



Arlington Genealogical Society News

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

JUNE 2015

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015
Community Room of
Arlington West Police Service Station
2060 W. Green Oaks Blvd.



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

At the June meeting, the slate of officers for 2015-2016, as presented by the AGS Board in May 2015, 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 for 2015-2016 are:

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

The newly-elected officers will be installed at the September 8, 2015 meeting.

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the meeting: Sylvia Hoad, Ruth Goodman, Jeannie Schemensky and Dorothy Rencurrel.

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.

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

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

In the May Newsletter I wrote that the AGS executive board will be working and discussing some challenging business in the near future. In that paragraph, one of the goals listed was to incorporate the AGS as a State of Texas non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation. Longtime members informed me AGS filed for and was granted non-profit incorporation status in 1971. Copies of the 1971 incorporation document will be on the browsing table during the June meeting. Hooray! You say. Unfortunately, at the end of 1985, the AGS right to conduct business in Texas as an incorporated entity (the AGS franchise tax account) was involuntarily ended by the Texas Office of the Comptroller. In an effort to find legally correct courses of action to restore the "right to transact business in Texas," I got some pro-bono legal advice through our association and membership in the Federation of Genealogical Societies. One fact emphasized by the FGS pro-bono lawyer was that the action in 1985 by the

Texas State Comptroller “ended AGS’s ability to do business as a corporation,” but it did not end the AGS as a Texas incorporated entity. During the 30 May board meeting on this topic, board members agreed to continue working through the summer to reacquire all rights as a non-profit corporation in the State of Texas. To do so, the AGS may hire a professional in Texas business and tax law. Giving the board the option to proceed will be an item of new business at our June meeting. Meanwhile we will continue to ask advice from genealogy organization experts at the TSGS and the FGS. Also, if any society members have experience with State of Texas non-profit incorporation rules or any Texas franchise tax experience, please contact any member of the executive board, so we may consult.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the movers and shakers in the AGS. I’ll begin with Stephen Brown, for his right hand support as 1st VP and Programs Chair. Steve, a great series of programs over the past 10 months, and I look forward to another great set of programs beginning in September. Next is Barbara Richardson as 2nd VP and Refreshments Chair. Barb you recently moved to be near family and we miss your hospitality and hard work making us all feel welcome. Also, to Jeanne Rives for “pinch-hitting” as the new Refreshments coordinator, atta-girl Jeanne, and to former Society President and now Secretary, Sylvia Hoad, your advice and encouragement are invaluable. To our Treasurer, Jeanne Schemensky, for keeping the books balanced and asking that all important question, “When are we going to file our taxes?” Next to Dorothy Rencurrel our Parliamentarian, for keeping me on the straight and narrow regarding *Robert’s Rules of Order*. To Ruth Goodman, Publicity Chair and Newsletter Editor: your ability to publish a great newsletter and skills at getting us noticed in the media is invaluable. To Cherry Williams for working the greeting table and announcing visitors and guests at the beginning of each meeting.

Your words of welcome make a lasting impression. To Committee Chair, Lauren Jacobs, for your dedication and resolve toward our objectives to educate and inform. I must include Mary Ann Conrad for her tireless efforts toward collection development in the APL Gen. Ref. collection. Lastly a special mention to photographer, Wally Goodman, and web site volunteer, Sheri Tiner.

After the June meeting we take a two month meeting break. Have an enjoyable summer. Peter G. Jacobs

EDITORS NOTE: On behalf of the AGS Board, I would also like to thank Pete for serving as President. He has tackled many difficult situations and handled them in a professional manner.



Members of the Library Focus Group are: Mary Ann Conrad, Pete Jacobs, Lauren Jacobs, Larry Howser, Linda Evans, Wayne James, Wally Goodman (behind the camera).

PROGRAMS AROUND THE AREA

Mid Cities GS:

June 4th: Kelvin L. Meyers on Forensic Genealogy

July 2: Bernard N. Meisner on Techniques and Strategies for More Effective Online Searching

Sept. 3: Lynell Moss on Using Family-Search.com for your Genealogical Research

June 4 at Grand Prairie GS: Tanya Pomeroy Slaughter, Reference/Techie Librarian for the Grand Prairie Memorial Library, will explore all the information systems and library resources available for research.

National Archives Workshop in Fort Worth

June 5: "Intro to Genealogy" by Aaron Holt, Archives Technician

Aug. 7: "Scrapbooking for Genealogists" by Jenny Sweeney, Education Specialist

Cedar Hill GS:

June 11 "Scaling those birch walls."

July 9 "Fund raising dinner out"

Aug. 13 "CHGS members experience with their DNA"

Fort Worth GS: Terri Meeks continues her Beginners Workshop Series:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwg/s/>

June 27: Immigration, Emigration and Naturalization Records

July 25: Using Military Records as a Resource Tool

Aug. 22: Leaving a Legacy

July 17 & 18, 2015 Friday and Saturday 19th Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference

"Solving Genealogical Conundrums using Local History, Special Collections and the Internet"

For more information:

<http://www.angelina.edu/gen-conf/>

August 7-8 (Fri./Sat.) - Dallas GS Summer Symposium

Topic: Researching In Texas featuring Terri Flack. <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.

<http://www.txsgs.org/2015/05/04/save-the-date-tsgs-2015-family-history-conference/>

MAY AGS MEETING



Steve Brown, Marilyn Hay, Perry Abbott, Jan Penland and Pete Jacobs

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NAMES OUT OF ORDER?

Genealogy Tip of the Day, 19 May 2015

If your ancestor had a first, middle, and last name, keep in mind that it is possible that those names could be in the wrong order in a record. If the names are in the wrong order on the record, then the ancestor will appear in the index under the wrong "last name."

If the index does not include the last name of interest, consider searching for that relative with their first or middle name as their last name.

Posted by Michael John Neill

<http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com/2015/05/names-out-of-order.html>

Via Mid Cities GS June 2015

DAR DATABASES ONLINE

DAR is pleased to announce that we have added a new feature to our online collection of databases known as the Genealogical Research System (GRS):

http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/earch/?tab_id=0. DAR collections contain thousands of Bible records from the Family Register sections and other pages. To open up for research more of our large holdings of transcriptions of these valuable sources, a "Bible" tab has been added to the previous searches in the GRS (Ancestor, Member Descendants, GRC, Resources, Library Catalog).

At the present time, one may search this database of approximately 30,000 Bible records taken from our *Genealogical Records Committee Reports*. This is an ongoing project as member volunteers review the GRC database to post more materials found in those nearly 20,000 volumes. As time progresses, we will add other Bible listings from other sources in our collections.

Please click on the following link to go directly to the Bible record search screen. You will also notice the other ways to search our collections within the GRS.

http://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search/?Tab_ID=12

At the present time, if someone wishes to order copies of a specific Bible record, they will need to contact the DAR Library's *Search Services for copies*:
<http://www.dar.org/library/search-services>.

U.S. Navy Divers to Help Confederate Ironclad Rise Again Dick Eastman · May 29, 2015

Navy divers from Hampton Roads will soon head to Georgia to help salvage the Confederate ironclad CSS Georgia from the depths of the Savannah River. The warship was scuttled by its own Confederate crew in December 1864 to prevent capture during Union General William T. Sherman's "March to the Sea." Ever since, it has sat at the bottom of the Savannah River in Georgia.

Now, the ship must be removed for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project, which seeks to deepen the river channel to allow larger cargo ships to access the Port of Savannah. Starting in June, Navy divers will bring up the ship's armor systems, steam engine components, parts of the ship and all her weapons.

You can read the details in an article by Todd Corillo in the WTKR web site at <http://wtkr.com/2015/05/28/virginia-beach-navy-divers-prepare-to-raise-confederate-ironclad>.

WOMEN'S SURNAMES AT MARRIAGE AND BEYOND

Dick Eastman · May 29, 2015

The Journal of Economic

Perspectives has published an article that will be of interest to many genealogists. The article by Claudia Goldin and Maria Shim states: Throughout U.S. history, few women have deviated from the custom of taking their husband's name (Stannard, 1977). The earliest known instance of a U.S. woman who retained her surname upon marriage is Lucy Stone, the tireless antislavery and female suffrage crusader, who married in 1855.

In the 1920s, a generation after her death in 1893, prominent feminists formed the Lucy

Stone League to help married women preserve the identity of their own surnames. But until the late 1970s, almost all women, even the highly educated and eminent, assumed their husband's surname upon marriage. When prominent women who married before the 1970s wished to keep their maiden names as part of their professional image, they sometimes used their maiden names as their middle names, like the U.S. Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sandra Day O'Connor.

Ordinary observation suggests that during the past 25 to 30 years, the fraction of college graduate women retaining their surnames has greatly increased. But the basic facts concerning women's surnames as a social indicator have eluded investigation because none of the usual data sets contains the current married and maiden surnames of women. This article seeks to estimate the fraction of women who are "keepers" and the factors that have prompted women to retain their surnames. You can read the full article as a PDF file at <http://goo.gl/BEAVPR>.

HOW TO READ A FADED TOMBSTONE WITHOUT DAMAGING THE STONE

Via Lisa Louise Cooke June 24, 2015

Is there a better way to clean and photograph or maybe rub the headstones?"

I don't recommend tombstone rubbings because each time a genealogist does that it wears the headstone down just a little bit more, causing deterioration.

However, I have a better solution for how to read a faded tombstone. I created a free video based on an article I wrote for Family Tree Magazine. It's called Grave

Transformations and you can watch it for free on my YouTube channel or just watch below. The idea is that instead of touching the headstone at all, you can simply manipulate your photographic images of it instead!

[Watch the video](#) and you'll see those faded letters come back into view. It's pretty cool! Then watch more videos at the [Genealogy Gems YouTube channel](#).



THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL (cont.)
by Will Keller

Friday August 2, 1929 WATSON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Lon **Nutall** and children, Mildred and Fae, of Colorado City, and Mr. and Mrs. Eanrie Nutall, of Oklahoma, were in the home of their sister, Mrs. O. J. Davis, part of last week.

Friday August 2, 1929

We wish to thank each and every one of our many friends and neighbors for their kind help and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, and for the beautiful floral offerings and the nice speech by Bro. Binyon.

Mrs. A. S. **Nutall**, Mr. E. V. Nutall, Mr. A. B. Nutall, Mrs. O. J. Davis.

Friday August 2, 1929 (editorial)

William Allen White, editor of the Emporia Gazette, and one of the most widely read editorial writers in today's newspaper world, often writes editorials on the kind of pie that he had for lunch or the reasons why he would like to be invited out to dinner while Mrs. White is out of town.

His editorial on "What is the Matter with Kansas?" revolutionized the state and caused comment throughout the nation, while nearly every school child in the United States has shed tears over "The Death of Mary White", written the next morning after his daughter was buried. Mr. White has, in his contributions to the editorial world, brought a realization that editorials are not to be sermons hurled from the high seat of Olympus, but things that you and I are interested in—from pies to presidents.

The newspaper is the mouthpiece of your community. The only true personal touch lies in its editorial comment. You may not like the editorials of this paper and prefer those of another publication. It is of no great importance who writes the editorials as long as they reflect the truth and stir your mind to action. Read some editorial every day. Acquire the habit of thinking about "pies and presidents" and both pleasure and knowledge will be your profit.

Friday August 2, 1929

July 14, just as the sun went down, **A. W. Molloy** fell asleep, that sleep which knows no awakening. His spirit winged its flight to God who gave it. The pains and cares of life all ended in joy eternal "over yonder". Oh, Brother, we miss you, but some day we hope to meet you. His life was quiet and reserved; thoughtful of others. His Bible was his constant companion. This was his 70th summer. As he requested, we laid him to rest in the old Shiloh cemetery, in the shadow of the church, where his father, Rev. D. G. Molloy, had ministered so long. He is survived by his companion, Mrs. Mollie Molloy, three children, C. D. Molloy, Greenville, Mrs. S. McCarrell of Ft. Worth, J. V. Molloy, of Calif., three grandchildren, Loy McCarrell, Ft. Worth, Carrell Molloy,

Greenville, a granddaughter in California, also sisters, Mrs. B. C. Houston, Arlington, Mrs. Ernest Wemir, Stephenville, a stepmother, Mrs. Sue Molloy, Stephenville, besides a host of relatives and friends where he has resided. His home has been in Arlington for the last eleven years.

MRS. B. E. HOUSTON

Friday August 9, 1929

Word was received Thursday morning of the death of **Mrs. Don Robinson**, of Waxahachie. Mrs. Robinson is the aunt of Joe and Frank McKnight, Sr., and the great aunt of Joe Cravens. She had a host of other relatives in Arlington. Mrs. Robinson was 75 years old, and was one of the pioneers of her county. A large number of Arlington people have gone to attend the funeral.

Friday August 9, 1929

Mrs. R. W. McKnight and daughters, Lula and Lois, and Mrs. J. D. McKnight, were in Waxahachie Sunday at the bedside of **Mrs. John Robinson**. Mrs. Robinson died Thursday morning.

Friday August 16, 1929

Word has been received of the death of the mother of Col. Earl D. Irons. **Mrs. Irons** died in Sulphur Springs, August 6. Interment was in the old Tarrant Cemetery, a few miles out from Sulphur Springs. She is survived by three sons. She was a lovable character and a devout christian.

Friday, August 16, 1929 EULESS NEWS

Mrs. Will Rogers and daughter, Dolly, and Mrs. C. W. Ferris, attended the funeral service of the former's nephew, which was held at Dalworth last Saturday afternoon.