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Judy Knight

Seeking a Better Life: Immigration

America is seen as the "Land of Opportunity." It was no different for our ancestors who began arriving in the New World in the 1600s. Learn why your ancestors came to this country, what their journey was like, and what records can help you track them once they arrived. We'll examine ports of arrival and departure as well as online records and other materials.

Refreshments at 6:30 pm

Provided By Carol Franklin and
Davis & MaryLou Hopkins

Program begins at 7:00 pm

Grand Prairie Memorial Library
901 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie
Visitors Are Always Welcome

Cynthia Jones
Vice President of Programs

*A big Thank You to
Regina Shumaker and Shirley Willingham
for our October meeting refreshments.*

Society Research Lock-In A Success!

The Grand Prairie Genealogical Societies 2009 Library Lock-In was a great success. We had a great group of dedicated researchers who spent Friday night working on family history. Many thanks to the organizing committee members and volunteers who helped make this a great success. Special Thanks goes to Kathy Ritterhouse and her staff who gave up their time off to spend time assisting our members and guests.

Cemetery Project Gearing Up!

To volunteer to help with photographing and organizing this project please contact Regina Shumaker, Project Chairman.

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From the Gavel

Fewer businesses were willing to donate food and drink for our annual lock-in this year—sales are down and requests for donations are up. However, Kroger offered us another way to increase our treasury so we can continue to provide educational programs and fund additional resources for the Genealogy Room of the Grand Prairie Public Library.

Their Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Program donates a percentage of purchases made in their stores to participating non-profit organizations. All we have to do is have our Treasurer complete the application form and, once they have assigned us a card with the GPGS bar code on it, have the cashier scan that card when you buy groceries.

The current donation cycle ends on April 1, 2010 so we need to get started right away. We'll be voting on this proposal at our November meeting. To learn more about this program, go to the Kroger website www.Krogerneighbortoneighbor.com.

In the meantime, if you shop at Tom Thumb or Albertsons, ask whether they have a similar program.

If we vote to participate in Kroger's Neighbor to Neighbor Program, my trips to the grocery store just got better!

Barb

*Barbara Brixey Wylie
President*

Library Liaison Report

Kathy Ritterhouse and her staff were very supportive and cooperative working closely with the Lock-In Committee over the two months of preparation for GPGS Lock-In 'Finding Your Roots Using Modern Resources'.

*John V. Wylie
Library Liaison*

Name That Person

Can you name this Grand Prairie Genealogical Society member?



Last Month's photo:
Marylou Garrett Hopkins



**Have You Harvested
Your Family Tree
Lately?**

Member Profile

MARY LOU GARRETT HOPKINS

I was born and raised in Paint Rock, TX to Coy and Annie Mikeska Garrett. I grew up on a ranch near the Concho River and the Indian painted bluffs. I graduated from Paint Rock high school and enrolled in Angelo State University.

After graduation I married Davis Hopkins at the 1st Baptist church in Paint Rock and we moved to the Metroplex area where he had employment.

For the next five years I was employed by the Republic Bank in downtown Dallas. We moved to Grand Prairie in 1953. In 1958 I became a stay at home mom for the next 20 years. We have two children, Dr. Ronald Hopkins of Redondo Beach, CA and Dee Ann Williams, RN of Grand Prairie, TX.

My maternal grandparents were immigrants from Czechoslovakia and from them I learned to speak the Czech language and to bake Kolaces and other Czech foods. In 2000 we were fortunate enough to go to the Czech Republic and we found many cousins and the original homes of both grandparents. The television show popular in CZ republic was Dallas. The merchants asked if we knew J. R.? We learned if we replied yes, we would receive special treatment and a complimentary glass of Slivovice [white lightening].

From my paternal grandparents I became interested in finding about our ancestors and from this research found documentation which allowed me to become a member of the DAR and the XVII Century Colonial Dames.

My other hobbies include gardening [especially miniature lemon trees],

volunteering at DFW national cemetery, Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and Grand Prairie Tourism. I am also a member of the Grand Prairie Woman's Club and the Rejebian Book club.

Davis and I are members of the International Brick Collectors Association. We collect bricks with names imprinted. We have over 1000 different types of bricks, some are from foreign countries and most are at least 100 years old. We travel three times a year for brick swaps and exchange brick with other members. My most prized brick came from my grandmother's village in Zellochovice, CZ. The town gave us the brick as a remembrance of our visit. It weighed 13 pounds and Davis carried it in his carry-on luggage.

We still have ancestors to find and more bricks to collect [you can never have too many bricks]

Financial Report

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

Beginning Balance	\$1484.59
Deposits	\$ 595.00
Less: Exp	<u>\$ -191.90</u>
Bal 11-01-09	\$1887.69

John Cockrum
Treasurer

In The Coming Months

December 3, 2009 Holiday Dinner

Annual covered dish dinner and show and tell.

Bring a family story you've written or a photo, a family memento, etc. Bring your favorite dish for dinner and the society will provide the paper goods. Invite family and friends to join us, for a great evening of fun.

January 6, 2010 John V Wylie
Family History on the Cheap

This presentation demonstrates real world tools and tips for cutting the cost of researching your ancestors. John Wylie serves the Association of Professional Genealogists as Secretary. He serves his church as chair of the Information Technology/Audio Visual Committee and as a member of the History Committee. From 2000 through 2004 he served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Professional Genealogists. He is the 2004 recipient of the Dallas Genealogical Society Lloyd Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Barbara, hosted 35 researchers on the Dallas Genealogical Society's 2006 Research Trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. One of GENTECH's founders, John was an active participant in the Genealogical Data Model Working Group and served on the NGS Computer Interest Group Committee in 1999 and 2000. John and Barbara have taught genealogical courses at Mountain View College and to church and Boy Scout groups. He has a deep interest in records preservation and enjoys teaching genealogists how to use computer technology and computer users how to do sound genealogical research.

February 6, 2010 Bill Covington
The Continental Soldier of the American Revolution

Uniformed as a Continental soldier of the late war period American Revolution, Bill will display, explain, and demonstrate the clothing, arms, and accoutrements with which the common soldier of the Continental Congressional cause fought against the troops of the British Empire. Through his presentation, he

hopes to bring honor to the memories of the men and women who lived, fought, and suffered through the dark days that preceded the birth of our nation. Bill Covington is a teacher by profession, having spent 14 years in the Dallas Independent School District as an instructor of both Social Studies and English as a Second Language (ESL), primarily at the middle school level. This was followed by 6 years of teaching as an adjunct instructor for several of the local community colleges. Currently, he is an instructor of Social Studies at the Waxahachie Global High School in Waxahachie, Texas where he teaches World Geography and World History. In addition, he is also an adjunct instructor of U.S., European, and Texas History at Navarro College also in Waxahachie. A native of Ft. Worth, Texas, he resides in Cedar Hill, Texas with his wife and three children.

Cynthia Jones
Vice President of Programs

Websites Of Interest

<http://askolivetree.blogspot.com/>

<http://ancestorsatrest.com/>

<http://www.irishfamilyresearch.co.uk/>

<http://paper-trail.blogspot.com/>

<http://blogs.ancestry.com/circle/>

Workshops/Conferences

Texas State Genealogical Society

San Antonio Genealogical &
Historical Society
Present

2009 Genealogy with a Mission

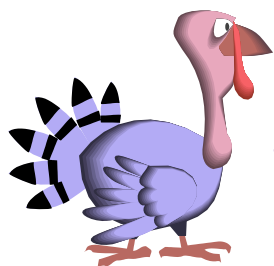
Speaker: Craig R. Scott, CG
Colonial & Military Records
November 6-7, 2009
Omni Hotel San Antonio

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	Closed
Saturday	9am to 6pm
Sunday	1pm to 5pm

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



**Any Turkey's in
Your Family Tree?**

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is a Partner Society of the
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Donate Your Print Cartridges

Think Green

Do you have an empty ink cartridge? Staples has an ink cartridge recycling program; \$3 for each ink cartridge up to ten per month. If you would like to generate money needed to purchase ink for printing brochures and other items for the society, please bring an empty ink cartridge to the next meeting. We can be earth friendly plus reduce our printing expenses.

FGS: Future Genealogists

Future Genealogists was created in 2005, the Federation Genealogical Society Youth Committee exists to promote, mentor, and educate youth involved in family history and genealogy, and to help them find a voice in the genealogical community.

The FGS Youth Society is a place for youth of all ages to come together in their quest for finding ancestors. As we, all know it is important for everyone to feel as if they belong and have friends who have the same interest. They can share ideas, research questions, and even help one another with on site research in their area of the country.

Membership is free, but you are asked to fill out and send in the Membership Application. None of this information is made public.

The FGS Youth Society has a wide range of ages in our membership. The hope is that the older members can mentor the younger ones. The blog is monitored and nothing is submitted without being read by Starr Campbell first. Questions can be directed to Starr Hailey Campbell at youth@fgs.org.

Footnote To Add Census Records

Footnote announced today that it will digitize and place online all publicly available U.S. Federal Censuses from 1790 to the most current public census from 1930. The 1860 and 1930 censuses are already online, with digitization of 1900, 1910 and 1920 just getting underway.

So why use the census on Footnote when it is available elsewhere on the Web? Footnote does do it a little differently - offering interactive census pages for each individual which allow users to add comments and insight about that person, upload and attach scanned photos and documents, and identify relatives found in the census by clicking the I'm Related button.

Footnote also offers an alternative to other subscription genealogy sites, such as Ancestry.com, which offer the complete U.S. census. The census records also make a very nice addition for people subscribing to Footnote for the many other records they offer.

*From our friends at
About.com*

Go Big Blue!



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 18, 1910 issue.

Grand Prairie Texan February 18, 1910

The 68th Court, presided over by Judge J. C. ROBERTS, has made an excellent record during the first year of its existence. Six hundred cases have been finally disposed of and gotten off the docket. In spite of the large number of new cases filed, there are about 50 less cases on the docket than when the court began a year ago. This record would have been better still but for the fact that the act creating the new court failed to provide for juries for the first term, and no jury cases could be tried during February, March and April, 1909. Judge ROBERTS expects to cut the number of pending cases down to 300 or less during the year, unless an unusually large number of new cases are filed.

It may also be of interest to our readers to know that out of nine appealed cases so far reached by the Appellate Court from Judge ROBERTS, eight have been affirmed and one dismissed. Not a single case has been reversed.

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY

To Health Officers, City and County Authorities and Women's Clubs: March 10 has been selected as the annual Clean-Up Day for Texas. On this date, for several years, Texas sanitarians have made a special effort at purifying our State.

I, therefore, call upon you and now to do all in your power, officially and privately, to rid our State of filth and its products. Let each man cleanse his premises, each woman her house, and each officer his territory.

To secure concerted action, each parliamentary body is requested to pass resolutions urging all Texans to observe the Clean-Up Day.

W. M. BRUMBY, Pres., Texas State Board of Health.

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.

LOCAL NEWS

JOHN LONG of Lancaster visited G. C. LINE Monday.

C. A. TRIGG of Temple is visiting with his brother, JOHN TRIGG, on Route 2.

W. E. PATTON of Cockrell Hill was in Grand Prairie Monday prospecting.

CLAUDE MEANS of Jacksonville spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. MEANS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. FORD and little son are confined to their beds with pneumonia.

SHELBY FORD of Maytoy, Okla., is among our new subscribers this week, compliments of E. U. TAFTS.

Mrs. CURTIS HURTIG and daughter, Miss ROSA, of Fort Worth spent Sunday with Mrs. JOHN T. SMITH.

Dr. CARTER, a dentist of Dallas, delivered a lecture to the school children Monday morning on the care of the teeth.

A number of our people were summoned to Dallas Monday in connection with the request for change of venue for BURRELL OATES.

Messrs. A. N. and A. M. STEWART, who live near Cedar Hill, were here last Saturday and gave the Texan a pleasant call and a new subscription.

J. H. STONE, who lives near the Orphan's Home, renewed for the Texas and ordered the Dallas Semi-Weekly News. These two papers assures all the local and state news.

Miss ANNIE SHRAM left Tuesday for Kenna, N.M., her future home. She was formerly saleslady for H. A. SHANNON & SON, and while here made many friends, who regret to see her leave.

Mrs. REBECCA BIRD and daughter, Miss BERTHA, after several months' residence in Grand Prairie, left Wednesday for Barstow, stopping off at Arlington before going to final destination.

Messrs. R. L. ELLIS, candidate for tax collector, MARSH ELLISTON for tax assessor, and BEN CULLOM for county clerk were in town Tuesday meeting the people and pressing their respective claims for office.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. POOL have traded their cottage in Grand Prairie for the STOVALL farm southeast of town and moved to their new home Tuesday. JESSE's occupation now is raiser of fine chickens, he no longer being a lumber magnate.

A number of the young folks gave Mrs. MOORE of East Grand Prairie a surprise party Tuesday night. All present had a most delightful time, old time games and pastimes being indulged in. Fruits were served. There were about twenty-five in the party.

Misses ELLA MADALIN and NANCY HEAFER of East Grand Prairie honored several of their friends with a musical entertainment at their beautiful home last evening.

BUSINESS LOCALS

To Exchange—Buggy for stock.

D. A. BRADSHAW

Four room house to rent, close in. W. D. KING

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: Good Second hand sewing machine for \$5.00. S. A. FISHBURN

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

Don't fail to get my prices before buying saddles, harness and buggies. J. E. RATLIFF

For sale: Two good work hoses. Enquire of J. B. CAWARD before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m.

For sale: Full blood Poland China sow and eight pigs. D. A. BRADSHAW

For sale or trade: Three and one-half lots each 50x200 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.

Miss JOSIE SMALL entertained several of her friends Saturday night by giving a social. Owing to the clement weather, only a few were present, but those in attendance spent a most enjoyable evening playing games and partaking of the good things to eat which had been prepared.

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