



# Arlington Genealogical Society

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## December 2018 Newsletter

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### **AGS Meeting TUESDAY, December 11th, 2018 6:30 P.M.**

Our meetings are held in the [re]Brary Community Rooms 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. The meeting room is equipped with Hearing Loop Technology, which allows those with telecoil equipped hearing aids to connect to the meeting room sound system.



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

Last month's meeting featured a presentation by Roger Cobb-Mills regarding DNA and what to do when you have your results. This was a lively, informative program with insights into free programs you can use to see how close a match truly is. Thanks for a great program Roger! This month's presentation is about you, the AGS Members. In conjunction with our pot luck Christmas Party, we will share our own research success stories with one another. Please bring an item, research story, or family tale to share with your fellow members. Please limit your presentation to five minutes, maximum, so that everyone gets a

chance to share. If you are a new member who has paid your membership dues in November or December, please join us. The society is providing ham for the meal and we are asking members to bring a side dish or dessert. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING WILL BE IN THE Re[brary] rooms LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

Our presentation calendar for the coming months is falling into place, thanks to the efforts of our first Vice-President, Dorothy Rencurrel. Nancy Maxwell is scheduled to present "Perusing PERSI (Periodical Sourcing Index) at our January meeting. In February, Tracy Palmer, Director of Native American Studies for DISD, will discuss how to connect with your Native American Ancestors. The research that some of our members have been assisting with on the Arlington Historic Cemeteries is nearing completion and has identified approximately 100 burials in the cemeteries on Arkansas Lane. Many know of these cemeteries as the Colonel Middleton Tate Plantation Cemetery and adjacent Colored Burial Ground. Pete Jacobs, Dorothy Rencurrel and I are assisting as research volunteers to perform genealogical research on each person buried in the cemetery. Look for details on the dedication of the Arlington Historic Cemeteries in the first quarter of 2019.

Just a reminder to our members, that renewals for membership for 2019 are due January 1 for the calendar year.

The next scheduled board meeting for the AGS is scheduled for January 19, 2019. Board meetings are open to any who would like to attend. Meeting space is pending approval at this time. I look

forward to seeing everyone Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at our next meeting!

Steve Brown  
President, Arlington Genealogical Society

**The December Meeting is Special**

Your Society is bringing back a long-held AGS tradition by hosting a potluck Christmas Party. All members, family and guests are welcome! To make our potluck supper a success, each person or family should bring a dish of their choice. The food will be shared buffet style, and tables will be set up and decorated for a sit-down dinner. The main course is sliced ham provided by the Society along with drinks, plates, napkins and eating utensils. To complement the main course, we will need sides, desserts, vegetables, fruit, bread, etc. It will be your choice what to bring. In the past we usually had between 40 and 60 people attend this holiday event. If you would like to help set up or clean up that day please contact Sylvia Hoad by email, [texaslibrarylady@yahoo.com](mailto:texaslibrarylady@yahoo.com).

**AGS Officers**

- President \* \* \* \* \* Steven Brown
- First VP \* \* \* \* \* Dorothy Rencurrel
- Second VP \* \* \* \* \* Sylvia Hoad
- Secretary \* \* \* \* \* Kim Dorsey
- Treasurer \* \* \* \* \* Jan Penland
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**AGS Committees**

**Standing Committees:**

- Membership \* \* \* \* \* Quenna Cox, 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 Committee:**

- Genealogy Resources \* \* \* Larry Howser, Chair

**Committee News**

Collection Development, Mary Ann Conrad, Chair, asks members to 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 shop for books with your areas of interest in mind. After the November general meeting your Collection Development

committee used the balance of the 2018 book budget to purchase 35 new genealogy reference books. A complete list of genealogy reference book acquisitions during calendar year 2017 will be published in the AGS January newsletter.

Membership, Quenna Cox, Chair, reminds us 2019 membership dues and forms are due January 1st. Please complete and submit an updated membership form and family research names. In November the AGS dues paying roll stood at 71 members with 39 individual and 16 family memberships. A membership form is appended as the last page to this newsletter and on our website.

Genealogy Resources, Larry Howser, Chair, reports new wider shelving has arrived. It has been six months since the big move into the Downtown Library. Some of you know about or may have noticed half of the Genealogy and Local History reference collection was “teetering” on narrow shelving. The below image shows Mark Dellenbaugh, Genealogy and History librarian, standing next to the new wider shelving delivered and installed during the last week of November.



Another new addition into the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Genealogy and Local History room is a Joe Ruiz Grandee

original painting titled “Sundance” donated to the Arlington Public Library in 1976.



Sundance by “Joe Ruiz Grandee”

Finance, Jeanne Rives, Chair, the proposed AGS 2019 budget was approved by majority vote at the November general meeting. Copies of the AGS 2019 operating budget can be viewed on the browsing table during general meetings.

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 my way.

### General Genealogy Information

Christmas and New Year celebrations are just around the corner. Take advantage of those family social gatherings to share your family history research findings. Doing so may open new sources of family history and genealogy information. As “the” family history person your holiday mail may include family tree documents or a shoe box of old photos. Organizing a photo collection is a challenge no matter how you approach the task. A bit of advice about how best to organize those precious ancestor images is always welcome. Look at this past Sunday edition of the Star-Telegram, 2 Dec, 2018, Life & Arts section page 8D, for an article by, Nicole Anzia, about how best to begin organizing those old prints. If you have a FWST subscription go online to read the digital version.

Did you watch or record TLC's first of four new episodes of “Who Do You Think You Are”? The

next new episode airs Monday, December 10 at 9:00PM on TLC. This season the four featured celebrities tracing their family history are: on 12/3 – Actress Mandy Moore, on 12/10 Actor Josh Duhamel, on 12/17 Actor Matthew Morrison, and also on 12/17 Actress Regina King.

### Online Genealogy Information

Genealogy is full of acronyms and one such acronym that has been around for 20 plus years is *GEDCOM* (GEnealogical Data COMmunication). GEDCOM is a standard format digital file that allows individuals and software manufacturers to easily export and import information between genealogical databases. “GEDCOM file” was the first topic in Roger Cobbs DNA program last month. To find a match to your DNA test results you must upload a GEDCOM file made from your family tree software database. To convert the data in your genealogical database to a GEDCOM digital file, follow the instructions provided in your software manual or under the program's Help menu. You can create the GEDCOM file relatively easily; most software guides you through the process with a series of prompts or dialog. Follow the same steps to exchange family tree information one-on-one via GEDCOM with family or other researchers.

“Over 60 million pages of digitized Canadian documentary heritage soon to be available at no charge” says the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN). In a news release dated 15 Nov 2018, CRKN, announced the Canadiana collections of archival material, government publications, periodicals, monographs, annuals, and newspapers will be free to access as of January 1, 2019. For more detail visit, [canadiana-LINK](http://canadiana-LINK) .

In the 19 November 2018 issue of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, Dick Eastman wrote an article about managing ebooks. Genealogists tend to collect lots of books. Of course, the trend in recent years is to obtain ebooks, not just books printed on paper. Ebooks come in many formats. What does a researcher/ reader do who would like to have the same ebook on another computer and in another format? The answer is to translate and copy from one format to another. Dick Eastman goes on to explain various conversion methods and closes his

article with a recommendation to try “Online-Convert.com”. Why OC.com, because it doesn’t require any software installation in your computer, and works on Windows, Macintosh, Chromebooks, Linux, iPad, Android tablets, or most any other computer that has a web browser. To look over the online method go to, [convertit-LINK](#) .

## AGS Society Programs

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

### November 2018 Program Summary

November’s program featured, Roger Cobb, who shared his passion about DNA research. More than 50 members and guests were in attendance for Roger’s program titled “Connecting your DNA with Genealogy”. The November program was ideal for enthusiasts seeking a better understanding of DNA test results, and included an update on recent improvements within the genetic genealogy industry. Roger also introduced the audience to, DNA Painter, an easy-to-use software tool that helps genealogists apply their DNA testing results. Roger’s program gave us a better understanding of genetic genealogy, and how to turn DNA test results into the potential discovery of family ancestors. Below is a photo taken by, Wally Goodman, during the DNA program.



### AGS Future Programs:

December 2018, Holiday pot-luck and, a *Show and Tell*, session MC’d by Steven Brown.

January 2019, *Perusing PERSI: Periodical Source Index*, Nancy Maxwell.

February 2019, Tracy Palmer, Director of Native American Studies, DISD, will present a program on

how to connect with you native American Ancestors.

March 2019, cowboy up for a program on the 150th anniversary of the Chisholm Trail.

April 2019, a local history program on the formation of Johnson Station.

Month TBA 2019, *Become a Mapaholic*, Tresa Tatyrek

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

\*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, December. 4th, 2018, 3:00pm to 4:00pm, third floor, Excellence meeting room, in the APL Downtown Library. This help session will be led by Mark Dellenbaugh.

\*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, December. 18th, 2018, 3:00pm to 4:00pm, third floor, Excellence meeting room, in the APL Downtown Library. This help session will be led by Mark Dellenbaugh.

In 2019 the Arlington Downtown Library begins a new Your Story series. This series of four classes will show you how to transforming the scattered bits of your family's story into a lasting legacy future generations can appreciate and enjoy. The first session starts on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the George W. Hawkes Downtown Library [re]Brary Room B. These sessions will be led by Mark Dellenbaugh.

## Genealogy Events in our Local Area

UTA Special Collections:

\* On display thorough early February is the map collection that supported the UTA hosted Virginia Garrett Lectures on the History of Cartography; *Paths to Highways: Routes of Exploration, Settlement and Commerce*.

Cedar Hill Genealogy Society:

\*Instead of a general meeting, CHGS, will be holding a holiday fund raiser night out at Romano's Macaroni Grill in Cedar Hill, on Thursday, December 13th, 7:00PM to 9:00PM. All are welcome, so invite your friends, family and neighbors.

Fort Worth Genealogy Society:

\* General meeting normally on the last Tuesday of the month at the Ft Worth Central Library in the Tandy Lecture Hall. Meetings are not typically scheduled in December.

Grand Prairie Genealogical Society:

\*Monthly meeting on Thursday, December 6th, 6:30pm in the Grand Prairie Memorial Library, for the Annual *Covered Dish Dinner & Show and Tell*. An added another feature this year is a craft sale.

Grapevine Name Droppers:

\*The next meeting begins at 10:30am, Monday, December 10th, in the Grapevine Public Library programs room. The December meeting is a show and tell gathering.

Mid Cities Genealogical Society:

\*General meeting, Thursday, December 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 Eules Police Department Training Room, 1102 W Eules Blvd. (Hwy. 10), in Eules. The MCGS will host their annual holiday party.

Dallas Genealogical Society:

\*Saturday, December 8th, the *Annual Awards Luncheon*. The Luncheon will be held in O'Hara Hall, on the 7th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. Check the DGS website for registration details.

\*Eight DGS Special Interest Groups meet monthly or quarterly.

National Archives at Fort Worth:

\*The NARA Workshop series continues in 2019. Look for more details in the January AGS Newsletter.

**Events in our great state of Texas**

The Texas State Genealogical Society DNA Project is a partnership with Family Tree DNA that allows

project members to order tests at a discounted price (unless a sale price is being offered). Family Tree DNA donates a portion of the test costs back to TxSGS where it is used for record preservation and other society missions and goals. The project also allows project members to become part of specialized sub-projects, such as the Early Texans DNA Project. Do you have questions about the project? Contact Debbie Parker Wayne, the TxSGS DNA Chair, by email, [dna@txsgs.org](mailto:dna@txsgs.org).



**Arlington Historical Society**

The Arlington Historical Society's ongoing initiative to Preserve Arlington's Historic Cemeteries on West Arkansas Lane continues to gain momentum and donations. Plans for the three cemeteries North of Arkansas Lane and East of Johnson creek include improved fencing, security, gravestone restoration, and an interactive tour. A dedication ceremony is planned for early 2019. The Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds (AHMG) Project is a consortium consisting of Tarrant County and City of Arlington leaders. Concerned citizens are working to transform a neglected and endangered historical site into a place of honor and education.

A research committee under the leadership of Dawn Youngblood, Tarrant County Historic Preservation and Archives Officer, is actively researching who is buried there and how much we can learn about each deceased person. Steven Brown, AGS president, along with AGS members Dorothy Rencurrel and Pete Jacobs are volunteers from our Society helping the research committee. The "genealogical" research is ongoing and not yet complete. If you are interested in becoming an AHMG research volunteer contact Steven Brown or Pete Jacobs.

Any direct descendants or relatives of ancestors interred in the three historic cemeteries are encouraged to contact the research committee to share what they know about their people.

### 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 August 1, 1930, H. E. Bradley, trapper for Dallas County., has been trapping for wolves about one week on Joe Reed's farm on the county line east of Arlington and has caught two big red, timber wolves. The wolves had done at least \$500.00 worth of damage in the community, when Mr. Reed decided to call for help, as it takes an expert to handle an old wolf and one of those caught was at least 7 or 8 years old. Mr. Reed first called for the Tarrant county trapper. He worked about 6 weeks to two months and failed to catch anything so he left. Then as Mr. Reed lived on the county line he asked for Bradley, from Dallas county and he had splendid luck. The wolves had killed more than 100 chickens and turkeys from Mr. Reed besides a lot from his neighbors, mostly sheep and goats.

### And from a local historical perspective . . .

December 1841: "Hard times continued at Bird's Fort: On the 27th William Bird, his daughter, and a man named Cartwright were killed by Indians while trying to get water from Calloway Lake." (*Joyner, Arista. Arlington, Texas: Birthplace of the Metroplex, 1976*)

December. 1854: A caravan of 10 wagons from Kentucky arrived at Johnson's Station. M. T. Johnson celebrated their arrival with feasting and dancing. The next morning the wagon train continued, founding a colony later known as White Settlement. (*Berrong, Vema Elizabeth-history of Tarrant County from Its Beginning until 1875*)

December 1888: "Arlington was hit by a storm this week. A strong wind from the south changed suddenly to the west, blowing down buildings, storefronts, and completely demolishing the H. J. Putnam blacksmith shop." (Fort Worth Gazette).

**Closing Note:** The AGS Newsletter welcomes individual contributions. Your comments, suggestions and contributions are sincerely appreciated. The editor, Pete Jacobs.

### Hyperlink List

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Sylvia's email is [texaslibrarylady@yahoo.com](mailto:texaslibrarylady@yahoo.com).

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Page:

[canadiana-LINK](#), <https://www.crkn-rcdr.ca/en/over-60-million-pages-digitized-canadian-documentary-heritage-soon-be-available-no-charge>

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DNA Project email at TSGS, [dna@txsgs.org](mailto:dna@txsgs.org).

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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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An appended page follow: AGS Membership Application form.



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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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