



Arlington Genealogical Society News

101 E. Abram Street, Arlington, TX 76010

MAY 2014

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014
Arlington Central Library
Community Room 6:30 p.m.



PROGRAM: Judy Everett Ramos will share "Using Media and Technology to Navigate Genealogy's Changing Landscape."

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the May meeting: Sylvia Hoad, Cecilia Messick and Sylvia Saenz.

AGS Officers for 2013-14 are:

President: Sylvia Hoad
1st VP: Refreshments: Linda Tong
Asst.: Cecilia Messick
2nd VP: Program Committee:
Pete Jacobs, assisted by
Dorothy Rencurrel
Secretary: Alice Noe
Treasurer: Virginia Orchard
Asst. for Membership: Don Lewis
Parliamentarian: Cherry Williams
Newsletter: Ruth Goodman
Library Liaison: Mary Ann Conrad
Publicity: Wally and Ruth Goodman

Webmaster: Sheri Tiner

Web Address:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txags>

Arlington Genealogical Society meets on the second Tuesday monthly from September through June. Annual Dues, which are due in September, are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family.

At the May meeting, the Executive Board will present a slate of officers for the 2014-2015 year. Nominations will also be taken from the membership.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FUTURE AGS PROGRAMS

June 10: Wayne Halliburton, President of Friends of the Arlington Library

At the June AGS meeting, the new officers will be elected and installed at the September, 2014 meeting.

July and August AGS does not meet.

COMING EVENTS FOR THE AREA

May 7: Genealogy Assn. of Colleyville:
Family Tree Maker 2014.

May 8: Cedar Hill GS: Tony Hanson on
"Personal Digital Archiving for
Genealogists."

GENEALOGYPALOOZA

What: Texas General Land Office

When: Saturday, May 17, 2014

May 18: Billy W. Sills Lecture Series

will feature J'Nell Pate, Historian on "Early Immigration and Its Effect on Fort Worth."

May 24: Fort Worth GS Beginners

Workshop on "Church, Cemetery and Vital Records.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/>

July 17, 18, 19, 2014: Angelina College

Genealogy Conference in Lufkin, TX

<http://www.angelina.edu/genealogy/genealogy.html>

Saturday, August 9, 2014

Fort Worth Summer Program will feature Lloyd Bockstruck.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/>

August 27-30, 2014

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society and the Texas State Genealogical Society presents "Gone to Texas." For more information: <https://www.fgsconference.org/>

APRIL AGS PROGRAM



Steven Brown and Carl Oehmann

Mr. Oehmann walked us through the FamilySearch.org website. He also emphasized "signing in" on the site to maximize your experience. He also shared with us the do's and don'ts of employing a

professional genealogist for assistance with your research.

OBITUARIES



Ronald Lee Upshaw of Arlington passed away Friday, April 4, 2014. Ron had been a member for a long time. He was a member in at least 2000-01 through 2003-04. He returned in 2007-08 thru 2011-12.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dfw/obituary.aspx?n=ronald-upshaw&pid=170520428&fhid=11331>



Soila "Sally" G. Diaz, 80, a longtime Arlington resident, passed away peacefully surrounded by family Tuesday, April 1, 2104. Sally Diaz was librarian for the genealogy section of the Library in the 1990's.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dfw/obituary.aspx?n=soila-diaz&pid=170507871>

CEMETRY INSCRIPTION

In a Silver City, Nevada, cemetery:

Here lays The Kid. We planted him raw.
He was quick on the trigger, but slow on the draw.



As everyone is aware, Mary Ann Conrad is and has been purchasing books for our library to assist members in their research. Our collection at the Library is very extensive but Mary Ann is continually searching for books in all areas to assist our members.

Please take a moment and delve into your family trees to see if you are needing any records that might be available. Many genealogy societies publish books.

Mary Ann needs states, counties and type of records needed to narrow down the search for books. She does not need surnames as she does not purchase family books. An example would be Marriage Records from 1850-present in Hunt County, Texas.



NEW BOOKS ON SHELF

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Hartford City Cemetery: **Geneva** County
Alabama **AL.5 S**

MISSOURI:

Missourians in the Civil War, Vols. 1 & 2
MO.4 W V. 1 & 2

Civil War Records: Missouri Volunteer
Artillery, Vol. 1 **MO.4 W v. 1**
Civil War Records: Missouri State Officers,
Vol. 1 **MO.4 W v. 1** 6,784 names

Civil War Records: MO State Guard & MO
Conf. Officers, Vol. 1 **MO.4 W v. 1**
5,926 names

Civil War Records: Missouri Volunteer
Infantry Regiments, Vol. 6 **MO.4**
W v. 6 v. 6, Regiments 41st -
47th, & 3 Year Volunteer Regiments

Civil War Records: Missouri Volunteer
Engineers & Misc. Units,
MO.4 W v. 8

Civil War Records: Missouri Volunteer
United States Reserve Corps **MO.4**
W v. 9

Civil War Records: United States Colored
Troops From Missouri **MO.4 W v. 10**

Howard County, MO, Deaths-Marriages,
Franklin & Fayette Papers, 1819-
1880 **MO.5 W V. 1**

Howard County, MO, Deaths-Marriages,
Glasgow Papers, 1845-1887
MO.5 W V. 2

Randolph County Deaths & Marriages:
1854 – 1889 **MO.5 W**

I have not verified that the books are on the shelf but suggest you check before making a trip to the library.

TIME MANAGEMENT CAN BOOST YOUR RESEARCH

1. You will have more time for genealogy. Proper time management can help you better compartmentalize your day.
2. You can accomplish more with less effort. Maximize your efficiency by learning how to prioritize your family research tasks and complete them one at a time with laser focus.
3. You will find more fulfillment in your research. Soon you will learn that when time is properly allocated, you can attain more than thus be satisfied with your results.

4. You will have less stress and anxiety. A few simple organizational steps can keep your head above water, knocking out task after task in systematic fashion.
5. You will have more solid work habits. By designating 30 minutes per day or 4 hours per week to family research, and knowing in that window of time what your objectives are and how you plan about tackling them, you'll be setting yourself up for success. Practice makes perfect.

From Family Tree University, 4/16/2014.

NEW KANE COUNTY (ILLINOIS) GENEALOGY WEB SITE PROVIDES ONLINE RECORDS

John A Cunningham, the Clerk of Kane County, Illinois, has announced that his office has a new web site that provides the opportunity to search for, purchase, and download vital records files directly from your computer.

The office of the Clerk of Kane County has birth records starting in 1855, death records from 1866 and marriage records starting in 1836. Keep in mind that all births, marriages and deaths will have to have taken place in Kane County, Illinois. Also, prior to 1916, state law did not require births, deaths or marriages to be filed. So some records may not have been recorded. Birth records will be available online if the document is 85 years or older; death records will be available if the record is 20 years or more; and marriage certificates will be available if document is 50 years old or more.

All genealogical certificates and documents issued by the County Clerk will be stamped "For Genealogical Purposes Only."

You can access these records online at <http://genealogy.kanecountyclerk.org/>.

The Kane County Recorder's office also has land records available from 1836 while the Kane County Circuit Clerk's office has probate records, filed wills, divorce records and some early naturalization records. However, these records are not yet available online.

Posted by Dick Eastman on March 03, 2014

IRISH RESEARCH

More than 30 million Americans claim Irish ancestry - that's more than seven times the 4.2 million living in the Republic of Ireland today.

Extracting immigration information from the census is an essential step in determining who your Irish ancestors were and where in Ireland they came from.

Information residents had to provide in federal censuses varied from decade to decade, with schedules taken during the peak immigration years -- the late 1800s to early 1900s -- giving the most information. The first census to give clues to immigration was 1870. Below is a summary, beginning with 1870, of questions asked in federal censuses relating to immigration and ethnicity.

1870: race, birthplace of each person and whether parents were foreign born, male citizens (including naturalized citizens) over 21 who could vote.

1880: race, birthplace of person and parents, supplemental schedule for American Indian.

1900: race; birthplace of person and parents; if foreign born, year of immigration and whether naturalized; ability to speak English.

1910: race; birthplace and mother tongue of person and parents; if foreign born, year of immigration, whether naturalized, and whether able to speak English, and if not, language spoken.

1920: race; if foreign born, year of immigration, whether naturalized, and year of naturalization; birthplace of person and parents; mother tongue of foreign born; ability to speak English.

1930: race; birthplace of person and parents; if foreign born, language in home before coming to US; year of immigration, whether naturalized, and ability to speak English. For American Indians, whether of full or mixed blood and tribal affiliation.

1940: race, birthplace; citizenship of foreign born.

Abbreviations used in the naturalization column included "Na" for naturalized; "Pa" for first papers (declaration of intention to naturalize) filed; "Al" for alien or "NR" for not reported.

When searching censuses, watch for clusters of other Irish on the same page and on the pages surrounding your ancestor's listing.

February 19, 2014 from Family Tree University

MEMORIAL DAY is a U. S. federal holiday which is celebrated every year on the final Monday of May. It is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. This year it is May 26.



THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL (cont.) by Will Keller

Friday April 19, 1929

(picture of crashed Colonial Ford Trimotor)

Fourteen persons died when the cabin plane shown wrecked above crashed into a freight train, while attempting a forced landing near Newark, N. J. The plane, the Miss Newark, was christened recently by Mrs. Calvin Coolidge. It was used to take sightseeing crowds up over New York City and was returning from such a Sunday afternoon jaunt when "something happened." Thirteen passengers died instantly, and the pilot a few hours later.

Friday April 19, 1929

To our neighbors and friends who visited us and helped us during the last illness of our dear brother and uncle, **Crockett W. Thomas**, and to those who brought flowers or gave evidences of sympathy in other ways, we extended our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thomas and daughter Patricia; Mrs. M. A. Clarke; Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Forbes.

Friday April 26, 1929

Another one of Arlington's good women has gone to her eternal reward. Sunday afternoon loved ones gathered for the last time around the bedside of **Mrs. Bettie Swann Finger**, one of Arlington's noble Christian women. For some years Mrs. Finger had suffered from impaired health. But her great fortitude kept her up and going. She was born near Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on June 21, 1860. Though one of eleven children only five survive, as follows: John H. Swan of Amarillo, Misses Addie and Sheba Swan of Arlington, Mrs. R. H. Bardin of Arlington, and J. J. Swan of Maysville, Okla.

She was married April 8, 1891 to Joe P. Finger and with her husband resided for a number of years in Arlington where they accumulated considerable property. Her husband passed away several years ago, and was buried in Arlington in the family burial plot. Mrs. Finger was converted in Abe Mulkey's meeting some thirty years ago and united with the Methodist Church, where she remained a faithful member until her decease. She was intensely practical, thrifty, economical, and a woman of strong individuality.

In her earlier years she endeared herself to multitudes of friends and neighbors around the bedside of the sick and suffering. Before there were so many hospitals and nurses and people had such need of attention that they could not get, Mrs. Finger went like the Good Samaritan wherever she could serve. Long will she be remembered by the old-timers and their families for her ministeries to their needs.

She loved her Church and was especially fond of the pipe organ music. Some of the songs that she to love so well were sung at her funeral. She was a devoted Christian, and bore her intense suffering at the last in a spirit of true fortitude and composure. Uncomplainingly she came down to the end of the way, and one of her last messages to her pastor was "Tell my Arlington friends and loved ones I hope to meet them in Heaven."

The funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church Monday afternoon, by Rev. Roy Langston, the pastor, assisted by Rev. S. M. Bennett, and Rev. W. T. Rouse. Her remains were laid to rest by the side of her husband's in the beautiful Cemetery on the hill overlooking Arlington.

Friday April 26, 1929 Card of Thanks

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to our many friends for the kindness shown us during the illness and death of our beloved sister, **Mrs. Bettie Finger**; also for the beautiful floral offerings for which we are most thankful.

Mrs. R. H. Bardin, J. J. Swann, J. H. Swann, Misses Addie and Sheba Swann.

Friday April 26, 1929

Pioneer Texas Woman

Mrs. Amanda Caroline Leverett

pioneer Texan and mother of Walter Leverett of this place died at the home of her son, W. W. Leverett in Gainesville Wednesday, April 17. Mrs. Leverett was born March 28, 1841 in Georgia, coming to Texas during her infancy.

She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, having been converted when a child.

The funeral was held at the home of her son in Gainesville Thursday, April 18, at ten o'clock, with Rev. Joiner of Gainsville officiating. The body was brought to Arlington for burial, a short service being held at the cemetery, her former pastors Dr. Collier and Dr. Bennett presiding.

A large number of out of town friends attended her funeral.

She leaves to mourn her loss the following children: Mrs. Frances Meek of Roaring Springs, Jim Leverett of Ft. Worth, Will Leverett of Gainesville, Guy Leverett of Wortham, and Walter Leverett of Arlington.

Friday April 26, 1929 CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many friends for their kindness to us in the last illness and death of our mother and for the beautiful floral offerings. Mr. and Mrs. Meek,
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leverett
Mr. and Mrs. Will Leverett
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leverett

Friday April 26, 1929

PANTEGO NEWS By Mrs. B. W. Fuller.

Mrs. W. R. Fuller was called to Bowie Monday to the bedside of her sister, **Mrs. Ruth Whitson**, who passed away Friday in a Sanitarium there. Appendices was the cause. We join with Mrs. Fuller and the family in their losing such a sweet sister.