



# ARLINGTON Genealogical Society NEWS

TUESDAY, February 12, 2013  
ARLINGTON CENTRAL LIBRARY  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
6:30 P.M.

## Program:

Rusty Brenner: Cemeteries.

James 'Rusty' Brenner is the owner of a company in Dallas which does conservation, preservation and restoration of grave markers. They do leveling, cleaning and necessary repairs. In addition, they do assessment for planning purposes for whole cemeteries, mapping existing markers, empty spaces, and using ground penetration radar to test places which just **might be occupied**. The company has a very interesting website at [texascemeteryrestoration.com](http://texascemeteryrestoration.com)

Hospitality for the January meeting will be provided by Linda Tong, Betty Swaim and ? \_\_\_\_\_ and ? \_\_\_\_\_.

That's right, only two people have signed up despite Cecilia circulating the sign up sheet at every meeting. She needs to have four people sign up for each meeting. Since we are getting our snacks first and for some, dinner, there needs to be more food.

There are at the moment two people signed up for March, two for April, and nobody for May or June. Please call Cecilia at 817 795 8655.

**Arlington Genealogical Society meets on the second Tuesday every month from September through June. Annual dues, due in September, are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a couple.**

## AGS OFFICERS FOR 2012-2013

President: Sylvia Hoad  
1<sup>st</sup> VP: Cecilia Messick  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Program Committee: Pete Jacobs  
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Secretary: Alice Noe  
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Newsletter: Tom Cogdell  
Library Liaison: Mary Ann Conrad  
Publicity: Wally and Ruth Goodman  
Web Address:  
[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txags/index.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txags/index.html)

## Business

Visitors on January 8  
Natalie Raulston  
Sue Mathios  
Joyce Palmer  
Barbara Fleischman  
Marc Streeter  
Bill MacAndrew  
Nina Davis  
Robert and Laverne Knezek, new members

Jennie Manca said that the Central Library would like to find maps, either for loan or donation, to display for the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the library in the George W. Hawkes Central Library Building this spring. The library currently has two displays about the construction of the building and moving in for opening in spring of 1973. These are in the cases by the down staircase and the entrance to the children's collection.

There is also an interesting display of military articles from the World War II period about young persons from Arlington who served our country then. It is on the north side of the foyer near the main entrance.

Mary Ann Conrad sought a recommendation about three books to purchase for the Collection and it was voted favorably.

## Genie's Genealogical Gem

Sylvia Hoad reported information presented at the TSGS conference by James Harkins of the Texas General Land Office in Austin. The focus was on things available on the internet, though a trip to Austin to research their holdings is a great experience.

[www.glo.texas.gov/what-we-do/history-and-archives/research-at-the-archives/index.html](http://www.glo.texas.gov/what-we-do/history-and-archives/research-at-the-archives/index.html)

This is a research guide for you to browse

[www.glo.texas.gov/cf/land-grant-search/index.cfm](http://www.glo.texas.gov/cf/land-grant-search/index.cfm)

This is the land grant database, where you search for your ancestor's surname

[www.glo.texas.gov/cf/ArcMaps/ArcMapsLookup.cfm](http://www.glo.texas.gov/cf/ArcMaps/ArcMapsLookup.cfm)

Maps, including the county cadastral maps of patents and grantees by surname are at [www.glo.texas.gov/what-we-do/history-and-archives/research-at-the-archives/surname-index.html](http://www.glo.texas.gov/what-we-do/history-and-archives/research-at-the-archives/surname-index.html)

This is a comprehensive search for any record, by surname

[gisweb.glo.texas.gov/glomap/index.html](http://gisweb.glo.texas.gov/glomap/index.html)

You need the name of the county and the abstract number to enter the three dimensional world here, so use the land grant link first.

It's probably easier to find a link on the GLO home page than to enter these URLs. The home page also may show something of another kind that interests you.

For answers to questions you have, e-mail [archives@glo.texas.gov](mailto:archives@glo.texas.gov)

## On the Calendar

The Fort Worth Family History Center will provide four talks on the first Saturday of months during the spring, the first being

**Researching at the Amon Carter Museum** on February 2.

This will occur from 10 am to noon at 5001 Alta Mesa. Please register by a message to [jarie@prodigy.net](mailto:jarie@prodigy.net) or [bxerladi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bxerladi@sbcglobal.net)

This talk will be followed by subsequent talks

March 2 Military Records

May 4 Where did she come from?

June 1 Sharing your research results

February 23, Saturday beginning at noon  
**Black History Month Festival Program**

Central Library in the Children's Area  
Noon- Anna Guy-Burroughs of Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society

1 pm- Dr. Marvin Dulaney, History, UTA

2 pm- Winners of the art and essay contest for Sharing The Dream Celebration 2013

Ashworth Elementary 4th Grade Singers

Ousley Junior High Step Team

Cornerstone Baptist Church Children's Choir

3:30 pm- Bandan Koro African Drum and Dance Ensemble

March 15 Grand Prairie Genealogical Society invites AGS members and friends to their Lock-In at the Grand Prairie Public Library, 901 Conover Drive in that city. The theme is **Finding Loved Ones Past, Hearts Remembered.**

From 6-10 pm that Friday evening participants will have the library to themselves, access to online resources, free scanning of letters or pictures, advice from experts and snacks.

\$15 individual, \$20 family

Registration and details are at [www.gpgstx.org](http://www.gpgstx.org).

Fort Worth Genealogical Society **Beginners Workshop Series**, Saturday mornings  
Fort Worth Central Library, 500 West 3<sup>rd</sup> St, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, Chappell Meeting Room  
Instructor Terri Meeks

[terri.meeks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:terri.meeks@sbcglobal.net)

Saturday - 9 February 2013

**Using the Federal Census for Family Research**

Explanation of each census, information available on each census, places censuses are available, suggestions for keeping track of the information, explanation of soundex coding, mortality schedules, 1890 schedule of union veterans from the Civil War, slave schedules, state and territorial censuses, agricultural census, Indian records, AIS (Accelerated Indexing System).

Monthly schedule, remaining sessions  
Mar 23 Courthouses  
Apr 27 Libraries +  
May 25 Vital records  
Jun 22 Immigration  
Jul 27 Military  
Aug 24 Your legacy

Members.ngsgenealogy.org/Conferences/  
Program2013.cfm  
8-11 May 2013 at Las Vegas  
**Building New Bridges**



arlingtonxfhc.org

ARLINGTON TEXAS STAKE FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

BRING LIFE TO YOUR RESEARCH

SATURDAY  
MARCH 2, 2013

WATCH THIS SITE!!  
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW SOON

## Happenings

We thank Pat Gordon for her program, **Wife Unknown: What do I do Now?** The syllabus was distributed earlier by email. It is organized generally as a checklist of resources to consult because of the following problems in finding female ancestors' names.

1. Women are not mentioned in many records like men's names are.

While in her father's house (with a checklist of 10 sources)

After marriage, when her husband gets all the mentions (13)

2. Even when a single woman on her own. (6)
3. Widowed or divorced. (7)
4. But, some sources that treat women in society more equally. (9)

Pat's examples based on her personal research were very helpful. The following are a few memorable ones.

States have different laws on property ownership, generally either common law where women are not equal, or community property where they are, **or should be**. Know which applies where she lived. Texas is community property, Arkansas **not!**

If you find her father's or husband's name, exhaust every kind of record on him for mention of her. Obituaries, wills, probate cases, and pensions are the best. If she survived her veteran husband, the pension application record will be a richer source.

If you make a trip to visit a courthouse, don't stop with deed records, check civil court indexes as well.

Mug books from the 1890s or county histories at any time are full of information, but leads found this way **must be verified**.

Widows were apt to remarry promptly. The same is true of widowers. There is great possibility of surname confusion. **Make a time line**.

## Articles

Dallas, December 17, 2012--The Dallas Genealogical Society presented the winners of their 2012 Writing Contest with certificates of recognition and prize checks at their Annual Awards Luncheon on December 8, 2012.

Among the judges reviewing the contest entries was J. Mark Lowe, a professional genealogist.



The winners are:

First Place - \$500

**"Francis A. Claridge (1824-1887)" by Karen Claridge Walker (DGS member)**

Karen is a native of San Antonio, Texas. She worked two years in the Tulsa City/County Library Genealogy Center; and is a serious amateur genealogist. The article is about Karen's paternal great-great-grandfather, to whom she said "she is grateful for having such an interesting life about which to write."

Second Place - \$300

**"Bailing, Bigamy, and Brother Love: the Family of Henry Parker and Nancy Black" by Debbie Parker Wayne, CGSM**

Debbie Parker Wayne is a full-time genealogist experienced using laws and DNA analysis, as well as more traditional techniques, for genealogical research. Debbie is a Trustee for the BCG Education Fund, a board member and Advocacy Chair of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), president of the Lone Star Chapter of APG, and Texas State Genealogical Society's DNA Project Director. She is part of the core staff at Angelina College Genealogy Conference and was the featured speaker on DNA at the Texas General Land Office's 2011 Save Texas History Symposium. Her website is at <http://debbiewayne.com/>

Third Prize - \$150

**"Sarah Luse Larimer (1836-1913): Indian Captive, Photographer, and Business Woman" by Loretta Luce Evans, AG®**

Loretta Evans, AG®, is a freelance writer and lecturer with over 30 years of genealogical experience. Accredited in Midwestern United States research, she is a graduate of the National Institute on Genealogical Research in

Washington, DC, and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. Her writings have appeared in a number of magazines, including Crossroads, Ancestry, Everton's Genealogical Helper, Heritage Quest, the Genealogical Journal, and Ohio Records and Pioneer Families. Loretta has served as a Commissioner and as Public Relations Committee Chairman for the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists. Loretta recently spent almost two years as a volunteer for FamilySearch in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Third Place (Tie) \$150

**Barbara A. Ware**

Chronology of Land Lot 128, District 0, Baldwin (Morgan) County, Georgia  
Thanks to Dick Eastman, 19 Dec 2012

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A lavish and substantial volume, **The Atlas of the Great Irish Famine**, edited by Joseph Crowley, William J. Smyth, and Mike Murphy was published in Ireland in August 2012 by Cork University Press; it was published later in the year in the United States by New York University. The work was the winner of the Best Irish Published Book of the year for 2012. For those interested in Irish history, and especially those interested in knowing more about what pushed their ancestors to emigrate, this is a book well worth reading and becoming immersed in.

The December 9, 2012, Boston Sunday Globe offered a summary: "For decades following the famine, little was said or written about it. Today it is the subject of a monumental study. Atlas of the Great Irish Famine . . . is aimed at general readers as well as academics. It analyzes the famine on a Parish by parish basis, contemplating the details of daily life, and it situates the Famine in the context of others throughout the world. It includes essays by more than fifty scholars - examining, among other subjects, relief measures and land reform - as well as maps, period illustrations, and archival documents."

During the Great Famine, between 1845 and 1852, over a million Irish people died and nearly one and a half million fled the

country, most to North America. The facts and poignant details behind those impossibly hard to grasp numbers are all in the atlas. An Amazon.com user gave his review of the book the title, "An Atlas Made Me Cry," and I think that comment probably provides the best short summary of how powerful this volume is. From the NEHGS Weekly Genealogist 16, 3, Jan 16, 2013, by Lynn Betlock

### Links

Redcoat76.blogspot.com

Don N. Hagist is interested in the details about the lives of individual British soldiers in the period of the American Revolution. The blogs seem to be excerpts from his book.

www.digitalnc.org

Old primary records and some that are more recent.

North Carolina Memory-scrapbooks and college annuals

Newspapers-Goldsboro Headlight 1887-1903 and Tarboro Free Press 1824-1844

pbs.org/historydetectives

It seems that KERA TV, Channel 13 is not showing the current History Detectives series. Dick Eastman referred to the episode broadcast 8 Jan 2013 that he thought interesting because of the identity of a powder horn found in Minnesota. There was much more of interest. One was the Bill of Sale story about a girl slave Willoby 17 years old sold in Charleston, SC in the 1820s whom they were able to trace all the way to the 1870 census when she was married and had a grandchild living with her. Secondly, a document had to do with the process of a committee working out a standard version of the Star Spangled Banner for its adoption in 1917 as the national anthem, roughly a century after the War of 1812. This featured a visit to Fort McHenry as well as the US Marine Band Library in Washington. Third was the story of the powder horn found in Minnesota, proven to be an honorary gift to a participant in the French and Indian War, with a trip to Fort Ticonderoga thrown in, as well as research in the Boston Athenium and comparison of the image on the horn to the Old North Church. Research done at

the New England Historic Genealogy Society contributed. Finally, there was an almanac from 1775 about a family divided over the causes that led to the American Revolution. The full video is available on the web site.

teachingamericanhistory.org

Teaching American History provides an extensive library of primary source documents, as well as a series of audio lectures from university professors on various topics. Documents include papers written by Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and other Founding Fathers.

There are also podcasts which provide weekly seminars from the site's archives on a given topic in American history. You can watch these directly from your computer or download them.

American Spirit, July-August 2012

A footnote: These do give you immediate access to the texts of primary documents and might justify making the site a favorite just to be able to get the original when any kind of disagreement arises. For example, you can bring up the American Constitution and see in Section 7

"All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments, as on other bills."

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### Etched in Stone

Rab McBeth

Who died for the want

Of Another Breath

1791-1823

Ireland, for a man who stole sheep and had a short life.

### Extractions from the Arlington Journal

We continue with readings from the newspaper focusing on local news. Wire stories (W) fill most of the space in the paper, along with advertising (Ad). Only ads with

the names of local businessmen are mentioned, even though you might enjoy seeing the claims made for the effects of Carter's Little Liver Pills. I try to spell names exactly as the paper did.

The following issue is from the Arista Joyner Collection at the University of Texas at Arlington Library-Special Collections and, so far as I know, has not been published before. TJC Bold numerals indicate pages, lower case numbers are for columns on that page.

**Arlington Journal**, Vol. 3, Arlington, Tex., Friday, Sept 29, 1899

**1** 1 Editorial and local notes:

Charlie Hargett attended the Fair

Charlie Brower was at the Night in Bagdad

MKT Ry business is good

John A Boyd promotes The Fair

Rogers-McKnight store, the Busy Big Store

J O Henley is distributing printed circulars

Local news: Mrs. Gooden and Miss Pearl McVeigh are at the dressmaking parlors of A W Collins Store

2 Article by Mrs. Lottie A Cox of Attalla, Alabama about a visit via the T&P

John A Boyd received insurance settlement for household goods burned, from a policy obtained from P B McNatt

Handley location for sale by T B Collins

Notice by S W Rudd, asks for payment for things bought on credit

3 City ordinance passed establishing a Corporation Court with a clerk, records, and fees

4 Ads: N C Hall, Jeweler and watch repair

Metropolitan hotel, Fort Worth on Main Street

Dr. William R Howard, 502 Main Street, Fort Worth

Cotton Belt RR

**2** 1 2W          2 3W          3 W

4 Local news: Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company, capital stock \$7,000,000, received a ten year renewal of its permit to do business in Texas

New T&P passenger terminal in Fort Worth will be ready for occupancy October 15

**3** **Arlington Journal**, Byus and Byus, publishers

1 4W          2 W          3 2W          4 2W

**4** 1 2W          2 2W          3 W, joke      4 2W

**5** 1 Ads: MKT Ry

Patent agency

Cotton Belt Ry

2 3 W          3 3 W

4 Medical:

M D Cravens, M. D., physician and surgeon, next to Pitt's Drug

J D Collins, M. D., physician and surgeon, Arlington, Texas

W H Davis, M. D., physician and surgeon, upstairs in the Opera House Block

Dr. W B West, specialist, Main and Houston Streets, Fort Worth

Dr. T F Coyle, dentist, office upstairs in the Opera House Block

W L Sweet, "Old Reliable Barber," same old stand

T Meisenhimer, tonsorialist, all work satisfactory

Printing: The Journal

Great Rock Island Route

**6** **Arlington Journal**, subscription 75¢/year, published every Saturday by Byus and Byus

1 Editorial: **AJ** is against a boycott of Arlington Cotton and Oil Company mill

AJ editor is being treated by Dr. Frank Boyd of Fort Worth

2 Ads: McKinley & McNatt Hardware

Pitt's Drug

Local: J W Oldfield is a subscriber, also W P Gee, A M Coble, Z W Gray

George Gooden on jury duty

J M Grogan's jewelry store

Mrs. W M Dugan visited Fort Worth

Dallas Fair excursions are 55¢ round trip, C A Hargett, Agent

Will Mathers was in town Sunday

John Witherington went to Fort Worth on business

H S Pitt's jewelry and watches

Rev. Cox requests attendance next Sunday

3-4 Ads: Prickly Ash Bitters

H W Subletts Livery, Feed and Sale Store

Ripons medicine

Dr. Tobler's medicine

**7** 1 2 W          2 4 W          3 3 W

4 Farm news statewide

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