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Lineage Society Membership Information February 2, 2012

Janice Duvall Barrett and Doris Kettlehut

Two local residents and longtime genealogists who have long served several lineage societies will walk GPGS members and guests through the steps for membership in these organizations.

Janice Duvall Barrett is a native born Texan, living in Grand Prairie most of her life. Jan became interested in genealogy after attending a family reunion. Researching and documenting generations of ancestors, she found that many of them qualified her to join several lineage organizations. Jan is a member of The Daughters of the Republic of

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Karen Schrader, Vice President of Programs

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**Refreshments provided by
Beau and Becky Garland**

**Meetings held the first Thursday of each month
in the Great Room located on the
east end of the main library.
Visitors are always welcome!**

GRAND PRAIRIE MEMORIAL LIBRARY
901 Conover Drive Grand Prairie, Texas 75051

23RD PSALM FOR GENEALOGISTS

Genealogy is my pastime, I shall not stray. It maketh me to lie down and examine tombstones. It leadth me into still courthouses. It restoreth my Ancestral Knowledge. It leadeth me in the paths of census records and ship's passenger lists for my surnames's sake. Yea, though I walk through the shadows of research libraries and microfilm readers. I shall fear no discouragement, for a strong urge is within in me. The curiosity and motivation, they comforteth me. It demandeth preparation of storage space for the acquisition of countless documents. It anointest my head with burning midnight oil. My family group sheets runneth over. Surely, birth, marriage, and death dates shall follow me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of a family. History-seeker forever. *Author Unknown.

Cynthia Jones
President



<http://www.victoriarosegraphics.com/>

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Texas, Texas Society, Daughters of War of 1812, Daughter of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars, Daughters of American Colonists, and The Hereditary Order of Descendants of the Loyalists and the Patriots of the American Revolution. She has conducted her research in county courthouses, and libraries across the country including the Family Research Center in Salt Lake City and Fort Wayne Indiana.

Doris Kettlehut moved to Grand Prairie after her Father retired from the Army in 1952. She married and raised her two daughters in Grand Prairie She joined the Grand Prairie Genealogy society in 1988 and researched her maternal family lineage. She was able to prove that line back to before the American Revolution. She has been researching her family history ever since and has been a member of the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution since 1990. Her research of her family history is ongoing and she is now a member of multiple Heritage Societies.

Finance/Membership

The Grand Prairie Genealogical Society ended 2011 with a balance \$2,839.82.

We welcome Donald Lewis and his sons Sean and Caleb as members of our society.

Workshops/Conferences

Grand Prairie Genealogical Society

Library Lock-In Research Night

6:00 to 10:00 pm Friday

February 24, 2012

Grand Prairie Memorial Library

901 Conover Drive

Grand Prairie, Texas

<http://pdf.gpgstx.org/2012Lock-In.pdf>

Arlington Family History Center Presents

2nd Annual Family History Fair
Searching the World
From Musty Books
to Digital Records

Saturday March 3th, 2012

8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

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

Mid-Cities Genealogical Society

Presents

A Day With Dick Eastman

March 17, 2011

Eules, Texas

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txmcgs/>

Dallas Genealogical Society

presents

Exploring Connections

D. Joshua Taylor

March 24, 2012

Dallas, Texas

Scottish Heritage Festival

May 4-6, 2012

Maverick Stadium

University of Texas at Arlington

Arlington, Texas

Genealogy Assistance

Genealogy Assistance at the Main Library

Volunteers from the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society will be available at the Main Library's Local History Room at 901 Conover Drive to assist with family history research. Just starting out? Learn basic researching skills to get started. More experienced? Brainstorm with other researchers for new ideas and approaches.

This service is available on:

2nd Monday of the month, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

4th Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon

The Grand Prairie Genealogical Society meets monthly in the large meeting room at the East end of the Grand Prairie Memorial Library at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month.

Library Liaison

I am very happy to announce that the new Chair for the Scrapbook Indexing project is Sharon Wilson. Many thanks to Jan Barrett for her work on this project.

John Wylie
Library Liaison

Scrapbook Indexing

I look forward to serving the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society as Chairperson for the Scrapbook Indexing Project. This is an exciting project as the scrapbooks are from a variety of sources and the result of our work will provide a valuable source for not only the GPGS but for researchers that may have a connection to Grand Prairie. Watch for future announcements on ways you can help with this great GPGS project.

Sharon Wilson

Name That Person

Can you name this Grand Prairie Genealogical Society member?

A jovial Maryann Hartsell.

Society members who would like to participate in this fun, please contact Roots 'n Branches Editor Richard Waller.



Website News

I am pleased to announce that the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society has decided to come online with EasyNetSites, a website management company that caters to genealogy and family history groups.

Our new website will go up the first part of February 2012. The web address will remain the same, www.gpgstx.org but we will be hosted by a new company and will have new look with expanded information as well as access for our members. Once the site is posted, current members will be able to log-in by clicking on the "membership" tab on the left side and inputting their username and password. We look forward to a great year on our expanded website.

Pamela Knight
Webmistress

Tyler's Legacy

Former President John Tyler's grandchildren are still living today. A tremendous feat considering Tyle, born in 1790 died in 1862. How many people born in 1790 have living grandchildren today? Not great-grandchildren, but second generation descendants? John Tyler became the 10th president of the United States in 1841 after William Henry Harrison died in office. Tyler fathered Lyon Gardiner Tyler in 1853, at age 63. Then, at the age of 71 the late president's son, Lyon Gardiner Tyler fathered Lyon Gardiner Tyler Jr. in 1924 and four years later at age 75, Harrison Ruffin Tyler. Both men are still alive today.

Jocularity

A man and his wife were awoken at 3:00 a.m. by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push. "Not a chance," says the husband, "it is 3:00 in the morning!" He slams the door and returns to bed. "Who was that?" asked his wife. "Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers. "Did you help him?" she asks.

"No, I did not, it is 3:00 in the morning and it is pouring rain out there!" "Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Don't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!" The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?" "Yes," comes back the answer.

"Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband. "Yes, please!" comes the reply from the dark. "Where are you?" asks the husband. "Over here on the swing," replied the drunk.

Fundraiser Schedule

Thursday
February 9, 2012 5:00 to 8:00 PM
Cici's Pizza Buffet
726 Pioneer Pkwy @ Carrier Pkwy

Getting To The Library

Hwy 161 Construction Road Closures

DETOURS

South bound traffic from Jefferson will have to access SH 161 from SW 14th Street and cross under 161, turn North on the 161 service road and continue north to Conover to access the Library. North bound 161 service road is closed at Conover. Delays are possible due to construction traffic. Road work at Carrier and Conover has been completed.

Go to www.gptx-traffic.org for up-to-date lane closure information in Grand Prairie.

Leadership

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In The Coming Months

March 1, 2012

1940 Census

Sharon Wilson has enjoyed conducting genealogy research since 1975 when challenged by a great aunt to learn what became of the aunt's grandfather, who never returned home from the Civil War. With that mystery solved Sharon was hooked.

Sharon has had articles published in several periodicals as well as genealogy quarterly publications and family newsletters. Recently her article on the release of the 1940 Census was a series in the GPGS monthly newsletter "Roots 'N' Branches".

Sharon is a member of several genealogical societies including Grand Prairie and the National Genealogical Society. In 2011 she completed her genealogy compilation on the Grand Prairie family of Sam Small which was donated to the library and can be found in the genealogy room.

When not conducting genealogy research she volunteers for the Lutheran Braille Workers, a group that produce the Bible in Braille in English and other languages. She also volunteers as a transcriber on the LDS Indexing Project and the GPGS scrapbook project and is an avid knitter.



April 5, 2012

Cemetery Conservation

James R. "Rusty" Brenner, owner and craftsperson of the Texas Cemetery Restoration LLC.

Mr. Brenner started in the monument preservation business while working with his father at his monument company in Crockett, Texas as a teenager. He fell in love with visiting old cemeteries, photographing old tombstones, and learning about the history of the people buried there.

The mission of Texas Cemetery Restoration LLC is to provide exceptional conservation, preservation and restoration services to individuals and cemetery associations for their cemetery and monument restoration projects and to help them plan and preserve cultural resources through our GPS mapping, database, and ground penetrating radar services.

Discussion topics will include, (i) condition assessments, (ii) monument and tombstone conservation, preservation, and restoration, (iii) GPS Cemetery Map generation, (iv) burial data collection and GIS Database generation, and (v) Ground Penetrating Radar surveys.



Extractions

The Grand Prairie Genealogical Society expresses its sincere thanks to society member Bonnie Cockrum, for her extractions from the "Grand Prairie Texan". The following are extractions from the Friday, April 22, 1910 issues of the Texan.

The United States collector of internal revenue in New York reports that the corporations are generally responding to the requirements of the new federal law calling for returns as a basis for taxation. This is commendable, and shows a much better spirit than indicated in many quarters at first. The best intelligence in corporate management is beginning to realize and recognize that reasonable restriction and regulation are equitable and in the public interest, and managers are governing themselves accordingly.

GOOD NEWS EPITOMIZED

HAPPENINGS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST TO
OUR READERS, IN READABLE SHAPE.

BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

If It Was of Sufficient Importance
You Will Find It Recorded Here

Attorney General Wickersham has decided that the assessment levied under the act imposing a tax of 1 per cent on the net income of corporations is a lien in favor of the United States from the time it was received by the collector of internal revenue of the district in which such corporation is located.

President Taft continues to be the center of agitation within the ranks of the National American Woman Suffragist Association and as an aftermath to the meeting at which the President was hissed for his expressions regarding woman suffrage, the convention sent a formal resolution of apology to Mr. Taft.

Senator Gore introduced a resolution in the Senate, requesting President Taft to disclose to the Senate the contract pending for his approval between J.F. McMurray and others

and the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians for the disposal of the segregated coal and other lands of the Indians in Oklahoma. Senator Gore also asks President Taft to transmit the order of former President Roosevelt, rejecting or disallowing the contract which was submitted to him.

A consignment of cotton seed flour, cake, bread and cookies reached Washington from Col. Jo W. Allison of Ennis, Tex., addressed to the House press gallery. Representative Beal presided over the collation and subsequently Superintendent Mann of the correspondents' gallery wired Col. Allison the verdict as follows: "Members of the press gallery of Congress, who were initiated into the mysteries of cotton seed flour, congratulate you on the gastronomic revolution which you have wrought."

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS

For the first time in the three years of its existence the National Feeders and Breeders Show in Ft. Worth broke even on receipts and expenditures.

The record high price for 2-year old steers was broken by a deal just consumated in which Capt. S.B. Burnett has sold to Earl Blacksher of Kansas City 3,000 head at \$35 each.

Attorney General Major has filed with Special Commissioner, Judge Theodore Brace, the State's brief in the proceedings to oust the International Harvester Company from Missouri.

Frost Sunday night in many parts of Kansas, following a light fall of snow during the day, is expected to injure fruit. In Missouri many orchards have suffered. From Lee's Summit reports indicate the ruin of pears and apricots. Near Macon many growers stayed in orchards all night. There the temperature went to 30.

Two hundred and fifty levee bonds of \$1,000 each have been stamped with the seal of Tarrant County and sent to Austin to be registered and approved, and will be sold during the present month. These bonds were issued for the purpose of constructing the

levees under the act of the last Legislature, and the improvements will reclaim a large tract of fertile and valuable land, some of it in Ft. Worth, from occasional overflow.

Slipping on a banana peeling in a passenger coach is grounds for damages. If injuries are sustained, held the Third Court of Civil Appeals recently in Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company vs. R.E. Swift, from Caldwell County. Swift was a passenger from San Antonio and between there and San Marcos he sustained injuries by falling in the aisle of a coach. He alleges that the car was not well lighted, that the passage way was not free from obstruction, and that banana peelings on the floor caused him to slip. He was given a judgment of \$4,500 and it is affirmed.

Yeggmen early Saturday morning blew open the safe in the First State Bank of Haskell, Okla., and secured silver to the amount of \$550.

The opening of the American League season in Washington between the local and Philadelphia clubs was a most auspicious one. President and Mrs. Taft, Vice President Sherman and other notables being present. For the first time on record a President of the United States tossed out the first ball and what was more, he sat through the entire nine innings and seemed greatly to enjoy the contest.

Street Car hogs are not worth the market price.

What a fine all-star stock company Reno could organize.

When piety is only skin deep it is quite likely to affect the lungs.

"Fell through the ice and drowned" fatalities are over for the season.

The hens are in no hurry to lay eggs to fill up next year's cold storage warehouse.

The chanticleer fad in this country is chiefly confined to the cold storage warehouses.

When the cold storage warehouses turn loose eggs they are marked "direct from the country."

Instead of the conquests of war, let us enter heart and soul into the effort to conquer disease.

In the bright effulgence of spring one can smile at the tears one shed over the last rose of summer.

Kissing is unknown in Japan. It is not surprising they have been backward many years in civilization.

We would be glad to know that every man who gets into a hole could, in some way, come out of it whole.

It's still a bit early to pack up for the country, but none too soon to plan for it--that is, if you have a country place to go to.

That man who enters Harvard at the age of 45 ought to have some bully good times with his classmate William James Sidis.

English papers speak of a man in the Birmingham hospital for skin diseases who is turning to marble. He appears to be a hard case.

If Kermit were not a well trained boy it would be hard to hold him after he comes back from Africa with all his laurels think upon him.

Says a dressmaking authority! "Men fall in love with the best gowned woman." Here is a question for a pleasant fireside debate.

If something doesn't stop that civil war in Nicaragua soon, there will not be enough left of the country to be worth any dictator's while to tax.

Extractions from the April 22, 1910 issue of the Grand Prairie Texan newspaper will continue in the March 2012 Issue of Roots 'n Branches.