-04/thomas-byron-tom-shults>  
Our condolences and prayers are with them.

New and returning members: Carol Van Orden, Robert Fleitz, Robert and Laverne Knezek, Toby L. Hurley and John D. Anderson, Jr.

## A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR SOCIETY PRESIDENT

The Executive Board attained an AGS administrative business milestone during September. As announced in the September Newsletter, the AGS "in arrears" franchise tax account was settled in August. In early September, AGS got the official clearance letter from the Texas Comptroller's Office. The AGS then filed with the Texas Secretary of State an application for reinstatement of the "right to transact business in Texas" as an incorporated entity. On September 21, 2015, the Secretary of State certified that the [Arlington Genealogical Society, Incorporated] has been reinstated to active status.

Meanwhile the Board continues preparations to file 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. The Bylaws Committee, chaired by Dorothy Rencurrel, had its first working session on 19 Sept. Establishing an annual budget process will be the main topic of discussion at the next board meeting scheduled for Oct. 10th.

The Texas State Genealogical Society 2015 Family History Conference will be Friday, Oct 30, thru Sunday, Nov 1, in Austin, Texas. TSGS members get a state conference discount for "early bird" registration which ends 10 Oct. Check out the full schedule of sessions, workshops and other events at this link <http://bit.ly/1ORPeXI>. You may also pickup the Family History Conference information handout sheet on our browsing table during the membership meeting.

Good news for all begins with a Fort Worth Star-Telegram headline in the Arlington Citizen Journal insert, Sept 15, 2015, it reads, "**Revised Arlington library plans have 'a much stronger look.'**" The new Central Library construction project is now scheduled for a February 2016 ground breaking and an October 2017 completion.

Go to this link to read the full article as published in the FWS <http://bit.ly/1FQHgLu>

More news you can use. The revamped APL website is scheduled to make its debut on Thursday, 15 October. Your Society's main focus is the Genealogy Reference Collection. On or after the 15th, do take a few minutes to browse the website genealogy pages and try some of the research tools. If you encounter problems, report your experience using the website feedback feature or contact someone on the AGS board.

Peter G. Jacobs, President of the AGS

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

**Oct. 8: Cedar Hill GS: "Toy Story: Electronic Tools For Genealogists"** by **Sandra Crowley**. Mrs. Crowley will include tablets, scanners, smart-phones and a variety of popular Apps which you could make use of.

**Oct. 10: Billy W. Sills Lecture Series:** Presenter: Libby Willis, neighborhood historian, political activist, author on "Why Oakhurst is Important to Fort Worth History."

**Oct. 24: Dallas Genealogical Society Seminar: "Thinking, Assessing, & Storytelling: Genealogy Beyond Birth, Marriage, & Death"**  
Featured Speaker: Dr. Michael Lacopo  
Click here for program [details](#)

**Oct. 24: North Texas Genealogical Association Seminar 2015:**  
Speaker: **Kelvin L Meyers**, a 5th generation Texan and professional forensic genealogist since 1990.

Seminar Topics:  
It's Not All on the Internet – Family Traditions and Records, Interviews, and Queries  
Census Records & Vital Records  
Land and Tax  
Probate and Court Records/Church and Cemetery

Place: First United Methodist Church, 909  
10th (at Travis), Wichita Falls,  
<http://www.ntgatrailtracers.org/>

**Nov. 5: Mid Cities GS:**

**Speaker: Marilyn Hay**, MCGS Member

**Topic: The USGenWeb Project**

The USGenWeb Project is a group of volunteers working together to provide free Web sites for genealogical research in every county and state.

**NARA AT MONTGOMERY PLAZA,  
FORT WORTH**

The National Archives at Montgomery Plaza location closed Friday, September 25.

They will open a new microfilm research room at our John Burgess location (1400 John Burgess Drive, Fort Worth, 76140) on October 1, 2015, at 8 a.m.

This move will allow us to consolidate our staff and resources that will result in even greater customer service.

Our hours will remain the same: Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (except for Federal holidays).

The program by the NARA for October 2, "The Genealogical Significance of the WWI Draft Registration Card" by Zina Rhone, Archives Technician, can be seen online in a slide show. The website is:

<http://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/2014/handouts/session-6-presentation-handout-rhone.pdf>

**SOURCE CITATIONS**

For more information on sourcing, go to the website below for dos and don'ts.

<http://geneabloggers.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Genealogy-Source-Citations-Quick-Reference.pdf>

**SEPTEMBER 2015 AGS PROGRAM**



Jan Penland, Lauren Jacobs, Wayne James and Pete Jacobs



Jeannie Schemensky, Sylvia Hoad, Jeanne Rives, Steve Brown, Pete Jacobs and Tom Cogdell  
Tom Cogdell installed the 2015-2016 Officers.

**TEXAS HONOR DAY**

**October 2, 1835: Gonzalez Day** The first recognized battle of the Texas Revolution was fought in Gonzales. The Texas force of one hundred and sixty men challenged the Mexican military by refusing to surrender a brass cannon previously given to the town as a means of protection against the Indians. The Battle of Gonzales lasted only a few minutes, but most citizens in Texas realized that there was no turning back. A war had begun.

**REMAKE OF "ROOTS"**

"Roots" was a 1977 television miniseries in the USA based on Alex Haley's 1976 novel, *Roots: The Saga of an American Family*.

The book and the television series were not without controversy. Alex Haley made several errors in his genealogy research. Despite the inaccuracies in the book, it is still widely read in schools.

A remake of the television series is now being planned by A+E Studios, starring Laurence Fishburne. Hopefully, the errors will be corrected in the new production. The new version of Roots will be a mini-series series to be simulcast on A&E, History and Lifetime in 2016.

*Dick Eastman · September 28, 2015*

### **THANKS TO GENEALOGISTS AND DNA, A MAN WITH NO NAME FINALLY KNOWS HIS REAL IDENTITY**

After 11 years of wondering, searching and struggling, a man in Jacksonville now knows his true identity. Alive, but lost in his amnesia, until he got help from genetic genealogist, CeCe Moore.

Moore and a team worked on the man's case for two and a half years, comparing his DNA to those in databases across the country. Along with information the man thought he remembered, Moore's team made the connection – when law enforcement couldn't.

You can read the full story and watch a video about it at <http://goo.gl/1rWOCJ>.  
Dick Eastman · September 16, 2015

### **DNA TESTING: SEVEN GUIDELINES FOR ADOPTEES**

Richard Hill has written an article that may be helpful for adoptees or the children of adoptees looking for their biological ancestors. DNA Testing: Seven Guidelines for Adoptees describes the most common tests that will help adoptees. It also warns, "Whatever you do, don't waste your money on old technology "sibling" or "kinship" tests. Those tests only check a handful of markers and are nearly always inconclusive."

DNA Testing: Seven Guidelines for Adoptees may be found at <http://www.dna-testing-adviser.com/support-files/seven-guidelines-for-adoptees.pdf>.

*Dick Eastman · September 29, 2015*



## **GENEALOGY BOOKS ON THE SHELF**

### **MISSOURI**

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**

### **NEBRASKA:**

History of Talmage, Nebraska;  
1882 – 1976 **NE.9 B**

### **NORTH CAROLINA:**

Abstracts of **Beaufort** Co., NC Deed  
Book 2, 1729 – 1748 **NC.6 B**  
**Wilkes** County, NC Court Minutes,  
1778 – 1788 **NC.6 A**  
Southwestern NC Genealogical Society  
Quarterly [ **7 Vols** ]  
**Cherokee, Clay & Graham Cos.**  
Vols. 1 & 3 - 8 **NC.98 S**  
1800 **Greene** County NC Federal Census  
**SC.35 1800**  
1820 **Greene** County NC Federal Census  
**SC.35 1820**  
1816 **Greene** Co. NC Tax List **NC.6 M**  
1815 Tax List of **Randolph** County, NC  
**NC.6 H**

### **NEW YORK:**

Civil War Veterans of The Tonawandas  
(**G. Kelsch**) **NY.4 B**  
Family Genealogies of **Stuben** County, NY  
Vol. 1 (**G. Kelsch**) **NY.29 W**

### **OHIO:**

Index **Licking** County, Ohio Pre-1808  
Transcribed Land Records **OH.6 L**  
Cemetery Inscriptions of Hopewell, Licking  
& **Muskingum** Twps. **OH.5 C**

**Muskingum** County, Ohio Marriage Books  
1 & 2, 1803 – 1835 **OH.6 M**  
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## OKLAHOMA:

Fatalities in Coal Mines – Indian Territory  
& SE Oklahoma, 1885-1962

**OK.5 S**

## SOUTH CAROLINA:

South Carolina Bibliographies: Guide to SC  
History (**Marshall Bishop**)

**SC.016 E**

History of Hopewell Associate Reformed  
Presbyterian Church, **Chester**  
County South Carolina with  
Biographical Sketches of Its  
Four Pastors **SC.7 L**

Roster of Names of Persons Buried in Old  
Purity Presbyterian Church  
Cemetery, **Chester**, S.C. **SC.5 R**

Patent Land Survey: [Index of Land  
Acquisitions] 1770-1820 Located in  
Greenville, Laurens, Newberry,  
Spartanburg, Union **SC.6 S**

Index to Bicentennial History of **Newberry**  
County: **SC.9 B**

## TENNESSEE:

Early East Tennessee Tax Lists **TN.6C**

Earliest County Court Records of **Bedford Co.**,  
TN 1848-1860 **TN.6 M**

Index [to] Clayton's History of **Davidson**  
County, TN, 1780-1880 **TN.016 W**

**Gibson** County, Tennessee Bond & Will  
Books; 1824-1846 **TN.6 W NO**

**McMinn** County, TN Marriages:  
1820 – 1870 **TN.6 B**

Marriage Records of **Sevier** County, TN,  
1856 – 1913 **TN.6 F**

Index to **Williamson** County, TN Wills &  
Administrations 1800-1861 **TN.6 S**

The Wayne County, [TN] Historian;  
Vols. 2-3, 1989 -19 **TN.98 W**

The Wayne County, [TN] Historian;  
Vols. 4-5, 1991 -1992

The Wayne County, [TN] Historian;  
Vols. 10, 1997

The Wayne County, [TN] Historian;  
Vols. 12, 1999

Mid Tennessee Journal; Vols. 23-24,  
2009-2011

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



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

### Friday September 6, 1929

Funeral service for **Mrs. Margaret Christian Tucker**, wife of J. S. Tucker, on West Main street, was held at the First Methodist church Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. Roy Langston, assisted by Rev. Cullom H. Booth, of Fort Worth, and Rev. F. E. Wiese, of the Berachach Home. Mrs. Tucker's going was very sudden and unexpected. Her health seemed better than for several months.

She was one of nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McKee in Polk county, where Mrs. Tucker spent the early years of her life. She was married there to J. S. Tucker in 1892 and to them were born nine children, two of whom died in infancy, and seven living, as follows: Dewitt Tucker, pastor of Asbury Methodist church at El Paso, Texas; Hudson Tucker, Louisville, Miss.; Mrs. S. P. Fox of Alto, Texas; Mrs. J. T. Short, of Arlington; and Miss Marjorie, Miss Mary and Miss Roberta. Twelve years ago her father passed away, and about a month ago her mother.

Mrs. Tucker was converted when a mere child at the Old Big Springs camp ground in Polk County, and joined the Methodist church. The old camp ground has long since been done away.

Mrs. Tucker was quiet and simple in her life, a devout Christian mother of the old-fashioned order. No one knew her but to be drawn towards her through the radiant Christ-like spirit that possessed her soul and body. She knew the "deep" things of God, and sought them for her family, her church, and her community. She gave to the ministry a noble son. Through the years she led her children daily to an altar of prayer. In all this she was faithfully assisted by her Godly husband.

For several months Mrs. Tucker's health had been uncertain. She received every attention from her husband and children, and little did they dream that the end was so near, or would come upon them quite so unawares. But her going was peaceful, as she had often prayed that it might be.

#### **Friday September 6, 1929**

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation for every act of kindness and every token of sympathy during the sorrow caused by the passing of our companion, mother, and sister. May God's richest and tenderest blessings be upon everyone.

J. S. **Tucker** and children, Brothers and Sisters.

#### **Friday September 6, 1929**

Plane Endurance Refueling Flight

*(picture of two smiling girls)*

These girl flyers are going after an endurance refueling record for women. Peggy Paxon, 17, at top, and Lucille Wallingford, 19, are completing final arrangements at Los Angeles for the attempt. One will pilot the plane and the other will handle the hose on this flight.

#### **Friday September 6, 1929**

*(picture of Dr. Eckener)*

Here is Dr. Hugo Eckener, commander of the Graf Zeppelin, at the controls of the lighter-than-air craft which recently completed its epochal round-the-world flight. Dr. Eckener guided the air liner over two oceans and three continents to complete the first round-the-world flight ever made by a dirigible. The trip started and ended at Lakehurst, N. J.

#### **Friday September 6, 1929**

Mrs. H. M. Hiett, of Midland, visited relatives in Arlington Tuesday. Mrs. Hiett was called to Ft. Worth on account of the death of her little niece, **Dorothy Miller**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller.

#### **Friday September 13, 1929**

Geo. Luttrell and his sister, Mrs. Amos, were called to Elisville, Tex., this week, on account of the death of their aunt, **Mrs. Spencer.**

#### **Friday September 13, 1929**

**T. J. Pierce** was born in Kentucky in 137 (*sic*), and died at his home in east Arlington, September 10. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the home, by Rev. S. M. Bennett. He was one of eleven children. Only one of the family survives, a sister, Mrs. Cooper, of Dallas.

Mr. Pierce was the father of seventeen children, nine of whom survive, six sons and three daughters, he is also survived by his wife.

Mr. Pierce has lived in this community for about twelve years and he was known as an honest hardworking man. He was a life-long member of the Methodist Church.

#### **Friday September 13, 1929**

**J. T. Meeks** died at Riverside, in Ft. Worth, September 5, and was buried at Johnson Station, Sept. 6. The funeral was conducted by Rev. S. M. Bennett.

Mr. Meeks was born and reared in Johnson Station community. He was 69 years of age and leaves a wife, mother, two daughters, and two brothers, to mourn his going. Mr. Meeks had been ill for some time.

#### **Friday Sept. 13, 1929**

##### **JOHNSON STATION**

Funeral services of **Mr. Tom Meeks**, who was a former resident of this community. was held at the church on Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. S. M. Bennett.

