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Nancy K. Arnold is coming to Burleson Saturday, Nov. 8, for a book signing for her second book, *Pioneer Pups*. She will be at the Burleson Visitors Center and Museum, 124 W. Ellison St., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Burleson Heritage Foundation is hosting the event.

The 96-page book is written in rhyme and features fictional yet heroic canine characters – Sweetie, Star, Slip, Scout and their parents Bonny and Davy - that accompany the humans on the wagon train trip from Iowa to Texas. The dogs prove themselves to be essential companions through their courageous acts and loving ways. *Pioneer Pups* teaches elementary-aged children about the age of westward expansion in American history and about the lives of the pioneers who braved the wilderness to help the country grow.

The humans on that wagon trip are Arnold's ancestors. Benjamin Bransom, her great-great grandfather, brought his family by ox-drawn wagons to Johnson County in 1853. The Bransom family established roots in Johnson County after receiving a land grant for 320 acres from the state. Before his death, Benjamin Bransom amassed more than 2,500 acres of land in Johnson County and sired 14 children.

Arnold is the granddaughter of Mallie Bransom, daughter of Robert James Bransom, and niece of Doyle Bransom. Doyle Bransom is active in Burleson and is the historian of the Bransom family. Nancy K. Arnold went to school in Fort Worth. She is a former teacher who, in 2011, was awarded the Arizona Teacher of the Year award by the Arizona Federation of Republican Women. Arnold and her husband live in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The author's first book, *Patriotic Pups*, was a story about a litter of pups born at Mount Vernon. The puppies find homes with American patriots, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and other great Americans. The pups follow their patriotic owners through the famous events of crossing the Delaware River, writing the Declaration of Independence, and other historical incidents.

For more information about the Nov. 8 book signing in Burleson, call John Duke Smith at 817-713-2729.