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Austin Genealogical Meeting Tuesday, June 25, 2013

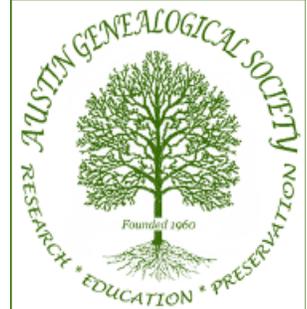
LISA SHERIK

“World War II Research”

Lisa Sherik will be speaking on how to research your ancestor's WWII military service through traditional and nontraditional means using the skills she has picked up while working at the Texas Military Forces Museum during the last 5 years. The talk will also include items such as : What is a DD214 and how do I interpret what all those letters and numbers mean? How do you get relevant information from wartime pictures, and What to do when you hit a brick wall.



Lisa Sharik attended the University of Florida before transferring to UT-Austin, where she received a B.A. in Archaeological Studies. She worked in the archaeology field for 7 years in Texas and Florida. Lisa also attended Florida State University, where she obtained a M.A in Historical Administration and Public History. She returned to Texas and worked at the Capitol Complex Visitors Center for 2 years before moving to part time work in order to stay at home with her young children. Ms. Sharik began working at the Texas Military Forces Museum in 2008 where she serves as the Deputy Director of the museum. She lives in Austin with her husband, an 8th generation Texan and 3 children.



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

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, prior to the regular AGS meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as submitted. The following items were discussed.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report for April was submitted and accepted as amended.

Publicity

Jennifer Whitley reported that Yahoo has stopped their calendar and Dick Eastman has a new calendar. Jennifer has made inquiries regarding a partnership between the Genealogy Road Show and AGS. The discussion of tote bags will be taken up after the baseball game is taken care of. Pencils have been ordered, the 2013 program flyer has been reorganized, Randy Whited will be interviewed on the field, and Jennifer will prepare a PA announcement.

Bank Statement Review

Leslie Inman reported that Review of the March bank statement was approved.

Programs

Registration forms are now ready for the September Seminar. Brick Wall Saturday was well received with 20 attending.

Membership

Missy Harris reported we have 314 members. Work is progressing on the handbook with her committee of Andrea Burkhart, Kay Boyd, and Barbara Innis. The handbook is to be put on the website when it is completed.

Education

Leslie Inman reported the October Intro Workshop is scheduled.

TSL

A \$100 donation to be made to the Texas State Library gift fund has been approved

By-Laws

Carolyn Gresham recommended that a new By-Laws Committee be formed Using the FGS By-Laws Guide. The committee will consist of Carolyn Gresham, Anne Mamiya, Missy Harris, Jane

Schwendinger, and a non-Board Member.

New Projector

A motion to update our projector was made, Leslie Inman will check out new projectors and report back to the Board in June. Permission was also given to John Marostica to use the AGS projector for CCA Genealogy SIG events.

Newsletters and Quarterlies

Leslie Inman made a motion to buy a Flipping Book program for use on the Quarterlies. It was decided that more information was needed before further consideration

Kay Boyd will no longer be sending hard copies of newsletters and quarterlies. Leslie Inman will print and mail hard copies of the newsletters. Inez Eppright will print and mail the quarterlies.

Ft. Wayne Trip for Spring of 2014

Pat Oxley would like to schedule a trip to Ft. Wayne in the spring of 2014. The trip would run from Wednesday to Wednesday, returning before May 3. The Board agreed and Jane will advise Pat to begin planning.

Board Member Resignation

Jane Schwendinger reported that Dona Kurtz has resigned as a Board Member, but will continue as Webmaster for now. A replacement Board Member will be named.

Carver Genealogy Room

Randy Whited reported that the Carver Genealogy Room is scheduled to open by the end of September.

War of 1812 pension digitization project

Supporting the War of 1812 pension digitization project to preserve pension records was discussed. It was determined that our bylaws prohibit the Society from a financial contribution, but individual contributions are encouraged.



MEET A BOARD MEMBER



We have no Board Member to report on this issue. Encourage those board members you would like to know more about to submit information to the editors. These are interesting people, with interesting backgrounds, and we hope you find it interesting as well.

HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ONE OF OUR AGS MEMBERS TO BE FAMOUS!



(or at least have your moment in the sun)



You have already received an email blast regarding this exciting opportunity. Please consider submitting your information. Following is part of the much larger announcement.

(editors' note: We Yankees won't be submitting anything. Sob....)

PBS and KLRU-TV announce that the new series Genealogy Roadshow, which premieres nationally this fall, is seeking local participants to share their families' stories. Final participants will be part of an episode taping in Austin on Sunday, June 23. Part detective story, part emotional journey, Genealogy Roadshow will combine history and science to uncover fascinating stories of diverse Americans. The producers are looking for Austin-area residents who have (or believe they have) a historically significant story in their family. Chosen stories will be researched by a team of local experts, and will be linked to the larger community's history, revealing the rich cultural tapestry of Central Texas and America. Individuals with interesting stories are encouraged to submit them online through the KLRU website at :

<http://www.klru.org/grshow/>

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Having just returned from my first visit to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, accompanied by a terrific group from AGS, I am eager to continue digesting my new discoveries. It brings much solace to having solved two brick walls while there. I am looking forward to returning to Ft. Wayne on our next AGS library trip.

Apologies are in order for the difficulty in sending blasts via Gmail. While I test each email prior to blasting, apparently Gmail enjoys altering emails sent to many addresses. I want you all to get blasts that are appealing to read, with complete information contained therein. Bear with us as we cope with Gmail's idiosyncrasies.

Looking ahead, I'll be attending the SCGS Jamboree in California next month, and then return to attend our Express baseball game. The Seminar with Lisa A. Alzo, M.F.A. will be upon us as the summer passes by so quickly. Get the most out of your membership by being an active member and volunteer.



'WW II EXHIBIT'

June 25, 6:00 p.m. Come Early!!!



Come early and check out the displays honoring our members' families who served in World War II. There will also be scrapbooks, memorabilia, food, and other interesting items from the time of World War II. Come early, enjoy browsing the tables, and visiting with others. (editors' note: This is a major display. Allow yourself plenty of time to view it.)



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>

Genealogy After Dark, June 28, 6-10 PM at TSLA. See complete information on page 6 of this newsletter.

AGS Seminar– September 7. Hold the date. More information forthcoming. Contact Jacquie Wilson for more information. jdemsky62@aol.com

TIDBITS

Family Tree Magazine's annual 101 Best Websites

http://familytreemagazine.com/article/101-Best-Websites-2011?et_mid=618501&rid=235495310

BASEBALL and AGS at Round Rock Express Field

It's too late to buy \$7 tickets and sit in our official section but you can still attend the game, see our members in action at our booth and on the field, and generally support AGS as well as enjoying a good baseball game. The date is June 12. See our website for more information.



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Attend the July meeting of Save Austin's Cemeteries It's free to the public. The program will be on Saturday, July 13 at 10:30 at the Yarborough Branch Library, 2200 Hancock Dr. Bob Brinkman, the speaker, is the coordinator of the Historical Markers program for the Texas Historical Commission. His topic will be the Merriltown Cemetery and the former settlement at Merriltown. You will learn some Austin history and be able to ask your questions about historical markers.

Swedish Ancestors? Kay Boyd tells us that there are discussion groups on Facebook for nearly all provinces in Sweden. Type in "My ancestors are from _____" (examples: SMALAND, GOTLAND, etc) and up will pop a discussion group for that province. You can join an open group, exchange information, and have look-ups done.

Kay Boyd submitted this quote that she ran across. "We should never judge our ancestors and forefathers by today's standards. Their lives, social, cultural and political standards were far different from our own. No matter how hard we try, we cannot truly place ourselves in their shoes and the difficulties they must have faced."

2013 Board of Directors

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

2013 Officers

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

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



CEMETERY CORNER

There is a bit of irony in this gravestone, and we thank Earle McBride for the picture. You can expect to see another from Earle's collection in a future issue of the Newsletter. And don't forget. We're always looking for your personal submissions for the Cemetery Corner. Just email either of the editors with your attached photo. You may also include any information or commentary on your selection as well.



GENEALOGY AFTER DARK

TSLA is hosting another of the popular Genealogy After Dark events on Friday, June 28, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building, 1201 Brazos St., Austin. Registration is limited to 30 participants and the deadline to register is June 21. The cost is \$10.

6:00-10:00 Genealogy and Reference rooms will open for research, with orientation at 6:15, and light refreshments at 7:30. Complete information at: <https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/genafterdark.html>

To register, complete the form and submit it with a check payable to the Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas, P.O. Box 12983, Austin TX 78711.

Go to: <https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/genafterdark.html> and click on the link for the registration form.

Direct any questions to: geninfo@tsl.state.tx.us or call 512-463-5455



HOSPITALITY REPORT

Greeters for the May meeting: Robin Raben and Betty Jean Steinke

Refreshments: provided by Linda Milligan, Betty Jean Steinke, Arlene Zirkel and Kay Boyd

Sheila Sargent presided over the refreshment table.

Registration Table: tended by Nelda Lillie, Jean Marostica, Cynthia Rodriguez, and Arlene Zirkel

Attendance Report for May: 68

VISITORS:

Ashley Mindfelt(Austin)-Surnames are Gentry (Alabama and Texas), Rusk (South Carolina, Texas) and Cannefau (Virginia)

Lana Davis (Austin) -Surnames are Davis (North Carolina), English, Ponder and Earle

Barto Arnold and Sherrie Arnold (Cedar Park)

Chris Collins, a return visitor.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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, M.F.A.

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

Highland Park Baptist Church

5206 Balcones Drive

Austin, TX 78759

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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