



# Arlington Genealogical Society

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## January 2018 Newsletter

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### AGS Meeting TUESDAY, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:30 P.M.

Our meetings are held in the Community Room at the Arlington West Police Service Station, 2060 West Green Oaks Blvd. The Arlington Genealogical Society meets on the second Tuesday monthly from September through June. All visitors are Welcome.

### Refreshments

The following people have volunteered to furnish refreshments for the meeting: Cherry Williams, Jeannie Schemensky, Robert K. Blowers, and Paul L. Wright.

Second VP, Jeanne Rives, our refreshments coordinator, is most appreciative for your generous response to the December meeting cookie exchange. Cookies not sampled or exchanged were donated to the West Police Service Center. Shared recipes will be replicated and shared with members via the browsing table.

### The January Meeting Program

Throughout our membership year we advance our genealogy knowledge through various programs and hearing subject matter expert speakers. The January meeting program turns the tables. Our program will be sourced from "US" the members. Come to the meeting ready to share about an heirloom item, or an aspect from your family history. Share with the members about your research accomplishments or your "brick walls". Sharing these stumbling blocks may open a new

angle to pursue. Your story is likely to inspire other members to a renewed interest in some aspect of genealogy. One of our Society officers will speak first to get the program and discussions started. Keep your presentation to 5 minutes or less so more members have a chance to speak.

The December program, *Picturing Family History: Identifying Preserving and Sharing Old Photos*, featured Ann McKee as the speaker. Ann inherited 106 unidentified family photos, dating from the 1860s. Within four years she had identified the people in 86 of those. Ann shared her techniques to help you do the same with your "mystery" photos. Ann's talk focused on scanning those "mystery" photos and sharing widely, resources for identification, and the identification process. Her program included a four-page handout. Copies of Ann's handout will be available on the browsing table at the January meeting.

### AGS Officers

President	* * * * *	Steven Brown
1st VP	* * * * *	Toby Hurley
2nd VP	* * * * *	Jeanne Rives
Secretary	* * * * *	Sylvia Hoad
Treasurer	* * *	Jennie Schemensky
Parliamentarian	*	Dorothy Rencurell

## A Few Words from Your Society President

Happy New Year!

This is a time when many pause to reflect on the past year and make plans for improving some aspect of their lives in the coming year. It is not uncommon for organizations to do something similar. In the year of 2017, there was quite a bit of growth and learning for our organization.

Our membership roster has grown throughout the year, both in the number of family and individual memberships. Attendance at meetings has been fantastic, with a variety of different guests in attendance each month, much of which is owed to the variety of speakers and topics presented at each meeting.

As an organization we have welcomed new individuals into leadership roles, updated our constitution and by-laws, and furthered our stated purpose. We continue to promote the study of genealogy through our monthly speaker program, provide ongoing assistance to the Arlington Public Library in obtaining and preserving genealogical books, microforms, and other records of historical interest.

We continue to maintain our Section 501 (c) (3) status of the current Internal Revenue Code through our annual reporting and pursuit of our educational and literary purposes.

We continue to source and acquire research media for housing in the Arlington Public Library, which was begun in 1972. With the collection relocation, while the new George Hawkes Library is under construction, AGS assisted library staff with organization, catalog referencing and inventory management to ensure an accurate listing of the collection, reduction of duplicate items, and condition evaluation of the text media on hand.

We have donated funds to the Arlington Public Library to purchase Microfilm scanner/reader equipment as well as funds to honor our long-time member and benefactor, Alfred A. Howard (1932 - 2012).

We will continue to advance our mission in the coming year as we look forward to the new George Hawkes library opening in the coming year. It is an

exciting time for our society and we look forward to a great 2018!

Steven Brown, President

## AGS Board meetings:

The last AGS Board meeting took place Saturday morning, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in the Northeast Branch Library community room. The next AGS Board meeting is scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, in the Lake Arlington Branch Library Community Room. On the agenda will be preparations for the Spring Family History Fair and plans to support the relocation of the Genealogy Reference collection back to the downtown library from the Northeast branch. Society members are invited to attend Board meetings. You can also suggest ideas and proposals to a board member or committee chair. All AGS Board meetings are open to the public.

## AGS Committees

### Standing Committees:

Membership \* \* \* \* \* Jan Penland, Chair  
Collection Development \* \* \* \* \* Mary Ann Conrad, Chair:  
Web Page \* \* \* \* \* John D. Anderson, Admin  
Finance \* \* \* \* \* Jeanne Rives, Chair  
Publicity \* \* \* \* \* Pete Jacobs, Chair  
AGS photographer \* \* \* Wally Goodman

### Special Committees:

Genealogy Resources \* \* \* Larry Howser, Chair  
APL Donor Wall \* \* \* \* \* Sylvia Hoad, Chair:

## Committee Reports

Collection Development, Mary Ann Conrad, Chair, and the committee have had a busy few months selecting and purchasing the balance of reference media to be donated to the APL with 2017 funds. The AGS book purchase amount was \$1,474.03 for 42 books averaging about \$35.00 per book. An additional 13 books were donated directly to the APL by various AGS members and friends. If you are in need of, or are aware of good genealogy reference books, please share your information with Mary Ann Conrad.

Membership, Jan Penland, Chair, reports we have 17 family memberships, (34 persons), and 41 individual members. Also, one institutional member (Allen County Library). A total of 76 members. Of those, 28 family and individual members have

renewed. We had a nice increase in membership in 2017! The committee encourages members to pay their 2018 dues prior to or during our January meeting. During 2017 the term of membership was changed to January through December, and all 2017 society membership terms were extended from September to the end of the 2017 Calendar year. Your Society dues remain at \$15.00 for an individual and \$20.00 for a family. When renewing, turn in a completed membership form so our society has up-to-date contact information and family research surnames. [a blank form is appended to the newsletter, page 7]

Publicity, Pete Jacobs, Chair, reports the FaceBook project team will meet Friday, 5 January, at the Lake Arlington Branch Library Community Room beginning at 10 AM. Our goal is to open a FaceBook.com page as a way to broaden AGS exposure to the citizens of Arlington, and thereby build up our membership. Currently we have four volunteer members. Jan Penland, Pete Jacobs, Mark Dellenbaugh, and Meg Anderson. We would like a few more volunteers with some experience with FB. At a minimum, volunteers need to have an active FB account.

Publicity by way of online informational video will continue as time and resources allow. We appreciate the work John Anderson, our web admin, has done to edit and post AGS video via YouTube.

### **General Genealogy Information**

Are you searching Texas seaport arrivals? The Texas Seaport Museum has compiled the nation's only computerized listing of immigrants to Galveston, Texas. The museum's immigration exhibit features text and historic photographs illustrating Galveston's role in immigration history and the major organized immigration movements of the 19th and 20th Centuries. Can't visit the museum? The Galveston immigration database is available online to search for information taken from ships' passenger manifests, [TSMLINK](#). In all, the names of more than 130,000 passengers from the period 1846-1948 have been entered. The database lists only those who first disembarked in Texas. Are the records complete? An unknown percentage of the records are missing; there are very few entries between 1871 and 1894. Need more detail after finding that elusive ancestor? The Galveston County District Clerk provides a sophisticated web-based portal for immigration

related records. This news courtesy of Mary Ann Conrad, Chair, Collection Development Committee.

This also from Mary Ann. While searching for TX county books she ran across this information in Baylor Co. TX. [Seymore, TX is the county seat]. There are many unclaimed original marriage licenses that were never picked up.

[LicenseLINK](#)

### **Online Genealogy Information**

Beginning December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, patrons visiting FamilySearch.org will see a prompt to register for a free FamilySearch account or to sign in to their existing account to continue enjoying all the free expanded benefits FamilySearch has to offer. Since its launch in 1999, FamilySearch has added millions of users, billions of various historical records. It offers fun, new features like Family Tree Memories, mobile apps, digital books, and dynamic help. In order to accommodate continued growth of these and future free services, FamilySearch must assure all its partners that its content is offered in a safe and secure online environment. Patrons creating free accounts and then using them fulfills that obligation.

Patron sign in will also enable FamilySearch to satisfy the need for user authentication. This authentication can deliver rich, personalized discovery, collaboration, and Help experiences. Simply put, signed-in visitors can access more searchable content and enjoy more personalized services.

“A large percentage of our current site visitors are not benefiting from much of what FamilySearch has to offer because they don't realize the need to simply sign in with their free account to do so,” said Steve Rockwood, FamilySearch CEO. “They are basically arriving in the parking lot but not coming inside for the main event,” he said about website visitors who do not sign in.

FamilySearch is committed to patron privacy and does not share personal account information with any third party without a patron's consent.

Click [FS REG LINK](#) for all the details.

### **AGS Society Programs**

Our AGS First Vice President, Toby Hurley, arranges or recruits and schedules all programs presented at the membership meetings. Do you have a future program suggestion or idea? Please share it with Toby. Many of our past programs were

arranged after receiving member suggestions. On tap for 2018 are:

**February, 2018**, and later months. Toby Hurley is working a list of program possibilities on the following topics; Bankhead Highway, Arlington Family History Center, Early TX Maps and Boundary Markers, Newspaper Research, and D-Day.

### **Upcoming Genealogy Events in Arlington**

Use the [Arlington Public Library](#) online calendar to see the details related to the following events in Arlington's Public Libraries.

\*The "Your Story" series - Writing, Preserving, Organizing, Recording, Cooking, and Entrusting your Family's History. Your family's story is richer than data recorded on genealogy charts. The next session is Wed, Jan 17, 2018 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Lake Arlington Branch Library Community Room. *The series continues monthly in February, March and April on the third Wednesday.*

\*The "Hands-On Learning" series - Online genealogy records, where they exist, are usually scattered across several resources. This series of classes focuses on online genealogy resources that the library provides. Wed, Jan 10, 2018 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm, and Wed, Feb 14, 2018 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm, both programs in the Woodland West Branch Library Public Area.

### **Upcoming Genealogy Events in our Local Area**

#### Cedar Hill Genealogy Society:

\*January 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm to 9pm, Sandra Crowley will present: Social Media & Genealogy.

#### Fort Worth Genealogy Society:

\*General Meeting on Tuesday, January 30th. Dr. June Koelker is due to speak on the Archives of Texas Christian University (TCU).

#### Grand Prairie Genealogical Society:

\*Thursday, January 4th, monthly meeting, 6:30 pm. Kelvin Meyers returns to speak about the Draper Manuscripts which are housed at the Wisconsin Historical Society. These manuscripts are a treasure trove of information about the Old Northwest and Southwest Territories from 1740-1830. Kelvin will

discuss how to access them locally and how to use them.

\*It is not too early to mention the GPGS 2018 "Lock In", Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### Mid Cities Genealogical Society:

\*January 4<sup>th</sup>, MCGS Meeting: How to Navigate the new FindAGrave.com Web Site, Presenter: Marilyn Hay.

\*Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, MCGS Meeting: Mining Obituaries for Ancestors, Presenter: Sandra Crowley.

#### Dallas Genealogical Society:

\*DGS, January 6<sup>th</sup>, meeting. 1890 Census Substitutes: Bridging the Gap, will be made by Bill Buckner from the Waco-McLennan County Library.

\*DGS Special Interest Groups:

Technology, Jan 4 and Feb 1 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

African American, Jan 20 @ 2:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Jewish, Jan 17 @ 10:00 am - 1:00pm

DNA, Jan 18 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Brown Bag, Jan 27 @ 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

#### National Archives at Fort Worth:

\*The Workshop series schedule has have been published. The first of four, on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, is Census Records in Historical Context. Do register via email, [FWNARAMail](#) to reserve a space.

### **Upcoming Genealogy Events outside of our Local Area**

#### Collin County Genealogical Society

\*January 10th, 2018 - Michael Bassett, "Are You Being a Good Ancestor?"

#### **Arlington Historical Society**

"Arlington on Tap" – The 3rd season resumes January 9th, at Maverick Urban Alchemy, 403 E. Main St., featuring Theron Bowman, former Arlington Police Chief and current Arlington Deputy City Manager. His topic, *How Trying to Regulate the City's Sexual Entertainment Business Evolved into a Contract on My Life*. Event begins at 6 pm. [AHS LINK](#)

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## THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL

A "local news" republish feature copied from *THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL* by Will Keller, with permission. 1930 continued:

### Friday March 28 Watson News

A newly made grave was added to our cemetery (West Fork) last Saturday, Mrs. Cook was buried. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her loved ones especially her daughter Mrs. Annie Yankee, who has many friends in this community. Mrs. Cook lived with Mrs. Yankee at the time of her death.

### Friday March 28 Radio Funeral at El Paso.

Rev. H. D. Tucker conducted the first radio funeral at El Paso on Saturday March 22, for Geo. Casten, a high school student and member of his church who died with spinal meningitis. Because of the contagious character of the disease, only members of the immediate family, who were exposed to the disease, were allowed in the mortuary chapel. The funeral took place with the minister broadcasting the sermon from the church, the family of the deceased being with the body at the mortuary chapel seated around a radio and friends gathered at the high school auditorium around another radio. Rev. H. D. Tucker who preached the funeral was formerly of Arlington and is a son of our own townsmen, G. A. Tucker, having been reared here. His friends and relatives rejoice to know that his pastorate is one of the largest churches in El Paso, is meeting with success this being his third year to be returned there. He has made wonderful progress in his work, and has endeared himself to his people.

### April 4, DEATH OF MRS. MATTIE L. JAMES

Mrs. Mattie L. James passed away at her home two miles south of town Tuesday morning and was buried in Arlington cemetery Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Ike T. Sidebottom officiating. Mrs. James was 70 years of age and was sick for some time before her death. She leaves a sister Mrs. Frank Thomas and step son W. O. James and many friends to mourn her death.

### Friday April 4 JOHNSON STATION

Our community was saddened Tuesday evening at six o'clock when Mrs. S. O. James passed from this life to a better world. Mrs. James lay ill for some two or three weeks and suffered but was always patient and endured her sufferings to the end when God took her from this world of sorrow and pain.

Mrs. James was a sister to Mrs. Frank Thomas and we extend to all her loved ones our sympathy.

### Friday April 4 PANTEGO NEWS

There was very deep sadness passed over the entire community last Thursday when Mrs. Leslie Darden passed away to a land of perfect rest. She was at the Baptist Sanitarium of Fort Worth where she had been very low for eight days.

Mrs. Darden was Miss Mamie Mundon of Sulphur Springs Texas. Born July 22, 1902. Died March 27, 1930. She leaves her husband Leslie Darden and two children, Hazen age 10 and C. L. (Jack) age 7. The family has only lived here some three months but all who knew her loved her as a sister. She lived an ideal life before us and we expect to see her again where there is no sorrow or good-byes.

Among those who came to be with her in her last hours were: Her mother Mrs. Mundon, three brothers, Jess, Lee and Bill Mundon, her sister Mrs. Clyde Osbon and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ermon Wynn and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Evans all of near Sulphur Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hurst, Babe Darden and family all of Dallas.

Bro. Bennett of Arlington had charge of the services. Burial was in Johnston Station Cemetery.

### Friday April 4

Mrs. S. L. Darden, who lived south of Arlington, passed away at the Baptist Hospital in Fort Worth, Thursday morning. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. S. M. Bennett at Moore Funeral Home Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Survivors are her husband and two little children who are left to mourn their loss.

### Friday April 4

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bailey and children, who were called home because of the death of Mrs. Bailey's father, A. H. Copeland, have returned to their home at Hamlin, Texas.

### Friday April 4 TO OUR FRIENDS

There are times when hearts are very full of things words cannot say. For the beautiful evidences of your sympathy and friendship, in our bereavement, we thank you.

Mrs. A. H. Copeland and children.

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**And from a historical perspective . . .**

1901: Arlington was said to have “superior schools, a healthful climate. Lands adapted to the growth of fruit, wheat, cotton, corn and many other diversified crops. Our water is as curative as any of the noted health resorts of our State . . . “. Reprinted from an article in the *Arlington Journal* dated 17 January, 1901.

**Closing Note:** The AGS Newsletter welcomes individual contributions. Your comments, suggestions and contributions are sincerely appreciated. The editor, Pete Jacobs.



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The Arlington Genealogical Society (AGS) was established on October 27, 1970, and incorporated on May 18, 1971.

AGS is a federal and state approved 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation relying wholly on member volunteers at all levels within the corporation.

Your charitable donations to the AGS are tax deductible as allowed by law. The AGS Tax ID # or EIN is 90-0890150.

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## Membership Form

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

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

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

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

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

Renewal                       New Member                       Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please make check payable to Arlington Genealogical Society

Mail form with payment to:

AGS PO Box 373, Arlington, Texas 76004-0373

Surnames you are researching:

Surname	State	County	Surname	State	County

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