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Topic: Sixteen Death Records That Will Bring Your Research to Life: Knowing where to look can sometimes be the most difficult part of research. This presentation is filled with stories and examples of the often unknown, unfound, and unused death documents.

Speaker: Patti Gillespie. Patti has over 30 years experience as a Genealogist and Personal Historian. As a former teacher, Patti enjoys teaching others the tips and tricks to collecting your own genealogy research.

About the Speaker
Patti Gillespie, BA, MS in Education. Owner of the genealogy company: Family Lines and Stories (website: www.FamilyLinesAndStories.com )
➢ Specialty Wise County, Texas and U.S. Research
➢ She will attend National Genealogical Society Conference 2020, as appointed Chairman of Activities

Words from Our Society President

Spring should be here soon, and the Texas cold weather should be gone.

Our program last month was Between the Lines and showed us how to use DNA to reveal the true story of your family including things the relatives don’t tell you. It was a very informative program and our speaker was very entertaining.
Our Program this month is being presented by Pattie Gillespie and is entitled 16 Death Records that Will Bring Your Research to Life! The presentation is filled with stories and examples of the often unknown, unfound and unused death documents. Her program will show us places to look that should help us get through the difficult parts of our research.

Mark has done a great job at getting new and interesting programs lined up for us this year. Our programs are really what brings in our members and our guests.

We hope to have a good crowd at our next meeting. Be sure to invite a friend to come with you to the next meeting.

Sylvia Hoad
President, Arlington Genealogical Society

~~~ In Memory: Mary Ann Conrad ~~~

Several members have suggested that we do something to honor Mary Ann’s decades of membership and service to our society. I am open to suggestions and ideas. After, I have received input from the membership the Board will decide which idea or ideas are the best for our society to pursue. I will then present the idea or ideas that are most feasible to the membership at a regular meeting. A few members at our last meeting had ideas, however, they needed to work on a firm idea or ideas before they could offer them to the group.

My email is: texaslibrarylady@yahoo.com
Sylvia Hoad
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AGS February Meeting Program Recap

Gosh golly ghee whiz the February program was amazing. Patti Huff Smith’s program, Between the Lines: What Your Ancestors Didn’t Tell You! subtitled Getting the Most from your DNA Results, was an information packed presentation. Patti began with a bit of her family history and explained how she unraveled her genealogical mysteries through our own personal research and through DNA test results. Her personal family history journey served as the examples used by Patti to explain how she got the most from the DNA test results she used to discover new family connections, solve stubborn brick walls, and uncover buried family secrets. Patti’s twenty-page hand out was an added bonus. The AGS thanks you! Patti. (by: Pete Jacobs)

Upcoming AGS 2nd-Tuesday Programs

1. 14-Apr-2020: 2nd Tuesday membership meeting.
   **Topic:** From Minsk to Manhattan: Using Maps to Retrace an Ancestor’s Journey.
   **Speaker:** David Passman (DalPubLibrary)
   When an immigrant ancestor leaves no letters or journals, retracing their transmigrant experience proves problematic. Through steamship and railway records, wide-ranging sources reveal a complex integrated transportation system. Passenger lists, published memoirs, newspaper accounts, meteorological data, naturalization indexes, and UK census records, used in conjunction with period maps, reveal aspects of David’s journey, retracing his travels during the Age of Steam.

2. 12-May-2020: 2nd Tuesday membership meeting.
   **Topic:** Using City Directories
   **Speaker:** Debbie Pearson (FtWorthGenSoc)
   Once upon a time there were Phone Books and City Directories where you could look up information on your friends and your community. (And not just for large cities - even small towns.) These directories can yield many details vital to our genealogical research. Come learn where to find them and how to use them.

REQUEST: Looking ahead to the Fall of 2020, do you have a future program suggestion or idea? If so, please share it with our First VP: Mark Dellenbaugh.
March’s Family Roots & Traditions

Saint Patrick’s Day – 17-March

St. Patrick — brace yourself — was not actually Irish. Patrick was a nobleman born in about 400 A.D. in Britain and kidnapped by Irish pirates at the age of 16, said Philip Freeman, author of *St. Patrick of Ireland: A Biography*.

Patrick was born into a religious family, but was an atheist early in his life. However, he rediscovered his faith while enslaved in Ireland, Freeman told USA TODAY Network.

After 17 years as a slave, St. Patrick escaped Ireland and found his way home, but later returned to Ireland as a missionary.

"He said he was ready to die in Ireland in order to make his mission successful," Freeman said.

It's unclear if St. Patrick did in fact die in Ireland, but March 17 is widely believed to be the day of his death, according to Freeman.

Leprechaun

A leprechaun (Irish: leipreachán/luchorpán) is a type of fairy of the Aos Sí in Irish folklore. They are usually depicted as little bearded men, who partake in mischief. They are solitary creatures who spend their time making and mending shoes and have a hidden pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. If captured by a human, they often grant three wishes in exchange for their freedom. Like other Irish fairies, leprechauns may be derived from the Tuatha Dé Danann [part of Irish mythology]. Leprechaun-like creatures rarely appear in Irish mythology and only became prominent in later folklore. (Wikipedia)

March Observances

1) National Women’s History Month
2) National Irish American Heritage Month
3) Social Workers Month
4) 2-Mar: Read across America (Dr. Seuss) Day
5) 4-Mar: National Grammar Day
6) 6-Mar: World Day of Prayer
7) 8-Mar: Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward
8) 12-Mar: Girl Scouts Day
9) 16-Mar: Freedom of Information Day
10) 17-Mar: Saint Patrick’s Day. “Sláinte!”
11) 19-Mar: Spring Equinox
12) 21-Mar: National Quilting Day
13) 31-Mar: World Backup Files Day

(This day in History: [http://holidayinsights.com/history/history03.htm](http://holidayinsights.com/history/history03.htm))

2-Mar-1836: Texas became a Republic, independent from Mexico.

30-Mar-1870: The 15th amendment went into effect, giving black men the right to vote.

First Hint

Find-A-Grave just got a Lot Better

www.FindaGrave.com has added several enhanced search options. See: “We’ve updated our search”

- Last name is no longer required
- Include a spouse, sibling, child or parent in your search
- Dates can include +/-1, +/-3, +/-5 ranges as well as exact, before, after and unknown
- Search by Contributor ID
- Search by similar name spellings that will help find names which might have a letter missing or a slight misspelling
- Show only cenotaphs memorials
- Put ? or * wildcards on name fields: ? replaces one letter, * represents 0 to many letters. E.g. Sorens?n or Wil*
• You can view results with more than 10,000 matches.
• Your search query will stay at the top of the screen as you scroll making editing and filtering easier.

(Next Month: Snipping Tool, & then GIMP)

GRANDMA DID WHAT?
Aunt Hermina Gunzelman, growing up during the Depression in Garden Plain Kansas, helped her mom make BLOOD SAUSAGE (aka Blutwurst, Boudin, Black Pudding): Ingredients: Fresh fat pork belly, Pig Snouts, Pork Jowls, Spanish onion, Salt, Pepper, Cloves, Ginger, Garlic, Marjoram, Fresh pork blood.
A Recipe: https://foodgeeks.com/recipes/german-blood-sausage-blutwurst-20326 . Reason/Story: USE EVERY PART of that precious animal! Its use was first recorded in ancient Greece by a cook named Aphtonite. A variation of it was mentioned in Homer’s Odyssey as a stomach filled with blood and fat roasted over a fire.

March 2020 Genealogy Prose

Notably GraMa
Ma was a genealogist before me
Shedding light on the family’s mysteries
She cited her folks
And noted their quotes
Her penchant for details - our history
(For Kelly – Paul Wilkinson)

Websites Worth Visiting
Family gatherings, traditional food passed down through the generations; Family favorites like Shrimp Wiggle, and Whortleberry Boiled Pudding:
1) https://ancestorsinaprons.com/
2) https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/7-old-american-recipes-you-can-try-in-your-own-kitchen/
3) Genealogy TV: https://genealogytv.org/

Arlington Public Library (APL)

Library Genealogy Events & Resources
Family History Basics Workshop: Learn basic genealogy research strategies and library databases, plus get help with your personal research from a librarian or expert volunteer. No registration is required. Will be in APL Downtown 3rd floor Genealogy and Local History room.
1) Friday 27-Mar 4-6pm
2) Friday 24-Apr 4-6pm
3) Friday 29-May 4-6pm

Mark’s first class, this past Friday, 31-Jan, had 3 student attendees eager to learn. First half was Mark Dellenbaugh’s excellent getting started presentation. The second half was hands-on helping these three starting genealogists get hands on experience researching their family history on the library’s computers, mentored by Mark Dellenbaugh, Pete Jacobs, and Paul Wilkinson.

Print Your Family Tree: This fun hands on workshop will teach you how to use the APL MakerSpace’s large format plotter printer to print your family tree for display. We will work with poster size prints in March, and poster size or larger in March. Registration is required.
1) Tuesday 17-Mar 6:30-8pm
Guided Tour of Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds: Learn about the historic cemeteries in the 600 block of West Arkansas. This area includes storied family cemeteries as well as the only cemetery where African Americans could be buried in Arlington before the 1950s. Don’t miss this chance to learn an important, and sometimes neglected, part of Arlington’s history. Meet us at 600 West Arkansas Lane, Saturday 9-May 3-4pm.

Volunteers Needed: Arlington Public Library Friends and Foundation - Spring Book Sale

Dates: Week of March 23(Mon) - March 30(Mon)
Job Tasks: Sort & Count books; Cashiers, Floaters, Loading, Setting up and taking down.
Signup: https://signup.com/go/jyVwSDO
Questions: monique.shepherd@arlingtontx.gov

It’s Time: US Federal Tax Preparation Class
See Arlington Library website Classes Calendar

CSI Fort Worth Style: One Woman’s Quest for the Truth
Come Celebrate Women’s History Month!
Topic: What she does as a forensic anthropologist
Speaker: Dana Austin, Medical Examiner’s Office
When: Tuesday 24-Mar-2020, 7pm
Where: Downtown Arlington Library
Where: 100 South Center Street
Where: First floor Re-Brary Room

Arlington Public Library Info:
Website (catalog search, databases, news): www.arlingtonlibrary.org
Facebook (news & videos): https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonTXLib/
Location: 100 South Center St, Arlington TX

Did You Recently?
1) Wash hands after coming inside? Before eating?
2) Send backup copy of your database to the cloud?
3) Re-visit and update research on one ancestor?
AGS Member Story
AGS member Bob Fleitz provides the following article:

Discovering a Lost family Story –
The Canadian “Patriotes” of 1838

My mother and I began our little family tree project about 35 years ago. We had always known quite a bit about my Dad’s German ancestors but not much about her French-Canadian side. She passed away in 2005, at age 70 much too young, and would have loved what I found just a few years ago.

While I seem to spend an inordinate amount of time in old cemeteries in Ohio and Michigan, I also depend on sites like Find-A-Grave, where I stumbled on a memorial created for Jean-Louis Thibert, my 4th great grandfather. Of course, we already had the basics – born 1788 in Chateauguay, Quebec, married Josette Primeau in 1816, three children, and died in Mercier in 1869. Nothing remarkable, I have 63 other 4th GGPs just like him. But here’s this big black granite monument in Mercier:

(from FindAGrave memorial#203437370, Mercier Cemetery, Mercier, Quebec, Canada)

The dates are a bit off but they are our guys, Grandfather Jean-Louis and his brother Jean-Marie Thibert. So what’s all this about “condemned to death” and “deported to Australia?” (My high school French is finally coming in handy.)

Briefly, the French habitants of Upper and Lower Canada (essentially today’s southern Ontario and southern Quebec) had never been easy with British rule, particularly with the near-feudal economy imposed by absentee English landlords and a colonial government dominated by minor nobles and English merchants. Cholera outbreaks and bad harvests made things worse, calls for government reform had been ignored, and by the 1830’s many of the French felt pushed to violence. Uprisings in Upper Canada in 1837 had resulted in four major battles with casualties on both sides but the rebellion was quickly crushed. A year later, in the fall of 1838, things began to get out of hand in Lower Canada in the area around Montreal, and martial law was declared by the new military governor. Jean-Louis and Jean-Marie were minor leaders in a ‘Sons of Liberty’-style organization at Chateauguay, and on 4 November they went to “borrow” weapons from the neighboring Caughnawaga Iroquois village. The chief instead captured nearly the whole group and turned them over to authorities. At the same time other rebel groups were being rounded up, with Redcoats kicking in doors to arrest seemingly every French adult male. Over the next several months, English-speaking courts-martial tried hundreds, and 99 were found guilty of high treason. Twelve were actually hanged, a few were pardoned or paroled, and 58 were ultimately transported in September 1839 to the prison colony at New South Wales Australia. Jean-Louis and Jean-Marie were among them.

The trip aboard HMS Buffalo took 5 months, arriving at NSW in February 1840. It seems the hard working, religious Canadians were generally treated slightly better than the usual dregs of society the officials there were used to. Initially they were employed turning big rocks into little rocks, but within two years most were allowed to work and live outside the prison. The Thiberts ran a sawmill for a while, others found jobs as farm labor, carpenters, store clerks, or with blacksmiths and other trades.

Back home, the Brits had finally realized the French were never going to become English, not even at bayonet point, so changes in the system of colonial government slowly started to take shape. The two Canadas were united in 1841, the legislature was made more responsive to the citizens rather than the merchants and bureaucrats, and reparations were even paid for losses on both sides of the rebellion. By February 1844 rumors started to arrive in Australia of pardons for the rebels. The Thiberts departed, at their own expense, of course, in January 1845 for Montreal via London and New York. As far as I can tell the brothers went quietly back to their farms. And politically, it turned out that by 1867 with adoption of the British North America Act, the Patriotes finally got most of what they had wanted all along.
To me, this sounded like pretty dramatic, kind of romantic stuff. So how does a story like that get lost and forgotten? My mom didn’t know about it or she would have told me. Her two surviving sisters, one in her 101st year, say they’d never heard of it so I’m guessing their mother didn’t know either. Her mother, Jean-Louis’s great granddaughter, lived in Chateauguay until she moved to Michigan around 1880. In fact she was born in 1848 so she likely even knew the old guy for almost twenty years. Surely she’d heard the story. Why didn’t she pass it on? Whatever the reasons, it has now been recovered and added to the family history. Mom would have loved it. (Ironically, HMS Buffalo is still in Australian waters. Shortly after delivering her cargo of Canadian rebels, she was wrecked in a storm in Mercury Bay in July 1840.)

**Local Genealogy Events & Places**

**Cedar Hill Genealogy Society:**
- **What:** Monthly meeting on 2nd Thursday
- **When:** Thursday, 12-Mar, 6:30pm
- **Where:** Zula B Wylie Library
- **Topic:** Challenges to African American Genealogy Research
- **Speaker:** Larry McCarty

**Fort Worth Genealogy Society:**
- **What:** Monthly meeting on last Tuesday
- **When:** Tuesday, 28-Mar, 6:30-7:45pm
- **Where:** Ft Worth Central Lib, Tandy Lecture Hall
- **Topic:** Researching at the County Courthouse
- **Speaker:** TBA
- **Website:** [www.TXFWGS.org](http://www.TXFWGS.org)

**Grand Prairie Genealogical Society:**
- **What:** Monthly meeting on 1st Thursday
- **When:** Thursday, 5-Mar, 6:30-9pm
- **Where:** Grand Prairie Memorial Library
- **Topic:** Using the power of spreadsheets to answer genealogical questions
- **Speaker:** Bernard Meisner
- **Website:** [www.GPGSTX.org](http://www.GPGSTX.org)

**Grapevine Name Droppers:**
- **What:** Monthly meeting on 2nd Monday
- **When:** Monday, 9-Mar, 10:30am-noon
- **Where:** Grapevine Public Library programs room
- **Topic:** TBA
- **Speaker:** TBA
- **Website:** [www.grapevinetexas.gov/314/Events](http://www.grapevinetexas.gov/314/Events)

**Mid Cities Genealogical Society:**
- **What:** Monthly meeting on 1st Thursday
- **When:** Thursday, 5-Mar, 6:30-8:30pm
- **Where:** Euless Police Dept. Training Rm, 1102 West Euless Blvd
- **Topic:** Reconstructing Communities Using Sanborn Maps, Census Records and City Directories
- **Speaker:** Ari Wilkins
- **Website:** [www.TXMCGS.org](http://www.TXMCGS.org)

**Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS):**
- **What:** Monthly meeting on 1st Saturday
- **When:** Saturday, 7-Mar, 10:30am-12:30pm
- **Where:** Central Lib, 1515 Young St, 1st-Flr-Aud
- **Topic:** Enhance Your Genealogy Research with resources from the Dallas Public Library
- **Speaker:** Stephanie Bennett
- **Website:** [www.DallasGenealogy.com](http://www.DallasGenealogy.com)

**DGS Upcoming 2020 Spring Seminar**
- **Topic:** Paths to Freedom, African American Research in the South (From census to slavery & Freedmen’s Bureau research, & Why you don’t find your ancestors)
- **Speaker:** Tony Burroughs. Tony is founder and CEO of the Center for Black Genealogy. He is an internationally known genealogist who taught genealogy at Chicago State University for 15 years
- **When:** 18-Apr-2020; 9:30am-5pm (4 lectures)
- **Where:** Central Dallas Public Library (downtown)
- **Cost:** $70 - $80.
- **Link:** [https://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/meetings-events/seminars/2020-spring-seminar/](https://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/meetings-events/seminars/2020-spring-seminar/)

**Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society:**
- **What:** Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum
- **When:** Tuesday & Thursday 10am-3pm
- **Where:** 1020 East Humbolt Street, Fort Worth TX
- **Contact:** 817-332-6049
- **Manager:** Brenda Sanders Wise; Sarah Walker
- **Website:** [https://www.blackhistoricalmuseum.info/](https://www.blackhistoricalmuseum.info/)
- **Topic:** Valiant Women of the Vote: Black Women’s Suffrage
- **When:** Saturday 14-March-2020; 1pm
- **Where:** Ft Worth Central Library Tandy Lect. Hall

**Arlington Texas Historical Society**
- **What:** Historic Fielder Museum (Tue-Sat 10-2)
- **What:** Knapp Heritage Park (Sat/Sun 1-4)
- **When:** Tuesday & Thursday 10am-3pm
- **Where:** 1616 West Abram Street, Arlington TX
- **Contact:** 817-460-4001; Mgr. Geraldine Mills
George William Hawkes was born in the town of Weimar, in Colorado County, Texas, 88 miles west of Houston. His father was George T. Hawkes (b1891 McKees TX; d1943 Flatonia TX). George T’s father was born in England, his mother was born in Texas. George T worked as a “Retail Merchant-Groceries” in 1920, and as a “Railroad Section Foreman” in 1940. George W’s mother was Emalia (Emily) Estlinbaum (b1890 TX; d1965 Weimar TX). Emily’s parents were both born in Germany.

In World War 2, George W. Hawkes was a Corporal in the US Army Air Corps, stationed in 1943 at Perrin Air Base/Field, 7 miles NW of Sherman TX. He enlisted on 11-Dec-1942, having worked as “author, editor, reporter”, having one year in college. In the Army at Perrin Field he served for one and one-half years in public relations, producing a daily news bulletin for the camp. In 1944 George W. was discharged due to poor eyesight.

George W. Hawkes was married to Jeanne Barclay PATTON (b31-Jul-1934 Liberty Co TX; d20-Dec-2004)

**Genealogy News**

**FamilySearch:** Do a Google search on:
- FamilySearch News
- FamilySearch Blog

Notable new feature: **Where Am I From** (cool map)

**Ancestry:** Do a Google search on:
1. Ancestry recently added updated collections
2. Ancestry News

Notable: Ancestry laid off 6%: DNA test downturn

**NGS:** National Genealogical Society Annual Family History Conference: 20-23-May-2020 Salt Lake City. 150 Genealogy Lectures. ([www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org))

**Dick Eastman’s free Genealogy Newsletter:**
[https://blog.eogn.com/](https://blog.eogn.com/)
Notable: Gilad Japhet, MyHeritage Founder and CEO, RootsTech Address

**Google:** Google search on: Genealogy News. Click on ‘Tools’; Change ‘Any Time’ to ‘Past Month/Week’
Notable: Top 100 Genealogy Blogs: [https://blog.feedspot.com/genealogy_blogs/](https://blog.feedspot.com/genealogy_blogs/)

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**GRANDPA SAID WHAT?**

- “Loud cheeps the mouse, when the cat’s no rustling” (Scotland)
- “En boca cerrada, no entran moscas” (In a closed mouth, flies don’t enter. - Mexico)

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**How-To-1: Google Advanced Search**

=> **Goal-1:** To use more directed, specific, search settings/options.
=> **Method-1:** Type in your google search term and press enter. You will then get secondary Google options line under the search box. Click on SETTINGS. Click on ADVANCED SEARCH. WHY: Gives/Prompts you for several Google Search options that are forgotten/hidden/changing.

**How-To-2: After Google Speed Test**

=> **Goal-1:** So you ran your Google Speed Test, and your connection is SO SLOW. Why? What to do? Several possible causes and remedies

=> **Method-1:** Relocate your computer’s wireless WIFI antenna that connects through the airways in your house (through walls/rooms) to your wireless hub. Place computer receiving antenna where it has less/fewer obstacles. You know this is a likely problem when another computer elsewhere in your house runs a much faster Speed Test.

=> **Method-2:** Re-boot (restart) your wireless router hub. Turn it off (or unplug it). Reconnect after a couple minutes, and wait for five to 20 minutes for your router to restart (get all its green blinking lights going)

=> **Method-3:** Call and speak to your internet provider. Could be that your home’s wireless wifi hub is really old and needs upgrading.

=> **Method-4:** Could be that your internet browser is overloaded with “cookies” and old history. Every month, it is wise to clear your browser’s memory and history. How? If you are using Microsoft Windows EDGE browser: click on top RH three dots, then click on SETTINGs, then click on LOCK icon for PRIVACY and SECURITY, then click CHOOSE WHAT TO CLEAR. To clear history: click on top RH corner three dots, then click HISTORY, then click CLEAR HISTORY. (Next Month: GOOGLE Alert, & Acct Profile)

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**AGS Board meetings:**

The last AGS board meeting took place Saturday morning, 18-Jan-2020, in Downtown Library 3rd floor Arlington Tomorrow Foundation Board Room. Copies of the minutes will be on the browsing table in our AGS monthly meeting.

AGS members are invited to attend board meetings. You can also suggest ideas and proposals to an officer or committee chair. All AGS board meetings are open to the public.

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**AGS Officers**

President: Sylvia Hoad
First VP: Mark Dellenbaugh (Programs)
Second VP: Nancy Bergvall (Refreshments)
Secretary: John D. Anderson
Treasurer: Jan Penland
Parliamentarian: Cherry Williams

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**AGS Committees**

**Standing Committees:**

Membership: Quenna Cox, Chair
Collection Development: Sylvia Hoad, Interim Chair
Finance: Jeanne Rives, Chair
Publicity: Pete Jacobs, Chair
Web Page Admin: John D. Anderson
Newsletter Editor: Paul Wilkinson
AGS Committee News
Genealogy-Collection Development
(Sylvia Hoad, Interim Chair)
I have collected 56 boxes of books, materials, files, notebooks, etc. from Mary Ann Conrad’s home. Her daughters think that this is all of it. I am working on it as much as possible and I will eventually get it caught up and organized for the current year. This is a massive undertaking.

Early in February, I delivered 3 boxes of books to the library to be catalogued. This gives us a total of 124 books that have been donated in the past two months. I have given Mark two huge rolls of maps and there are more to come. Mark and I will be working cooperatively on deciding which materials will be put in the collection and which will not. Mary Ann had a lot of journals (magazines) both that belonged to AGS and her personal journals. It was Mary Ann’s desire that her personal genealogy books be donated to AGS, and her daughters were grateful to donate them to us.

I will provide a list of the books we have donated as they get catalogued and put on the shelf in the genealogy section.

Any books that are duplicates or do not meet our collection needs are donated to the Grand Prairie G.S. to swap with other societies. They have a building where cooperating societies bring their unwanted materials and then the donating societies can look and select what they want for their collections. It is a win win for all involved.

Sylvia Hoad
Acting Collection Development Chair

Finance. (Jan Penland, Chair)
Our fiscal year is based on the calendar year and all memberships expire on December 31. At its last meeting, the Board decided that members whose dues for the current year are not paid on or before the date of the March meeting will be removed from the current association membership roster. If you’ve not yet renewed your membership for 2020, please do so soon. We don’t want to lose you! You can see Quenna or me at our next meeting and we will be happy to accept your payment and provide you with a membership form, or you can mail your check (along with the a copy of the membership form attached to this newsletter) to P.O. box 373, Arlington, Tx 76004, Having a current membership form helps us keep your contact and research information up to date.

Publicity. (Pete Jacobs, Chair)
AGS’ Facebook (FB) page is celebrating its second birthday. Like web pages, posting and refreshing page content is an ongoing challenge. AGS would like a few more volunteers with some experience using FB. At a minimum, volunteers need to have an active FB account.

Your publicity committee scripts the -online informational videos. Let us know if you would like to be one of the helpers, voices or faces on future videos.

Our web admin, John Anderson, keeps a calendar page and adds to a photo album page on the AGS website. Do take advantage of those website pages, and you are welcome to contact John with event info, or share your photos related to AGS activities with our volunteer photographer, Wally Goodman.

Myth(s) of the Month
Myth: I have done my family history research. It will automatically live on.

Apparent (wished for) Reality: A lot of us would like to think that our life’s research will live on beyond us in the form of a family history book, chart, database, perhaps data and stories shared with other family members who will take up the cause.

Truth and Problem: One source tools: Ancestry, 23andMe, FamilyTreeMaker, Wikitree, grow and shrink. Privately held companies are one bad Return-On-Investment, or one early retirement away from GONE.

Better Solution: Keep the primary copy of your genealogy database on your home computer, backed up to the cloud. You own it. You control it. Document your sources by making manual record (transcribing) the source record, not by citing a hyperlink to a source webpage that may disappear.

Best Solution: Both store a digital version (gedcom; sources documented/cited), and also a printed versions of your family history in a some certain-to-last repositories and genealogy libraries. Perhaps devise a clause in your will and with your genealogy society to have your research adopted and archived in a shared repository, society, library: Do this so all your research and notes don’t accidentally go POOF when you are no longer in control. Possible long-lasting repositories:

1) Familhistsearch.org (upload your gedcom)
2) Ancestry.com (upload your gedcom)
3) Send printed copy of your family-hist-book:
   a) Library of Congress; Washington D.C.
   b) Wayne County Public Library
   c) LDS Family Hist Library; Salt Lake City
   d) Newberry Library; Chicago
   e) Clayton Genealogy Library; Houston
   f) Texas State Library and Archives, Austin
4) Get your local genealogy society to develop an agreement and method to archive your gedcom family history at your city’s library, perhaps with a searchable (printed?) shared index.

Start making these arrangements now – because your executors will not have your determination later.

**Mystery of the Month (& Insights)**

Will we ever know…? Who was Out? In? Why?

What were (are) the underlying/hidden social groups and networks in a town that pulled a certain set of people together, enabling them to promote and sustain each other? What were the town’s societal “In Groups” that drove business, education, care?

**Insight-1:** Did two powerful families attend the same: Church? School? Business Organization? Athletics: golf/tennis? Drinking/exercise place?

**Insight-2:** Who were the “Out Groups” that were kept pushed down? “Those people”? “Them”? Were they ostracized? Black Balled?

**Insight-3:** How did the two groups intermingle? Or did they purposefully stay apart?

(Next month: Our hidden “Underground Railroad” alive and running in today’s Arlington. Who are “They”? Who are the “Conductors”?)

**Humor 😊**

Hello. My name is Paul. I’m a genealogist.

Others: Hello Paul.

OK….12 steps:
1. When dinner conversation turns to county boundary changes (after nonchalantly steering the family in this direction), share no more than two stories of ancestors impacted by the change.
2. If asked who the new baby looks like, answer using only the names of same-gender ancestors. Share photos when your opinion is met with rolling eyes.
3. Offer to help with grandchildren’s homework, especially history and geography. Casually include information about ancestors who lived in these times and places. Stop talking when you hear your child’s footsteps approaching.
4. Discreetly insert photos of ancestors in baby books, holiday photo albums etc. Act surprised when your children point out the impossibility of a Revolutionary soldier at last Thanksgiving’s dinner.
5. Carry important papers everywhere. One never knows when a 1910 census will come in handy during a lull in the conversation.
6. Make copies of family group sheets and “forget” one every time you visit.
7. Plan vacations that coincidentally (*how was I to know?*) include the final resting places of ancestors.
8. Help with the purchase of new school clothes for the grandkids. Authentic period costumes can be found on many web sites.
9. Ask *everyone everywhere* about their ethnic origin. When in the company of children and grandchildren, prompt them to share theirs with store clerks, softball coaches, postal employees, directory assistance operators…
10. While at the corner market, point out the simplicity of purchasing food in “these modern times”. Tell stories of ancestors carrying shotguns into a nearby forest to pick up the evening meal.
11. Offer to drive the grandkids home from school. Take a different route each time so those cemetery visits don’t seem redundant.
12. Take steps to create lifelong addicts genealogists in the next few generations by openly sharing your love of family history with the family who is creating their own history today.

(By: Laura Aanenson, where2look4ancestors.com blog, 9-Oct-2016 Family History Month)

And…this month’s quote:

"Here Lies W. C. FIELDS
I would rather be living
In Philadelphia"

( W.C.Fields / William Claude Dukenfield )
A Last Word, (and its relatives)
Oops! I did it again – cousin Britney:

**Endogamy:** The custom of marrying only within the limits of a local community, clan, tribe, social group, or caste. Advantage of endogamy: few outsiders are brought into the group; inheritance and property are not dissipated among too many persons.

**Exogamy:** When one marries someone outside one's own group.

Closing Notes 🎶
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Topics to write about:
1) An achievable enjoyable Family Reunion
2) Your genealogy research trip & discoveries
3) Mystery question(s) seeking help/answers
4) Your genealogy start/problem/discovery.

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