



# Arlington Genealogical Society

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## November 2018 Newsletter

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### **AGS Meeting TUESDAY, November 13th, 2018 6:30 P.M.**

Our meetings are held in the [re]Brary Community Rooms at the new **George W. Hawkes** downtown library, 100 South Center St. Arlington, TX. The Arlington Genealogical Society meets on the second Tuesday monthly from September through June. All visitors are welcome. The meeting room is equipped with Hearing Loop Technology, which allows those with telecoil equipped hearing aids to connect to the meeting room sound system.

### **Meeting Refreshments**

Refreshment service begins at 6PM. The following Society members have volunteered to furnish refreshments for our November meeting; Bob Fleitz, Jeanne Rives, Ruth Goodman.

### **The November Meeting Program**

AGS welcomes back, **Roger Cobb**, who is a retired



safety engineer and entrepreneur. His genealogy hobby became a passion when he began DNA

research. Roger is a self-taught DNA expert who has given over 150 talks about DNA research. Roger's program title is "**Connecting your DNA with Genealogy**". The November program is ideal for enthusiasts seeking a better understanding of DNA test results. Your DNA contains your genetic history. The generations of our ancestors each contributed bits of DNA passed down through our parents. DNA testing is a first step. Deciding what test to take and which vendor to use takes a bit of homework. Roger's program will help us better understand genetic genealogy, and how to interpret it to improve our family research results.

### **A Few Words from Your Society President**

Last month's meeting featured a presentation by Sandra Crowley on using Time Lines to help fill holes in our genealogical research. We gained a great deal of information and varying ways to develop a custom time line with various methods of sorting and organizing, depending on the type of research we are performing. Thanks, Sandra, for a great topic and presentation.

Our scheduled speaker for November is Roger Mills-Cobb presenting on DNA. Roger has spoken to us in the past and is passionate about his topic. We look forward to a lively discussion and high energy presentation! *PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING WILL BE IN THE [re]Brary rooms LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR.*

In December our pot luck Christmas Party returns! The program in December will consist of members showing their research finds in a "Show and Tell" format. Details to follow. In January, we have

Nancy Maxwell scheduled to present “Perusing PERSI (Periodical Sourcing Index) With opening of the new library, there are opportunities to volunteer to help staff the Genealogy and Family History room during some hours of the day. All volunteers must be registered through the City of Arlington volunteer program. There is an online application available at [volform-LINK](#) . The form is easy to complete, and response takes about 7-10 days.

Several of our members have responded to a request for assistance from the Arlington Historical Society regarding the Historic Cemeteries on Arkansas Lane. The members are assisting as research volunteers to perform genealogical research on each person buried in the cemetery. There have been a number of unknown burials discovered in recent days. Look for details on the dedication of the Arlington Historic Cemeteries in the first quarter of 2019.

The next board meeting for the AGS is scheduled for January 19, 2019. Board meetings are open to any who would like to attend.

I look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018 at our next meeting!

Steve Brown

President, Arlington Genealogical Society

**A Few Words from the Society 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

We are meeting in the new library now and thus we are bringing back a long-held AGS tradition during the December meeting. We will have a pot luck dinner for our members and their significant others, if you choose to bring them. AGS will provide the meat, the drinks, plates, napkins and eating utensils. Members will be asked to bring a dish of their choice. We will need sides, desserts, vegetables, fruit, bread, etc. It will be your choice what you choose to bring. We usually have between 50 and 60 people attend this meeting.

We will meet in the (re)Brary rooms that evening. I hope everyone will attend as this is always a fun filled evening and excellent food. If you would like to help set up or clean up that day, please let me know. My email is [texaslibrarylady@yahoo.com](mailto:texaslibrarylady@yahoo.com) .  
Sylvia Hoad, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

**AGS Board meetings:**The last AGS Board meeting took place Saturday morning, Oct. 13th, 2018, in the Downtown Library Excellence room. Our next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM in the Downtown Library Excellence room. The agenda will be announced by email. Members are invited to attend board meetings, or you can suggest ideas and proposals to a board member or committee chair. All AGS Board meetings are open to the public.



**AGS Officers**

- President \* \* \* \* \* Steven Brown
- First VP \* \* \* \* \* Dorothy Rencurrel
- Second VP \* \* \* \* \* Sylvia Hoad
- Secretary \* \* \* \* \* Kim Dorsey
- Treasurer \* \* \* \* \* Jan Penland
- Parliamentarian \* \* \* \* \* Cherry Williams

**AGS Committees**

**Standing Committees:**

- Membership \* \* \* \* \* Quenna Cox, 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 Committee:**

- Genealogy Resources \* \* \* Larry Howser, Chair

**Committee News**

Collection Development, Mary Ann Conrad, Chair, asks members to keep in mind your genealogy reference needs have the ear of Mary Ann’s committee. Share your research focus with the committee so they can book shop with your areas of interest in mind.

Membership, Quenna Cox, Chair, reminds us 2019 membership dues and forms are due January 1st. Please complete and submit an updated membership form and family research names. The AGS dues paying roll stands at 71 members with 39 individual

and 16 family memberships. A membership form is appended as the last page to this newsletter and on our website.

Finance, Jeanne Rives, Chair, the proposed AGS 2019 budget was completed at the Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting, and will be submitted for a membership approval vote at the November members meeting. A copy of the AGS 2019 proposed budget was distributed to the members by email on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Publicity, Pete Jacobs, Chair, the committee is always on the lookout for new material. When you encounter anything of genealogical interest don't hesitate sending the info our way.

### **General Genealogy Information**

Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year celebrations are just around the corner. Take advantage of those family social gatherings to share your family history research findings. Doing so may open new sources of family history and genealogy information.

The 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mayflower Pilgrims landing falls in 2020. Family history blogger, Tamura Jones, has been doing extensive research on the Mayflower Pilgrims including genealogy work on the so called 'missing pilgrim, Moses Fletcher. In part she writes, Quote: "The Mayflower colony wasn't the first or largest colony in America, but it is arguably the most significant one. The Mayflower story has become more than history, it has become part of American culture and identity.

The Mayflower Compact, voluntar[ily] signed by all adult males, is considered a predecessor of the American Constitution. Their 1621 thanksgiving service, often called the First Thanksgiving, has roots in the Leiden, Netherlands, 3 October celebrations, which started with a thanksgiving on 3 October 1574, in the Pieterskerk in Leiden. Today, millions of American count themselves among the descendants of the Mayflower Pilgrims." To read more about that first Thanksgiving and the lineage of Moses Fletcher visit [pilgrim LINK](#)

The Mortystv.com blog reported last Monday, 5 Nov, airing dates for TLC's four new episodes of "Who Do You Think You Are". Mark your calendar for Monday, December 3 at 10:00PM on TLC. The four featured celebrities tracing their

family history are: on 12/3 – Actress Mandy Moore, on 12/10 Actor Josh Duhamel, on 12/17 Actor Matthew Morrison, and also on 12/17 Actress Regina King.

### **Online Genealogy Information**

Online genealogy resources continue to grow at a furious pace. For example, the Dick Eastman blog reports on 31 Oct., that FamilySearch.org expanded its **free** online archives [the previous week] with 145,000 new historical records from Germany, Chile, Italy, and the United States (Texas, West Virginia, and Western States Marriage Index.). FamilySearch added the new indexed records to existing collections. The numerous online genealogy sites are in a continuous update mode so it makes sense to go back and repeat search efforts that came up blank in the past. Some of the online genealogy sites offer a feature that alerts the user when archive updates are likely to produce a hit for searches you ran in the past.

As seen in a recent issue of the Pittsburg Post-Gazette, a cartoon, [Honey], you're signing-up for ancestry.com? [Yes, dear] maybe one of us is related to the mega-millions winner.

Researching a Texas family lineage invariably leads to the Texas General Land Office. After finding local tax records and deed records, your voyage of discovery about ancestral lands is about to shift into "high" gear. At the GLO the recently updated Land/Lease Mapping Viewer is amazing. Don't be intimidated by the sophistication of the online mapping viewer. You will find tutorials and case studies to help you utilize the tools and resources. All available to the general public at no cost. Find the introductory tutorial at [glo help LINK](#)

### **AGS Society Programs**

Do you have a future program suggestion or idea? Please share it with our AGS First Vice President, Dorothy Rencurrel.

### **October 2018 Program Summary**

September's program featured, Sandra Crowley, and her topic was "Expose Holes in Your Family Tree with Timelines". Sandra demonstrated how timelines are a great way to help tell your family

story, and can serve as an effective research tool. A timeline lists where people lived and what they were doing at a particular point in time. They can also help you identify gaps in your research. Sandra showed how to create a timeline and use it to better plan genealogy research. Below is a photo taken by Wally Goodman, showing Dorothy Rencurrel introducing Sandra.



Thank You, Sandra, for sharing your knowledge about using timelines as a research tool.

#### **AGS Future Programs:**

November, *DNA*, Roger Cobb

December, Holiday pot-luck and, a *Show and Tell*, session MC'd by Steven Brown.

January 2019, *Perusing PERSI: Periodical Source Index*, Nancy Maxwell

Month TBA 2019, *Become a Mapaholic*, Tresa Tatyrek

#### **Upcoming Genealogy Events in Arlington and the Arlington Public Libraries**

\*Beginning Genealogy, Discover the many free resources APL offers family history researchers both online and in person. Learn basic research strategies, & establish organizational techniques that will save you time and frustration down the road. Join in for practical advice on how to get started, and get started well! Tuesday, November 6th, & December 4th, 2018, 3:00pm to 4:00pm, third floor, Excellence meeting room, in the APL Downtown Library. This help session will be led by Mark Dellenbaugh.

\*Intermediate Genealogy Research, are you beyond the beginning stages of researching your family history? Are you ready to explore new approaches to help take your research into new territories (and time periods!). Tuesday, November 20th, &

December 18th, 2018, 3:00pm to 4:00pm, third floor, Excellence meeting room, in the APL Downtown Library. This help session will be led by Mark Dellenbaugh.

The genealogy all-day event in [re]Brary Room B at the Arlington Downtown Library last October 19<sup>th</sup> was a great success. In celebration of October as Family History month, the Genealogy Network of Texas (GNT) presented a full day of Genealogy how-to sessions. Make a note in your calendar to attend this event in October 2019.

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

##### UTA Special Collections:

\* On display thorough early February is the map collection that supported the recent UTA hosted Virginia Garrett Lectures on the History of Cartography; *Paths to Highways: Routes of Exploration, Settlement and Commerce*.

##### Cedar Hill Genealogy Society:

\*General meeting on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, in the Zula B Wylie Library. Cedar Hill presents, Kelvin Meyers, speaking about: *Land, lots of land: Searching for your Ancestors in Land Records*.

##### Fort Worth Genealogy Society:

\* General meeting on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm to 7:45pm, Ft Worth Central Library in the Tandy Lecture Hall. On the agenda, installation of Officers, and a scrapbook show and tell session.

##### Grand Prairie Genealogical Society:

\*Monthly meeting on Thursday, December 6th, 6:30pm in the Grand Prairie Memorial Library, featuring the Annual *Covered Dish Dinner & Show and Tell*.

##### Grapevine Name Droppers:

\*The next program begins at 10:30am, Monday, November 12th, in the Grapevine Public Library programs room featuring, Linda Simmons – and her topic, *Researching War of 1812 Records*

##### Mid Cities Genealogical Society:

\*General meeting, Thursday, December 6th, 6:30 pm at a new location. The Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library is getting a complete remodel. The new meeting location during the Library remodel is the Eules Police Department Training Room, 1102



W Euless Blvd. (Hwy. 10), in Euless. The MCGS will host their annual holiday party.

#### Dallas Genealogical Society:

\*Saturday, December 1st, general meeting and *Annual Awards Luncheon*. The DGS meetings are held in the 1st Floor Auditorium of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

\*Eight DGS Special Interest Groups meet monthly or quarterly. Check the DGS website for details.

#### National Archives at Fort Worth:

\*The NARA Workshop series continues in 2019. Look for more details in the December AGS Newsletter.

### **Genealogy Events**

#### **in our great state of Texas**

The three-day Texas State Genealogical Society 2018 Family History Conference, *Journey through Generations*, was held the first weekend of November in San Antonio, TX. The conference featured 56 lectures, 4 two-hour workshops, an exhibit hall with many exhibits and vendors, and the awards banquet speaker, Andrew Carroll, Founding Director of the Center for American War Letters.

#### **Arlington Historical Society**

“Arlington on Tap,” the 4th season next event, 6 to 8pm, Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, at Urban Alchemy, 403 E. Main St, Topic: " *Hyperloops and Bullet Trains (Getting There in a Hurry)* ", featuring Michael Morris, transportation director at the North Texas Council of Governments.

Also, AHS first floor renovations are nearing completion. Fielder House remains closed for tours; however, the AHS business offices are now open.

#### **Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds (AHMG)**

The Arlington Historical Society's ongoing initiative to Preserve Arlington's Historic Cemeteries on West Arkansas Lane continues to gain momentum and donations. Plans for the three cemeteries North of Arkansas Lane and East of Johnson creek include improved fencing, security, gravestone restoration, and an interactive tour. The AHMG Project is a consortium consisting of Tarrant County and City of Arlington leaders and concerned citizens who wish to transform a

neglected and endangered historical site into a powerful place of honor and education.

A research committee under the leadership of Dawn Youngblood, Tarrant County Historic Preservation and Archives Officer, is actively researching who is buried there and how much we can learn about each deceased person. Steven Brown, AGS president, along with AGS members Dorothy Rencurrel and Pete Jacobs are volunteers from our Society helping the research committee. The “genealogical” research is ongoing and far from complete. If you are interested in becoming an AHMG research volunteer contact Steven Brown or Pete Jacobs. Any direct descendants or relatives of ancestors interred in the three historic cemeteries are encouraged to contact the research committee to share what they know about their people.

#### **From THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL**

Arlington's home town newspaper for 98 years [1897-1995]. The year is 1930, in this “local news” republished feature with selected articles copied from Will Keller's book, *THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL*, with permission, APL call # GEN REF TX.5 K 1925 – 1933 v.3.

Friday July 4, MRS. MATTHEWS, Mrs. Emma Mathews, age 78, died at the Eastern Star Home last Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. Mrs. Matthews has been in poor health for several months, but the last two weeks has been growing worse. She went to sleep to awaken in heaven, for she was one true Christian woman. She was left to raise a large family of children all alone, and she did her part well. Rev. J. H. Stewart, officiated, and after his service, Dallas Chapter No. 1 of Dallas took charge of the body. She was laid to rest in the Masonic Cemetery Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

Friday July 4, KILLED by Interurban, as we go to press word was received in Arlington that a Mr. Yarbrough, who lives east of here, was killed by an interurban in Oak Cliff at Dallas Thursday. We are unable to learn his initials or details of the accident.

Friday July 4, A sad message was received from Mrs. F. R. Wallace at Waco, announcing the death of her only sister, Mrs. Annie Taylor. Mrs. Taylor was a fine Christian character, and to know her was to love her.

Friday July 18,

### TRY SMILING

When the weather suits you not,

Try smiling.

When your coffee isn't hot,

Try smiling.

When your neighbors don't do right,

When your relatives all fight,

Sure it's hard, but then you might,

Try smiling.

Doesn't change the things, of course,

Just smiling.

But you cannot make them worse,

Just smiling.

And it seems to help your case,

Brightens up a gloomy place;

Then it sort o' rests your face—

Just smiling. . . (author unknown)

### And from a local historical perspective . . .

November 1841: Jonathan Bird and his party arrived on the first at Calloway Lake (originally a smaller, natural lake). 5 miles east of the junction of Village Creek and the West Fork. They built a blockhouse and several log shelters within a log pallisade. The settlement consisted of about 40 people and lasted only 3 months. *Joyner, Arista. Arlington, Texas: Birthplace of the Metroplex, 1976.*

November 1893: Arlington's first public well began to flow today, spouting water 30 feet high. For a time, the mineral water was thought fit only for horses to drink. As much as 175,000 gallons of water per day ran down Center Street until a few years later the water was piped to a dozen homes (at a cost of one dollar per month ) for stock and gardens . A drinking fountain was not established at the well until 1900. In 1907 Dr. Collins piped the water to a turkish bath. Soon after the reputation of the water caused it to be bottled and shipped all over the country. (Arlington Journal, 1948)

Nov. 1902: "As Mrs. Tom Rudd and daughter-in-law Mrs. Ed Rudd drove their buggy through Arlington today, the horse ran away [and] overturned the buggy, throwing the ladies out, bruising them considerably." (Arlington Journal).

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

### Hyperlink List

Internet hyperlinks that appear in this newsletter are abbreviated such as . . . [website-LINK](#). The following is a full text listing of each abbreviated hyperlink in order of appearance in the newsletter.

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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Page:

[volform-LINK](#) , <http://arlingtonlibrary.org/volunteer/>

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Page:

[pilgrim LINK](#) ,

<https://www.tamurajones.net/TheMissingMayflowerPilgrim.xhtml>

[glo help LINK](#) ,

<http://gisweb.glo.texas.gov/webpage/LandLeaseViewerHelpGuide.pdf>

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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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Email inquiries: <mailto:AGS-Link>

The current and prior AGS Newsletters are also available on the Society website. [website-LINK](#)  
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Two appended pages follow: AGS gen ref book purchase list and AGS Membership Application form.



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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

The Arlington Genealogical Society meets the second Tuesday of months September through June at 6:30 PM at the Arlington West Police Service Station, located at 2060 W. Green Oaks Blvd. in their Community Room.