



# Arlington Genealogical Society News

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TUESDAY, April 12, 2016

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Community Room of  
Arlington West Police Service Station  
2060 W. Green Oaks Blvd.



**PROGRAM: April 12:**  
**Dr. Richard F. Selcer** " Life in Fort Worth  
1849-1853"

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the April Meeting: Peggy Quinn, Jan Penland, Cherry Williams and Faye Elder.

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

## UPCOMING AGS PROGRAMS:

**May 7: AGS Board Meeting** at N. E. Library from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
**May 10: Bernard Meisner** on Civil War Pensions  
**June 14:** Round Table Discussion or "Brick Wall Brainstorming"

## A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR SOCIETY PRESIDENT

An AGS Board recommendation to participate in the Arlington Public Library Capital Campaign was introduced as new business at the 8 March members' meeting. An AGS membership vote on the Board's recommendation is planned for our upcoming 12 April meeting. A voter information notice was sent to all members by email on 29 March. If you did not get the notice email with the attached voter notice PDF file, please contact the Newsletter editor and ask for a resend. An AGS bylaw requires members to be present at meetings to vote. The Board makes recommendations; it is up to members to vote on issues that affect our Society.

The City of Arlington launched the public phase of the Capital Campaign on April 5, 2016. Here is a link to the announcement, <http://arlingtonlibrary.org/2016/04/05/library-invites-community-to-help-build-the-dream>

I recently used the Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild (ISTG) web site to search the passenger lists for my son-in-law's three times great grandfather, Daniel Weis. The ISTG site has thousands of passenger manifests (more than 10,935

records and 17,000+ ships passenger manifests) which have been transcribed by dedicated volunteers over the past 17 years. The ISTG site has an excellent search engine, and I wasn't long in finding Mr. Weis and family (spouse and seven children). The most interesting family history discovery from the ships' passenger list is that the Weis family are listed as part of 358 Mennonite Brethren bound for the USA from Russia. Those 358 immigrant arrivals first impression of their new country was Castle Garden, which served as the entry point for New York City and was America's first immigrant receiving station. During 35 years of operation, over 8 million people entered the United States through this NY entry point, accounting for close to 75 percent of the almost 11 million immigrants who entered the U.S. during this same period.

If you are new to passenger lists or need some guidance to search the ISTG web site, the home page has a finding aid link called "The ISTG Compass." Parts of "The Compass" are like Cindi's list with an extensive choice of links to passenger lists not in the ISTG site. The ISTG web site is free, here is the home page link

<http://immigrantships.net/index.html>

Pete Jacobs, AGS President

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

**April 7:** Grand Prairie GS:  
**WEBINAR** - Using Criminal Court Records – Research Strategies from The Legal Genealogist by **Judy Russell**, a genealogist with a law degree. The meeting will be at The Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier Parkway, Grand Prairie, TX.

**April 7: Mid Cities GS:** Speaker will be **Jane Aronhalt**, Past MCGS Pres.

Topic: "*The New Ancestry Web Interface*"

**April 7:** TLC Spring Season of *Who Do You Think You Are?* The new season for the US version of *Who Do You Think You Are?* will started Sunday, April 3, at 9pm Eastern/8pm Central Time. The series' producers have now released a list of all the

guest celebrities to be featured in the new series: Scott Foley, Lea Michele, Chris Noth, Molly Ringwald, Katey Segal. Aisa Tyler's story was on April 2.

*Via Dick Eastman · March 31, 2016*

### **April 13 Cedar Hill GS:**

The Cedar Hill Genealogical Society is hosting the class: *Tracing your Family Tree on the Internet*. It will be at **2:00 – 4:00pm, Wednesday, April 13**, at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library at 225 Cedar Street, Cedar Hill, Texas. After a brief introduction, Genealogical Society members will assist you in using internet genealogical search sites like Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org to trace your family tree.

### **April 14: Cedar Hill GS**

**Dave Klauck** on "The 1856 Tornado Of Cedar Hill, Texas"

This April marks the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day a tornado destroyed the village of Cedar Hill, Texas. About four in the afternoon on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 1856 it blew away all but two of the Cedar Hill's buildings, killed nine people and injured many more.

**April 23:** Billy W. Sills Lecture Series:  
**Bob Ray Sanders**, Lecturer on "The History of KERA, and its Fort Worth Connection."

### **April 30: FWGS Beginners Workshop**

**Series:** Information from Archives and Libraries. For more information, contact Terri Meeks at [terrimeeks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:terrimeeks@sbcglobal.net) From 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Chappell Meeting Room at the FW Central Library.

## **FAMILY TREE MAKER POSSIBLE REPLACEMENTS**

For those who use Family Tree Maker, Lisa Louise Cooke has on her website, Genealogy Gems, an article on a possible replacement for FTM. The article can be found at:

<http://lialouisecooke.com/?s=rootsmagic+essential>

Another possibility for FTM users. <http://www.mackiev.com/> A FAQ on MacKiev.com has lots of good news for FTM users. The company Software MacKiev recently acquired Family Tree Maker from Ancestry. Software MacKiev is now shipping updated versions of Family Tree Maker for Windows and Mac.

### **TNG 11 IS NOW AVAILABLE**

**The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding** (usually abbreviated to “TNG”) strikes me as an example of the wave of the future for genealogy software. It can be used by one person alone as a personal genealogy program, somewhat similar to RootsMagic, Legacy Family Tree, Family Tree Maker, Reunion, GRAMPS, Mac Family Tree, Heredis, and other genealogy programs that many of us have installed in our own computers for years. However, as a cloud-based program, it also has the capability to be a genealogy management program for use by groups of people, whether it might be used by two cousins working together on the same family or by a 100 members (or more) of a genealogy society to document all the people with a particular surname or perhaps all the early settlers of a town.

TNG is not one of the better-known genealogy products. Yet everyone I know who uses TNG seems to love the program. Its users seem to be the best cheerleaders for TNG. Just ask any user of TNG. To learn more about **The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding (TNG)**, look at <http://www.tngsitebuilding.com>. To see examples of how others are using the program, look at

<http://www.tngsitebuilding.com/usersites.php>.

*Via Dick Eastman · March 17, 2016 ·*

### **THE FAMILY HISTORY GUIDE IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**

The Family History Guide is a huge website aimed for beginners and advanced genealogy researchers alike. It is not a simple ebook published in PDF or some

other format. Instead, it is a full interactive guide that contains some of its information on the Family History Guide’s own web site and adds hundreds of links to other web sites that also contain useful information.

Keep in mind that this new Guide does not contain any genealogical records. Instead, it helps you learn how to use the vast record sources at Family Search, Ancestry, Findmypast, MyHeritage, and other web sites. The Family History Guide is available to everyone at <http://www.thefhguide.com>. In addition, a video explaining much of the use of the Family History Guide is available at

[http://www.thefhguide.com/The\\_Family\\_History\\_Guide\\_Quick-Tour.mp4](http://www.thefhguide.com/The_Family_History_Guide_Quick-Tour.mp4).

*Via Dick Eastman · April 1, 2016*

### **PERMIRA TRIPLES ITS MONEY ON ANCESTRY.COM SALE**

The news about Ancestry.com’s new investors is becoming public bit-by-bit. Permira “has sold **most of its stake** in online genealogy company Ancestry.com LLC to Silver Lake and Singapore’s sovereign wealth fund GIC Private Ltd.”

The interesting item in the Wall Street Journal report is that Permira tripled its investment in Ancestry.com in four years.

Not a bad rate of return!

The story by Laura Kreutzer may be found in the Wall Street Journal at

<http://goo.gl/EwIboc>.

*Via Dick Eastman · April 4, 2016*

### **AGS MARCH 8 MEETING**



Kelvin L. Meyers and Paul Wright

## OATMEAL COOKIES

(Zelma Carter, mother of Ron Carter. This recipe was in a 1930's book that was given to Ron's mother as a wedding present in 1936. The book was given out by a local coal company.)

1 Cup sugar  
½ Cup butter  
½ Cup shortening  
[or use 1 Cup unsalted butter-2 sticks]  
2 eggs  
1 ½ Cups flour  
2 Cups rolled oats  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
½ tsp. salt [optional]  
1 ½ Cups. chopped raisins  
1 Cup chopped nuts  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 Tbsp. vinegar

Cream the fat with the sugar. Add the well beaten eggs, then the oats. Sift flour with the cinnamon and salt, if using, onto a plate. Then add the flour mixture to the dough. Add the raisins and nuts and lastly, mix in the baking soda, which has been dissolved in the vinegar. Mix thoroughly [and chill if you have the time]. Drop batter onto a cookie sheet, a teaspoon at a time. Bake at 375° for 10 to 12 minutes.

Via Lauren Geppert Jacobs



## GENEALOGY BOOKS ON THE SHELF

### TEXAS:

History of Bell County Public Schools;  
1954-1976 **TX.9 H**  
The Way it Was Vol. 2 **TX.9W**  
This book portrays stories and  
pictures of some of Bell and Coryell  
Counties  
50th Anniversary Jim Hogg County, Texas  
1958-1963 **TX.9F**

Board of Land Commissioners Minutes  
Liberty Co., TX 1838-1841 **TX.7L**  
Texas 1850 Agricultural Census Vol. 1  
**TX.3 1850?**

Guide and Index to the Texas Adjutant  
General Service Records 1836-1935  
by John Anthony Black **TX.4B v.1**  
Guide and Index to the Texas Adjutant  
General Service Records 1836-1935  
by John Anthony Black **TX.4B v.2**  
Guadalupe Valley Trails, Seguin, TX  
Vol. 2, 1987 **TX.98G 1986 v. 2**



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

### Friday September 27, 1929

*(The Arlington Radio Shop advertises the "Mighty Monarch of the Air" the "New and Greater Majestic Radio with Power Detection" and the "new 45 tubes". The Model 92 is pictured and priced at \$167.50 (less tubes).)*

### Friday September 27, 1929

*Lone Squatter, Shotgun in Hand, Defies Kansas City's Plans to Build an Airport (picture of Squatter, wife and son, holding shotgun)*

One man against 700 policemen, and the one man standing his ground unscathed!

That has been the situation in an attempt of Kansas City, Mo., officials to oust Dils Schule, squatter and truck gardener, from his Missouri river home.

The squatter for years has occupied a tiny home which he built with his own hands on the north shore of the Missouri river directly opposite downtown Kansas City.

For years he has tilled unmolested the rich soils of the river bottom almost within the shadows of the city's tallest buildings. On off days he has fished and thus has been able to live and rear a family.

So, as the years have rolled along, Dils Schule acquired a feeling that his river bank home was his own to have and to hold.

But Kansas City voted a million dollar bond issue for a municipal airport and recently began improving the river front site for a landing field.

Repeated warnings were sent to the squatter to tear down or remove his small home.

Always Schule sent back word his home was his castle and he not only would not move and would not tear down the home but that he would "shoot to kill" whenever any attempt might be made to enforce the order.

Construction of airport buildings went on until no longer could the construction continue with the Schule family homestead in the way.

A dozen policemen tore down shacks and homes adjoining that of Schule, but the squatter stood at the door of his little home with a shotgun and defied any one to touch his house.

"I've lived here long enough to make this my home," he said. "No city is going to tear it down."

Policemen reconnoitered and withdrew. One suggested firing upon Schule from a bridge only 100 yards away but others preferred to try some other scheme.

Just what that will be remains unanswered.

Schule continues to stand in the door of his home with a shotgun whenever a stranger approaches.

Police heads say they do not desire to endanger their own men's lives in a battle with the squatter and, in addition, do not want to kill members of the Schule family.

"We poor folks have only one way to fight the rich," said Mrs. Schule to a newspaper man. "That is to just stand pat."

City officials are firm in statements that Schule has no legal rights to the river bank site and say he most surely will be ousted. But how? That's their problem!

**Friday September 27, 1929**

### **Ranch and Oil Men Know Three- D Brand Old Waggoner Mark**

The name Waggoner looms large in all North Texas, as it has for the last half century. Indeed, there are few people in all the Southwest who do not know something about the Waggoners and Waggoner Ranch. Like most every institution of historic or industrial importance, there are a number of fictions about the Waggoners and the Waggoner Ranch, which, though they are not true, have been repeated so often that they have come to be believed by many.

One of the legends is that Dan Waggoner, the founder of the Waggoner fortune, came to Texas driving an ox-cart loaded with his earthly possessions, the idea being to impress the listener with the notion that Dan Waggoner was a man of extreme poverty. This is a delightful little myth—it is a pity to destroy it—but my information is that it is not true. But if he did come to Texas in an ox cart there was nothing unusual about that. In the '40s and '50s a man who owned a yoke of oxen and had a cart to hitch them to was no beggar, and, furthermore, the wealth that can be hauled in an ox cart is no small pocket change. From his earliest belongings in Hopkins county, Texas, Dan Waggoner was a citizen of consequence in Texas.

**Friday October 11, 1929 EULESS NEWS**

This community was in great sorrow last Saturday afternoon when news came that **Aunt Sarah Fuller** had passed away. Aunt Sarah lived here for many years, but spent her last few years in Lorena, Tex. In a way, she has been a mother to the Methodist church here. She did all that she could for our church and Sunday school, while she lived here and after she moved away, she was always glad to attend church when she was here on a visit. We are happy to know that God chose one who had lived her time out here on earth and was ready to meet Him when He called for her. She had a number of relatives and friends here who loved her dearly and who are sad over her departure,

but we hope it will help each of us to try harder to live a Christian life. We sympathize with her family in this sad hour. Those of this community who were with Aunt Sarah at the time of her death were Mrs. Mary Jernigan, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fuller and Mr. J. R. Fuller.

**Friday October 18** *Arlington Student Dies of Crash Injury*

**Howard Johnson**, 19, a student at the North Texas Junior Agricultural College at Arlington, was fatally injured tonight in a collision between his motorcycle and a truck. He died in a Dallas hospital. A companion who was riding behind him escaped with bruises.

Johnson's home was in Atascosa county.

**Friday October 18**  
**N. T. A. C. NEWS**

**Howard Johnson**, 19, an electrical engineering student of the co-operative department was fatally injured last night in a collision between his motorcycle and a truck. The accident occurred two miles west of Dallas. Johnson was taken to a Dallas sanitarium where he lived only a few minutes. He never regained consciousness.

Johnson was a senior and had made a wonderful record in school and on the job. He was employed with the West Texas Utilities Company. His home was in Atascosa County.

**Friday October 18, 1929**

**JOHNSON STATION**

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hart and Mrs. R. E. Sisson attended the funeral of **Mr. Jess Rasor** of Plano last week. Mr. Rasor who was fatally injured when a train hit the truck in which he was riding, was an intimate friend of Mr. Hart.

**Friday October 18, 1929**

A hardware merchant over at Farmersville, in Northeast Texas, made a sale the other day that caused a lot of comment. He sold a buggy.

The buggy had been in stock for several years, and it was sold to a farmer

who uses that kind of a vehicle in spite of the fast and cheap motor cars.

Most of us old enough to vote can remember when the sale of a buggy was considered routine news among the country correspondents. "Ed Doodob has a new buggy. Watch out girls." You are very young indeed if you can't remember a "personal" like that in the country correspondence of the old home town newspaper. You remember Ed too, no doubt. He parted his hair in the middle—regularly every Sunday morning. He used a steel hoop under his coat collar to give that article of apparel the correct lady killing slant. His celluloid collar was freshly wiped, and his cuff links rattled every time he shook hands, which was frequent. His tie was of a vermilion hue and his shoes were of the toothpick streamline effect. His trousers were peg-top, and his outer garments bore a bewildering array of large buttons, flaps and fancy brading. His horse was curried within an inch of his life, to eliminate the collar and backband marks, and his new buggy shone like one of the new-fangled carbide lights, just out. Oh, Ed, was a caution! He was a card, if there ever was one!

We are sorry Ed has been replaced by the sleek-haired, speeding, rouged, powdered, pomaded, scented, centless, senseless and mooching jellybean of this motorized age.

--Corpus Christi Times.

**Friday October 18, 1929** **A. J. Hawk**, who lives with his daughter, Mrs. S. E. Hatcher, near the Eastern Star Home, suffered a stroke of paralysis Monday and is not expected to live.

**Friday October 18, 1929**

Manufacture of caskets has been started by the Orange Casket factory, which will be in full operation this fall.

