



ARLINGTON Genealogical Society NEWS ¹

TUESDAY, March 13, 2012
ARLINGTON CENTRAL LIBRARY
COMMUNITY ROOM
6:30 P.M

Program:

David B. Appleton An Introduction to Genealogical Research in New England
Mr. Appleton says that most of his family lines go back to the New England states and much of his genealogical research has centered there. Pioneers in that region left many records. The trick is to know where to find them.

He has also done research and spoken about heraldry and is a member of the American Heraldry Society and other heraldry organizations. If you have questions about that subject, he would be willing to respond.
www.appletonstudios.com



Texas, our Texas! All hail the mighty State!
Texas, our Texas! So wonderful, so great!
Boldest and grandest, Withstanding ev'ry test;
O Empire wide and glorious, You stand supremely blest.

Chorus

God bless you, Texas!
And keep you brave and strong,
That you may grow in power and worth,
Thro'out the ages long.
(In memory of the Alamo and Goliad)

Volunteers for the hospitality at the meeting are Virginia Orchard, Peggy Quinn, and Elena Cogdell.

Arlington Genealogical Society meets on the second Tuesday every month from September through June. Annual dues, due in September, are

\$15 for an individual and \$20 for a couple.

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Business:

The Web Page Committee amendment to the AGS Bylaws was passed, as follows.
"Web Page Committee: The Web Page Chairman shall be responsible for the Arlington Genealogical Society Web Page including designing the page, maintaining the page in a timely manner, and/or adding new content as needed and when appropriate. The committee, under the direction of the Chair, shall work closely with the Arlington Genealogical Society Web Master. This committee will report to the AGS Board in a timely manner. There will be approximately three members of this committee that will review and decide on any new content that is added to the page. The chairman may choose a committee from AGS members in good standing.

William Gochenour was appointed Chairman and was recognized for the

improvements that he has recently made to the web site. Don Lewis and Pete Jacobs were chosen as the additional members on the Web Page Committee.

Jim McMillen announced that he would be teaching two genealogy classes. The first will be Introduction to Genealogy and the second will be Internet Genealogy. These will be held in the Board Room immediately north of the Genealogy Collection on the second floor. These were postponed to April.

Tom Cogdell presented the library a copy of his book A Century of Chemistry Instruction at the College in Arlington, 1895-1995, for the Genealogy Collection. Some of the research for the history utilized the library's collection of yearbooks.



Photo courtesy of Wally Goodman

Carol van Orden was a visitor at the meeting.

Upcoming:

AGS 10 Apr 2012

3 Mar 2012
Arlington Family History Center
2nd Annual Family History Fair
Searching the World
From Musty Books to Digital Records
8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
www.arlingtontxfhc.org

15 Mar 2012
Vickie Bryant will present a synopsis of her new book on the former Top 'O Hill casino in Arlington at the Fielder House Museum at 2 PM
Copies of the book will be available for \$22.

Saturday 17 Mar 2012

A Day with Dick Eastman
Mid-Cities Genealogical Society
9:00 - 3:30 Members \$40 Nonmembers \$50
His 10 years experience as a genealogy blogger; Mocavo, something new; Using genes in genealogy; and more.
Legacy Church of Christ, 8801 Mid-Cities Blvd, North Richland Hills TX.
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txmcgs

Saturday 24 Mar 2012

Beginning Genealogy Workshop Series
Fort Worth Genealogical Society, 10:30 to 12:30, Fort Worth Central Library, 500 W 3rd Street, Session 3,
Researching at the County Courthouse Records available at the county level with explanations of each, legal terms, places these records can be found (publications, Family History Centers), how to find the correct county and county seat, etc.

24 Mar 2012

Billy W. Sills lecture Series, 10 AM Saturday, Quentin McGown, historian, collector, and county judge. He is an expert on the architecture of Fort Worth, past and present.

25 Mar 2012, Sunday

PBS's Finding Your Roots, the new series of ten episodes of celebrity genealogy premieres, hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., 7 PM.
Among the persons whose family trees will be studied are Kevin Bacon, Branford Marsalis, and Martha Stewart.

27 Mar 2012

Fort Worth Genealogical Society regular meeting 6:30 PM, Tandy Lecture Hall, Fort Worth Public Library
Sherry Knight: Finding the Black Sheep, Every Family has One!

Happenings:

We thank John Wylie for his presentation A Pig in a Poke at the February meeting. Thanks to Wally Goodman, his

picture alongside Sylvia and Pete made it into the Star Telegram, as did the foregoing photo of the book presentation.

Mary Ann Conrad brought to my attention the obituary of Dr. Ruth Little Darnell, who died February 18 in Arlington at the age of 97. She was born November 28, 1914 to William S. Little and Valula Power Little in Mineola, Texas, youngest of 10 children. She attended Mineola schools, Texas Woman's University (College of Industrial Arts at that time), University of Minnesota, Cornell University, and Southwestern Medical School. She was in general practice in the Handley area from 1952 to 1986. She married Fred Darnell July 22, 1955 and is survived by daughter Ginny Darnell and son John Darnell. She was a member of the Arlington Genealogical Society for a time in the 1990s. There's more in the Star Telegram of February 29, 2012. TJC

Meg Hacker of the NARA-SW office in Montgomery Plaza, Fort Worth, gave the program Preparing for the 1940 Census to the Fort Worth Genealogical Society meeting on February 28. It was well attended, thought provoking and fun.

The **event** will occur on April 2, at 8 AM as far as they are concerned, for that is when the office opens. She pointed that those of us who were alive on April 1, 1940 have already beaten the odds by exceeding the life expectancy of 72 year on which the delay in its release is based.

Every census campaign by the U. S. Bureau of the Census produces publicity on why every person living in the U. S. should participate. The reasons in 1940 were somewhat different. Newspapers of the day stated that since the nation had just experienced ten years of the Great Depression, during which much government activity was planned around getting people back to work and taking care of their needs through organizations like the WPA, CCC and others. 'Think how much better these programs would have worked if there had been better information about what the people were doing and what they needed.'

It was a difficult census to take because many families were broken with fathers away, perhaps 'riding the rails.'

Meg said that she had participated in a census several years ago when she was a young woman and she was chosen to work on 'T-day,' when all the transients who were in jail in San Angelo were counted at midnight. Her father said 'No way are you going to do that, I'll go with you,' which was against the rule of privacy of the census interview. She prevailed, did the census interviews in jail, and says that she heard some words that she hadn't heard before.

She based some of her discussion on the instructions given to enumerators, which certainly contain different emphasis that those used now. They illustrate how much some ideas have changed. There seemed to be a built-in bias favoring the role of the father. If child was of mixed race and the race was not clear from its appearance, the race of the father was assigned. If an American citizen was married to a non-citizen, by law, the child of the marriage was given the citizenship of the father, according to the instructions.

Since the indexing of names from the 1940 census cannot begin until the census is released to the public on April 2, you will have to find your family the old-fashioned way. Remember **browsing** microfilmed pages of census back in the day before our present indices were available, however flawed they are. It is still a last resort after every conceivable spelling of your surname has failed to find the page. Indexing will be done by cooperation of LDS volunteers through Family History Centers as well as commercial firms like Ancestry and others. Expect months to pass and states to be completed in no particular order.

If **your people** lived in a small town or a rural location, you can probably find them by browsing. If they lived in a city and you know the address, even approximately, you may need to resort to finding them by knowing their enumeration district, for which Meg recommends www.stephenmorse.org for guidance. An enumeration district is supposed to be an area capable of being completed by one enumerator in from 2 to 4 weeks.

On April 2, you may search

www.1940census.archives.gov either at the NARA-SW facility or any other internet-linked computer. Meg said that they are planning special programs for the first week in April during their normal hours 8 - 4 weekdays and the third Saturday of the month. Those should be announced on the archives.gov site.

By the time you read this you may have heard Meg give the same talk on March 3 at the Family History Fair in Arlington, but I'll bet that she can't give it the same way twice. TJC

The Grand Prairie Genealogical Society in their meeting 1 Mar 2012 also had a program about the 1940 census release. Sharon Wilson gave information about Enumeration Districts, particularly about finding 1940 EDs from 1930 EDs, in case your folks had not moved. The stevemorse.com web site is the best guide to that.

John Wylie gave information about volunteering to index the 1940 census through the Family History Centers, based on his experience as an indexer of Texas tax records for the Texas State Genealogical Society and things he learned at the recent RootsTech meeting.

Articles

Fort Worth Library Begins Posting its Local History Documents Online

In what will be an ongoing initiative, the Fort Worth Library has begun digitizing selected texts and photographs from its local history collection and making these works available online 24/7 at

<http://cdm16084.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/>. Using a state-of-the-art digital collection-management system CONTENT, the library is now able to share portions of its collection with researchers, historians, and authors throughout the globe.

Among the current offerings are all 77 volumes of the Federal Writers Project, Fort Worth and Tarrant County; the Hazel Harvey Peace and Womens History Month collections; and many other historical documents, including the 1920 Public School Directory of Tarrant County, Texas.

We are so excited to make these materials available over the Internet, said Library Archivist Betty Shankle. We're very proud of our history and glad to share it with everyone.

To learn more, call Betty Shankle, 817-392-7740.

Upper Canada Land Petitions (1763-1865)

Before the arrival of the Loyalists and British military settlers, the present-day Province of Ontario was an extension of the Province of Quebec. Following the Constitutional Act of 1791, the colony of Quebec was divided to create Upper Canada (today Ontario) and Lower Canada (today Quebec). Many early settlers, both military and civilian, submitted petitions to the Governor to obtain Crown land. Sons and daughters of Loyalists were also entitled to free lands.

The Upper Canada Land Petitions contain petitions for grants or leases of land and other administrative records. The new online database provides access to more than 82,000 references to individuals who lived in present-day Ontario between 1783 and 1865.

While the database has been online for a while, the new update contains two major additions:

More than 5,000 references to land petitions occurring in the Upper Canada Sundries have been added to the database.

All suggestions for corrections received from users since the original launch in September 2010 have been integrated into the database.

In short, if you already looked earlier at this database and didn't find what you want, you might want to check again to see if the records you seek have been added in the new updates.

The database is available at:

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/upper-canada-land/index-e.html

Quoting from the website:

Furthermore, Library and Archives Canada is pleased to announce the addition of the digitized images of the Upper Canada land petitions from 326 microfilm reels, representing 357,831 new images to its website. Through the "microform digitization" research tool, users can browse the microfilm reels page by page.

The tool is available at:
www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/index-e.html

Thanks to Dick Eastman, 12 Feb 2012

The National Archives and Records Administration has unveiled its 715-year-old copy of the Magna Carta after a conservation effort removed old patches and repaired weak spots in the paper that holds the English declaration of human rights.

The National Archives unveiled the medieval document Thursday in a specially humidified glass and metal case. It is the only

original Magna Carta in the United States and will return to public display Feb. 17.

A \$13.5 million gift from philanthropist David Rubenstein funded conservation of the only original Magna Carta in the United States. Rubenstein bought the historic document at auction in 2007 for \$21.3 million and sent it to the National Archives on a long-term loan.

Rubenstein, a co-founder of the private equity firm The Carlyle Group, said he sought the document previously owned by Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot because he wanted to keep it from leaving the country.

Now the document is sealed in a 225-pound case filled with humidified argon gas to prevent degradation from oxygen and will be lit with filtered light, removing ultra-violet rays and some radiation. The document rests on cotton paper produced at the University of Iowa Center for the Book to give it a soft, acid-free surface.

Some words had been hidden by water damage in the past. But, an ultraviolet photograph taken during the conservation work reveals the words are still there, though invisible to the naked eye. Visitors can read an English translation of Magna Carta's Latin words and compare it with language in the Constitution and Declaration of Independence.

There are 17 surviving copies of Magna Carta. Fifteen are in Britain, and one is displayed at Australia's parliament. The U.S. copy was one of four reissued in the year 1297. It still carries the wax seal of King Edward I of England, which is attached by a ribbon under the document. The 1297 document became the law

of the land in England.

It is central to the founding of the United States because the colonists argued they were entitled to the rights under Magna Carta as Englishmen. But King George disagreed and the U.S. Revolution was the result.

Thanks to Dick Eastman's blog 13 Feb 2012

Links

<http://sddigitalarchives.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm>

South Dakota State Historical Society
Archive in Pierre, SD

Manuscripts; state, county and local records; photographs and maps

16,050 photographs of historic buildings and structures, the Black Hills, scenery, towns, railroads and people

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www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasvgs

This is the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society in Washington State north of Seattle. It's a beautiful web site, appropriate since the region is famous for its small farms raising produce and flowers. Has links to obits, death index 1891-1908, pioneer book, cemeteries and other things.

Extractions from the Arlington Journal, by Will Keller

Friday February 1, 1929

That Dorothy Kelly died from acute alcoholic poisoning on November 6 in a local hotel was the verdict of a coroner's jury on Friday afternoon. Deceased was found dead in the room after an all-night party.

The verdict was based chiefly on the evidence of Dr. Vango, assistant pathologist at the University of Alberta, who performed the autopsy.

Dr. Vango stated that an analysis of the dead woman's brain showed an alcoholic content of 4 per cent. This is very nearly the maximum ever found in the human brain, as 3 per cent is sufficient to kill the average person. – Regina Leader.

Friday February 1

John P. Lyon, 81, died here at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. C. Lampe, at 2 p. m. Friday, January 25. Lyon long was a resident of this section and a Confederate veteran.

He is survived by six children: W. H. Lyon, Farwell; Mrs. Jess Griggs, Apache, Okla.; R. N. Lyon, Arlington; Mrs. S. A. Falkner, Whitney; Mrs. Lampe and Miss Artie Lyon of Arlington.

Funeral services were conducted at the Arlington Baptist church at 2:30 p. m. Saturday, Rev. W. T. Rouse, the pastor, officiating. Burial was in Arlington Cemetery.

Friday February 1, 1929

We wish to express our appreciation to friends for the kindness shown during the illness and death of our father, J. T. Lyon, and for the beautiful flowers which spoke so truly the sympathy given us in our bereavement. May God richly reward each and every one.

Miss Ottie Lyon,
Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Lyon,
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lampe,
Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Faulkner,
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Griggs,
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lyon.

Friday February 1

Mrs. E. B. Foster, Mrs. A. T. Weeks, and Dorothy Jacks were in Iredell Wednesday to attend the funeral of an old acquaintance, C. A. Gordon.

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Mrs. Sam Wine returned from Los Angeles, Calif., Sunday, where she had been called to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. J. C. Babb, formerly of Fort Worth, who died very unexpectedly some three weeks ago.

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The fastest trans-continental airmail trip in the ten-year history of the airmail ended in Chicago recently when a plane landed there at 11:55 p. m., with mail that had left San Francisco at 7 o'clock that same morning. Alva De Garmo, was the pilot on the second leg of the flight, from Salt Lake City to Cheyenne and flew the distance

at an average speed of more than 151 miles an hour.

Friday February 8, Euless News by Sally Ferris

A large number of people of this community attended the funeral of Mrs. Kirby Buckner of Grapevine on Wednesday afternoon of last week. We remember Mrs. Buckner as Kate Birch, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Birch. She was born in this community in October 1907. She lived in our midst until her marriage to Mr. Kirby Buckner of Grapevine in 1924. Then she moved to Grapevine where they lived at the time of her death.

Mrs. Buckner was converted and joined the Euless Methodist Church in 1920, to which she was a faithful member until she moved her membership to the Grapevine church. Since then she has been a great help to her church up there. She was faithful and true to the Missionary Society, too. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star lodge. They will miss her presence and help very much.

She was not only true to her home, church and lodge, but she was true to her community. She lived a Christ-like life, and was ever ready and willing to help those who needed help. She tried to be a friend to the ones who needed her friendship.

The funeral service was held in the Methodist Church at Grapevine. Rev. Pat Leach, pastor of the church, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Binyon, pastor of the Presbyterian church of that place, and members of the Eastern Star lodge.

Those who are left to mourn her death are her husband, Mr. Kirby Buckner; her son, little James Kirby, Jr., of Grapevine; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Birch; a sister, Miss Luna Birch, of Euless; a brother, Lloyd Birch, of Fort Worth; a number of other relatives and a host of friends.

This community joins together in great sympathy with her family and pray God's richest blessings upon each one of them.