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Austin Genealogical Meeting February 26, 2013

“Finding Frieda and Fritz: Identifying Immigrant Origins”

Presented by Karen J. Matheson

Shakespeare asked, “What’s in a name?” Whether your ancestors were Frieda and Fritz or Carmen and Carlos, their names alone may not accurately reveal their homeland! Karen will discuss research techniques and strategies that can help you correctly identify the origins of your immigrant ancestor.





Karen Matheson has been doing genealogical research for more than 20 years and presently works as a professional genealogist. Karen enjoys mentoring, teaching, and sharing her enthusiasm for family history with others!

Karen worked for Lineages, Inc. in Salt Lake City, Utah, for two years (1998-2000) before moving to Texas. She served five years (2004-2009) as the Director of the Round Rock Texas Family History Center. Karen currently serves as President of the Williamson County Genealogical Society, as Chapter Rep for the Lone Star Chapter of the APG, and as Secretary of the Texas State Genealogical Society.

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AGS Business: *From the Minutes of the Board Meeting*

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 22nd, prior to the regular AGS meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as submitted. The following items were discussed.

Treasurer's Report

The 2013 Budget was submitted and accepted after corrections and adjustments were made.

Bylaws Revision Discussion

Carolyn Gresham reported on changes that she feels are still needed in some sections regarding distribution of newsletters and quarterlies. Carolyn will submit a copy of suggested changes to Board members prior to the February meeting.

Contract

A contract between Lisa Alzo, the September Mini-Seminar speaker, and AGS was agreed upon. The signed agreement has been sent back to AGS.

Intro to Genealogy Classes (Beginner Classes)

The Spring session classes will be held on April 20 and 27 at TLLC.

Membership

Renewals for 2013 are on a par with those of 2012 for the same time period. Missy Harris reported on the effectiveness of using email blasts for membership renewal reminders.

Publicity

Jen Whitley reported on the effectiveness of the various 2012 venues that had been used for publicity. The possible use of AGS branded items as a publicity tool was discussed. Jen will check into this option.

Hospitality

Sheila Sargent is in charge of refreshments, and Kay Boyd is in charge of greeters.

Anne Mamiya will recruit volunteers for the Heritage Day at Oakwood Cemetery. She also reported that scrapbooks were out for viewing at the general meeting.

IRS Requirements

Carolyn Gresham reported on what is necessary for non-profits to be in compliance with IRS requirements.

Miscellaneous

A possible donation to the Texas State Library was discussed. No action was taken, pending a discussion with Diana Houston of TSL.



MEET A BOARD MEMBER

Jacque Demsky Wilson has been researching her family history for over 40 years. She has served on the AGS Board of Directors for the past year as Secretary and is currently the 2nd Vice President/Program Chair.

Jacque worked for the National Archives for over 25 years, both in Washington, D.C., and at the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library in Austin. For the past two years, she has volunteered at the Round Rock Public Library as the Genealogy Advisor. There, Jacque shares her years of researching experience on most Fridays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. View the Round Rock Public Library's online calendar for details. She also free-lances as a genealogical consultant.

Jacque graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Historical Studies from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and has a Master's of Library Science degree from Texas Woman's University. She is married with two children.



Besides being a member of AGS, Jacque is also a member of the Williamson County Genealogical Society, the Texas State Genealogical Society, and the Hudson County (NJ) Genealogical Society; as well as the Association for Graveyard Studies and Save Austin's Cemeteries. In her spare time, she is a Find a Grave photo volunteer and a Family Search indexer.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings!

AGS is off to a great start for 2013. We had a "packed house" at the January meeting where over 100 listened to Teri Flack educate us on where to find BMD information not contained in vital records. This month Karen Matheson will help you identify the origins of your immigrant ancestor. Let's see if we can get 125 members and guests at this February meeting. Encourage your friends to accompany you. If you missed Teri's talk, you will find her handout in the member's section of the website <http://austintxgensoc.org>.

The society owes deep gratitude to the wonderful volunteers who facilitate every aspect of the operation of our fantastic organization. Many of these volunteers you will see at the meetings. But many of our volunteers work daily behind the scenes. What surprises me is that, on membership forms, very few of you have expressed an interest in volunteering. We are not expecting our volunteers to be expert genealogists, bakers, greeters, or computer geeks, but are just hoping that more of you want to contribute and have fun while doing so. Send an email to me (president@austintxgensoc.org) or to the membership chair (membership@austintxgensoc.org) if you are inspired to volunteer. We'll put you to work and you'll meet some very nice folks, have some laughs, and potentially learn something.

There are many events coming up, including the Introduction to Genealogy classes in April. The tour of the LBJ library filled up the day it was announced but an additional date has been added. Additionally, we endeavor to make you aware of other opportunities sponsored by other organizations. Check the newsletter, our Facebook page, and our website to see what is happening in the area.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY ANNUAL SEMINAR.

The Williamson County Genealogical Society is pleased to announce its annual seminar, which will be held on March 16th, 2013.

The location for the seminar is First United Methodist Church, 1004 N. Mays, Round Rock, Texas. Eminent author and teacher John Philip Colletta will be the speaker. For details and registration, please go to the WCGS Website, which is <http://www.williamsontxgenealogy.org>

And hurry! The deadline for having your surnames and places included in the seminar syllabus is February 22nd. This year you can register on line and even pay using PayPal or a credit card. Of course, you can send a check by U.S. post to me if you prefer.

Instructions: Go to the Website. Point to Annual Seminar. Seminar Registration will appear; click on that. At the bottom of the page select your method of payment. The registration form will then appear; fill in the blanks. Click on Submit.

Judy Belle Horick, registrar 512/863-2685

Local Genealogy Opportunities

There are many opportunities to participate in genealogical activities in Austin and in nearby communities. The list below includes information on regularly occurring meetings in which AGS members may wish to participate.

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

Austin Genealogy Special Interest Group meets from 1:00- 3:00 P.M. the second Saturday of the month at Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library, 7051 Village Center Drive. <http://www.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

Bastrop Genealogy Society meets at 1:00 P.M. on the second Saturday of the month at Pressley Meeting Room, Bastrop Public Library. <http://www.bastroplibrary.org/genealogy/bastrop-genealogical-society-monthly-meeting.html>

Burnet County Genealogy Society meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:15 in the meeting room at the Herman Brown Free Library on the square in Burnet. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txburnet/BCGS.html>

Kingsland Genealogical Society meets the 2nd Tues. of each month at 2 pm in the Kingsland Library, which is a branch library of the Llano Public Library.

Merrilltown Cemetery Heritage Day Event: February 27th. The Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MerrilltownCemetery?ref=hl> The event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/443942529008979/>

The Texas State Historical Association (TSHA) is hosting their 117th Annual Meeting on February 28-March 2, 2013, at the Worthington Renaissance Hotel in Fort Worth. The Association provides a place not only for scholars to gather and share their research, but also for teachers, students, researchers, and history enthusiasts to attend sessions and talk with those working in the various fields of Texas history. For additional information, please contact (940) 369-5200 or [Susan Mauel@TSHAonline.org](mailto:SusanMauel@TSHAonline.org).

TIDBITS

- Be watching for a special price for an annual membership to Find My Past. Because AGS is a member of FGS, all AGS members will be eligible for this deal. Complete information will be provided after the membership renewal period ends on Feb. 28. (You'll need to have renewed in order to receive the discount code.)
- Interesting follow-up to our "Who Do You Think You Are?" program. AGS member **Karen Baker** has found she is related to Jim Swift. They share a 3rd, 4th or 5th great grandfather .

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SEND IT IN!



Members are encouraged to provide interesting hints, links to good websites, good articles, and other brief items that may benefit fellow AGS members.

To get this started, here is a link to a good blog article regarding copyright issues:

http://blog.mocavo.com/2013/01/copyright-and-ethics?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20130126+newsletter&utm_content=blog_posts

Help

Are you having trouble getting into the Member's Only section of the AGS website? Here is an easy way to recover your username and reset your password.

Go to <http://austintxgensoc.org/wp-login.php>.

Click on Lost Your Password.

Enter the email address that you have on file with AGS.

You will receive an email with your username and a link to reset your password. Click on that link, and follow the prompts to log in.

If you have any problems, or if you're not sure what email address you have on file, email Dona Kurtz at webmaster@austintxgensoc.org.



AGS member Elaine Powell has been under the weather since December. Though she is recovering, she would doubtless enjoy receiving some cards at her home address: 3312 Meredith St. Austin, TX 78731. Let's give her a card "shout out."

Lifetime Learning Institute of Austin FIND YOUR ANCESTORS

Exploring records to learn about your ancestors—who they were, where they lived, what they did—has never been easier or more exciting. The Austin Genealogical Society exists to encourage and support such searches using methods old and new. Beginners and experienced researchers are welcome. Each session is presented by a member of the society, covering a variety of topics. Expect a \$3 charge for copies. Limit 20.

Course #: 21

Instructor - Inez Eppright, Coordinator

Time: 10:00—Noon Tuesday, Starts Feb. 12

Place: Triumphant Love Lutheran Church

9508 Great Hills Trail (78759)

You may register online at Lifetime Learning Institute <http://www.liaustin.org/>

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND COORDINATORS

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Membership Directory - Jean Marostica

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Newsletter Editors - Sharon and Bob Foley

Hospitality Report

Greeters for the January meeting were Barbara Innis and Bob Tieman.

Refreshments were provided by Kay Boyd, Missy Harris, Sheila Sargent, Jane Schwendinger, and Evelyn Syler. Sheila Sargent also presided over the refreshment table.

Registration Table helpers were Ann Cooper, Jean Marostica, Cynthia Rodriguez, and Arlene Zirkel.

Attendance Report for the January 22nd meeting:

101 signed in and we know that we missed a few. Great turnout!

VISITORS

Fred Catrett, Austin, TX

Adriana Grande, Plugerville, TX

Julia Pew, Pflugerville, TX

Ron White, Austin, TX

NEW/RETURNING MEMBERS

Mollie Allison, Austin, TX

Kathryn Elliott, Driftwood, TX

Eva Huddleston, Austin, TX

Lindsey Kelly, Buda, TX

Jan Pelosi, Austin, TX

February greeters will be Earle McBride and Nancy Stevens

Refreshments in February will be provided by Ursula Gaines, Candice McFarland, Linda Milligan, and Sheila Sargent.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of Connie and Brad Perdue on the loss of his mother, Nettye Marye Henderson who passed peacefully on February 1, 2013, at the New Hope Manor Assisted Living Community in Cedar Park, TX. She fought an over five year battle with Lewy Body Dementia.

Nettye was born on June 3, 1932 in Dallas, TX as the only child of Alex Lee Magrill and Mary Chisholm Thompson. William Oliphant (father of William Oliphant the photographer, was Nettye's great-great-grandfather and was one of her connections to Austin (he has been the subject of articles that Connie has written.) During most of Nettye's childhood and up through college, they lived on Euclid Avenue in Highland Park. Nettye graduated from Highland Park High School, attended one year of college at Texas Women's University, and attended SMU where she met her first husband, Ernest (Dick) Richard Perdue. Dick and Nettye were married on March 28, 1952 in Perkins Chapel at SMU. They had three children, Richard (Rick) Magrill Perdue of Denison, Charles Bradley (Brad) Perdue of Austin and Dan Alexander Perdue (deceased). Nan had six grandchildren: Blake, Brent and Caitlin Perdue, children of Brad and Connie Perdue; and Ricky, Mandy and Daniel Perdue children of Rick Perdue. Nettye married her second husband George Milton (Mike) Henderson (deceased in 2000) on June 1, 1968.

A graveside service was held at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 3, 2013, in Our Lady of Guadalupe Garden at Cook-Walden Memorial Hill Cemetery in Pflugerville, TX.

Complete obituary published at: www.cookwaldenchapelofthehills.com



2013 Board of Directors

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2013 Officers

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If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please feel free to share those with us.

AGS REGULAR MEETINGS

2013 Program Schedules

Tuesday, January 22

“No Vital Records? Locating Birth and Death Substitutes” presented by Teri Flack

Tuesday, February 26

“Finding Frieda and Fritz: Identifying Immigrant Origins”
presented by **Karen Matheson**

Tuesday, March 26

“What My Great-Great Grandpas Taught Me” presented by Joyce Wans

Tuesday, April 23

“How Great Thou Are! Church Records”
presented by Kelvin Myers

Tuesday, May 28

“Your English Ancestors: Upstairs or Downstairs?” presented by Ed Dorroh

Tuesday, June 25

“World War II Research” presented by
Lisa Sharik

Tuesday, July 23

“Digital Legacy, Preserving the Past for The Future” presented by Roberta Pryzbylski

Tuesday, August 27

“Member-to-Member” Special Topic
Tables—AGS Members

Tuesday, September 7

Seminar presented by Lisa Alzo

Tuesday, September 24

“Social Media: Cousin Bair and Partners in Crime” presented by Randy Whited

Tuesday, October 22

“Texas Archive of the Moving Image”
presented by Elizabeth Hansen

Tuesday, November 26

Fall Festival—“I Bet You Didn’t
Know That” presented by AGS members



Austin Genealogical Society

Membership Form

(To renew online, go to www.Austin TxGenSoc.org)

- New member
- Renewal of 2013 membership
- Returning Member (prior to 2013)

Membership Dues

- ___ \$20 Individual / Institutional Membership
- ___ \$30 Family Membership
- ___ \$500 Lifetime Membership
- ___ \$300 Senior Lifetime Membership (over age 65)

Supporting Donation (in addition to dues above)

- ___ Friend of AGS add \$20
- ___ Sponsor of AGS add \$30
- ___ Patron of AGS add \$80
- \$_____ total dues and donations

Member Information

Name: _____ Spouse (if member): _____

Email: _____ Spouse email: _____

Mailing address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

May we list this information in our membership directory? yes no

Surnames: list up to eight surnames and locations for posting on the AGS website, or indicate "no changes".

Surname 1: _____	Location: _____
Surname 2: _____	Location: _____
Surname 3: _____	Location: _____
Surname 4: _____	Location: _____
Surname 5: _____	Location: _____
Surname 6: _____	Location: _____
Surname 7: _____	Location: _____
Surname 8: _____	Location: _____

Volunteers make a difference! Please mark any of these projects you are willing to assist us with and Thank You!

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| ___ Board of Directors | ___ Hospitality and Refreshment Planning |
| ___ Program Committee | ___ One-time Special Event Volunteer |
| ___ Education Committee or Instructor | ___ Membership & Registration |
| ___ Speaker | ___ Other: _____ |

Please mail this form with your payment to:
 Austin Genealogical Society, P O Box 10010, Austin TX 78766-1010

Monthly Meetings on 4th Tuesdays
(except December)

Social time at 6:30; Program at 7:00

Highland Park Baptist Church

5206 Balcones Drive

Austin, TX 78759

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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