



# Arlington Genealogical Society News

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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016**  
**Community Room of**  
**Arlington West Police Service Station**  
**2060 W. Green Oaks Blvd.**



**PROGRAM:** **Mary E. Wilson** will speak on "Adoption Research." She is a reunited birth mother who has been a volunteer adoption searcher for over 18 years. She is Secretary of the American Adoption Congress.

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the November meeting: Bob Flietz, Virginia Orchard and Cherry Williams



Annual Dues, which are due in September, are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. If you have not renewed your dues for 2016-2017, the renewal form can be found on the AGS website shown above under "Membership."

Arlington Genealogical Society meets on the second Tuesday monthly from September through June, except for this meeting.

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

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### UPCOMING AGS MEETINGS:

**Dec. 13:** Christmas Celebration with Special Presentation.

**January 10, 2017:** Barb Wylie will speak on "Ya Gotta Know the Territory."



## A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR SOCIETY PRESIDENT

October was a bonanza month for genealogy programming, with many opportunities to add to our knowledge about genealogy. Arlington Public Library hosted an afternoon and evening of informative programs in the Lake Arlington Community Room on Friday, October 21. Credit for this innovative series of programs goes to local history and genealogy librarian, Mark Dellenbaugh, who arranged and remotely joined the Genealogy Center of the Waco-McLennan County Library for their annual “lock-in” event. I attended two of the five classroom sessions.

During the last weekend of October, the Texas State Genealogical Society hosted its annual Family History Conference in downtown Dallas. My spouse, Lauren, and I attended one day of the TxSGS conference classroom sessions and the TxSGS awards banquet. Other society members, Wayne James and Mark Dellenbaugh, attended the TxSGS conference and Wayne reported on the first day, which was a free, guided-research day at the Dallas Public Library Genealogy & History Division. James said this was quite helpful to his own family research. Mark commented, from a professional perspective, that the session he found most useful was; Researching Native American Genealogy in Texas and Oklahoma, presented by Rick Fogarty.

Here are some of the more interesting bits of information I gleaned from my classroom time during October. I observed a demonstration of online dictation. That is, a speech recognition program using the Chrome browser. You can use dictation to write emails, narrate essays and long documents in the browser without touching the keyboard. Go to this link to learn more about it [dictation.io](https://dictation.io/). (<https://dictation.io/>) In another lecture, I learned more about Genealogist’s “fair use” privileges. We know scholars (genealogists) may make copies of material pertinent to their research. However, this privilege does not extend to copying an entire book or

Internet site. To read about *fair use* and nearly 80,000 other genealogy articles visit this link [family search wiki](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page).

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In a classroom session, 10 Hidden Websites You Can Use to Help Write a Family History, lecturer, Andrew Lee, demonstrated using the David Rumsey map collection.

This site has a historical map collection with over 72,000 maps and images online spanning the 16th through 21st century. The link is [david rumsey](http://www.davidrumsey.com/home).

(<http://www.davidrumsey.com/home>) Have you given any thought to preserving your valuable genealogical documents and records? This link takes you to a recent blog on that topic [ways-to-preserve](http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/2016/10/10-important-ways-to-preserve-your.html).

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Last but not least by a long shot is Cyndi’s List, a trusted genealogy research site for more than 20 years, and your free genealogical research portal onto the Internet [cyndis list](http://www.cyndislist.com/).

(<http://www.cyndislist.com/>) Cyndi Ingle, the owner and webmaster of Cyndi’s List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet, was one of two general session speakers at the TxSGS Conference.

The AGS Board met during October in the Northeast Branch Library Community Room. The Board recommended a 2017 operating budget that will be presented for member discussion and vote at the November 8 membership meeting. The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 07, 2017. Society members are always invited to participate by sharing your ideas with a board member or by attending the board meeting.

See you Tuesday evening at the November 8<sup>th</sup> members meeting.

Peter G. Jacobs, President



## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

**Nov. 3: GPGS: Merry Shaw**, who is the Director of Arlington Family History Center, will inform us about what's available at the Family History

**Nov. 4: Lunch Time Lectures at National Archives.** The topic will be an overview of basic records at the National Archives that document military service from the Revolutionary War to the mid-20th century.

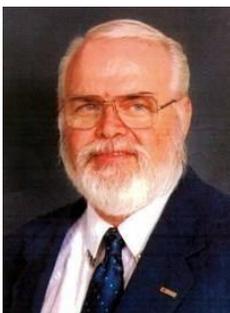
**Nov. 3: Mid-Cities GS.: Terri Meeks:** "Who's Your Mama - Tracing The Women in Your Family."

**Nov. 10: Cedar Hill GS: Kelvin L, Myers** on "How Great Thou Art! How Great They Are! Church Records

**Nov. 19: Billy W. Sills Lecture Series:** Presenter: Max Courtney, forensic scientist and historian on "Searchers and Skirmishers: Parker County, Texas, and Environs

**Nov. 29: Fort Worth GS** speaker will be **Sandra J. Crowley** on "Mining Obituaries for Ancestors."

## AGS MEMBER



William Alfred Gochenour, Jr., age 73 of Arlington, TX passed away on September 20, 2016 after a long complicated medical condition. Oldest son of the late Hazel Marie Herrington Rutherford and William A. Gochenour, Sr.

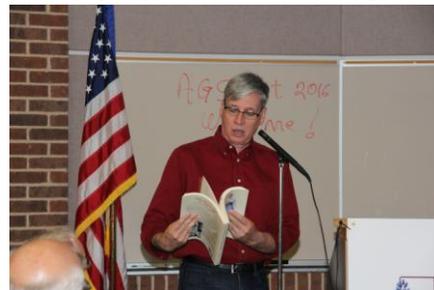
He is survived by his devoted, loving wife of 46 years, Gloria Tunog Gochenour; daughter, Concetta Mia Lowell; 3 grandchildren from a previous marriage;

brothers, Steven Carl Gochenour and Earl Lee Benson; sister, Marie Elaine Floyd; and numerous relatives. William served in the United States Air Force for 12 years, including tours of duty in Thailand and Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

He retired from the Sprint Company in the early 90's. He wrote and published more than 7 books on Genealogy Research especially proud of "Gochenours in the Civil War". His books are in Dallas, Arlington, Peru, Indiana and Utah libraries. He was Marble Champion of the year at age 11.

William & Gloria have been members since 1997. AGS Officer Lists shows William was president in 2002-03; Parliamentarian 2003-04 & 2004-05; and he was our Web Master for 2 years 2011-12 & 2012-13. In 2001 he donated 23 Illinois county records books and 6 Gochenour family books to the library.

## OCTOBER MEETING



Kelvin L. Meyer, October Speaker

## Tarleton, Stephenville Libraries Partner To Digitize Historic Local Newspapers

Once digitized, the 1882-1992 newspapers will be housed online in the Portal to Texas History digital library, maintained by the University of North Texas. The database provides an excellent digital home for researchers, historians and citizens of Texas to locate newspapers from various regions and counties across the state. The added Stephenville Empire and Stephenville Tribune papers will provide an additional dimension to events occurring in and around Erath County at the time.

<http://www.yourstephenvilletx.com/news/20161021/tarleton-stephenville-libraries-partner-to-digitize-historic-local-newspapers>

*Via Mid Cities GS and Wayne James*

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## **DNA Testing Links 300-Year-Old Remains of a Baby to a Colonial Maryland Governor**

Much is known about the 6-month-old who died in Maryland 300 years ago and was buried in a small lead-covered coffin. Yet there is no record of the child's death — or birth. No one knew for certain who the infant was. No one knew if the baby was a boy or girl.

Now, almost 26 years after the coffin was unearthed in St. Mary's County, experts at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History have learned that the baby was a boy — and the offspring of an important colonial governor of Maryland, Philip Calvert. The discovery came about through new genetic testing done at Harvard Medical School at the request of the Smithsonian.

You can read more about this use of DNA in genealogy research in an article by Michael E. Ruane in the Washington Post at <https://goo.gl/kSRIJI>  
Via [Dick Eastman](#) · October 18, 2016



### **BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY**

The Heritage of Marion County, Alabama **AL.9H**

History of Warrick, Spencer, and Perry Counties, Indiana, from the earliest time to the present; together with interesting biographical sketches, reminiscences, notes, etc... **IN.9H**

The Weekly Kansas chief : births, marriages, deaths, and other news items and current events **KS.60**

History of Adair, Sullivan, Putnam and Shuyler Counties, Missouri, from the earliest times to the present : together with sundry personal, business and professional sketches and numerous family records ... **MO.9 H**

History of Carroll County, Missouri : carefully written and compiled from the most authentic official and private sources, including a history of its townships, cities, towns and villages, together with a condensed history of Missouri ; the Constitution of the United States, and State of Missouri ; a military record of its volunteers in either army of the Great Civil War ; general and local statistics ; miscellany ; reminiscences, grave, tragic and humorous ; biographical sketches of prominent men and citizens identified with the interests of the country. **MO.9H**

History of Chariton and Howard Counties, Missouri. **MO.9S**

History of Clay and Platte Counties, Missouri **MO.9H**

The history of Henry and St. Clair counties, Missouri : containing a history of these counties, their cities, towns, etc., etc., biographical sketches of their citizens, general and local statistics, history of Missouri, map of Henry and St. Clair counties **MO.9H**

History of Lewis, Clark, Knox and Scotland counties, Missouri : from the earliest time to the present : together with sundry personal, business and professional sketches and numerous family records **MO.9H**

History of Platte County, Missouri : a proud legacy **MO.9H**

History of Ray County, Mo. **MO.9H**

Marriage records of Franklin County, Missouri, books "A" & "B," 1819-1858 **MO.6W**

Cemeteries of Jackson County, Mississippi: A Requiem **MS.5C**

Genealogical abstracts from early New Hampshire newspapers by Chipman, Scott Lee **NH.67 C**

Some South Carolina Records, Vol. 2  
**SC.6 H v.2**

Kerrville Mountain Sun and Kerrville  
Advance obituary and death notice index,  
1898-1965 by Dozier, Gloria Clifton.

**TX.67 D**

Galveston's Broadway Cemeteries by  
Maca, Kathleen Shanahan **TX.5 M**

Ebenezer Baptist of Ellis County, TX  
1880-1892 **TX.7K**

Founders & Patriot of the Republic of Texas  
Vol. 10 **TX.8D v.10**

Abstracts of old Ninety-six and Abbeville  
District wills and bonds : as on file in the  
Abbeville, SC, courthouse **TX.6B**

Births, deaths & marriages from El Paso  
newspapers ... for Arizona, Texas, New  
Mexico, Oklahoma, and Indian Territory  
**TX.6B**

Emigration to other states from Southside  
Virginia **VA.7E**

North Carolina Revolutionary soldiers,  
sailors, patriots and descendants **NC.4N**

Rusk County History, Texas **TX.9R**

Selected Union burials: Missouri units  
**MO.5P**

Weakley County **TN.9V**  
Weakley County TN History and Families  
**TN.9V**

McKeithens, Mitchell, Mary Elizabeth  
**WZ.29 McKeithens**

Biographical Souvenir of the States of  
Georgia and Florida **WZ.29B**

From across the Spanish Empire: Spanish  
soldiers who helped win the American  
Revolutionary War, 1776-1783 : Arizona,  
California, Louisiana, New Mexico, and

Texas military rosters by Martinez, Leroy,  
1945 **ZZ.4 M**

## **CHILDREN OF "THE GREATEST GENERATION"**

Born in the 1930s and early 40s, we  
exist as a very special age cohort. We are  
the Silent Generation.

We are the smallest number of  
children born since the early 1900s. We are  
the "last ones."

We are the last generation, climbing  
out of the depression, who can remember the  
winds of war and the impact of a world at  
war which rattled the structure of our daily  
lives for years.

We are the last to remember ration  
books for everything from gas to sugar to  
shoes to stoves.

We saved tin foil and poured fat into  
tin cans.

We hand mixed 'white stuff' with  
'yellow stuff' to make fake butter.

We saw cars up on blocks because  
tires weren't available.

We can remember milk being  
delivered to our house early in the morning  
and placed in the "milk box" on the porch.

We are the last to hear Roosevelt's  
radio assurances and to see gold stars in the  
front windows of our grieving neighbors.

We can also remember the parades  
on August 15, 1945; VJ Day.

We saw the 'boys' home from the  
war build their Cape Cod style houses,  
pouring the cellar, tar papering it over and  
living there until they could afford the time  
and money to build it out.

We are the last generation who spent  
childhood without television; instead we  
imagined what we heard on the radio.

As we all like to brag, with no TV, we spent  
our childhood "playing outside until the  
street lights came on."

We did play outside and we did play  
on our own. There was no little league.  
There was no city playground for kids.

To play in the water, we turned the  
fire hydrants on and ran through the spray.

The lack of television in our early years meant, for most of us, that we had little real understanding of what the world was like.

Our Saturday afternoons, if at the movies, we watched newsreels of the war and the holocaust sandwiched in between westerns and cartoons.

Telephones were one to a house, often shared and hung on the wall.

Computers were called calculators and were hand cranked; typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage, and changing the ink.

The 'internet' and 'GOOGLE' were words that didn't exist.

Newspapers and magazines were written for adults. We are the last group who had to find out for ourselves.

As we grew up, the country was exploding with growth.

The G.I. Bill gave returning veterans the means to get an education and spurred colleges to grow.

VA loans fanned a housing boom.

Pent up demand coupled with new installment payment plans put factories to work.

New highways would bring jobs and mobility.

The veterans joined civic clubs and became active in politics.

In the late 40's and early 50's the country seemed to lie in the embrace of brisk but quiet order as it gave birth to its new middle class (which became known as 'Baby Boomers').

The radio network expanded from 3 stations to thousands of stations.

The telephone started to become a common method of communications and "Faxes" sent hard copy around the world.

Our parents were suddenly free from the confines of the depression and the war and they threw themselves into exploring opportunities they had never imagined.

We weren't neglected, but we weren't today's all-consuming family focus.

They were glad we played by ourselves 'until the street lights came on.'

They were busy discovering the post war world.

Most of us had no life plan, but with the unexpected virtue of ignorance and an economic rising tide we simply stepped into the world and started to find out what the world was about.

We entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where we were welcomed.

Based on our naive belief that there was more where this came from, we shaped life as we went.

We enjoyed a luxury; we felt secure in our future. Of course, just as today, not all Americans shared in this experience.

Depression poverty was deep rooted. Polio was still acrippler.

The Korean War was a dark presage in the early 50's and by mid-decade school children were ducking under desks.

Russia built the "Iron Curtain" and China became Red China.

Eisenhower sent the first 'advisors' to Vietnam; and years later, Johnson invented a war there.

Castro set up camp in Cuba and Khrushchev came to power.

We are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no existential threats to our homeland.

We came of age in the 40s and early 50s. The war was over and the cold war, terrorism, Martin Luther King, civil rights, technological upheaval, "global warming", and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life with insistent unease.

Only our generation can remember both a time of apocalyptic war and a time when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty.

We have lived through both.

We grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better; not worse.

We are the Silent Generation; 'the last ones.'

The last of us was born in 1942, more than 99.9% of us are either retired or dead; and all of us believe we grew up in the best of times! *Via Wayne James*



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

**Friday November 15, 1929** (*It appears as though The Journal was running articles on national defense periodically. Author unknown.*)

**What is needed is action, in the air, below the water.**

The nation should have the greatest air fleet in the world, incomparably greater than any other. We are now fourth among the Nations "Saving Money"—some 120,000,000 fools that we are, relying on our meaningless possession of gold and prosperity, like some swollen hog in (fear that the) wolf might jump over the side. We should remember Solon's warning to Croesus; "If any man should come having better iron than you, he would be master of all that gold."

We need the greatest air fleet, which could and should be developed first as a direct measure of defense, under a secretary for air, such as the British have. There should be no more nonsense about making our air fleet a "Secondary Weapon" for the army and navy.

Future wars will be wars of airplanes and submarines, with battleships absolutely obsolete; fast cruisers necessary for retaliation preying on enemy commerce, cutting off enemy supplies.

In addition to a great air battle fleet, another air fleet, developed by the postoffice, should carry passengers as well as mail, and every airplane constructed so it could be changed overnight to carry bombs, poison gas and rapid firing guns.

Fortunately, great development of the airplane will come through private initiative. Business men of ability and public spirit have organized corporations totalling hundreds of millions. As yet there is comparatively little originality, inventiveness and daring in their operations. But that will improve.

Our Government should be convinced of the importance of much speed, range and size of the submarine and its possibilities as an artillery and air-plane carrying craft.

We need fighting airplanes, the fastest that can be built regardless of cost, to defend our cities from air attack.

We need equipment in the air and under the water that will enable us to issue this warning to the world: "Touch us, and your greatest cities will be destroyed."

Men do not attack those whom they fear or those known to be ready and able to repel and punish them.

It is the desire of every American to keep out of war, and do everything possible to prevent war among other nations.

But the only sure prevention is absolute preparation. If other Nations know that you are ready to defend yourself, ready and able to inflict terrible punishment upon any that attack you, you will not be attacked.

No dog bites a porcupine twice. A wolf does not attack a sheep dog. But he kills sheep.

Battleships on the surface are ridiculously out of date.

Even in the last war, when submarines and airplanes were only partly developed. The British kept their battle fleet hidden away, fearing destruction; merchant ships camouflaged were anchored in front of the battleships to save them from attack under water, and through the air; only once the British and German fleets went out to fight, and then hurried home. In the next war they will be of no importance whatever.

Fast cruisers are important to a Nation, that has shipping to protect. We haven't much. They are important also for a Nation like ours making possible this warning to aggressors, "I have airships to destroy your cities, fast cruisers that will destroy your commerce, blockade your ports, and accompanied (*unreadable*) ships that you send against me."

We heard from Germany last time, and the hasty methods and the last minute,

inefficient preparation cost this Nation at least fifty billions of dollars, to say nothing or ten billions lost to Europe, most of which won't come back.

We might hear from another country next time. No need to suggest names. No man can point to the sky and say: "There the lightning will strike."

We only know that the sky is full of electricity, and lightning may strike anywhere. We only know that Nations are full of hatreds, especially bitter against this country. Jealous of its wealth resenting in Europe our reasonable demand for part payment of loans; resenting in Asia, with deep bitterness, our refusal to allow lands that Americans have developed to be taken over by surplus Asiatic populations.

Dr. Eckener sailed his Zeppelin from Tokio to San Francisco in less than three days.

Today's fastest flying machines adequately provided with fuel, could cross the Pacific from Tokio to San Francisco in less than one day.

Such a machine as the Schneider Cup Races have developed could cross the Atlantic under its own power from London, Paris, Berlin, and Moscow by the light of one day. We shall soon be one day from Asia, half a day from Europe.

Ships attacking us would not come on the water requiring a place for landing their soldiers and lodging them.

Attack would come through the air, striking at our cities, destroying buildings, wiping out hundreds of thousands of lives by poison gas. With no need of any landing dock; no need of a commissariat to feed tens of thousands of men.

A few hundred flying machines, a thousand men at the most to fly them, operate their machine guns, drop explosive bombs and poison gas, would constitute such an invasion and accomplish such destruction as has never been seen in war.

Only men without imagination can question that statement.

And only the narrow minded, mistaking false economy for wisdom would talk of economizing on a defensive air fleet until everything had been done and every

necessary dollar had been spent for preparations to deal with any possible attack.

*(Several such articles appear in The Journal. One article was signed "By—Col. W. E. Easterwood Jr., National Aeronautic Committeeman, American Legion.")*

#### **Friday November 22, 1929**

**M. W. Riddle**, who for the past 20 years has been a resident in the vicinity of Arlington, passed away last Sunday morning. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. M. Redford, minister of the Christian Church, and interment was in the Watson Cemetery.

For the past four years Mr. Biddle has been employed at the Arlington Lake. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. M. W. Riddle; one adopted daughter, Mrs. Long of Dallas, and a niece, Mrs. Lindsey of Dallas. Mr. Riddle was seventy-five years of age and had been failing in health for a number of years.

#### **Friday November 22, 1929**

**Margery Beth Marney**, infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. K. Marney of Everman, was buried Thursday, November 14, in the Arlington Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted at the Everman Methodist Church. The child died Wednesday in a Fort Worth hospital. Survivors are the parents and a brother.

Reverend Mr. Marney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Marney of the Sublett community, and both he and his wife were reared in this vicinity. They have many friends who extend to their heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

#### **Friday November 22, 1929**

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. **Beauchamp** and daughter, Grace, were called to Streetman Tuesday on account of the death of Mr. Beauchamp's father.

To be continued in the December 2016 Newsletter.