



# Arlington Genealogical Society

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## June 2018 Newsletter

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### **AGS Meeting TUESDAY, June 12th, 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. Beginning in September AGS meetings will be held in a Community Room at the new downtown Public Library. 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 June meeting; Quenna Cox, Sylvia Hoad, Pete Jacobs and Jeannie Rives.

### **The June Meeting Program**

Throughout our membership year we advance our genealogical knowledge through various educational programs. Our speaker this month will be our AGS President, Steven Brown.



Steve will lead a group participation exercise designed to help fellow members in trying to break down family tree research brick walls. The program will start with a real-life example that occurred this year with an Arlington Public Library patron request that Steve was asked to take a look at. A worksheet [check our website for a copy] can be completed and returned so Steve can do some research ahead of the meeting. We will get to as many brick walls as possible during this session. If, for some reason, we are unable to get to everyone's request, Steve will take a look at them post meeting and share ideas with the questioner that may help solve the mystery.

### **AGS Officers**

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

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

Thank you to Lauren Jacobs for her presentation on Irish Immigrants in Texas at our last general membership meeting! She provided insight into the reason for Irish immigration and some of the routes taken to get to Texas. She also provided information on their influence on our great state culture. One of the new business topics we have slated for this month's meeting the election of next year's officers. A slate of candidates who have expressed

interest in running for office was presented at our last meeting. Nominations will still be taken from the floor before the election is held. If you wish to nominate someone for an office, please make sure you have spoken to them and that they agree that their name may be submitted for nomination. The new library space is coming along! We are currently in the process of inventorying the collection of (genealogy reference) books so that the catalogue can be updated with correct call numbers and titles. We are also ensuring that all the books in the inventory are accounted for during the move in process. This is a process that we could still use some help with. Volunteers can be a “volunteer for the day” or registered volunteers. We can use help Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm. If you can help a couple hours, that is fine too! Please contact Mary Ann Conrad, Larry Howser, Pete Jacobs or myself to let us know you are a volunteer!

We noted that the new microfilm machine that AGS donated money for has been received and is in the new genealogy room. We are looking forward to seeing the finished-out room at the grand opening on June 16!

I look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday, June 12, when I will lead a discussion in “Knocking Down Brick Walls”. This will be a member inter-action session to try to help one another with potential research ideas for our own “brick walls”. I have a recent example of a brick wall I was able to help knock down and I have received a number of submissions from the membership that we will take a look at and see if we can brainstorm some ideas for knocking down these walls.

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

Steve Brown, President, AGS

### **AGS Board meetings:**

The last AGS Board meeting took place Thursday evening, March 22rd, 2018, in the Woodland West Branch Library Community Room. The Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Saturday, 5 May, 2018, was canceled. Our next Board of Directors meeting will be scheduled during or before August. Details will be announced by email. 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. Mary Ann’s committee along with volunteer members are having a busy month assisting library staff move and set up the public library genealogy reference collection in the genealogy room at the new downtown Library.

Membership, Jan Penland, Chair, with membership news: We welcome Linda Reed, an Arlington resident, who joined as a new member during May. Our dues paying roll stands at 69 members with 37 individual and 16 family memberships. A membership form is appended as the last page of this newsletter and on our website. I hope to see you on June 12th!

Finance, Jeanne Rives, Chair, no report.

Publicity, Pete Jacobs, Chair, our next AGS newsletter will be published in September. Society news during June, July and August will be shared by email and posted on our Facebook timeline. John Anderson, our web admin, continues to fine tune the AGS website, and welcomes your comments and suggestions.

Genealogy Resources, Larry Howser, Chair, reports the Genealogy Resources Committee, augmented by volunteers, played a key role assisting Library Staff

relocate all genealogy reference media from the NE Branch Library to the new Downtown Library genealogy room.

Nominating, Sylvia Hoad, Chair. The nominating committee was activated at the March board meeting. Nominating forms have been distributed at all meetings. The slate of Officers up for election will be announced again at the June members meeting. Additional nominations from the floor must have the approval of the candidate being nominated. The Election of Officers will be held at the June meeting.



### **General Genealogy Information**

One of the giants of genealogy has passed away. **Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck** was a prolific author, genealogy scholar, librarian, educator, and lecturer. He died Sunday, May 27, 2018 in Dallas, Texas, at the age of 73. Our members appreciate the insights Lloyd shared during several AGS Programs.

There is a very user-friendly library document station for copying and scanning installed in the genealogy room at the new Downtown library. It is a do-it-all document station designed specifically for public libraries and more versatile than a standard copier or scanner. The Library Document Station™ enables you to scan books or documents and convert to PDF, searchable PDF and MSWord. You can also send to a mobile device, usb stick, email, print or fax.

Have you been flustered by surname searches? Read a 20 May posted article at the Cedar Hill Society web site courtesy of Dave Klauck. *Be Aware of Alternate Spellings of Your Surname*. Here is a direct link, [your surname-LINK](#).

### **Online Genealogy Information**

Ancestry.com provides an ongoing list of recent additions and “coming soon” records to its searchable records here, [ancestryupdates-LINK](#). This link to new additions into Ancestry.com’s searchable records can be viewed without a subscription.

Have you been to **Cyndi’s List** at [cyndislist.com](#)? The creator of the site, Cyndi Howells, has been serving up a “free” list of categorized and cross-referenced list of links for genealogical research since 1995. On her website you will find the site contains roughly 332,000 links in more than 200 categories. Think of this valuable resource as your “personal research assistant” to the genealogical collection in the immense library that is the Internet.

The International African American Museum (IAAM) Center for Family History is a one of a kind, unprecedented research center with a special focus on African American genealogy. The Center for Family History supports IAAM’s goal of becoming a unique center of learning through the development of resources and programs to help individuals and families advance their understanding of their family’s history and the role their ancestors played in shaping American history. An ongoing project is the collection and digitization of United States Colored Troops (USCT) pension files. For example in the USCT pension file database there is the pension file of Ceasar Cohen, great great grandfather of former first lady, Michelle Obama. You are invited to go online and peruse the online offerings at, [IAAM-LINK](#)

AGS volunteers are currently assisting in a complete inventory of the Arlington Public Libraries genealogy reference collection. The “Gen Ref” inventory adds up to more than 8000 items consisting of books, microfiche and other media. As Pete helped inventory a few days ago he recalled reading about an online resource to genealogy books. So, this next bit of info comes from Dick Eastman, long time genealogy blogger and author, who wrote this on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. “Would you like to electronically search through 135,998 genealogy books? You can do that in the **Internet Archives** online service, often referred to as the ‘way back machine’. The Internet Archive has always collected genealogy, family history, and local history and now has a dedicated section for just those books. The addition of a dedicated genealogy section on the Internet Archive is an incremental improvement but a very welcome one indeed. It greatly simplifies the searches for genealogy, family history, and local history books in this fabulous

online resource. This service is free.” Want to try a search? Go to, [wayback-LINK](#) , and search a surname of interest.

### AGS Society Programs

Do you have a future program suggestion or idea? Please share it with our AGS First Vice President, Toby Hurley.

#### May 2018 Program Summary

The program featured, Laureen Jacobs, retired Librarian and AGS member. Laureen presented an interesting program about Irish immigration in the 19<sup>th</sup> century into the Mexican lands which became the Republic of Texas, Then into the Republic of Texas and into the State of Texas as part of the USA. Since records began some 200 years ago many Irish emigrants settled in Texas. Today they make up about 7% of the state population. There are many sources for Irish family history research. The website FindMyPast.com offers access to the most comprehensive Irish archive and database collections. Laureen’s talk was followed by an informative Q&A session.

#### AGS Future Programs:

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 Source Index*, Nancy Maxwell

#### Upcoming Genealogy Events in Arlington and the Arlington Public Libraries

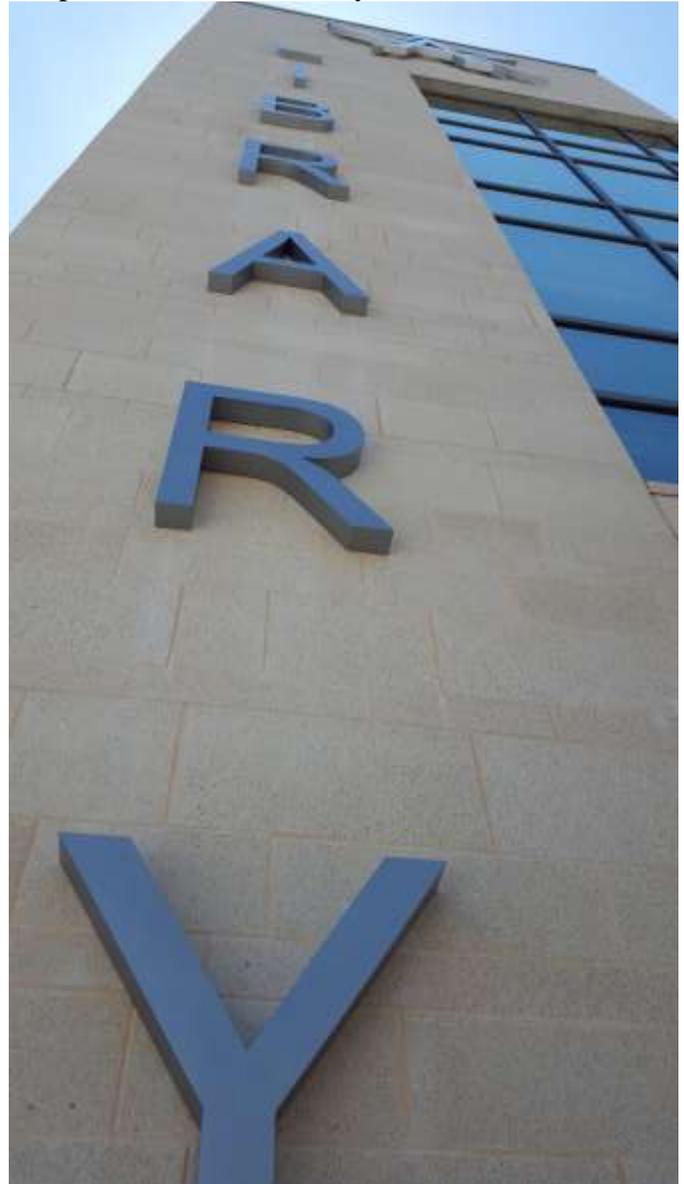
\*African American Genealogy with Ari Wilkins.

Learn about the basic steps in starting African American research, genealogical resources and strategies. Mon, Jun 11, 2018 - 7:00pm to 8:00pm, in the new City Council Chamber/Community Room at City Hall.

\*Grand Opening of the George W. Hawkes Downtown Library this June 16th. Don’t miss it, the celebration will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:30am, free tours, demonstrations, performances and more. You can find a full list of the day’s activities on MORElibrary.org. or open an at-a-glance view of the schedule, [grandopen-LINK](#). Drop by the Excellence Room during the Grand

Opening. Learn what the new APL has to offer. A basic genealogy talk begins at 12 noon. At 3:00 PM, Laureen Jacobs, begins a power point about Carnegie Libraries in Texas.

For photos and the full story . . .



read “A New Chapter Begins” an article by Bill Lace in *ARLINGTON TODAY* June issue [p. 28] go to, [newchapter-LINK](#).

\*Intermediate Genealogy Research, are you beyond the beginning stages of researching your family history? Tuesday, Jun 19, 2018 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm, third floor: small meeting room, in the new George W. Hawkes downtown library.

\*Mysterious Relatives in Genealogy by Ari Wilkins. Many researchers encounter mysterious persons living in the household of a relative; or a letter signed by an unknown ‘cousin.’ Mon, July

2nd, 2018 - 7:00pm to 8:00pm, in the new City Council Chamber/Community Room at City Hall.  
\*Beginning Genealogy, join us for practical advice on how to get started, and get started well! Tuesday, Jul 3, 2018 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm, third floor: small meeting room, in the new George W. Hawkes downtown library.

## **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, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, in the Zula B Wylie Library. Members of the Cedar Hill Genealogy Society will demonstrate free internet family history research web sites. All of the web pages to be shown/demonstrated are "free".

### Fort Worth Genealogy Society:

\* General meeting on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm to 7:45pm, Ft Worth Central Library Tandy Lecture Hall. The June speaker and program has yet to be announced. Check this link for current June info, [txfwgs-LINK](#) .

### Grand Prairie Genealogical Society:

\*Monthly meeting on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm in the Grand Prairie Memorial Library, Featuring, Judy Ramos, her presentation is entitled "*Writing About My Ancestors Made Me a Better Genealogist*".

### Grapevine Name Droppers:

\*All day workshop on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, in the Grapevine Public Library programs room featuring, Tresa Tatyrek. *Working Without the Hints from Your Software* is the theme.

### Mid Cities Genealogical Society:

\*General meeting, Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at the Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library. Topic, *Strong, Brave and Courageous - Legendary Women of Texas*, Presenter: MCGS past president, Judy Allen, a genealogical speaker with over 40 years' experience in family history.

### Dallas Genealogical Society:

\*DGS, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, general meeting. The educational presentation, "*Dating, Identifying, Preserving and Sharing Old Photos*," will be made by Betsy Mills.  
\*DGS Special Interest Groups resume their meeting schedules during September.

### National Archives at Fort Worth:

\*The Workshop series, the third of four, on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, *Beyond the Census: What Else is Out There? NARA Records Online*. Do register via email, [fwnara-Mail](#), to reserve a seat.

### The Tarrant Area Guild of Storytellers [TAGS]

invites you to *IT'S A FAMILY REUNION: Tales of Kin and Kindred*, June 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit [tejas story-LINK](#) for all the details. Look for handouts on the browsing table at the 12 June meeting.

## **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](#).

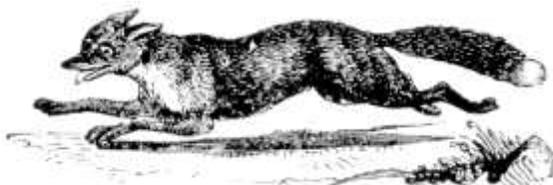
### **A Genealogy event in Oklahoma.**

The Five Tribes Ancestry Conference will be presented June 7-9 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. The conference is the first of its kind and is endorsed by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, whose mission is to unite the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee Creek and Seminole nations. For more details [5 tribes-LINK](#)

### **Arlington Historical Society**

"Arlington on Tap, 2018" – The 3rd season finale Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>: "*Everything You Wanted to Know About Texas Live!*", featuring Chief Operating Officer Jim Watry, [ahs-LINK](#)

*Forgotten Arlington History* with O. K. Carter. A look at Arlington's city branding over the years and a funny look at its forgotten past. Downtown Library, 1<sup>st</sup> floor [re]Brary room, Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm.



From THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL



Arlington's home town newspaper for 98 years [1897-1995]. The year is 1930, in this "local news" republished feature with selected articles copied from Will Keller's book, *THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL*, with permission, APL call # GEN REF TX.5 K 1925 - 1933 v.3.

Friday May 9, MRS. ANNA MIMMS FERRY, wife of Albert M. Ferry, departed this life at 8:20 p.m., Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Ferry has been connected with Berachah for thirty-two years and has proved through all those years her confidence in God and her love for a lost world. On all questions that arose, one could always know on just which side Sister Ferry would take her stand.

She was a devoted wife and mother. Not only did she mother her own daughter and son, but she took to her heart a little fellow who was left on her door step, and her mother love enfolded him. She was a mother to the girls who found their way to Berachah. She was friend to the friendless, a loving neighbor, and a true sister to those with whom she labored at Berachah.

She is gone . . . her place is vacant. But we know where to find her, for her life was one of devotion to her Maker. Berachah sorrows, but we know God doeth all things well, and we bow our heads in submission to His will. Rev. J. T. Upchurch officiated. She was laid to rest in Parkdale cemetery.

Friday May 16, Pioneer Resident of City goes to reward . . . among first residents of Tarrant county. "Mother Ramsey" finally Succumbs after long illness . . . funeral held Friday. For the past several days and even weeks, news has been brought each day of the slowly passing of Mrs. M. E. Ramsey, one of the most beloved and highly respected ladies who has ever lived in a community. She was not only loved by her children and relatives but by all

who knew her and as her life was slowly ebbing away many remarked:

"Mother Ramsey was one of the sweetest, truest Christian characters we have ever known." It is her life that will ever continue to live for her good influence will endure even after her body is laid to rest.

Mother Ramsey passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bud Douglas, 301 N. Mesquite, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after a lingering illness of many weeks. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church for many years. Mrs. Ramsey was born in Cape Jeredo, Mo., in 1836 and came to Texas with her parents and five sisters in 1852 at the age of 16. The journey from Missouri to Texas was made in covered wagons, taking seven weeks to complete the journey. They encountered many dangers and hardships on the way to Texas. When she and her family came here there was nothing but the open prairies and there was not even a post office here. Her father, E. West, purchased a 140-acre tract of land situated where the Three D Stock Farm is now located, and set to work to build a home. They used a tiny log cabin for a home until they could build a better one. At that time the country was full of wild animals, such as wild deer, buffalo, panther and numerous other animals. Indians were also plentiful.

The land on which they built their home was purchased for fifty cents an acre and land in the heart of Dallas at that time could have been bought for one dollar an acre.

Mrs. Ramsey has been a widow for thirty years and had lived in her own home until the last few years, and since that time she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Bud Douglas, of this city. Mrs. Ramsey has three children living, two daughters, Mrs. Bud Douglas, and Mrs. J. A. Goodman of Arlington, and a son: Fort Ramsey of Long Beach, Calif.; six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. J. H. Stewart, Rev. S. M. Bennett and Rev. C. A. Statham officiating. Mrs. Ben Spruance had charge of the music which was well arranged. Interment was at Parkdale cemetery.

Active pallbearers were C. B. Berry, A. C. Barnes, T. A. Lee, J. H. Purvis, T. L. Coulter, and C. L. Knapp.

Friday May 16, WATSON NEWS

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. J. E. Willis who lost her father. He was buried Monday, May 12th.

Friday May 16, WATSON NEWS

Three hunters from Handley came out in this community Saturday night with their wolf hounds. Early Sunday morning they gave Mr. Wolf a mighty close chase.

Friday May 16, TIME OF DAY WILL BE GIVEN PUBLIC BY TEXAS-PACIFIC

In an issue of the Arlington Journal three weeks ago, an anonymous caller over the telephone gave us an announcement that the time of day would not be given (to) the public from the Texas and Pacific depot here, and that orders were issued from headquarters to discontinue that practice. C. E. Greenfield, local station agent requests the Journal to state that this is untrue and no such order had been given.

We cannot imagine anyone who would willfully phone in an erroneous call like this one, but will say that whoever the guilty party happens to be, they meant no good to the Journal nor to the Texas and Pacific. Mr. Greenfield requests us to state that they will continue to give out the time as before. They have always been very courteous about giving this information, and they have no orders from headquarters to do otherwise.

Friday May 23, Names of Members of Senior Class  
Boley Mann, J. C. Bradford, Lawrence Wagoner, Wesley Young, Jimmy Nobles, Stanley Davenport, Joe Langram, Carson Vandaveer, Marvin Simmons, Lewis Cribbs, John Pat Fowler, Bettie Lou Hadley, Willie Mae Freeman, Martha Freeman, Albert Ferry, Harvey McMurtray, Cecil Nabors, Elgin Eaton, Morris Barton, Hattie Mae Moore, Carrie Sublett, Christine Kieth, Odessa Johnston, Naoma Nichols, Dedie May Yarbrough, Hazel Easton, Bill Williamson, Sponsor, Mrs. W. A. Ransome, Mary Louise Vaught, Olive Margaret Snider, Ava Lucille Quilen, Wilburn McFarland, Harold Prince, Irene Coleman, Lucile Shelton, May English, Odeal Percy, Ruth Behrens, Josephine Thornton, Lyda Lee Rudd, Sybil Journey, Kathleen Yates, Cleo Bearden, Ilah Moody, Kathryn Milton, Maurine Dewberry, Opal Brewton, Juanita Rhodes, Carolyn

Hiett, James Thomas Vaught, Opal Carlisle, Ruth Roberson.

**And from a local historical perspective . . .**

June 1868: Marsh Johnson, the cowboy from Village Creek, described a night in a tent city saloon along the Chisolm trail: “the dance floor was crowded with women and girls with their partners of cowboys, half-breeds, and toughs of every description – regular cut-throats . . . Suddenly amid the hum of voices and laughter a shot rang out . . . The next few minutes were given to a bombardment of whiskey bottles, bullets, and rocks. Then as suddenly as it had started, the music began again and . . . the proprietor yelled out ‘On with the dance, there is only one man killed.’” (Johnson, Marshall L. *Trail Blazing: A True Story of the Struggles . . . on the Frontier of Texas*. Mathis Pub. Co. 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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AGS on Social Media:

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

One appended page follows:



# Arlington Genealogical Society

## 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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