Austin Genealogical Society (AGS)

Next Meeting: February 23, 2016

Helpful Tips & Tricks to use FamilySearch
Cherie Bush of FamilySearch

An opportunity to learn about using FamilySearch.org from an expert!

About Cherie
Cherie Bush is a deputy Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch International. She has been a family history enthusiast for many years. She currently serves as a board member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

February 23, 2016
Social Time 6:30 p.m. / Program 7:00 p.m.
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731

REMINDER: Time to Renew Your Membership
Don't forget to renew your membership for 2016! Mailing lists and the membership directory will be updated March 1st with 2016 members. You don't want to be left out. Please update your membership online or send a check to be in good standing, have access to the Members' Only Section of the website, have access to the AGS Directory, and get your Members' special rate for the Seminar and other activities that should arise! Continue to be an active AGS Member for 2016. Dues are still only $20.00!

Renew online: austintxgensoc.org/membership-account/membership-levels
Thank you!
Missy Harris, Membership
Announcing our 2015 Writing Contest Winners!

Category: Articles about Travis County and surrounding Counties

1st Place: (tie)
Phoebe Allen, Haynie-Cook House Site
Connie Perdue, John Arthur Stuart

Runner Up:
Alyssa Helen Behr, Petri Family Voyage to America

Category: Articles from outside Travis County or Educational Topics

1st Place:
Nancy Stevens, Abel Coburn (1780-1861) of Franklin, Vermont

Runners Up:
Phoebe Allen, Eliza Jane Gillespie
Rob Richardson, Genealogy Outside the Box – How Did the Economic Panics of the 1800s Affect Your Family?

Category: Personal Memoirs

1st Place:
Dick Peterson, A Tale of Two Crosses

Runners Up:
James Bridges, Great Grandpa, Serendipity and Me
Glenda Lassiter, Griff

Outstanding Contributors - Most Articles Submitted in 2015 (tie)

Phoebe Allen - four articles
James Bridges - four articles

A Note from the AGS Education Chair

I'd like to introduce myself. I am Cari Taplin and I am the new education committee chair person for Austin Genealogical Society and it is my pleasure to be organizing a fun and educational series of classes for the coming year.

Classes for 2016 are posted on the Society's website where descriptions can be viewed and you can register. Please visit: austintxgensoc.org/classes/

Registrations will open approximately four weeks before each class session. These classes are free and open to the public. There are a limited number of seats so bring your friends and register soon!

The first class, "Beginning Concepts in Genealogy," is coming up on February 13. Registration is now open! Click here to register.

I look forward to meeting you and learning with you this year.

A Note from our Quarterly Editor

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the 2015 AGS Quarterly Publication! Your submissions continue to serve the society membership and uphold our reputation as an award-winning medium for publication. We truly couldn't do it without you. As your 2016 Quarterly Editor, I aim to continue this tradition as AGS enters its 56th publication year!

I would like to take this moment to congratulate our 2015 Writing Contest Winners!

We are pleased to announce that we will be running the Writing Contest again in 2016.

Articles must be published in the AGS Quarterly during the calendar year 2016. Articles must include 500 words or more written by the author (not including words in transcriptions or family trees.) Articles considered will include original research, case studies, educational columns, essays and narratives on a genealogical subject. Articles must be submitted by a member of AGS in 2016, and winners must be a member at time of the award announcement in 2017.

Prizes for 2016 will be announced in a future newsletter.

I am looking forward to the 2016 publication year. Let's make it a great one!

Here is a link to the quarterly guidelines: austintxgensoc.org/quarterly-guidelines

For questions or submissions to the quarterly feel free to email me at: quarterly@austintxgensoc.org

Angela Doetsch
FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Congratulations to all of the Quarterly Writing Award winners who were announced at last month's meeting. It was really fun to see people rewarded for their hard work and I would like to thank everyone for continuing to submit articles to keep our Quarterly a great publication!

We have some great educational opportunities this month, especially for those of you getting started with your research or needing a “fresh start.” AGS will be offering a Beginning Concepts in Genealogy class on February 13. Registration is available on our website.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings and this month would be a great month to bring someone with you. Cherie Bush from FamilySearch will be our speaker. She will be providing us with research tips on using the great collection of resources available to the public.

The Writing and DNA Special Interest Groups (SIGs) will also be meeting again this month. Check out the calendar in this newsletter or on our website for dates and locations. austintxgensoc.org/calendar-of-events

I’d also like to remind those who have not renewed their membership for 2016 to please do so this month. You may renew online, by mail, or at our meeting. We appreciate all of our members and would hate for you to miss out on anything because you forgot to renew!

One final reminder: if you plan on going on the AGS Salt Lake City research trip in April, the deadline for registration and payment is March 1. Please email me with any questions. We'd love to have you join us!

Anne Mamiya
president@austintxgensoc.org

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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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 meets on the third Saturday of each month at 1:00-3:00 p.m. at 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. on 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: williamsontxgenealogy.org/

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

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AGS Austin Gen SIG meets at 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: austintxgensig.com/

Indicates an official AGS activity
Announcing AGS 2016 Classes

Beginning Concepts in Genealogy
February 13, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Hampton Branch at Oak Hill
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.

Get Organized this Year!
March 12, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., North Village Branch
Instructor: Cari Taplin, CG

Do you LOVE the research part of genealogy but DREAD the next step of data-entry and organizing your findings? You are NOT ALONE! Someone said “If you ask 100 genealogists how they organize their files, you are going to get 100 different answers!” This program will present some different ways to get organized. This class will also cover organizing your research process through using a research plan/log.

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.

October Class TBD

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AGS on Facebook

**Austin Genealogical Society**
facebook.com/AustinGenealogicalSociety?fref=ts

Posts on this site include information about the AGS monthly programs, the annual AGS seminar, and AGS classes.

**Austin Genealogical Society Members helping Members**
facebook.com/groups/643600238984459/

Posts on this site include genealogy related topics such as webinars, websites, and classes not sponsored by AGS. Members of the group may request help with any particular issue they are experiencing with their own research.

“Liking” the pages helps get our message out to more people on Facebook! Please like posts when you see them to help market our Society.

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Member Brick Wall - Can You Help?

I have a brick wall. I am searching for Acenieth Lewis. The last place I find her is the 1900 Census. She was living with her daughter Cassandra and son-in-law James Pruett in Austin, Ward 11. She is transcribed as P Lewis 81. She is my 3rd great grandmother. It would be great to find anything on her.

Thanks,

Ricky Baggerly, rcbaggs@yahoo.com

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Do You Have a Brick Wall? A Genealogical Question?

Feel free to send it in for the newsletter to newsletter@austintxgensoc.org or post it to our Facebook page, “Austin Genealogical Society Members helping Members.”
## 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/)

### C  AGS Classes
Classes begin at 10:00 AM

- **Sat, 13-Feb**  Beginning Concepts in Genealogy  
  Hampton at Oak Hill

- **Sat, 12-Mar**  Get Organized This Year!  
  North Village

- **Sat, 9-Apr**  Genealogical Education Opportunities both Online and Off  
  Hampton at Oak Hill

- **Sat, 9-Jul**  Intermediate Concepts in Genealogy  
  Yarborough

- **Sat, 13-Aug**  A Tour Through Major Record Types  
  Austin History Center

- **Sat, 15-Oct**  TBD  
  Yarborough

### AGS Special Interest Groups

#### DNA SIG - Contact Jane Schwendinger or Randy Whited

- **Wed, 17-Feb**  Spicewood Springs, 6:00 to 8:45 PM  
  Spicewood Springs, 6:00 to 8:15 PM

- **Mon, 14-Mar**  Spicewood Springs, 6:00 to 8:15 PM  
  Hampton at Oak Hill, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

- **Sat, 11-Jun**  North Village, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
  Austin History Center, 6:15 to 8:30 PM

- **Mon, 15-Aug**  North Village, 6:00 to 8:30 PM  
  North Village, 6:00 to 8:15 PM

- **Mon, 17-Oct**  North Village, 6:00 to 8:15 PM  
  BuildASign

#### AGS Annual Seminar

- **Sat, 21-May**  Featured Speaker: Thomas MacEntee  
  **Meetings**

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

#### 23-Feb  Helpful Tips & Tricks to use FamilySearch

- **Cherie Bush of FamilySearch**

#### 22-Mar  Mining a Goldmine: Research in Courthouse Records, Teri Flack

#### 26-Apr  Octoberfest and Researching Your German Genealogy, Alan Rabe

#### 24-May  One Person, Two Birth Certificates; Texas History of Adoption and Birth Certificates

#### 28-Jun  African American Research, History and Resources at the George Washington Carver Genealogy Center, Cynthia Evans

#### 26-Jul  Jumping the Pond in the 19th Century: 19th Century Immigration from Europe to North America, Nick Cimino

#### 23-Aug  Software for Genealogists

#### 27-Sep  Member Topic Tables

#### 25-Oct  HistoryGeo.com: Unlocking the Past with Original and Early Landowner Maps including New Features, Gregory Boyd (Arphax)

#### 22-Nov  Fall Fest Potluck Dinner, Texas Rangers Mike Cox

### 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
- **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

**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.

At the February meeting, Randy Whited will do a *RootsTech DNA Recap*.

Everyone interested in DNA for genealogy is welcome.

**Wednesday, February 17, 6:00-8:00 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.

**2nd Thursday of the month**
March 10, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Buildasign
11525 Stonehollow Dr.
Austin, Texas 78758

**AGS 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 Cari Taplin at education@austintxgensoc.org.

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**Williamson County Genealogical Society**
Annual Seminar
**Saturday, March 19, 8:00 a.m.**
First United Methodist Church, Round Rock, TX
Speaker: Curt Witcher, Allen County Public Library
williamsontxgenealogy.org/cpage.php?pt=18

**First Annual Black Family History Day**
Texas State Library and Archives Commission
**Saturday, February 13**
A series of three presentations on African-American Genealogy. General information is available at: tsl.texas.gov/familyhistory

Did you miss RootsTech 2016?
Don't worry - you can watch it on video! The recordings of the sessions are available at: rootstech.org/video2/4739804696001

Do you have a genealogical blog or website? Let us advertise it for you in our newsletter! Contact newsletter@austintxgensoc.org

The “Forgotten” Immigrants: The Swiss to America
Free seminar sponsored by the Houston Genealogical Forum
**Saturday, March 5**
10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston
Presenter: Michael D. Lacopo, DVM
hgftx.org/event/hgf-program-to-be-determined-5

Houston: Beginning Genealogical Classes
With Marje Harris, Retired Manager of Clayton Library for Genealogical Research
Six Saturdays: January 23 thru March 12, 10 a.m. - Noon
Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston, TX 77074
hgftx.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Genealogy-Class-Registration-Form-2016.pdf

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Member Contributions

It’s more than just movies...  
*From AGS Member John Marostica*

I suppose that many people know that TAMI has a collection of videos with a Texas theme. But believe me; they have much more than that! If you just want to see some interesting footage, you can go to their website and view their Curated Collections, their web exhibits, or enjoy a random film. The Curated Collections are collections of films related to a particular subject, theme, or personality, that have been selected and extensively researched by TAMI staff. Whatever you choose, you will learn something interesting about Texas that you probably did not know.

The real power of the collection is revealed when you “browse” the collection. There are over 3000 videos on line. The TAMI archivist goes to great lengths to fully research and extensively tag each video to ensure high quality. Not only do the archivists tag videos, but so can you. If you think of a helpful or descriptive tag that needs to be added, you can add it. And if you recognize an individual, you can add his or her name to the tag list also.

As impressive as that is, there is more. If you want, you can share a video through popular social media outlets or e-mail it directly to someone. If you don’t want to send the entire video to someone, you can just “mark a video segment” and send it to them. And don’t forget, they can digitize your old film for you (for free) as long as it has Texas content or subject matter.

Texas Archive for the Moving Image (TAMI) is unique in its ability to add Texas history, culture and flavor to your family history story. Be sure to book mark this site and visit it often. TAMI has a lot to offer!

texasarchive.org/library/index.php/Main_Page

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*From AGS Member Earle F. McBride*

There are three novels in the series featuring Morton Farrier, forensic genealogist. Morton Farrier is a fictional forensic genealogist who lives in the well-preserved medieval town of Rye in East Sussex, UK, a few kilometers from the English Channel. Soon after a client pays Farrier the outrageous sum of 50,000 pounds to document his parentage, the man is found dead-- by his own hand according to the police. Morton feels compelled to complete his task to honor his client and because he suspects foul play in the death of his former client. I was intrigued to learn which genealogical resources Morton used in the UK to try to reach his goal. He was thwarted by records that had been erased or stolen and by two attempts on his life. The story moves at a quick pace, but I was confused on several issues that required a bit of backtracking to clarify. We learn early in the book that Morton was adopted. Only near the end of the book does Morton’s father reluctantly reveal the shocking story of Morton’s biological parents. This is the first novel I have read with a focus on a genealogist, so I have nothing to compare it with. I give it a B rating.

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**ancestry**  
After the recent announcement that Ancestry will no longer support Family Tree Maker, they have now announced that they are offering two options for desktop software that will work with Ancestry.

**Software MacKiev** is acquiring the Family Tree Maker software line as publisher for both Mac and Windows versions.

**RootsMagic** will connect Ancestry with the RootsMagic software by the end of 2016. With this new relationship, RootsMagic can serve as your desktop family tree software, while having access to Ancestry hints, Ancestry searches, and the ability to save your tree on Ancestry.

Keep up to date on the developments via the Ancestry blog.

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**Briscoe Center News**  
*From AGS Member Kay Boyd*

For most of 2016, the Briscoe Center will be undergoing a renovation of the first floor to update the reading room, and expand exhibit and public programming spaces. Beginning **February 15, 2016**, the Reading Room at the Briscoe Center will be closed due to construction. Beginning **Monday, February 22**, the reference services will be operating from the Benson Latin American Special Collections Reading Room, next door. There will be less room for researchers and they will only be able to retrieve materials once an hour. All materials will need to be paged, including microfilm.

At this point, they anticipate the construction work to continue throughout the rest of 2016. Please check the webpage for more details: coh.utexas.edu/research/visit.php.
Hospitality Report from the January Meeting

**Topic:** It’s in the Bag: Preparing for a Research Trip  
**Presented by:** Cari Taplin  
**Attendance:** 74 attending including 6 visitors (2 visitors joined!)  
**New Lifetime Member:** AGS member Jennifer Schwenker upgraded to a Lifetime membership. Thank you for supporting AGS!

**Welcome New Members!**
- John Butler
- William Cox
- Millijon Crowell
- Gary Mann
- Vicki Robles
- Klem Schmidt

**Visitors:**
- Joshua Fields
- Marci Kuan
- Millijon Crowell
- Gary Mann
- Carolyn Cobb

**Thank you to those who supported the January meeting:**
**Refreshments:** Kay Boyd, Missy Harris, Teresa Devine, Robin Raben  
**Hospitality Table:** Nancy Stevens and Shelley Augustin  
**Greeters:** Erin Garcia, Mary Todd  
**Member Table:** Carol Mason, Sharon Foley and Nancy Stevens  
**Sign-in Table:** Jean Marostica, Gary Pemberton, Kathy Pemberton, Arlene Zirkel and Jean Shroyer  
**Membership Renewal:** Kay Boyd and Karin Nelson  
**Audio-visual guru:** John Marostica

That is Team January and it takes every one!!! Thank you, thank you, team!! - Missy Harris, Hospitality Chair

The 2016 AGS Board of Directors: (L-R) Anne Mamiya, Missy Harris, Teresa Devine, Jim Bridges, Trisha Thompson, Marcia Arn, Robin Raben, Karin Nelson, Jean Marostica, Erin Garcia, and Cari Taplin, CG  
(not pictured: Jan Pelosi)
Member Appreciation
Mary C. Forister
By Robin Raben

Mary C. Forister, a member of AGS for over 40 years, is an extraordinary person, as you will discover as you read her history. Although she was born with what is known as Treacher Collins Syndrome (facial deformities caused by a birth defect,) started wearing a hearing-aid at the age of 9, and has Fibromyalgia, she has excelled in her career, contributed to her community, and even has a school named after her. She has a remarkable story and we are lucky to have her in the Society!

Royal Heritage
M.C. started researching her family history in 1977. Her parents are Afton Marvin Forister and Leola Caroline Graf. Her mother was a full blood German and she used to tell her father that he was “a mixed-up kid”. One of his ancestors was Choctaw Indian woman (no proof) who married a Frenchman. Another ancestor had a little German, English, Irish and Scottish. Through her father’s mother’s side of the family, M.C. is a direct descendant of the Plantagenet family (Henry I), William the Conqueror and many other royal families!

Saving Cemeteries
The Caperton Family Cemetery had only one remaining headstone, and was out in a field in Travis County, south of Austin. In August of 1999, after over 15 years of trying to save it, she received a certificate from the Texas Historical Commission, certifying that it was listed as an Official Historic Texas Cemetery.

In September of 2001, M. C. received a certificate from the President, Everett A. Fey, of the Comal County Genealogy Society, stating “In Honor of the Outstanding Contributions of Preservation, Recognition and Protection for Comal County Area Cemeteries, is recognized as a member of the Friedhof Verein (Cemetery Club)”. In May of 2002, she received another certificate, from the Texas Historical Commission, certifying that the Jauer Family Cemetery is listed as an Official Historic Texas Cemetery.

Awards
M. C. was awarded an “Outstanding Award in Family Histories” on October 21, 2005, from the Texas State Genealogical Society for her first book, The Isensee Family And Their Descendants 1799-2001.

She was honored by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Albert Sidney Johnston No. 105 chapter, with the “Judah P Benjamin Award”, on June 16, 2007.

She was selected as a “Dames Who Make A Difference” from the Texas Society Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century, on March 1, 2013.

She received an Appreciation Award from the Floresville Independent School District’s Special Education Director on October 10, 2014.

M.C. worked for the Texas Employment Commission, now known as the Texas Workforce Commission, for 28 1/2 years, retiring in 1993.

An Author
M. C. has written 6 books: The Isensee Family and Their Descendants, 1799-2001; The Beicker Family and Their Descendants, 1760-2001; Johann Carl Ludwig Jauer and His Descendants, 2002; Oliver H. P. Tabor and His Descendants, 2006; Andrew W. Caperton & Jane T. Scrivner, Their Ancestors and Their Descendants, 2011; and Ignaz Graf And His Descendants, 2015. The money from selling these books goes to The Mary C. Forister Fund and Advocacy Center in Floresville.

An Artist Making A Difference!
"I took a few lessons on oil painting. I sold many of my pictures and gave the money to the school for special children in Floresville. I didn't want those children to go through what I had gone through. I wanted them to have a good education in Floresville without having to go all the way to San Antonio. I had met some children who thought that they were the only ones who were handicapped, but after talking to them and to their parents, they realized that they can do better and would enjoy their life.

"On October 23, 1980, I was honored when a special school for Multi-Handicapped children was built in Floresville and was named The Mary C. Forister Center. In 2010, the Forister Center building was closed and children went to a new building, mixed with other children. Then, on June 5, 2014, the Forister Center began to be used for the Children’s Alliance of South Texas for abused children (I was abused too, years ago)."

Focus on Safety
She is a member of CLASP (Citizen Led Austin Safety Partnership) and Cherry Creek Village Neighborhood. In October 2015 she received a Certificate of Appreciation from The Cherry Creek Village Neighborhood Association.
### AGS 2015 Financial Statements

#### Austin Genealogical Society

**Profit & Loss**

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#### Austin Genealogical Society

**Balance Sheet**

As of December 31, 2015

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| **TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** | 25,892.42 |
Austin Genealogical Society
2016 Membership Form

☐ New member
☐ Renewal of 2015
☐ Returning Member (prior to 2015)

Membership Dues

☐ $20 Individual  ☐ $500 Lifetime Membership
☐ $30 Family Membership  ☐ $300 Senior Lifetime Membership (age 65 + over)

Supporting Donation (in addition to dues above)

☐ Friend of AGS  add $20
☐ Sponsor of AGS  add $30
☐ Patron of AGS  add $80

$________TOTAL DUES & DONATION

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

☐ Seminar Committee  ☐ Hospitality and Refreshment Planning
☐ Program Committee  ☐ One-time Special Event Volunteer
☐ Education Committee or Instructor  ☐ Membership & Registration
☐ Speaker  ☐ Publicity
☐ Publications (Newsletter/Quarterly)

Member Information

Name: ___________________________ Spouse (if member): ___________________________
Your Email: ___________________________ Spouse Email: ___________________________
Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________________
Your Cell Phone: ___________________________ Spouse Cell 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 4: ___________________________ Location: _______________________
Surname 5: ___________________________ Location: _______________________
Surname 6: ___________________________ Location: _______________________
Surname 7: ___________________________ Location: _______________________
Surname 8: ___________________________ Location: _______________________

☐ No changes to surname listings

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(except December)
Social time at 6:30 p.m.; Program at 7:00 p.m.
Highland Park Baptist Church
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