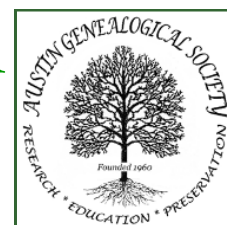


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The Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter



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Monthly AGS Meeting

Tuesday, January 22nd, 2013

Highland Park Baptist Church

5206 Balcones Drive

Austin, Texas 78759

6:30 p.m. – Refreshments and Networking

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Business and Program

Program: "No Vital Records? Locating Birth and Death Substitutes"

Presented by: Teri Flack

Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!

"No Vital Records? Locating Birth and Death Substitutes"

Births and deaths are critical events in our ancestors' lives; however, we often find no official vital records exist. Teri will present a variety of alternatives – some obvious, some obscure – you can use to identify birth and death events. She will stimulate your creativity to search for all of the various ways you can determine the births and deaths of your ancestors.



Advancing genealogy through wide-ranging research and education and supporting the preservation of the heritage of Austin, Travis County, and Texas.

Editors:

Sharon and Bob Foley

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A 6th generation Texan, Teri E. Flack has been researching her family history for over 30 years. She has served for 4 years as the AGS treasurer.



She's the chairman of the Texas State Genealogical Society's Records Preservation and Access Committee and the state liaison to the national Records Preservation and Access Committee. She formerly served as a director on the board of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. She's a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She volunteers at the Texas State Archives, working on a project to preserve and make accessible to the public over 1,000 volumes of Galveston County records from the 19th and 20th centuries.

Teri retired in May 2009 after working for the state of Texas for over 26 years – most recently as Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education and Special Advisor to the Commissioner of Higher Education. Teri returned to Texas State University in the fall of 2010 to pursue a Master's degree in History with a concentration in Public History. She graduated in December 2012.

Have you remembered to renew your membership?

Please login to our website: <http://austintxgensoc.org>

Click on the renewal link that applies to you.

AGS DUES ARE PAYABLE BY

JANUARY 31ST

New and renewing members will be listed (if they wish) in the Annual Membership Directory if payment is received by the end of February.

We will miss having you as part of our society, and you will miss out on receiving newsletters, quarterlies, and email notices until your dues are received.

RENEW TODAY!

A Message from Your President

Greetings,

As we embark on a new year, it is a time to reflect on the past as well. Thanks to the board members who have moved on, including Earle Mc Bride, Janis Trayler, Karin Branaman, and Sharon Foley. They have worked tirelessly to make Austin Genealogical Society a terrific resource for your genealogical research and a place to find wonderful camaraderie. Thank you also to the many other volunteers who have worked so hard to facilitate the monthly meetings and seminars.

Looking forward, it is my goal to get to know you all better, listen to your input, and work to make AGS even better. We welcome these new members to the board: Anne Mamiya, Carolyn Gresham, Karin Nelson, and Leslie D. Inman. They join the other board members Dona Kurtz, Inez Eppright, Jacquie Wilson, Jennifer Whitley, Missy Harris, Randy Whited and Teri Flack.

We have planned terrific monthly programs and a great mini-seminar to enlighten you during the year. Here's a reminder to renew your membership for 2013 so you can continue to benefit from all we have to offer, including the newsletter, the Quarterly, and the website. Join us on the 22nd when our member Teri Flack presents "No Vital Records? Locating Birth and Death Substitutes."

A Note from the Editors

Greetings to our fellow AGS members from your new and nervous newsletter editors! Janis Trayler, past editor of the Newsletter for multiple years, has passed the task to us – Sharon and Bob Foley. The bar was set high and it will be a difficult act to follow, but we are entering our new responsibility with enthusiasm and a will to continue the tradition of producing a monthly Newsletter the society can be proud of. Please bear with us in the next few months as we work through the process of putting the newsletter together. Please give us feedback and suggestions for improvement.

We will rely on Barbara Innis, Kay Boyd, Kathryn Case, and Jean Marostica for proofreading and editing initial copy, and we would like to thank them in advance for their efforts. We will also need you, as members, to help out through providing content and suggestions for topics. As Janis stated in her final issue "Good reporters are invaluable." Roving reporters are asked to step up.

So the two of us embark on a new venture – coeditors of the AGS Newsletter – and we are excited to be able to help in some small way. Wish us well. We look forward to putting together the 2013 AGS Newsletters.

AGS Business: From the Minutes of the Board Meeting

The 2012 AGS Board did not meet in regular session in November so that they could take part in the preparations for the Fall Festival November meeting. The board voted via email to accept the treasurer's report for November and the Board minutes submitted for the October meeting.

The 2013 Board of Directors met on December 8, 2012, for the annual board retreat. The following items were discussed and action taken when appropriate.

Election of 2013 Officers:

President-Jane Schwendinger; 1st Vice President-Carolyn Gresham; 2nd Vice President-Jacquie Wilson; Secretary-Inez Eppright; Treasurer-Teri Flack.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report for November was discussed and accepted.

2012 and 2013 Budgets:

2012 and 2013 budgets were presented and discussed. The 2013 budget was adopted.

Cemetery Projects:

A recommendation was made to change the scope from canvassing cemeteries to starting a chart of cemetery names, locations, descriptions and where information is located. Randy Whited, Jennifer Whitley, Carolyn Gresham and Anne Mamiya will work on this project.

Seminar:

The charge for the September 7, 2013, with Lisa Alzo will be \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

AGS Contracts:

Maureen Taylor has been contracted for \$1200 to be the seminar speaker for 2014. The need for contracts to be

presented to the board prior to the president's signing them was discussed and determined to henceforth be board policy.

President Jane Schwendinger will negotiate an agreement with Lisa Alzo to be our speaker on September 7, 2013, for a fee of up to \$1,000 plus reasonable expenses.

Facility Issues:

Inez Eppright volunteered to facilitate reservations and the opening and closing of Highland Park Baptist Church. There was a discussion on moving meetings to an alternate site. Randy Whited will chart addresses of members/attendees to determine most convenient locations for meetings.

Bank Statements:

Leslie Inman will receive the bank statements and reconcile our bank balance to treasurer's reports.

Website:

All discussion regarding the website was postponed until Dona Kurtz can be present.

Historian:

Discussion was held regarding whether to continue the scrapbook in notebooks or to change to a digital format. Anne Mamiya will be the historian.

TSGS, FGS & TSLA:

Jennifer Whitley will be the TSGS liaison and Leslie Inman will be our TSLA liaison.

Travis County Research Guide:

Under consideration is the development of a Travis County Research Guide containing a list of local sources that could be laminated and sold.

Travis County Archives:

Travis County Archives has a wish list. Randy Whited recommends that AGS donate to them and help digitize information and make indexes. Digitizing would require photographic equipment such as Ancestry and Family Search uses, and it might be possible to obtain grants from TSGS. Randy Whited and Teri Flack will research possibilities.

Membership:

A discussion of possible ways to increase AGS membership took place. The use of printed material, tote bags, denim shirts, videos, and the website are possible ave-

nues of pursuit. Jean Marostica will continue to do the online membership directory and is in need of software for that task. Randy Whited will check into software possibilities.

Programs:

Suggestions included Saturday programs, brick wall sessions, tours of the Round Rock Library, the Perry Castenada Library and a PERSI presentation. Jane recommended starting SIGs (brick walls, regions, and questions and answers) and using Facebook, website forums, and our newsletter. Dona will be asked to check BBpress on website forum.

November's Fall Festival

The Fall Festival was very successful! As closely as could be determined, the attendance was 96, including members and their guests. It was a team effort with just over an hour to decorate and get ready for the bountiful, delicious buffet! Thanks to all the members for the marvelous selection of food they provided. Special thanks to volunteers who came early and put in extra effort. Those included Kay Boyd, Mary Jane Ermis, Sharon and Bob Foley, Carolyn Gresham, Missy Harris, Leslie D. Inman, Barbara Innis, Jean and John Marostica, Shirley Meyer, Linda Milligan, Jan Moody, Cynthia Rodriguez, Sheila Sargent, Jane Schwendinger, Mary Todd, Janis Traylor, Jacquie Wilson, and Arlene Zirkel. Apologies to anyone we might have missed..

The evening was capped off with our guest speaker Dr. Allen Childs. It was a great evening shared by all, and a perfect beginning to the holiday season!

January Meeting

Refreshments will be provided by Kay Boyd, Missy Harris, Sheila Sargent, and Jane Schwendinger.

Greeters for the meeting will be Barbara Innis and Bob Tieman.

Assignment for all members: **Locate one new ancestor record.....**



In Memorium



Our condolences go out to the friends and family of AGS member Benjamin Franklin "Frank" MCCULLOUGH, Jr. age 78, who died suddenly on November 26, 2012. Frank was born and raised in Austin and attended Austin High School, graduating in 1952. He earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in civil engineering from the University of Texas and his Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1969, at which time he joined the faculty at the University of Texas and finished his distinguished teaching career as Professor Emeritus. He served as Director for the Center for Transportation Research at the University of Texas for 19 years and was a co-founder of the consulting firm Austin Research Engineers. Frank is survived by Norma, his beloved wife of 56 years, son Mike and wife Cara, son Scott, son Todd and wife Bridget, son Scooter and wife Lindsay, and daughter Melanie Allison and husband Brent as well as 12 grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Laverne Walsh, brother Robert and wife Cherrye and sister Francis Bush, all of Austin as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Frank was a member of at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Austin Genealogical Society. A full obituary can be found online at www.wcfish.com.

In Memoriam



Our condolences go out to the friends and family of former AGS Board member Phillip (Phil) Wayne ROBERTS, Sr. 74, who passed away Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at Seton Medical Center - Williamson County. Phil was born November 17, 1938. Phil grew up in Irvine, Kentucky, and served in the Air Force from 1956 through 1966, having been stationed in various locations. Phil worked at IBM for 33 years before retiring in 1995. More recently he worked at Covert Ford. He graduated Cum Laude with a BBA in Finance from St. Edwards University. Phil enjoyed numerous hobbies and interests over the years, including photography, woodworking, automobiles, genealogy, reading and politics. Phil is survived by his wife Yvette; son, Phillip Wayne Roberts, Jr. and daughter in law, Shannon Lia Roberts, grandson, Jack Ryan Roberts and granddaughter, Katy Brooke Roberts, all of Alamo Heights, Texas; daughter, Michelle Roberts Schepcoff and granddaughters, Jacqueline Nicole Schepcoff and Natalie Rene Schepcoff, all of Houston, Texas; and son, Michael Richard Roberts of Austin, Texas. Phil is also survived by siblings and many more family members. A complete obituary can be found at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/statesman/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=161694800#fbLoggedOut>

Condolences



Our condolences are extended to Suzanne SNYDER, the LINDEMAN family and friends on the passing of her son James (Jim) Edward LINDEMAN (1954-2012), of Houston, Texas. James passed away suddenly on October 5th, 2012. A celebration of his life was held October 11th in Houston. James was born in Austin, TX, on February 6, 1954. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School in Austin, Texas. Following that, he graduated from Principia College in Elsah, IL, followed by the University Of Houston Law Center, where he remained a proud and active alumnus. Jim's life was devoted to public service and the support and concern for others.

He first began his career an Assistant District Attorney for Harris County, Texas, and later became a criminal defense attorney. During this tenure, he became known for his dedication and unfailing commitment to clients, as well as for his knowledge and integrity. Friends and colleagues knew him for his warmth and good humor, and he was regarded by many as a "Lawyer's Lawyer." James was proud of the fact that aided by his father, James LINDEMAN, Jr., he rose to the rank of Eagle Scout as a young man. He loved sailing, both competitively and with family, as well as golf. He was a lifelong member of the 4th Church of Christ Scientist in Houston. James is survived by his wife, Linda LINDEMAN; his three children Kathryn, Stuart, and Laura LINDEMAN; mother Suzanne SNYDER; and sisters Carol LINDEMAN, Takoma Park, Maryland, and Anne WHEAT, Austin, Texas. Obituary published in the Houston Chronicle October 9, 2012

Research Trip to Family History Library in Salt Lake City

Submitted by Pat Oxley



AGS will be sponsoring its 5th research trip to Salt Lake City April 28 through May 5, 2013. You will need to book your own flights as we are not able to get a reasonably priced block of tickets with any airline. We have booked rooms from Sunday to Sunday. This gives you six full days of research. If you wish to attend the Mormon Tabernacle Choir on Sunday morning, please book your return flights for after 12:00 noon.

The cost of a double room for the seven nights is \$335 for AGS members (\$360 for non-members, and the cost of a private room is \$627). This also covers tips for the hotel shuttle bus drivers to and from the airport, a hospitality room with snacks and networking with other AGS members and friends, and a pizza night one evening in the hospitality room. There is a space for one male and one female who are willing to share a room with individuals already booked who want a roommate We need a \$100 deposit to hold your spot. Please tell me if this is a double or single room, and if you have a roommate, please identify them. As soon as you have your flight schedule, please let me know. Please make your check out to AGS and mail to: AGS, P.O. Box 10010, Austin, TX 78766-1010.

There is no group dinner built into this package, but we will arrange for a group dinner at a local restaurant on Monday night (when the library closes at 5 p.m.) with everyone paying for his/her own dinner. More details will follow in February.

Contact Pat OXLEY at pat@theoxleys.com if you have further questions or wish to be placed on the waitlist.

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.

Texas State Library and Archives special event: Genealogy After Dark, "Civil War Records at the Texas State Archives," presented by Donaly Brice, Friday, January 25, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building, 1201 Brazos St., Austin Fee: \$10
<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/sites/default/files/public/tslac/news/afterdark/GENEALOGY%20AFTER%20DARK%20January%202013%20Registration.pdf>

Williamson County Genealogical Society meetings are held the third Thursday of each month (except August and December) at the Round Rock Public Library. Social time at 7 pm with the meetings at 7:30 pm. <http://www.williamsontxgenealogy.org/>

Websites for Browsing

Genea-Musings <http://www.geneamusings.com/2013/01/gensoftreviews-announces-top-genealogy.html>
This site has a review of Top Genealogy Software Awards for 2012

Bullock Texas State History Museum <http://thestoryoftexas.com/> If winter days have you feeling trapped indoors, perhaps a visit to the Bullock Museum is in order. Browse the website for information on the current and upcoming exhibits. (editors note: We have occasionally taken our out-of-state visitors to the museum, and it is enjoyed even by those Yankees.)

**Austin Genealogical Society
Profit & Loss
Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2012**

INCOME

Bus trip receipts	2,684.00
Contributions Rec'd	897.06
Education (Classes, Mini-Seminars)	3,290.00
Membership Dues Rec'd	6,450.00
Misc Income (Lifetime Learning; Pioneer Certificates; TSGS preservation grant)	345.00
Total Income	13,666.06

GROSS INCOME

13,666.06

EXPENSES

Awards & Prizes	0.00
Charitable Donations	50.00
Education & Program Costs	6,548.46
Membership Costs	485.93
Operating Expenses	
Publicity	1,027.84
Bank Fees: PayPal discounts	180.80
Board Expenses	91.11
Office Supplies and Materials	50.00
General operating costs	16.23
Postage & Delivery	522.86
Printing & Copying	827.36
Rent- P.O.Box	136.00
Society Memberships	100.00
Website-related Expenses	1,500.00
Software & Peripherals	146.78
Total Operating Expenses	4,598.98
Pioneer Certificates	96.11
Society Historian	32.45
Total Research Trip Expenses	2,153.53
TOTAL EXPENSE	13,965.46
Net Ordinary Income	-299.40
Other Income - Interest Earned	39.84
NET INCOME	-259.56

**Austin Genealogical Society
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2012**

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Public Employees Credit Union	10,651.70
Wells Fargo	13,918.72
Total Checking/Savings	24,570.42
TOTAL ASSETS	24,570.42

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	3,023.00
Total Liabilities	3,023.00

EQUITY

Retained Earnings	21,806.98
Net Income	-259.56
Total Equity	24,570.42

2013 Board of Directors

Term Ending 2013:	Term Ending 2014:
Inez EPPRIGHT	Carolyn GRESHAM
Teri FLACK	Missy HARRIS
Dona KURTZ	Leslie INMAN
Randy WHITED	Ann MAMIYA
Jennifer WHITLEY	Karin NELSON
Jacquie WILSON	Jane SCHWENDINGER

2013 Officers

President	Jane SCHWENDINGER
1st Vice President	Carolyn GRESHAM
2nd Vice President	Jacquie WILSON
Secretary	Inez EPPRIGHT
Treasurer	Teri FLACK

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 Friends 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” 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

Monthly Meetings on 4th Tuesdays
(except December)

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

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