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Photo Editing and Digital Scrapbooking

Learn a few editing techniques to enhance and repair your images (old or new), then discover creative ways to turn those photos into scrapbook memories that help tell your family's story for future generations. See how to add journaling and embellishments to your pages and examine ways to share them with family and friends.

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Refreshments and Conversation at 6:30 PM
 Program at 7:00 PM
 Grand Prairie Memorial Library
 901 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie

Cynthia Jones
 Vice President of Programs

Save the Date and Invite Your Friends

The Grand Prairie Genealogical Society
 Proudly Presents
Lloyd D. Bockstruck

April 7, 2010
 Monthly Meeting
 6:30 PM Refreshments and Conversation
 7:00 PM Program

The April monthly meeting of the GPGS will be a night of hearing about the use of timelines in genealogy from Lloyd D. Bockstruck.

See Lloyd's biography on page 21.

Visitors Are Always Welcome

March Refreshments provided by
 Cynthia Jones and Beau and Becky Garland

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From the Gavel

From the Gavel--

As individual genealogists, we appreciate the value of networking with one another and pooling our efforts to research and preserve information. Genealogical societies, libraries, archives and historical societies also benefit from networking together and pooling efforts. John and I recently attended the first Texas State Genealogical Society board meeting of 2010 and I am excited about working with all the TSGS Partner Societies, both as the current President of the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society and as the TSGS District II Representative, which includes Tarrant County and eight other counties in North Texas.

The Texas State Genealogical Society celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. That's fifty years of promoting, developing and conserving the genealogical and historical resources of our state in cooperation with every level of the genealogical world, from local to national. The GPGS Board has voted to renew membership in TSGS. For a mere \$25.00 per year, here are some of the opportunities being a Partner Society offers this year:

- An indexed 80-page quarterly, *Stirpes*, filled with family histories and brick-wall breakthroughs, transcriptions of county records, indexes to old newspapers, news of coming events, research tips and the opportunity to submit your request for information about your ancestor. If you join TSGS as an individual member, you will receive your own copy of *Stirpes*. Partner societies receive one copy—the GPGS copy is always in the Genealogy Room of GPPL.
- The TSGS Records Preservation and Access Committee watches what's going on in Austin and in the 254 counties of Texas to prevent loss of, or denial of access to, public records.

They also work with the national Records and Preservation Access Committee.

- Annually, TSGS gives local societies and various archives grants ranging from \$500 to \$20,000 to help fund preservation and publishing of historical documents. GPGS plans to apply for a grant to help defray the cost of our Cemetery Indexing Project.
- TSGS has a writing competition that last year awarded a total of \$4,000 to winners. This includes categories for youth as well as adults. Many of these entries are published in *Stirpes*. Partner societies participate in competitions for websites, quarterlies/journals, newsletters (*Roots 'n Branches* won in 2008), and other publications.
- Members pay a discounted rate to attend the TSGS annual conference. This year's conference will be November 4 - 6 in Waco. The featured speaker will be Barbara Vines Little, a noted expert on Virginia and the South, but there will also be break-out sessions for topics such as resources at specific repositories, ethnic groups, lineage societies, digital photography, sharing ideas with officers from other societies, and DNA. I hope that many GPGS members will attend at least one day of the annual conference.
- The redesigned TSGS website www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~TXSGS will launch March 1st. Visit it often to see what TSGS and its various partner societies are doing to help genealogists everywhere.

It's a great year to be a member of the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society and a great year for GPGS to be a Texas State Genealogical Society Partner Society!

Happy researching!

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Barbara Brixey Wylie
President, 2009 - 2010

In Remembrance

George Jewett Adams 1914 - 2010

George Jewett Adams (95) of Grand Prairie passed away February 6, 2010 in Arlington. He was born to John Jewett and Florence Ethel Burt Adams July 5, 1914 in Union, SC. George married Lillie Marie Cook November 22, 1936 in Abilene.

Left behind to cherish his memory are daughters BarBara Adams-Matthews and husband Walter, of Dallas and Joan E Hartley of Arlington, sons Jim Adams and wife Faith Ann of Grand Prairie, Robert Parker Adams and wife Jessie of Winter Park, Florida. Grandchildren Matt and Tari Matthews, Marcie and Don Fincher, Melodie and John Cottingham, Amanda and Mike Hunt, Karen and Selwyn Gay, Robert Paul Hartley, Robin and Guy Evans, Carrie and Devin Simper along with Amy Marie and Mark Hann. Seven Great-Grandchildren: Coleman and Alexandra Fincher, Justin Wayne and Robert Paul Hartley Jr., Harlow and Harrison Hunt and Helena Gay.

George was the oldest of six boys and there are many great stories. The surviving brothers and spouses are John Adams of Laramie, WY, Terry Adams of Cheyenne, WY, Don and wife Lois Adams of Las Vegas, NV, Burt and wife Nettie Adams of Edmond, OK, and Edward and wife Robbie Adams of Arlington. George is preceded in death by his wife of 49 years Lillie Marie Adams, his brother Richard Adams and half brother (John Henry Jr.) Robert Swain. George also left behind his good friend Earlene Sengbush of Grand Prairie and the Neighbors of the Pecan Acres Association.

George served the Grand Prairie community for 61 years as an Engineer, Insurance Representative and as Owner of Adams Reproduction and Adams Overhead Door Companies. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Lion's Club. He was a Charter Life Underwriter (CLU) plus a member of the Million Dollar Round Table. He was a charter season ticket holder at the Gopher Bowl maintaining his family box seats for over 60 years. Also he was Precinct Chairman and Judge for over forty years along with being an active member of both the Grand Prairie and Dallas County Genealogical Societies. George was proud to have his pilot license along with being an accomplished Captain of his sail boat. He served as Elder and was a Charter Member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Grand Prairie. Previous to that, he and his family were active members of Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Mr. Adams served as Clerk of the Session of both congregations over a 60 year span. He served on the Building Committee of St. Stephen Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth.

Member news

Society member Sharon Wilson recently spent 52 days in the hospital. It was great to see Sharon up and around again at our February society general meeting.

***Behold the turtle.
He makes progress only
when he sticks his neck out.***

*-James Bryant Conant 1893-1978
American Chemist, diplomat, and educator*

Member Profile

Thomas James Cogdell

I was born 19 Aug 1934 in Quanah, TX to Thomas Houston Cogdell and Willie Josephine (Kennon) Cogdell. My full name is Thomas James Cogdell and subsequently my brother John Richard and sister Josephine Elaine joined us there.

The Cogdell line came to America when a group of refugees from the Palatine area fled Germany by way of Holland and England before taking ship to land at New Bern, North Carolina in 1730. Later generations came by way of Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas to Texas where my grandparents arrived in Quanah in 1921.

The first American Kennon was Richard Kennon, known as a land owner near the Appomattox River in Virginia in 1670. His origin, though unproven, is very likely England, for he was the agent of an English company in the area of Bermuda Hundred, as well as dealing in his own right in tobacco and land speculation. As the Virginia lands were used up, Kennons went south and west via North Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. My gggrandfather and ggrandfather arrived in Panola County, Texas in 1870. My gggrandfather moved several times before arriving at Bono, a small community in Johnson County, TX in 1889. There they stayed, so the Bono Cemetery is the resting place of my gggrandparents, grandparents, several aunts and uncles, and many cousins.

In 1940 my parents separated and my mother brought us to the Bono homestead. She taught and I began school at Bono School, a small county school with eight grades and four teachers total. During World War II, teaching jobs became available to married women and we

ended up in Electra, TX, where I graduated high school in 1951. By then my parents had reconciled, but my father remained in military service and was seldom with us. We spent every summer in Bono helping with the harvest. I learned all the jobs, working during threshing season with my uncles and cousins, and with my grandfather in handling cattle. Furthermore, there was a family gathering every Sunday afternoon for talk, games and watermelon or ice cream.

I attended Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, TX, played in the band, and graduated in 1955 with a major in chemistry. I worked for Dow Chemical Company in Freeport, TX until 1958, except for six months active duty in the US Army. I enrolled at the University of Texas in Austin and was fortunate to meet and marry Alice Elena Conkle there. After she got her education degree and I my Master's degree, we went to Cambridge, MA. She taught school and I got my Ph. D. degree in 1965 from Harvard University. Our daughter Virginia Carroll was born in Boston.

I worked a post-doctoral year in research at Bell Telephone Laboratories in Murray Hill, NJ. Our son Kennon James was born in Summit, NJ.

We came to Arlington in 1966, where I taught in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Texas at Arlington for 33 years, retiring in 1999. We had twin sons Paul Thomas and David Earl born in Arlington. After the children were all in school, Elena taught at several Arlington schools as well as earning a Master's degree from the University of North Texas and a Ph. D. from Texas Woman's University. She retired in 1998 as Assistant Principal of Butler Elementary School.

Both of us began studying family history after retirement. She had several generations of her Conkle and McNeal lines that her mother had written out. She has proven patriot ancestors and joined the Daughters of the American Revolution. I had a Kennon aunt who had organized Kennon reunions every three years who passed on all of her letters and records to me. We both enjoy adding to our family stories.

In The Coming Months

April 7, 2010
Lloyd Bockstruck

Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, the son of Harry Earl Bockstruck and Olive Elsie Blakenship, was born in Vandalia, Illinois. He graduated with an A.B. cum laude in biology and history from Greenville College in 1967. Mr. Bockstruck received an M.A. in Modern European History from Southern Illinois University in 1969 and an M.S. in Library Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana in 1973. He received a certificate from the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, Samford University, in June 1973. Mr. Bockstruck was a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Department of History, Southern Illinois University, 1967-69. He served as a secondary teacher and librarian at Mombasa Baptist High School in Mombasa, Kenya, 1969-71, and was a Graduate Assistant in the School of Library Science at the University of Illinois, 1971-73. He joined the Dallas Public Library in 1973. From 1974 to 1991 he served as an instructor in the School of Continuing Education, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. He is the senior ranking faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, Samford University, having joined in 1974. He also was on the faculty of the Genealogical Institute of Mid-America for ten years. Lloyd Bockstruck has been Supervisor of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas (Texas) Public Library since 1973. He is also a prolific writer, recently ending seventeen years of publishing a weekly genealogy column in the Dallas Morning News. Thanks to that newsletter's web site, readers all over the world have enjoyed his column.

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The Folks Who Made Grand Prairie

DR. CHARLES DANIEL CUPP, MD
February 4, 1881-June 5, 1985

GRAND PRAIRIE PHYSICIAN FOR OVER 25 YEARS

From the banks of Jim Ned Creek in Coleman County to East Main Street in Grand Prairie, Dr. Charles D. Cupp lived a fascinating life in service to his fellow man.

He was born to James and Jeanette Cupp on February 4, 1881. His first years were typical for a young boy living in West Central Texas. He attended a small rural school. Before he was grown, the family moved to Whitney. When his early formal education ended, Dr. Cupp got wanderlust and went to Beaumont. He had learned much about machinery while living and working on the family farm. This helped him get a job in a machine shop. As an adventurous 22-year-old, he learned of job openings in Douglas, Arizona and traveled west where he was hired in the smelter at the copper mines. While employed in the smelter, he enrolled in a correspondence course from the Scranton School of Correspondence in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

One stormy afternoon after work, he decided to take a short cut to the boarding house where he lived. He crossed an area over the tram route where hot molten slag was carried to the dump. The ground gave way and he fell into the path of a car loaded with hot slag. He was burned extensively over his legs, arms and face. All four fingers on his right hand were burned off and doctors worked all night to save his life. Thirty three miners contributed skin grafts

to aid in his recovery. After three months in the hospital, he returned to Texas. He stayed at home for approximately 18 months before going to Kansas City where a brother lived and he could receive further treatments on his burned skin.

Impressed by the skill and dedication of the doctors who saved his life, he enrolled in the University of Kansas as a premed student. Two years into college, he married Annie Virginia Richards, a girl he knew in Whitney, Texas.

In 1910, he was accepted as a medical student in Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. His wife and son Richard remained at home while he worked at whatever jobs he could get in New Orleans. He maintained high grades in school and sent money to his family. In his senior year, he was selected to teach anatomy to the undergraduates. Upon graduating in 1912, he was offered a teaching position to do research. A year later, he opened his first practice in Peoria, Texas, near Whitney.

Between Peoria and 1941, the couple had two more children—Louis and Albert—while he practiced medicine in the oil fields of Ranger (Desdemona), and Breckenridge, where he founded a hospital. Following the oil boom, he moved to Kilgore and Tyler. He perfected his surgical skills by performing operations on patients on the back porches of their homes or anywhere he could operate.

In 1941, the threat of war was looming and a new defense plant was being built in Grand Prairie. Dr Cupp felt that the city would need another doctor to keep up with the increased population. Finding no office space available, he purchased land. Mayor Turner, being a shrewd business man, would not sell him only one lot so Dr. Cupp bought a large plot of ground off Small Street.

He set up an office in a house he built and began to practice medicine. After his practice grew, he applied for a federal loan to help build a hospital in Grand Prairie but he found that Mayor Turner had written a letter stating that Grand Prairie did not need a hospital. Undaunted, Dr. Cupp went to a banker friend in Tyler who helped him obtain funding and build his hospital at 1114 East Main. Mayor Turner later became one of his patients. Dr. Cupp gained a reputation for never refusing to treat a patient who came to his clinic.

A new druggist at Cicero’s drug store took a call from Dr. Cupp prescribing antibiotics and sulfa drugs for the flu. Dr. Cupp talked rapidly. The druggist wasn’t sure that he’d heard correctly and asked a co-worker what had been prescribed. The answer was he had one for children and one for adults, only the dosage was different.

When we saw Dr. Cupp, our shots came with a shoe full of alcohol because he liberally sterilized the area where the shot was to be given with alcohol and the excess ran down the leg into the shoe.

Dr. Cupp’s Clinic was open every Sunday morning to treat the sick. At 11:00 a.m., he closed and went to church. He gave Boy Scouts and their Troop Leaders free physical exams prior to summer camp. This was, he said, his good deed as some of the boys could not afford the cost.

He never carried malpractice insurance because he believed if you treated people properly, there would not be any lawsuits. In some respects, he was ahead of his time. He told patients to “limit fried vittles,” eat a big breakfast, a small lunch and no supper

after 4:00 p.m. This final meal of the day, he said, was to be the lightest.

While Dr. Cupp treated thousands of patients during his practice of medicine, there came a time when his wife Annie became ill. He did all he could to save her. In spite of his efforts, she died November 17, 1968. He continued to treat patients until his vision began to fail and in 1976, after 60 years as a medical doctor, he decided not to renew his license. He lived until he was 104 yrs old and died in 1985.

Dr Cupp was good for Grand Prairie and Grand Prairie was good for Dr. Cupp.

*Submitted by
Davis and Mary Lou Hopkins*

Volunteer Opportunities

Your chance to volunteer to help with society projects is at hand. Contact Regina Shumaker, Cemetery Project Chairperson. Contact Jan Barrett, Scrapbook Project Chairperson. You may also contact John Wylie about organizing a project of your own.

Financial Report

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

Balance on 01-31-10	\$1,711.46
Deposits	30.00
Expenses	50.00
Balance on 02-28-10	\$1,691.46

John Cockrum
Treasurer

Name That Person

Can you name this Grand Prairie Genealogical Society member?



Last Month's photo:
Tom Cogdell

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

Workshops/Conferences

Clayton Library Friends Welcomes
Dick Eastman
Saturday, March 27, 2010
Houston, Texas

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

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East Texas Genealogical Society
Saturday, April 10, 2010, 2:00 p.m.
Tyler Public Library – Taylor Auditorium
Speaker: Tresa Taturek
Program: "Family Tree Maker 10"

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National Genealogical Society
April 28- May 5, 2010
Salt Palace Convention Center
Salt Lake City, Utah
www.ngsgenealogy.org/Conferences/2010/

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Federation of Genealogical Society
August 18-21, 2010
Rediscovering America's First Frontier
Knoxville, Tennessee
<http://www.fgs.org/2010conference/index.php>

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Texas State Genealogical Society
November 4-6, 2010
50th Birthday Celebration
Bridging Generations
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsgs/>

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 the February 25, 1910 issue.

Grand Prairie Texan February 25, 1910

LOCAL NEWS

Plant some shade trees now.

H. M. LUCAS and wife of Sowers spent Sunday with H. J. LUCAS.

A Mr. MITCHELL of West Texas was prospecting here Wednesday.

Miss Lula SEALS of Shady Grove spent Sunday with the family of T. J. LUSK.

Miss Bertie SPENCER of Dallas spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. C. SIKES.

The additional oven recently installed at the cracker factory is now in operation.

Mrs. H. C. DINKINS of Terrell is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. P. MOORING.

W. I. BRITTON had a gravel sidewalk put down in front of his place of business Monday.

W. D. KING is another of our subscribers who doesn't like to read The Texan on a credit.

R. B. MANNING, Grand Prairie, and Miss Bertha BIRD, Barstow, are new Texan readers this week.

H. H. COOMER of Garland was here last Friday on a business mission and visited his brother, Charlie.

Eugene and Miss Josie WEATHERFORD of Fort Worth spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. John SMITH.

Dr. M. S. O'BRIEN of Dallas was here Tuesday getting charter members for a Knights & Ladies of Honor lodge at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. HARSTON and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. POOL were visitors at Florence

Hill Sunday, the guests of C. B. POOL and family.

Politics in Grand Prairie are boiling over, even on the coldest days. The box will vote its full strength this year.

Mrs. M. WILLIAMS of Irving visited her son, H. J. LUCAS Sunday. She was accompanied by a Mrs. WILLIAMSON.

Jesse SMALL happened to the misfortune Monday of getting a finger severely mashed in some of the machinery at the cracker factory.

At the recent quarterly conference of the Methodist Church it was decided to dispose of the parsonage and expend the proceeds in the purchase of seats for the Church.

LOST - Tuesday night, Feb. 8, a white bone domino, double five, between Dr. COPELAND's and D. M. MILLER's residence. Finder will please return to this office.

Mr. I. N. WOMACH, who lives on Route 4, Arlington, was in town Saturday and gave the Texan a pleasant call and had the figures on his paper moved up.

Quick Fires are always secured when you use old papers for kindling. The Texan has several hundred for sale at 20 cents per hundred - enough to make fires all winter.

KIRKLAND & KIRKLAND gave a clever exhibition in Grand Prairie Tuesday night to a good sized audience.

Major P. A. GEE and John T. HARSTON have extended the gravel sidewalk which terminates at John T. SMITH's residence, to their places in Northwest Grand Prairie. Let the good work go on.

BUSINESS LOCALS

For sale - the cheapest house and lot in town. See STUBBS.

To exchange - buggy for stock. D. A. BRADSHAW

For sale - full blood white rock eggs. O. D. WITHERSPOON

For sale - seven vacant lots in East Grand Prairie.
J. J. FAGAN

For sale - native seed corn - \$1 in ear; \$1.50 shelled. S. J. KEAS

For sale - full blood Poland China sow and eight pigs. D. A. BRADSHAW

For sale - one new two-horse corn and cotton planter, at a bargain. O. D. WITHERSPOON

For sale - good second hand sewing machine for \$5.00. S. A. FISHBURN

For sale - two good work horses. Enquire of J. B. CAWARD before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m.
For sale - only two of my prize winners White Rock cockerels left. \$1.00 if taken at once. H. J. LUCAS

For sale - two brood mares and some nice drivers; also good work horse. D. A. BRADSHAW

Run an ad in our "Business Local" column three times for two cents a word.

Wood - got 100 cords of dry wood in a trade and will sell by cord, stove size or chunks, delivered if desired, or will trade for Jersey heifer calves. FISHBURN, PHONE 52.

For Sale or Trade - Three and one-half lots, each 50 x 200 feet, near the school building. East Front. A bargain at \$400. Terms. For further information, apply at my office at G. W. OWENS LUMBER YARD. P. A. GEEO.

If you want to buy anything, look for it in the business locals; if it is not advertised there, run a want ad for it. Two cents a word for three weeks, one cent a word for one week.

Mr. C. M. WEEKLEY, who visited relatives in Oak Cliff this week, came out Monday to take a look at our town. He was much impressed with our progressiveness, and expressed great confidence in the town's future.

An illustrated lecture on the people of Japan, their habits and customs will be presented by A. ICYDA and family at the Baptist Church 8 o'clock, Saturday night, Feb. 26. It will feature a lecture, sing songs and exhibit stereopticon view of their country. You and your friends can't afford to miss it. Come early. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Mistress - "Jane, I saw the milkman kiss you this morning. In the future, I will take the milk in." Jane - "Twouldn't be no use, mum. He's promised never to kiss anybody but me."

ADVERTISEMENT: Good Barbers are as welcome to a man who wants a shave or hair cut as good food is to the man who is hungry. Try us. We can please. S. L. SANDERS, Grand Prairie. Bath Room in connection.

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