



Arlington Genealogical Society News

101 E. Abram Street, Arlington, TX 76010

JUNE 2014

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014
Arlington Central Library
Community Room 6:30 p.m.



PROGRAM: Wayne Halliburton on
"Everything you ever wanted to know about
the Friends of the Arlington Public Library."

The following people have volunteered to
furnish refreshments for the June meeting:
Sylvia Hoad, Alice Noe, Mary Ann Conrad
and Dorothy Rencurrel.

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.

At the June meeting, the slate of officers for
2014-2015, as presented by the AGS Board
in May 2014, will be voted on. Nominations
will also be taken from the floor.

Remember a person cannot be nominated
unless prior approval from that person has
been received.

The proposed officers are:

President: Pete Jacobs
1st VP Programs: Steven Brown
2nd VP Refreshments:
Barbara Richardson
Secretary: Sylvia Hoad
Treasurer: Jennie Schemensky

June 7, 2014: Free Workshop hosted by
Fort Worth Public Library:

“Ancestry-in-Action: Unpuzzling
Your Past and Preserving Your Family
Tree,” Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 11am –
4pm in the Tandy Lecture Hall. The library
address is 500 W. Third St. Morning
refreshments begin at 10:30 am.

This information came to us from Suzanne
Fritz of the Fort Worth Library and Judy
Ramos Everett, our speaker in May.
(Schedule on next page.)

10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.: Morning Refreshments
11 a.m.-12 p.m.: "Cemetery Dowsing" by
 Judy Knight
12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Lunch on your own
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: "Identifying Old
 Photographs: Preserving and
 Sharing" by Betsy Mills
2:30 p.m.-3 p.m.: Refreshment break
3-4 p.m.: "Daniel Quarles: Reconnected
 After 150 Years" by Larry McCarty

Please call (817) 392-7740 or e-mail
genhst@FortWorthTexas.gov to make a
 reservation.



UPCOMING AGS EVENTS

July and August AGS does not meet.

Hope to see everyone back at the September AGS meeting. Since many people visit cemeteries during travels in the summer, Dick Eastman has an article on his website about a product to clean tombstones which is not harmful to the tombstone. It is D/2 Biological Solution to clean gravestones. The article can be found at :

<http://blog.eogn.com/2014/06/01/use-d2-biological-solution-to-clean-gravestones/>

From Dick Eastman June 1, 2014

Sept. 9, 2014: Bernard Meisner will speak on "Applying Family Naming Conventions To Your Genealogical Research." In the United States parents have great leeway in naming their children. However, some countries have laws that restrict what names can be given to a child, requiring parents to pick from lists of approved names. Other countries have used patronymic and/or matronymic names, such that a component of a personal name is based on the given name of one's father or mother. He will describe some traditional naming conventions and discuss how they can be used to provide clues for potentially

identifying family members. He will also review some rather unique names that have been bestowed on children by their parents.

COMING EVENTS FOR THE AREA

June 4: Genealogy Assn. of Colleyville:

Field Trip to Texas Woman's
 University

June 5, 2014: Grand Prairie GS:

Terri Meeks will speak on "Who's Your Mamma?" Maiden names tend to get lost when a woman marries. She has some suggestions to help trace our female ancestors.

6:30 p.m. Refreshments;

7:00 p.m. Speaker

June 5: Mid-Cities GS: Earl Armstrong

on Writing Your Family's Story

June 6: National Archives at Fort Worth:

Remembering D-Day Through the
 Records of the National Archives by
 Michael Wright, Archivist

June 12: Cedar Hill GS:

"Show 'N Tell From Your Family"

June 28: Fort Worth GS Beginners:

Immigration, Emigration and
 Naturalization Records.

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

July 17, 18, 19, 2014: Angelina College

Genealogy Conference in Lufkin, TX

A Genealogy Journey

To Another Time, Another Place

Speakers include Philip B. Adderley, Trevia
 Wooster Beverly, Dickie Dixon, Pat
 Gordon, James Harkins, Don Raney, John
 Sellers, Beth Wilson and George W. Wilson.

For more information, go to:

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

Saturday, August 9, 2014, Fort Worth GS

Summer Program will feature
 Lloyd Bockstruck on "Western
 Migration."

Lecture Topics: Colonial Migrations;
Western Migrations: The Old Northwest;
Western Migrations: The Lower South; and
Western Migrations: Transappalachia and
west bank of the Mississippi River.

For more information, go to:

<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/>

GENIE GENEALOGIST'S GEM

Loose Papers

What are they-where are they?

Loose papers at the courthouse are the equivalent of Vertical files at the library. So if you fail to ask about their "loose papers" the next time you visit a courthouse, you could very well be overlooking a record that you will find nowhere else. If the courthouse has survived floods, tornados, and fire, you may find boxes of assorted loose papers, most often stored in the basement or some other dusty, storage room, buried away on a high shelf or back in a dark, unused corner. Records may often be found in the Probate Office. A variety of valuable information may be discovered, including early adoption papers or binding out of poor orphans, sometimes bastardy cases, written consents for marriage, naturalization records, or other loose documents submitted to prove a will, i.e., petition to probate, which listed all the heirs. Particularly useful may be proofs of freedom filed by free blacks or natives (often with white deponents), indenture papers, or even contracts for hiring military substitutes during the Civil War! Historical and genealogical societies in some states are currently forming "Loose Paper

Committees" to inventory, organize and microfilm these old records before insects and rodents can further destroy them!

From Mary Ann Conrad via East Texas
Genealogical Newsletter, May 2014

MAY AGS PROGRAM



Pete Jacobs, Judy Everett Ramos and Sylvia
Hoad

Judy Everett Ramos presented a very energized program on using the latest technology for genealogy. Her online research tools are keyword searches, online blogs, websites, museums, genealogical societies, family trees, Google books, DNA testing, networking and social media, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Twitter and YouTube. She shared that oral family history can be lost in 3 generations.

MEMBER NEWS

Linda Tong called me recently. She sounded wonderful and plans to be back to AGS in September.

Jim McMillan has been an active member of our Society and the Arlington Public Library. He will be moving to a retirement apartment in St. Joseph Village in Coppell next month. Jim started volunteering at the Arlington Public Library in 1988, and announced his retirement in July 2013. He was honored by the Library in September 2013 for his twenty five years of volunteer service.

<http://www.arlingtonlibrary.org/news/celebrity-reads-poster-jim-mcmillen-august-2013>

[There is a picture of Jim on this page.]

During those years, he was part of a teaching team that helped hundreds of people get started with computers. Some of those classes related to genealogy. He also served on the Library Advisory Board for five years, Board of North Texas Regional Library system and the Senior Library Advisory Council for two years.

Jim served as President of our Society from 1987 – 1989. He was the Editor of our newsletter for six years – 1985 – 1990-91. In 1988, Jim wanted us to publish a book relating to AGS. He recommended that all members, who wished to participate, fill out a five generation ancestral chart. With his computer knowledge and undertaking, it was completed and published with an index in 1989. The book *Arlington Ancestors* can be found at TX.29A in the Arlington Library.

Jim will celebrate his 90th birthday in August 2014.

Thanks to Mary Ann Conrad for this article.

BOOKS PRESENTED FOR PURCHASE AT MAY MEETING

Mary Ann Conrad submitted the following list of books for purchase at the May meeting, which was approved by the members.

NOTE: Please do not look for these books be on the shelf at this time, as they have not been processed. It is suggested that you check the card catalog before making a trip to the Library to look for them.

Georgia Will Directory 1733 – 1860
By Ted Brooke

Georgia Will Directory 1861 – 1900
By Ted Brooke

Admission Register of Central State Hospital, Milledgeville, GA 1842-1861
By Paul K. Graham

Abstracts of Georgia Land Plat Books A & B, 1779 - 1785
By Nathan & Kaydeee Mathews

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Carroll Co., Georgia, Abstract of Deed Book C and D, 1836-1843, Vol. II

Carroll Co., Georgia, Abstract of Deed Book E, F, and G, 1843-1855, Vol. III

Marriages of Dawson County, Georgia, Books A – D, 1858 -1950 By P. K Jones

Abstracts from The Probate Files & Records Found in Rusk Co. TX 1843-1878
By John R. Dulin

Rusk Co., Texas Probated Births Occurring Before December 31, 1899, Vol. 1
Abstracted and Compiled by John R. Dulin

Rusk County, Texas Commissioner's Court Minute - Book 1, 1843-1870
by John R. Dulin

Abstracts of Rusk Co. District Court Civil Suits, 1845-1905

Massachusetts and Maine Families Vols. 1-3
By Walter G. Davis & Gary B. Roberts

Genealogical Resources of the Civil War Era, 1861-1869 By William Dollarhide

Orange County, VA Deed Books 1 and 2: 1735-1738, Judgments 1735
By John F. Dorman

Orange County, VA Deed Books 3 and 4: 1738-1741, Judgments 1735.
By John F. Dorman

Orange County, Virginia, Deed Books 5,6,7, and 8, 1741-1743. by John F. Dorman

Civil War Soldiers & Sailors of the Eastern Shore of VA

By Barry W. Miles and Moody K. Miles, III

NEW YORK CITY RECORDS ONLINE

More than 10 million New York City birth, death and marriage records spanning nearly a century--from 1866 to 1948--are online in a partnership between Ancestry.com and the New York City Department of Records/Municipal Archives. Best of all, the City's records will be available free of charge on Ancestry.com, an unusual offering.

In addition to the city archives, Ancestry.com also announced it has added to its New York State Census Collection to include the census of 1855, 1875 and 1905. It earlier put online the 1892, 1915 and 1925 New York State Census.

The New York City records, available for free, can be accessed at Ancestry.com/NewYork, where users can browse through not only the 10 million-plus birth, death and marriage records, but gain entry to the vast collection of the city's Municipal Archives.

You can read more in an article by Olivia Winslow in the Newsday web site at <http://www.newsday.com/news/new-york/more-nyc-vital-records-going-online-1.6809740>

MAP OF US ANCESTRIES BY COUNTY

The U.S. Census Bureau has a map and a lot of text information that may interest many people who are beginning to research family history. It shows the top reported ancestries in the United States, as provided by the 2000 census. Areas with the largest "American" ancestry populations were mostly settled by some English, French, Welsh, Scottish and

Irish; but by an overwhelming majority of Scots-Irish.

Obviously, this doesn't prove that your ancestors settled in these areas after arriving in the U.S., as there were many exceptions. However, it does show many of the more likely locations where you might start your search for records. I also find it to simply be very interesting for most all Americans to show "where we came from."

A small image of the map is shown. You can also see the same map and a lot of detailed text information about immigration on the Census Bureau's web site at <http://www.census.gov/prod/2004pubs/c2kbr-35.pdf>.

Posted by Dick Eastman on Feb. 17, 2014



THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL (cont.) by Will Keller

Friday April 26, 1929 JOHN T. WHITE By Ruth E. Miller

Mr. E. R. Farrell had the misfortune of losing his little imported bull terrier pup which was flogged to death by a game rooster on last Tuesday evening.

Friday April 26, 1929 JOHN T. WHITE By Ruth E. Miller

We regretted very much to learn of the death of **Mr. Joy Stephen Hitchcock** in

the Baptist Hospital in Fort Worth on last Friday as a result of blood poisoning caused from a gash received over the left eye while loading milk cans several days previous. Mr. Hitchcock was employed by the Friend Dairy on the Cook Lane road and was twenty years of age. He was a nephew of

Mr. Joe Butcher and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hitchcock of Oilton, Oklahoma where his body was forwarded for burial by Robertson, Mueller, Harper, undertakers of Ft. Worth. We wish to express our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

Friday May 3, 1929

Funeral services for **L. H. Gardner**, 62, who died last Friday morning, April 26, were conducted at the family home on south Center street Saturday afternoon at three o'clock with Reverend Roy Langston, his pastor officiating, assisted by Reverend S. M. Bennett, a very close friend of Mr. Gardner. Burial in the Parkdale cemetery.

Mr. Gardner is well known through out the entire state, having distinguished himself in the cotton business. He was a partner in the firm of Gardner and Witwer with offices in the Cotton Exchange Building in Dallas. The firm also maintains offices in Mineola.

Mr. Gardner was a member of the Methodist church, unusually active in all civic and religious affairs.

Altho in bad health for a number of years and confined to his bed for the past eight months, Mr. Gardner loved life and wanted to live and just when prospects looked brightest for a complete recovery, he succumbed. Surviving are his wife, a daughter Miss Frances, three brothers, T. E. of Clarksville, Geo. of Paris, and W. D. of Houston, and two sisters, Mrs. Dave Beard of Bonham and Mrs. G. O. Brooks of Hereford.

Friday May 3, 1929 CARD OF THANKS

We take this means to thank our many friends for their kindness and love shown to us during the long illness and death of our beloved husband and father; also for the beautiful floral offerings. May God bless each and all.

Mrs. **L. H. Gardner**, Miss Frances Gardner

Friday May 3, 1929 EULESS NEWS By Sally Ferris

We were very sorry indeed to hear of the death of our friend Uncle **George Hines**, who passed away last Friday morning. He had lived in this community for some time and had been confined to his bed for the past five years. He was living with his son, John Hines, at the time of his death. He was nearing eighty-five. He had belonged to the Masonic lodge for a good many years, and he lived a clean Christian life. Funeral service was held at the Calloway Cemetery, where his body was laid to rest. Rev. Curry from Mansfield, conducted the funeral service. He is survived by three sons and two daughters. Besides these, he leaves to mourn his death several other relatives and a host of friends.

Friday May 3, 1929 EULESS NEWS By Sally Ferris

Those who attended the funeral of **Mrs. Davidson**, which was held at Bedford last Saturday afternoon, were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fuller and Mrs. Winnie Cannon. Mrs. Davidson was the daughter of Mrs. Millon this place but did not live here. We were very sorry indeed to hear of her death and we greatly sympathize with her people.



Hot on the trail.