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Thursday, June 4, 2009
Research Night

The societies June meeting will be a working research time. The large meeting room will have tables set up with materials from the Grand Prairie Libraries Genealogical Collection and members and visitors are encouraged to bring information about one or two people that they are researching, but still need to find information on. Tables will be arranged by State/County. Please e-mail your area of research to Cynthia Jones at cynthiajones1957@yahoo.com

You are encouraged to bring your laptop if you have one. Please bring any research materials that you can share with others and join us for a night of research and fellowship.

Refreshments will be provided by
Pam Knight and Carol Franklin

**The Grand Prairie Genealogical Society
meets the first Thursday of each month.**

Refreshments and conversation 6:30 pm
Meeting 7:00pm

**Grand Prairie Memorial Library
901 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie**

Visitors Are Always Welcome

Cynthia Jones
Vice President of Programs

2009-10 Executive Board Members Sworn In



Installation of officers occurred at the societies May general meeting. Pictured are the members of the 2009-2010 GPGS Executive Board, including Beau and Becky Garland, John and Barbara Wylie, Cynthia Jones, Pamela Knight, Richard G. Waller, John Cockrum, Shirley Willingham, and Regina Shumaker.

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From the Gavel



You probably recognize Emanuel Leutz' painting "Washington Crossing the Delaware." The fellow standing at the front of the boat near the flag bearer is George Washington.

Great as he was, Washington didn't move that boat by himself. He didn't even have an oar in his hand! Other occupants moved the boat by collectively working the oars. It took all of them. Four or five couldn't do it alone.

As your new president, I'm now the person standing at the front of the boat called Grand Prairie Genealogical Society. I'm depending on each of you to help keep this boat moving.

*Barb Wylie
President*

Financial Report

The Grand Prairie Genealogical Society Finance Report that will be presented at our May meeting is as follows:

4-30-09 Bal	\$1,298.33
Deposit	48.00
Expenses	(28.00)
5-30-09 Bal	\$1,318.33

*John Cockrum
Treasurer*

Name That Person

Can you name this Grand Prairie Genealogical Society member?



Last Month's photo:
A very young John Wylie and his twin brothers arm.

Research Assistance

Grand Prairie Genealogical Society is providing research assistance in the Genealogy Room at the main library. During our May session society members Karen Brown and Richard Waller volunteered. Our next Beginners Time will be from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm the third Thursday night of the month, June 18, 2009.

Member Profile

John Wylie

I'm a Michigan native who left as soon as I finished college in 1964. My first Air Force assignment was in Arizona. Loving the warmth, I transferred to the Philippines, where I met Maria Kondo. Married nine years, we produced three future genealogists, JJ, LJ (Joe) and TJ (Tiara). As a single father, I met and fell in love with Barbara Brixey Collier. After my three and her two (Cliff and Kelly) ganged up on us to marry, we capitulated in 1978, and look forward to our 31st anniversary this summer. I learned a lesson from this. Always listen to a committee of five children, especially if one of them is bigger than you.

Our Air Force career took us to world class vacation spots like Wichita Falls, Valdosta (Georgia) and Hawaii, doing interesting things like managing the medical command center for Operation Homecoming, the returning American POWs and evacuating casualties from Southeast Asia. Commanding the Brooks Air Force Base Clinic in San Antonio topped off that career.

When I, really we, completed our USAF career in the Medical Service Corps, we moved to Garland in 1990 to set up a genealogy business and be nearer to our then only grandchild. In 1992 Barb quit her 'job' to join full time in the business. It soon became clear that something was wrong with our location. At least three times a week we drove across Dallas county to watch a five year old play soccer or t-ball. Since our children refused to move to Garland and experience the cheerful daily commute to their jobs in Grand Prairie, we

finally realized that perhaps we should do something. After a thorough analysis of this brick wall and with all sources thoroughly cited, we found the answer to our puzzle. Grandpa and Grandma would move, not the Texas grandkids, who by then numbered three. So in 1998 we made our eighth house change together, this time to Grand Prairie where it would be easier to spoil our growing herd of grandchildren. Of course, another bonus from this move is clear, we could join GPGS! We've now lived here longer than in any other location since we were children and call it home.

Currently in my second term as national secretary of the Association of Professional Genealogists and in my second year on the Texas State Genealogical Society's Board, I've held other positions in various genealogical organizations including, GENTECH, NGS, DGS, and worked on a number of national conference committees, spoken at more than a hundred national and local conferences in 29 states, and written books and articles.

In my earlier years I continued a family tradition started by my grandfather of working with Scouting. As my bones began to hurt, I changed my focus from camping to church, having discovered that sleeping on pews beats sleeping on frozen ground. I currently serve as chair of the AV team at First United Methodist Church Grand Prairie. Barb and I served on the committee that wrote the 125 year history of that Church.

**And in the end,
It's not the years in your life
that count.
It's the life in your years.**

~Abraham Lincoln

Loss of a Friend

Rosaline Tilley Baker

Born November 7, 1930 on the family farm in Canadian County, Oklahoma to parents Leroy and Bessie Tilley, passed away to be with her Lord on Sunday, May 3rd, 2009 in Dallas, Texas. Rosaline was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Woodrow Baker. Her survivors include son Rodney Baker and wife Mary of Amarillo; daughter Shannon Beall and her husband Steve of Grand Prairie; daughter Tanya Haggard and husband Clay of Frisco; 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Rosaline graduated from Hinton High School, Hinton, Oklahoma, and Wesley School of Nursing, Oklahoma City. She earned a BS in nursing from East Texas State University. Rosaline worked at clinics and hospitals in Oklahoma City, Wichita, KS and Grand Prairie. When Rosaline retired from nursing she was an Infection Control Practitioner at DFW Medical Center, Grand Prairie. Rosaline was a member of the Turnpike Church of Christ in Grand Prairie. She enjoyed travel, crosswords, University of Oklahoma sports and tracing her family history. Rosaline was a longtime member of the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society and served in the office of secretary for many years.

Member News

Thanks to our very own three musketeers, Karen Hamilton, Doris Kettlehut, and Jan Barrett for their great presentation last month. These traveling ladies showed how they plan a major road-research trip and displayed the findings of their most recent trip.

Workshops/Conferences

DGS Summer Institute Land and Court – Special Topics Lloyd Bockstruck, FNGS & Patricia Law Hatcher, FUGA

From colonial land records, land causes, and bounty land to court records, state statues, and legislative journals.
July 23-25, 2009

Federation of Genealogical Societies 2009 Annual Conference Passages Through Time September 2-5, 2009

Little Rock Statehouse Convention Center
Little Rock, Arkansas

Grand Prairie Genealogical Society Centennial Celebration Lock-In October 23, 2009 Grand Prairie Memorial Library

Texas State Genealogical Society San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society Present

2009 Genealogy with a Mission
Speaker: Craig R. Scott, CG
Colonial & Military Records
November 6-7, 2009
Omni Hotel San Antonio

Thank You

Thank you to Becky and Beau Garland for refreshments at our May meeting.

**A pack rat is hard to live with,
but makes a fine ancestor.**

Our Library

The Grand Prairie Genealogical Society exists to support family history research and the Genealogical Collection of the Grand Prairie Memorial Library. The genealogical collection is located at the Main Branch, 901 Conover Drive. The library may be contacted at 972-237-5700. The libraries hours of operation are listed below:

Monday	10am to 9pm
Tuesday	10am to 9pm
Wednesday	10am to 6pm
Thursday	10am to 9pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	9am to 6pm
Sunday	1pm to 5pm

Visit GP libraries online at:
www.gptx.org/library

In The Coming Months

Below is a listing of the programs planned for the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

July 2nd: Ant-less Picnic

**MAKE YOUR FAVORITE DISH,
CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITE
TREASURE, AND INVITE YOUR
FAVORITE FRIEND AND JOIN
GPGS FOR A GREAT NIGHT.**

August 4th: John and Barb Wylie

Our very own John and Barbara Wylie will be speaking at our August General Meeting.

Cynthia Jones
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Have a Query?

E-mail your query to gpgstx@yahoo.com,
Queries will be printed as space allows.

Public Events

Thursday-Saturday, June 4-6

United Southeast Neighborhood garage sale
9 a.m.-5 p.m., boundaries are Jefferson,
SE 14th, Skyline, Gramley, and SW 3rd
972-916-1402

Sunday, June 14

AirHogs vs. Pensacola - family Sunday,
DFW Humane Society adoptions
6:05 p.m., QuikTrip Ballpark, 1600 Lone Star
Parkway, www.airhogsbaseball.com

Thursday, June 18

Lifeline Freedom Luncheon
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S.
Carrier Parkway
Tickets \$25, RSVP by June 11 to
jwalker@bonairservice.com

Dear Uncle Leon

Dear Uncle Leon,

While researching a census record of a relative I noticed an unusual entry under the Citizenship section for naturalization or Alien - I had always seen the initials "N" or "Al", but on this relatives in the 1920 census it said "PA". Can you identify the meaning of "PA".

~Questioning

Dear Questioning~

The notation PA means "First Papers Applied". The relative in question had applied for Naturalization. Note that you may see A or AL = Alien; NA = Naturalized; NR = Not Reported; PA = First Papers Filed. Thanks for the question and happy searching.

Websites of Interest

PoliticalGraveyard.com - Comprehensive source of U.S. political biography that tells where many dead politicians are buried.

Linkpendium.com - A collection of genealogy links categorized by region and surname.

Geneanet.org - A collection of family trees, community, and submitted records.

AncientFaces.com - Share genealogy research, community pages, family photos & records.

GenWed.com - Online marriage records, where to order, some indexes, and more.

GenealogyLinks.net - Links to free sites, arranged by state and county.

WorldRoots.com - European nobility and German reference material.

ProGenealogists.com - Website created by professional genealogists with links, instruction, data, and reference aids.

KindredTrails.com - Links to genealogy and data websites.

USGenWeb.com - A group of volunteers working together to provide free genealogy websites for genealogical research in every county and every state of the United States.

Extractions

The Grand Prairie Genealogical Society expresses its sincere thanks to society member Ruth Goodman, for her continued extractions from the "Grand Prairie Texan". The following pages are from February 11, 1910 issues.

FRIDAY, February 11, 1910
GRAND PRAIRIE TEXAN

AN ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the City Council of Grand Prairie That a levy of 25 cents on each \$100 valuation, both real and personal, be and is hereby levied on all property within the corporate limits of Grand Prairie on Jan. 1, 1910. This ordinance to take effect from and after its passage and publication. **S. P. LIVELY**, Mayor, **GEO. A RITCHIE**, Sec.

BEAR CREEK SIFTINGS

As it has been quite awhile since we were represented in the newsy Texan, we come with a few dots regarding the general welfare of our vicinity. Health is good for this season and peace and harmony still prevail in our section.

The farmers are turning the soil for another crop. Last year crops were short and the year before the floods ruined them, and they are up against the real thing; however, they have started in this year with high hopes and glad hearts.

Mrs. PRESLEY of Fort Worth, who has been visiting friends and relatives here for several days, returned home this week.

Miss BERTHA TOLIVER, one of the teachers of the public schools of Dallas, visited homefolks this week.

BUD DEVOE, who lives southwest of your city, was in our midst recently on business.

DINK FULBRIGHT, who lives near the lake, was in your town Tuesday trading.

Mr. WALCOTT is having some mud holes near the school house filled this week.

HAYDEN TRIGG, candidate for sheriff, passed through here recently; all the farmers waving hands at their choice for sheriff.

J. G. JORDAN of the Corbit vicinity was in our midst this week.

LOUIS FRY, who lives on the Irving route, was in Grand Prairie with a load of cotton this week.

JAMES FOSTER has moved in our vicinity from Irving to take charge of his farm.

SAM STEARNS, who has been a foreman at Cement City for some time, has moved into our community for his health.

GEORGE WYATT and family of Grapevine visited **Mrs. WYATT's** parents, **Mr. and MRS. STEARNS**.

Say, Mr. Editor, we will give you a special invitation to come over and eat melons with us this summer. X-RAY

[Thanks - you can depend on us, for that's where we shine. ED.]

R. M. CLARK for County Attorney: In this week's issue, you will find the announcement of **R. M. CLARK** for County attorney of Dallas County, before the Democratic primary. **Mr. CLARK** is a Missourian by birth. After graduating from the State Normal of that state, he came to Dallas county, when but a boy and taught school at Lancaster three years, then studied law and was admitted to the bar in Dallas. He located at Waxahachie and began the practice of law. In 1886 he was elected County Attorney of Ellis County, which office he held two terms and his friends say he made a

splendid record. In 1890 he moved back to Dallas, where he has resided continuously and continued his practice. Four years ago he made the race for County Attorney of Dallas county, and of nine candidates, held second place, being defeated by **Mr. LEWELLING** by a small plurality. In August, 1907, **Mr. LEWELLING** tendered him the place he now holds in the Criminal District Court.

Since **Mr. CLARK** has had charge of that court, he has tried by himself 239 felony cases, eight of which were murder cases, securing 221 convictions, losing only 18 cases. In addition to this, he assisted **Mr. LEWELLING** in the prosecution of 31 murder cases, securing 28 convictions, five being death penalties and several life sentences, losing only three cases out of 31.

If elected, he promises to give his personal attention to the prosecution of cases in the Criminal District Court and to appoint the best men he can get to fill the various other places in the county attorney's office and guarantees prompt and courteous treatment to all who may have business with that office.

CAIN LOCAL NEWS: Preparations for another crop in this neighborhood are about complete.

Mrs. GEORGIA GRAY returned Saturday from Arlington where she spent the week with her mother and sisters.

J. B. NASH moved back to his old home last Saturday on **Mrs. GRAY's** farm.

DR. CRAVEN passed through here en route to Florence Hill on professional business.

Mr. and Mrs. SARGENT were the guests of **MRS. GRAY** Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. OLIN MOUSER visited **JOE TATUM** and family Sunday.

Aunt **JOE BOWEN** is right sick with la grippe this week.

Mrs. ELLA NASH and children spent Monday afternoon with **JOE TATUM** and family.
BLUE BELL

FROM FISH CREEK: The recent rain has brought joy and gladness to the farmers as it increased crop prospects.

MAMIE GOINS and two children of **JIM ADAIR** are reported on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. HENRY MARTIN and **J. H. VINSELL** and family spent Sunday with **BEVA VINSELL** and family.

WALTER AUSTIN of Britton was the guest of **M. H. COLE** Sunday.

MRS. J. H. VINSELL spent Monday with **MRS. HENRY MARTIN**.

The road completed recently is much help to our mail carrier, **JOHN L. STUBBS**, when he rides his motorcycle. He has a variety of vehicles to use when it is muddy. **BLUE BIRD**

OWENS-ROBERTS WEDDING: On Thursday evening, Feb. 3rd, 1910, at St. Matthew's Cathedral, Dallas, **Mr. J. THOMAS OWENS** and **Miss VIRGINIA ROBERTS** were united in marriage. **Mr. OWENS** is manager of the **G. W. OWENS LUMBER YARD** at this place and is well and favorably known to our people, who extend congratulations to the young couple and wish them much joy and happiness through life.

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