



Arlington Genealogical Society News

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

NOVEMBER 2015

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

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

PROGRAM: Dr. Dawn Youngblood,
Tarrant County Archivist on "The Treasures
in the Tarrant County Archives and How to
Research Online."

The following people have volunteered to
furnish refreshments for the November
meeting: Carolyn Steensma, Sylvia Hoad,
Wayne James and Ruth Goodman.

AGS OFFICERS 2015-2016

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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.

Best wishes to you and your families during
Thanksgiving.

UPCOMING AGS MEETINGS:

Dec. 8: Our Annual Christmas Dinner--
details will be discussed at the November
meeting.

Jan. 12, 2016: Gayle W. Hanson on
"Early Education in Texas and the Jeanes
Supervisors/Teachers."

Visitors at October meeting were Darrell
Noe, Alice Noe's brother, Eric Clum and
Carol Hubbard, who became a member.
Welcome, Carol.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR SOCIETY PRESIDENT

The AGS Executive Board continues
preparations to file an application for
recognition of a non-profit tax exemption
with the IRS. One of the tasks is to revise
our Bylaws. Another task is for the AGS
Board to initiate an annual budget process.
During our October meeting the
membership, by unanimous acclamation,
approved the proposed AGS calendar year
2016 budget.

Also at the October meeting, Library
Liaison Linda Seitz, announced library
patron access to the Fold3 genealogical
database. Fold3 (Library Edition) allows
access to the same database of materials that
individual Fold3 Premium members enjoy
currently on their own paid accounts. Now

this access can come through your local library. Distributed by ProQuest, Fold3 Library Edition by Ancestry provides access to US military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served. This continually-growing collection contains millions of records from world-class archives, many of which are exclusively available on Fold3. With content from the Revolutionary War onward, Fold3 Library Edition is an invaluable research resource for historians, genealogists, researchers, military enthusiasts, veterans and their families, teachers, and battle re-enactors. Find Fold3 on library computers or try Fold3 Library Edition from a computer at home; Arlington, Grand Prairie, Kennedale and Mansfield patrons use this link <http://morelibrary.org/resource/fold3> Fold3 was designed to allow people to interact with what they find and add their own information and insights. To add something to Fold3 you'll need a Fold3 free member account. That insures other site visitors will know where the information came from. Members can come back later and update, remove or manage the things they've added. If you already have a current account at Fold3 there is no need to create a new one, just log in with your existing Fold3 account password.

Revamped APL websites are making their debut in stages during the latter half of October. The APL has two library websites, the main APL website and running concurrently, MORE, a consortium website. MORE (Metroplex Online Resources) showcases the electronic resources and databases offered by four library systems in the North Texas area. Resources are provided by the cities of Arlington, Grand Prairie, Mansfield, and Kennedale. Your Society's main focus is the genealogy reference collection, so do take a few minutes to browse the website genealogy pages found at both new websites 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.

In just a few days the Texas State Genealogical Society 2015 Family History Conference will begin in Austin, Texas. Check out the full schedule of sessions, workshops and other events at this link <http://bit.ly/1ORPeXI>

Peter G. Jacobs, President of the AGS

LIST OF PROPOSED BOOK PURCHASES BY AGS FOR NOVEMBER

KY Certificate Book of the VA Land Commission 1779-1780, Register for 1923	\$17.50
NC Buncombe Co. NC Index to Deeds 1783-1850	25.25
SC The Dictionary of SC Biography, Vol. 1	19.25
SC Southern Patriot, 1831-1848 Marriage & Death Notices, Vol. 2	15.00
SC Wills and Records, Vol. 1, A genealogical Collection of SC	17.50
SC Wills and Records, Vol. 2	17.50
TN Maury Co., TN, Century of Review	22.50
VA Henry Co. VA History	20.00
VA Mecklenburg Co., VA, Rev. War Records	15.00

Books \$169.50 plus \$21 postage, for a total of \$190.50.

Mary Ann Conrad, Library Liaison

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

Nov. 5: Grand Prairie GS

Speaker: Lance Tahmahkera Born and raised in Fort Worth, Lance Tahmahkera, is a Great-Great Grandson of Comanche Chief, Quanah Parker. With his parents staying close to the Comanche traditions, much of his youth was spent at pow-wows and learning stories of about ancestors and tribal ways. He will exhibit various things (buckskin dress, regalia/beadwork, bow/arrows, photos, etc.).

Nov. 5: Mid Cities GS:

Speaker: Marilyn Hay, MCGS Member

Topic: The USGenWeb Project.

Nov. 7: Center for Texas Studies - TCU and FW Library. "Writing Your History"

by **Ed Wright**, Independent Scholar, Tany Auditorium, Central Branch, FW Library

Nov. 12: Cedar Hill GS:

Speaker: **Glen Kinkade** on "Perils, Paradoxes and Pitfalls in Probate Records."

Nov.14: Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD

Speaker: **Carmen Goldthwaite**, author and historian. Topic: "Telling the Stories of Texas Ranch Women & Other Sassy & Savvy Dames."

NARA FORT WORTH

Beginning November 1, 2015, the research rooms at the National Archives at Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Fort Worth, Kansas City, New York, Philadelphia, Riverside, San Francisco and Seattle, will no longer be open on Saturdays.

Research rooms will continue to be open to the public Monday-Friday.

Friday Freebies at the National Archives at Fort Worth have been suspended until further notice.

<http://www.archives.gov/fort-worth/>

WEST WACO LIBRARY & GENEALOGY CENTER

Beginning November 10, 2015, the Waco-McLennan County Library/City of Waco will begin a project to remove book mold from the collection of materials in the Genealogy Department. The book mold poses no health risks or concerns to anyone, but we are embarking on this project to protect the quality of the material. If we do not clean it, the material will deteriorate and lose value. Many items in our genealogy collection cannot be replaced.

The Genealogy Department will be closed

for three to five weeks beginning November 10. Other library resources will continue to be open and available to the public. In lieu of visiting the genealogy department in person during this time, we encourage you to use our online resources to continue your pursuit of genealogical knowledge. We are committed to preserving the collection to the best of our ability and look forward to reopening the genealogy department in three to five weeks and to resume access to these invaluable materials.

www.wacolibrary.org

GRAND PRAIRIE LIBRARY CLOSING

The City of Grand Prairie has recently announced a planned remodeling of the Main Library. To facilitate this work the library will need to close completely for about 90 days. The Grand Prairie Genealogical Society will be holding its monthly meetings at the Ruthe Jackson Center from January to March and possibly April 2016, while this work is in progress. *Via Grand Prairie GS Nov. Newsletter*

OCTOBER 2015 AGS PROGRAM



John D. Anderson, Jr., Tom Cogdell and Kelvin L. Meyers

BOOKS PURCHASED IN OCTOBER

AL Pickens County History of	\$15.00
AL Northern AL History/Bio	37.50
AR Craighead Co. AR History	27.50
SC Orangeburg Co. SC History	24.25

SC Richland Co. SC History	20.00
SC Williamsburg History	20.00
TN Tennesseans in TX	22.50
TX War of 1812 Veterans in TX	21.25
VA Some Russell Co. VA Records	15.00

Total cost of books \$223.00, shipping \$23.00, total expense \$246.

NOTE: These books were purchased from Southern Historical Press. The prices quoted were half-price and the books are all hard cover.

Mary Ann Conrad, Library Liaison

Also purchased from the Friends APL: The History of Gaines County, TX \$10.00 and History of Stephens County, Duncan Oklahoma \$50.00.

170,000 GREAT DEPRESSION IMAGES ARE NOW ONLINE

In the 1930s, the U.S. government sent photographers to all the states to capture America "at her most vulnerable." President

Franklin D. Roosevelt's team wanted a record of what was going on and images of real lives and struggles to help rally support for his New Deal policies. Over 170,000 images were taken.

Yale University and the Library of Congress have just made the entire collection available online on a site called

Photogrammar at

<http://photogrammar.yale.edu>.

I found the interactive map at Photogrammar to be very useful. The map plots the approximately 90,000 photographs that have geographical information. (Not all of the 170,000 photos taken included geographical information so only those with the information could be indexed.) The interactive map allows the user to customize the search by photographer, date, and place.

Via Dick Eastman · November 2, 2015

TEXAS HONOR DAY

Nov. 3, 1793 was Stephen F. Austin's birthday. Known as the Father of Texas, Stephen F. Austin carried on his father, Moses' work to establish the first Texas Anglo-American Colony "The Old 300," by bringing 300 families to a part of Mexico in what is now known as Texas. Austin was imprisoned in a Mexican jail for defending the colonists' rights. He was a man of patience and diplomacy, a "thinker," who made things happen. Each year a celebration is held at the site of his death in Brazoria County.

Nov. 6, 1891 is The DRT Founders Day. On this date, a group of ladies met in Houston in the home of Mrs. Andrew Brisco to carry out the idea of Misses Betty Ballinger and Hally Bryan for organizing a Republic of Texas daughters' organization to meet with the Texas Veterans.

DNA STUDY HELPS SOLVE LINCOLN LINEAGE DEBATE

Nathaniel Shuda, Oshkosh Northwestern Media 11:28 a.m. CST November 2, 2015 wrote: Vicky Reany Paulson has known all her life that she is related to Abraham Lincoln. She has written two books about the Hanks family and its connection to Lincoln, says she is thrilled after a new study has solved a 150-year-old mystery surrounding the true identity of Nancy Hanks Lincoln's mother.

Family Tree DNA, a division of Houston-based genetics company Gene by Gene Ltd., started the Hanks DNA Project in 2002 to help identify modern-day descendants of the Hanks family through DNA testing. On Oct. 21, the company released the results of its latest DNA test, revealing definitive scientific evidence that identifies Nancy Hanks Lincoln's mother, said Suzanne Hallstrom, the project's administrator.

The mystery had finally been solved: Nancy Hanks Lincoln was one of two illegitimate children of Lucy Hanks Sparrow.

For more information, go to <http://www.thenorthwestern.com/story/news/local/2015/10/31/oshkosh-woman-helps-solve-lincoln-lineage-debate/74693222/>



THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL (cont.)
by Will Keller

Friday Sept. 13, 1929 WATSON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Behrens and children visited **Buck Day** who is dangerously ill at Dallas. The physicians say that there is no possible chance for him, tho we hope he will soon gain a new hold on life and be back with us again.

Friday September 13, 1929 Wins In Race Cross Country (*picture of pilot*)

He flew from Los Angeles to Cleveland in 13 hours 15 minutes and 7 seconds to win the non-stop race between those two cities held in connection with the National Air Races. Lieutenant Henry Brown, Cleveland (O.) airmail pilot, was awarded a prize of \$5,000 for his victory.

Friday Sept. 13, 1929 PANTEGO NEWS
By Mrs. B. W. Fuller

Funeral service for Mrs. W. T. Jordon (*Mrs. W. T. Jordan?*) was held at Wood's Chapel last Friday week, August 30, by Bro. Waldon, assisted by Bro. A. S. Henry. Mrs. Jordon has been very sick for several months. She was Miss Lassie Rowell, born in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1853. She was married there to Mr. G. J. Poe, February 18, 1870, and to them were born nine children, five of whom died in infancy. Four of them are living, as follows: Bascomb Poe, of Alexander, Leslie Poe, of Ft. Worth, Fred Poe, and Miss Lallie Poe, of

this community. Mr. and Mrs. Poe came to Texas in 1874 and lived in Gidines, Texas, until Mr. Poe's death, in 1888. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jordon were married November 24, 1891. To them were born one son, Mr. C. G. Jordon, of Arlington, her two step-children are Mr. Harve Jordon and Mrs. Max King, both of this community. Mr. and Mrs. Jordon have lived in our community 26 years. Her devoted Christian life has been a blessing to our entire community and her going away was peaceful. It was our loss and Heaven's gain, when she was called away. She was christened into the Methodist church at the age of 8 days, and was of good influence to all who came in her presence. It was easier to give her up as she was prepared to go. Among her last wishes were that her children would live Christ-like as she had taught them. She also leaves 13 grand-children and 2 great-grand-children. This community joins the family in their sorrow.

Friday Sept. 13, 1929

Mr. W. T. **Jordan** and children with to thank their many friends for the beautiful floral offerings and kind expressions of sympathy, during the illness and death of their wife and mother.

(Signed) W. T. Jordan and children.

Friday Sept. 13, 1929

Rev. W. H. L. Moore, 79, a Baptist clergyman in Arlington for thirty-five years and a resident of Tarrant County for forty years, died Saturday at the home of his son, W. H. Moore. His funeral was held Sunday afternoon at Wood's Chapel, the church which he organized.

Mr. Moore is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Walter Shelton and Mrs. J. M. Grogan, of Arlington, and Mrs. Dave Roberts of Handley; eight sons, Walter, Will, Minor, Frank, Alden, Athol, Roy and Ray, all of Arlington; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Hall, of McKinney and Mrs. Mollie Schooler, of Ft. Worth; thirty-nine grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Friday, Sept. 13, 1929

By Norwood Hiatt

In the death of **W. H. L. (Uncle Billy) Moore**, this community feels keenly the loss of a citizen, a neighbor, a Christian gentleman, and withal a good man.

Uncle Billy was one of those peculiar types of men who held deep convictions about anything he considered worthwhile. Early in life he learned what it meant to be classed with the underprivileged. His lot was cast with the toiling masses who work from sun to sun. Somehow his hardships and difficulties, seemingly insurmountable at times, became his stepping stones to better circumstances. It was in these early years that he developed an intensely human nature. He desired to make a contribution to the sphere of civilization wherein he lived. This wish was consummated in his entering the ministry and devoting a life of service to the people that he was wont to call his neighbors.

He never aspired to great cathedral pulpits, nor did he seek wide acclaim from men, but like the Great Teacher he went among the common people even as Christ ministered by the seaside. And what greater plaudit can any man receive than the simple phrase: "He went about doing good."

In recent years I have had many pleasant talks with Uncle Billy, and I found that invariably his conversation would drift to things of a deep spiritual nature. He, like others who have declined into the vale of years, would love to talk about things of the future. He held a great hope for better days, and when on last Saturday evening he stacked his arms like a good soldier and began the march to the home camp ground he answered the Great Commander's summons with: "I am ready."

Friday Sept. 13, 1929 PANTEGO NEWS By Mrs. B. W. Fuller

Most of every one attended the funeral of **Uncle Billie Moore** Sunday at Wood's Chapel. Mr. Moore has lived near this community and was loved by all who knew him.

Friday Sept. 13, 1929

JOHNSON STATION

We wish to express our sympathy to those who are bereaved in the passing of **Uncle Billy Moore** as he was lovingly known. He will not only be missed in our community but in others, as well. The Christian life he lived will be an example for every one to follow.

Friday Sept. 13, 1929

\$30,000,000 Bridge to Span Famous Golden Gate *(picture of proposed bridge and designer)*

This proposed \$30,000,000 bridge with a 4000-foot single span, the largest in the world, will cross San Francisco bay's famous golden Gate in a few years. Joseph B. Strauss (inset), of Chicago, is the designer. Before permission was obtained for the building of the bridge, assurance was given the government that it could be demolished quickly in time of war to prevent bottling up of American ships. It will total 6176 feet in length. Construction work is expected to start soon.

Friday Sept. 13, 1929 HELPING TO BUILD TEXAS

The new army airport at San Antonio, designed to be the aviation West Point, will represent an initial investment of about \$14,000,000 and a probable ultimate outlay of around \$50,000,000. It includes 800 buildings for housing 2,200 officers and men and their families. When completed, 250 planes can land or take off simultaneously and more than 300 planes will be used for training the cadets of the flying school to be established there.

Friday Sept. 20, 1929 Found Wreckage of Plane. *(picture of pilot)*

Wreckage of the Transcontinental Air Transport passenger plane in which six passengers and two pilots lost their lives was found on the side of a mountain 100 miles west of Albuquerque, N. M., by Pilot George Rice, above, of the Western Air Express. Rice sighted the missing plane while on a regular plane run.