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AGS News

New DNA SIG for AGS Members!
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. Randy Whited has started a new DNA Special Interest Group. All interested members may contact Randy at whited.randy@gmail.com

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

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 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.com/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.

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 will be available August 7 at www.lliaustin.org

2015 Quarterly Submission Deadlines
The AGS Quarterly deadlines for the rest of 2015 are as follows:
- September Issue - August 15
- December Issue - November 14
Submission Guidelines: austintxgensoc.org/quarterly-guidelines/

REMINDER TO SEMINAR DOOR PRIZE WINNERS
Some door prizes given away at the May 30th seminar had expiration dates. Don’t forget to activate your prize ASAP.
Also, please contact me if you won and have not yet redeemed your prize for one of the following:
- One year subscription to INTERNET GENEALOGY magazine;
- One year subscription to YOUR GENEALOGY TODAY magazine;
- One year subscription to DICK EASTMAN’S ONLINE NEWSLETTER.
Thank you,
Carol Mason
seminar@austintxgensoc.org

AGS “Writing Boot Camp” Review
By Robin Raben
On June 27, AGS hosted a “Genealogy Writing Boot Camp,” consisting of two video presentations: Lisa Alzo presented “Back to Basics: Craft a Compelling Family History Narrative from Start to Finish,” and Thomas MacEntee presented “10 Secrets You Should Know to Survive Microsoft Word.” It was attended by about 50 members of AGS. Lisa’s presentation inspired me to get started writing about my family, with some ideas that seem easy to do. Even though I’ve been a user of Microsoft Word for over 10 years and considered myself to be an advanced user, I learned some things from Thomas that I was surprised I never knew!

A day of learning and networking!
Jane Schwendinger introduces the videos
FROM THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Wow – is it July already? Time is really flying by this year! July is also the month that we form our Nominating Committee.

Our Board of Directors is comprised of 12 members that each serve a term of two years. Each year, there are six places on the board whose terms will end. We will need to fill these positions in our annual election in October.

To start this process, we will form a Nominating Committee this month. This committee will be comprised of five members. As per our bylaws, I will appoint the Nominating Committee Chairperson. During the July Board of Directors meeting, we will elect two board members to serve on the committee. In the July general meeting, we will also elect two members to serve on the committee. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

Please consider who you would like to serve on the committee and be prepared with nominations in July. It is important to our Society’s growth to have a well-rounded and driven Board of Directors. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions at President@AustinTxGenSoc.org.

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July and I will see you at our meeting!

Anne Mamiya
president@austintxgensoc.org

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### 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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### Local Genealogy Meetings & Resources

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

- **AGS DNA Special Interest Group**, contact Randy Whited at whited.rand@gmail.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: williamsontxgenealogy.org

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

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

There was not a regular board meeting in May due to the Annual Seminar. Instead, a special board meeting was held on May 3, 2015.

Austin Genealogical Society Board Meeting Robin Raben’s House May 3, 2015

Board Members present: Marcia Arn, Jim Bridges, Inez Eppright, Missy Harris, Anne Mamiya, Carol Mason, Karin Nelson, Jan Pelosi, Robin Raben, and Patricia Thompson. Kathy Pemberton and Wynnell Noelke were not present.

The meeting was called to order by Anne Mamiya, President at 1:09 p.m.

The February 2015 minutes were accepted as presented.

The March 2015 minutes were accepted as amended to delete the sentence stating that a seminar update was emailed to the Board Members and to correct the spelling of Susannah Dickinson’s name.

The April 2015 minutes were accepted as amended to include a sentence stating that a seminar update was emailed to the Board Members before the meeting.

Archive Donations – Marcia Arn made a motion to increase the donation to the Texas State Library and Archives to $503 for pre-ordering The Passenger and Immigration Lists Index for 2016. Karin Nelson seconded the motion which passed.

Anne Mamiya will contact the General Land Office for more information before that donation is decided at the June meeting.

Karin Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jan Pelosi seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Inez Eppright, Secretary

Longtime Members - We Appreciate You!

We wanted to thank the following members for their longtime association with AGS! We know it isn't often that they are able to attend the meetings. We would like them to be recognized and appreciated!

40 Years: M. C. Forister, Mary Kay Snell (Lifetime Member,) and Wilena D. Kennerly Young (Lifetime Member)
28 Years: H. Martin Soward III

Volunteer Opportunities

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

AGS Quarterly Editor - Four times a year, the editor produces the Quarterly consisting of member and non-member submissions. No prior editorial experience required. Writing skills and Microsoft Word skills are helpful. This person is supported by the publications team - you won’t be all alone! Contact Robin Raben at quarterly@austintxgensoc.org

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. 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 table and beverages. You are provided with "paper ware" and tablecloth; involves setting up beverages, receiving volunteered food items for membership 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

**AGS Sponsored Classes**

- **August 1, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
  Learning to Find, File and Analyze Evidence  
  *Presented by Dianne Holley*  
  North Village Library

- **Sep. 26/Oct. 3**
  Introduction to Genealogy  
  Hampton Branch at Oak Hill Library

- **November 7, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
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**AGS Meetings, Tuesdays 7 p.m.**

- **July 28**
  Genealogy Research at the UT Libraries  
  *Presented by Katherine Strickland*

- **August 25**
  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  
  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.

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

**Writing SIG?** Robin Raben is looking for someone to co-lead an AGS Writing SIG and work with her on agenda and scheduling. If you are interested in either co-leading or attending the SIG, please contact her at newsletter@austintxgensoc.org.

**We Want to Hear from You!**

We’d love to add some input from our membership to the newsletter! Here are some ideas:

- Share an upcoming event or tell us what you liked about an event you just attended.
- Review your favorite family tree software, website, or tool. Tell us why you like it.
- Have you seen a good movie, television show, heard a podcast or read a good book with a genealogical slant lately? Tell us about it.
- Share a brick wall or a challenge you are currently facing - maybe a member could help! Ask in the newsletter.
- Want to provide your opinion on a genealogical topic or about the Society? Write a letter to the editor!

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

Bit by bit, I am verifying the genealogy records and stories that were passed down to me. As things stand today, I know that my Osborns arrived by 1660 settling in southeastern Pennsylvania, my Arbuckles arrived from Scotland before 1700 settling in Virginia, my Cooks came from what is now Germany and settled in Virginia by 1717. My direct Carroll ancestor arrived from Ireland by 1745. He joined a large extended family of Carrolls living in Maryland which included his cousin, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton. I am not sure exactly when the Beavers line arrived in Virginia, but it was by 1700. By the Revolutionary War, they were in North Carolina near my Osborns. The Osborns could have come from Wales while the Beavers probably came from Cornwall. And, no, they did not cross paths. I have two and maybe three lines of Joneses.

Member Appreciation

Carroll Patterson

By Robin Raben

Carol Patterson has been a member of the Austin Genealogical Society since 2001 or 2002. We corresponded via email about her association with AGS.

Q: How did you hear about the Austin Genealogical Society?
A: I knew several members. One was a founding member, the late Emma Gene Gentry. She had been my brownie troop leader.

Q: What is a favorite memory from being a member?
A: Ah, favorite memories — going on the sponsored research trips to Houston, Salt Lake City and Fort Wayne. Wonderful resources, wonderful help from the library staff at each location, wonderful traveling companions.

Q: What has been most helpful in your research?
A: I have found the most help at the Family History Library. One can take advantage of the local libraries here or travel to Salt Lake City. While I do use the FamilySearch website, I always back that up with research and hard copy of records.

Q: What was the biggest surprise while doing your research?
A: How much of the “research” I had been handed was not accurate. I basically started over from the beginning. And I have a long way to go! Oh, yes, there are no Native Americans and Great-great-grandpa Moody was not delivering babies the day before he died at 109. He had quit practicing medicine in his late 80s and died at 95. But it sure made a good story.

Family Myths

Oh, there have been great stories told of my ancestors. Unfortunately, none of them were true! Like the one where an ancestor was born on the high seas in 1717. The only problem is that he was born in 1724 in Virginia according to church records. The German Lutherans kept very accurate church records!

Brick Walls

I have several brick walls. The Arbuckle line, the Beavers line, the Carroll line, the Osborn line, and on and on. I can find documentation on all the Gilliam and Osborn parents and siblings but not for my direct line. I know where they were born and where they are buried, but no marriage record. Jonathan Osborn was a Quaker and Elizabeth Gilliam was a Baptist. They were born and raised in Wilkes Co. NC and moved to Indiana no later than 1852.

Going Digital

Carol is slowly moving towards using digital records. She says she has a long way to go - so, please, don’t look into her “genealogy room!”

Getting Started

One of her cousins decided Carol needed something to do to keep occupied while she was recovering from surgeries related to cancer in 2000. So her cousin sent all of her late mother’s research to Carol. It was not documented and a lot of it was on little slips of paper.

Her Life Story

I was born in Austin in 1941 at the “Old” Seton Hospital on 27th St. My husband, Don, and I met at the Old Austin High School, now Austin Community College. Don and I dated all the way through college, marrying the day before graduating ceremonies at UT-Austin in 1963. Don has a B.S. in physics and I have a B.A. from UT-Austin. We moved to Mountain View, CA, where Don had a summer job at Moffet Field. From there we moved to Seattle, WA, in September 1963 where Don entered graduate school and I started work as a substitute teacher in German. That kept me well occupied for nearly three school years! Both of our children were born in Seattle.

After Don earned his Ph.D. in nuclear physics, we went to Michigan State for over two years before returning to Austin in 1974. Don worked in the Fusion Research Center at the University of Texas-Austin for nearly 30 years before retiring.

I taught at Stretch N’ Sew, wrote a column for the Neighborhood section of the Austin-American Statesman, and then went back to teaching school, finishing my last six years of teaching at Murchison Middle School. And then I totally switched fields, going back to my first love of medicine and became a sport injury and pregnancy massage therapist. I was in private practice for 10 years before having to close my practice in 2000, due to dealing with two cancers simultaneously.
Creating A Virtual Cemetery by AGS member Susan Shaw

This year I will attend my 35th annual high school reunion. What does a high school reunion have to do with genealogy? I created a virtual cemetery on findagrave.com for the classmates that are no longer with us. I have given public access to see my virtual cemetery, so that the people in my class can locate the burial location of deceased classmates all in one place.

To post on findagrave.com, you must become a member. There is no fee to join. Being a member will allow you to post photos, make requests, and set up and manage memorials. To create the virtual cemetery, log in to your account. In your Contributor Tools, you can click on the blue edit button to create, edit or delete a virtual cemetery. When you create, you can create a name for the virtual cemetery and make choices about whether you wish to display it on your profile page (public), or keep it private. You always have the option to edit or delete each virtual cemetery you create.

To add names to your virtual cemetery, navigate to an existing memorial page of the person you wish to add. Scroll down to the bottom and click on the blue hyperlink for virtual cemeteries. A list of all the cemeteries in your profile will appear. You check the box for the cemetery to which the memorial will be added. If you have multiple cemeteries, you have the option to select more than one.

The hardest part of the process is locating an existing memorial. What I discovered is that memorials are almost always created with legal names. Ladies in my class had married, and I only knew their maiden name. So take your time to make sure that a memorial exists before you take the responsibility of setting one up. If you have to create a memorial, which I did for a few, make sure you post only factual information. You can always add more once you confirm a fact.

Another benefit of the virtual cemetery is that the information is downloadable into excel or as a text file. Our reunion coordinators have struggled with names and addresses, but they only show the word “DECEASED” for those classmates. With the virtual cemetery, I am able to provide all the general information on the deceased. Because the majority of our deceased classmates are buried in two local cemeteries, we are discussing the option of visiting as a small group to pay our respect on the Saturday morning during the reunion weekend.

You can visit Sarah’s virtual cemetery at: www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=vcsr&GSvid=585047

“Bridging the Gap between North America and Europe for Genealogists” by the Germanic Genealogy Society
From AGS member Liz Hicks

This partnership forms a German-American genealogy structure between countries and organizations for sharing contacts and genealogical research.

See more: ggsmn.org

Afro American Historical Genealogical Society

The Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS) strives to preserve African-ancestrored family history, genealogy, and cultural diversity by teaching research techniques and disseminating information throughout the community.

Website: aahgs.org/
Facebook: facebook.com/aahgs

ObituariesHelp.org

An informative and respected website designed to offer resources for obituaries, funerals and genealogy search

Free Family Tree Templates
Download free printable blank family trees. Get started on your family history now at:
obituarieshelp.org/
free_printable_blank_family_tree.html#Iowa

Texas State Library and Archives Commission - New Materials Webpage
From AGS Member Connie Perdue
The TSLAC has a web page showing new materials for each of their collections. To check out what’s new in their Genealogy archives:
tsla.sirsi.net/uhthbin/cgisirsi/?ps=r0MshYKPR/TSLAC/69780030/1/1165/X/BLASTOFF
What the Fourth of July is All About
By Robin Raben

The Fourth of July is my favorite holiday. I decorate my house every year. There are flags, red, white, and blue banners, and signs declaring “God Bless America” all over the place. We have a big party with family and friends on the big day.

This patriotic holiday celebrates the day our forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence. Everybody knows that, don’t they? What you might not know what an amazing document it is. Have you read it lately? At our party every year, we sit in a circle and read it out loud. We rotate the document around so that everyone gets a chance to read a part. It is truly inspiring. Every time I hear it, I think to myself, “Would I have the courage to sign such a bold, in-your-face document?” I know you are familiar with the initial paragraphs - “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, ….” If you read the entire document, however, you find passages which are direct and clear accusations against King George, like: “A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.” Wow! I encourage you to read it for yourself and, if it impacts you in the same way it did me, you might find that you appreciate the spirit of the Fourth of July in a new and more meaningful way.

archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration_transcript.html

Photos of Robin’s awesome decorations from the collection of Robin Raben! :)

Summer Events

19th Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference
Friday & Saturday, July 17 & 18, 2015
“Solving Genealogical Conundrums using Local History, Special Collections and the Internet”
Angelina College Campus
3500 South First Street (Hwy 59 South) · Lufkin, Texas
angelina.edu/gen-conf/

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/

Dallas Genealogical Society 2015 Summer Symposium
“Researching in Texas”
August 7-8, 2015
Featured Speaker: Teri E. Flack, MA, MBA (and AGS Member)
Additional Speakers from Portal to Texas History, U of North TX, State of Texas General Land Office, and more. Registration: dallasgenealogy.org
JUNE HOSPITALITY REPORT

We had 48 people in attendance for our June meeting.

There was one visitor, Tess Peterson, from Round Rock.

Welcome to new member Max Trenck!

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

**Greeters:** Gayle Boyce and Marcia Arn.

**Nametag Table:** Jean Marostica, Gary Pemberton and Jeff Shirah.

**Refreshments:** Gayle Boyce, James Hollas, Rob Richardson, and Kay Boyd.

**Next Meeting (July):**

Nancy Stevens will be in charge of the refreshment table and Lori Henry and Glenda Martin will serve as our greeters.

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**Did you enjoy the home-made cookies from our June Meeting?**

James Hollas was kind enough to provide us the recipe - which he learned from his late mother Agnes:

**Agnes Hollas’ Orange Slice Cookies**

**INGREDIENTS**

- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup orange candy slices, chopped
- 2 cups flour, sifted
- 1 cup oatmeal
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup nuts, chopped
- 1 tablespoon baking powder, sifted with flour

**DIRECTIONS**

Cream shortening and both sugars. Stir in two eggs into creamed mixture. Mix orange slices, flour, oatmeal, coconut, nuts and baking powder. Combine with creamed mixture. Drop on greased cookie sheet and bake at 375 degrees (about 10-12 minutes).

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Our June presenters provided an intimate, first person account of Susannah Dickinson’s Alamo survival and eventual happy ending with husband Joseph Hannig: thanks to actors Joyce Spivey Aldridge and Warren Freidrich for a riveting evening!
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