



# Arlington Genealogical Society News

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101 E. Abram Street, Arlington, TX 76010

SEPTEMBER 2014

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 9, 2014**  
**Arlington Central Library**  
**Community Room 6:30 p.m.**



**PROGRAM:** 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.



At the June, 2014 meeting, the following people were elected officers for 2014-2015 and will be installed at the September meeting:

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

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the Sept. meeting: Virginia Orchard, Tom and Elena Cogdell, Sylvia Hoad and Ruth Goodman.

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. Attached is a membership form for your use.

## FUTURE 2014 AGS MEETINGS

**Oct. 14:** Ila Johnson on Germans  
From Russia.  
**Nov. 11:** Lance Tahmahkera on  
History of the Comanche  
in Texas.

## NOTE FROM AGS PRESIDENT

Pete and Lauren Jacobs attended part of the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference held August 27–30 in San Antonio. The conference, with the sponsorship of local hosts, the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society and the Texas State Genealogical Society, offered four action-packed days of family history, fun, and learning.

Both Pete and Lauren attended the FGS pre-conference Librarians day Tuesday, August 26. Wednesday was Society day and Pete attended the sound society strategy workshop, the luncheon session and three one hour afternoon sessions focused toward developing better genealogical societies.

From Pete Jacobs

## COMING EVENTS FOR THE AREA

### Sept. 4, 2014: Grand Prairie GS:

Pat Gordon on "Beyond Vital Statistics: Just Who Are These People Anyway?"

### Sept. 4: Mid-Cities GS: Dreanna Beldin,

Assistant Dean for External Relations, Univ. North Texas Library  
**Topic:** Portal to Texas History

### Sept 5: National Archives at Fort Worth:

Barbara Rust, Senior Archivist on "What Can I Find in Federal Court Records?"

### Sept. 11: Cedar Hill GS:

Writing Your Family History presented by Judy Knight

### Sept. 13: Billy W. Sills Lecture Series

Max Courtney, forensic scientist and historian on "CSI/Fort Worth

Science and Court Room Drama in Fort Worth

From Fort Worth GS August newsletter.

Sept. 17-21: The Friends of the Arlington Public Library Fall Book Sale is September 17-21 at Meadowbrook Recreation Center, 1400 Dugan St.

<http://www.arlingtonlibrary.org/friends-book-sale>

**Sat., September 20, 2014**

**North Texas Genealogical Association Seminar 2014 with Josh Taylor!**

**First United Methodist Church  
909 10th Street (intersection of 10th & Travis), Wichita Falls Texas**

<http://www.ntgatrailtracers.org/news-events/>

## JUNE AGS PROGRAM



**Cherry Williams, Dorothy Rencurrel and Wayne Halliburton**

Wayne Halliburton, former President of the Friends of the Arlington Public Library, shared how fund raising projects have given library patrons benefits over and above those which the city budget is able to provide. Since its organization in 1987, the Friends fund raising efforts have resulted in more than **\$694,000** in gifts for the Arlington

Public Library System. Recent contributions include:

- Providing computer hardware for a learning center at the [East Arlington Branch Library](#)
- Assisting with [children's services and programs](#) (including the Summer Reading Club)
- Raising community awareness of library needs and coalesce citizen advocacy for the Arlington Public Library System.
- Helping sponsor the library's 80th birthday celebration in 2003.
- They have helped raise community awareness of library needs and have become a nucleus of citizen advocacy for the Arlington Public Library System.

#### MEMBER NEWS

Thomas Bateman, 31, son of John West Bateman and Kathy Shults Bateman, 31, of Grand Prairie passed away Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014 passed away Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014 son of John West Bateman and Kathy Shults Bateman. Kathy is Assistant Cataloger in the Cataloging Department of the Library.

#### NEW GENEALOGY BOOKS ON SHELF – SEPTEMBER, 2014

##### AA

Genealogy Online For Dummies **AA.1 H 929.1 H478g**

##### CO:

Mine Owners & Mines of the Colorado Gold Rush – 1879 **CO.9 W**

##### GA:

Georgia Stray Wills: 1733 – 1900

**GA.6 B**

*Georgia Will Directory, 1733 – 1860*

**GA.6 B**

*Georgia Will Directory, 1861 – 1900*

**GA.6 B**

Admission Register of Central State Hospital Milledgeville, Georgia 1842 – 1861 [2 Vols in 1]

**GA.6 G**

Marriages of **Dawson** Co. Georgia,

Books A – D, 1858 - 1950 **GA.6 J**

Abstracts of Georgia Land Plat Books A & B, 1779-1785 **GA.6 M**

The History of Euharlee [Bartow Co.] no index **GA.9 H**

##### IN:

Abstracts of Obituaries in the *Western Christian Advocate*, 1834-1850

**IN.67 W**

Admission Record Indianapolis Asylum for Friendless Colored Children 1871 – 1900. **IN.6 S**

Abstract of the Records of the Society of Friends, Vol. 1 **IN.7 A v. 1**

Abstract of the Records of the Society of Friends, Vol. 2 **IN.7 A v. 2**

##### MD:

The Maryland Gazette, 1727–1761

Genealogical & Historical Abstracts Includes news of individuals from all over *Maryland*, as well as from Delaware, Virginia & Pennsylvania.

**MD.67 G**

##### MA:

Massachusetts & Maine Families in the Ancestry of Walter G. Davis

**MA.29 Davis v. 1 - 3**

A Guide to Massachusetts Cemeteries **MA.5 L**

##### MO:

1890 Genealogical Census Reconstruction.

Missouri Edition **MO.35 1890 v. 3**

History of Moniteau County Missouri; 2000, Volume 2 **MO.9 M v. 2**

Ralls County Missouri History & Families **MO. 9 R**

##### NC:

The Moravians in North Carolina: An Authentic History **NC.7 R**

##### PA:

The Provincial Councillors of Pennsylvania 1773-1776 **PA.29 K**

Immigration of the Irish Quakers into  
Pennsylvania, 1682-1750 With Their  
Early History in Ireland **PA.7 M**

**TX:**  
Atlas of Texas [2] **TX.912 A 1967**  
**TX.912 A 1973**

**VA:**  
Civil War Soldiers & Sailors of the Eastern  
Shore of Virginia: Union &  
Confederate [Accomack &  
Northampton Counties:] **VA.4 M**

**WZ BOOKS:**  
Genealogical Resources of the Civil War  
Era: 1861 - 1869 **WZ.016 D**

Genealogical Guide Master Index of  
Genealogy of the DAR Magazine  
**WZ.98 G**

The Harris Family Tree: 1445 to 2000  
By D. G. Wayne, W. L. Harris &  
Billie Hardy, 2000 **WZ.29 Harris**

Three McMillen Brothers  
By James M. McMillen,  
**WZ.29 McMillen**

## **TEXAS LAND RECORDS**

Texas land descriptions are not arranged in a neat township-range-section grid. Instead, a survey-abstract approach is used, with the surveys being oddly shaped with names like "Jno. C. McGee, A-427". And it can be hard to find maps that show the survey boundaries.

This website that might be of help:  
<http://www.earthpoint.us/TexasLandSurvey.aspx>

On the Search By Description section, you can enter whatever you know of the area legal description, and this tool will fill in the blanks and give you the latitude and longitude of the area. This can get you in the neighborhood of a tract of land when you have a copy of the deed

but have no idea where the parcel is located. Or on the Search By Lat-Long section, you can enter the coordinates and retrieve the survey/abstract information for that location. There is also a link to a mapping tool.

One rather cool feature is the ability to do a keyword search. You can use this feature to search for a surname in the survey name, and you don't need to specify county. Or you can select a county, enter an asterisk ( \* ) in the Keyword search field, and retrieve a list of all the surveys in the county - and you can download the list in excel format.

From Mary Ann Conrad

## **CLUSTER RESEARCH**

Cluster research looks at all folks who live near each other and migrate together, whether they are blood kin or not. This can include a wife's relatives, or even young men from the neighborhood.

Among the most common types of clusters are migratory clusters, filled with family friends, neighbors, or other abstract relations. Some other clusters:

**Immigration chains.** In many places in the United States, immigrants came directly from their home countries to work in specific industries, especially in mining, railroad work, auto manufacturing, lumbering and other big employers of the late 19th and early 20th century. Sometimes middlemen even existed, agents from the Old Country who recruited their fellow countrymen (and women) for an industry. Investigating other immigrants who settled in the same neighborhoods as your ancestors, worked the same jobs and spoke the same native tongue can be a great way to identify an immigrant's ancestral hometown.

**Community clusters.** People who belonged to the same church, fraternal organization, civic clubs or other community groups often

share a history all their own. Even those who shared a neighborhood-especially segregated neighborhoods-have unique histories. If you can identify a group to which your ancestor belonged, you may be in for a treat.

**Fellow workers.** Individual industries tell of specific working conditions, manual tasks performed, dangerous equipment used, the fatigue of long hours at repetitive or heavy tasks. They tell what kinds of scars, calluses, burns, limb losses, falls, machinery accidents and other occupational hazards they faced every day. A census entry may tell us that an ancestor worked for the railroad as a brakeman. A few questions to a rail historian might earn you important insight: "It was one of the most dangerous jobs because they had to jump on and off between moving cars. You could always tell a brakeman because he was missing a finger or two."



**THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL** (cont.)  
by Will Keller

**Friday May 3, 1929**  
**LETTER FROM ALASKA**

The following descriptive letter from Alaska, written by Mrs. Peter Pappadis, formerly known in Arlington as Miss Pauline Shipper, will be of interest to our readers:

Ferry Alaska, April 4, 1929  
My Dear Mrs. Wessler:

Your letter reached me on my return from Fairbanks and I should like to tell you a few things that impress me about Fairbanks. It is called "Alaska's Golden Heart" being the terminus of the Alaska railroad from Seward, the Richardson Highway from Valdez and Yukon or Steese Highway from Circle. These two highways connect the Yukon river with the coast.

Not satisfied with this, Fairbanks wants to be connected with the United

States! This calls for an International Highway. Going thru Canada via Hazelton, Vancouver, and Seattle. This undertaking is being sponsored by the Fairbanks Automobile Association. Their plan is to get U. S. Government to pay half of the expenses and the Canadian Government to pay half. The highway plans cover more Canadian territory than Alaska but Alaskans figure that they will be benefited as much or more so than Canada. Some of the proposed route is already constructed. I met the President of Automobile Association while in Fairbanks and his opinion is that if Canadian Government will do their part, the highway will become a reality. I am inclosing a small map of the proposed route.

Noel Wein of the Wein Alaska Airways, Fairbanks, recently made a trip by aeroplane to Siberia to obtain some furs that were aboard an ice bound ship. He flew from Fairbanks to Nome and from there across to Siberia. His trip was very successful, but for the fact that his plane would not hold the \$150,000 worth of furs and he plans to return for the remainder of the furs. The company he made the trip for had to obtain permission for him to land in Siberia. His compensation for the trip was \$4,000. He made the trip in a Hamilton monoplane, it also being in the contract to replace the plane if anything happened to it. Wein is the first commercial Air pilot to have flown from North America to Asia.

During the construction days of the Alaska Railroad, when the bridge across Tanaria River at Nenana was being built, which by the way, is the largest single span bridge in the world, bets and guesses were made as to when the ice would go out on the river. Interest grew each year and now at this time of the year, all eyes are turned to Nenana. In the middle of the river a stop watch is attached to a pole, this pole must be moved 100 feet before watch stops. Tickets are sold for \$1.00 and the purchaser tries to guess when that watch will stop. It is necessary to keep a watchman on the job in order that no crooked work is done. These tickets are not mailable, nor are other



addresses than Alaska and Yukon Territory accepted. In case several people guess the correct time the money is divided. Last year the Ice Pool amounted to about \$50,000, two people guessed the correct time and money was divided. There is also a lot of betting going on as to when the ice will go. My husband and I have a few tickets. I'm not really interested but it wouldn't be considered good etiquette if we did not have a few tickets.

And still I haven't told much about Fairbanks. The temperature was zero when we left the hotel to catch our train for home. A modern hotel, steam heat, bath, etc., breakfast at a modern cafe, and a modern train. Quite a number of college students rode out to college on train with us. Their conversations were the same as I heard in my college days, "profs" "exams" and outlines. When we left them behind and rode for miles without seeing any roads, automobiles, and only the railroad maintenance corps and an occasional trappers cabin did I realize what a wonderful thing the Alaska Railroad is. I can't think of it as being "man built." I just accept it like I do Mt. McKinley, as if it had always been here.

You asked especially about coal and mineral but the subject is too broad for me to tackle. Almost everyone in this section of country has a cold claim that they do assesment work on at some time or the other. We really aren't in style because we haven't one. There is plenty of coal, in time the world might turn to Alaska for her coal supply. South of here, in the Railroad Belt, an outfit is drilling for oil. So there you are, you can find almost anything in Alaska but it takes a lot of work. I think that this is always true of a pioneer country however.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Peter Pappadis.

**Friday May 10, 1929**

**JOHN T. WHITE** By **Ruth E. Miller**

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Isham, Mmes. M. A. Isham, Will and Roy Works, J. G. Murphy, and Arthur W. Brock and Miss

Ruth E. Miller attended the funeral of **Grandmother Farrell** which was held at the Roman Catholic Church at Handley on last Friday morning. She was past eighty-six years of age and was laid to rest in the Calvary Cemetery in North Fort Worth by the side of her husband who departed this life about two years previously.

**Friday May 10, 1929**

Funeral services for **S. G. Riall**, 62, of Ft. Worth were conducted here Monday morning at the First Christian Church with Dr. L. D. Anderson pastor of the First Christian Church of Ft. Worth officiating, assisted by the local pastor, Dr. Redfern.

Mr. Riall formerly lived in Arlington and by the floral expression and the large attendance at the services, his friends here were many.

He leaves one son, Clyde, of Ft. Worth. Burial in the Arlington cemetery.

**Friday May 10, 1929**

**QUESTION BOX** By **Jack Maxwell**

Last week's question: How many subscribers has the local telephone exchange? Ans.: 760.

**Friday May 10, 1929**

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Yarbrough and daughter Dedie Mae, and Mrs. O. V. Eberly were in Dallas Friday, called there by the serious illness and death of **Mrs. J. M. Mosley**. Mr. and Mrs. Yarbrough remained at the Mosley house until Saturday night.

**Friday May 24, 1929**

**Mrs. Fannie B. Hill**, 40, wife of E. F. Hill, of Dallas, and only child of Judge J. W. Beard died at a Dallas hospital Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

Mrs. Hill had been sick for several months and had been dangerously ill for weeks.

Funeral services will be conducted at Tyler, Texas, Friday afternoon at five o'clock. At this time (Thursday) details of the funeral were indefinite.

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**ARLINGTON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM 2014-2015**

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal** \_\_\_\_\_ **New Member** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address(es):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Surnames you are researching:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Individual \$15** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family \$20** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check out to Arlington Genealogical Society.**

**\*\*If mailed, please send to:**

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1903 Alpaca Court  
Arlington, TX 76001-5695**