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Three Musketeers Go On a Five State Genealogy Trip

Presented by society members; Doris **Kettlehut**, Karen **Hamilton** and Jan **Barrett**. They will share their first hand knowledge of planning and executing a trip in search of ancestor information. Doris **Kettlehut** joined GPGS in the late 1980's. She has lived in Grand Prairie over forty years. Genealogy is her hobby and passion. Karen **Hamilton** enjoys traveling, scrapbooking and genealogy. Karen lived in Grand Prairie for forty plus years. Her motor home is based in Midlothian. Jan **Barrett** is a native Texan and has lived in Grand Prairie all her life. She began doing genealogy about 35 years ago after attending family reunions and wondering how all the people were related. She belongs to eight heritage societies.

Refreshments will be provided by
 Richard Waller and
 Becky and Beau Garland

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

Regina Shumaker
 Vice President of Programs

2009-2010 Officer Elections

The following officers and directors were elected to the GPGS Executive Board by vote of the general membership during the societies April Meeting. Barbara Wylie, Peggy Norcross, Cynthia Jones served as the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee.

- Officer President: Barbara Wylie
 President-Elect: Regina Shumaker
 1st Vice-Pres. - Program: Cynthia Jones
 2nd Vice-Pres. - Newsletter: R. G. Waller
 Secretary: Shirley Willingham
 Treasurer: John Cockrum
- Directors Historian/Reporter: Carol Franklin
 Hospitality: Becky and Beau Garland
 Library Liaison: John Wylie
 Webmaster: Pamela Knight

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From the Gavel

AN AMAZING YEAR!

I have had the most amazing year! Grand Prairie Genealogical Society has the most wonderful people and it has been such a privilege to be your President. I have been lucky enough to see the work started under John Wylie finished. Both the Profiles for the City Centennial and our first annual Lock-In reached their full gestation under my administration. These were ideas conceived before me but I was able to enjoy their birth. But we will all see them grow and enjoy their benefits for years to come. But be ready because there is so much more to come. New ideas have been planted in the board and I know we will see them grow as well.

There are so many that I need to thank for all they have done so let me start by saying to you all, that without you, we would never have had the year we've had. Thanks to Richard Waller for his outstanding work on the Newsletter. It is because of his interest in genealogy and in getting valuable information out to you all that we received First Place recognized by the Texas State Genealogical Society for Roots & Branches this year. And John & Barb Wylie deserve a big pat on the back for all their work this year with the Grand Prairie Centennial committee and the Lock-In. It has been no small task and they have done it while dealing with family and health issues. Their efforts not only got us a booth at the Centennial Celebration but recognition from the city Historical Commission for the work we did on profiles for the upcoming book. Whenever it might come out! And thanks to all of you for your research and writing profiles. I believe that the articles we presented will give the society more exposure to the community and add a

wonder flavor to this publication. Barbs efforts and outline for our Annual Lock-In was an great hit! Thank you Regina, for the interesting programs. And to each member of the board I want to express my deepest appreciation. Without them, the rest of you would have been VERY bored this year. It is their work, month after month; their ideas and enthusiasm that have made this year exciting and rewarding. So, to the officers, directors, and members I want to say Thank You for your attendance and participation. And thank you for allowing me to serve as your President for the past year. It has truly been a blessing and I pray that many more of you will experience the joy I have had this year in serving this society.

Pamela Knight
President

Dear Uncle Leon

Dear Uncle Leon,
I'm new to researching my family and noticed that the 1890 census isn't listed, what happened?
~Questioning

Most of the 1890 census records were damaged on January 10, 1921, when a fire erupted in the basement of the U. S. Commerce Building. Firefighters flooded the basement with water. The flames didn't spread to upper floors, but the 1890 census records—piled outside a records storage vault—were soaked. (Even some of the census schedules stored inside the supposedly waterproof vault got wet.) The records sat in storage for awhile, with no restoration efforts made. Rumors circulated that they'd be disposed of; various groups protesting such measures were assured the rumors were unfounded. But sometime between 1933 and 1935, the records were destroyed along with other papers the Census Bureau deemed no longer necessary.

Red Cross WW I, WW II Records

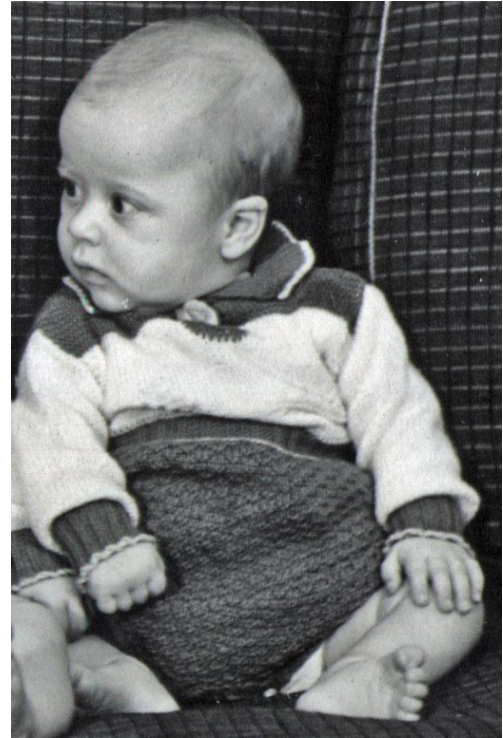
This is fantastic news! Original Red Cross records of WWI and some WWII casualties have been found at the Red Cross Headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland. Until recently, no one has asked to view them, so they have just been sitting in storage. There is a huge digitization program planned and they hope to have the record retrieval completed in time for the 100th anniversary of the start of WWI in 2014. A "new" archive has been discovered in Geneva Switzerland, see this BBC news story link below: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7940540.stm>

For anyone who had a family member or friend captured or killed in WW1 this is an amazing discovery, the military (especially the Germans) it seems was meticulous in reporting to the Red Cross on every fatality and capture. The record lists names, service numbers, where they were killed or captured, type of wounds, if killed "exactly" where they were buried etc. It should also now be possible to even identify many of the "unknown soldier" graves.

It seems that the copies of the Red Cross records supplied to the British during the war were destroyed and nobody until recently had thought about asking the Red Cross about their records (the originals) until a British researcher doing some work for the Australian government sent them a request for information. Intrigued by the list he received in response, he asked if he could have a look for himself. When he arrived, he was shocked at what he determined to be in excess of 20 million records, all neatly indexed and stored since WW1. He was amazed that nobody knew it still existed, he was told by the Red Cross that "nobody had asked until now. *Thanks to GPGS members Ruth and Wally Goodman for this great information.*

Name That Person

Can you name this Grand Prairie Genealogical Society member?



Last Month's photo:
Carol Franklin and her sister.

United States®
Census
2010

Census Day is next year on April 1, 2010. The City of Grand Prairie want you to have the answers to the question: Why Should I Fill Out My Census Form?

In March 2010, forms will be mailed throughout the U.S. kicking off the 23rd National Census. Should anyone question why they should fill out and return the forms, here are some facts about the Census that may not be widely known. Learn more at www.gptx.org/census.

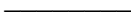
Workshops/Conferences

**National Genealogical Society
Conference In The States 2009**

**The Building of a Nation:
From Roanoke to the West**

May 13-16, 2009

North Carolina Genealogical Society
Raleigh, North Carolina



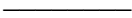
DGS Summer Institute

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 statutes,
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

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	9am to 6pm
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.

June 4th: TBA

July 2nd: Antless Picnic

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

*Regina Shumaker
Vice President of Programs*

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Have a Query?

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

Financial Report

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

3-30-09 Bal	\$1,294.73
Deposit	79.00
Expenses	(76.40)
4-30-09 Bal	\$1,298.33

John Cockrum
Treasurer

Research Assistance

Grand Prairie Genealogical Society is providing research assistance in the Genealogy Room at the main library. During our April session society members Pam Knight 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, May 21, 2009.

Member News

Best Wishes to Executive Board member and Historian/Reporter Carol Franklin for a very speedy recovery after recent shoulder surgery. Due to preoperative complications surgery was postponed from early April until just a week ago. Carol's photograph (along with her sister and their dolls) was featured in the April issue of Roots 'n Branches. Carol's member profile will appear in 'RNB' after her recovery.

Thank You

Thank you to John and Bonnie Cockrum and Cynthia Jones for the terrific refreshments at our April Meeting.

Websites of Interest

GenealogyToday.com - Genealogy Today includes instruction, reference articles, and includes some unique data collections.

AncestorHunt.com - A site consisting of collected genealogy links.

AccessGenealogy.com - A website that includes references to helpful articles, especially for Native American information, and some data.

EllisIsland.org - Database of passenger lists that is free to search. Actual passenger list images can be purchased.

CyndisList.com - A huge website dedicated to cataloguing genealogy website links.

Interment.net - Transcribed and indexed cemetery inscriptions.

USGennet.org - Historical and genealogical web hosting service.

Geni.com - Web 2.0 and focuses on genealogy community building and networking.

FamilyTreeMaker.com - Homepage for Ancestry.com's genealogical software.

SearchForAncestors.com - Interactive directory of free genealogy websites and data.

DistantCousin.com - An online archive of genealogy records and images of historical documents.

CousinConnect.com - A large free queries website.

GeneBase.com - A DNA ancestry cataloguing project .

TribalPages.com - Family trees hosting and charting program.

A Special Thank You

The GPGS Executive Board wishes to express its heartfelt Thank You to Stephen Knight, professional graphic artist and son of Pam Knight, who donating his time and energy into creating our new logo.

Do You Know Your States

See how you do in placing the states of the United States of America. All you do is look at the top of the page, right click your mouse on the image of the state and drag and drop the state where it belongs.

<http://jimspages.com:80/States.htm>

Thanks to President Elect Barb Wylie for this fun web link.

Public Events

Saturday, May 9

City General and Special Election

Monday, May 11 5:30 p.m.

Grand Prairie Police Memorial Service,
celebrating Peace Officer Memorial Week
801 Conover Drive, 972-237-8790

Thursday, May 21 11:30 a.m.

Grand Prairie Historical Organization Lunch
Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier Pkwy
Cost: \$5 members and \$10 non-members
RSVP to 972-262-5151

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 4, 1910 issues.

FRIDAY, February 4, 1910
GRAND PRAIRIE TEXAN

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE: State of Texas versus **A. D. ALDRIDGE** and wife, **SALLIE K. ALDRIDGE** relating to Deed from **E. G. EBERLE** and wife, **ANNIE I. E. EBERLE**.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE: State of Texas vs. **ROBT. REED** relating to Deed from **DAN JONES** to **ROBERT REED**.

You are invited to a RICH FEAST. Come and bring your friends. Songs and Sermons by the Best at the First Baptist Church, Grand Prairie, Monday Night, Feb. 7th to Sunday Night, Feb. 13th.

PROGRAM:

Monday Night, Feb. 7th, 7:30
Rev. W. W. HORNER of Dallas
 Tuesday, Feb. 8, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. **Rev. D. C. HARDIN** of Dallas
 Wednesday, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Rev. J. J. KELLAM, Oak Cliff
 Thursday, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Rev. J. H. SNOW of Dallas
 Friday, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Rev. J. F. BLACK of Dallas
 Saturday, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Dr. F. D. Hale of Dallas

Sunday, Feb. 13th
 11 a.m. Sermon by
Dr. J. B. GAMBRELL of Dallas
 3 p.m. Sermon by
Dr. GEO W. TRUETT of Dallas
 7:30 p.m. Sermon by
W. R. COVINGTON of Dallas

Arrange now to attend all services. A great Religious Rally on Sunday afternoon. Be sure to come. **GEORGE WEST**, Pastor, Grand Prairie

ADVERTISEMENTS

ONLY TWO MORE DAYS: We will leave your city Saturday night at 11 o'clock, Feb. 5th. You can buy goods for the next two days cheaper than ever before. **BOWERS & RUSSELL**

If Quality and Price has anything to do with a store's reputation, we are at the top; because our goods are bought to stand the test and we are satisfied with a low profit, as quick sales mean more money and fresher Groceries and Feed stuffs. **T. L. BADGETT** Our Motto: "Live and Let Live."

DO YOU TRADE WITH US? If you don't, we are both losing money. Come to our store and give us a trial order and be convinced. Our Grocery Department is always complete with just the things you want, and we are anxious to serve you. Try us. **J. D. DUNCAN**

JUST ARRIVED: A full line of Plow and Farm Bolts. Complete line of Hardware, Ridge Row, Valley Tin, Sash Weight and Sash Cord. Large line of door butts and knob locks and everything needed in the Builders' Hardware line. **J. W. COLE, H. J. LUCAS**, Manager.

Pure Home Rendered Lard and Tallow. We pay the highest market prices for Hogs and Cattle. **The Star Market, GARVIN & WITHERSPOON**, Props.

Dallas Rubber and Cycle Co., Bicycles, Sundries and Repairs.
 310 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas, Phone Main 698

C. L. SMITH Restaurant and Confectionery, Cold Drinks. Short orders served at all hours. Chile and Roast a Specialty. **Busby Building**, Grand Prairie, Texas.

W. J. ROBERTSON, Dealer in all kinds of Fresh Meat. Pay highest cash price for Cattle,

Hogs, etc. Bring us your Chickens, Eggs, Butter.

GRAND PRAIRIE TEXAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1910

CONE JOHNSON WILL SPEAK: The Texan is authorized to announce that Hon. **CONE JOHNSON**, candidate for Governor, will speak here Monday night, Feb. 14th, at 8 o'clock. Everybody, ladies and gentlemen, old and young, antis and pros, **BAILEY** and anti-**BAILEY** men are cordially invited to come and hear the issues advocated by **Mr. JOHNSON**.

HAYDEN TRIGG FOR SHERIFF: In this issue of The Texan, **HAYDEN TRIGG**, of Grand Prairie, announces his candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Dallas County. **MR. TRIGG** needs no introduction to the people of the western section of Dallas County, he having resided in and near here all his life. He resigned his position as Chief Deputy under **Sheriff LEDBETTER** in December to make the race, after having been connected with the Sheriff's department a number of years.

While deputy, he was the means of ferreting out and bringing to justice some of the most noted criminals in the annuals of the county, possessing unswerving sagacity and indomitable courage and invariably accomplishing the end sought the qualities so essential in a public peace officer. **HAYDEN TRIGG**, as he is generally known, believes in a square deal and the impartial enforcement of the law, and he can be relied upon for fidelity to duty and faithful and efficient service.

Mr. TRIGG has no promises to make as to his course of conduct if elected, and he submits himself to the suffrage of the voters of Dallas County upon his past record as an

officer and respectfully ask that merit and qualifications be considered in the selection of the man for the place to which he aspires.

SATURDAY SPECIALS: We off for one day only the following: 50 lb. sack Cottonwhite Flour for \$1.65; 50 lb. sack Blue Bonnet Flour for \$1.55; 5-lb. package of oats for 20 cents and 50 packages of Garden Seed for \$1.00. **MEANS BROTHERS & CO.**

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION: On Sunday, Jan. 2, the **WOMAN'S HOME MISSION** held an open meeting at the Methodist Church at 11 o'clock a.m. Opening with song and prayer, the President, **Mrs. FAGAN**, made a brief but earnest talk and introduced **Mrs. J. N. PORTER** of Dallas, an official of Dallas district, who presented Home Mission work in a clear and convincing manner. **Mrs. PORTER** spoke of the magnitude of our work, and the consecration needed and urged us to be more zealous and press forward with greater determination to do more for the cause of Christ. We hope to have her with us again.

Monday, Jan. 24th, we met at the hospitable home of **Mrs. S. A. FISHBURN**, this being our regular social meeting. Some business transacted, refreshments were served, with **Mrs. J. T. SMITH** giving a select reading. A large number were present. One new member added.

Monday, Jan. 31st, being 5th Monday, no regular meeting was held, the afternoon devoted to sick visiting and committee work.

Monday, Feb. 7th, was business meeting and yearly election of officers. Many old officers were re-elected.

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