



Arlington Genealogical Society News

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

June 2017

<http://arlingtongenealogytx.org/>

TUESDAY, June 13, 2017

6:30 P.M.

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

PROGRAM: Steve Brown, AGS Program Chairman, will attempt to break down brick walls for AGS members.

At the June meeting, we will vote on the slate of officers for 2017-2018, as presented by the AGS Board in May.

The proposed officers for 2016-2017 are:

President: Steven Brown
1st VP Programs: Toby Hurley
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 meeting: Cherry Williams, Paul Wright and Jeanne Rives.

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

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

Annual Dues, **which are now due in January**, are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. The bylaws were amended at the May meeting.

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
Publicity Chair: Ruth Goodman
Membership Chair: Jan Penland
Collection Development Chair:
Mary Ann Conrad
Web Admin. Volunteer:
John D. Anderson
Finance Chair: Jeanne Rives
Photographer: Wally Goodman

UPCOMING AGS MEETINGS:

AGS does not meet in July and August. Hope to see you in September.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Attendance for the May program about DNA and Genealogy filled the Community Room with 59 attendees. Our speaker, Roger Cobb-Mills, talked about genetic genealogy and how DNA analysis and family research complement each other - how DNA analysis results provide ethnicity percentages, and can be used to prove or disprove

documented family tree connections. In Roger's case, he found out which group of half siblings his father belonged to, and thus cleared up uncertainty in his fraternal line about his biological grandfather. As pointed out by Roger, a family tree is the foundation for understanding the relationship path to DNA matches. So, to make the most of your DNA analysis results, and to uncover the full family story behind them, do use or first create a family tree. One of the software tools Roger recommends to make your family tree portable is the GEDCOM file. A good website to visit and learn more about genetic genealogy is <https://www.familytreedna.com>.

Speaking of aids to our work, an image scanner is an essential tool. There are many brands and numerous choices available. Unfortunately, over the past few years many scanner manufacturers stopped releasing driver updates. Once you upgrade your operating system, your choices are to buy a new scanner and hope for the best, or try VueScan.

I downloaded VueScan and am glad I did. VueScan is a scanner management software that has been around since the late 1990s. The publisher, Hamrick.com, boasts a half million customers. I tried VueScan on my Canon Canoscan LIDE 110, and it is performing better than ever using a Windows 10 PC. Quoting from the Hamrick website, “. . . (it) is compatible with 3182 different scanners from 35 manufacturers on Windows, Mac OS X and Linux’.

So, hold off recycling that “not so old” scanner until determining if VueScan is compatible with your scanner(s). Hamrick invites you to test VueScan, at no cost, with your scanner before you purchase. Read more at the VueScan website, <https://www.hamrick.com>. I am into my second year using ViewScan. I practiced with the free version, bought a standard license and have since upgraded to the Pro version, all for less than the cost of a new scanner.

As per the bylaws, officer elections are scheduled for the June Members meeting. Any AGS member in good standing is eligible to be nominated for an office. If you decide to nominate a member for an AGS office, please get the consent of the nominee in advance. File your nomination with the nominating committee, or in person at the June member meeting. The special nominating committee, with Sylvia Hoad as Chair, announced the following members are standing for election or re-election; Steve Brown (President), Toby Hurley (1st Vice President), Jeanne Rives (2nd Vice President), Sylvia Hoad (Secretary), Jennie Schemensky (Treasurer), and Dorothy Rencurrel (Parliamentarian).

The Bylaws initiative regarding membership was passed by a unanimous vote at the May members meeting. The membership renewal date was changed to match our financial year which is the calendar year. All memberships active or paid at the May member meeting are extended through December, 2017. Following the May meeting our membership count was close to seventy dues paying members.

The next AGS Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning, August 19th, in the Lake Arlington Branch Library community room. Society members are always invited to attend. You can also suggest proposals to a board member or committee chair.

See you at the June 13th member meeting.
Peter G. Jacobs, President of the AGS

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

Hands-On Learning: Genealogy

Resources: The class is from 3-4:30 at the Lake Arlington Branch, 4000 W. Green Oaks Blvd.

June 14: HeritageQuest Online

July 12: America's Obituaries and Death Notices, Reference USA and Texas Digital Sanborn Maps

August 9: Fold 3

June 8 Cedar Hill GS Program —
Speaker: Members of the Cedar Hill
Genealogy Society
Favorite Ancestors and How to Find Them

Fort Worth GS's Beginning Genealogy
Workshop Series.

June 24: "Immigration and Naturalization
Records--Explanation of each, useful
websites, available helpful publications and
indexes.

July 22: "Using Military Records as a
Research Tool."

August 26: "Leaving a Legacy."

Your Story: The class is from 6:30 - 7:30
at Southwest Branch Library, 3311 S. W.
Green Oaks Blvd.

June 21: "Record Your Story" Use the
interview techniques and tools of oral
history professions (including recording to
tablets and smartphones) to capture the
stories and voices that will bring your family
history to life."

July 8: Van Zandt Co. GS Spring
Workshop 2017--delayed due to storms and
tornadoes previously in the area. If
interested, call VZGS Library at 903-567-
5012. A light brunch and lunch will be \$10
per person.

July 19: "Preserve Your Story" Care for
your family's irreplaceable artifacts by
learning how museums care for theirs! Both
long-term preservation of original items and
making high-quality digital replicas.

August 16: "Cook Your Story." Put your
family history in a cookbook or on a plate.
Capture the culinary legacy that you've
inherited and pass down those defining
family recipes to future generations.

August 4 and 5, Dallas GS 2017 Summer
Seminar featuring **Lisa Louise Cooke**
Sunny Morton, and Diahana Southard
Sources, Storytelling, & DNA

Friday, August 4, 2017

Session 1: *Google Tools & Procedures for*
Solving Family History Mysteries –
Lisa Louise Cooke

Session 2: *Write Your Life Story – Sunny*
Morton

Session 3: *Genetic Genealogy: Here's*
What you Need To Know – Diahana
Southard

Session 4: *Get the Scoop on Your*
Ancestors with Newspapers – Lisa
Louise Cooke

Saturday, August 5, 2017

Session 1: *Why We Care Where Grandma*
Went to Church: An In-Depth Look
at U.S. Religious Records – Sunny
Morton

Session 2: *10 Ways to Enhance Your*
Genealogy with Video – Lisa Louise
Cooke

Session 3: *The Combined Power of YDNA*
and Autosomal DNA: A Case Study
– Diahana Southard

Session 4: *How to Create Exciting*
Interactive Family History Tours
with Google Earth – Lisa Louise
Cooke

Via Dallas GS

[http://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/meetings-
events/seminars/2017-summer-seminar/](http://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/meetings-events/seminars/2017-summer-seminar/)

September 9: Fort Worth GS End of
Summer Seminar with Lisa Louise
Cooke, at Trimble Tech HS, Fort Worth

Subjects/Topics to be covered:

1. Google Books: The Tool You Should
Use Every Day!
2. Create a free google earth Map
Collection for your Research.
3. Making Evernote Effortless.
4. 7 Awesome Apps that Eliminate Eye-
Rolling.

All of these are brand new for 2017!

October 6: The next NARA Workshop will
be on Naturalization Online. Come to learn
how to locate many of these records at your
fingertips.

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

<http://www.txsgs.org>

3 Practical Strategies for Finding Female Ancestors



There's a problem with finding female ancestors. With name changes and a lack of records, it can be challenging to trace the female half of the family tree. Here are 3 practical strategies for finding more about our female ancestors.

1. Find All You Can About Her (AKA Don't Skip Records)

Since women had fewer legal rights than men, there weren't as many records created about women as there were for men. That means we can't afford to skip any records that should exist for her. Here are [some tips for finding women's obituaries.](#))

<http://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/5-tips-for-finding-womens-obituaries/>

2. Search for Her Husband (All of Them)

We need to think about all of her husbands, not just the one who we descend from. It's so easy to fall into the trap of, "Okay, she was married three times but I descend from her first husband, so that's the one I'm going to focus on."

3. Research All of Her Children

The third thing that we need to do is research all of her children, not just the child that we descend from. Think about it, if we are researching that one child thinking he or she is going to have the answer, what if she had eight children? Couldn't any of those eight have information pertaining to her? Consider birth records. When you found the birth record of the child that you descend from, maybe it didn't list the mother's maiden name. However, maybe the birth record of one of the other children did. Also, think about their obituaries and marriage records (both civil and church). Don't get so

focused just on the child that you descend from, think about all of them. Also, don't skip over any of her children who died young. Their birth records, death records, obituaries, and cemetery records could have just as much information about her as any of the other children.

Conclusion

As we're looking at trying to find information about the females in our family tree, we can't afford to be hyper-focused on just her or the husband and child we descend from. We can't skip records just because we think we know what's going to be in there. We need to also research all of her husbands and all of her children.

Via Amy Johnson Crow [November 17, 2016](#)

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST

MEMORIAL MUSEUM has made the first two volumes of their Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos 1933-1945 freely available on its website at <https://www.ushmm.org/research/publications/encyclopedia-camps-ghettos/volumes-i-and-ii-available-online> .

Volume I includes the major concentration camps, their sub-camps, SS construction brigades, and early camps set up by the police, SA and SS shortly after the Nazis seized power.

Volume II includes ghettos in German-occupied territories. Each volume matches the physical format of the book, and each consists of two pdf files. The place name index is in the back of the second part of each volume. Each signed article includes citations and bibliographies for further research. Overview articles provide additional information, and are worth reading.

May 9, 2017

Megan Lewis, Reference Librarian
U. S Holocaust Memorial Museum

MAINE'S WPA CEMETERY PLANS ARE NOW ONLINE

Thanks to that staff and the folks who work on Digital Maine, all 543 of those images may now be seen at the touch of a button or two!

You can read more in Emily Schroeder's blog at: <http://bit.ly/2qkyNy8>.

Dick Eastman · May 30, 2017
<https://blog.eogn.com/author/eogn/>

SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAPS NOW ONLINE

Many experienced genealogists can tell you that using the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps is a great way to learn more about the lives of your U.S. ancestors, especially if they owned their own homes or rented homes or their places of business.

The Library of Congress has placed online nearly 25,000 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, which depict the structure and use of buildings in U.S. cities and towns. Maps will be added monthly until 2020, for a total of approximately 500,000.

You can learn more in the Library of Congress web site at:
<https://www.loc.gov/item/prn-17-074/?loclr=fbloc-new>. The Sanborn Fire Maps that are already online may be found at: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/about-this-collection>.

Dick Eastman · May 29, 2017

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial day, established as a tribute to veterans of the War between the States, reportedly began in May of 1866, when the town of Waterloo, NY, decorated the graves of their Civil War veterans. (several other towns claim the same honor - Boalsburg, in Pa, and Columbus, MS, Arlington, VA and Belle Isle, in VA are 4 who also had early observances). However, all agree that General John Logan, of the GAR (Great

Army of the Republic) designated May 30th, as a Memorial day, and did so in 1868. Gen. Logan asked for " a day for strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village or hamlet churchyard in the land.....it is the purpose of the commander-in-chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of the departed." No veterans of that long ago, and worst of all wars are left to us, but the observance has expanded to include any national war, for we've had no lack of those, unfortunately...and, once more our young men are being asked to lay down their lives in 'foreign climes' - there will be no shortage of graves to decorate, and men to remember, for many years to come. So, this weekend let's take a moment away from the BBQs and picnics, and remember those brave men who willingly gave their all....and, say a silent word of thanks.

Via: Sandra Ferguson, Belmont County Chapter of OH Genealogical Societies

BURIED IN FINGAL: A NEW DATABASE FOR NORTH CO DUBLIN

The free database includes searchable details of more than 65,000 people interred between 1905 and 2005 in 33 of the burial grounds in the council's care in North County Dublin. The site is searchable by name and graveyard. Search returns provide date of interment, area of last residence, and precise grave plot identifiers plus, in most cases, a link to a clear image of the register entry. The oldest burial record dates to 1877 and the most recent to 2013.

Additionally, the online guide includes an overview of the history, notable burials and epitaphs of each graveyard, location maps, photographs and, where they exist, historical plot maps and drawings. Interment registers per specific graveyard can also be downloaded in pdf format.

Brief location details are provided of some 22 private cemeteries in Fingal. You can read more in the *Irish Genealogy News* starting at: <http://bit.ly/2rKmhVC>. You can access this new online resource at: <http://buried.fingal.ie>.
Via Dick Eastman May 22, 2017

THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL (cont.) by Will Keller

Friday February 28, 1930

Billie Lucile Darden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Darden, age seven, of the Pantego, community passed away Thursday morning, after being stricken only a few hours before. Billie Lucile was in school Wednesday but came home feeling badly and grew worse from that time on. Two doctors were called in but the disease was of such a nature they were baffled.

Rev. S. M. Bennett conducted the funeral services Thursday afternoon at the Johnson Station Cemetery, where interment was made among many friends who had gone to pay their last respect for the dear little girl, the idol of the home. We extend to the parents and loved ones sincere sympathy.

Friday February 28, 1930

A sad message was received Tuesday evening by Mrs. V. H. Goodwin announcing the death of her father **John A. Hiett**, of Dallas. Mr. Hiett had spent the day in the home of his daughter and quite a number of relatives and friends had called during the day and he seemed unusually cheerful. He left later in the afternoon for his home in Dallas and only in a few hours he was stricken with heart failure, and soon passed away. Hugh Moore Funeral Home took charge of his body bringing it to the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Goodwin, South Center Street.

John A. Hiett, age 58 formerly County Commissioner of Tarrant, having served four years, but now of Dallas, was a native of Wood county but had resided in Tarrant and Dallas counties the past forty years.

For a number of years Mr. Hiett was Dallas claim agent for the Northern Texas Traction company, later he became general claims agent for the Texas Electric Railway company and continued in that capacity until 1927. Ill health forced his retirement.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church at Arlington Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Dr. Wallace Bassett of Cliff Temple Baptist Church assisted by Dr. W. T. Rouse of Arlington Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Arlington Cemetery.

Surviving are four sons, J. O., Emmett H., Sterling P. and Dewey H. Hiett, all of Dallas; five daughters, Mrs. J. M. Nash and Mrs. John P. McElree of Dallas, Mrs. Oliver A. Smith of Hot Springs, Ark., Mrs. Charles Schmalzried of Fort Worth and Mrs. V. H. Goodwin of Arlington; his parents of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hiett. Seven brothers, Mayor Will G. Hiett of Arlington; J. R. Hiett of Hollis, Okla.; H. M. Hiett of Midland, Charles S. Hiett of Los Angeles, Cal., and J. F., G. T. and O. E. Hiett of Wellington, and one sister, Mrs. D. F. Thomas of Midland.

Friday February 28, 1930

Words are inadequate to express our sincere thanks to those who in anyway ministered to me and mine during the sad hours caused by the sudden death of our dear husband and father. Your presence and words of comfort, also the beautiful floral offerings mean more than you can ever know. We want to thank the School and Scouts for coming in a body.

Mrs. **T. J. Eavanson**, Jack Jr., Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Vergil Smith and baby, Jane.

NOTE: I have thoroughly enjoyed being the Editor for the AGS newsletter. Hopefully you have found items to assist you in your genealogy journey. Thanks to all who have assisted me along the way. Ruth Goodman

Best wishes in your quest for more clues to your past.