Next Meeting: January 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones, Austin 78731

Unusual Source Records for Genealogical Research – or This is Some Cool Stuff!

Unusual Sources is a presentation offering some little known or not often thought of sources of research. Needing variety in our research to help form the story of our ancestors, the sources presented offer some ideas for new avenues to take or to add interesting tidbits. The sources are offered with examples and ideas on how locate them.

Presented by Sue Kaufman

Susan Kaufman has been a genealogy librarian since 1987. Sue has been the Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research / Houston Public Library since 2006. Her former employment includes 6 years in the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Originally from Illinois, she has presented at local, state and national workshops and conferences.

She is past President of the Texas State Genealogical Society and currently serves as Director of Education for TSGS. Throughout her career she has held board positions with the Federation of Genealogical Societies, Indiana and Illinois State Genealogical Societies, and local genealogy societies. She is also a member of the Texas Library Association.
AGS Business: From the Minutes of the Board Meeting

AGS Board Meeting, Nov. 25, 2014 (Fall Festival)

Board Members present: Marcia Arn, Missy Harris, Patricia Thompson, Anne Mamiya, Carol Mason, Kathy Pemberton, Karin Nelson, Don Villoni, and Jane Schwendinger. Board Members not present: Winnie Noelke and Inez Eppright. Jim Bridges and Robin Raben were also in attendance.

Bank Statement Review – Jane reported for Inez Eppright that the October bank statement was in order.

Membership – Missy Harris reported that as of today we have 388 members. Jane noted that the Facebook traffic has increased since the Texas Book Festival. Karin Nelson reported that she is beginning to get new and renewal memberships for 2015.

Hospitality - Missy Harris reported that Sheila Sargent is stepping down from her hospitality role in 2015.

Old Business

Newsletter Editor – Jane announced that Robin Raben has accepted the Newsletter Editor position.

Quarterly – Jane announced that Lisa Smith-Curtean has resigned her position of Quarterly editor following the release of the December Quarterly which should be released in the next couple of weeks. Jane will announce this at the General Membership meeting.

Judy Russell 2015 Seminar Topics – Jane thanked everyone for their submissions and tallied the results. The 4 topics for the 2015 seminar will be:

- Blackguards and Black Sheep – The Lighter Side of the Law
- How Old Did He Have To Be...?
- Where There Is – or Isn’t – a Will
- Dowered or Bound Out: Records of Widows and Orphans

New Business

2015 Board Retreat – Discussed the election of officers. There will need to be a board retreat in January to set forth the goals and budget of the 2015 year. Jane has volunteered to work with incoming officers on the agenda for the retreat to provide a smooth transition.

Introduction to Genealogy Classes – Anne Mamiya reported that Nancy Stevens has 3 classes set for next year.

Webinars in 2015 – Jane reported that she has investigated the possibility of having webinars next year.

Church Invoice – The church invoices us yearly on our use and set up costs. Karin has received the invoice and is reviewing with Kelley DeCleene from the church.

Example Policies – Jane shared policies regarding Social Media and Web from another club which AGS may consider adopting next year.

Carol Mason took time to thank Jane Schwendinger for all of her hard work as President these last 2 years. The board concurred and thanked her!
Greetings and Happy New Year!

I always feel energized this time of year with new beginnings, fresh starts, and looking toward the future. I know many of us spent part of the holiday season working on our own genealogy, reconnecting with family, and making resolutions to really get organized this year!

I am truly blessed to be a part of this society, as I am sure you feel the same. In a time where many societies have closed their doors, AGS not only continues to survive, but thrive! I am always impressed with the caliber of monthly programs, seminars, classes, and trips that the society offers to our members and the volunteers that make it happen.

As we move forward, I would like to take time to thank Jane Schwendinger for serving as our President these past two years. She has worked tirelessly to keep AGS moving forward and is very much appreciated. In addition, I would also like to acknowledge our outgoing board member, Don Villoni, and thank him for his service.

We welcome three new members to the board this year: Robin Raben, Jan Pelosi, and Jim Bridges. They will join returning members: Missy Harris, Trisha Thompson, Karin Nelson, Marcia Arn, Inez Eppright, Carol Mason, Winnie Noelke, Kathy Pemberton, and myself. We will be holding our annual board retreat on January 11 to set our budget and goals for the 2015 year.

As always, please feel free to reach out to any one of us to share your input and ideas as we move forward in 2015. I look forward to seeing you at our January meeting!

Anne Mamiya

Local Genealogy Meetings & Resources

There are many opportunities to participate in genealogical activities in Austin and in nearby communities. Here are some 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 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. 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

Texas State Library open from 9 a.m.–4 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. https://www 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. http://www williamson tx genealogy.org/

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

Indicates an official AGS activity
AGS 2015 Calendar

**Introduction to Genealogy Classes**
Feb. 28/Mar. 7 (Saturdays) 10:30 - 1:30 at the Carver Genealogy Center

**AGS Seminar**
Sep. 26/Oct. 3 at the Hampton branch library

**AGS Meetings, Tuesdays 7 p.m.**

- **January 27 (Tuesday)**
  Unusual Source Records for Genealogical Research – or this is some Cool Stuff!
  Presented by Sue Kaufman from Clayton Library in Houston

- **February 24 (Tuesday)**
  Using Family Search to Solve Genealogical Research Problems - Case Study
  Presented by Cherie Bush from Family Search

- **March 24 (Tuesday)**
  Research Strategies for Everyone
  Presented by AGS Member Teri Flack

- **April 28 (Tuesday)**
  Digging Up the Bones of Your Home
  Presented by Phoebe Allen

- **May 30 (Saturday)**
  Speaker Judy Russell, Legal Genealogist

- **June 23 (Tuesday)**
  Presenter to be Determined

- **July 28 (Tuesday)**
  Using Perry Castaneda’s Library for Genealogy
  Presented by Katherine Strickland

- **August 25 (Tuesday)**
  Earning a Living: Your Ancestors at Work
  Presented by Pat Gordon

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

- **October 27 (Tuesday)**
  Talking to Elders to Record Family History
  Presented by Mary Scrudder

- **November 24 (Tuesday)**
  FALL FESTIVAL
  Presenter to Be Determined
Welcome to the 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. The terms of six members of the Board of Directors expire each year. Officers are elected each year to serve for a term of one year.

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December Special Board Meeting
December 7, 2014

The 2015 Board held a special meeting to elect officers and set the date and location for the January retreat. A summary of the meeting minutes follows.

2015 Board Members present: Marcia Arn, James Bridges, Missy Harris, Anne Mamiya*, Carol Mason, Jan Pelosi, Robin Raben and Patricia Thompson.

2015 Board Member attending via phone: Karin Nelson. Board Members not present: Kathy Pemberton, Winnie Noelke and Inez Eppright.

Due to Inez Eppright’s absence, Carol asked for a volunteer to record the minutes. Robin Raben volunteered.

*Anne Mamiya Board Member status: Anne has completed her two year term, but offered to remain on the board for another year to fill the vacancy left by Lisa Smith-Curtean, who recently resigned. Missy made the motion to appoint Anne Mamiya to fill the vacancy left by Lisa Smith-Curtean for the year 2015. Carol Mason seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved.

Officer Election: Trisha Thompson made a motion to accept the slate of officers (Anne Mamiya, President; Jim Bridges, 1st VP; Marcia Arn, 2nd VP; Inez Eppright, Secretary; Karin Nelson, Treasurer) by acclamation. Missy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Congratulations to our 2015 Officers!

2015 Retreat: January 11, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Robin Raben’s house.

Anne appointed Robin as Publications Committee chair, to lead a committee to handle the newsletter and quarterly publications.
AGS is looking for volunteers—We Want You!

Have you thought you might like to do a little more with the Society, but weren’t sure how to go about it? We would love to talk to you—we have opportunities for members to volunteer. It’s a great way to get involved and make closer connections with people who actually enjoy talking about your ancestors!

Hospitality Coordinator—we are looking for someone to help with the hospitality table—to setup before and cleanup after the Society meetings. Please contact Missy Harris at missy_harris@att.net if you are interested.

A Note from the new Newsletter Editor

Happy New Year to the AGS member community! Sharon and Bob Foley, editors of the Newsletter for the past two years, have given the Newsletter responsibility over to me, Robin Raben. They have been wonderful in supporting me through this transition and I very much appreciate that! I’ve been a member of AGS since 2011, although rather anonymous. In 2014, I decided to become more active and began to volunteer and it has made such a difference in my experience of the Society! I’m somewhat new to genealogy but very, very excited about it and happy to contribute to AGS.

I will be Chairing a Publications Committee to support our newsletter and quarterly publications throughout 2015. Look for more information about the Committee as I get more organized after the holidays...or at least I like to think I will.

Robin Raben
newsletter@austintxgensoc.org

A nifty birthdate calculator...from AGS member Janis Trayler

Have you ever needed to calculate a birth date from a tombstone that gives a date of death and only the years, months, and days someone lived? There is a website which helps with that: http://www.ovs-genealogy.com/tools/free_birthdate_calculator Calculates birth day.shtml. Thank you Janis!

AGS Members Get Discounts!

Interested in DNA research? FamilyTreeDNA offers a discount to AGS members who sign up through the AGS Group Project. https://www.familytreedna.com/

Need a new computer? A discount on Dell products is offered through FGS www.Dell.com/mpp/FGS

Have something that is newsworthy? Please send any items of interest to our newsletter editor, Robin Raben (newsletter@austintxgensoc.org). Do you have a favorite website, blog or other resource that you find useful? Or an event that might be of interest to our readers? Please let us know!
A Great Evening at the 2014 Fall Festival!
November 25

Dressed for the Occasion:

Jan Moody, John Tyler, Sharon Foley

About their costumes:

Jan Moody’s costume is a replica of what was worn on the Mayflower in 1620 and when the pilgrims founded their colony of Plymouth Plantation which you can still tour in Plymouth, MA. After visiting the colony, she had one custom made by one of their historic seamstresses in order to wear it to her second grade classroom’s feast. She enjoys wearing it at functions and Thanksgiving dinners here in Austin.

John Tyler’s attire represents a gentleman's town clothes from about the 1830s. He does living history programs of the early 19th century extending into the Civil War. Over 20 years ago it was hand tailored and assembled by a historical clothing specialist who resided in Fort Worth.

Sharon Foley made her outfit to honor her favorite ancestor, Ellen McWade Walker, 1801-1852, who came West from New York to Johnson County, Iowa, walking beside a covered wagon with her husband, Robert, and the five children they had by 1838.

The annual Fall Festival was held on November 25th and was a great evening. The club provided brisket and turkey from Rudy’s barbecue and many of the members brought side dishes and desserts. The room was colorfully decorated with tablecloths and centerpieces to add to the festive feel. It was a great way to start the holiday season (otherwise known as the “eating season”) and give us all a taste of Thanksgiving in a community setting.

The evening’s presenter, Teri Flack, provided an informative and entertaining discussion about how the capital of Texas came to be; a city created from nothing to become the Austin we know and love. It’s hard to imagine the small city it was, without a capitol building or even roads, and just a path to Mr. Barton’s springs! Teri is always an engaging speaker and we are grateful to have her on our schedule again for this coming March.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the members who contributed to the success of the event:

Thank you to the members who brought the delicious food! There were so many great choices it didn’t take long to fill up a plate. After the main meal, there was yet another plethora of choices to be made at the dessert table.

Thank you to the hospitality committee who came early to setup and decorate and stayed after to help clean up.

All in all it was a great evening!
The History of Austin in Pictures

If you were able to attend our November meeting, you heard a captivating presentation by Teri Flack about how Austin was located here and designed and created as our Capital.

A great way to extend that experience and get a visual history of early Austin is to visit the current exhibit at the Austin History Museum. They are displaying photos of Austin in its early days and along the way to the present day to celebrate Austin’s 175th birthday. Their David Earl Holt Photo Gallery exhibit, “Austin 175: Cabins to Skyscrapers” will be on display through March 22, 2015.

Take some time to visit the Museum and enjoy the exhibit in downtown Austin at 810 Guadalupe St.

http://library.austintexas.gov/ahc/current-exhibits-17946

"Finally, A Good Life in Texas!"

Save Austin’s Cemeteries invites you to a presentation at Yarbrough Library, 2200 Hancock Drive, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 10.

Re-enactor Warren Friedrich, accompanied by Joyce Spivey Aldridge, will portray a snapshot of the lives of Joseph Hannig and Susanna Dickinson of Alamo fame. After losing her husband in the battle at the Alamo, Susanna married four more times and finally settled in Austin where she and her husband lived until her death in 1883. Both Warren and Joyce greet visitors at the Bullock Texas State Museum.

http://www.sachome.org/default.html

PBS Genealogy Roadshow Season 2
Premieres January 13, 2015

From descendants of the infamous pirate Blackbeard to heroes of the Holocaust, PBS’ GENEALOGY ROADSHOW uncovers family secrets in the series’ second season, which premieres Tuesday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m. CT and airs every Tuesday through February 24 (check local listings). Part detective story, part emotional journey, GENEALOGY ROADSHOW combines history and science to uncover fascinating stories of diverse Americans. Each individual’s story links to a larger community (and in some cases, national) history, to become part of America’s rich cultural tapestry. Reported by GENEALOGY NEWSLINE. http://www.pbs.org/program/genealogy-roadshow
NOVEMBER HOSPITALITY REPORT

Attending: 65 including visitors from Save Austin's Cemeteries

Visitors:
- Tom Morris (husband of Judith)
- Jeff Bohm (husband of Elaine)
- Dick Kallerman (husband of member)
- Mike Arn (husband of Marcia)
- Ronnie Raben (husband of Robin)
- Angie Ward

Set up—Barbara Innis, Carol Mason, Sheila Sargent, Robin Raben, Kathy and Gary Pemberton,

Clean up—Barbara Innis, Carol Mason, Sheila Sargent, Robin Raben, Jane and Jim Schwendinger, Mary and Ron Root, Anne Mamiya, Kathy and Gary Pemberton.

Food delivery -Sharon and Robert Foley delivered the food from Rudy's.

Nametag Table—Jean Marostica, Gary Pemberton, Shirley Villoni and Arlene Zirkel.

A huge Thank You goes out to Sheila Sargent who has helped for the past TWO YEARS to get our hospitality table ready before and cleaned after our meetings. We can’t thank you enough and we know you have gone above and beyond the call of duty for the club!

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Austin Genealogical Society
Membership Form

☐ New member
☐ Renewal of 2014
☐ Returning Member (prior to 2014)

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

Member Information

Name: __________________________  Spouse (if member): __________________________

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”.

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☐ No changes to surname listings

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