



Arlington Genealogical Society

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April 2018 Newsletter

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AGS Meeting TUESDAY, April 10th, 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: Jeannie Schemensky and Peggy Quinn.

The April Meeting Program

Throughout our membership year we advance our genealogy knowledge through various educational programs. Our speaker this month will be Brenda McClurkin, UTA Special Collections Director.



Brenda will speak about using UTA Special Collections for Genealogy and Family History research. Brenda will also give us an update about the Collection, and share some interesting facts from the history of Texas

AGS Officers

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A Few Words from Your Society President

Last month's program on land deeds, presented by Kelvin Meyers, was very informative. We have heard from a few members that learned some new information to assist in their research and one that found several deeds in just days after learning a few new research techniques from the program.

This month's meeting will feature Brenda McClurkin, head of the UTA Special Collections. She will be talking to us about using UTA Special Collections for Genealogy and Family History research, historical Texas maps and boundary markers. In May, Tresa Tratryek is scheduled to present "Become a Mapaholic" to help explain how maps can be utilized in our research. We will end the "meeting year" at our June program with a "Brick Walls" session where we will try to help one another through a stumbling block in our own research.

Our programs for the 2018-2019 meeting year are already beginning to take shape as we move into the new George W Hawkes Downtown Library with our September meeting. We currently have plans for a group tour of the new library and genealogy collection location, presentations on using timelines

to fill gaps in our research, DNA and member show and tell success stories!

With opening of the new library, there will be a need for volunteers to help in making the shelf space in the new library tidy prior to opening. There will also be opportunities to volunteer to help man the area during some hours of the day. All volunteers must be registered through the City of Arlington volunteer program. There is an online application available at [volunteer-LINK](#). The form is easy to complete, and response takes about 7-10 days.

Do not forget the Arlington/Burleson Stake Genealogy Fair on Saturday, April 7th, 2018. We will have a table at the fair and are still looking for any volunteers to help man the table, talk to visitors about the Society and invite them to attend an upcoming meeting.

I look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at our next meeting!

Steve Brown

President, Arlington Genealogical Society

AGS Board meetings:

The last AGS Board meeting took place Thursday evening, March 22rd, 2018, in the Woodland West Branch Library Community Room. The next AGS Board meeting is scheduled for May 5th, in one of the Library Community Rooms with the location and time yet to be determined. On the agenda will be final planning regarding AGS plans to assist in relocating of the Genealogy Reference collection back to the downtown library from the Northeast branch. Also, the Nominations Committee will present its recommendations for Board approval. 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:
- Web Page * * * * * John D. Anderson, Admin
- Finance * * * * * Jeanne Rives, Chair
- Publicity * * * * * Pete Jacobs, Chair
- AGS photographer * * * Wally Goodman

Special Committees:

- Genealogy Resources * * * Larry Howser, Chair
- Nominating * * * * * Sylvia Hoad, Chair:

Committee News

Collection Development, Mary Ann Conrad, Chair. AGS members keep in mind that your genealogy reference needs have the ear of Mary Ann’s Committee. Share your research focus with the committee so they can book shop with your areas of interest in mind. A list of genealogy reference books donated during March to the Arlington Public Library is appended at the end of this newsletter as page 7.

Membership, Jan Penland, Chair, reports it is always a pleasure to welcome new members and reinstate renewing members. Our March meeting was the deadline for renewals. If you have not paid your 2018 dues, we will be happy to reinstate your membership upon receipt of your payment. A membership form is appended as the last page of this newsletter. It is also on our website and includes our mailing address. We hope you will decide to maintain your valued membership. As of the end of March our membership count is 66.

Finance, Jeanne Rives, Chair, reports the Committee met 30 March to review the Treasurer’s books and verify gross receipts for AGS business year 2017. The average gross receipts over three years falls below \$50,000.00, so AGS will be filing the not for profit IRS e-postcard 990-N for tax year 2017.

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. When using Facebook.com on your personal device or computer, key into the search block “@arlingtongenealogytx” to find the AGS page. The FB Project team [Steven, Meg, Jan, Mark, and Pete] appreciates your participation. 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 met on 17 March at the Woodland West Branch Library

community room. The committee got an update briefing from, Mark Dellenbaugh, APL Genealogy Librarian, about the microform equipment purchases funded by an AGS donation. A small balance is available for additional equipment enhancements. The committee agreed to touch screen monitor upgrades and dedicated Chromebook computers for the local history and genealogy room at the soon to open downtown library.

Nominating, Sylvia Hoad, Chair. The nominating committee was activated at the last board meeting. Nominating forms were distributed at the March regular meeting and will be distributed at future meetings. Election of Officers is scheduled for the June members meeting.

General Genealogy Information

When I say April 1st is WORLD BACK-UP DAY you might say "April Fool". All kidding aside, yes there is such a thing as World Backup Day, on March 31st. Friends don't let friends go without a backup. So, give this action some thought. One small accident or failure could destroy all the important files you care about. Develop a backup plan and stay with it. You'll be glad you did.

A short list of vital information commonly found in obituaries and death notices: Name, place, and year of birth and date of death. Name and age of spouse. Facts about the decedent's career. Names of children, where they lived, and their position in the family's birth order. Names of the countries and communities where they lived and when. Details on the longevity of parents and grandparents. Lists of ancestors and descendants, often by generation. Date and place of the funeral and burial including name of the cemetery.

Online Genealogy Information

The MyHeritage mobile app for Android and for iOS (iPad, iPhone, and iPod Touch) users has been enhanced with a scanner feature that can use your smartphone's high-resolution camera for scanning old photographs and documents directly into your family site on MyHeritage. MyHeritage has a great online interaction system among users via internal to the software email. The MyHeritage mobile app now offers that same comprehensive email-based messaging feature to communicate with other

members of MyHeritage regarding topics of genealogical collaboration.

Hundreds of thousands of new historical records were made available during the week 26 March on FamilySearch, Access to databases from around the world, including California, Cape Verde, El Salvador, England, Nicaragua, Paraguay, South Africa, and Uruguay.

This next bit of info comes from Dick Eastman, long time genealogy blogger and author, who wrote on 21 March. "A new website, *African American Civil War Soldiers*, may be one of the most important history-related web sites launched so far this year. The new website will crowd-source the transcription of the military records of roughly 200,000 African Americans soldiers who fought for their freedom in the American Civil War. These records are of great interest to historians and genealogists, since they contain detailed biographic information on individual Union Army soldiers, most of whom were slaves at the start of the Civil War. Until now these records have been locked away in the National Archives, accessible only to a select few researchers." To read more and to help transcribe scanned images of the soldiers' records visit, [aacws-LINK](#)

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.

March 2018 Program Summary

Kelvin L. Meyers, gave an information packed presentation along with a detailed handout titled "*Plowing Through the Land Records to Find Your Ancestor*." Kelvin's talk had an attention getting introduction, "Because Americans were so 'land minded' over ¾ of all males who lived to maturity, well into the 19th century, owned land. Because this is true, land records exist from the beginning of the first permanent settlements in America- frequently one of the few identifying records from this early period. A quality unique to land records is that the older they are the more genealogical data there may be to obtain from that record." One of our members shared on Facebook that Kelvin's presentation and

handout gave him the means to locate more than a dozen deeds from 1700s North Carolina records.

AGS Future Programs:

April, *UTA Special Collections*, Brenda McClurkin

May, *Become a Mapaholic*, Tresa Tatyrek

June, *Brick Wall Breakdown*, Steven Brown

September, *Tour the Genealogy Reference*

Collection, Mark Dellenbaugh

October, *Genealogy Timelines*, Sandra Crowley

November, *DNA*, Roger Cobb

December, *Show and Tell*, Steven Brown

January, *Perusing PERSI: Periodical Spource*

Index, Nancy Maxwell

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, Apr 18, 2018 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Lake Arlington Branch Library Community Room. The series continues in May on the third Wednesday.

*The "Hands-On Learning" making the most of series. This series of classes focuses on online genealogy resources that the library provides. Wed, Apr 11, 2018 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm, making the most of America's Obituaries & Death Notices, Reference USA, & Texas Digital Sanborn Maps, and Wed, May 9, 2018 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm, making the most of Fold3. Both programs in the Techlink Van parked in the Woodland West Branch Library Public Area.

FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR APRIL 7th

The Arlington Stake Family History Center is teaming up this year with the Burleson Stake to present a Family History Seminar on Saturday, April 7, 2018 in Arlington at 3809 Curt Drive. Regional presenters or pre-recorded presentations from the national RootsTech conference 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]. Doors open at 8AM for registration. The first 6 of 24 seminar sessions begin at 9:15AM. During the seminar day AGS, in partnership with the Arlington Public Library, will be hosting a meet and greet table in the gymnasium. Drop by and say hi.

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, April 12th, 6:30pm, in the Zula B Wylie Library. Dave and Geri Klauck will present: *Finding your Roots – The Basics of Family History Research*.

Fort Worth Genealogy Society:

* General meeting on Tuesday, April 24th, 6:30pm to 7:45pm, Ft Worth Central Library Tandy Lecture Hall. Sheryl Rascher will present: *Non-population Census Schedules*.

Grand Prairie Genealogical Society:

*Monthly meeting on Thursday, April 5th, 6:30pm in the Grand Prairie Memorial Library, Patti Gillespie will speak about *Courthouse Records: One Stop Shopping for Family Secrets*.

Mid Cities Genealogical Society:

*General meeting, Thursday, April 5th, 6:30 pm at the Mary Lib Saleh Euleess 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, May 3 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

African American, Apr 21 @ 2:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Jewish, Apr 18 @ 10:00 am - 1:00pm

DNA, Apr 19 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Brown Bag, Apr 28 @ 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

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, fvnara-Mail to reserve a seat.

Genealogy Events in our great state of Texas

The Texas State Genealogical Society announces that its 2018 Family History Conference, *Journey*

through Generations, is slated November 2-4, 2018, at the Omni San Antonio at the Colonnade hotel in San Antonio, TX. Make your hotel reservations early to insure you receive the TxSGS discount. Visit the website for details [conference-LINK](#).

The TxSGS recognizes individual and society excellence in the genealogical community with several awards, grants, and a scholarship. The awards are announced each year at the Annual Conference. Your submissions must be received by 15 September, 2018. Visit the website for details [excellence-LINK](#).



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“Arlington on Tap, 2018” – The 3rd season continues Tuesday, April 10: Robert Francis, editor of the Fort Worth Business Press: *Fake News: Where it Starts and How It Affects Your Life*. Division Brewing, 506 E. Main St. Event begins at 6 pm. [ahs-LINK](#)

The AHS fund drive, *Preserve the Historic Cemeteries on Arkansas Lane*, is ongoing. A cemeteries rededication event is being planned for the Fall of 2018

From THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL

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

Friday May 2, DEATH OF MRS. MILLER, Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Pete Miller, age 72, who lives on Cooper and Main, took sick with heart trouble and passed away in a few hours. Mr. and Mrs. Miller moved here from Dallas about two years ago. Mr. Miller is practically an invalid. An old friend of his has come to make his home with him. Mrs. Miller was buried in Calvary Cemetery in Dallas. Father Diamond, a catholic priest, had charge of the services. Mrs. Wilson, who is a sister

of Mrs. Miller attended the funeral, leaving Tuesday for her home in Chicago, Ill.

Friday May 2, Last week at the Tate Dairy, south of town, which is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Peck, found that their dog was suffering with hydrophobia. They killed it and sent its head to the laboratory at Terrell and found it to be infected with rabies. The dog had bitten some of the family and employees, so Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Peck, Milburn Newton and sister, Sam Hand and Cuba Porter began taking treatment at once, and at present no ill effects have shown up.

Friday May 2, GRACE CHAPEL, We wish to express our sympathy to the friends and relatives of Drew Coats of Irvin, who passed on to the home of rest last Saturday morning. He and his family lived here for many years. He had a great many friends and relatives in this community.

Friday May 2, Mrs. C. R. Daniels and daughter, Peggy, attended the funeral of her grandfather, Rev. J. D. Kennedy, who passed away at Cleburne last Friday.

Friday May 9, DEATH OF G. T. ROWDEN, Wednesday afternoon the death angel visited the home of G. T. Rowden and took from it his spirit. He who had been only sick for a short time. Mr. Rowden was born April 8, 1855, and died May 7th, 1930, his age being 75 years. He was married to Miss Louda Sims of Lewis Co., Tenn. Nov. 7, 1876. Four sons were born to them as follows: John A., George M., Whitt and Thomas Rowden. He professed religion while quite young and joined the Methodist church, and (at) the time of his death was a member of the Webb Methodist church. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. M. Bennett assisted by Rev. Reddy of the Webb Baptist church. Interment at Arlington cemetery.

Friday May 9, (editorial) Close Your Mufflers, Thoughtlessness probably causes more inconvenience and hardships than any other one thing indulged in by young people. Complaints are coming in to us about Arlington boys cutting open their mufflers or causing their car to backfire with a loud report which brings residents to the door to see what the disturbance is about, generally thinking there is a fire.

Such thoughtlessness on the part of some Arlington boys is causing real suffering to people who are sick and those who are old that cannot go to sleep after being awakened by such noise at night. Probably no harm is meant by this attempt to have a good time, but it is caused nevertheless and our city marshal informs us it will be stopped with fines of \$17.30 just as fast as the offenders are caught.

Trouble, inconvenience and money may be saved by taking notice of this intention on the part of our city officials and we believe the practice will cease without further complaint.

Friday May 9, New broadcasting station near grapevine, opens Sat. The new 50-watt (should be 50,000 watt) broadcasting station WFAA located close to Grapevine, which is the latest thing in superpowered stations, will be formally opened Saturday night with an all-night program which will be well worth tuning in on.

This is the station where Paul Barnes and Clarence Collins are employed as operators, a write-up of which was published in the Journal several weeks ago. Their many friends in Arlington are proud of them and their work as well as the fine station which is placed under their care.

This event will mark the formal opening of the South's first superpower broadcasting plant. It is one of the eight 50-watt (should be 50,000 watt) transmitters in America and represents a capital investment of more than a quarter of a million dollars.

The voices of many prominent men and women will be heard in a ten-hour broadcasting ceremony. A special hour's program, complimentary to the new power station, will be sent from New York City by the National Broadcasting company's artists. The station's own staff, which composes a galaxy of well-known stars, will give the best in radio.

Among the visitors scheduled to be in Dallas are Governor Moody, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, New York City, well-known radio speaker; Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, and Tom Kennedy, voice of R.K.O., New York City. Motion and sound pictures will be made during the celebration.

Radio listeners of America will find WFAA on 800 kilocycles, or near the center of every dial.

And from a local historical perspective . . .

Winter 1888: In spite of the manifold warnings of

physicians, in spite of the fact that cupid's bow is changed; and in spite of all the contemptuous and sarcastic remarks which are constantly appearing in the papers, gum-chewing in this country is rapidly on the increase. (FW Gazette)

Winter 1888: A Wells Fargo & Co. detective announced today that Black Bart, who robbed 31 Texas stagecoaches, several of them locally, had been located in Northern California, robbing stages again. The detectives have hopes of soon catching him, but the prospect is dubious, as he has eluded them for more than ten years. (FW Gazette).

Fall 1929: The contract for 6000 seats in the grandstand at Arlington Downs has been let to the American Seating Company . . . This will raise the capacity of the grandstand at the track to 10,000 persons. (FW Press)

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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AGS on Social Media:

<https://www.facebook.com/arlingtongenealogytx/>

Two appended pages follow:

AGS Books Donated to the Arlington Public Library = March 6, 2018

The Genealogist's Google Toolbox, 2nd Ed.
Mobile Genealogy: How to Use Your Tablet & Smartphone For Family
American Settlements and Migrations:
Eastern European Historical Repositories
Genealogical Gazetteer of The Kingdom of Hungary

Florida:

Taylor Co., Florida Marriage Records 1857-1957

Georgia:

Marriages of Atkinson County Georgia: 1919 – 1950
Atkinson Co. GA -Pearson Newspaper clips, Vol. 1, 1917-1925,
Berrien Co., GA Marriage Records 1856-1949
Coffee Co., GA Marriage Records 1864-1957
Ware Co. GA Marriage Records 1875-1943
Tattnall Co., GA Loose Papers, V. 2, 1846-1870

Mississippi:

Mother Monroe: A Series of Historical Sketches of Monroe County

Missouri:

The Mercer County Pioneer Traces, Vol. III

Ohio:

Will Abstracts Belmont County, Ohio, Vols. G & H, [1839-1856]

South Carolina:

Colleton County, South Carolina.: A History of the First 160 Years 1670-1830
Cemeteries of Upper Colleton County, South Carolina

Texas:

The Story of Bell Co., TX, Vols 1 & 2
Collingsworth Co. TX History, Vol. 2
Pioneers of Hopkins County, Texas, Vol. 1
World War 1 Soldiers of Hopkins Co. Texas

West Virginia:

Hampshire County West Virginia 1754 – 2004

Family Books

James Cecil Newland, Jr. & Dorothy Lee [Eubanks Newland

Editor's note, the listing on this page does not include ongoing genealogy reference media work by the Collection Development Committee. Recent citizen donations, institutional donations and direct acquisitions from genealogy reference media vendors are being processed, and will be donated to the Arlington Public Library in the near future.



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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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