



Arlington Genealogical Society

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September 2018 Newsletter

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AGS Meeting TUESDAY, September 11th, 2018 6:30 P.M.

Our meetings are held in a Community Room at the new **George W. Hawkes** downtown library 100 South Center St. Arlington, TX. The Arlington Genealogical Society meets on the second Tuesday monthly from September through June. All visitors are welcome. All meeting rooms are equipped with Hearing Loop Technology, which allows those with T-coil hearing aids to connect to the room's sound system.

Meeting Refreshments

Refreshment service begins at 6PM. The following Society members have volunteered to furnish refreshments for our September meeting; Dorothy Rencurrel, Steve Brown, Kathy Polozola.

The September Meeting Program



September's program features, **Mark Dellenbaugh**, local history and genealogy librarian, who will lead

a tour of the "**Genealogy Reference Collection**" at the new George W. Hawkes downtown Library. Mark will give an overview of the key features of the collection and demonstrate the capabilities of the ScanPro digital microfilm reader scanners and the EnvisionWare document station large format scanner. These new states of the art research tools which make capturing your research findings a breeze!

AGS Officers

President	* * * * *	Steven Brown
First VP	* * * * *	Dorothy Rencurrel
Second VP	* * * * *	Sylvia Hoad
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Parliamentarian	* * *	Cherry Williams

A Few Words from Your Society President

I hope everyone has enjoyed their "summer break" the past two months. Our monthly meetings will start back up on September 11, 2018. We will be hosting our next meeting in the new George W Hawkes Downtown Library! We will be meeting on the third floor in the Excellence Room. We will conduct a brief business meeting, swear in our new officers then proceed to our program. Mark Dellenbaugh will be giving us a tour of the Genealogy/Local History workspace and provide some direction on how to utilize the new technology available to us in the research room.

I want to take a moment to congratulate Larry Howser, our AGS Genealogy Resources Committee

Chair, for a great honor he received in the past two weeks. Larry was named the City of Arlington Volunteer of the Month for the month of September! Larry spends a great deal of time volunteering at the Arlington Public Library. He has come to be known as the “Ninja Volunteer”. One of the staff members at the Northeast Branch noticed that books in the Genealogy area were being shelved, but no one on staff seemed to be around to handle that task. They checked the volunteer sign in sheets only to find that Larry had been there during the time the books were shelved. Larry has been a huge asset to AGS during the time that we relocated the genealogy collection to the Northeast Branch and the subsequent move in to the new GWH Downtown Library. Larry has been a municipal volunteer at Arlington’s public libraries for more than 20 years. Congratulations Larry!

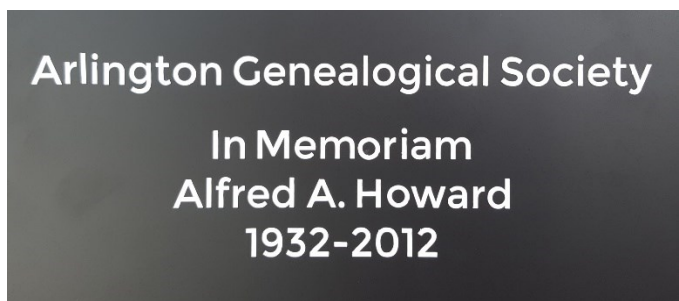
Speaking of Arlington Public Library Volunteers, if you are a registered volunteer, you must work at least “a few hours” during each 6-month period, or your name will be removed from the volunteer roster. Please ensure that you sign in each time you provide volunteer services at the library.

I look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at our first meeting in the new George W Hawkes Downtown Library!

Steve Brown, President, Arlington Genealogy Society

Donor Wall Plaque

Arlington’s new George W Hawkes Downtown Library opened its doors to patrons mid-June to much fanfare and celebration. To your immediate left as you enter the lobby through the main doors is the donor wall. Your Society made a memorial donation to the new library capital campaign in the name of Alfred A. Howard, a long-time society member and generous benefactor. Here is an image of the plaque.



AGS Board meetings:

The last AGS Board meeting took place Saturday morning, July 21st, 2018, in the Downtown Library excellence room. Our next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning, September 29th, at the downtown library. The meeting time, room and agenda will be announced by email. Members are invited to attend board meetings, or you can 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 * * * * * Chair is Vacant
- 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, asks members to keep in mind 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 summer assisting library staff set up the public library genealogy reference collection in the genealogy room at the new downtown Library. A handout will be distributed at the Sept. meeting listing recent purchases and acquisitions.

Membership, Jan Penland, former Chair, tells us it was a real pleasure serving the society, and a special privilege getting to know the members on a first name basis. September membership news: 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.

Finance, Jeanne Rives, Chair, a motion was made and approved at the July 21st Board meeting to amend the AGS Standing Rules, and add the

Finance Committee chair person as the third Board member to have check signing authority for authorized disbursements by the Society.

Publicity, Pete Jacobs, Chair, the committee is always on the lookout for new material. When you encounter anything of genealogical interest don't hesitate sending the info our way.

John Anderson, our web admin, continues to fine tune the AGS website, and welcomes your comments and suggestions. Also, keep your comments and likes coming on our Facebook page.

Genealogy Resources, Larry Howser, Chair, reports the Genealogy Resources Committee is looking into potential improvements to better house the genealogy reference collection in the new library.

Nominating, Sylvia Hoad, Chair. The Election of Officers was held at the June membership meeting. The nominating committee was thanked at the July Board meeting for recruiting new officers and managing nominations through the Societies election process.



General Genealogy Information

More about **Hearing Loop** Technology. The new downtown APL is the first public library in the country to install this technology. Hearing Loops, wired into the floor of each meeting room, magnetically transmit sound that is being broadcast through the sound system to hearing aides and cochlear implants with telecoils (T-Coils). If a hearing-impaired individual's device does not have the T-Coil technology, portable receivers and headsets are available for them to use in the rooms with the Hearing Loops.

No so long ago genealogy blogger, Dick Eastman, published a book review about the 7th edition of the *INTERNATIONAL VITAL RECORDS HANDBOOK* 756 pages by Kemp, Thomas Jay (Arlington library call no. Gen Ref AA.1K). Here is a summary: At one time or another you will need a copy of a birth,

marriage, divorce or other certificate. Requirements and fees vary from state to state and from country to country. In this handbook, Kemp provides the tools needed to obtain certification of important life events, whether for yourself, for historical verification, or for a genealogical search.

This *Vital Records Handbook* has a printed form and information on each vital records office for each state of the United States. Each state section has that state's application form for each record, i.e., an application form for a birth record, another page with the form for requesting a marriage record; how ever many forms you'll need, there are pages for. You can scan or copy the page and use it to send in a request for the record you need.

Since this is the *International Vital Records Handbook*, not only are the United States covered, but also the U.S. Territories and Commonwealths, and foreign countries.

Are you a fan of "*Finding Your Roots*" on PBS and wondering when season 5 episodes will broadcast? Wikipedia says the series has been renewed for a fifth season set to premiere on January 8, 2019 with season guests expected to include Paul Ryan, Seth Meyers, Sarah Silverman, Christiane Amanpour, Michael Moore, Marco Rubio, S. Epatha Merkerson, Joe Madison, Tig Notaro, and Ann Curry.

Online Genealogy Information

RootsWeb, home of "free" research, is making a very slow come back after going "dark" in 2017. One of the RootsWeb databases recently restored is the index of published obituaries commonly called *Obituary Daily Times*, or by the initials, **ODT**. **ODT** is an index database and does not have any obituaries at the Obituary Daily Times webpages. However, the **ODT** index helps you to find out if there was an obituary published, and where to find it. Your search returns might list all or some of the following; the name, maiden name, approximate birth year, age, place of death, obit publication name and publication date. Here is the search page link, [ODT-Link](#),

Along this same avenue of research, to find citations for people in your family tree, there is Genealogy Roots Blog. A source for finding online genealogy databases, records and resources. The focus is on vital records (birth, marriage and death

records,) obituaries, census records, naturalization records, military records and ship passenger lists. Keep this website in your favorite list, or in your genealogy research toolbox. Check in from time to time for new links or updates, [blogspotLINK](#)..

AGS Society Programs

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

June 2018 Program Summary

The program featured, Steven Brown, who led an all attendee participation exercise to help fellow members break down family tree research brick walls. Steven held to his promise to present as many brick walls as possible during this session. In all seven brickwall cases were presented for discussion. Two cases ended with no discernable progress. Five of the cases resulted in new avenues of research to pursue. Thanx Steven for an informative and educational June program.

AGS Future Programs:

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

*Intermediate Genealogy Research, are you beyond the beginning stages of researching your family history? Are you ready to explore new approaches to help take your research into new territories (and time periods!). Tuesday, Sept. 19th, & Oct. 16th, 2018, 3:00pm to 4:00pm, third floor, Excellence meeting room, in the new George W. Hawkes downtown library.

*Beginning Genealogy, Discover the many free resources APL offers family history researchers both online and in person. Learn basic research strategies, & establish organizational techniques that will save you time and frustration down the road. Join in for practical advice on how to get started, and get started well! Tuesday, Sept. 4th, & Oct. 2nd, 2018, 3:00pm to 4:00pm, third floor,

Excellence meeting room, in the new George W. Hawkes Downtown Library.

Fall Book Sale

Home of amazing deals and book choices. Opening day is September 26, 2018! The Friends and the Foundation of the Arlington Public Library are back with their twice-yearly book sale. FFAPL members and volunteers have been busy for months to sort, store, price, and arrange thousands of items. Their behind-the-scenes work all comes together when the Meadowbrook Recreation Center is transformed into a bustling book fair. Details at [ffapl-LINK](#),

Genealogy Events in our Local Area

UTA Special Collections:

* October 5th and 6th: Eleventh Biennial Virginia Garrett Lectures on the History of Cartography | *Paths to Highways: Routes of Exploration, Settlement and Commerce*. For details and registration visit, [lectures-LINK](#).

Cedar Hill Genealogy Society:

*General meeting on Thursday, September 13th, 6:30pm, in the Zula B Wylie Library. Ana Kraemer presents: The Texas Digital Newspaper Program: *Walking in the Footprints of History*.

Fort Worth Genealogy Society:

* General meeting on Tuesday, September 25th, 6:30pm to 7:45pm, Ft Worth Central Library in the Tandy Lecture Hall. The speaker, Linda Simmons, will present, *Locating Records of the War of 1812*.

Grand Prairie Genealogical Society:

*Monthly meeting on Thursday, September 6th, 6:30pm in the Grand Prairie Memorial Library, featuring longtime GPGS member, Richard Waller. Richard will present a "case study" in DNA results used to break through a genealogical brick wall.

Grapevine Name Droppers:

*The next program begins at 10:30am, Monday, September 10th, in the Grapevine Public Library programs room featuring, Kelvin Myers, and his topic, using Cyndi's List.

Mid Cities Genealogical Society:

*General meeting, Thursday, September 6th, 6:30 pm at a new location. The Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library is getting a complete remodel. The

new meeting location during the Library remodel is the Euless Police Department Training Room, 1102 W Euless Blvd. (Hwy. 10), in Euless. The program will be "*City Directories and Newspapers*" by Sandra Crowley.

Dallas Genealogical Society:

*Saturday, September 8th, general meeting. The educational presentation, "*Dating, Identifying, Preserving and Sharing Old Photos,*" will be by Betsy Mills.

*The DGS Fall Seminar, September 29th, focuses on Irish ancestry. The Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch, David E. Rencher, will present four sessions on Irish Genealogical Research: *Finding your ancestors on the emerald isle*. To register browse to, [irish seminar-LINK](#).

*DGS Special Interest Groups resume their meeting schedules during September.

National Archives at Fort Worth:

*The Workshop series, the third of four, will be presented on Oct 5th, it is *Beyond the Census: What Else is Out There? NARA Records Online*. Register via email, [fwnara-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 before 12 October to receive the TxSGS discount. Visit this webpage for details, [conference-LINK](#).

Arlington Historical Society

"Arlington on Tap," the 4th season begins, 6 to 8pm, Tuesday, September 11th, at the Topsy Oak. Topic: "*The Future of Newspapers in Print: Is There a Bottom?*", featuring Business Press owner/publisher and former Star-Telegram Publisher, Rich Connor.

Also, AHS first floor renovations have begun! Fielder House will be closed for tours for the next 4 to 6 weeks.



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 23, it is with deep regret that we learn of the death of one of our young men, **T. H. Cannon**, who is a county highway motorcycle cop. He passed away at the Baptist Hospital at Ft. Worth, Thursday after only four days illness with double pneumonia. Mr. Cannon had many good friends in and around Arlington. He was the youngest officer in the county, being only twenty-nine years of age.

Friday May 23, we wish to thank each and every one who were so kind and considerate of us during the illness and death of our dear mother, **Mrs. M. E. Ramsey**. Also the beautiful floral offerings. May Gods richest blessings rest upon each and every one, is the prayer of her loved ones. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Goodman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fort Ramsey.

Friday May 23, **WATSON NEWS**, the people of this community were sorry to know of the death of **Sol Smith**, who passed away a few days ago. Mr. Smith made his home in this community for several years, but had lived in Grapevine for some time. They have made many friends here, who sympathize with them in their deep sorrow.

Friday May 23, distinguished Oklahoma citizen dies, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cobb returned home Saturday after attending the funeral of her father, **R. B. Ross**, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Duncan, at Tahlequah, Okla. Mr. Ross had been with his daughter, Mrs. Cobb and family, only a week before leaving here on Saturday. He passed away with a heart attack on the following Tuesday. Mr. Ross is among the very few half Indians left of his tribe, and was one of the finest types of christian characters whom we have had the privilege of conversing with. He had just returned from a trip to Chattanooga, Tenn., where he went to unveil a stone in memory of his Grandfather Ross near the town named Rossville for him, it being placed on the new bridge across the river. He was laid to rest in the Ross cemetery at Tahlequah by the side of his wife, who preceded him only a few years ago. Miss

Genevieve Cobb, of Austin, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Cobb on their return and stopped off at Austin to complete her year's work in State University.

Friday May 30, Johnson Station, we were sorry to learn of the sad death of **Julian Jopling** of New Mexico last Saturday. Mr. Joplin was a brother of Mrs. Z. T. Melear making his home with her for several winters. Mrs. Melear left Sunday to attend the funeral which was held at Madsonville, his home town. We deeply sympathize with the loved ones in the loss of this good man.

Friday May 30, J. W. Geer, aged 70, passes away, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Geer was called to the bedside of his father, **J. W. Geer**, of Van Alstyne last week. Mr. Geer passed away Thursday after a few days of illness. He was 70 years of age, and a very active man. He was a cotton buyer for many years and a prominent citizen. Those surviving are his wife, five daughters and five sons, one of whom lives in Arlington, T. J. Geer. Those who attended the funeral which was held at First Methodist Church at Van Alstyne Friday afternoon from here were; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Geer and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Slaughter and mother, Mrs. H. J. Slaughter.

Friday May 30, death of Mrs. Lamar, Saturday afternoon the sad news of the passing away of a good woman, **Mrs. Lamar Dent**, age 52, reached our city. She was stricken with heart trouble at her home in Wills Point Saturday afternoon and died in a short time. Mrs. Lamar lived here most of her life before her marriage to Mr. Dent. She was loved and respected by all who knew her, and as one woman said of her life, "she was one woman I never knew naught against, and above all she lived true to her God." She was a devoted wife, mother, and sister, and leaves to mourn her death, a husband, three children Joe, Arthur, and Rachel, three brothers, Dee, Joe and Chas. Massey, two sisters, Mrs. Spurgeon Bussey, and Mrs. Minor Moore, of Arlington. Funeral services were held at the Arlington Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. W. T. Rouse officiating. She was laid to rest in Arlington cemetery. Several friends from Wills Point accompanied the body here.

Friday June 6, prominent Arlington business man dies, The City of Arlington was thrown in the shadow of sadness Monday afternoon, when news

came announcing that **Henry F. Williamson**, age 45, had succumbed to an injury which he received last Friday afternoon, when he stepped from an airplane in which he was returning from a trip to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. He and four other citizens, Bill Norman, Crawford Dalby, Ed Robinowitz and pilot Don Diegel left here Wednesday in the same airplane to attend the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, returning Friday. As they flew over Arlington they came down to a low altitude as a signal for his family to meet them at Curtis-Wright Flying Field, and as Mrs. Williamson and her daughter Misses Catharine, Billie Francis and Martha arrived, they found the ambulance ready to take their husband and father to Baylor Hospital, Dallas. After the airplane stopped he got out and started to greet some friends when the propeller hit him with such force that his arm was almost severed. He was so seriously injured, he never gained consciousness. He passed away Tuesday afternoon at 3:20 o'clock at Baylor Hospital Dallas.

Mr. Williamson came to Texas at the age of three years, and has lived here since that time. He has been in business for about twenty-three years. He formerly was manager of the telephone system of the city. He was married to Miss Allie Mathers in 1908 and three children blessed their union, Misses Catharine, Billie Francis and Martha. At the time of his death, he owned and operated the Williamsons garage. He was a member of the Arlington Masonic Lodge, Worth Commandry and Hella Temple. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Williamson had many close friends and was loved and appreciated for his kind acts. He was always bestowing on the less fortunate ones who came his way. He will be missed, for his loyalty to his town and to his fellowmen. He meant a great deal to the community. Surviving are his wife and three daughters, three sisters, Miss Wynne Hood and Mrs. Willie Darby of Dallas, and Mrs. V. A. McKee of St. Louis, Mo., who were all with him when he passed away. Funeral services were held at the home on W. Main Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. S. M. Bennett officiating. His body will be interred at the Arlington Cemetery. Active pall bearers are: Allen Barnes, Ed Sewell, Ed Robinowitz, Bill Norman, S. A. Wyle and Webb Rose. He was taken in charge by the Masons at cemetery, R. D. Christopher as master of ceremonies. Webb Rose, Ed Robinowitz, Allen Barnes, Mike Hopkins of Ft. Worth, W. T. (Skinny)

and T. E. (Jimmie) English of Dallas. Never have there been a more gorgeous display of flowers at a funeral in Arlington. The services were held on the front porch where hundreds of people viewed his body while resting among a flower bedecked porch with sprays and wreaths tacked all over the front of the house. They were tokens of love and appreciation of him and what he has meant to Arlington as a citizen.

Friday June 13, cards of thanks, we wish to express our thanks to our friends for their many kindnesses, flowers, and expressions of sympathy during the darkest hours of our lives, following the death of our dear husband, father, and brother, //S//, Mrs. H. F. Williamson, Catherine, Billie & Martha Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Darby, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. McKee, Miss Wynes Hood.

And from a local historical perspective . . .

Sept 1848: Marshall La Fayette (Marsh) Johnson was born in Cumberland County, North Carolina, 7 Sept. "I saw adventure in a great world in 1855 when I crossed the Red River into Texas" where his family settled on Village Creek.

(Johnson, Marshall L. *Trail Blazing: A True Story of the Struggles . . . on the Frontier of Texas*. Mathis Pub. Co. 1935)

More from a local historical perspective . . .

Sept 1883: Rev. George Wyatt, principal, announced that the Arlington High School opened for the [Fall] season with 72 pupils. *Fort Worth Gazette, 17 Sept.*

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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One appended page follows: AGS Membership Application



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

The Arlington Genealogical Society meets the second Tuesday of months September through June at 6:30 PM in the new George W. Hawkes downtown Library in one of the community meeting rooms.