



# Arlington Genealogical Society News

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**TUESDAY, January 10, 2017**  
**Community Room of**  
**Arlington West Police Service Station**  
**2060 W. Green Oaks Blvd.**



**PROGRAM:** Barbara Brixey Wylie will speak on "Ya Gotta Know the Territory."

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the January meeting: Jeannie Schemensky, Laverne Knezek, Kathy and Gary Polozola and Ruth Goodman.

Arlington Genealogical Society meets on the second Tuesday monthly from September through June, except for this meeting.

The Arlington Genealogical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit (EIN: 90-0890150), incorporated in the State of Texas.

Annual Dues, which are due in September, are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family.



## AGS OFFICERS

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

## AGS COMMITTEES

Parliamentarian:	Dorothy Rencurrel
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Membership Chair:	Jan Penland
Collection Development Chair:	Mary Ann Conrad
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Finance Chair:	Jeanne Rives
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## UPCOMING AGS MEETINGS:

**February 14:** Pat Gordon will speak about genealogy research in records from the 1930s.

**May 9:** Roger Mills will give a talk about DNA and genealogy.

## A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR SOCIETY PRESIDENT

In genealogy terms, two generations have passed since the Arlington Genealogical Society was organized and incorporated. 1971 was a time when typewriters, mimeograph reproduction and postal mail was the main form of Society communication. Jumping ahead to 2017, and the ongoing internet age, we are continually introduced to a host of better, newer, connectivity options. The key to getting and keeping the attention of the "internet"

generation, a media savvy, socially connected citizenry, is to keep up with technology and adapt or adopt as needed.

The start of a new year is traditionally a time to reflect on past accomplishments and future endeavors. Give some thought to volunteering time and talent to our Society during 2017. Contact a committee Chair or Officer on the board and make them aware you are interested in being a volunteer. The AGS held a cookie exchange during the December meeting. Members donated a vast array of cookies filling the space on two side tables in the meeting room. Thank you, fellow members, for your delicious contributions, and especially Jeanne Rives for her coordination work. Cookies not exchanged and remaining on the tables at the end of the evening social hour were donated to the Arlington Life Shelter.

Our First Vice President, Steven Brown, guided the membership in sharing family stories and family history at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. We heard how a bit of insomnia motivated a renewed search attempt which opened a brick wall. A descendant from a family line in the furniture and cabinet making trades brought in a chair rail mortising tool, and stumped all with a "What is this" . . . question? A member with family ties in Coryell County, Texas talked about the indigenous Tonkawa Native American tribe. Another member shared her good fortune in finding a marriage record from Pueblo, CO which opened a brickwall in one of her family lines. Family history research by a member with family ties in San Saba County, Texas led to learning about mob rule in Texas during the late 1800s and early 1900s. A military service career including an assignment with the 5000 US Troops sent to China in 1900 during the Boxer Rebellion was part of the legacy shared by a member about her direct line ancestor. Results of a DNA test allowed a long-time member to make new connections with a number of cousins from his mother's line in the family tree. During the follow-on discussion session we heard a half dozen additional

unique and interesting experiences in the pursuit of family history. I look forward to hearing more genealogy stories at the December 2017 meeting.

The next AGS Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning, January 7<sup>th</sup>, in the Lake Arlington Branch Library community room. Society members are always invited to participate by sharing your ideas with a board member or by attendance.

Following the December meeting, counting individual, family and institutional members, our membership count was in the low fifties.

See you Tuesday evening at the January 10<sup>th</sup> member's meeting.

Peter G. Jacobs, President of the AGS

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

**January 5: Grand Prairie GS: Keegan Chetwynd**, Education Coordinator for the Commemorative Air Force, will present the history of North American Aviation and its successors.

**January 5: Mid-Cities GS: Bernard N. Meisner** will speak on "Tracing a Woman Named Smith by Researching a Collateral Line"

**Saturday, January 7:** Identifying Old Photographs: Preserving & Sharing with **Betsy Mills** from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at Tandy Hall, Fort Worth Central Library, 500 W. 3rd St.

Long to know more about those unidentified photos in your family album? Come hear Betsy Mills explain how changing photographic processes, fashion trends, and other details can help you date and identify your old images and the people in them. She'll also give tips on how to preserve and share those treasures.

### **January 12: Cedar Hill GS:**

**Brandon Murray** from the Texas & Dallas History Archives department from the Dallas Public Library will speak on resources available at the library to family historians researching Dallas or the State of Texas.

**January 13: Lunch Time Lectures at National Archives.** **Meg Hacker**, Archives Director, will teach how to navigate NARA's website to enhance your genealogical adventures.

12 noon - 1 p.m. at 1400 Burgess Drive, Fort Worth. Space is limited.

Email: [ftworth.education@nara.gov](mailto:ftworth.education@nara.gov)

**January 13: Billy W. Sills Lecture Series: Richard Gonzalez**, author, historian and freelance journalist will speak on "A History of the Mexican-American Community."

**January 14 and 21:** Antiques Roadshow that was filmed in Fort Worth will be on Channel 13 at 7 p.m.

**January 28: Fort Worth GS's Beginning Genealogy Workshop Series**, the instructor being Terri Meeks. January 28 will be "How to Get Started and Organizational Hints."

Classes are held in the Chappell Meeting Room at the Fort Worth Central Library, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes are free and open to the public.

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**January 28: Texas Czech GS "Nuggets to Treasures"** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Caldwell Civic Center, Caldwell, TX. Speakers are: Doug Jubicek and Carroll Brincefield on "Nothing Better than Goodness Freethinkers in Texas Czechs"; Linda Reynolds on "Preserving Family Treasures." and Frances Barton on "Czech Songs in Texas, from Old World to New." For more information: <http://www.txczgs.org/>

### **January : Fort Worth GS**

**March 17:** Dallas GS Spring Seminar will feature **Dr. Tom Jones**. He will speak on "Five Ways to Prove Who your Ancestor Was" (some Reliable and Others Not Reliable;" Can A Complex Research Problem be Solved Solely Online;" "Solving the Mystery of the Disappearing Ancestor;" and Creating a Family History of Lasting Value."

<http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/>

**Friday, March 24: Grand Prairie GS** will have a "Lock In" from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie.

Are you just beginning your family research, or have you hit a "brick wall?" Let experienced researchers assist you. The event offers free genealogy research using the web sites Ancestry, Fold 3, Family Search and others. Participants will enter the Library before it closes at 6 p.m. and be "locked in" for an evening of research on the library's many computers. More details will be available in the future. If you are interested, go to their website for more information as it is made available.

<http://gpgstx.org/index.php>

### **A Free Update to Family Tree Maker is Now Available**

If you are using Family Tree Maker 14 and have not received an update, Dick Eastman has an article on this at <https://blog.eogn.com/2017/01/02/a-free-update-to-family-tree-maker-is-now-available/>

### **TOP 10 GENEALOGY TIPS**

from *Amy Johnson Crow, Dec. 28, 2016*

There are so many different things to explore in family history. The topics covered by the most popular posts here on the blog bear that out. Here are the top 10 genealogy tips from my blog during 2016, based on readership. NOTE: Click on the titles to go to the article online.

## 10. How to Preserve Old Letters

Back in March, a writer in AARP's magazine suggested that people burn their parents' love letters in order to "declutter." NOTE: Before doing this, click on the link for guidance.

## 9. Who Should You Include in Your Family Tree?

Adoptive parents. Step-parents. Half-siblings. In-laws. It doesn't take long before a simple, straightforward family tree isn't so simple.

## 8. 1 Reason You're Not Seeing the Red Flags in Your Genealogy

Red flags are meant as a warning, a sign that we need to stop and look around. Why do we miss so many of them in our genealogy? There's a reason for that — and a solution.

## 7. 5 Things You Can Do in Genealogy When You're Short on Time

Sometimes we don't have hours and hours to spend on our genealogy. (Sad, but true.) Here are some productive genealogy tasks you can do when you have even 15 minutes of time.

## 6. What Did Your Civil War Ancestor Look Like?

If you aren't fortunate enough to have a photo of your Civil War ancestor, don't despair. There are still several sources you can use to get his physical description.

## 5. 5 Types of Maps Every Genealogist Should Know

I'll admit that there really isn't a map that I don't like, but these 5 types of maps should be in every genealogist's toolkit.

## 4. Why Your AncestryDNA Matches Aren't Responding

Don't take it personally if your AncestryDNA matches don't respond to your messages. There are several reasons why they might not be answering you.

## 3. How FindAGrave Could – and Should – Be Made Better

This post was born from a bad experience I had on FindAGrave. Judging from the comments on this post, many others have had the same experience

that I did. One of the solutions would be so easy to implement...

## 2. How to Build a Genealogy Research Plan

A research plan is more than a to-do list. It's a way of approaching a genealogy problem and working out a way to solve it.

## 1. A Growing Source for Free Genealogy: Digital Public Library of America

Libraries, archives, museums, and historical societies from across the United States have partnered to create the Digital Public Library of America. DPLA has almost 15 million digitized items for us to use — for free.

*Via amy@amyjohnsoncrow.com Dec. 28, 2016*

## WHY EVERYONE SHOULD WRITE A BOOK

One of the items on most genealogists' "bucket list" is to write a book.

According to [author Jeff Goins](http://goinswriter.com/everyone-write-book/) (<http://goinswriter.com/everyone-write-book/>), there are many great reasons why everyone should write a book. They include:

**Because it's hard.** And everyone should do something hard at some point. That's what shapes our character and makes us appreciate the things worth doing.

**Because it'll humble you.** Writing a book (which is hard) will make you see things in yourself -- your writing, your [worldview](#), your weird way of expressing ideas -- that you didn't otherwise notice.

**Because it'll kill your cynicism.** It'll give you a newfound respect for other authors and the work they do. In fact, if everyone became an author, we wouldn't have professional critics. Just a community of people who cared enough to speak up.

**Because it'll teach you about yourself.**

Flannery O'Connor said she didn't know what she thought about something until she read what she said. I'm inclined to agree.

**Because it's the best way to share an idea or story that matters.** And if it matters to you, maybe it'll matter to others.

*Via Wayne James*



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

**Friday November 22, 1929**

Funeral services for **H. H. Loury**, 51, electrician, employed in the electric inspection division of the city for 27 years, who died Tuesday afternoon at his home, 953 East Jessamine Street, Fort Worth, were held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Morningside Christian church. Rev. William J. Spreen officiated and interment was in Rose Hill Burial Park.

Pallbearers were Charles Funkhouser, W. H. Adkins, L. C. McQueen, W. L. Ingram, Max S. Johns and John M. Crump of Fort Worth.

Mr. Loury is survived by his wife and two brothers, T. E. Lowrey of Arlington and L. C. Lowrey of Phoenix, Ariz. The two brothers have changed the spelling of their names.

**Friday November 22, 1929**

**Mrs. Hannah Sims Collins**, age 79, wife of the late Thomas B. Collins, died at her home Sunday, November 17, after an illness of several months. She was born in Lincoln County, Tennessee, November 30, 1849. She was the daughter of Nathan and Susan Sims and was married to Thomas B. Collins in 1867. To this union were born nine children. Mr. and Mrs. Collins came to Texas from Milom, Ala., in 1874, and settled in north Dallas County. Several

years later the family removed to a site near Arlington.

Funeral services were held at the Arlington Baptist Church, Monday morning at 11 o'clock. The pastor of the church, Rev. W. T. Rouse officiated and was assisted by Revs. H. E. Dana, J. R. Branton, S. M. Bennett, J. H. Stewart, C. E. Statham, Bascom Thomas and W. D. Staley.

Pallbearers were the grandsons of the deceased and were as follows: Harold Gooden, Benton Collins, Joe Collins, Alton Collins, Clifton Collins and Jack Swain. The body was interred in the Arlington Cemetery by the side of her husband, **Capt. Thomas B. Collins**, who died April ??, 1922.

Surviving Mrs. Collins are two daughters, Mrs. J. D. Swain and Mrs. George Gooden; three sons, W. B. Collins, Ed Collins and J. M. Collins, all of Arlington; fourteen grandchildren and eight great grand-children.

**Friday November 29, 1929**

The funeral of **Mr. William Edward Woodring** was conducted at the Moore Funeral Home Thursday afternoon, Nov. 21, at 2:00 o'clock. The service was in charge of Rev. H. M. Redford, minister of the Christian Church. Interment was in the Arlington Cemetery.

Mr. Woodring was born at Dayton, Ohio, on February 4, 1861. He spent a large part of his life in Kansas. He moved to the vicinity of Grapevine in 1926. He is survived by a wife by second marriage and two sons, John H. Woodring and Fred D. Woodring.

**Friday November 29, 1929**

We were very sorry to learn of the death of **Pearl Carlton** of Indianapolis, Ind., who departed this life Monday, November 25. Mr. Carlton was the father of Mrs. Ferman Uselton and Mr. Carlton with his family lived here for a number of years, before moving back to Indiana. While residents of this community Mr. Carlton and Mrs. Carlton were great workers in the

Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Carlton were both Sunday school teachers while here and were greatly missed when they moved away. Mr. Carlton is survived by his wife and eleven children, and even though all of them except Mrs. Pearl Uselton are far away, let's not fail to remember them in our prayers.

#### **Friday November 29, 1929 Eulogies**

Many were made sad last week when God took two men from our community. **Mr. W. E. Woodring** departed this life Monday night, November 18. He had been in ill health for some time, however, he was feeling better than he had for a long time the day before he died. Death came almost sudden. Mr. Woodring had been in the grocery business in Texas for a few years, coming here from Kansas. He made a number of friends here. He was a member of the Christian church at the time of his death. Funeral services were conducted at the Moore Funeral Home at Arlington Thursday afternoon. Burial was in the Arlington Cemetery. Surviving him are his wife of this place and two sons who live in Kansas.

Death came to **Uncle Bob Koonce** on Tuesday afternoon, November 26. Uncle Bob was born January 1, 1865 in Tennessee and moved to this community while a young man. He later was married to Mrs. Emmaline Fuller. To this union were born two children. His wife departed this life about 16 years ago. Funeral services were conducted at the home of his stepson, W. A. Fuller, where he spent his last few days. Rev. J. McCloud had charge of the service. Surviving are his two daughters, Mrs. George Smith of Irving and Miss Beulah Koonce and four step-children, W. A. Fuller, Mrs. J. D. Dockery, Mrs. John Hines and Mrs. H. P. Ferris.

#### **Friday December 6, 1929**

**J. F. Grissom**, 72, died at his home in Comanche on November 27 and was buried in the Comanche cemetery on November 28.

Mr. Grissom was a pioneer citizen of Comanche and was highly respected by all

who knew him. He was the father of W. T. McCoy of this city to whom sympathy to extended in this trying hour.

#### **Friday December 6, 1929**

Funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church, Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, for **Mrs. Jimmie Crimm Spear**, 43, wife of J. H. Spear. Rev. S. M. Bennett officiated and interment was in the Arlington cemetery.

Mrs. Spear died at her home four miles south of Arlington at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, after a short illness. Death resulted from pneumonia. Mrs. Spear was a member of the Arlington Presbyterian Church, of which her husband is an elder.

Survivors are her husband, John Spear; her father, W. E. Crimm, and one brother, C. B. Crimm, of Dallas; her husband's mother, Mrs. M. O. Brinson and niece, Miss Naomi Nichols, of Arlington.

#### **Friday December 6, 1929**

**Mrs. W. M. Bardin**, 70, resident of Texas for 60 years, 40 years of which was spent on her farm six miles south of Arlington, died Saturday at 10:30 p. m. She had been ill for about two weeks.

Mrs. Bardin was a native of South Carolina and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Webb Baptist Church. Rev. J. N. Hunt of Henrietta, assisted by Rev. J. L. Collins of Glen Rose officiated and burial was in the Rehoboth cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Fred Goodwin, Dallas; C. H. Fitzhugh, W. D. Roberts and William Bardin, Ft. Worth; Bert Henderson, Arlington, and Melrose Bardin of Saginaw.

Survivors are three sons J. P., J. R., and R. N. Bardin of Arlington; four daughters, Mrs. Margaret Redford, Fort Worth; Mrs. W. T. Hoffman, Floydada; Mrs. John C. Jack, Dallas, and Miss Nettie Bardin, Arlington; two brothers, George Gilkerson, Higgins, and a sister, Mrs. A. Roberts, Memphis, Texas.