Earning a Living: Your Ancestors at Work

Learn to use and compare agriculture and manufacturing censuses to find land usage, business acuteness, wealth and social standing of your hardworking ancestors. There is a lot more here than you think. This is a great way to add social context to your family history.

Speaker Pat Gordon

Pat Gordon, who started researching her family in the late 1980s, likes to hang out in courthouses, libraries and university archives when on vacation. She especially likes to place her ancestors in social context to their times.

She served two terms as president and one as vice president of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society. She is a frequent speaker at the yearly genealogy conference held at Angelina College in Lufkin, Texas, as well at other genealogical organizations.

Pat is a retired journalism lecturer at the University of Texas at Arlington, where she still teaches an online writing class. She is also a former newspaper reporter and freelance writer. She holds a B.A. in journalism from University of Texas at Arlington and a M.S. in Media Studies from Texas Christian University.

She recently published a laminated quick tip sheet on Masonic Research and is working on other topics. These can be ordered from mygenealogybooks.com or from her. She can be reached at patg1@att.net.

August Meeting - BRING A FRIEND NIGHT

Bring a friend to our August meeting - someone who might be interested in learning about family history or just a friend who would enjoy the topic! For this hot summer night, we have lemonade and "movie popcorn" among other treats...

SAVE THE DATE
FALL FESTIVAL 2015
NOVEMBER 24

Mark your calendar now for our annual Fall Festival - a potluck dinner event scheduled for two days before Thanksgiving.

2015 AGS Quarterly Submission Deadlines

The AGS Quarterly deadlines for the rest of 2015 are as follows:
- September Issue - August 15
- December Issue - November 14

Quarterly Guidelines: austintxgensoc.org/quarterly-guidelines/

AGS Website

Did you forget your login or password to the Members Only section?
Contact: webmaster@austintxgensoc.org

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Austin Genealogical Society

Austin Genealogical Society

Facebook

facebook://AustinGenealogicalSociety?fref=ts

Posts on this site include information about the AGS monthly programs, the annual AGS seminar, and classes sponsored or provided by AGS such as the Lifetime Learning Classes and the Introduction to Genealogy Classes.

Austin Genealogical Society Members helping Members

Facebook

facebook://groups/643600238984459/

Posts on this site range from information about many genealogy related topics such as webinars, websites, and classes not sponsored by AGS. One needs to request to join the group. Members of the group may request help with any particular issue they are experiencing with their own research.

AGS News

2015 AGS Writing Contest

Submit your articles to the AGS Quarterly to enter the contest!

First Prize - Winner’s Choice - one of:

- Ancestry.com US one-year membership
- Fold3 all-access one-year membership
- Newspapers.com one-year subscription
- Legacy 8.0 Deluxe Bundle
- Roots Magic Super Bundle

Winners to be announced in January 2016.

Contest Guidelines:
austintxgensoc.org

Lifetime Learning Institute Fall Classes

LLI (Lifetime Learning Institute) is an independent, nonprofit organization and was established 35 years ago. It provides continuing education for adults over 50 years of age through daytime, non-credit courses.

AGS sponsors a genealogy class, Find Your Ancestors, for LLI at the Triumphant Love Lutheran Church, 9508 Great Hills Trail. Classes are held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am, September 15 through November 3.

Registration for Fall classes is available at lliatx.org.

AGS Members Get Discounts!

FamilyTreeDNA offers a discount to AGS members who sign up through the AGS Group Project.

familytreedna.com/

New SIGs Sponsored by AGS

AGS DNA Special Interest Group

Have you gotten your DNA test completed and are wondering what to do with it? Or perhaps you’ve made some discoveries you’d like to share with others. Then this is the SIG for you!

Mondays, August 17 and September 21, 5:45 - 8:00 p.m.

North Village Branch Library

2505 Steck Ave., Austin, TX 78757

Contact Randy Whited at whited.randyl@gmail.com.

AGS Writing SIG

Feeling overwhelmed by writing your family history or not sure where to start? Need a friendly nudge to get started? Join us for the AGS Writing SIG!

First meeting August 27, 5:45 - 7:00 p.m.

North Village Branch Library

2505 Steck Ave., Austin, TX 78757

Contact Robin Raben at mrsraben@austin.rr.com or Jim Bridges at bridgework@aol.com.

Learning to Find, File and Analyze Evidence

Class review by AGS Member Trish Thompson

On Saturday, August 1st, over 40 AGS members gathered at the North Village Library to learn how to better manage digital images, documents and photographs from genealogy research. Dianne Holley, an excellent instructor and member of AGS, gave us a number of digital organizing tips and ideas for improving our digital filing. But the best "take-away" was an introduction to a genealogy tool called CLOOZ! To find out more about it, check out their webpage at: clooz.com. Thank you Dianne for a wonderful presentation!

Dianne Holley
FROM THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

I am pleased to announce the Nominating Committee for 2015 who were elected at the July meeting. They are Robin Raben - Chair, Missy Harris, Carol Mason, Kay Boyd, and Jean Marostica. I thank these individuals for serving our society in this important role.

They will be working over the next several weeks to seek individuals they feel will add value to our Board of Directors and our Society. They will present a slate of nominees at the September general meeting to fill the expiring terms of six of the 12 current directors. The election of the six directors for the 2016-2017 term will occur at the October meeting.

I also want to make sure our members are aware of educational events that are outside of our monthly meetings. You can find a calendar of these events in this newsletter and more information on our website in the Events section.

If you missed the Writing Boot Camp in June, we have placed the handouts and recordings of the sessions in the Members Only section of the website. Please take advantage of this resource. We should all be writing our family history. This boot camp can get you started.

And don’t forget our writing contest! Submit your articles to the Quarterly to be entered. You can find more information on our website.

Anne Mamiya
president@austintxgensoc.org

2015 Board of Directors

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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Anne MAMIYA
president@austintxgensoc.org

Local Genealogy Meetings & Resources

AGS British Isle Genealogy Special Interest Group meets via email to exchange information. Contact Jane Schwendinger at janesca@earthlink.net.

AGS DNA Special Interest Group, Mondays, August 17 and September 21, 5:45 - 8 p.m. at the North Village Branch Library, 2505 Steck Ave., Austin, TX 78757. Contact Randy Whited at whited.randy@gmail.com.

AGS Writing SIG, first meeting August 27, 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. at the North Village Branch Library, 2505 Steck Ave., Austin, TX 78757. Contact Robin Raben at mrsraben@austin.rr.com or Jim Bridges at 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: austingensig.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 Website: 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. Website: 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: williamsoncountygenealogy.org/

Austin Public Library Genealogical Resources Website: library.austintx.libguides.com/genealogy

Indicates an official AGS activity
AGS Business: From the Minutes of the Board Meeting

Austin Genealogical Society
Board Meeting
Highland Park Baptist Church
June 23, 2015

Board Members present: Marcia Arn, Jim Bridges, Inez Eppright, Missy Harris, Anne Mamiya, Carol Mason, Karin Nelson, Jan Pelosi, Kathy Pemberton, Robin Raben, Patricia Thompson, and Wynnell Noelke.

The meeting was called to order by Anne Mamiya, President, at 5:41 p.m.

The May 3, 2015 minutes were accepted as written.

The April 2015 and May 2015 bank statements were in order.

Treasurer’s Report – The April and May reports were accepted as presented.

Karin Nelson recommended the mid-year financial reports should be done in February and August.

Nominating Committee – Anne reminded the Board that a Nominating Committee will be appointed at the July meeting. The committee consists of a chair, two board members and two members from the general meeting. The slate will be announced at the September meeting and be voted on at the October meeting. Terms ending in 2015: Marcia Arn, Inez Eppright, Anne Mamiya, Carol Mason, Wynnie Noelke, and Kathy Pemberton.

Education – Marcia Arn reported that all programs are filled.

Seminar – Karin Nelson reported that the seminar made $1,800 and the raffle brought in $483. Carol Mason reported that the seminar went very well. All the survey sheets were very positive and she had good volunteers.

LLI Genealogy Class – Inez Eppright reported that the genealogy class will start on September 15 and run through November 3. Instructors are being sought.

Membership – Missy Harris reported we have 334 members.

Publications – Robin Raben announced the newsletter deadline is this Friday due to the July 4th weekend. The Boot Camp class is this Saturday.

Archive Donations – A follow-up was done on the GLO donation. Robin Raben made a motion that $2,000 be donated to GLO for restoration of the Austin City Lots Maps. Marcia Arn seconded the motion which passed. Jim Bridges provided an audit procedure draft for the board to consider and discuss at a later meeting.

Karin Nelson reported that the TSGS annual conference will be in Austin the last weekend in October. She will provide more information as it becomes available.

Karin Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Carol Mason seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Inez Eppright, Secretary

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in lending a hand to the society? Here are ways to get involved!

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 Jane Schwendinger at education@austintxgensoc.org. Several classes are already scheduled and we can always add more.

Publicity Chair - This position is currently open and needs some help. You will have the opportunity to define the team and roles as you see fit, with the help of the board. The Publicity Committee’s function is to promote the society, its mission, and its activities to the general public, and foster engagement and participation by the society’s members. Contact Anne Mamiya at president@austintxgensoc.org.

Table Host/Hostess - Meet the Hospitality Chair at 5:30 on meeting day in the meeting room to set up the refreshments table and beverages. You are provided with "paper ware" and tablecloth; involves setting up beverages, receiving volunteered food items for attendees to enjoy when they arrive at 6:30, watching the table, and presiding there from 6:30 to 7:00. Replenishing cups, water, ice is included. Previous Table Hostesses have chosen to do this yearly or for designated months. Contact missy_harris@att.net if you would like to help. Set up is most important; clean-up is usually taken care of by the committee chairs.
AGS 2015 Calendar

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C AGS Sponsored Classes

September 26 AND October 3, Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Introduction to Genealogy
Hampton Branch at Oak Hill Library
5125 Convict Hill Rd, Austin, TX 78749

November 7, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Newspapers and Obituaries
Presented by Cari A. Taplin, CG
Hampton Branch at Oak Hill Library
5125 Convict Hill Rd, Austin, TX 78749

September 15 - November 3
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
Lifetime Learning Institute Classes
Find Your Ancestors
Triumphant Love Lutheran Church
9508 Great Hills Trail, Austin, TX 78759

New! - AGS Sponsored Special Interest Groups

AGS DNA SIG
August 17 and September 21, 5:45 - 8 p.m.
North Village Branch Library
2505 Steck Ave., Austin, TX 78757

AGS Writing SIG
August 27, 5:45 - 7:00 p.m.
North Village Branch Library
2505 Steck Ave., Austin, TX 78757

M AGS Meetings, Tuesdays 7 p.m.

August 25
BRING A FRIEND NIGHT
Earning a Living: Your Ancestors at Work
Presented by Pat Gordon

September 22
World War I: One Hundred Years of Records
Presented by Debbie Pearson from Fort Worth Genealogical Society

October 27
Talking to Elders to Record Family History
Presented by Mary Scrudder

November 24
FALL FESTIVAL POTLUCK DINNER
The Orphan Train
Presented by Jenna McEachern

(No Regular Meeting Scheduled for December)

SAVE THE DATE - NEXT YEAR’S CALENDAR

**Salt Lake City Research Trip**
April 17-24, 2016
AGS will once again sponsor a research trip to Salt Lake City. Details and registration will be available in September 2015.

**AGS Seminar 2016**
Saturday, May 21, 2016
Speaker: Thomas MacEntee
Details and registration will be provided Spring 2016.

Member Highlight - Would you like to be a Star?

As you may have noticed, we are publishing interviews of individual members of the Society each month for our Member Highlight series. If you’ve enjoyed reading about fellow members, you might consider being highlighted in an upcoming issue! Interested parties may contact newsletter@austintxgensoc.org

We Want to Hear from You!

We’d love to add some input from our membership to the newsletter. You can write an article about a genealogical topic, ask other members for help, or give your opinion on a book, blog, TV show, event.

Please send any items of interest or feedback to our newsletter editor, Robin Raben: newsletter@austintxgensoc.org.
Upcoming Events

**Are You Watching? Who Do You Think You Are?**

began its new season on July 26 on TLC.

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**The Sixth Annual Save Texas History Symposium: In the Shadow of the Dome: Austin by Day & Night**

Saturday, November 14, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This symposium will examine diverse aspects of Austin's history in the 19th century, from the notorious Guy Town, to prominent figures that helped build the city, and much more.

*Click here for more information*

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**CRUISE, ANYONE?**

**August 28 - September 4, 2015 - FGS (Federation of Genealogical Societies) Alaska Cruise**

Set sail from Seattle, Washington, for a 7 night cruise along the breathtaking Alaskan coast on FGS' maiden voyage of genealogy cruising.

For details and booking information [fgsconference.org/cruise/](http://fgsconference.org/cruise/)

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**Save Austin’s Cemeteries (SAC) 6th Annual Cemetery Photo Contest**

The 12 photos with the most votes will earn places in the 2016 SAC calendar, and the winning photographers will win a one-year membership to SAC.

*Entries will be accepted until midnight, August 31st.*

See [sachome.org](http://sachome.org) for SAC photo contest rules and entry form.

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**Galveston Historical Foundation Heritage Day**

**August 15, Kempner Park, 27th & Avenue O, Galveston, TX**

Learn about the early days of immigration through the Port of Galveston.

[galveston.com/gartenverein](http://galveston.com/gartenverein)

*From AGS Member Liz Hicks*

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**2015 German Texan Heritage Society Annual Conference**

Pre-conference Thursday, September 3
Friday, September 4
Saturday, September 5

German Free School, 507 East 10th St., Austin, TX 78701

Registration: [germantexans.org](http://germantexans.org)

*From AGS Member Liz Hicks*

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**Ft. Worth Genealogical Society**

**2015 End of Summer Seminar - Technology: Genealogical Skills for the Future**

**Speaker: Lisa Louise-Cook**

Saturday, September 19
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Website: [rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs](http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs)

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**Clayton Library Friends 2015 Symposium**

**Speaker: Deborah A. Abbott, Ph.D.**

Saturday, August 22
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Asia Society Center
1370 Southmore Blvd, Houston, TX

Website: [claytonlibraryfriends.org](http://claytonlibraryfriends.org)

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**Family Tree University's Fall 2015 Virtual Genealogy Conference**

September 18-20

Website: [familytreeuniversity.com/courses](http://familytreeuniversity.com/courses)

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**San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society Annual Seminar**

October 17
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

John Calvin Presbyterian Church, 8102 Miderown Dr., San Antonio, TX

Speaker Patti Hobbs, CG

Registration: [txsaghs.org](http://txsaghs.org)
Perry Castañeda Library (PCL) Catalog
From AGS Member Marcia Arn

In our last AGS meeting, Katherine Strickland from the University of Texas libraries walked us through using the library catalog for genealogical research. I did a little searching in the PCL catalog and there are a lot of books online!

There are so many areas where genealogical books might be; people should use the catalog for what they are looking for rather than going to the library and staying in one section.

When you search and find a book you are interested in, click on the title of the book, note the call number, then click on “PCL Stacks,” and it will give you a location guide with ranges of call numbers to help you find which section your book is in.

The numbers are the floor the books are on, and the letter is the section. For example, 3R means third floor stack R. You can find the floor maps on the website like Katherine showed us, or on each floor of the library by the elevators there is a map showing the sections for that floor (I used to go there a lot when I worked across the street from the library.)

- Texas and other state histories are in both 3R and 3S.
- Histories of early New England towns in 3S.
- Books on women in Texas and Texas history are in 4S.
- Civil War Regimental histories with rolls of those who served are in 5E.
- County histories of U.S. states are also in 5E or 5G.

PCL Catalog: catalog.lib.utexas.edu/


The latest from Lisa Louise Cooke’s Genealogy Gems blog at www.GenealogyGems.com:

“The new U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index 1936 – 2007 is a critical update to our ability to access information in U.S. Social Security applications, and perfect companion to the SSDI.

‘This database picks up where the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) leaves off by providing more details than those included in the SSDI,’ says the database description. ‘It includes information filed with the Social Security Administration through the application or claims process, including valuable details such as birth date, birth place, and parents’ names. While you will not find everybody who is listed in the SSDI in this database, data has been extracted for more than 49 million people.’ Some data will not appear for newer records; click here to read more about it and access the index.”

For a more detailed look, read the complete blog entry at: lisalouisecooke.com/2015/07/us-social-security-applications/

FindAGrave New Feature
From AGS Member Sarah Shaw

I participated in a Beta Test for FindAGrave. There is a new awesome feature that they are testing to see what the feedback on it will be.

A lot of the AGS members have transcribed cemeteries in Travis County and most are 90% or more photographed. There was one cemetery that was only 13%photographed. I decided since no one had really taken many photos there, I would do it. It is a church where several of my friends have attended so I was familiar with the location.

What a job! It was easy taking the pictures, but editing them, getting a list together, etc. was quite a chore. I had to break up the task over several days. I got to the point where I knew I was going to have to add memorials on FindAGrave and was dreading that part of the process.

FindAGrave’s new feature is a way to upload your photos, and park them on their site for 7 days and then allow other users to complete the transcription. If the name is already in the system, the name will pull up as you are keying it in. Otherwise, you can add the minimum information to create a new memorial or use drop downs to add more than basic information. If I can't complete my work after 7 days, the photos will be available for other members to finish the transcription process. How awesome is that? The pictures will still have my name as the photographer, but whoever transcribes the photo will manage the memorial.

FindAGrave website: findagrave.com/

Book Review - Annie’s Ghosts
From AGS Member Robin Raben

I am continuing my summer genealogical reading vacation with another great read: Annie’s Ghosts by Steve Luxenberg. It was published in 2009; I just discovered it. It’s a fascinating read about Steve’s mother and her secret - a sister she never acknowledged. His mother ALWAYS introduced herself as an only child! This book follows Steve’s investigation as he uncovers facts about his newly discovered Aunt, Annie, who was institutionalized at age 21. He researches records and interviews family members to learn as much as he can about her. It is a great history of Psychiatry and how mental illness was perceived and treated throughout the 20th century. It also is an example of how to go about researching your own family history. A great read on many levels. If you are looking for that next book and haven’t yet found this one, I recommend it.
Hospitality Report and Pictures from the July AGS Meeting

**Topic:** Genealogy Research at the UT Libraries  
**Presented by:** Katherine Strickland

We had 76 people in attendance at the July meeting.

**Visitors:**
- Robert and Leanne Martin from Austin
- Martha Allan
- Kathleen McRill
- Debra Tipping ("Debbe") from Round Rock

**Welcome to new members:**
- Shelly Scott
- Paul G. Noack
- Martha Allan who filled out a new member form after the visitor form!

**Thank you to those who supported the June meeting!**

**Greeters:** Lori Henry and Glenda Martin

**Nametag Table:** Jean Marostica, Gary Pemberton and Ann Elbert

**Refreshments:** Nancy Stevens, Barto Arnold, Jon Bayer, Susan Tyler and Mary Todd

**Audio/Visual:** John Marostica

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**Education:** Jane Schwendinger

**Publications:** Robin Raben

**Membership:** Missy Harris

**Programs:** Marcia Arn

**Presider:** Katherine Strickland

**President:** Anne Mamiya

**Nametag Table (L-R):** Ann Elbert, Jean Marostica, Gary Pemberton
Mid-Year Financial Statement

A mid-year financial statement is produced by the Treasurer every year and published in a summer newsletter. This is provided to ensure transparency and accountability to the society membership.

Austin Genealogical Society
Profit & Loss
Jan. 1 through June 30, 2015

INCOME
Donations Rec’d 68.00
Contributions Rec’d 417.00
Education (Seminar) 5,538.75
Membership Dues Rec’d 3,960.00
Misc Income (Lifetime Learning: Pioneer Certificates) 325.00

Total Income 10,308.75

EXPENSES
Charitable Donations 500.00
Education & Program Costs 4,239.06
Membership Costs 0.00
Operating Expenses:
  Publicity/Marketing 11.30
  Bank Fees: PayPal discounts 178.25
  Board Expenses 100.50
  Equip (Purch/Rental & Maint) 0.00
  Office Supplies and Materials 0.00
  Publication Postage 84.28
  Publication Printing & Copying 106.79
  Rent- P.O.Box 0.00
  Society Memberships 100.00
  Software & Peripherals 52.03

Total Operating Expenses 633.15
Pioneer Certificates 0.00

TOTAL EXPENSE 5,372.21

Net Ordinary Income 4,936.54
Other Income - Interest Earned 17.56

NET INCOME 4,954.10

Austin Genealogical Society
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2015

ASSETS
Current Assets 0.00
Checking/Savings
  Public Employees Credit Union 10,738.71
  Wells Fargo 20,823.11
Total Checking/Savings 31,561.82

TOTAL ASSETS 31,561.82

LIABILITIES & EQUITY
Current Liabilities 0.00
Total Liabilities 0.00

EQUITY
Retained Earnings 26,607.72
Net Income 4,954.10
Total Equity 31,561.82
Monthly Meetings on 4th Tuesdays
(except May and 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