Austin Genealogical Society (AGS)

Next Meeting: April 26, 2016

Octoberfest and Researching Your German Genealogy by Alan Rabe

The presentation will review approaches to doing German genealogy. Although there will be many details specific to German genealogy (the most common ancestry in the US), the approaches apply to any foreign country in which you are researching. For example, immigration/emigration records, finding the village in the country, and map resources.

About Alan

Alan Rabe is a graduate of Brigham Young University with a Masters of Mechanical Engineering. He has worked at nuclear power plants and was responsible for document control and procedure processes at the 4th largest utility in the US. He is an active member in the LDS church. He is responsible for indexing efforts in Round Rock, Pflugerville, Taylor and Georgetown where about a quarter of a million names have been indexed in the last year. He was responsible for indexing efforts in northern Ohio and western Pennsylvania where 10 million names were indexed over a 3 year period. Alan lived in Germany over two years and speaks and reads German.

Alan has been an active genealogist for about 50 years and has traced his surname line back to 1222. He is related to 23 US presidents and is the 28th great grandson of Charlemagne.

April 26, 2016
Social Time 6:30 p.m. / Program 7:00 p.m.
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731

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AGS Website
Did you forget your login or password to the Members Only section? Problems renewing a membership?
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REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
AGS Seminar 2016
Saturday, May 21, 2016
Speaker: Thomas MacEntee
austintxgensoc.org/event/2016-annual-seminar/?instance_id=343

Ready for a Research Road Trip?
Clayton Library
Houston, Texas
April 27
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Want help? Have Questions? Quarterly@austintxgensoc.org.

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We’ve had reports from a few members that the Newsletter email is not making it to their email inbox, but is instead landing in their “junk” email folder. If this is happening to you, try adding “Newsletter@austintxgensoc.org” to your contact list. Still having problems? Please send a note to newsletter@austintxgensoc.org so we can help!

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AGS 2016 Writing Contest
Submit an article to the Quarterly!
We have identified the prizes to be awarded with this year's writing contest. We look forward to reading your submissions!

- One Year Fold3 subscription
- One Year Newspapers.com subscription
- One Year HistoryGeo.com subscription
- 2017 AGS Seminar
- 2017 Save Austin's Cemeteries annual membership and a copy of the book *Austin's Historic Oakwood Cemetery: Under the Shadow of the Texas Capitol*

Contest rules and quarterly guidelines can be found on our website: [austintxgensoc.org/quarterly-guidelines](http://austintxgensoc.org/quarterly-guidelines)

Questions: [quarterly@austintxgensoc.org](mailto:quarterly@austintxgensoc.org)

Do you have a genealogical blog or website? Let us advertise it for you in our newsletter! Contact [newsletter@austintxgensoc.org](mailto:newsletter@austintxgensoc.org)

**Genealogy Road Trip**
Clayton Library, Houston, Texas
Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Join your fellow genealogists from the Williamson County Genealogical Society, Austin Genealogical Society and Sun City Genealogy SIG on an adventure to the famous Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research.

This is a wonderful opportunity to network with old and new friends as we journey to Houston via a bus... leave the driving to us!! You can do lots of research and then share what you found on the trip home. It makes for a long and yet very fun day.

Remember, registration is first come, first served and seats are limited.

AGS Member Betty Jean Steinke
steinkebj@aol.com
512-869-1321
Registration form: [austintxgensoc.org/event/clayton-library-research-trip/?instance_id=351](http://austintxgensoc.org/event/clayton-library-research-trip/?instance_id=351)

**Old Cemeteries**
From AGS Member Earle F. McBride

**Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York:**
Born 1903—Died 1942.

Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was.

**Thurmont, Maryland:**
Here lies an Atheist, all dressed up and no place to go.

**East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia:**
Here lies Ezekial Aikle, Age 102. Only the good die young.

**London, England:**
Here lies Ann Mann, who lived an old maid but died an old Mann. Dec. 8, 1767

**Ribbesford, England:**
Anna Wallace
The children of Israel wanted bread, And the Lord sent them manna.
Clark Wallace wanted a wife, And the Devil sent him Anna.
AGS 2016 Classes

Genealogical Education Opportunities both Online and Off
April 9, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Hampton Branch at Oak Hill
Instructor: Cari Taplin, CG
Cari will take the audience through a tour of various genealogical educational opportunities available both near and far. There are a lot of educational opportunities for genealogists and the differences between them might be confusing. This program will examine: online classes and programs such as NGS, Boston University, NIGS through Toronto University, ProGen, GenProof Study Groups; institutes such as IGHR, GRIP, SLIG, Gen-Fed, and the British Institute; and webinars such as those by Legacy Webinars, Dear Myrtle, FamilySearch, state societies, and others. Cari will discuss the differences, costs, pros and cons of each.

Intermediate Concepts in Genealogy
July 9, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Yarborough Branch APL
Instructor: Cari Taplin, CG
Learn intermediate research concepts such as the FAN Club principle (Friends, Associates, Neighbors) also called “cluster research,” using maps to understand and analyze your research, and we will conclude with a case study demonstrating these concepts with real examples.

A Tour Through Major Record Types
August 13, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Austin History Center
Instructor: Cari Taplin, CG
There are certain record types that genealogists need to be sure to explore. This class will take students through a brief description of a variety of major record types such as the census, vital, land, tax, naturalization, and church records. The class will also include some hands-on work with real-life case studies.

NEW! Beginning Concepts (or a Refresher) in Genealogy
September 12, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Old Quarry Branch Library
Instructor: Cari Taplin, CG
Learn how to get started (or get a refresher) on some basic genealogical concepts such as 5-steps to quality genealogy research, developing a beginning researching plan, gathering and organizing information, and some genealogical websites to use.

NEW! More than Daughters: Using the DAR’s Genealogical Research System (GRS)
October 15, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Yarborough Branch Library
Instructor: Teresa B. Devine, Lineage Research Committee, Andrew Carruthers Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)
The DAR has made more than a century’s worth of genealogical records accessible to all researchers. A variety of records have been digitized and made available through many databases and resources using the DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS). This presentation will help researchers understand how to access and search the GRS and how to evaluate the different types of records found within.

2016 Board of Directors and Officers

Our governing body is a Board of Directors composed of twelve members. Their terms of office are two years beginning January 1st. Officers are elected each year to serve for a term of one year.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

We sure have a busy couple of months coming up. Classes, meetings, SIGs, trips, and a seminar! Make sure to keep up with everything by using our website. If you're like me, you appreciate a monthly calendar view. To see that view on our website, just click the Events tab on the main menu bar.

And then you'll get this display:

I hope you find this as useful as I do in keeping dates straight!

As we talked about at the March meeting, we will have some other useful website tips and tricks to share with you at the April meeting.

See you then!

Anne Mamiya
president@austintxgensoc.org

Genealogical Blogs

Have you subscribed to a genealogical blog that you enjoy? I've found a few - they are like mini-genealogy breaks in my day.

The Legal Genealogist, legalgenealogist.com/ - A genealogist with a law degree, Judy G. Russell, JD, CGSM, CGLSM, is a lecturer, educator and writer. She posts almost every day! I find her postings to be interesting, short and easy to read.

Genealogy Gems, lisalouisecooke.com/blog/ - Lisa Louise Cooke’s weekly post is always informative and full of good genealogical tips.

Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter, blog.eogn.com/ - Dick Eastman’s daily genealogy post is also full of news, genealogical tips, and interesting articles.

### AGS 2016 Calendar

For the latest information about AGS events, visit our online calendar at [austintxgensoc.org/calendar-of-events/](http://austintxgensoc.org/calendar-of-events/)

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#### AGS Meetings

4th Thursday (no meeting in December), Networking: 6:30 PM / Program: 7:00 PM

### AGS Research Trip to Salt Lake City

[agns2016](http://agns2016)

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### Locations (Classes and SIG Meetings):

**Austin History Center**, 810 Guadalupe St, Austin, TX 78701
**BuildASign**, 11525a Stonehollow Dr. #100, Austin, TX 78758
**Hampton at Oak Hill**, 5125 Convict Hill Rd, Austin, TX 78749
**Howson**, 2500 Exposition Blvd, Austin, TX 78703
**North Village**, 2505 Steck Ave, Austin, TX 78757
**Old Quarry Branch**, 7051 Village Center Dr., Austin, TX 78731
**Spicewood Springs**, 8637 Spicewood Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78759
**Yarborough**, 2200 Hancock Dr, Austin, TX 78756

### AGS Meeting Location:

**Highland Park Baptist Church**, 5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731
Upcoming Events

Save Austin's Cemeteries
Oakwood Cemetery
1601 Navasota St., Austin, TX
Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Please join Save Austin’s Cemeteries at Oakwood Cemetery for a fun spring day of Oakwood history! SAC members will be available to give information about Austin’s oldest city cemetery AND to tell histories of some of Oakwood’s residents who once fought for Texas independence. Tombstone cleaning demonstrations will also be available for those interested.

http://www.sachome.org/

Twelfth Annual Hill Country Family History Seminar
Saturday April 30, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Boerne, Texas
Guest Speaker - Dr. Michael Lacopo
For more information: gskctx.org/

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Ancestor Seekers - A Research Week at the Salt Lake City Family History Library
Spend a week at the Salt Lake City family history center, with research experts (one professional researcher for every six guests,) and optional evening events.

An event is scheduled during each month, currently April, May, June and August are sold out, so plan early. There are spaces available in July and September. See the website for more information and to register.
ancestorseekers.com/slcrt/

AGS DNA Special Interest Group
The purpose of the DNA Special Interest Group is to help participants learn how to use DNA tests for genealogical purposes, share strategies and tools for understanding their results, and how to incorporate genetic genealogy with traditional genealogical research.

Everyone interested in DNA for genealogy is welcome.
Monday, April 18, 6:00-8:15 p.m. (or later if the group desires)
Spicewood Springs Branch Library,
8637 Spicewood Springs Rd., Austin, TX, 78759
Bring your questions to the meeting!

AGS Writing Special Interest Group
The group was formed to support members in writing their family histories. Our successes thus far: a published book, several blog entries, several memoirs, and a regular article published in the newsletter! Come and get inspired with the rest of us!

2nd Thursday of the month
April 14, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Buildasign
11525 Stonehollow Dr.
Austin, Texas 78758

AGS Volunteer Opportunities

AGS Education Instructors - If you are interested in teaching a genealogy related class either at a public library or for the next session of LLI (Lifetime Learning Institute), please contact Cari Taplin at education@austintxgensoc.org.

Publicity Chair - The Publicity Committee’s function is to promote the society, its mission, and activities to the general public, as well as foster engagement and participation by the society’s members. Contact Anne Mamiya at president@austintxgensoc.org.

Meeting Host/Hostess - A good way to meet people while helping to make our meetings more enjoyable. Meet the Hospitality Chair at 5:30 on meeting day and setup the food table. Responsibility ends when the meeting starts, at 7:00. (Does NOT require staying after the meeting to help cleanup!) Contact Missy Harris at missy_harris@att.net.

FGS (Federation of Genealogical Societies)
August 31 - September 3
Springfield, Illinois

FGS 2016 National Conference - Celebrate our 40th Anniversary with us and local host Illinois State Genealogical Society as we return to the Land of Lincoln in 2016!
More Information: https://www.fgsconference.org/
**EVERNOTE “Remember Everything”**

*By AGS Member John Marostica*

The Evernote™ catch phrase “Remember Everything” is very appealing to me, but it is not just a meaningless phrase; it’s the operational concept that Evernote™ is built around.

How do you keep track of all the web sites, documents or video/audio files you find or create? If you’re like me you ‘bookmark’ your websites, but I have so many bookmarks scattered throughout bookmark folders that I have trouble keeping track – and there is no good way to search any of them.

As for the documents I collect or create, I try to keep them in folders that correspond to their associated subject matter, or in folders organized by topic. At least these folders are searchable; if you know the file name.

And what do you have to do to create all those documents and multimedia files? I have pasted pictures and links into Word to create documents. I have used Excel to create lists and forms. And then I have to keep track of where they all are.

EVERNOTE™ solves all that and more. Everything created or collected is put into a ‘Note’. You can create text, audio, webcam, “ink” or screenshot notes. Text notes allow you to ‘drag’ in files or use Word features to create your own content. Audio allows you to record from your device’s microphone, webcam allows you to use the webcam on your device to record video, “ink” allows you create handwritten or drawn content – best done with a tablet, but many phones and tablets have that feature. Screenshot allows you to snip all or part of a screen into a note. Imagine recording an audio or video note as you interview someone.

With the Evernote™ Web Clipper extension installed on your browser, you can import articles, full pages, bookmarks or screenshots into notes. Never again do you have to remember a web address for anything; it captures it all.

Notes can be organized into notebooks or notebook stacks for easier access. You can add tags to notes to customize your search, but the magic is that Evernote™ searches for notes by their title or content, so they are always easy to find. That’s why you “Remember Everything” - the search is so powerful that you can’t forget anything.

And all of this is accessible on all your devices: phone, tablet, laptop or home computer. All of it goes where you go.

Find helpful videos [here](#) or download a free copy of Evernote Essentials, a wonderful, 84-page PDF that explains the basics of EVERNOTE™. And don't forget the great book, *How to use EVERNOTE for Genealogy*.

The best part: Basic EVERNOTE is FREE. Just go to [Evernote.com](#).

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**Local Genealogy Meetings & Resources**

- **AGS British Isle Genealogy Special Interest Group** meets via email to exchange information. Contact Jane Schwendinger at [janesca@earthlink.net](mailto:janesca@earthlink.net).
- **AGS DNA Special Interest Group**, Monday, April 18, 6:00-8:15 p.m. Spicewood Springs Library, 8637 Spicewood Springs Rd., Austin, TX, 78759. Contact Randy Whited at [whited.rand@gmail.com](mailto:whited.rand@gmail.com).
- **AGS Writing Special Interest Group**, 2nd Thursday of the month 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Buildasign, 11525 Stonehollow Dr., Austin, Texas 78758. Contact Robin Raben at [mrsraben@austin.rr.com](mailto:mrsraben@austin.rr.com) or Jim Bridges at [bridgwork@aol.com](mailto:bridgwork@aol.com).
- **Austin Gen SIG**, meets from 1:00–4:00 p.m. the second Saturday of the month at Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library, 7051 Village Center Dr., Austin. Part of the Computer Club of Austin. Website: [austiningensig.com](http://austiningensig.com/)
- **Austin Legacy Users Group** meets on the third Saturday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Querencia at Barton Creek, 2500 Barton Creek Blvd., Austin. [Rjenkins7@austin.rr.com](mailto:Rjenkins7@austin.rr.com) Website: [AustinLUG.weebly.com](http://AustinLUG.weebly.com)
- **Texas State Library** open from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. 1201 Brazos in Austin. Questions concerning Second Saturdays may be sent to [reference.desk@tsl.texas.gov](mailto:reference.desk@tsl.texas.gov). Website: [tsl.texas.gov](http://tsl.texas.gov)
- **Williamson County Genealogical Society** meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Round Rock Public Library. Social time at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Website: [williamsontxgenealogy.org/](http://williamsontxgenealogy.org/)
- **Austin Public Library Genealogical Resources** Website: [library.austintexas.libguides.com/genealogy](http://library.austintexas.libguides.com/genealogy)

* Indicates an official AGS activity
Hospitality Report from the March Meeting

**Topic:** Mining a Goldmine: Research in Courthouse Records  
**Presented by:** AGS Member Teri E. Flack  
**Attendance:** 72

**Welcome New Members!**  
Gail Truho  
Kira Williams

**Visitors:**  
Glenda Bell, Austin  
Lauren Gribble, Austin  
Marian Robertson, Austin

Thank you to those who supported the March meeting!

**Greeters:** Katie McLean and Betty Jean Steinke  
**Membership/Brick Wall/Information Table:** Nancy Stevens and Carol Mason  
**Sign-in Table:** Jean Marostica, Gary Pemberton, Kathy Pemberton, and Arlene Zirkel  
**Audio-visual guru:** John Marostica  
**Hospitality/Food:** Jean Shroyer, Glenn Harrison, Shelley Augustin, Anne Mamiya and Missy Harris  
**Hospitality Set-up:** Nancy Stevens and Carol Mason

Help Wanted - Round Rock Veterans Memorial Committee

I am assisting the Round Rock Veterans Memorial Committee to find Round Rock Veterans that served in war and peace time. I am the only researcher for this project and could use some help. The time commitment from you could be long or short, your choice. Here are the two major tasks I am working with.

**Locating contact information for veterans** – The committee has asked me to locate contact information for veterans, spouses, or children from the World War II era to present day. I provide them with the phone number and address for the veteran or living relative. I have 560 veterans to search for. So far there are four web sites that I use to find them, if possible. The committee members call the veterans or their relatives.

**Researching for veterans** – I have been directed by the committee to search for World War II to current veterans. Depending upon the war, my research methods have varied. If you have expertise in military records and would like to research some new people, I would gladly accept your help. When I started working with the committee, they had a research list of 800 veterans. I have 554 veterans that I am searching for more information about and who knows how many veterans that have not been discovered yet. Once the branch of service, rank, and years served or conflict served in have been located, the veteran is bumped to the “locating contact information for veterans” category.

The end result of this research is placing plaques at a monument in Veterans Park in Round Rock. Some plaques are paid for by family, some plaques are paid for by family and the committee, and some plaques are paid for by the committee. Each Veterans Day and Memorial Day the plaques purchased from the last six months are installed and dedicated. Everyone is invited to those ceremonies.

If you are interested in helping, you let me know which category you would like to help with and how many names you would like me to forward to you for research.

Thank you for your consideration!

Debbie Tipping  
(512) 341-7932  
dtipping@att.net
Member Appreciation
James E. Bridges, Lt Col USAF (ret)

James is currently serving on the Austin Genealogical Society Board of Directors as the First Vice President. He has submitted many wonderful articles to the AGS Quarterly. He has been a member for three or four years. He found AGS online after researching his ancestors for twelve years. He remembered several trips with his father helping his grandfather find old graves of folks that James had never heard of. He also remembered wandering the old private cemetery on the Ramsey farm near Temple, Texas, as a small boy. These experiences led him to find others with similar interests.

A Distinguished Military Career
James served in the U.S. Air Force for 22 years in Operations, Air Defense and Tactical Operations, retiring as Lt. Col., Regular Air Force. His service included:

- Ground radar stations in Nevada, Okinawa, Thailand and Texas as Controller and Operations Officer.
- Commander of the 82nd Tactical Control, in Holloman AFB, New Mexico.
- Airborne radar in the EC121-D Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft as Mission Crew Commander.
- Staff officer at 621st Squad, 623rd Squad, 12AF: 621st Wg: 965/963 AEW&C Squad and USAFE.

James was awarded an Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters (OLC), a Meritorious Service Medal and three OLC, a Commendation Medal and one OLC, a Vietnam Service Medal with one silver and one bronze star. James has been a Licensed Real Estate Sales and Listing and Property Manager in Austin since 1985 with Goodwin Management, Inc.

Where it All Started
"I first became interested in real genealogy about 15 years ago. Then I had limited time and resources as this was in the B.C. times (before computer). I realized I knew quite a bit about the family going back three generations, but little else. I had access to family bibles and some records, but the picture opened up when I discovered Ancestry.com.

"After I semi-retired from real estate, I had a lot more time and I devoted most of it to genealogy. I made a trip to Missouri to trace my paternal 3x great grandfather and then followed him from North Carolina (1811) to Missouri (1840) to Texas in 1862. The next year, I traced my maternal 2x great grandfather's steps during the Civil War, from Murray County, Georgia, to Gettysburg to Appomattox, starting as a 3rd Lt. and advancing to Captain of the 11th Georgia Infantry (CSA).

"I have joined the Bridger Family Association after finding that my name was Bridger until the early 1800s when somebody had a dispute, lost the ability to read and write, and/or left home at a very early age and lost contact with the original family. DNA and genealogical research have reconnected me with the Bridger family, going all the way back to southwest England in the 1500s. I have compiled a list of occupations and found quite a few preachers, farmers, butchers and carpenters, but more soldiers. It seems if they gave a war, we showed up! All of my ancestors proved to be European, 99% English with some German on the maternal side."

Best Friends with a Common History?
“One favorite tidbit that I cannot prove: my best friend in the USAF was Colonel Aldolphus “Doc” Trawick. We met as 2nd Lts. and paralleled our career paths for 20 years. Doc was the grandson of Doctor Trawick, a professor at Tuskegee. As I traced my ancestors, I found a “Trawick” family in Mississippi that owned a number of slaves and the location meshed with the location of Doc’s family. I have often wondered if Doc and I were related as a result of those terrible times. Alas, Doc has passed on and I have no resolution to this mystery. It would have been a real delight to find that we were distant cousins even if for the most sad of reasons.”

His Family
James was born in Temple, Bell County, Texas in 1938. He was an only child, but he made up for that by having lots of cousins!

He has four children: James Bridges, Paul Bridges, John Bridges, and Shelley Augustin (who is also a member of AGS.)

Education
- Temple High School, Temple, Texas
- University of Texas, 1960, B.A. in Government
- Pepperdine University, 1976, MHRM
- Various Military Schools while in the Air Force

His Ancestry
“I found a few rich folks, but mostly hardworking poor or lower middle class people. We have earned degrees from Harvard, became pioneers, lost the ability to read and write and then regained education with degrees from great universities in America. It is the ups and downs of a family that struggles and achieves and contributes to society as a whole. True, there are a few ne’er do wells, but even they made a name for themselves. From Lawrence Bridger the Rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Sliambridge, Gloucestershire, England, during the reign of Elizabeth the first to Joseph Bridger, Virginia House of Burgesses in the 1600s to Guilford Bridges, pioneer and rancher, who migrated to Texas, we have made a name for our family. There was also a Tom Horn who was a bank robber and escapee from Illinois to Texas in the 1870s never to be heard from again. At least he was a success at escaping!”

Road Trip!
“My favorite thing in genealogy is to follow up the paper and digital research with road trips to see the locations and meet the folks that still live in the old places, with even more special moments when I find a cousin I never knew before. There is a great deal of history and sociology to experience that provides a sense of who we are and where we came from. Old tombstones, churches, battle fields, old homes, quaint courthouses, libraries full of records - including newspapers that tell who, what, and even how much the cost of living has changed. Pictures, souvenirs, copies of precious documents abound.”
What happens when a “tech guy” with a love for history gets laid off during The Great Recession of 2008? You get Thomas MacEntee, a genealogy professional who’s also a blogger, educator, author, social media connector, marketer, network builder and more. After a 25-year career in the information technology field, Thomas began building his genealogy-related business, High Definition Genealogy. He also created an online community of over 3,000 family history bloggers known as GeneaBloggers. Thomas believes in success, and that we all succeed when we help each other find success.

Seminar Topics
Genealogy Do-Over™: A Year of Learning from Mistakes  
Successful Collateral and Cluster Searching  
Building a Research Toolbox  
Managing the Genealogy Data Monster

Registration is also available online at AustinTxGenSoc.org with PayPal or credit card through May 19, 2016.

Pre-registration is $35 for AGS members, $45 for non-members. Optional box lunch is $10.

You may also bring your own lunch. Light refreshments will be served in the morning.

COMPLIMENTARY BAGS AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST 100 REGISTRANTS

Registration at the door will be $45. For further info, contact seminar@austintxgensoc.org

Registrations by mail must be received by May 10, 2016. We are unable to offer refunds. Please plan accordingly.

Name
 Address

Phone
 City

Email
 State
 Zip

Surnames (list up to four surnames)
1.______________________ Location______________ 3.______________________ Location______________
2.______________________ Location______________ 4.______________________ Location______________

Seminar Attendees will have their contact information (name, email, phone) printed in the syllabus along with up to 4 surnames if registration received by May 10, 2016.

If you do not wish to have your contact information published, check here_____

Registration Fees
Seminar Fee: AGS Member: $35 Non-Member: $45
2016 AGS Membership: Individual: $20 Family: $30
(If you are not a 2016 AGS member you may join/renew here)
Optional Box Lunch (includes sandwich, chips, and cookie): $10
You may also bring your own lunch – Beverages will be provided
Please select your sandwich choice:
___Turkey  ___Tuna Salad  ___Chicken Salad  ___Vegetarian

Indicate Amount
__________ (required)
__________ (optional)
__________ (optional)
Total Amount Enclosed: ________

Mail to: AGS, Box 10010, Austin, TX 78766-1010
Monthly Meetings on 4th Tuesdays  
(except December)  
Social time at 6:30 p.m.; Program at 7:00 p.m.  
Highland Park Baptist Church  
5206 Balcones Drive  
Austin, TX 78731  
VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME