Joyce Wans
"What My Great-Great Grandpas Taught Me"

My great-great grandpas taught me so much about family history research. Sure I had heard it before, but they proved to me it is all true. Come hear about how my great-great grandpas explained the value of understanding the environment and the times they were living in; that not everything is as it appears the first time around; and that through genealogy we learn a lot more than just who begat whom.

From Joyce: "I first dipped my toes in family history when I was in my teens and, let's face it, that was a long time ago. Along the way I got to teach myself some Norwegian, some Danish, a little Latin, German, and Polish. I attended a few conventions, was admitted to the National Institute for Genealogical Research, and learned lots of computer programs that came and went. I enjoyed the 6-week research trips to Wisconsin and actually meeting relatives that previously I didn't know existed. As I ran out of relatives to research, I moved from my family tree to the family forest of people who had married into the family and even the twigs and leaves on the forest floor of people with "good" names. Eventually I used my skills to research the little town I lived in at the time. I am envious of beginners because they have such an exciting road ahead."
AGS Business: From the Minutes of the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 26, 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 was submitted and accepted.

Ethics Code
Carolyn Gresham suggested there may be a need for the Society to come into compliance with the Ethics Code. This will be further discussed.

By-Laws Revision
Carolyn Gresham presented a by-laws draft and comparisons to the board. The by-laws will be finalized at the March meeting.

Contract
A contract with Lisa Alzo, speaker for our mini-seminar, has been signed, expenses and topics have been finalized.

Lifetime Learning
Inez Eppright reported that the Lifetime Learning Class has 17 registrants. She will provide them with information about AGS membership and activities.

Membership
Our current membership stands at about 276.

Heritage Day
Heritage Day will be held on March 23 at Oakwood Cemetery. Volunteers are needed. Anne Mamiya has further information. A mini-seminar registration will be raffled off.

Publicity
Jennifer Whitley reported on monthly publicity outlets.

Introduction to Genealogy Classes
Leslie Inman reported that four individuals had registered for the Spring classes being held April 20 & 27 at TLLC.

LBJ Library Tour
Jacquie Wilson reported that the two tours were both filled. As of the time of the board meeting, the first tour had taken place and was very successful.

Perry Castaneda Library Tour
A tour of the Perry Castaneda Library will take place on April 6 from 10:30 am to 12 noon for a maximum of 25 people.

Possible Further Activities
Jacquie Wilson, as program chair, will pursue a possible PERSI class, a Brick Wall Session, and a family history writing class if arrangements can be made.

Financial Reports Discussion
The board concluded that the by-laws require the annual report be included in the January and July newsletters. This will continue to be the procedure which will be followed.

Texas State Library Donation
The board voted to donate $100 to the TSLA for use in the genealogy area.

Dell Diamond Non-Profit Recognition
A discussion was held regarding AGS night at Dell Diamond with AGS being the non-profit being recognized. Further information will be gathered.
Greetings Members!

The year is flying by and we are headed into that time of year when we plan trips throughout the country and world to tromp through cemeteries, visit older family members to record personal memories, or become bleary eyed in a courthouse or library searching for that solution to a brick wall. AGS is endeavoring to provide you with knowledge and experiences that will enhance your genealogy research. The more you participate in our classes, outings, and monthly meetings, the more you will benefit from your membership in our Society. We thank our members who live out of the area for supporting AGS, and hope we can connect you with your ancestors who may have lived in Travis County or the surrounding area.

Each of you has some knowledge that may be beneficial to another member, so it is important to try to get to know other members who may be researching in a location with which you are familiar. It is my hope to connect members with other members so all may benefit from the organization. From the meeting we had last year that included “Special Topic Tables,” I formed a group of members interested in Britain & Ireland. I would hope other members might also be interested in forming groups of like interests. While our group met only at the “Special Topic Table” evening, I envision a get together soon. We have been sharing information relevant to others researching in England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland via email.

This month I want to thank the members who regularly attend our meetings. Much effort goes into each meeting and we appreciate your coming to listen. Please bring friends who may have an interest in genealogy. Hopefully, we board members will emerge from our pre-meeting board meeting earlier in March to mingle with you and hear your ideas for making AGS an even better Society.

Genealogy After Dark

TSLA is hosting another of its popular Genealogy After Dark events on Friday, April 12, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building, 1201 Brazos St., Austin. The program, “Texas Memorials and Petitions, 1836-1937,” will be presented by Megan Cooney. Research and reference materials will be available to registrants between 6:45 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. Space is limited and advance registration required; the deadline is March 29th. The cost is $10.00. 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. The registration form is available at: https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/sites/default/files/public/tslac/news/afterdark/Genealogy%20After%20Dark%20April%202013.pdf. You may call 512-463-5455 for more information.
WILLIAMSON COUNTY ANNUAL SEMINAR.

You can still late register or register at the door for this event.

The Williamson County Genealogical Society is pleased to announce its annual seminar, which will be held on March 16th, 2013.

The location for the seminar is First United Methodist Church, 1004 N. Mays, Round Rock, Texas. Eminent author and teacher John Philip Colletta will be the speaker.

For details and registration, please go to the WCGS Website, which is http://www.williamsontxgenealogy.org.

See you at the seminar!
Judy Belle Horick, registrar 512/863-2685

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 Isles 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 Presley 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. March program: “Genealogy of your Property” – Rose Pietsch, County Clerk

This One-Time Event Requires Registration

The Texas General Land Office Archives is offering a genealogy workshop on Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 8:30 am — 5 pm. It is limited to the first 20 registrants. Cost is $50 if registered by April 29, $60 for late registration. Contact: Kevin Klaus at 512.463.5277 or kevin.klaus@glo.texas.gov or James Harkins at 512.463.3289 or james.harkins@glo.texas.gov
THINGS TO WATCH FOR!

Mark your calendars! On Wednesday June 12, AGS will be the featured non-profit at a Round Rock Express baseball game. Look for more information soon. (Editor’s note: We love genealogy and baseball. What a perfect combo! Stay tuned.)

GOT NEWS ????? SEND IT IN!

Members are encouraged to provide interesting hints, links to good websites, good articles, and other brief items that may benefit fellow AGS members.

CHECK THIS OUT!

Rod Bush has graciously given me permission to use the valuable information that he had in his most recent newsletter and has on his website: http://home.earthlink.net/~rodbush/Gleanings.htm His E-mail address is: rodbush@earthlink.net. (Thank you, Rod.)

ROD BUSH’S GENEALOGY GLEANINGS FROM THE WWW (Copyright)

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The OnlineFamilyNetwork online website has been established to give Family History researchers a complete one-stop web site to conduct your research and to network with one another in exchanges that hopefully will enable you to achieve your goals of identifying missing information and making new personal connections with other researchers interested in your Family History areas of concern:

http://www.onlinefamilynetwork.org/

My Genealogy Hound is your completely free site to view thousands of family biographies from early and rare history and genealogy references. These biographies can often be valuable for discovering details about ancestors in your family tree research: http://www.mygenealogyhound.com Browser by State and County: http://www.mygenealogyhound.com/browse-by-state-and-county.asp# Browser by Family Surname: http://www.mygenealogyhound.com/browse-by-family-surname.htm

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Digitized Collections | Northwestern University Library: Located in Evanston, Illinois. The Digitized Collections include: archival and manuscript collection finding aids, photograph collections, maps, books and more: http://digital.library.northwestern.edu/xsearch/
Hospitality Report

Greeters for the February meeting were Earle McBride, Janis Trayler, and Nancy Stevens.

Refreshments were provided by Sheila Sargent. Sheila also presided over the refreshment table.

Registration Table were Ann Cooper, Sharon Tieman, Jean Marostica, Cynthia Rodriguez

Attendance Report for February: Seventy-nine (79) members

VISITORS:

Becky Broadbent
Carol Joiner who attended with Karen Matheson
Gayle Teer

March greeters will be: Chris Bond and Marcia Arn

Refreshments in March will be provided by: Maureen McCormack, Nancy Stevens, Suzy Snyder, and Inez Eppright

CEMETERY CORNER

We would like to begin a recurring feature in the newsletter which features a photo of a tombstone that is your personal favorite. Bob Tieman’s great-grandmother apparently had her descendant Bob in mind when she provided a wealth of genealogical information to him. It gives her full name, date of birth, place of birth, date of immigration, date of marriage, and date of death. She is buried in Florida Chapel Cemetery located between Warrenton, Texas, and Round Top, Texas. We are all envious of the foresight of Henriette Tiemann.

(Members: Let us feature your favorite tombstone. Please submit to sharonkfoley@gmail.com or robertlfoley@gmail.com.)
CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family of Mary Lynn Richardson Clinger, wife of member Charles Clinger, who died on February 21, 2013 in her home of pancreatic cancer. She is survived by her husband of over 60 years, Charles E. Clinger; their 4 children, Brian E. Clinger of Dale, TX, Marsha L. Roose and husband Don of Cedar Creek, TX, Barbara G. Hinesley and husband Toby of Florence, TX, Leslie C. Clinger and wife Jane of Albuquerque, NM. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, her brother, Bob Richardson and sister-in-law, Margie Clinger Ferris, nieces, nephews, an uncle, two aunts and many cousins. Mary Lynn was born on 6 Jan. 1933 in Austin. On 21 June 1952, she married Charles E. Clinger. Funeral services were held at 10:30 am on Saturday, March 2, 2013 Weed-Corley-Fish Chapel with interment at Austin Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made Bastrop Recovery Fund. The donation can be mailed to TPWD. Attn: Cashier, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744. (From: Austin American Statesman).

Our late condolences to the family of Kenneth V. Wilson, whose wife, Nancy Huber Wilson, is a member of AGS. He passed away on January 8, 2013 at his home in Dripping Springs. He was born July 16, 1928 in Old Hickory, TN to Cordell and Daisy Vaughn Wilson. Along with his wife Nancy, Ken is survived by sons Michael (Micheko), Patrick (Dale), Chris (Beth), Tom (Jackie), and daughter Suzi Bayer (Randy) as well as grandsons William Yeakley, and Kyle, Matt and Jamie Wilson, great-grandsons Michael and Kenneth Yeakley, mother-in-law Margaret Huber, brothers Ron, Lawrence, and Tony Wilson and sister Charlotte (Dewain) Tennant. Ken was preceded in death by his first wife Teresa Boensch Wilson and his second wife, Micki Gryder Wilson, his brother, David and infant daughter Elizabeth. Memorial services were held on January 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the family home in Dripping Springs. (From: Austin American Statesman, Jan 20, 2013.)

INTERESTED?

- BYU has an ongoing project-Immigrant Ancestors Project. Try a search (it's free).
  http://immigrants.byu.edu/search/simple

- Top 100 Genealogy Websites for 2013: An objective and comprehensive list of the most popular genealogy websites from around the world: http://www.genealogyintime.com/articles/top%20100%20genealogy%20websites%202013%20page1.html

- **2013 FGS Conference Registration is Open** Online registration is now open for the 2013 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, scheduled for 21-24 August 2013 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Register at http://www.fgsconference.org by 1 July 2013 for an early-bird discount. This year’s conference theme is “Journey through Generations.”

- **Texas Heritage Day: Six Degrees of Separation** SAT. MARCH 23, 10am – 4pm
  Historic Oakwood Cemetery  1601 Navasota St.
  Join us for a memorable day of family fun!
  Demonstrations, heritage hunts, costumed characters, face painting, storytelling, and speakers
  For more info on 6 Degrees, our wonderful speakers, and to reserve seats for speaking presentations please visit: http://www.sachome.org/6degrees.html or contact info@sachome.org
  Tickets to speaker presentations are $5 each session and require advance purchase.
  10AM - David Bowles, 12PM - Ed Miller, 2pm – Ralph Yznaga
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If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please feel free to share those with us.

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

AGS REGULAR MEETINGS

2013 Program Schedules

Tuesday, January 22
“No Vital Records? Locating Birth and Death Substitutes” presented by Teri Flack

Tuesday, February 26

Tuesday, March 26
“What My Great-Great Grandpas Taught Me” Presented by Joyce Wans

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