



Arlington Genealogical Society

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February 2019 Newsletter

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AGS Meeting TUESDAY, February, 12th, 2019 6:30 P.M.

Our meetings are held in the [re]Brary Community Rooms at the **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 February meeting; Margaret Roberson, Paul Wright, Jeanne Rives, Linda Seitz.

A Few Words from Your Society President

Last month's presentation was from Nancy Maxwell. She discussed "Perusing PERSI (Periodical Sourcing Index)" at our January meeting in the [Re]brary Room on the first floor of the George W Hawkes Downtown Library. I learned quite a bit about PERSI, and look forward to using those methods in my future research. I hope you learned something as well. Thank you, Nancy! Our February speaker is Tracy Palmer, Director of Native American Studies for DISD. She will discuss how to connect with your Native American Ancestors.

It was with great surprise and sadness to learn of the passing of long time AGS member, Wayne James,

this past Saturday, February 2, 2019. Wayne has been an active member for the past 10 years. His insight and passion for AGS will be missed. We were unable to hold a board meeting in January, as planned. We had a couple of officers with prior commitments and then had a couple who were ill on the date of the meeting. As there was no pressing business, we did not reschedule that meeting. We will announce the next Board Meeting as necessity dictates.

I look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday, 12 February, 2019, at our next meeting!

Steve Brown

President, Arlington Genealogy Association

AGS Program February 2019,

Tracy Palmer, Specialist II for the American Indian program, Dallas Independent School District, will present a program on how to connect with your native American Ancestors, and will cover some of the history, enrollment and importance of Indian education in our public-school system. Tracy is a descendent from three tribes: the Creek, the Seminole and the Cherokee tribes. She is a registered member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Tribe of Oklahoma.

AGS Officers

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AGS Committees

Standing Committees:

Membership * * * * * Quenna Cox, Chair
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Special Committee:

Genealogy Resources * * * Larry Howser, Chair



Despite all the brouhaha a groundhog is a woodchuck, and a woodchuck is a member of the family of rodents known as marmots.

Committee News

Collection Development, Mary Ann Conrad, Chair, asks members to keep in mind that your genealogy reference needs have the ear of Mary Ann's committee. January begins a new budget year. Share your research focus with the committee so they can shop for genealogy research books with your areas of interest in mind. A complete list of AGS book acquisitions donated to the Arlington Public Library during calendar year 2018 was appended to the January newsletter.

Membership, Quenna Cox, Chair, reminds us 2019 membership dues and forms were due January 1st. Our Societies dues are calendar year driven, so if you haven't renewed, please complete and submit an updated membership form and family research names. AGS ended 2018 with 71 members. Membership renewal count at the end of January stood at 53. A membership form is appended as the last page to this newsletter, and on our website.

Finance, Jeanne Rives, Chair. Tax season has begun and all non-profits like our Society must file tax forms with the IRS. The committee will meet at the Downtown Library on Saturday, 9 February at 9:00am to review tax filing plans and other financial matters.

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

General Genealogy Information

This year, 2019, marks a return to copyright expiration on an annual basis. All works first published in the United States during 1923 will enter the public domain. It has been 21 years since the last mass expiration of copyright in the U.S. Read more in a Smithsonian magazine article by, Glenn Fleishman, go to [copyright - LINK](#)

This next topic is at the suggestion of Mary Ann Conrad, the AGS Collection Development Committee Chair. Mary Ann came across a book about using City Directories for genealogical research written by William Dollarhide. Mr. Dollarhide is a prolific author of genealogy genre books. Here is a short paragraph giving the reasons a genealogist might want to peruse city directories. City directories may be one of the most underused genealogical sources available. Old city directories exist for virtually every community in America, often going back to the establishment of a community. Many of the privately published city directories date back over a hundred years, and some of these collections are complete for every year in which a directory was published. Surprisingly, those that exist are quite easy to find. They are usually located in the public library serving a particular city. Information in city directories is far more revealing than just a name and address, a typical city directory can be a genealogical gold mine.

AGS long time member Ron Carter has good news to share. The Texas Society, of the Society of Mayflower descendants, has added the Arlington main library as a Silver book collection. This means SMOD will furnish these books at no cost to Arlington's Library. Ron Carter has coordinated with Mark Dellenbaugh at the APL, and Ron says SMOD will be shipping this "windfall" of books this month.

Online Genealogy Information

New Historical Records on FamilySearch: Week of January 28, 2019, FamilySearch added new free historical records this week from Austria, Brazil, Cape Verde, England, France, Italy (Mantova, Terni, and Vicenza), Netherlands, South Africa, and the United States (Maine and Missouri).

AGS Society Programs

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

AGS Future Programs:

March 2019, cowboy up for rip roaring program about the 150th anniversary of the Chisholm Trail.

April 2019, a local history program on the formation of Arlington's Johnson Station.

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

Month TBA 2019

Upcoming Genealogy Events in Arlington and the Arlington Public Libraries

*In January 2019 the Arlington Downtown Library began a new **Your Story** series. This series of four sessions will show you how to transforming the scattered bits of your family's story into a lasting legacy future generations can appreciate and enjoy. The second session starts on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the George W. Hawkes Downtown Library [re]Brary Room B. These sessions will be led by Mark Dellenbaugh.

*Genealogy Workshop, the next workshop will convene in April. Look for more details in the April Newsletter.

*Book Sale Tune up you book wish list for the Friends and Foundation of the Arlington Public Library Spring 2019 Book Sale. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, March 21 through Sunday, March 25. Look for more details in the March Newsletter.

*Woodland West Branch Reopens The Woodland West Branch of the Arlington Public Library reopened to the community with a day of celebrations and festivities on February 2nd. Book lovers gathered in the morning to savor coffee and a light brunch before a ribbon cutting ceremony featuring a barbershop quartet and remarks from city officials including Mayor Jeff Williams. Once

the doors were open, patrons enjoyed crafts, story time, puzzles, and the satisfaction of browsing shelves full of books. Additions include a greatly freshened interior. There is an electric fireplace in the reading area. For the rest of the story visit, [APL-Link](#).

*Family History Seminar the Arlington and Burleson Stakes are co-hosting a family history seminar open to one and all at no cost. The date is Saturday 13 April, 2019, and features great local presenters and selected pre-recorded classes from the Roots Tech 2019 genealogical conference. The syllabus begins at 9:00 am, and the last session ends at 3:30 pm. The location is 3809 Curt Drive, Arlington 76016.

Genealogy Events in our Local Area

UTA Special Collections:

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

Cedar Hill Genealogy Society:

*Meets monthly in the Cedar Hill Library, 225 Cedar Street, Cedar Hill, TX, 6:30 PM, The February program, on Thursday, February 14th, 2019, is *Planning a Heritage Tour* featuring Geri Klauck. All are welcome, so invite your friends, family and neighbors. Take note, CHGS is celebrating its seventh year as a genealogy society.

Fort Worth Genealogy Society:

* General meeting on Tuesday, February 26th, 6:30pm to 7:45pm, Ft Worth Central Library in the Tandy Lecture Hall. Look for the February program announcement by info email.

Grand Prairie Genealogical Society:

*Monthly meeting on Thursday, February 7th, 6:30pm in the Grand Prairie Memorial Library, featuring Kelvin Meyers speaking on "Using Time Lines in Your Research".
*The GPGS Annual Lock-In will happen 22 March. Visit [Lock-In LINK](#) to register.

Grapevine Name Droppers:

*On February 12th a Special One-on-One DNA All-Day Workshop in the Grapevine Public Library

programs room featuring, Tresa Tatyrek and Roger Cobb-Mills.

Mid Cities Genealogical Society:

*General meeting, Thursday, February 7th, 6:30 pm at a new location. The Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library is getting a complete remodel. The meeting location during the Library remodel is the Eules Police Department Training Room, 1102 W Eules Blvd. (Hwy. 10), in Eules. The MCGS February program features Bernard Meisner speaking about *The Luck of the Irish: How to Overcome the Record Losses and Find Your Ancestors*.

Dallas Genealogical Society:

*A Special Presentation, February 16, at 2pm, in the Library Auditorium: *Information Wanted: The Big Family Search, Reuniting an American Family Separated by Forced Migration in the Antebellum South*. The next General meeting, Saturday, March 2nd at the Dallas Public Library.

*Eight DGS Special Interest Groups meet monthly or quarterly.

Events in our great state of Texas

The Texas State Genealogical Society, Texas Institute of Genealogical Research, is offering a two-track program starting in early June 2019. Track one is *Texas Research Essentials*, research in early Texas has its own unique challenges. Track two is *Advanced Southern Research Techniques*, hone your skills in southern research with a focus on methodology, records, and migration patterns. For more details visit [tigr - LINK](#).

Arlington Historical Society, and the Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds

A ground-breaking ceremony by city officials, invited guests, and the public is scheduled for 11:00 am, Friday, February 22, 2019. Construction will soon begin on the Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds (AHMG), a refurbishment and restoration project located in the 600 block of W. Arkansas Lane. Although the AHMG is to be a one entity place, it is actually comprised of three independently established co-located cemeteries: Middleton Tate Johnson Family Cemetery, the Mill Branch Cemetery, and the Colored Cemetery. Burials span more than a hundred years, from the 1850s to the 1950s. When restored, the 1.8-acre

cemetery grounds will serve as a heritage site and a dignified landmark for the citizens of Arlington and Tarrant County.

View a 4-minute video titled, Honoring Our Past: Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds, use this link, [ahmg - LINK](#).

To better understand the historical significance of the AHMG project, Dawn Youngblood, from the Tarrant County Historical Commission formed a research committee in 2018. The committee's task was to learn as much as possible about those interred in the AHMG cemeteries. Three AGS members joined the committee in this volunteer effort. Research was completed at the beginning of February 2019. Following this paragraph there are two short biographies written from historical and genealogical documents compiled by the research committee about two people interred in the AHMG cemeteries.

WILLIAM KNOWLES DACRES

1898 – MAY 9, 1943

William Knowles Dacres immigrated from the Cayman Islands. The Passenger list for S.S. Admiral Sturdee, was dated November 18, 1923. The ship docked at Tampa, Hillsborough, Florida. He was 30 years of age. No census records for 1930 or 1940 can be found for this person. No marriage record has been found. A Death Certificate for William Knowles Dacres cites that he died on May 9, 1943, and that he was married. His occupation was a cook. His residence is listed as the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital where he had lived for 10 months prior to his death. He died of Tuberculosis. The informant for the Death Certificate was Vernon T. Davis. Moore Funeral Home handled the burial and states that he is buried at Johnson Creek Cemetery. W. K. Dacres son, William Vanfield Dacres immigrated to the United States on the S.S. Hampton Roads, docking at New York, City, NY, in 1954. That immigration records says he was born in the U.S.A. Records show that he traveled in and out of the USA several times from the British West Indies where he eventually returned and is buried. A birth record was never found for the USA, but an application to become a naturalized citizen was found.

NANCY VIENNA "NANNIE" BRINSON

BURFORD

JULY 19, 1863 – SEPTEMBER 10, 1882

Nannie was born July 19, 1863, to Matthew Jackson Brinson and Louisa H. "Mary" Johnson, in Tarrant County, Texas. It appears she was the fourth of eight known children. She first appears in census records in 1870, on page 27 of the Precinct No. 1 Tarrant County census. The post office is stated to be at Fort Worth. She is listed as "N. V.", age 7 and born in Texas.

Our next record of Nannie V. Brinson is a marriage license issued in Tarrant County, Texas, for C. J. (Claiborne Johnson) Burford and Miss Nannie V. Brinson, dated July 11, 1877, signed by J.P. Woods, County Clerk. The certification of marriage is dated July 15, 1877 and signed by A. S. Hayter, MG. This would indicate that Nannie was married at the age of 14.

In 1880, we find Nannie listed on the census record pages of Election Precinct No. 7, Tarrant County, Texas. She is enumerated with her husband, Clay J. Burford, age 28 who is in farming, along with herself, age 16, keeping house. Also, in the household are Mary E. Burford, mother, age 60, Rhoda F. Burford, age 39, sister to Clay J. Burford. The record indicates she has an illness related to her stomach. Also listed in the household is Eliza L., age 20. She was a sister to Clay J. Burford as well. In 1882, Clay and Nannie welcomed their daughter, Nanny V. Burford, born on April 11. Nanny V. was their only child, who died in 1959 in Waxahachie, Ellis County, Texas. Her death certificate is the only record found, indicating her parents were Clay and Nannie Burford.

Nannie V. Burford's headstone is carved with the following: "Nannie V. Wife of C. J. Burford. Born July 19, 1863; Died Sept. 10, 1882." She passed away just 5 months after the birth of her only child, at the age of 19.

From THE ARLINGTON JOURNAL and from a local historical perspective. These two features will resume in the March issue. The editor

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

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An appended page follows: 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 _____

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Mail form with payment to:
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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.