



# Arlington Genealogical Society

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## September 2017 Newsletter

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### **AGS Meeting TUESDAY, September 12, 2017 6:30 P.M.**

Meet in the Community Room at the Arlington West Police Service Station 2060 West Green Oaks Blvd. The Arlington Genealogical Society meets on the second Tuesday monthly from September through June.

All visitors are Welcome.

### **September Meeting Program**

#### The Wright Brothers

“It All Started with a Great Sense of Family and a French Toy.” All about that famous duo, Wilbur and Orville, who introduced man to the wonders of controlled flight. The program, by AGS member Lauren Jacobs, will also delve into the Wright family tree.



### **AGS Officers**

At the June meeting, the slate of officers for 2017-2018, was voted in by majority acclamation with no dissenting voices. Society officers’ effective 1 Sept:

President	* * * * *	Steven Brown
1st VP	* * * * *	Toby Hurley
2nd VP	* * * * *	Jeanne Rives
Secretary	* * * * *	Sylvia Hoad
Treasurer	* * *	Jennie Schemensky
Parliamentarian	*	Dorothy Rencurell

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### **AGS Standing Committees:**

Membership	* * * * *	Jan Penland, Chair
Collection Development	* * * * *	Mary Ann Conrad, Chair:
Web Page	* * * * *	John D. Anderson, Admin
Finance	* * * * *	Jeanne Rives, Chair:
Publicity	* * * * *	Pete Jacobs, Chair
AGS photographer	* * *	Wally Goodman

### **AGS Special Committees:**

Genealogy Resources	* * *	Larry Howser, Chair
APL Donor Wall	* * * * *	Sylvia Hoad, Chair:

### **AGS Board meetings:**

The last AGS Board meeting took place Saturday morning, August 19th, in the Lake Arlington Branch Library community room. The agenda topic getting the most attention was the Arlington Public Library’s microform research

hardware and software capabilities for genealogists now and into the future.

During early summer, the Genealogy Resources committee learned an upgrade to APL microform equipment purchased 8 years ago along with new microform capabilities is not funded. Also, an APL grant application to enhance digitization capabilities did not get approved by the grantor.

The Board invited and heard a presentation during the August meeting from the APL Staff about up-to-date microform reading and digitization capabilities ideally suited for the APL local history and genealogy section in the new Downtown Library.

Following discussion and debate, the AGS Board recommended the AGS make a “directed use” donation in the amount of, \$14,000.00 to fund upgrades and enhancements to the APL microform research hardware and software capabilities. Details about the AGS Board recommendation will be announced and distributed at the 12 Sept membership meeting. If approved as new business during our Sept. meeting, the AGS Board recommendation to donate \$14,000.00 from the Alfred A. Howard bequest will be open for debate and a membership vote at the 10 Oct meeting.

The next AGS Board meeting will be scheduled during October, in the Lake Arlington Branch Library community room. The 2018 operating budget will be on the agenda. Society members are always invited to attend. You can also suggest ideas and proposals to a board member or committee chair. All AGS Board meetings are open to the public.

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

Our newly elected President, Steven Brown, is very busy working Hurricane Harvey disaster relief somewhere along the Texas Gulf Coast as a flood insurance claims adjuster. Be safe Steven!

## **Projects and Volunteers**

The AGS is helping make Arlington, our Dream city, a great place to live. We do our part by focusing on genealogy and family history. It is the “purpose” behind our incorporation and nonprofit status. However, words on paper do not get the job done. AGS accomplishments and generosity over the past 45 years resulted from volunteer efforts. No matter what you’re best at there is something you can do. We need members to volunteer and help with the following projects:

\* The Collection Development Committee and the Genealogy Resources Committee have AGS Board approval to assist the APL staff using AGS member volunteers to survey the Library’s Genealogy Reference media before the 6000 plus titles get reshelfed from NE Branch into the new downtown Public Library.

\* Our Membership Chair, Jan Penland, proposed AGS open a FaceBook.com (FB) page as a way to broaden AGS exposure to the citizens of Arlington, and thereby build up our membership. Currently we have three volunteer members. Jan Penland, Pete Jacobs, and Mark Dellenbaugh. We need one more volunteer before calling our first coordination meeting. Some experience with FB is desired. At a minimum, you need to have an active FB account.

\* Our web admin, John Anderson, proposed AGS make a short informational video about our Society and Genealogy in Arlington Texas. The AGS Board is unanimously in favor of this project. Currently we have three volunteer members with little or no video production experience. Any member volunteer willing to learn on the job, so to speak, please come forward.

\* Not able to volunteer, all well and good, however, take a few moments to share your opinions about some of the AGS projects in work. Contact us directly or use the AGS webpage and our Contact Us email address. Our volunteer members thrive on your feedback and ideas.

## **AGS Society Programs**

The AGS First Vice President, Toby Hurley, arranges or recruits and schedules all programs presented at the membership meetings. Do you have a future program suggestion or idea? Please share it with Toby. Many of our past programs were set up after receiving member suggestions. On tap for the balance of 2017 and 2018 are:

10 **October** “stream a video on a genealogy topic”,  
stream source: rootstech.com

14 **November** “Family Tree Maker Hidden  
Features” [FTM 2014 & 2017] by Marilyn Hay

12 **December** “Identifying Old Photos” by Ann  
McKee

**2018**, Toby Hurley is working a list of program  
possibilities on the following topics; Brick Walls,  
Bankhead Highway, Arlington Family History  
Center, Early TX Maps and Boundary Markers,  
Newspaper Research, and D-Day.

### Upcoming Events in Arlington

Use the [Arlington Public Library](#) online calendar to  
see the details related to the following events in  
Arlington.

Wednesday, Sep 13, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm,  
Making the Most of Ancestry Library Edition (Lake  
Arlington Branch)

Wednesday, Sep 20, 2017 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm,  
Your story series, Entrust Your Story, (Southwest  
Branch Library)

Wednesday, Sep 27, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm,  
Open Genealogy Lab (Southeast Branch)

Wednesday, Oct 11, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm,  
Making the Most of Heritage Quest Online (Lake  
Arlington Branch)

Friday, Oct 20, 2017, Genealogy Lock-in, an all-  
day event from 11:00am to 9:30pm at the Lake  
Arlington Community Room in the Lake Arlington  
Branch Library at 4000 W Green Oaks Blvd.  
In celebration of October as Family History Month,  
the Arlington Public Library will be remotely  
joining the Genealogy Center of the Waco-  
McLennan County Library for their 16th Annual  
Genealogy Lock-in.

Programming is COME & GO and includes  
something for everyone. Video of the remote  
presenters will be streamed & shown on the flat  
screen TV in the Community Room. Light snacks,  
water, and coffee will be available through the day.  
No registration is required for the general  
programming and everyone is welcome! If you plan  
to stay a while bring a pillow or chair pad for  
comfort.

Wednesday, Oct 25, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm,  
Open Genealogy Lab (Southeast Branch)

Wednesday, Nov 8, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm,  
Making the Most of America's Obituaries & Death  
Notices Reference USA, & Texas Digital Sanborn  
Maps (Lake Arlington Branch)

Wednesday, Nov 15, 2017 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm  
Your story series, special holiday edition, Record  
Your Story (Southwest Branch Library)

Wednesday, Nov 22, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm,  
Open Genealogy Lab (Southeast Branch)

Wednesday, Dec 13, 2017 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm  
Your Story Series, special holiday edition, Cook  
Your Story, (Southwest Branch Library)

### Upcoming Events in our Local Area

#### Cedar Hill Genealogy Society:

\*September 14<sup>th</sup>, Program - Finding Secret Data in  
FamilySearch.

\*October 12<sup>th</sup>, Program - Finding German  
Ancestors: Their Information Is Not all on the  
Internet

#### Fort Worth Genealogy Society:

September 26<sup>th</sup>, Program - Forgotten Treasures in  
the Texas Courthouse: Discovering the  
Miscellaneous Books.

#### Grand Prairie Genealogical Society:

September 7<sup>th</sup>, Program – This month the GPGS  
members and visitors will be conducting a  
“Brickwalls” Workshop.

#### Dallas Genealogical Society:

\*September 9<sup>th</sup>, Program - DGS member, David  
Passman, will be sharing the results of his research  
and discussing the use of collateral lines as a  
research methodology.

\*September 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, DGS is  
hosting the North Texas Genealogical Society  
Summit. A free event targeted towards Leaders of  
Genealogical Societies located in the North Texas  
area (TSGS Regions 7 through 12, 14, 16 and 17).  
The theme of this year’s event is ‘Collaboration  
Among Societies’, and our featured speaker will be  
D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS.

Mid Cities Genealogical Society:  
September 7th, Program - Searching Newspapers:  
Tips, Tricks, Sites and Context

National Archives at Fort Worth:  
October 6th, Workshop - Naturalization Online,  
Naturalization Records can be quite difficult to  
locate, but not anymore! Attend this session to learn  
how to locate many of these records.

### **Upcoming Events outside of our Local Area**

Texas State Genealogical Society:  
October 20th – October 22nd, registration is now  
open for the 2017 Family History Conference  
to be held at the Omni Houston Hotel at Westside in  
Houston, Texas. Featuring 60 plus sessions from 28  
speakers. Try to book before September 28th for  
better rates. Visit the TxSGS website for details and  
registration. <http://www.txsgs.org>

#### **THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL**

A “local news” republish feature copied from *THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL* by Will Keller, with permission. 1930 continued:

Friday February 28, 85-Year-Old Oklahoma Pioneer Visiting Here Robert B. Ross, of Tahlequah, Oklahoma is in Arlington visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Cobb who lives at 1020 North Center Street. He is now 85 years of age and is as spry as many men much younger. It is indeed a treat to sit and listen to the experiences as told by him of the happenings of pioneer days in Oklahoma which was then the Indian Territory.

Mr. Ross is three-quarter Indian, born in 1845, the grandson of John Ross, and during his interesting career held many high offices of trust and honor, some of which include: treasurer of the Cherokee Nation for twelve years, clerk of the district court, clerk of the Indian Council in 1866, Sheriff of Tahlequah, member lower house and senate, and postmaster. In 1907 the Cherokees became a nation and he was a commissioner for settling the affairs of statehood.

Mr. Ross says that while holding the office of sheriff for many years in the early days conditions were much different from what they are to-day and that there was not near so much crime as is prevalent now, probably caused by the drastic action taken then to punish wrongdoers. He says that many times the offender was tied and lashed publicly for minor offenses which was effective because the physical punishment was severe and because of the disgrace it brought, which was much more humiliating than the jail sentences imposed now. For major crimes such as murder, the hangman’s noose was their portion and only five days was given in which to get ready to die. When asked if there was more crime at that time than now, Mr. Ross said there is no comparison, being much more now.

One year ago passed Mr. Ross and wife came to Arlington to visit their daughter and while here Mrs. Ross died and was taken back to Tahlequah for burial. They had been married 61 years, and she too had shared his sorrows as well as his honors. They reared seven children besides their own, and nine were born to them. This in itself is more than people are willing to undertake nowadays. Another outstanding event of life is that he helped to organize the first Royal Arch and commandry in the Cherokee nation. He says the first church he ever remembers attending was the Methodist, although he now belongs to the Moravians, which was a church organized by the Cherokee in Georgia before they removed to the New Home Wish (Indian Territory).

Mr. Ross is anticipating with pleasure a trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee, the first of March to take part in the unveiling of a tablet erected in memory of his grandfather, John Ross, at Rossville, which place was named in honor of his grandfather. A large bridge has been built across the Tennessee river and a bronze tablet placed on it with appropriate inscription dedicated to John Ross who died in Washington while transacting official business for the Cherokee Indians, August 1, 1866. John Ross was chief of the Cherokee Indians for 40

years. He was buried in Washington and a year later removed to his old home in Tahlequah. He was 76 years old at death and was a personal friend of all United States Presidents from Martin Van Buren to Abraham Lincoln.

In Arlington there are many of his friends who are always glad of his visits who realize that if all the experiences of his life were written it would make an interesting book.

We secured Mr. Ross' photograph and sent it to the engravers in Ft. Worth so a cut might be made but it became lost in the mails and we are unable to reproduce it at the head of this article.

Friday March 7          Death of Mrs. L. C. Massey

The passing away of Mrs. L. C. Massey at her home Sunday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock was not a surprise, but there was a feeling of sadness at the departing of this good woman who had been sick for many months, and had borne her sufferings with patience all this time. God saw fit in His wisdom to relieve this dear wife and mother of the many aches and pains which she had endured so patiently, and take her where there is no pain nor sorrow. She was a wife and mother in all that those terms comprehend. Of her is the saying of Holy Writ literally true: "Her children called her blessed." She is remembered as a kind, thoughtful neighbor and one who was ever ready to do her part at all times.

Miss Dink Evans was married to L. C. Massey in 1900. She joined the Church of Christ when sixteen years of age, having lived true to her faith all these years. She leaves her husband and four children, Mrs. Mac Beard, Raymond, Albert and Christine, two brothers J. D. Evans and C. D. Evans who live at Mexia and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. The funeral was held from the Church of Christ, Rev. W. D. Staley officiating. Her remains were laid to rest in Johnson Station Cemetery by the Moore Funeral Home. Those from out of the city to attend the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Luker, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Keith, Mr. and

Mrs. Leonard Higginbotham, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, Sherman; Code Edwards and son, Dennison; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Butler, Bowie; Olive M??? Mr. and Mrs. Early ??? (unreadable)

And more "Local News"

19 September, 1902 - The first Interurban (FW to Dallas) wreck occurred in Arlington today. "A work car was coming down the grade at Sycamore Creek at a high rate of speed and a passenger car was coming up more slowly." Several people were slightly hurt. (Arlington Journal). Reprinted from *A Calendar of Arlington History* by Dan Young.

Closing Note: This is my first AGS newsletter following the turnover during late June with our former newsletter editor, Ruth Goodman, . Your comments, suggestions and contributions are sincerely appreciated. The editor, Pete Jacobs.

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The Arlington Genealogical Society (AGS) was established on October 27, 1970, and incorporated on May 18, 1971.

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