



# Arlington Genealogical Society News

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101 E. Abram Street, Arlington, TX 76010

OCTOBER 2014

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014**

**Arlington Central Library  
Community Room 6:30 p.m.**



**PROGRAM: Ila Fichtner-Johnson** on  
"Who Are the Germans from Russia?"  
She will explain why there are so many who  
list their place of birth as Russia but say  
German also on the 1910, 1920 census.

The following people have volunteered to  
furnish refreshments for the October  
meeting: Jeanne Rives, Mary Ann Conrad,  
Steve Brown and Barbara Richardson.

Web Address:

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

**NOTE:** AGS dues go from September to  
June of each year. All those who have paid  
their dues by the October meeting will be  
eligible for a drawing for the CD published  
by the Texas General Land Office with one  
year's recordings of "This Week in Texas  
History--the stories that make Texas great."  
You do not have to attend the meeting. If  
you are unable to attend and have paid your  
dues, I will see that you receive it.

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. Thanks to all our members  
who have paid their dues. If you have not  
paid them, attached is a membership form  
for your use.

**AGS NOVEMBER 2014 MEETING**  
**Nov. 11:** Lance Tahmahkera on History of  
the Comanche in Texas.

## NOTE FROM AGS PRESIDENT

Cary Siegfried, City of Arlington Director of  
Libraries, addressed the 9 Sept. AGS  
meeting and spoke for about 10 minutes  
followed by a short question and answer  
session. Her talk focused on current plans  
for the relocation of the Central Library  
collections and services during the time that  
the new Central Library is under  
construction.

During the summer months the City  
solicited bids from Architectural firms.  
Final selection of an Architect is in process.  
City staff anticipates the new library plans to  
be approved by mid May 2015. Ground  
breaking and construction on the new library  
could begin as soon as August, 2015.  
Construction should be complete by the end  
of 2016 and the new Central Library could  
be ready for occupancy in early 2017.

Over the past months the library staff has examined various alternatives for the provision of library services in the downtown area. The focus was on the feasibility of utilizing Meadowbrook Recreation Center, the Water Utilities North Service Center and privately owned leased facilities as temporary public service locations, as well as an option that would shut down Central Library public service and store most of the Central Library collection until the new Central Library is completed.



Cary Siegfried

Cary Siegfried then spoke to the good and not so good factors about the above alternatives. Factors such as no large buildings in the downtown area are available for lease, opening a reliable connection to the city network from a private leased facility. Meadowbrook Recreation Center is in the Johnson Creek flood zone, and scheduled reconstruction of Abram Street would present serious issues of accessibility to the Meadowbrook Recreation Center. Those and other considerations were studied by the library staff. The recommendation Cary Siegfried submitted to City Council on September 2, 2014, was that the Water Utility's North Service Center be used as the temporary limited public service location for the Central Library. This alternative allows for the temporary relocation of the Central Library Genealogy collection to the Northeast Branch library located at 1905 Brown Blvd.

Running concurrently, with the above plan, is the City preparation of the present Central Library block for future private development. The library staff is planning to close the Central Library to patrons at the beginning of 2014 Christmas holidays. Under this timeline, the Central Library building will be empty by the end of February 2015.

So where will the Arlington Genealogical Society meet after our December meeting? As announced at the September meeting, a site selection committee is at work surveying alternative meeting places. The committee is surveying about 15 locations (recommendations submitted by our members) and will submit a shorter list to the AGS Board at a planned board meeting on 25 October. The alternative meeting place will be announced in the November Newsletter and at the November 11<sup>th</sup> AGS meeting.



Bernard Meisner, Barbara Richardson and Pete Jacobs

Many in our Society will be talking about Bernard Meisner's presentation at our September meeting for some time to come. His talk on naming conventions was both interesting and informative with a liberal dose of humor as a memory aide. Bernard's talk is a good example of why face to face presentations have high educational value. We have many alternative ways to find information these days, books, articles,

blogs, audio and video programs and webinars. There are several reasons a virtual presentation can't measure up to the face to face presentation. The first that comes to mind is the social aspect of attending a Society meeting. Just being in the company of others interested in genealogy leads you to interact before and after the program. Another is the potential for direct interaction with the speaker before or after the program. Also, at a Society meeting and program, you are in the company of a supportive and helpful audience; so, you will be more inclined to ask questions and find answers. Finally, others in attendance may share a genealogical experience that sheds light on research challenges.

Peter G. Jacobs

## COMING EVENTS FOR THE AREA

### **Oct. 2: Cedar Hill GS:**

"Mining the Gems in a Civil War Pension File," presented by **Bernard Meisner**

### **Nov. 6: Grand Prairie GS:**

**Lisa Louise Cooke** will present "Time Travel with Google Earth". Mrs. Cooke is the founder of Genealogy Gems, a genealogy and family history multi-media company.

**Nov. 6 Mid-Cities GS:** Judy Knight, topic to be announced.

### **Nov. 7: National Archives at Fort**

**Worth:** "Finding Your World War I Relative" by Theresa Fitzgerald and Darla Labinsky, Archivists

### **Oct. 11: Billy W. Sills Lecture Series:**

"The Life and Times of John Jeremiah Smith, aka CoHo Smith" by **Bill Warren**, Historian.

NOTE: I "googled" CoHo Smith and found the following site. Very interesting man.  
<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fsmco>

## MYSTERY SOLVED

Many times our Library asks us not to reshelve genealogy books in order that the Library can get a count of the number of books used as well as the type.

Have you ever wondered who shelves many of the genealogy books? Mary Ann Conrad has told me that our AGS member, Larry Howser, has been doing this for several years. Hats off to Larry!

## DAR LIBRARY, Washington, D.C.

After many decades of having an entrance fee, the DAR Library in Washington, D. C. has dropped the fee effective immediately. They want to encourage usage by more people who were sometimes deterred by having to pay a fee to use the library.

## 3 TYPES OF DEEDS FOR LAND RECORDS RESEARCH

The basic document involved in land research is the deed -- the document that transfers and proves land (or home) ownership. There are several types of deeds:

### Warranty Deed

The most legally complete type of deed, which has been proven to the satisfaction of federal and state law all the way back to the origin of the land (not just the current owner). The seller guarantees he has the right to sell the land and that there are no claims against it by any other parties.

### Quitclaim Deed

The sellers on a quitclaim deed give up all real or perceived claim on a property, while not making any guarantees on their right to sell that property. This is usually done when there is some question as to whether any

other individual may have a claim (a missing heir, for example), or in the case of a name change. Quitclaim deeds may also be used in cases where there is no will; all surviving heirs who might have a legal interest in the land owned by the deceased sign a quitclaim deed, giving up any interest they might have in the property. A quitclaim deed may also be used when a warranty deed needs a correction such as correcting a spelling error of a name.

#### Trust Deed/Security Deed

In some states, trust deeds are used (instead of mortgages) to document the financing of real estate purchases. Trust deeds are usually found in the same location as the deed (most often in the County Recorder's office), as evidence of the debt. When the loan is fully paid, the title is transferred to the borrower; if the borrower defaults on the loan, the trustee may foreclose on the debt and transfer title to the lender or sell the property to pay the lender from the proceeds of the sale.

#### AGS OFFICERS 2014-2015

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#### DNA

Considering a genetic genealogy test? Look to these four leaders in the DNA testing field:

1. [23andMe](https://www.23andme.com/) <https://www.23andme.com/>

2. [Ancestry.com](http://dna.ancestry.com/)  
<http://dna.ancestry.com/>

3. [FamilyTreeDNA](https://www.familytreedna.com)  
<https://www.familytreedna.com>

4. [National Geographic](https://genographic.nationalgeographic.com/)  
<https://genographic.nationalgeographic.com/>

#### GENEALOGY TIPS FOR WHEN YOU HAVE 5 TO 15 MINUTES

Sometimes life gets in the way, and you can't find a decent stretch of time to sit at your computer or go to the library and do some genealogy.

In the mean time, 5 or 15 minutes might not be enough to delve into the life and times of your most stubborn brick wall ancestor, but it is enough time to do one of these quick genealogy tasks.

Check your tree and make sure you have a 1940 census entry for everyone alive at the time.

Search the [Social Security Death Index](#) for US folks who died after 1962.

Run a [Google Books](#) search for an ancestor you don't have much on.

Open mystery genealogy files on your computer, see what they are, and rename them according to a system. Now you know what the file is without opening it.

File the loose genealogy files on your computer desktop, or the papers on your actual desktop.

Write two paragraphs about an ancestor's life.

Any relative you don't have burial information for, search for him or her on [Find A Grave](#), [BillionGraves](#) and/or [Interment.net](#).

Transcribe a record into your family tree software (or wherever you keep record transcriptions).



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

**Friday May 10, 1929**

The many friends of **Mrs. J. M. Mosely** of Dallas, were shocked and grieved to learn of her sudden death last Friday afternoon at 5:45 in Baylor hospital. Altho she had been in poor health for some months, her condition had not been considered so serious. On Monday morning, previous to her passing away, she underwent a serious operation, which proved more than her weakened body could withstand. She was a member of Arlington Methodist Church, an active member of the Standard Bearers Class and Club, and in every sense a true and gentle Christian. Her sweet and lovable disposition won for her friends wherever her acquaintance was made, for truly, in the words of the poet, "none better knew her but to love her, none named her; but to praise." She leaves to mourn her untimely death her devoted husband, Mr. Jess Mosley, a daughter, Virginia, and a son, W. T.

The funeral services were held at the home, 5807 Victor St., in Dallas, Saturday p.m. conducted by Dr. Truett, the music being furnished by the Standard Bearers Wesley class of Arlington M. E. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosley lived at Arlington for about two years and have hosts of friends who join the many Dallas friends and relatives in sympathy, in this, their dark hour of sorrow.  
"Dust to its narrow house beneath—  
Soul to its place on high.  
They that have seen they look in death  
No more may fear to die."

She was raised in the lap of culture and refinement. She was a woman of rare traits and character.

To these children who are left she leaves the wealth of a noble life more precious than any earthly heritage and to them we would say: "She is not dead but gone before." There is no death. The sun goes down to rise on a new world. The stars grow dim and disappear—but are still shining in all their dazzling splendor. Let us continue faithful that we may share with her that eternal glory.

Friends.

**Friday May 10, 1929**

A letter, in French, was received by C. A. Farris, Post Commander at Arlington American Legion No. 467. Interpretation of the letter is as follows:

Paris, France, April 16, 1929  
Council of the President  
Monsieur le Commander:

You have been so kind to want to come to the Government with a letter of condolence on the occasion of the death of your "Commander of the field of battle of France," the **Marshall Foch**, and you express the sentiments of quick sympathy of the American Veterans for their brothers of combat.

I am very touched by the message, and address to you the thanks of the Government.

You have the pleasure, Monsieur Commander, and the assurance of my sentiments,

Premier Poincaire.

### Friday May 17, 1929

Following is the announcement of the death of **Mrs. Georgia Rawlins** in Dallas, prominent Lancaster school teacher for three generations. Mrs. Rawlins had a number of friends in Arlington and was an aunt of Miss Virgie Sprounce and Mrs. W. H. Davis. They were attendants at her funeral in Dallas Wednesday.

“Good-bye, Miss Georgia.”

Three generations of school children at Lancaster, Dallas County, have uttered this farewell after school classes for the last sixty years.

At 4 p.m. Wednesday in a little cemetery at Lancaster, these words again came from the lips of the pupils, many now grown-up men and women, for the last time.

“Miss Georgia” died shortly after noon Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Lamar, 1316 North Carroll avenue.

“Miss Georgia” has been Mrs. Georgia Rawlins for the last half century, but to her former pupils at Lancaster, whether young or old, she is still “Miss Georgia.”

“Miss Georgia taught me and my children and my children’s children,” they say at Lancaster.

Miss Georgia was a native of Georgia. It was there that she began her career as a teacher when 16 years old, but came to Texas in 1872 to teach at Lancaster. She taught in both private and public off and on for sixty years.

In 1876 she was married to Alex H. Rawlins, a Lancaster merchant. Upon her husband’s death in 1923, she came to Dallas, where she has lived with her daughter, her only were the five children of Mrs. Lamar. (*evidently missing line*)

Funeral services were held at the residence at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday with Dr. S. C. Riddle officiating.

Active pallbearers were Eber Lavender, King Ellis, Wylie Rawlins, Earle Rawlins, Harry Rizer, and Urban Oliver.

After the services, the body was sent to Lancaster for additional services and burial in Lancaster Cemetery. There her pupils will say: “Good-bye, Miss Georgia.”

### Friday May 17, 1929

Perhaps he took it from his grandfather, we don’t know, or maybe his grandmother, but anyway, Max Brock, Jr., not quite three years old, of Lawton, Okla., had a big cry to take a ride in a large Ryan cabin plane the other day, according to a story printed in the “Lawton Constitution” May 8. The story of this young air enthusiast was as follows:

“Max Brock, Jr., who is not quite three years old, is believed to be Lawton’s youngest air enthusiast. Yesterday when the youngster’s father, Max Brock of the Palace Theater, and Charles Hankins of the Chevrolet Motor Company were preparing to make a flight in the Standard Roofing Company’s Ryan monoplane, piloted by Roy Franks, young Max cried to go along.

The youngster was taken along and after a flight of some twenty minutes over Lawton, Fort Sill, and Lake Lawtonka, the little fellow climbed out of the plane and talked a blue streak about the little houses, the lake and mountains he saw from the Ryan cabin. He was the youngest passenger every carried by Franks, who is official pilot for the Standard company.”

### Friday May 31, 1929

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

Last week’s question: “Who had the first radio in Arlington?”

Ans.: Paul Clifton Barnes, in 1916.

### Friday May 31, 1929

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday morning for **J. W. Brandenburg**, 75, who died Friday, May 24, at the home of his daughter Mrs. Vernon, after several months of illness. Reverend S. M. Bennett, Pastor of the Arlington Presbyterian church, officiated.

He leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. Vernon, with whom he made his home. The body was carried overland to Waco, Texas, for burial.



# Arlington Genealogical Society

## Membership Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal  New Member

Individual: \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Family: \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Arlington Genealogical Society

Mail form with payment to:

Mrs. Jeannie Schemensky, 1903 Alpaca Ct., Arlington, TX 76001-5695

Surnames you are researching:

Surname	State	Surname	State	Surname	State

The Arlington Genealogical Society meets the second Tuesday of months September through June at 6:30 PM in the Community room of the Arlington Central Library, 101 East Abram Street.

