



Arlington Genealogical Society News

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MARCH 2017

TUESDAY, March 14, 2017
Community Room of
Arlington West Police Service Station
2060 W. Green Oaks Blvd.

PROGRAM: Lineage Society Panel featuring Sylvia Hoad, John Anderson, Cherry Williams, Ron Carter and Dorothy Rencurrel. They are active lineage society members and will describe and explain what a lineage society is all about.

Sylvia Hoad - The Daughters of the Republic of Texas
John Anderson - The Sons of the American Revolution
Cherry Williams - The War of 1812 Society
Ron Carter - The Mayflower Society and The Carter Society
Dorothy Rencurrel - The Daughters of the American Revolution

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the March meeting:
Wayne James, Faye Elder and Sue Mathios.

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.

Annual Dues, which are due in September, are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family.



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

AGS COMMITTEES
Parliamentarian: Dorothy Rencurrel
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UPCOMING AGS MEETINGS:
March 18: AGS Board Meeting at Lake Arlington Branch Library community room.
April 11: Steve Brown will be streaming a rootstech.org video.
May 9: Roger Cobb will speak on DNA and genealogy.
June 13: Breaking Through Brick Walls

FAPL SPRING BOOK SALE



The Friends & Foundation of the APL will have their spring Book Sale from April 5-9 at the Meadowbrook Recreation Center. Schedule on next page.

Weds., April 5: 2-7 p.m. FFAPL Members Only. Memberships available at the door.

Thurs., April 6: 2-7 p.m.

Friday, April 7: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sat., April 8: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. featuring Blue Book Specials!

Sunday, April 9: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
HALF PRICE DAY!

Sunday 5:15 - 6 p.m. Teachers/Non-Profit Special

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Census records are great for finding facts about your ancestors, and help to confirm information found in other sources. Plus, census records are a source of primary citations for research documentation.

Genealogy research census look ups, in the not so distant past, usually involved a good bit of preparation time verifying the location where the ancestor lived. In the days before census indexes, one had to know where to look, such as which city and which ward or which state, county and township. Armed with good location information, census look ups then involved a lot of microfiche browsing until finding the desired census page image. I recently found myself doing location verification homework when an index search [including some name spelling variations and soundex] did not find my spouse's Geppert uncle and family in the 1870 census for Missouri or Illinois. This particular brick wall was overcome with some map research and the finding in an 1873 Gazetteer for Madison County, Illinois, where the Uncle was mapped as a landowner. The most common mistake in census records, the spelling of names, kept the Anton Geppert family incognito. In this case the census taker spelled the head of household surname "Keppart" and the first name "Antone." Most likely the census taker wrote down the names of the head of household based on what he heard. Now I know the spelling errors, and my citations will note the same for that ancestor family branch. In the future anyone reading our Geppert family tree branch and looking at

my research would be able to read what I had found and why.

Encountering and working around errors in records is a challenge we all face. What, if anything, can I do to aid the next person searching the Illinois 1870 US census for the Anton Geppert family? We know record providers do not permit corrections or additions to databases or record collections. However, Ancestry.com subscribers can add correction notes or add alternate information to Ancestry record summary pages which are then picked up by future searches. If you are aware of other record providers offering the same courtesy, please share your experience with other AGS members.

My spouse, has the Kapps surname in her ancestral family line. Her great grandfather had a first wife who died and Kapps later remarried. We know about the second marriage and those children in detail, but the first marriage was a mystery. Finding the newspaper death notice for the first spouse was good progress, but she was listed as "Mrs. Kapps," so that provided no help with her birth name. The death notice, just one sentence, also stated "near Vincennes" and died "yesterday morning," Based on the newspaper death notice location and date, we then found her memorial posted on Findagrave.com with a long list of family ancestors and descendants. Anna Christina Memering Kapps 1846 – 1891, may you rest in peace.

AGS and the APL set up a meet and greet table at the Family History Fair this past Saturday, 4 March. I was pleased to see quite a few AGS members in attendance taking advantage of the one day genealogy convention experience, without the expense of attendance fees, or travel and lodging costs. This is an annual event so make a note for 2018.

I attended a recent library volunteers' recognition meeting held in the lobby of the Library Director's offices on the 3rd floor of

city hall and got a bird's eye view of the new Central Library under construction. Right now, you see a three-story skeleton of steel girders. The promise of a new Arlington Library and the new genealogy space is well on its way to completion. It has been two years since your Society volunteered many hours assisting Arlington Public Library staff relocate the Library Genealogy research collection to the Northeast Branch at 1905 Brown Blvd. It will be June 2018 before the new Library opens to the public, so don't overlook the 6000 plus titles close at hand on library shelves at NE Branch. Take some time to visit Arlington's on the shelf genealogy research collection in person or by way of the library catalog. You will be glad you did.

The next AGS Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning, March 18th, in the Lake Arlington Branch Library community room. Society members are always invited to participate by sharing your ideas with a board member or by attendance.

Following the February meeting our membership count was in the low sixties.

See you next Tuesday evening at the March 14th member meeting.

Peter G. Jacobs, President of the AGS

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

March 9: Cedar Hill GS: Dr. Stephen Butler will speak on "How to Find Mexican War Veteran Information."

March 12, 2017: "Who Do You Think You Are" TLC U-verse channel 1250 at 9 p.m.

March 25: Billy W. Sills Lecture Series: Brenda McClurkin, archivist, historian and author will speak on "Fort Worth's Quality Hill."

March 25: Fort Worth GS's Beginning Genealogy Workshop Series, the instructor being Terri Meeks. "Researching at the County Courthouse."

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March 28: Fort Worth GS will feature **Ila Johnson** on "Using Newspapers to Connect Your Family to History."

Friday, March 24: Grand Prairie GS will have a "Lock In" from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie.

<http://gpgstx.org/index.php>

April 6: Grand Prairie GS: "I Can't Find the Marriage" by Kelvin L. Meyers.

April 6: Mid Cities GS: "Breaking Through Your Genealogy Brick Walls: A Case Study Pre-recorded Webinar of Crista Cowen, The Barefoot Genealogist.

April 7: Archives and Lunchtime Learning: Introduction to Military Records National Archives at Fort Worth
Email: ftworth.education@nara.gov

May 22-25: Texas Institute of Genealogical Research of Texas State Genealogical Society in Austin, Texas. Featured speakers are Teri E. Flack, Kelvin L. Meyers, Anne Gillespie Mitchell, John A. Sellers and Cari A. Taplin.
<http://www.txsgs.org/texas-research-institute>

October 20-22: TxSGS Family History Conference in Houston, Texas.

<http://www.txsgs.org>

THE BIG 4: COMPARING ANCESTRY, FINDMYPAST, FAMILYSEARCH AND MYHERITAGE

"Which is the best online genealogy service for me to use?" Or perhaps you want to know the best two or three services. Sunny Morton gave a presentation about these four online powerhouses at the recent RootsTech2017 conference that may answer your questions.

The one-hour four-minute presentation was videotaped and is now available as a video on the [RootsTech.org](https://www.rootstech.org/videos/sunny-morton) web site.
(<https://www.rootstech.org/videos/sunny-morton>)
I suspect this video will answer most of your questions.
Via Dick Eastman February 24, 2017

UPDATE ON PROGRAM ON ADOPTIONS

At the November 8 meeting, Mary Wilson spoke on adoptions and Lana Addington spoke on DNA. Mary Wilson asked that the speaker's check be made out to her and she would purchase a DNA kit for someone who could not afford it.

Pete Jacobs received the following email this week from Mary:

"This is Mary Wilson - Lana and I spoke at one of your meetings and we used the money given to us to buy a DNA kit. Wanted to let you know that the test was taken. This past week Lana was able to discover this person's mother. This is all new and her husband is still in the hospital with a liver/kidney transplant so it may be a bit before contact is made. I felt it was important to let you know that your kindness has allowed some to find their family. We will keep you updated."

ROOTS TECH

Videos of select RootsTech sessions are now available for you to enjoy at home, free of charge. They are organized by day. Start at <https://www.rootstech.org> and then click on the day that interests you.

FAMILY FINDER DATA TRANSFERS FROM 23ANDME© V4 AND ANCESTRYDNA™ V2 FILES

In an email message to all of the company's Project Administrators, Family Tree DNA announced that it is now accepting data transfers of autosomal information from the following:

23andMe© V3
23andMe© V4
AncestryDNA™ V1
AncestryDNA™ V2

After transferring your results, for free, you will receive a list of your autosomal matches from Family Tree DNA's database and have access to the company's Family Finder – Matrix. The Matrix feature allows you to select and compare the autosomal DNA relationship between up to ten of your matches at one time.

Family Tree DNA also announced that MyHeritage and Genographic transfers will be supported in the coming weeks. You can read more in the Family Tree DNA Frequently-Asked Questions at <https://www.familytreedna.com/autosomal-transfer>.

Via Dick Eastman · February 17, 2017

DATES IN TEXAS HISTORY

2 March 1836 -- The [Texas Declaration of Independence](#) was signed by members of the [Convention of 1836](#). An *ad interim* government was formed for the newly created Republic of Texas.

6 March 1836 -- Texans under Col. [William B. Travis](#) were overwhelmed by the Mexican army after a two-week siege at the [Battle of the Alamo](#) in San Antonio. The [Runaway Scrape](#) began.

10 March 1836 -- [Sam Houston](#) abandoned Gonzales in a general retreat eastward to avoid the invading Mexican army.

27 March 1836 -- [James Fannin](#) and nearly 400 Texans were executed by the Mexicans at the [Goliad Massacre](#), under order of [Santa Anna](#).

FEBRUARY MEETING



Pete Jacobs, Pat Gordon and Sue Mathios

Corporal Damien Gary is going to need trophy case soon. The Sons of the American Revolution stopped by the East District to present Damien their Officer of the Year Award.



AGS Member, Ron Carter, on left.

Via Arlington Police Department Facebook page March 2

SOME HELPFUL COMPUTER HINTS

From Wayne James

Here are some sample scenarios of people getting frustrated and some video tutorials that can help one learn a simple few steps to accomplish your desired outcome.

1) As a genealogy "newby," you go to a site like FamilySearch or Findagrave and very carefully fill out the search form and click the search button. Nothing matching your search comes back and you assume that means there is no information about the person you are searching and you give up - when in reality a wealth of info was there at your finger tips.

See: <https://www.lds.org/media-library/video/2011-12-03-familysearch-search-tips?category=family-history/beginning-research&lang=eng>

2) You find an awesome page with information you'd been seeking for months. Now you want to share it with your fellow researchers. This should be so simple, but you stare at the page for a little while and can't for the life of you figure out how to best share this page in a quick and easy

way. See
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCYP0mPeDoU>

3) You find a really useful website that has lots of great stuff. At the end of the day you want to make sure you can get back to it the next day, but you can't remember exactly how you got to the page. You are tempted not to turn off your computer - just so it will stay on the same page till tomorrow.

See: HOW to bookmark a page so you can always go back to it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCeZ8A1z7bc> or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuoKZdtv48c>

4) You want to keep a personal copy of a great image you just found on line and you want to save a copy of the image.

See: HOW to download images from the Internet:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7y3NC AJU6JU>

5) Want to share with someone a copy of what you have on your screen while using your genealogy program. How to save a screenshot:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SMkO QZgBrQ>

NOTE: I was able to accomplish this on my computer but not with a remote keyboard.

Via Yancey Family Surname Resource Center Check out other of our tutorials here:
<http://yanceyfamilygenealogy.org/tutorials.htm>

THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL (cont.)

by Will Keller

Friday December 13, 1929 HARRISON NEWSBy C. M. Evans

Wanda Louise Hinton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hinton of Riverside was buried at Noah's cemetery Thursday afternoon. She is survived by her parents,

one brother and three sisters. She is the grand-daughter of Mr. J. A. Johnston and *the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gardener of this community. (lines of text juxtaposed)*

Friday December 27, 1929

W. C. Ford, 83, former resident of Arlington, died Saturday December at his home in San Antonio. The body was received Sunday by the Moore Funeral home and the services were conducted at the Sycamore Heights Baptist Church at Fort Worth, with Rev. Grady Metcalf, pastor, officiating. Interment was in the Arlington cemetery.

Mr. Ford is survived by four sons, E. T., J. A. and Sam Ford all of San Francisco, Cal., and W. A. Ford of San Antonio; and two daughters, Mrs. H. C. Ross, San Antonio and Mrs. L. P. Srygley of Fort Worth.

Active pallbearers were N. D. Walker, R. K. Meggs, L. S. Parker, H. G. Leath, C. Bailey and N. C. Lawlia. Honorary pallbearers were L. F. Skiles, W. D. West, J. H. Williams, J. L. Finney, R. W. Athens, and J. G. Bagley, all of Ft. Worth.

Friday December 27, 1929

Funeral services were held for **Mrs. J. C. Young**, 69, wife of the late J. C. Young, and a long time resident of Arlington, from the Moore Funeral Home, Tuesday, December 24, at 2 o'clock. Rev. S. M. Bennett officiated and interment was in Parkdale cemetery.

Mrs. Young died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred C. Decker, of Wichita Falls, on December 23. She was born March 29, 1860, at Raleigh, N. C. She was the mother of ten children, two of whom together with the husband preceded her to the grave. Had Mr. Young lived, they would have been married fifty years last October 8.

Surviving her are the following children: Mrs. W. W. Watson of Gainsville; Mrs. W. O. Hanson and Mrs. Fred C. Decker of Wichita Falls; Mrs. N. A. Lane and A. B. Young of Amarillo; Sam Young of Fort Worth; Mrs. L. M. Sanders and A. H. Young of Arlington.

Friday December 27, 1929

Mrs. Elizabeth Conley Hallman was born April 30, 1895, in Colbert county, Alabama, and died December 20, at Parkland Sanitarium in Dallas, at the age of 34 years, 7 months and 20 days.

She was married to J. A. Hallman eleven years ago and was the mother of five children, four whom survive.

Funeral services were held at Irving, Texas, Sunday afternoon with Reverend S. M. Bennett officiating. Burial was in the Irving Cemetery.

Friday January 31, 1930

The sad news of the death of **W. O. Wilson** 3414 Ave G, Ft. Worth, was received by M. Y. Rhodes, a brother-in-law of this city, Wednesday morning. Mr. Wilson had lived here for many years. Last year he and his family moved to Fort Worth and was in the cafe business. He was stricken with a disease that he was not able to overcome and passed away at his home Wednesday morning at 5:30. He leaves a wife and son, two brothers and four sisters, Morris Wilson of Foster, Texas; Albert Wilson of Plana, Tex.; Mesdames Ida Mehare, Floyd Frances, Fannie Swindall, Fort Worth; Mrs. Ona Poindexter, Murphy, Texas. Rev. J. F. Stewart conducted the funeral services at the Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 2:30, and his body was laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery. We extend to loved ones sincere sympathy in this sad hour.

Friday January 31, 1930

Funeral services were held Sunday for **Rev. A. E. (Uncle Bud) Hiett**, 88, at the home of his son W. B. Hiett. Rev. J. Frank Norris of Fort Worth and Rev. R. A. Pryor of Stop Six officiated.

At The age of 19 he enlisted in Company H of the 19th Alabama Regiment under General Joe Wheeler and served the entire four years of the war. He was born January 22, 1842. In 1866 he married Mary Grogan later moving to Texas. Six children were born to this union, three of whom

survive. They are: three sons—W. B. of Arlington; Hugh L. of Rochelle, Ill.; and T. E. of Denton; a sister—Mrs. Laura Bussey of Handley; and two brothers—J. M. of Arlington and F. M. of Kennedale. Nine grandchildren survive

Active pallbearers were: Orland Carey and Norris Hiett; Poo Doherty, W. G. Hiett and Walter Moore. Honorary pallbearers were W. H. Leath, J. T. Delmer and Roger Hiett and J. M. and W. M. Grogan.

Friday January 31, 1930 UNCLE BUD HIETT By Norwood Hiett

Uncle Bud Hiett was in many respects a remarkable man. Early in life he learned what it meant to be a good soldier having served strenuous years in the **civil war**. He was a man acquainted with hard work, and his labors were ended only by the setting of the sun. His voice was heard in many quiet country churches that have long since been deserted by their parishioners. Sainted mothers brought their children to hear the Gospel stories proclaimed from the lips of this man who caught the vision of what real religion was. Philosophers have tried to define optimism, preachers have told of its value but this good man has lived it every day of his life. I never saw him with a ruffled temper. I never heard him speak unkindly of anyone, and always upon being asked how he felt he would reply with emphasis: "I'm just as fine as silk."

He was a man of hope, having cherished a desire to live to see the century mile post, provided he might live without infirmities. His life was cut short by one of those malignant maladies which flesh is heir to. His days were like an aged tree whose giant strength weathered the chilling blast of many winters, yet blooming and yielding its fruit in season until the day it was cut down. What a great father he was to his children and what a priceless heritage he left them.

Quietly he lived and quietly his spirit took its flight. In the still quiet hours of the early morning shortly after the new day had just begun, this great spirit slipped from out its tenement of clay and journeyed to the land which no traveler has ever visited—a

land about which we (know) little, yea, nothing except that there are many mansions there, and that these mansions are not made with hands; that they are eternal in the heavens and that they are a place of refuge for the souls of just men.

Friday January 31, 1930

Question Box By Jack Maxwell

Question: When was the main building at the Arlington Masonic Home erected?

Answer: In the year 1911.

Friday January 31, 1930

JOHNSON STATION

We were sorry to learn of the death of **Mrs. Teague** who was laid to rest in Johnson Station Cemetery last Wednesday.

We are glad to report that no ill effects have resulted since Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barcus and children, Mary Ann and John Mac have been undergoing the treatment for rabies.

Friday February 7, 1930

Texas National Bank at Fort Worth closed its doors Friday night upon recommendations of the Fort Worth Clearing House, also the Polytechnic National Bank was closed, it being run in connection with the Texas National.

This came as a blow to many and it is reported that all depositors of the Polytechnic Bank will be taken care of.

Assistant cashier **L. B. Ward** of the Texas National Bank killed himself Sunday afternoon inside the police department garage with a pistol, one bullet passing through his head, dying twenty minutes later. He left a note in which he ascribed his loss of health and loss of his position as reasons for the act.

Friday February 7, 1930

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their loving kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our loved one.

And for the beautiful floral offerings.
May God bless and strengthen you when
like sorrows come to you.

Mrs. **W. O. Wilson** and children.
The Wilson Brothers and Sisters.
The Rhodes Brothers and Sisters.

Friday February 21, 1930

The grim reaper death again visited our community Monday night and took away from our midst one of our beloved women, **Mrs. Margaret O'Connor**. Mrs. O'Connor has lived in our city for several years and her motherly advise and tender sympathies to the down hearted, and needy, who always appealing to her, she was at all times thinking of others. Mrs. O'Connor was born in Stockridge, Ohio, March 16, 1856, making her 74 years of age at the time of her death. She was married to Martin Edwards O'Conner at Bowling Green, Kentucky, April 21, 1889. One son, Robert Stewart O'Connor, survives her, Mr. O'Conner passing away several years ago. She was a member of the First Methodist Church and an active member of the Arlington Eastern Star Chapter No. 249. Funeral services were held at the Arlington Methodist Church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. J. H. Stewart of the Methodist Church and Rev. S. M. Bennett of the Presbyterian church officiating. The Journal extends to Robert our sincere sympathy in this sad hour. Pall bearers: J. W. Barber, Mike Ditto, Chester Farris, W. J. Pulley, C. B. Snider and Bill Norman.

Friday February 21, 1930 **SISTER-IN-LAW OF BAPTIST PASTOR IS BURIED HERE**

Funeral services for **Mrs. Robert W. Read**, 32, of Georgetown, were held in Georgetown before the body was brought to Fort Worth for burial at 2 o'clock Monday. Reverend W. T. Conner of Southwestern Baptist Seminary officiated. Burial was in Mount Olive cemetery.

Mrs. Read died in an Austin hospital Friday night. She was the wife of Reverend R. W. Read, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Georgetown. Reverend Wm. Read, pastor of the Polytechnic Baptist

Church, is a brother of the Georgetown pastor.

Mrs. Read was survived by three brothers, Rogers, Tom and John Woodward of Birmingham, Ala., and one sister, Mrs. David M. Gartner, of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Friday February 21, 1930

Monday morning the death angel visited the Baptist Hospital of Fort Worth and took away **Dan Keisler**, who is familiarly known as Uncle Dan. He has lived here for many years and was known as a good man who was ever ready to do for others. In his last days he was in poor health, but continued his work as keeper of the Methodist Church till about three weeks ago when he was placed in the Baptist Hospital so that he could get every attention. But medical skill could do him no good so his sufferings ended.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning by Reverend W. T. Rouse and Reverend J. H. Stewart at the Arlington Baptist Church and the remains were interred in Park Dale Cemetery.

Friday February 21, 1930

Funeral services for **Miss Sybil A. Spear**, 68, who died in a local hospital Wednesday night, February 16, were held from the Shannon Funeral Home, Thursday. Burial was in Rosehill Burial Park. Reverend Warren A. Patterson, pastor of the Polytechnic Church of Christ, officiated.

Miss Spear made her home with her niece, Mrs. L. A. Brown, at 3331 Avenue L. Besides her niece, she is survived by a brother, J. A. Spear.

Friday February 21, 1930

Mesdames J. H. Stewart, J. I. Carter, C. N. Shook, Ray Robertson and C. D. Mitchell attended the memorial services of **Mrs. Evans**, the kindergarten teacher at the Wesley House, Fort Worth Sunday afternoon.

