



# Arlington Genealogical Society

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## November 2017 Newsletter

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### **AGS Meeting TUESDAY, November 14th, 2017 6:30 P.M.**

Our meetings are held 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.

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the meeting: Mary Ann Conrad, Virginia Orchard, Jeannie Schemensky and Sylvia Hoad.

### **November Meeting Program**

Marilyn Hay will be talking to us about Family Tree Maker. Mackiev.com released FTM 2017 this past July. Join us as Marilyn Hay brings us up to date on using this popular genealogy software.



Marilyn teaches online genealogy at Tarrant County Community College NE campus.

### **Recap of the October Meeting Program**

For the October meeting AGS was unable to schedule a speaker, and substituted a RootsTech video titled "Censational Census Strategies"

The video streamed 51 minutes. Here is a brief summary. The census record is one of the best genealogy research resources to find information about our ancestors. However, the indexers made mistakes that thwart even the most experienced researcher. Lead off focus was on how to find "missing people" in the census, and then how to get the most out of using census records. The video explored several strategies such as searching with a known first name and one additional parameter.

RootsTech videos offered for streaming are on current and relevant topics presented at the most recent annual convention. Here is the link to see what is currently available to view anytime on your device or computer screen. [ROOTSTECH VIDEO LINK](#)

### **AGS Officers**

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

### **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, October 14th, in the Northeast Branch Library community room. The agenda topic getting the most attention was next year's proposed operating budget. The 2018 operating budget will be submitted for membership consideration and approval at the November membership meeting. The next AGS Board meeting is scheduled for 20 January, 2018, in the Northeast Branch Library community room. Preparations for the Spring Family History Fair and plans to support the relocation of the Genealogy Reference collection back to the downtown library from the Northeast branch will be on the agenda. Society members are 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.

### **AGS Board Invitation**

At the October members meeting a contribution to the APL for upgrading and enhancing the microforms research capability was approved by majority vote. The AGS Board extends an invitation to members to attend the donation event scheduled for 15 November at City Hall. The \$14,000.00 will be contributed at the APL staff offices, 3rd floor City Hall on 15 November, at 2:00 PM. RSVP to the Genealogy Resources Committee Chair, Larry Houser, if you plan to attend.

### **A Few Words from Your Society President**

Our President, Steven Brown, is somewhere along the Texas Gulf Coast working Hurricane Harvey disaster relief as a flood insurance claims adjuster. Steven tells us he may be back toward the end of November.

### **Committee Reports**

Collection Development, Mary Ann Conrad, Chair, and the committee is selecting and purchasing the balance of reference media to be donated in 2017. If you are in need of, or are aware of good genealogy reference books, please share your information with Mary Ann Conrad.

Membership, Jan Penland, Chair, and the committee encourages members to pay their 2018 dues prior to January. When renewing, turn in a completed membership form so our society has up-to-date contact information and family research surnames. [the form is appended to this newsletter]

Genealogy Resources, a special committee, Larry Houser, Chair, and the committee extend their sincere appreciation to all members for supporting and approving the restricted cash contribution to the APL for upgrading and enhancing the microforms research capability. Our next project is assisting in the relocation of the Genealogy research collection.

### **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 and donations. No matter what you're good 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 are re-shelved 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. We managed a program announcement video for November. 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 feedback and ideas.

### General Genealogy Information

We often hear and read about fellow genealogy enthusiasts traveling to one of the big-name genealogy libraries at places like Utah, or Indiana, or the District of Columbia. Did you know the Midwest Genealogy Center (MGC) in Independence, Missouri, is an easy two-day drive to the North, with lots of sightseeing opportunities along the way? The Midwest Genealogy Center is one of the nation's preeminent resources for family history, providing access to almost three-quarter of a million on-site materials, and features 52,000 square feet of space to house all of those free resources needed to research your family history. Our Collection Development Committee Chair, Mary Ann Conrad, asked me to share a free online resource at the MGC website, Family History Forms. Many of the MGC forms have been designed as fillable PDFs. On that same website page, Pete noticed downloadable census data and downloadable blank forms to aid interpretation for each census year [1790 – 1940]. [MCPL PDF FORMS LINK](#)

### Online Genealogy Information

Findagrave.com users are being greeted by this banner. "This old version of Find A Grave will be retired soon. Go to the new site." Find A Grave has been owned by Ancestry.com since 2013, and the long-promised changes by Ancestry are happening. The new site offers a more secure and usable website, improved performance and speed, and support for new devices and for other languages. For the time being you can still log-on to the "old" site if you use this URL <https://old.findagrave.com/> and you can click back and forth from old to new.

On the new website, to see and experiment with all the planned changes, click preview now near the top center of the screen. As of October 2017, Find A Grave claims over 165 million burial records and 75 million photos.

### 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 arranged after receiving member suggestions. On tap for the balance of 2017 and 2018 are:

**14 November** "Family Tree Maker Hidden Features" 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.

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### Upcoming Events in Arlington

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

Wednesday, Nov 8, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm, Making the Most of America's Obituaries & Death Notices, all about ReferenceUSA, & Texas Digital Sanborn Maps, the session will be in the TechLink van (Lake Arlington Branch)

The "Your Story" series - Writing, Preserving, Organizing, Recording, Cooking, and Entrusting your Family's History. This popular series features two holiday presentations, Wed, Nov 15, 2017 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm, and Wed, Dec 13, 2017 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm, both in the Southwest Community Room, APL (Southwest Branch Library).

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

## Upcoming Events in our Local Area

### Cedar Hill Genealogy Society:

\*November 9th, the program will be:  
Military Records from the Revolution to World War II. Presenting will be Lela Evans

### Fort Worth Genealogy Society:

\*November 28th, Program Topic: Writing a Family History, Speaking will be Clay Patterson

### Grand Prairie Genealogical Society:

\*December 7<sup>th</sup>, "Meet and Greet" begins at 6:30 pm with the Program following at 7:00 pm.

### Mid Cities Genealogical Society:

\*December 7<sup>th</sup>, MCGS Monthly Meeting and Annual Holiday Party, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, at the Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library.

### Dallas Genealogical Society:

#### \*Special Interest Groups:

Jewish . . . Nov 15 @ 10:00 am - 1:00pm

DNA . . . Nov 16 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

African American

Nov 18 @ 2:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Brown Bag . Nov 25 @ 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Technology . . . Dec 7 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### National Archives at Fort Worth:

\*The Workshop series skips December-

\*January 2018 and subsequent workshop sessions are yet to be published.

## Upcoming Events outside of our Local Area

### Collin County Genealogical Society

\*November 8th - Ari Wilkins, "Getting the Most Bang for Your Buck at the Library"

### **Arlington Historical Society**

The Arlington Historical Society will honor Arlington native Morgan Woodward, an award-winning actor whose acting career included films such as *Cool Hand Luke* and television shows such as *Gunsmoke* and *Dallas*. During the mid November fundraising event guests will be served hearty chuck-wagon appetizers and be entertained by the Uptown Drifters. The program, which also includes guest speakers, is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. November 18, 2017, at the University of Texas at Arlington's Rosebud Theatre, 300 W. 1st Street. For

more information or to purchase tickets for the fundraiser, call the Arlington Historical Society at 817-460-4001. AHS-LINK

### **THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL**

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

**Friday March 13**, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alspaugh attended the funeral of **Dr. J. C. Bennett** at Grapevine Monday. Dr. Bennett is a special friend of their son Howard as well as their good friend. **Friday March 21**, WOLVES MENACE PIGS OF WATSON SECTION, Wolves are becoming a menace to poultry, young pigs and calves in the Watson community, four miles northeast of Arlington. Recently, it is said, Jim Wheeler found a couple of wolves in his yard engaged in a battle with his dog. Not long ago Jim Barr, of the same community while driving home from Dallas came upon a wolf in the road. The wolf began a race down the roadway, with Barr in pursuit with his auto. The chase was short but fast, said Barr, and soon the wolf was killed by the impact of the rapidly moving automobile.

**Friday March 21**, POLLUTION OF TRINITY RIVER SHOULD BE STOPPED, Arlington, Texas, March 13, 1930, To the Arlington Journal: I would like to ask for information through your paper, if you please. The questions I ask are to anyone who can and will answer them. Is there a law to prevent the pollution of the streams, small or great, in the state of Texas? If so, as I understand there is, why is the Trinity river allowed to be polluted to the extent that one is almost overcome with the awful smell when within one or two miles of the river? That is not the worst of it; fish cannot live in the Trinity as the oil and other filth is continually allowed to run in it seemingly without any restriction.

Once in a while we read a hint that it will be seen after and the filth prohibited from being allowed to go into the river but it seems nothing is expected to be done about it.

I would like to know why this important matter has not been seen after before now and I

would like to know who is responsible for allowing this river to remain in the present condition?

Recently I met two officers of the law and asked them this question "Why has the Trinity river been allowed to get in its present condition?" One of them replied it could not be helped as there was too much money at the back of it. Now is it possible that this is a fact? Because moneyed men desire for their convenience to pollute this stream, it has become almost unbearable and kills all the fish that come up the river as fast as they get here.

It occurs to me that moneyed men are in a better position to take care of their troubles than the poorer class and should be required to do so. I think the officer who fails to discharge his duty because he is afraid of the moneyed men should be held accountable for this neglect of his sworn duty to the people.

Now if there is a law against this matter let's have it obeyed. If this law is not enforced why should anyone obey any of the laws if they are only for the poor?

Yours very truly,  
W. B. Milburn.

**Friday March 21**, IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. L. C. MASSEY, The Lord saw fit to call this kind wife and loving mother from her earthly home, March 2, at 2:45. She said she was ready to go, because she built her home on high and the Lord said, come. She called her children in and told them that the Lord had called her, for them to be sweet, good children and to live a life to meet her on high.

She endured her illness without a word. She said Christ suffered and died for our sins and we are no better than our Savior. Mrs. Massey was a pleasant wife and mother and met all things with a smile. She raised a niece who is grown and has a home of her own, who was much pleasure to her aunt. Mrs. Massey had only moved to this country in November 1919, but she had many friends and neighbors.

She leaves to mourn her death, a husband, four children, one Grandchild, and two brothers, Bro. J. D. Evans, Arlington and C. D. Evans of Mexia and a host of relatives and friends who

mourn her death. Pallbearers were: J. M. Edwards, Sherman; J. R. Evans, Arlington; Cod? Edwards, Sherman; M. L. Kieth, Dallas; Earley Kareganey, Bremond; Lineard Higginbothon, Dallas.

**Friday March 28**, Dirt Slide Kills Arlington Boy; 4 Narrowly Escape, Jimmy Booker, 18, of Arlington, was killed and Pete Watson, Buddie Pierce, Sam Platt and Frank Tyra narrowly escaped sudden death Wednesday night at 12 o'clock while excavating a ditch fifteen feet beneath the surface on the highway one mile east of this city.

Excavation was being made for a concrete bridge when, without warning, an avalanche of earth poured down upon these men, who were in the employ of the Build-Big Construction Company. As the dirt began to pour down, the four laborers frantically began to climb for the top of the hole, 15 feet away, Jimmy Booker being unable to make it before being sucked under by the crushing mass of mud and water. Watson and Tyra got out first and began trying to help the other two. By heroic efforts they kept Buddie Pierce's head above water and almost scalped him before he was pulled safely out. The suction was so great and the water rushing in caught Jimmy before he could be rescued.

The body was recovered yesterday afternoon about two o'clock after having been buried beneath mud and water for over 14 hours, during which time the construction company did everything possible to effect a rescue while an anxious mother, brother, sisters and many friends waited for its recovery.

Jimmy was the oldest son of Mrs. Nettie Booker, his father, John Booker, having died about three months ago, after a fall on ice during the extreme cold weather in which he broke his hip. On January 11 he died leaving Jimmy and his mother as the only means of support for this family. The mother, Mrs. Booker, works at Cooper Hotel and Jimmy began work Sunday night with the construction company worked day and night since that time. He wanted a new suit and when at the evening meal his mother begged him to sleep and not go back, he said: "If I work tonight I can get my suit Saturday." His was the sacrifice of a son who wanted to give his mother, brother and sisters what

they needed, and he is a true hero in the eyes of the world. He leaves a mother, three sisters and one brother, Clemie, Nina Maye, Zella and Johnny. The community feels a sadness inexpressible and more especially for the dear mother who mourns for her boy.

### **And more historical “Local News”**

November, 1863 – After gathering their fall crop, the Simon Johnson family decided to move to the cross-timbers: “We had found upon inquiry that good timbered land was available from the government. We at once proceeded to Ft. Worth, and on investigation learned that a homestead of 160 acres could be bought for around \$1.00 an acre, some more, some less, with terms, unless we expected to be permanent. Then in this case we could lay claim to 640 acres (one section).” The Johnsons settled on Village Creek, between Ft. Worth and Dallas. Reprinted from *Trail Blazing: A True Story of the Struggles with Hostile Indians on the Frontier of Texas* by Marshall L. Johnson published 1935.

**Closing Note:** The AGS Newsletter welcomes individual contributions. 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.

AGS is a federal and state approved 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation relying wholly on member volunteers at all levels within the corporation.

Your charitable donations to the AGS are tax deductible as allowed by law. The AGS Tax ID # or EIN is 90-0890150.

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The current and prior AGS Newsletters are also available on the Society website. <http://arlingtongenealogytx.org/>

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## Membership Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal  New Member  Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual: \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Family: \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Arlington Genealogical Society

Mail form with payment to:

AGS PO Box 373, Arlington, Texas 76004-0373

Surnames you are researching:

Surname	State	County	Surname	State	County

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