



Arlington Genealogical Society News

P. O. Box 373, Arlington, TX 76004-0373

MAY 2015

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015

**Community Room of
Arlington West Police Service Station
2060 W. Green Oaks Blvd.**

PROGRAM: Marilyn Hay will discuss Family Tree Maker software.

At the May meeting, the Executive Board will present a slate of officers for the 2015-2016 year. Nominations will also be taken from the membership.

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the meeting: Mary Ann Conrad, Betty Swaim, Jeanne Rives and Ruth Goodman.

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 as well as those who have become new members.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Over the past few months the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society has received a significant donation of genealogy books and periodicals. Many of the donations duplicate what the Grand Prairie Public Library already owns. After the GPGS and the Grand Prairie library staff assessed the donated books and periodicals, those not accepted for cataloging are being offered to other societies in this area. AGS is grateful to the GPGS and the Grand Prairie Historical Organization for sharing their recent donations with us. The genealogy

books and periodicals we accepted from Grand Prairie will be assessed by the genealogy resources committee and the Arlington Public Library staff. Those not accepted for cataloging will be returned to Grand Prairie.

The AGS executive board will be working and discussing some challenging business in the near future. It is my goal, with the support of the executive board, and you the members that we accomplish the following;

- 1) Incorporate the Society as a state of Texas non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.
- 2) Apply to the IRS for a non-profit tax exemption, and, once granted, file the exemption with the State of Texas.
- 3) Participate in the new Central Arlington Public Library Capital Campaign by giving a donation from the Alfred Howard bequest referred to in the AGS by-laws as the Future Fund.

Accomplishing each goal involves a great deal of work, as well as help from legal and tax professionals. We will get advice from the genealogy organization experts at the TSGS and the FGS. If any society members have experience in charitable giving, non-profit incorporation or gaining tax exemptions from the IRS, please contact any member of the executive board, so we may consult.

Last month I wrote about an important aspect of genealogy, knowledge about and the ability to write citations, so a

few more words on that topic. Getting citations correct is more important in genealogy than most other research and writing disciplines, because your genealogy work will not normally get the same critique and review that published historical or scientific work gets. As a general rule, at the same time you find and save genealogy data, keep the citation information, and repeat this chore every time making it easier and routine. Take time to record where you found each record or bit of data and include enough information so someone else can repeat your work. Genealogy is by definition a long term project and you or a descendant will want to revisit documents gathered years before, thus well done citations will be their keys to the past. How much citation information to include and the best format are all important considerations to learn. Fortunately professional genealogists have done the hard work and published guide books. I now have my own copy of [Evidence!](#) by Elizabeth Shown Mills, and here are more resources related to writing citations. A few weeks ago, Selma Blackmon, in examiner.com wrote [Genealogy . . . do over button](#) . Available since 2013, [Mastering Genealogical Proof](#), a book by Thomas V. Jones, takes the reader through analysis and citation work in detail with exercises at the end of each chapter.

Have a good month, Peter G. Jacobs

AGS FUTURE PROGRAM

June 9: Bernard Meisner will tell share "Techniques and Strategies for More Effective On-line Searching."

AGS does not meet in July and August. Hope to see you again in September.

PROGRAMS AROUND THE AREA

May 7 at Mid Cities GS: Mary Moore, Jane Aronhalt and Sandra Crowley on "Growing your Tree through Family Events: Why, How and the Tools.

May 7 at Grand Prairie GS: Stephanie Moreno, current President of the GP Historical Organization on "Records available through the GPH Archives and how to access these records."

May 8: 11:30- 1:30 p.m. Friends of the Arlington Public Library Book and Author Luncheon, featuring **Tim Madigan** and **Richard Selcer**.
<http://www.arlingtonlibrary.org/friends-luncheons>

May 14 at Cedar Hill GS : Karen Aruda will share "Tips for German-American Research and a Trip to Germany"

May 16: Fort Worth GS: Terri Meeks continues her Beginners Workshop Series: Church, Cemetery and Vital Records
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/>

May 23: Billy W. Sills Center for Texas Studies at TCU and Fort Worth Library: Jan Jones, educator, historian and author will share "Fort Worth's Vanished Theaters."

GENEALOGYPALOOZA 2015

Sat., May 30, 2015 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Texas General Land Office
Stephen F. Austin Building
1700 N. Congress Ave.,
Austin, Texas 78701
Cost \$65.00

<http://www.glo.texas.gov/what-we-do/history-and-archives/education-outreach/genealogypalooza.html>

June 5: National Archives workshop in Fort Worth "Intro to Genealogy" by Aaron Holt, Archives Technician

August 7-8 (Friday/Saturday) - Dallas GS Summer Symposium

Topic: Researching In Texas featuring Terri Flack. We will also have speakers from the

University of North Texas Portal of Texas History, NARA in Fort Worth, the General Land Office in Austin and the 7th Floor of the Dallas Public Library.

<http://dallasgenealogy.org/>

Oct. 30-Nov. 1: TSGS 2015 Family History Conference

TSGS is excited to announce its 2015 Family History Conference will be Oct 30—Nov 1, 2015 in Austin, Texas, and everyone is invited! This three day event will include wonderful research opportunities, insightful family history sessions for all skill levels, and a full exhibit hall.

Austin's rich historical and genealogical resources promise all TSGS 2015 Conference attendees will have a memorable learning experience allowing them to explore their family history.

Visit the [TSGS website](#) and keep an eye out in your email inbox in the coming weeks and months for more information about the speakers' call for presentation proposals, sponsorship opportunities, hotel information, keynote speaker announcement, exhibitor opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and registration.

APRIL AGS MEETING



Dorothy Rencurrel, Rose-Mary Rumbley, Cherry Williams, Steve Brown and Pete Jacobs

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THE BATTLE OF PUEBLA AND CINCO DE MAYO

May 5, 1862 - On this day in 1862, Mexican general Ignacio Zaragoza defeated French expeditionary forces at Puebla, Mexico. This event is celebrated annually as El Cinco de Mayo. Along with El Diez y Seis de Septiembre (September 16), on which is commemorated Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla's 1810 call for the end of Spanish rule in Mexico, El Cinco de Mayo is one of the Fiestas Patrias, annual celebrations of Mexican national holidays and of the ethnic heritage of Mexican-Americans.

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the 1862 victory by the Mexican army over France at the Battle of Puebla. The Franco-Mexican War lasted from 1861-1867 because the

Mexican President Benito Juárez defaulted on his debts to European governments. France, Britain and Spain shipped off naval forces to Veracruz to claim their debts. Britain and Spain were intent on negotiating, but Napoleon's French army decided to annex Mexican territory instead.

Overly confident that their success would be quick and decisive, the French troops attached Puebla de Los Angeles, a small town in east-central Mexico, and overwhelmed the Mexican troops who were led by Texas-born General Ignacio Zaragoza.

The French were vastly more equipped and trained than the Mexican soldiers, but in the end, Mexican soldiers defeated the French. The war continued for six more years until France finally withdrew after being pressured by the U.S., and the Battle at Puebla even though small, was a major symbolic victory that kept Mexicans focused on fighting for their territory.

Indiana Genealogical Society Now Has More Than 1,500 Databases Online

Dick Eastman · April 22, 2015

This is an excellent example of what an active genealogy society can accomplish. This week, the society proudly announced that it now has more than 1,500 databases on its website at <http://www.IndGenSoc.org>! These databases are from all 92 counties, plus numerous statewide collections. Some are available to the public and others are accessible to IGS members only. If you have Indiana ancestry, you want to check out the announcement at <http://indgensoc.blogspot.com/2015/04/igs-now-has-more-than-1500-databases.html>.

Is there a 1950 census substitute database?

Yes, [Ancestry has one](#). You might find it a little gimmicky, because it's just taken from their city directory collection from the mid-1940s to the mid-1950s. But it's a good starting point to target your U.S. ancestors living during that time period. The annual

listings in city directories can help you track families from year to year.

Your 1950s family history may appear in other records as well, and I've got some tips to help you in your search. [Click here](#) to learn more!

Via Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems, April 23, 2015

TIPS TO BOOST YOUR GENEALOGY WITH MAPS

Tip: Compare what you learn about your own family research with maps of common migration routes of the day, then look for records along that path.

Tip: A man-made landmark present on earlier maps may be added to later maps even after the landmark is gone, which can be helpful but also misleading. When possible, compare earlier and later versions of maps.

Tip: You may not realize how close some relatives (or potential kin) lived to each other until you map them. Even if they came from different states or counties, they may have lived just across the border from each other.

Via Family Tree University April 20, 2015

GENEALOGICAL MYTH NO. 6

With all the new online tools, there is no need to be a genealogist anymore to do your family history.

This is a relatively new myth being passed around just outside the genealogical community. I hear it from time to time, usually said by someone who professes to know nothing about genealogy.

<http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/2013/08/what-are-genealogical-myths.html>

USING EVERNOTE FOR GENEALOGY

Via Lisa Louise Cooke's *Genealogy Gems*
April 9, 2015

I hear from people all over the world who are harnessing the free Evernote app to finally organize their family history research for good. They can easily import research finds online, along with the URL and other important source information.

Many people are bringing their family history papers (original documents and paper-based research) into Evernote, too. All their research materials together, keyword and OCR-searchable, in one space, accessible from and fully-synched across all your devices. Sigh! It's wonderful! There's so much demand in the genealogy community for learning to use Evernote for genealogy that I've started a YouTube mini series: *Evernote for Genealogy*. Two videos are posted so far:

- [*Evernote for Genealogy: What It Is, and Why You Would Use It*](#)
- [*Evernote for Genealogy: Handwriting, OCR, Video and Upload Answers.*](#)

WE ARE THE CHOSEN

In each family, there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts, but instead, breathing life into all who gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe.

Via *Van Zandt GS newsletter* April 2015

DOLLARHIDE'S GENEALOGY RULES (cont.) by William Dollarhide

With any luck, some of the people in your family could read and write--and may have left something written about themselves.

A genealogist needs to be a detective. Just gimme da facts, Ma'am.

Always interview brothers and sisters together in the same room. Since they can't agree on anything about the family tree, it makes for great fun to see who throws the first punch.

A good genealogical event is learning that your parents really were married.

Finding the place where a person lived may lead to finding that person's arrest record.

In spite of MTV, computer games, or skate boards, there is always a chance that your grandchildren will learn how to read someday.

It is a known fact that St. Peter checks all your Family Group Sheets for accuracy before you are allowed to enter the Pearly Gates.

A cousin, once removed, may not return.

Genealogy is the examination of the maximum amount of data in the maximum amount of time for a minimum result.



THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL (cont.) by Will Keller

Friday July 19, 1929

Funeral services for E. T. Overand, who died last Sunday, were held in Arlington at 2 o'clock, Thursday afternoon. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in Dallas. Rev. S. M. Bennett conducted the services, assisted by members of the Tanny Hill Masonic Lodge, Dallas. Mr. Overand was born in 1864, the son of John Westley and Agnes Overand, in Illinois. Immediately following the civil war the family came to Texas and settled in Dallas, where Mr. Overand grew to manhood.

In 1887 he married Alice Clara Bowen. The two had twelve children, four of whom died in infancy, and one son at the age of 19.

Mr. Overand joined the Presbyterian Church of Dallas in 1888 and remained an active member until his death. He was in the church 47 years.

He was also a member of the Tanny Hill Masonic Lodge, Dallas. He had been an employee of the Magnolia Petroleum Company for 25 years and was held in high esteem by his coworkers and masons.

He is survived by his wife, seven children and six grand-children, Mrs. E. T. Overand, wife; daughters, Mrs. Alice Carr and Mrs. Cecille Sevenshire, of Los Angeles; Mrs. Pearl Pruett, Dallas; Sons, John W., United States Navy, Valejo, Calif.; Hubert, Okla. City; Jake, Handley; ???????? Arlington.

Friday July 19, 1929

QUESTION BOX By Jack Maxwell

Question: Is there a State law making it prohibitive for restaurants to serve fish and sweet milk as a food combination, in filling an order for food?

Answer: Yes, Ma'am; there IS. Personally, I didn't know it. Therefore, I have violated the law of Texas many times. In fact, Sunday I had sweet milk and fish—and lived to tell the tale. The only reason I'm here is: They did not need another angel in Heaven. Generally speaking, milk and fish make a dangerous combination—and it's best to let it alone.

Friday July 26, 1929 Plan Refueling Distance Flight *(pictures of pilots)*

Next on the program for refueling endurance flyers is a proposed non-stop twice-across-the-continent flight from Chicago to San Francisco to New York and back to Chicago. Here are Captain Roy W. Ammell, above, and Captain C. E. Nelson, former army aviators, who soon will attempt to make this 7000-mile flight with refueling at central points in 72 hours.

Friday July 26, 1929

JOHN T. WHITE By Mrs. Will Works

We regret very much to learn of the death of little **Jeraldine Bowers**, of New Boston. She was one of our pupils at John T. White school last year. Those attending the funeral were her aunts, Mrs. Roy Works, E. R. Farrell, J. G. Murphy, Jessie Isham and one uncle, Lee Isham.

Friday July 26, 1929

We were sorry to know that Mr. Warren Fuller lost a very fine cow last Sunday night. He had been offered one hundred and fifty dollars two different times the week before she died.

Friday August 2, 1929

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness shown during the illness and death of our beloved one, also for the beautiful floral offering. May God bless every one of you.

Mr. and Mrs. **Reddy** and relatives.

Friday August 2, 1929 WATSON NEWS

A great wave of sadness has swept over this community since last writing. A newly made grave was added to our cemetery Sunday evening, July 28. **Mr. Art Nutall** passed away July 26 at 3:15 a.m. at the home of Mrs. O. J. Davis. The death of this beloved friend was a terrible shock as he was not seriously ill but a short period, though his general health had been bad for several years. We miss his presence so much, though we know he is out of his suffering and now is sweetly sleeping in Jesus.

Mr. Nutall has been a Christian practically all his life. He is loved by all who knew him. He made friends where ever he went, and always had a pleasant welcome for everybody. Rev. W. A. Benyon brought the last message of comfort over the body of this friend. He is urging us to all be ready for we all have this debt to pay, we must remember God said, "Where I am, there ye may be also." Mr. Nutall is survived by a wife, Mrs. Stella Nutall, four sons, and one daughter.