



# Arlington Genealogical Society News

---

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

JUNE 2016

**Tuesday, June 14, 2016**

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

**PROGRAM:** Knocking Down Brick Walls  
with Steve Brown as the Emcee.

At the June meeting, the slate of officers for  
2016-2017, as presented by the AGS Board  
in May 2016, will be voted on.

The proposed officers for 2016-2017 are:

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

Nominations will also be taken from the  
floor. Remember a person cannot be  
nominated unless prior approval from that  
person has been received.

The following people have volunteered to  
furnish refreshments for the June Meeting:  
Karen McBride, Kathy Polozola, Laureen  
Jacobs and Bob Fleitz.

## **AGS OFFICERS 2015-2016**

President: Pete Jacobs  
1st VP Programs: Steven Brown  
2nd VP Refreshments: Jeanne Rives  
Secretary: Sylvia Hoad  
Treasurer: Jeannie Schemensky  
Parliamentarian: Dorothy Rencurrel  
Publicity Chair: Ruth Goodman

Purchasing Chair: Mary Ann Conrad  
Photographer: Wally Goodman  
Membership Chair: Cherry Williams  
Website: John D. Anderson & Sheri Tiner  
Web Address:  
<http://arlingtongenealogytx.org>

The Arlington Genealogical Society  
is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit (EIN: 90-0890150),  
incorporated in the state of Texas.

Arlington Genealogical Society meets on the  
second Tuesday monthly from September  
through June. Therefore, there will be no  
meetings in July and August. Hope to see  
you back in September.

## **A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR SOCIETY PRESIDENT**

Leading off our June members meeting will  
be Yoko Matsumoto, City Library Director.  
The new Central Library ground breaking  
ceremony took place on 31 May. Ms.  
Matsumoto will bring us up to date with a  
ten-minute talk followed by a Q and A  
session.

The June meeting genealogy program,  
Knocking Down Brick Walls, will be an in  
house program led by Steven Brown. Family  
historians often cannot, despite their best  
efforts, research beyond a certain ancestor(s)  
in their family ancestral line(s). Genealogists  
refer to an obstacle to further research as a  
“brick wall” and encountering this problem  
in genealogy is common. Do not give up!  
The good news is that a dead end is rarer  
than we think. Discussing ways to overcome  
research dilemmas will be the focus of our

June program. There are no guarantees fellow AGS members will have the answers that lead you to the previous generation and beyond. At the least, you may leave the June meeting with new ideas and insights to aide your research. To help program discussion, a form has been sent to all member email addresses. Use the form to share as much information as you can about your “brick wall” ancestor, and return the completed form to Steven Brown or to the contact us email address found on our web pages. Your “brick wall” ancestor will be introduced and discussed during the June program.

The Arlington Public Library Capital Campaign under the auspices of The Arlington Public Library Foundation has been actively soliciting and collecting donations. Donations of \$5,000 and above will be recognized in a prominent way in the lobby of the soon to be built George W. Hawkes Central Library. If you are considering a personal donation, here is a link with more information, <http://bit.ly/20ZzX9M>.

Our parliamentarian, Dorothy Rencurrel, will attend the Daughters of the American Revolution Continental Congress held in Washington, D.C. in June. This year is the 125th annual national meeting of the DAR membership since the organization’s founding in 1890. Dorothy told me she is looking forward to doing some personal family history research in the DAR Library. If you want to take a virtual tour of this genealogical gem, the link is <http://bit.ly/25GuRWw>

Now is not too soon to mention this year’s Texas State Genealogical Society Family History Conference. The 3-day conference will take place in Dallas at the Crowne Plaza hotel (1015 Elm Street) during the last weekend of October. We’ll look at car pool possibilities for those who would like to attend and avoid lodging costs.

Committee work to add “robustness“ to the new AGS web page is ongoing. New features since the May meeting include more photos, a history page and plans for the

beginnings of “Surname Research” pages.

Click on this link:

<http://arlingtongenealogytx.org>

to see for yourself. Don’t forget to add our new web address to your favorites list, and invite friends and family to do the same.

What you see and get is the work of volunteers, so, encourage your web site committee and our web administrator, John Anderson, whenever possible.

The following committees are in need of volunteers. Publicity, Collection Development and Web Page. Members, please consider sharing some of your time and talent with your Society.

See you at the June members meeting. After the June meeting, we take a two-month meeting break. Have an enjoyable summer. Peter G. Jacobs, President of the AGS

### **AGS DONATION TO ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

On Friday, May 27, 2016, presented a check to the Arlington Public Library Capital Campaign.



Front Row: Dorothy Rencurrel, Shirley Simpson (an AGS member for more than thirty years), had the honor of handing over the AGS check, a \$5,000.00 donation to the APL Capital Campaign to Jo McGovern and Carole Hoyer, APL Foundation Board Members.

Back Row: Steve Brown and Tom Cogdell.



Front Row: Jan Penland, Membership; Pete Jacobs, President; Jeannie Schemensky, Treasurer; Dorothy Rencurrel, Parliamentarian; Shirley Simpson, member.

Back Row: Yoko Matsumoto, APL Libraries Director; Mark Dellenbaugh, APL Genealogy Librarian and AGS member; Mary Ann Conrad, Collection Development; Steven Brown, 1st VP; Tom Cogdell, member and former Newsletter Editor; Jo McGovern, APL Foundation and Carole Hoyer, APL Foundation.

*Photos by Andi Davis*

The groundbreaking for the new George W. Hawkes Library was held on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

#### MEMBER NEWS

Members Dorothy and J.C. Newland have celebrated their 68 wedding anniversary. They were married May 29, 1948, at the age of seventeen after their high school graduation. We wish them many more years of happiness. *Via Mary Ann Conrad*

#### CHARTER MEMBER OF AGS

Mary Ann Conrad submitted a list of Society Charter Members to John Anderson, which can be found on the AGS website under About Us, History. One of those mentioned was Mrs. Robert Knezek, who is currently a member of AGS.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

**June 9: Cedar Hill GS:**  
**Cedar Hill Genealogical Society:** Members Present Show 'n Tell Family-time

#### June 25: FWGS Beginners Workshop

**Series:** Immigration, Emigration and Naturalization Records.

#### July 23: FWGS Beginners Workshop

**Series:** Using Military Records as a Research Tool.

#### August 27: FWGS Beginners Workshop

**Series:** Leaving a Legacy

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.

#### DALLAS GS SUMMER SEMINAR

**Friday, July 29 through Saturday, July 30 Preserving and Sharing Our Family Treasures.**

This two-day seminar is for anybody interested in preserving photos, documents and memorabilia. Denise May Levenick, The Family Curator, is a widely respected expert on archiving and preserving family keepsakes.

For more information:

<http://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/meetings-events/seminars/preserving-sharing-our-family-treasures/>

#### Sat., September 10, 2016

**Fort Worth Genealogical Society's 2016 End of Summer Seminar Featuring Kelvin L. Meyers,**

More information can be found at

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

#### NARA'S VIRTUAL GENEALOGICAL FAIRS

On October 21 & 22, 2015, the National Archives hosted a live, two-day, virtual Genealogy Fair via webcast on YouTube with thousands of family historians participating in the live event.

The 2015 sessions offered family history research tools for all skill levels on Federal records dealing with immigration,

and civilian personnel, and bankruptcy. These covered "how-to's" on preserving family records, and genealogical research using traditional and electronic records. Session videos and handouts are available free of charge.

<https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/>

*Via Fort Worth GS Newsletter May 2016*

**ANCESTRAL FINDINGS** is another website for research. One of the articles at this website was "Genealogy Debriefing After a Genealogy Trip." There are many other research topics on the website.

For more information:

<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/genealogy-debriefing/>

### **5 TYPES OF MAPS EVERY GENEALOGIST SHOULD KNOW**

1. Boundary Maps
2. Landowner or Cadastral Maps
3. Topographic Maps
4. Transportation Maps
5. Insurance Maps

For more information on Maps, click on <http://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/2016/05/05/5-types-maps-every-genealogist-know/>

Another topic by Ms. Crow is "Indiana Vital Records on Ancestry: Good & Bad"

Posted on June 3, 2016

For more information,

<http://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/2016/06/03/good-bad-indiana-vital-records-ancestry/>

Amy Johnson Crow has additional research ideas on her website:

<http://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com>

NOTE: This newsletter belongs to the members. The Editor would appreciate hearing stories about your families, discoveries doing your research, websites you have found, etc. These articles will be in the newsletters as space allows. RG

### **BRAZIL, THE HOME FOR SOUTHERNERS EMPIRE**

Published in 1866, this book details the author's trip to Brazil and somewhat of a report to the people of the Southern states after the War Between the States to show that there is another place that they could start a new life and not live in the current conditions of reconstruction or the United States' despotic style of government.

Dick Eastman · May 26, 2016

<https://blog.eogn.com/2016/05/26/brazil-the-home-for-southerners-or-a-practical-account-of-what-the-author-and-others-who-visited-that-country-for-the-same-objects-saw-and-did-while-in-that-empire/>

**FAMILYSEARCH** is collaborating with a number of libraries to digitize family history books and make them available online at no charge. Currently over 280,000 books are available. Library partners include:

Allen County Public Library  
Houston Public Library – Clayton Library  
Center for Genealogical Research  
Mid-Continent Public Library – Midwest  
Genealogy Center  
Historical Society of Pennsylvania  
Onondaga County Public Library  
University of Florida George A. Smathers  
Libraries  
Arizona State Library, Archives and Public  
Records  
Larsen-Sant Library (Preston Idaho)

This is an ongoing project and the books can be found at [books.familysearch.org](http://books.familysearch.org).

*From Mary Ann Conrad*

**FamilyTree Magazine** sends emails to those who subscribe offering free hints as well as pay sites. This particular newsletter regarded Military Records. They offer several free ebook downloads.

[http://www.familytreemagazine.com/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=sft-dhannl-160524&utm\\_content=848595\\_FTI160526&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.familytreemagazine.com/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=sft-dhannl-160524&utm_content=848595_FTI160526&utm_medium=email)

## NEWSPAPER SEARCH SITE

Just found this free source for over 13,500 newspapers across the U.S.  
<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html>

*Via Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness*



## BOOKS ON THE LIBRARY SHELVES

History of Gibson County, Indiana = [IN9 J](#)  
Burnet Co. History, A Pioneer History 1847-1979, Vols 1 & 2 [TX.9 D](#)

Lamar County TX in the Civil War [TX.4 E](#)  
Red River County [TX] In 1890 [TX.35 1890](#)  
War of 1812 Veterans in Texas

Revised/Updated [TX.4 F](#)

Tennesseans in Texas: As Found in the  
1850 Census [TX.35 1850](#)

History of Pickens County Alabama [AL.9 S](#)  
Northern Alabama, Historical &  
Biographical [AL.9 N](#)

Antioch Baptist Church Chambers Co.,  
AL [AL.7 B](#)

Confederate Soldiers from Chambers Co.  
AL & Thereabouts [AL.4 S](#)

History of Craighead Co. Arkansas  
[AR.9 W](#)

History of Orangeburg Co. South Carolina  
[SC.9 S](#)

History of Richland Co. South Carolina  
[SC.9 G](#)

History of Williamsburg SC: About the  
People [SC.9 B](#)

Tennesseans in Texas: As Found in the  
1850 Census [TX.35 1850](#)

*Some* Russell Co. VA Records: Birth/Deaths  
1853-1866 [VA.6 C](#)

Oregon Burial Site Guide [OR.5 B](#)

## GENEALOGY

Genealogy begins as an interest,

Becomes a hobby;  
Continues as an avocation,  
Takes over as an obsession,  
And in its last stages,  
Is an incurable disease.

Author Unknown

## Seen on the Street Corner: A Genealogy DNA Problem Dick Eastman May 12, 2016



## THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL (cont.)

by Will Keller (This is a continuation on the Waggoners from the May 2016 AGS Newsletter.)

### Richer, Only Change

The only effect (th)at time has had on the Waggoner fortune has been to enlarge it. In the middle '90s most of the active management had fallen to the shoulders of W. T., and the managers whom he employed; and by that time W. T. had completely upset the old adage, "a son never equals the mark set by a successful father." Selling lands that did not fit the purpose, W. T. continued to acquire other lands, and began in 1897 to group the holdings at their present location, with Wilbarger county as the nucleus. Wider and wider the boundaries grew. Over the edge of Wilbarger into Archer and Baylor, then into Knox and Foard, until today the combined ranch embraces more than a half million acres—second largest fee-owned ranch in

AGS JUNE 2016 Page 5

Texas, and probably among the very largest fee-owned ranches in the whole Southwest, where large ranches are not as common as they used to be. The Waggoner pasture embraces 787 ½ square miles. With its great size Texas could hold only 333 such ranches. Being akin to the fact, it used to be said as a joke that Wilbarger county is bounded on the north by Red river and is located somewhere in the Waggoner pasture.

The Waggoners were among the very first of the large ranchers to begin the breeding of high-grade cattle exclusively. In the early years of the present ranch they raised some red Durham cattle, but they shortly sold off all of that breed and ever since that they have raised no breed but white-face Herefords. The Waggoner brand always has been three D's, made backward. Tell any man who knows modern cattle about a Three-D cow and he knows that you are talking about a white-face beef cow with a pedigree. The big packers give special attention to these cattle. So will you if you ever get a steak from a Three-D carcass that is cut right and broiled by somebody that knows how.

With all this land the Waggoners do not overstock their range. They could run between 50,000 and 75,000 head, but usually they hold the number down around 20,000. You have to give a range cow room as well as grass and water if you want her to show her raising. With no breed except white-face Herefords grazing these hills and prairies during the last twenty-five years, and never too many of these, the Waggoner policy has paid off in a big way. As a result the Waggoner ranch stands among the leaders not only of Texas but of all America in point of continued success in the cattle business; and the Waggoner wealth represents one of the great private fortunes of the nation.

All cowmen love horses. Excepting, of course, people, and second only to a good cow and her calf, the thing that is closest to the heart of W. T. Waggoner is a good horse—a saddle horse. Horses are absolutely necessary in the running of a ranch. Raising horses is an important part of the Waggoner ranch business, for W. T.

Waggoner's love for horses is always near the surface of the man. When he will talk of nothing he will still talk of horses, for it instantly carries him back to the old trail-herds, to the dust and smell of the loading pens on scorching days, to open camps and frosty nights of a million stars. In the estimate of W. T. Waggoner no dumb creature shows the loyalty and downright horse sense of a real cow horse. Ask any crack polo player in the southwest where the topnotch polo ponies comes from. He'll tell you that they are recr(u)ited by topping the Three-D string of cow horses.

Speaking about horses, maybe you have noticed in the papers from time to time the names of Vermajo, Royal Ford, Pancho, Calf Roper, Double Heart, La Paloma. These are some of the top horses of the present Waggoner, or Three-D stables. Some of them have been among the leaders at important track events in the different section of the United States in late years. The Waggoner stables used to be at Electra, but several years ago they were moved from the ranch to fine new stables and grounds at Arlington, between Fort Worth and Dallas. Ostensibly, this move was made from reasons of business economy, but Mr. Waggoner has long made his home in Fort Worth, and I am nursing the private (but unofficial) opinion that the stables were moved so that Mr. Waggoner could oftener get a chance to tangle his fingers in the manes and tails of these fine horses. And it is my further private (but also unofficial) notion that such a weakness is nothing to be ashamed of. Loving horses always and having ridden them and thought about them for the greater part of his three-quarters of a century of life, it is no wonder at all that W. T. Waggoner has raised and owned many horses of greatness.

In a(NY) story about (a) 500,000 acre ranch in Texas one always may expect to be confronted by the oil possibilities. Probably you are wondering whether oil will be mentioned in the story of the Waggoner ranch. If so, then cease to wonder, it will—and in capital letters. South Vernon oil

field, Rock Crossing field, Gray Back field, Electra field—not just field, but fields. Not a few puny little strippers, but over 1,100 active producing oil wells, with a present gross production of 35,000 (not 3,500, but 35,000) barrels of light North Texas crude every day. And with great areas on this ranch that remain untouched. That's the story of Waggoner ranch oil in a nutshell. Also note just west of Electra (the modern little city named for the daughter of the W. T. Waggoner family), the Waggoner refinery. It has a capacity of 3,500 barrels a day. So we have not only Three-D cattle, Three-D polo ponies, Three-D race horses, and Three-D oil, but we have Three-D gasoline and Three-D tank cars to haul it away.

The first oil discovered in Northwest Texas was on the Waggoner ranch, when an attempt was made to develop a deep-well water supply on the east edge of the ranch near Electra. The oil ruined the water well, and Mr. Waggoner was sorely disgusted over the loss of a 2,000-foot hole, but when this happened back in 1902 crude oil was worth 40cents a barrel. If you could find a buyer. Verily, doth the Waggoners (particularly the present younger generations) owe *(missing text)* and other pioneers of the automobile industry, for it has been the ever-increasing demand for gasoline that has built the Waggoner fortune out of all proportion to the cattle business. Mind you, that part of the Waggoner wealth that came directly out of the cow business if set off to itself would be a great fortune for any one family. In other words the Waggoners had no particular need of the oil because their success was a thing certain long, long before crude oil and gasoline had any value.

### **Largest Lake in Corner**

Lake Kemp is located in the south part of the pasture. This is the lake that was created to irrigate the lands of the Wichita river valley in Archer and Wichita counties. It probably is the largest body of artificially impounded water in the United States, impounded and financed wholly without the aid of state or federal government. Its shore

line has a length of about 140 miles. Some pond, and some fishing! Surrounding this great lake Mr. Waggoner has set off a park of more than 20,000 acres for the use of sport lovers. This park has been named Cara Blanca, meaning White Face, after the fine Herefords that graze the Waggoner lands. The gasoline consumed by sportsmen who come here every season, time and time again from hundreds of miles away, is something else for the gallorriage boys to think about, although you may be sure that a lot of this gasoline is branded Three-D's.

However true it may be, no tale of the Waggoner ranch can be at all adequate that fails to make mention of the man who for more than thirty years has had a hand directly in its management—R. L. (Bob) More. For all of the extraordinary things connected with this great industry Bob More easily the most uncommon. In fact, with no whit of exaggeration I may declare the man unique, because in many ways he is no less. To pick the thing most unusual about Bob More is difficult. People differ about such matters, and Bob More is different in such a variety of ways. Here is a starter—he works 365 days and nights every year, except leap years, when he works 366. If that isn't unusual then consider this: In a country and in a business that is chock-full of good traders, no one ever has claimed that he out traded Bob More. Of what other man in the horse business, the cattle business or the oil business can this be said?

### **Waggoner “Not Oil Man”**

Bob More is a thorough cattle and land man—never worked at anything else until the oil activities spread over onto the Waggoner lands—never worked for anybody but the Waggoners, beginning with Dan Waggoner so long ago that he won't admit the date. If there are any outdoor men he is one of them. And what would you suppose he does for diversion. Hunts lizards and bird eggs and files them away! At this time he has the perfect shells of more than 11,00? bird eggs. In fact, Bob More is one

of the prominent zoologists of America, and as an ornithologist it is my understanding he is no mere student. (If you don't know the meaning of those two ologist words you can look them up in Webster's like I did).

Among Bob More's collection there is an egg of the California condor, which is a very rare specimen, seen only in museums, and he has one of these great buzzards, stuffed and sitting high in the corner as big as life. He has a special room in his Vernon office building that contains his collection. In there you will see eggs of birds that you probably never heard of—all named and numbered—of every color and size and shape, from as small as a pee-wee to as large as a gallon measure. This big one is not a bird egg but the true cast of an egg of one of the great lizards that belonged to the extinct dinosaur family. Besides birds and eggs he collects many other interesting things, of which (to most of us, perhaps) the Waggoner rents are not the least interesting.

Bob More knows land, knows cattle, knows horses, knows oil, knows Texas law, knows birds, knows eggs, knows people and many many other things that are good to know including the knowledge of making money. Further than this, Bob More is a likable man—a good man to know—a very uncommon fellow, tersely summed up Bob More is a good egg.

Sitting high (in his private room) in his own twenty-three-story office building in Fort Worth, W. T. Waggoner insists that he is not an oil man. He says he always will be a cattle man; that oil is a gamble while cattle are a cinch; that people will always want more and more good beef to eat because it is the best meat in the world; that finding oil is full of chances and failures, while cattle raising is a certainty. The truth seems to be that Mr. Waggoner will never love the smell of the oil fields as he loves the scents of the branding pens and the fragrance of sweaty saddle-leather.

### **Friday October 18, 1929**

#### **Helping Texas Grow**

Italy has given a Texas asphalt company an order for 100,000 tons of asphalt a year for the next ten years and

work filling the initial shipment was begun at Uvalde recently. It will be used for topping of roads that Caesar built 2,000 years ago.

Temple's new municipal building to be dedicated sometime in October as a memorial to the war dead of that vicinity, is nearing completion at a cost of \$2,000,000.

Big Spring dedicated with imposing ceremonies its new 230-acre airport, the program continuing through Sept. 11 and 12. It has two big steel hangars, machine shop, administration building and is equipped with border, flood and beacon lights.

### **Friday October 18, 1929**

**Annie Florence Davis**, age 3 years, 9 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davis of West Division Street, died Tuesday at 4 p. m. The funeral was held at the home at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Rev. S. M. Bennett conducted the services. Interment was in the Watson Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have the sympathy of the entire community in the loss of their little daughter.

### **Friday October 25, 1929**

George Boatwright of Temple attended the funeral of his grandfather, **A. J. Hawk**, Monday.

### **Friday October 25, 1929**

To our friends and relatives, we wish to express our deep appreciation and thanks for the many acts of kindness and love shown us in our recent sorrow and loss of our beloved father, **A. J. Hawk**. Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hatcher, Loula Jones, W. D. Hawk and Family and Joe W. Hawk and Family.

### **Friday October 25**

Karl L. King, composer of band music and bandmaster and judge of the band contest at the State Fair of Texas was the guest of Col. and Mrs. Earl D. Irons Sunday.

**SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**