



Arlington Genealogical Society

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March 2018 Newsletter

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AGS Meeting TUESDAY, March 13th, 2018 6:30 P.M.

Our meetings are held 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.

Refreshments

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the meeting: Jeffress and Kim Newman, and Sue Mathios.

The March Meeting Program

Throughout our membership year we advance our genealogy knowledge through various educational programs. Our speaker this month will be Kelvin L. Meyers from Dallas, Tx.



Kelvin will present a program titled:
“Plowing Through the Land Records to Find Your Ancestor”

AGS Officers

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A Few Words from Your Society President

Thank you to David and Margaret Crumpton for speaking to the membership, at our last meeting, regarding the Arlington Family History Center and the resources available for genealogical research, and the upcoming Family History Fair at the Arlington Stake, April 7.

We will have a table at the Family History Fair, which will be shared with the Arlington Public Library. Please look for the sign-up sheet for volunteers to man the table for an hour or so. Just a reminder, the new membership year has begun, so if you have not renewed your membership, please do so. Those that have not yet renewed have until the March meeting, or their names will be dropped from the membership roster, per the society standing rules. Our society has grown each year through the past few years. We want everyone to remain a member and invite friends to check our group out and hopefully join our society as we learn new ways or gain more insight into researching our lineage through our monthly guest speaker presentations and sharing of ideas between one another at our meetings.

A new tool for us to interact with one another and any visitors has just gone “on-line”. We now have a presence on Face Book! Please visit the Arlington Genealogical Society Face Book Page and “Like” the page. Share with your friends and family and ask them to like the page as well! We are looking for additional volunteers to “monitor” the page one day per week to be on the lookout for any posts that require a reply. The “monitoring” consists of simply checking on the page two or three times per day to see if anyone needs a response. Please see Pete Jacobs for volunteer opportunities.

Currently, the new library is set to open in June of 2018. Please look for upcoming requests from the Genealogy Resources Committee for assistance with getting the space organized in the new library building prior to this date.

Speaking of the new library, we received an email from Melissa Jeffery, Library Service Manager, letting us know the Microfilm machine has been ordered and expect it to arrive soon! Apparently, the winning bid came in under the amount of money that AGS donated. With the remainder of the funds the APL Staff is evaluating the purchase of better monitors and possibly better computer peripherals for the local history and genealogy room.

I look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday, March 13, when our program speakers will be Kelvin Meyers. Kelvin will be presenting “*Plowing Through the Land Records to Find Your Ancestors*”. We are currently working to confirm a speaker for our April Meeting. In May, we have Tresa Tatyrek scheduled for a presentation called “*Become a Mapaholic*”, which deals with maps in genealogical research. Our June meeting will be a “*Knocking Down Brick Walls*” program which will be a member inter-action session to try to help one another with potential research ideas for our own “brick walls”.

We are also working on some programs for our 2018-2019 meeting/speaker schedule, following our “summer break” from general membership meetings. Look for an “Orientation” of the new George W Hawkes Library when we return to our meeting schedule in September!

Steve Brown
President, Arlington Genealogy Association

AGS Board meetings:

The last AGS Board meeting took place Saturday morning, January 20th, 2018, in the Lake Arlington Branch Library Community Room. The next AGS

Board meeting is scheduled for March 22nd, at 6:00pm, in the Woodland West Branch Library Community Room. On the agenda will be final planning for the information table at the 7 April Family History Seminar, and AGS plans to assist in the relocation of the Genealogy Reference collection back to the downtown library from the Northeast branch. Members are invited to attend Board meetings. You can also suggest ideas and proposals to a board member or committee chair. All AGS Board meetings are open to the public.

AGS Committees

Standing Committees:

Membership * * * * * Jan Penland, Chair
Collection Development
* * * * * Mary Ann Conrad, Chair:
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Special Committees:

Genealogy Resources * * * Larry Howser, Chair
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Committee News

Collection Development, Mary Ann Conrad, Chair. If you are in need of, or are aware of genealogy reference books, please share your information with the committee. The committee recently visited the Weatherford Public Library to take advantage of an inventory reduction. Mary Ann will update us on these recent acquisitions at the regular meeting.

Membership, Jan Penland, Chair, reports it is always a pleasure to welcome new members and reinstate renewing members. Membership numbers increased during 2018, and we hope to continue that trend into the future. Please invite your friends and family members who are interested in family history to join our Society.

Our new membership year began on January 1, 2018. Our March meeting is the deadline for renewals, and your last opportunity to maintain a continuous membership. As of March 1st, we’ve received renewals from 14 families, 25 individuals and one institution. We don’t want to lose you! So, if you haven’t yet paid your 2018 dues, please do so at our next meeting, March 13th), or by mail. To

print a membership form, [form-LINK](#), which includes the mailing address for AGS, or print the form appended as the last page to this newsletter.

Publicity, Pete Jacobs, Chair, reports the AGS Facebook page has been published. Please visit and interact, as in LIKE, FOLLOW, SHARE, COMMENT, MESSAGE, OR REVIEW, with AGS on Facebook. While using Facebook.com on your device or computer, key into the search block @arlingtongenealogytx to find our AGS page. Our AGS web site opening page now has a direct link to the AGS FB page, and another direct link, [agsonfb-LINK](#), that will open your browser on the AGS FB page. The FB Project team [Steven, Meg, Jan, Mark, and Pete] appreciates your support. We would like a few more volunteers with some experience on FB. At a minimum, potential volunteers need to have an active FB account.

Genealogy Resources, Larry Howser, Chair, reports the Genealogy Resources Committee will meet prior to the March Board meeting.

General Genealogy Information

Genealogy in the news? Why yes, some interesting behavioral findings have recently been published in *Science*, one of the most influential academic journals in the world. A group of scientists used “consumer” genealogy to find fresh insights into the last couple of centuries of marriage and migration in Europe and North America, and the role of genes in longevity. Individual genealogy enthusiasts just like you and I using Geni.com, made this study possible by providing the family tree profiles used in the research. For those not familiar with Geni.com, it is the definitive family tree for the entire world. It has millions of users who collaborate on their shared ancestry by constantly expanding and improving the tree. The World Family Tree currently has more than 120 million profiles. This collaborative family tree is benefiting multiple fields from genetics to anthropology and economics.

One published finding was the profound impact on family life such as the spouse birth place distance. Before 1750 it was within 6 miles from each other, and in 1950 that finding a spouse distance had grown to 60 miles from each other. Another finding, before 1850 marrying within the family was more common, on average, fourth cousins married each other, compared to seventh cousins as the average

today. Even more details about those findings and the role of genes in longevity were reported in national media including the Fort Worth Star-Telegram [FWST-link](#), the New York Times [NYTimes-Link](#) and Dick Eastman’s Blog [EASTMANN-Link](#), to name a few.

Online Genealogy Information

MyHeritage recently announced the release of new research collections holding 325 million historical records. The latest additions are the 1939 Register of England & Wales with 33 million searchable records; a unique and innovatively structured U.S. yearbooks collection [1890-1979]; and an extensive collection of Canadian obituaries spanning mostly 1997-2017.

AGS Society Programs

Our AGS First Vice President, Toby Hurley, arranges or recruits and schedules all programs presented at membership meetings. Do you have a future program suggestion or idea? Please share it with Toby.

February 2018 Program Summary

David and Margreat Crumpton, co-Directors of the Family History Center (FHC) on Curt Drive in Arlington were the speakers. David gave us an update about the local FHC, and Margreat followed with an over view of the upcoming **Family History Seminar**, April 7th.

Here is a brief summary of David’s talk. **Family History Centers** are branches of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, operated by the LDS Church. The centers, including the Arlington FHC, offer resources for research and study of genealogy and family history. All FHCs are open to members of the LDS Church and nonmembers alike. The Arlington FHC has dedicated book, computer, and microform areas. Our local FHC has more than six new computers with high speed Internet access. The local computers can access FamilySearch.org database and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, as well as the institutional version of *Ancestry*, *Fold3*, and some other paid-access sites. Although microfilm distribution services from the Family History Library ended in September 2017, visitors to Arlington’s FHC can still use the film/fiche readers to view the locally held FHC microform collection.

AGS Future Programs:

March, "Plowing Through the Land Records to Find Your Ancestor", Kelvin L. Meyers

April, To be announced

May "Become a Mapaholic", Tresa Tatyrek

June, *Brick Wall Breakdown*, Steven Brown

September, *Tour the Genealogy Reference Collection*, Mark Dellenbaugh

Upcoming Genealogy Events in Arlington

At the Arlington Public Libraries

*The "Your Story" series - Writing, Recording, Cooking, and Preserving your Family's History. Your family's story is richer than data recorded on genealogy charts. The next session is Wed, Mar 21, 2018 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Lake Arlington Branch Library Community Room. The series continues in April on the third Wednesday.

*The "Hands-On Learning" making the most of series - Online genealogy records, where they exist, are usually scattered across several resources. This series of classes focuses on online genealogy resources that the library provides. Wed, Mar 14, 2018 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm, making the most of Heritage Quest, and Wed, Apr 14, 2018 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm, making the most of America's Obituaries & Death Notices, ReferenceUSA, & Texas Digital Sanborn Maps. Both programs in the Techlink Van parked in the Woodland West Branch Library Public Area.

To see more details related to the preceding events use the Arlington Public Library online calendar.

FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR COMING IN APRIL The Arlington Stake Family History Center is teaming up this year with the Burleson Stake to present a Family History Seminar on April 7, 2018 in Arlington at 3809 Curt Drive. Local presenters or pre-recorded presentations from RootsTech can be viewed. Go to [seminar-LINK](#) to find out more. This is an excellent opportunity to fine tune your genealogy skills at a bargain rate [free].

Genealogy Events in our Local Area

UTA Special Collections:

* On exhibit through August, *Drawn to Politics: The Editorial Art of Etta Hulme*.

Cedar Hill Genealogy Society:

*General meeting on Thursday, March 8th, 6:30pm, in the Zula B Wylie Library. Judy Allen will Present: *Cemetery Dousing*.

Fort Worth Genealogy Society:

* General meeting on Tuesday, March 27th, 6:30pm to 7:45pm, Ft Worth Central Library Tandy Lecture Hall. The FWGS web site remains off-line. The host, rootsweb.com, is doing repair and updates.

Grand Prairie Genealogical Society:

*The GPGS 2018 "Lock In", Friday evening, March 9th. Register at [gpgslockin-LINK](#), and utilize the Grand Prairie Main Library for after hour's research with GPGS volunteers ready to assist.

*Thursday, April 5th, monthly meeting, 6:30 pm.

Mid Cities Genealogical Society:

*Thursday, April 5th, MCGS general meeting, 6:30 pm at the Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library. *Locating Confederate Forebears*, Presenter: Peggy Fox Michaels.

Dallas Genealogical Society:

*DGS, April 14th, meeting. The educational presentation, *FamilySearch Family Tree: Your Tree, My Tree, OUR Tree*, will be made by Lynell Bennett Moss.

*DGS Special Interest Groups:

Technology, Apr 5 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

African American, Mar 17 @ 2:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Jewish, Mar 21 @ 10:00 am - 1:00pm

DNA, Mar 15 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Brown Bag, Mar 24 @ 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

*DGS, 2018 Spring Seminar – Michael L Strauss, AG – Revolution to Reconstruction: Seeking Those Who Shaped America, to register, [dgsseminar-LINK](#)

National Archives at Fort Worth:

*The Workshop series, the second of four, on Apr 6th, *Baseball: The National Pastime at the National Archives!*. Do register via email, [fwnara-Mail](#) to reserve a seat.



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“Arlington on Tap, 2018” – The 3rd season continues Tuesday, March 13: Bill Coppola, president of the Arlington campus of Tarrant County College: *Community Colleges: The Answer to a lot of American Problems*. Hooligan’s, 310 E. Abram St. Event begins at 6 pm. [ahs-LINK](#)

From THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL

1930 selected articles continued, a “local news” republic feature copied from *THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL* by Will Keller, with permission, APL call # GEN REF TX.5 K 1925 – 1933 v.3.

Friday April 18 CELEBRATES HIS EIGHTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY. The past week was one that T. H. Wood and family will ever remember as one of the most delightful they have spent in many years. They have visiting with them his father, F. A. Wood, of Tolar, who came over to spend his eighty-fifth birthday. Sunday was a reunion for all his children and a few of the grandchildren who met at the Park for the day, spread their lunch and had a good time. As we took a reminiscence trip with him, we first found him living in Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, happily domiciled with his family which consisted of his wife and four children, three of whom are living and was here to celebrate his birthday Saturday. Mr. Wood soon heard and answered the call to go fight for his country leaving in June 1864 and was in service for eleven months, but never crossed the Mississippi river and was never in a battle. After the war he moved to a farm where they lived for many years, his wife dying in 1887. He was left with his children to rear, so his sister, Mrs. Mary Cherrington came to live with them. After struggling to keep his home together for six years he decided to move to Rinehart in 1893, where he established a grocery business, living there until 1902 when he began to feel the need of the love and care of his children, so he moved to Tolar to make his home.

Mr. Wood was asked how the civil war compared to the world war. He very readily said: “During the world war people thought they were having a hard time when they had to do on an allowance of flour and sugar, but my, we didn’t even have the necessities during the civil war. We went hungry lots of times and ate thing that we wouldn’t think of eating now, all because we didn’t have anything better, and our hunger had to be

appeased. We took what we could get and not what we wanted.” He said the only conveyance they had in getting to church was driving an ox wagon and that they would go many miles to hear a Sermon. Laughingly he continued, “Just think, now we can go to Fort Worth or Dallas and hear a sermon and then be back for dinner. However, the old days were happy days, even with all the hardships.”

Very few sons have had the privilege of initiating their father in the Masonic Lodge, but T. H. Wood had that privilege. He helped to confer the degrees upon his father at Tolar in 1904, who says he has tried ever since that time to live up to its teachings the best he knew how. Mr. Wood was born at Pleasant Hill, La., April 13, 1845, and is still active. He works in the garden and helps his daughter around the house and says he enjoys it and is much happier than sitting around doing nothing. From his cheerful disposition we feel sure he has been a good father and citizen and his 85 years have not been spent in vain, for he has three children: T. H. Wood of this city, Mrs. A. C. Tidwell and Mrs. Mollie McRimmon of Tolar, who are the products of his living and fine character. Here is wishing many more happy birthdays for Mr. Wood and we hope he will enjoy his visit in the city.

Those from out of town for the birthday dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wood and daughter, Miss Lucille were: Mesdames A. C. Tidwell and Mrs. Mollie McRimmon and son Garland McRimmon of Tolar, Chas. Wood and family, J. H. Bold, W. B. Boyd, C. F. Petty, Johnnie Dowdy of Dallas. our generations were represented.

Friday April 18 CARD OF THANKS We wish to express our gratitude to those who so tenderly ministered to our mother and grandmother in her recent illness and death, and our sincerest appreciation for the kindness and sympathy of our friends in our sorrow. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fowler and family.

Friday April 25 LOCAL NEWS The Texas and Pacific station has asked us to state that giving out the time to the public will be discontinued after April, 25th. This is orders from headquarters.

Friday May 2 KILLED BY FAST TRAIN J. R. Cawthon, Local Contractor, Dies In Hospital Another tragic death has thrown our city in deep sorrow. The death of a good man, J. R. Cawthon, age 57, was killed Sunday morning at the Texas and Pacific crossing on Cooper street. No one seemed to know just how it happened but Mr. Cawthon had

just left J. M. Houston and family whom he had picked up and brought to the Presbyterian church. On leaving them he remarked he would have to hurry on and bring his wife back to church. It was on this return trip that the passenger train ran into his car hitting it slightly back of the center. It is not known whether the car had stalled on the track, or whether Mr. Cawthon failed to see the train or red lights. The car was completely demolished and he was thrown about fifty feet mangling him from head to feet. As soon as the train hit the automobile it began stopping and backed up to the crossing to render what aid it could.

Friends quickly picked him up from out the sand where he was thrown clear of the wrecked car and on the north side of the railroad track and carried him to Dr. Davis office where he was quickly patched up for the trip to the hospital.

He was taken to St. Joseph's hospital Fort Worth, and never regained consciousness. His spirit took its flight to another world where there is no suffering Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

As everyone was rushing to Sunday School and church Sunday morning with happy hearts, little did they dream so horrible an accident as that would throw the entire city in sorrow.

Mr. Cawthon was a man who had strong convictions and when he felt he was right no one could sway him. He was kind and considerate in all his dealings, always trying to give value received. He and his family moved here in 1920 and he has been a contractor since that time. The Hill Crest Addition, built on the highway, has many houses built by him, as well as all over this country, mute testimonials of his skill and efficiency which will stand for many years and be reminders of the work he has done to help build the city.

James Russell Cawthon was born Aug. 28, 1872 at Bullard, Texas and was married to Miss Elsie Roddy at Roddy, Texas, Oct. 14, 1897. His survivors are his widow, three sons, Russell, Max and Paul Cawthon, five brothers and one sister, Allen Cawthon of Arlington, Sam, Owen, Wayne and Wylie Cawthon, and Mrs. Hesterly of Bullard, all of whom were with him when he passed away.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock Rev. W. T. Rouse officiating, assisted by Rev. C. A. Statham and Rev. S. M. Bennett. His body was interred in Parkdale cemetery. Active pall bearers:

t. L. Cravens, Jewel Barren, E. L. Keene, J. N. Kingston, C. N. Hiatt and Will McDonald.

And from a local historical perspective . . .

Spring 1847: The wagon caravan from Bird's Fort to the new settlement 25 miles downstream stopped today to rest at Turtle Creek, so named for a large turtle they caught for lunch. (Sanders and Tyler, *How Fort Worth became the Texas most City*, Amon Carter Museum, 1973)

Spring 1888: Tarrant County horse raisers developed a scheme to remove the smaller horses from the breeding pool: "They are going to ship to New York and other large cities of the east a large number of the smallest Texas ponies to parties needing small riding animals or children's ponies." (FW Gazette).

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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Membership Form

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Street Address: _____

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E-mail Address: _____

Renewal New Member Date: _____

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Surname	State	County	Surname	State	County

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