



# Arlington Genealogical Society News

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<http://arlingtongenealogytx.org/>

**TUESDAY, February 14, 2017**  
**Community Room of**  
**Arlington West Police Service Station**  
**2060 W. Green Oaks Blvd.**



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

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the February meeting will be Sylvia Hoad, Carol Hubbard and Linda Hubert.

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**

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## **UPCOMING AGS MEETINGS:**

**March 14:** Lineage Society Panel

**April 11:** TBA

**May 9:** Roger Cobb will speak on DNA and genealogy.

**June 13:** Breaking Through Brick Walls

## **A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR SOCIETY PRESIDENT**

In last month's newsletter, I wrote about adopting new technology. One new resource our Society can no longer ignore is building a presence on social media, namely Facebook.com. Our membership committee chair, Jan Penland, pointed out the untapped value of social media during our last Board meeting. Our focus as genealogists is the past, however if we only insist on doing business using the communication tools of the past, our Society may slowly become part of history. Our continued existence and growth depends upon seeking out and adopting new methods. Following Board discussion, and given genealogy societies without a Facebook account are one of a rapidly shrinking number, it was the

consensus of the Board that it is time to act and open a presence on Facebook.com.

Facebook.com, originally started in 2004 as a service for college students. It is now mainstream with more than 1.5 billion users around the world. Over that timeframe, Facebook.com has become a way to stay in touch with colleagues, friends and family across time zones and continents. In times past, people lost touch with folks when they left home for college or relocated for job and career. This was not intentional. They just couldn't stay in touch by postal mail or email. Today, using Facebook.com, people are more likely to keep in touch despite the challenges of major life changes such as career and family moves.

For entities, such as our Genealogy Society, a Facebook account means that one member represents many more. When you post topical information, you may find the posts shared by members as fast as they can type on their devices. For a genealogy society, a post about local family history may not be of interest outside the local area. However, Facebook pages are searched by a variety of people. Someone who once was local may reconnect based on a search result. Also, a descendant of an Ancestor local to this area, but living in another state, may decide to become a long-distance member upon finding our page. Thus Facebook.com can indirectly help our Genealogy Society build a larger following and enhance membership possibilities.

Due to the expansion of social media, many citizens learn about causes and non-profit goals through sites such as Facebook.com. Creating a Facebook.com page is straight forward for a non-profit entity and it is up to us to get the most out of this free platform. Your society's Facebook page will be a place where we can share, text, images or videos, whether it's news about our Society purpose or details about a program event. We will soon build a Facebook page, and in the interim your board is open to advice from any and all, so please use this email address

<contactus@arlingtongenealogytx.org> to send us your suggestions.

The next AGS Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning, March 18th, in the Northeast Branch Library community room. Society members are always invited to participate by sharing their ideas with a board member or by attendance.

Following the January meeting, our membership count was in the vicinity of sixty members.

See you Tuesday evening at the February 14th member's meeting.

Peter G. Jacobs, President of the AGS

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA**

**February 9: Cedar Hill GS:** Southern Plantation Records by **Ari Wilkins**.

**February 17: Archives and Lunchtime Learning Rescheduled:** Highlighting African American History at NARA. Meg Hacker, Archives Director, National Archives at Fort Worth  
Email: [ftworth.education@nara.gov](mailto:ftworth.education@nara.gov)

**February 18: Billy W. Sills Lecture Series: Ruth Karbach**, historian and author on "Caruso in Cowtown."

**February 23: Friends and Foundation of the Arlington Public Library Spring Book and Author Luncheon**

Join the Friends and Foundation of the Arlington Public Library for their Spring Book and Author Luncheon on February 23, 2017 at the Shady Valley Country Club. This annual event is a great opportunity to enjoy an elegant meal and conversation with other book lovers. Tickets are required and are \$30 each. Judson Stone and Jim Whiddon are this season's featured authors.

**Judson Stone** is the author of *A Last Chapter of the Greatest Generation: The Life and Family of Colonel Frederick A. Stone, M.D.* This family biography details how Colonel Stone's life was changed by his decision to join the Army in 1941.

In addition to writing, **Jim Whiddon** is a business owner, wealth adviser, and radio show host. He is the author of *The Old School Advantage: Timeless Tools for Every Generation*. This guidebook to success doesn't focus on just career or school, but on life overall.

Enjoy meeting these local authors while supporting the Library's work in Arlington. [Tickets are available online, through February 15.](#)

**February 25: Fort Worth GS's Beginning Genealogy Workshop Series**, the instructor being Terri Meeks. "Using the Federal Census for Family Research."

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.  
[terri.meeks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:terri.meeks@sbcglobal.net)

**February 28 : Fort Worth GS** will feature **Judy Everett Ramos** on "To join or not to join . . . a lineage society."

**March 2: Grand Prairie GS:**  
Program: Digital Photography for Genealogists Presented by Tony Hanson, President of the Dallas Genealogical Society

**March 2: Mid-Cities GS:**  
Genealogical Resources at the Dallas Public Library with speaker: **Ari Wilkins**, Library Associate, Dallas Public Library.

**March 4: Arlington TX Stake FHC Seminar**, featuring great local presenters. In addition to the hourly sessions, Luncheon Speaker will be Lance Tahmahkera, a Great-Great Grandson of Comanche Chief, Quanah Parker. Details are available on their website: [www.arlingtontxfhc.org](http://www.arlingtontxfhc.org)

**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. There is no charge for the "Lock in."  
<http://gpgstx.org/index.php>

**May 22-25: Texas Institute of Genealogical Research of Texas State Genealogical Society** in Austin, Texas. Featured speakers are Teri E. Flack, Kelvin L. Meyers, Anne Gillespie Mitchell, John A. Sellers and Cari A. Taplin.

TxSGS is thrilled to announce the launch of the first ever week-long genealogy institute focused solely on Texas records—TIGR, the Texas Institute of Genealogical Research!  
<http://www.txsgs.org/texas-research-institute>

**October 20-22:** TxSGS Family History Conference in Houston, Texas.  
<http://www.txsgs.org>



## JANUARY MEETING



**John and Barb Wylie and Steve Brown**

### BOOKS ON THE LIBRARY SHELVES

Historical Atlas of Alabama, Vol. 2	<b>AL.5R</b>
Rural Cemeteries of Gillespie Co., Tex. Vols. 1 and 2	<b>TX.5R</b>
Probate Records of Cherokee Co., TX 1846-1875 (Bks. A-1 - N)	<b>TX.6H</b>
Probate Records of Cherokee Co., TX Minute Bk. A, 1870-1881 and Docket A. & B 1867-1887	<b>TX.6H</b>
Companion Supplement 1972-1984 Cemetery Director of Cedar Co., MO	<b>MO.5C</b>
Index to Edgar County Illinois History 1879	<b>IL.9S</b>
Moyer's Clermont County Ohio Marriage Index	<b>OH.6M</b>

### BOOK PURCHASING

If you are not aware of the research that Mary Ann Conrad does for books for our Genealogy Section of the Library, the following is an example.

Among the places she searches is notices from publishers of books on sale or republished, searching counties that members are researching in, as well as Librarians in various libraries who are offering books for sale or just the price of postage. Our Library has so many books on the shelf that have been purchased in the past. Every time I find a book sale from Genealogical Publishing, for example, more than likely we already have it.

Recently, Mary Ann purchased two books on Knox County, Ohio for postage. They are *Death Records of Knox County,*

*Ohio Bks 1 - 3, 1867 - 1908*, 219 pgs. with index and *History of Knox County, Ohio*, by N. N. Hill, Jr., 1881, 854 pgs, no index, hardcover w/1881 date. The cost to AGS was \$3.44.

The book on Death Records was in good condition but was spiral bound. This book will be sent to the bindery and then placed on the shelf. The History of Knox County was not in "Library condition."

When she emailed the results of the purchase, I wondered if the book might be available online. I located the book at <https://archive.org/details/historyofknoxco00hill> You can download the book as a PDF and read it at your leisure.

Another note about books online: Google the name of the book. Sometimes it is available online or you can locate the nearest library that has a copy.

When Mary Ann is researching books for our collection, she does in-depth research on the book, such as type of binding, checking prices on the internet, shipping costs, etc. Her focus is to get the best books at the lowest price. There is no way to teach her method of purchasing books.

As an aid to Mary Ann, if you find a book in your researching that might be a good "fit" for our Library, contact her about it. This is also why she desires to know the counties you are researching, time frames, and records you are searching. Keep up the fantastic work, Mary Ann!

### GETTING INSPIRATION FOR GENEALOGY

Inspiration for genealogy is all around us. I don't mean the inspiration that gets us started. I mean inspiration for our actual research.

None of us can know about every facet of every possible way to research someone. Although we as good researchers are always looking for more records, we are wise to keep in mind the adage: "You don't know what you don't know." The trick is to recognize opportunities to fill in that knowledge.

If you're a member of a genealogy society, do you look at the index to the journal and get disappointed if your ancestor isn't listed? (It's ok. I do, too.) But even when our ancestors aren't included by name, it doesn't mean that journal has nothing to offer.

Read those case studies and articles not with an eye for your ancestor's name, but with an eye for finding new-to-you resources and methods. Recognize when a record that they use in a case study could be applicable in your research.

The same is true for any of the genealogy shows on tv. After getting over the envy you felt when Vanessa Williams found a photo of her ancestor in his Civil War pension (she was sooooo lucky!), think about the other records they used. Could any records of those types help you in your research?

Inspiration is all around us. We just need to be open to it.

*Via Amy Johnson Crow newsletter - 5 Feb 2017*

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

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

We regret very much to learn of the passing of **Mrs. Bardin**, whose funeral was held at Webb Monday afternoon with interment at Rehobeth cemetery. We wish to express to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy.

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

Funeral services were held from the Moore Funeral Home, Saturday at 2:30 o'clock for **Mrs. W. R. Bivins**, of Mount Vernon, Texas, who died in a local hospital in Wichita Falls, on Friday morning, November 29. Rev. W. T. Rouse, pastor of the Arlington Baptist Church, officiated and interment was in Parkdale cemetery. The Rebekekah Lodge had charge of the services at the cemetery.

Mrs. Bivins is survived by her husband, W. R. Bivins, and daughter, Miss

Ruth Bivins; her mother, four sisters and one brother.

Mrs. Bivins was formerly in the furniture business in Arlington and has numerous friends in Arlington who extend to him their heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement.

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

**F. M. Webb**, 80, died at his home in Cisco Sunday morning, December 1. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon and interment was in the Romney community cemetery near Cisco.

Mr. Webb was the father of T. C. and Bernard Webb, both of whom were at his bedside when the end came.

The Arlington people who attended the funeral besides Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Webb, were: Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Hancock, Mrs. George T. Elliott and T. H. Robb.

The many friends of the Webbs in Arlington extend heartfelt sympathy in their loss and bereavement.

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

**Dr. Edgar Brittain** died at Bremond Friday, November 29, and was there Monday. He had been a physician in Bremond for years, and had endeared himself to the citizens, who mourn his sad departure. He is survived by his wife and children, three brothers, Drs. Frank and Burette and James Brittain; two sisters, Mrs. Viola MacFarland and Mrs. Nannie Fuller. He was the youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Brittain, old residents of Arlington, whose home was on North Center street. They died several years ago, and their bodies lie side by side in the cemetery here. There are many nephews and nieces also, who mourn for their uncle. The writer, a devoted friend to the Brittain family, extends to each one of them her warmest sympathy at this sad time. "Friend after friend departs, Who hath not lost a friend?"

### **Friday December 6, 1929 EULESS NEWS**

We were sorry indeed to learn of the

death of **Mr. Dan Cannon** of Bedford, brother of A. N. Cannon of this community, who departed this life Wednesday of last week. Several of this community attended (*unreadable*) Smithfield on Thursday afternoon of last week.

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

Funeral services for **Mrs. B. W. McCullouch** (sic), 47, who died at her home at 3700 Forbes street, were held Monday afternoon at the Englewood Heights Methodist Church, Reverend J. A. Walkup officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill Burial Park.

Survivors are her husband and one son.

Active pallbearers were: J. C. Maxwell, Sam Bradey, Joe Hatcher, A. M. McNamara, J. B. Henderson and Robert Sorrels.

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

**Mr. B. F. Powell** died in west Texas, Wednesday Dec. 4. The body was shipped to Arlington, and the funeral was held from the Moore Funeral Home, December 6, with Rev. S. M. Bennett officiating.

Mr. Powell was born in February 1873, in the state of Georgia and died at his home in west Texas, December 4, at the age of 55 years. His wife died some three years ago. He is survived by three children; two sons, Berdie and Roma and one daughter, Miss Beulah.

He had been a member of the Baptist church for over forty years and is said to have lived a consistent christian life. He was stricken with paralysis and died a few minutes after, without regaining consciousness, or ever speaking a word.

Mr. Powell was well known in this section, having lived in the Pantego community several years ago.

#### **Friday December 13, 1929**

H. D. McMurtray received a message Wednesday notifying him of the death of his father, **W. W. McMurtray**, of Magnolia, Miss. Mr. McMurtray was called to Mississippi about a month ago on account of the illness of his father and his death has

been expected since that time. Mr. McMurtray has many friends in Arlington who regret to hear of his bereavement and who extend him their heartfelt sympathy in this trying hour.

#### **Friday December 13, 1929**

R. C. Harrington received a message Monday that his mother, an old resident of Parker County, had died suddenly.

Raymond Harrington and two girl friends were in an automobile wreck Sunday night. The girls were seriously injured, and **Mrs. Harrington** was on the way to the hospital to see them, when she became unconcious, and passed out a few hours later. The doctor said her death resulted from the shock.

Mr. Harrington and family left Monday to attend the funeral, and returned Wednesday night. Mr. Harrington his many friends in Arlington who extend to him their heartfelt sympathy in this trying hour.

#### **Friday December 13, 1929**

Washington. – The ranks of old American warriors are growing thinner year by year, the annual report of Pensions Commissioner Earl D. Church reveals. None remain of those who battled with Mexico in the '40s and only a few tottering veterans remain to tell of Western combats with Indians.

The fighters who defended the "freedom of the seas" against Great Britain in 1812 are gone, the report reveals, tho eleven of their widows have outlived them.

There were only 477,915 pensioners at the end of the last fiscal year, Church reported, as compared with 491,194 a year ago. More money is paid to Civil War widows than to any other class. Of the \$229,889,954 disbursed in pensions last year, they received \$86,474,399.

There are 59,945 Civil War veterans remaining of that band which served under Grant, and 181,235 of their widows survive, the pension rolls show. All but 5574 of the veterans of the Indian wars are dead, and their widows number only 4000.