Austin Genealogical Society (AGS)
Next Meeting: March 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731

Research Strategies for Everyone
Have you been researching for years and reached a brick wall? Have you just started and gathered all the easy information but aren’t sure where to go next? Discover new techniques and new sources and re-discover tried and true methods. Teri’s presentation takes a fresh look at research strategies that will kick start your research, whether you’ve been researching your family history for 30 years or 30 weeks.

Presented by AGS Member Teri E. Flack
Teri E. Flack is a genealogy and historical researcher, consultant, and lecturer who has been researching family history for over 30 years. Teri chairs the Texas State Genealogical Society’s Records Preservation and Access Committee and serves as the Texas state liaison to the national RPAC. She was recently appointed to the Texas State Historical Resource Advisory Board, a state-level board dedicated to the preservation and use of Texas’ documentary heritage. Teri is the first genealogist to sit on the board in over a decade. Teri is a member of the Travis County Historical Commission for which she chairs the Research Committee and serves as Travis County historical marker chair. Teri volunteers at the Texas State Archives processing over 1,000 volumes and 300 cubic feet of Galveston County courthouse records and creating finding aids to make them accessible to the public. Teri spent much of her career in Texas government working with the Texas Legislature on higher education and consumer protection issues. She used that experience in 2013 to work with the genealogical community in Texas to prevent legislation from passing that would have further restricted access to Texas birth and death records. For her work in records preservation and access, Teri was recently elected a Fellow of the Texas State Genealogical Society. Teri holds a Master’s degree in History, with a concentration in Public History, an MBA, a Paralegal Certificate, and a B. S. in Education from Texas State University.

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SAVE THE DATES!
May 30, 2015
The AGS ANNUAL SEMINAR featuring
Judy G. Russell, JD, CGSM, CGLSM, is a lecturer, educator and writer.
Registration Opens March 20, 2015.
See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.

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For Next Year’s Calendar:
April 17-24, 2016
AGS will once again sponsor a research trip to Salt Lake City.
AGS Business: From the Minutes of the Board Meeting

Austin Genealogical Society
Board Meeting
Highland Park Baptist Church
February 24, 2015

Board Members present: Marcia Arn, Jim Bridges, Inez Epright, Missy Harris, Anne Mamiya, Carol Mason, Karin Nelson, Kathy Pemberton, Robin Raben, and Patricia Thompson. Jan Pelosi and Wynnell Noelke were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Anne Mamiya, President, at 5:44 p.m.

The January 27, 2015 minutes were approved as amended to reflect the discussion of increasing the budgeted hotel expense for the seminar speaker prior to approving the 2015 budget.

Treasurer’s Report – Karin Nelson reported that her reports have been streamlined to a more friendly format. January Treasurer’s report was accepted.

President’s Report - Anne Mamiya reported she is coordinating communication and collaboration between the Board members through a free web-based program. Board members will receive training on this program this month. She also reported she has an outline for Policies and Procedures using FGS recommendations and that Jane Schwendinger has been appointed AGS Class/Workshop Coordinator.

Programs – Marcia Arn reported that June and November speakers are still being determined. Suggestions were made for both months. On March 9, Marcia will speak at a local retirement facility.

Seminar – Carol Mason made a motion that seminar prices be set at $35 for members and $45 for non-members. Jim Bridges seconded the motion which passed. Optional boxed lunches will be $10. There is good response on door prizes. Registration will open on 3/20/2015.

LLI Genealogy Class – Inez Epright reported that 16 people signed up for the class and about half are new at genealogy. Next semester, a list of topics will be sent to the people who have indicated a desire to be instructors.

AGS Intro Class – Anne Mamiya reported that the Intro to Genealogy class filled up quickly and that there were many more people interested in taking the class than there was room for in the facility.

Jane Schwendinger provided email information on a MacEntee/Alzo Writing Boot Camp workshop. Robin will work with Jane on working out details.

Pat Oxley found two possible weeks for a research trip to Salt Lake City; Dec. 6-13, 2015 and April 17-24, 2016. The General membership decided by a show of hands that April 17-24, 2016 was the preferred date.

Membership – Missy Harris reported we had 258 members as of March 2014 and 307 now. She is working on a press release for our 55th birthday party in April.

Publications – Robin Raben is working on securing a volunteer for Quarterly editor.

Marcia Arn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kathy Pemberton seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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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FROM THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

In spite of the weather, we had a great meeting in February! Thank you to Ed Donakey and David Rencher from FamilySearch for all of the great information, the preview of upcoming projects, and for providing each of us with a bag.

We also hosted our first Introduction to Genealogy class at the George Washington Carver Museum in February. The weather again proved to be a challenge, but we persevered and had a wonderful class. Some students were very new to research while others wanted a “fresh start”. One student in particular was so new to genealogy that she had not yet viewed a census record. I felt so excited for her and can’t wait to hear what she finds at our next class. It really is rewarding working with people just starting their research.

We have yet another great speaker this month! Teri Flack will be presenting research strategies for everyone. No matter where you are with your research, I know you will find valuable information that you can put to use right away and break down a wall or two.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting!

Anne Mamiya

Idea of the Month - Create a family calendar!

A member submitted this idea: “I met a woman who gave me a wonderful idea! She shared with me a calendar that one of her relatives had put together for 2014. It included birthdates of all known relatives and a picture of them placed on the month they were born (top page of the calendar when opened to hang). And those who had passed away were not forgotten...RIP was placed after their name. They were still remembered on their birthdate. What a clever idea!”

Discovered on Pinterest.com

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 [janesca@earthlink.net](mailto: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/](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](mailto:Rjenkins7@austin.rr.com) Website: [www.AustinLUG.weebly.com](http://www.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](mailto:reference.desk@tsl.texas.gov). [https://www.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.williamsontxgenealogy.org/](http://www.williamsontxgenealogy.org/)

**Austin Public Library Genealogical Resources** [http://library.austintexas.libguides.com/genealogy](http://library.austintexas.libguides.com/genealogy)

Indicates an official AGS activity
AGS 2015 Calendar

C Introduction to Genealogy Classes
Sep. 26/Oct. 3 at the Hampton branch library

S AGS Seminar
May 30 (Saturday)
Speaker Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist

M AGS Meetings, Tuesdays 7 p.m.

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/](https://www.familytreedna.com/)

Need a new computer? A discount on Dell products is offered through FGS [www.Dell.com/mpp/FGS](http://www.Dell.com/mpp/FGS)
We Remember our Members
AGS extends its condolences to the family and friends of former members Dorothy Layne Hendrick and Charles Alborn Walker.

DOROTHY LAYNE HENDRICK
On the winter solstice, December 21, 1926, Dorothy Ruth Layne was born in Forney, Texas. She died February 26, 2015, in Austin, Texas.

Her mother was Ruth Kathleen Chapman Layne (1904-1990). Her father was Valtai Cecil Layne (1898-1959). Maternal grandparents were Sylvester I. Chapman (1872-1945) and Effie Montgomery Chapman (1878-1946). Dorothy was buried beside them in the Hillcrest Cemetery. Her paternal grandparents Benjamin Prather Layne (1842-1914) and America Currey Pannell Layne (1858-1917) are buried on Republic Hill in the Texas State Cemetery.

She attended Mt. Auburn Elementary School, J.L. Long Junior High School and Woodrow Wilson High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society. Dorothy Layne, no relation to quarterback Bobby Layne, enrolled at The University of Texas in the fall of 1944. She graduated in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science in Speech. She always remained an avid Texas Longhorn football fan. Hook 'em Horns!

Following graduation, she taught high school for the Bellville, Texas, Brahmas. Dorothy and John R. 'Pete' Hendrick were married by W. Jack Lewis at First Presbyterian Church in Dallas on July 16, 1949. Dorothy adored and cherished her husband of 65 years. Between 1951 and 1961 Dorothy and Pete had five children: Laurie Anne 1951, John Layne 1952, Christa Chapman 1955, Melanie 1959, and Robert Sevier 1961. At this writing there are 16 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 2 more on the way.

Excerpt from the online obituary source, tributes.com.

Charles Alborn Walker, Lt Colonel, USAF Retired

Charles "Chuck" Alborn Walker was born in Grand Rapids, MN on June 5, 1921, to Harold Ray Walker and Harriet Adeline Christensen Walker. He passed away on February 3, 2015, at Longhorn Village in Austin, TX. He moved to Austin, Texas just before World War II. He joined the Army Air Corp in 1941 and married Marvel Jean Snow Halden on September 11, 1942, in Topeka, KS. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant on August 5, 1942. In WWII, he was a bomber Liberator Pilot in the South Pacific and received the Distinguished Flying Cross for flying 250 miles with two engines on one wing knocked out of commission. That was the first time a Liberator had accomplished such a feat. He received the Oak Leaf Custer for 200 hours of combat flying. He received the Air Force Medal for his part in a mission in which six planes sank 2 Japanese ships, and then fought their way home through 16 attacking enemy planes, shooting down 7 of them. He also received 2 Silver Stars. Following WWII, he returned to college and graduated from the University of Texas in May, 1948, with BA in Chemistry and BS in Pharmacy (double major). During the Korean War, he was a flight instructor at Randolph Air Force Base. He returned to college (part-time) during the 1950's and received his Masters and worked on his PhD in the mid-1960's.

He remained in the Air Force Reserve and achieved the rank Lt. Colonel. During the Bay of Pigs era, his reserve unit prepared local landing fields in Central Texas for alternate landing sites for the planes then stationed at Bergstrom Air Force Base. He worked as a Pharmacist at the Halden's Pharmacy at 13th and Colorado with his father-in-law George Halden. He owned the Burnet Road Prescription House, the Shoal Creek Pharmacy, and Cedar Park Pharmacy. He retired as a pharmacist in 2001 at the age of 80. He was preceded in death by his wife Jean Halden Walker in 2002, and one grandson, Henry David (Harry) Andrews in 1988. Jean was a driving and active member of Austin Genealogical Society for many years. He is survived by his sister Carol Enid Walker Sobey and her husband Bill of Pierce, AZ, and their 6 children and many grandchildren, and his 7 children -- Karen Walker Ratcliffe of Austin, TX, Arlene Suzanne Walker-Andrews and spouse David of Missoula, MT, Christie Allayne Walker Lange and spouse Paul of Round Rock, TX, Alan Gerald Walker and spouse Christine of Austin, TX, Dana Michael Walker of Yuma, AZ, Shawn Paul Walker and spouse Kimberly of Hutto, TX, and Teresa Ann Walker Krauklis and spouse Brian of Katy, TX, along with 23 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Excerpt from the online Cook-Walden Funeral Home obituary.
Texas Genealogical Exhibits and Events

Austin Genealogical Society’s “Genealogy 101”

Thirteen (13) people ventured out during the winter weather advisory to attend the first of two Introduction to Genealogy courses presented by Nancy Stevens of AGS on February 28th. Anne Mamiya presented the second class of this series on March 7th.

This series is very educational and although beginning genealogy techniques are presented, everyone can learn something. It is packed with information. Be sure and mark your calendars for the fall class scheduled for September 26 and October 3rd, at the Hampton Branch library.

Get Started! Write Your Life Stories and Family History

UT Informal Classes

Mar 31 - May 5, Tuesdays 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Price: $69.00

http://cie.austin.utexas.edu/informalclasses/index.php/writelifestory2/?num=IC15466

Have something that is newsworthy?

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? Or a request for help with your ancestor research? Please let us know!

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

Discover what the Carver Genealogy Center has to offer!

Genealogy Basics Class: Every 4th Saturday of the month, 10 AM - 11AM. This class is for those who have never attempted to research their family history. 1165 Angelina St., Austin, Texas 78702 http://www.austintexas.gov/genealogycenter

UT’s Briscoe Center for American History Acquires the Weatherby Map Collection

The Briscoe Center has acquired the Dr. T. Karman Weatherby Map Collection. Composed of hundreds of historic maps, the collection documents battles, cities, frontier territories, nations and continents across a number of centuries. Furthermore, the Weatherby family has made a significant gift to the center that will enable a gallery to be named in honor of Dr. Weatherby and his beloved wife, Carolyn.

"The Weatherby Map Collection is a stunning, extensive, and organized archive of cartographic resources that finds itself in good company at the center," said Don Carleton, executive director at the Briscoe Center. "The collection—open for research—and the gallery represent a fitting legacy to Dr. Weatherby, a man who cared deeply about Texas history."

The Briscoe Center is also home to many collections that contain historically important maps, such as the Natchez Trace Collection. The center is also home to the now-digitized Sanborn Fire Insurance Map Collection, which includes over 17,000 maps detailing 426 Texas cities across 213 counties.

Facebook as a Genealogical Tool

Did you know there are Facebook groups that help with genealogical research? Just search for “genealogy” and you’ll find many interesting options.

“Genealogy! Just Ask!” is focused on genealogy and family history. A place to ask questions and share what you have found.

"Search Squad" specializes in helping people locate others, not necessarily only for historical research, there are many adoptees seeking answers on this site as well.

It’s also a great way to keep up with the many genealogical organizations, including AGS! Like us on Facebook and you’ll keep up with the latest information about the society. https://www.facebook.com/AustinGenealogicalSociety

StoryCorps is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind. Since 2003, StoryCorps has collected and archived more than 50,000 interviews from more than 80,000 participants. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to share, and is preserved at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

The StoryCorps mobile studio was recently in Austin during February to record stories. StoryCorps airs on KUT Austin on Mondays and Wednesdays. These stories are available online: http://kut.org/topic/storycorps-austin and also at the StoryCorps podcast: http://storycorps.org/podcast/.

Do you have Canadian Ancestors? Check out Roots 2015!

The Quebec Family History Society Presents: An International Conference on Family History in Quebec, June 19-21, 2015, at McGill University Montreal, Quebec. The Quebec Family History Society is the largest English-language genealogical society in Quebec. The Roots conference includes:

- WELL KNOWN SPEAKERS in all aspects of genealogical research
- OPENING CEREMONIES and BANQUET at the Hotel Omni Mont-Royal
- KEYNOTE SPEAKER Rick Roberts - Founder of Global Genealogy
- GALA BANQUET HOTEL Omni Mont-Royal Gourmet Meal with Entertainment
- LECTURES AND GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES FAIR


Who Do You Think You Are?

The television show, “Who Do You Think You Are?”, launched on TLC on Sunday, March 8, 2015. Celebrities featured this season include Julie Chen, Angie Harmon, Sean Hayes and Bill Paxton.

Watch the Who Do You Think You Are? Channel on YouTube for free: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnQVyreu6Zof2RtGPRjYu8A
FEBRUARY HOSPITALITY REPORT

Attending in spite of the 37 degree weather: 96! We had to put out a bunch of chairs other than our standard number. Amazing turnout for such a cold night.

**Guests:**
- Ben Clemens from Cedar Creek
- Seth Taplin from Pflugerville (surnames Taplin from MN/Canada; Comstock from MN/NY)
- Cari Taplin from Plugerville (surnames Businger, Miller, others from Wood Co., OH; Mitchell, Audrain from MO; and Dimick from New Hampshire)
- Hubert Syler from Georgetown
- Dale Stock from Elgin (surnames Stock, Duncan, Ellis and James)
- Mike Polstun (surname Polstun from Alabama)

**New Members—Welcome!**
- Marcia Shults
- Donna Valdes
- John Bridges
- Cari and Seth Taplin (joined at the meeting)

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

Many thanks to Kay Boyd for keeping the coffee pot going, to Sharon Foley for "manning" the book table with many offerings from many counties and states...

Thanks again to John Marostica for his usual great job with video/audio equipment.

Thanks to FamilySearch for surprising us with the tote bags!

**Refreshments:** Glenda Black, Carolyn Gresham, Linda Milligan and Mary Root.

**Greeters:** Jean Shroyer and Mary Todd.

**Nametag Table:** Jean Marostica, Gary Pemberton, Adeliza Tiffany, Ann Elbert and Jeff Shirah.

**The volunteers for the March 24 meeting will be:**

**Refreshments:** Sue Ellen Jeffers, Claudia Reingold, Bea Sneed and Judi Williamson.

**Greeters:** Betty Jean Steinke and Bea Sneed.
Member Appreciation

Putnam Monroe

By Robin Raben

Putnam Monroe has been a member of AGS for 40 years! He served on the board, and for about 10 years he was in charge of mailing out the publications for the Society. That was in the days before electronic distribution, when everything had to be copied, with mailing labels applied, and sorted by zip code for the Post Office. We met in February and had a fascinating conversation.

Q: What got you started researching your family history?
A: : My great-grandfather, Charles Andrew Huntington, wrote his memoirs, and my Dad had one. I was out visiting my father, in Eureka, California, where he’d retired. I made a copy and when I got back, I cleaned it up and had 20 copies made. I sent them out to cousins.

Q: Why did you join the Austin Genealogical Society?
A: I wanted to get together with other people doing research and talk to them. I participate in a number of things, like trips to Salt Lake City, and I find that it’s a real interesting bunch of people.

Q: What advice would you give to someone who is just starting in genealogy?
A: Cite your sources! Write them down, keep them. The earliest one in my family tree goes back to about the 1600s. Unfortunately, my work is built on a layer of sand because for a lot of it I can’t tell you what the source is. The other advice is get together with other people in societies and clubs. Right now I’m with another genealogical club, Austin Group for the Elderly. It’s a genealogy club and is about getting together with people to talk about genealogy, about problems, mainly computer genealogy.

Q: What computer tools have you used or do you recommend?
A: I’ve been a world member of Ancestry for years, then I got into My Heritage. I ended up a program junkie! I’ve used Family Tree Maker, Master Genealogist, and Legacy. The one I favor the most is Brother’s Keeper. I’ve used Family Tree Maker, Master Genealogist, and I got into My Heritage. I ended up a program junkie!

Putnam’s First Car

A Model A, a 1931 Victoria Cabriolet. It had a box, a real trunk, sitting on the back. He bought it in 1940 for $125 and sold it 1941 for $125. Years later he went to a High School reunion out in California, and he mentioned the car and that when he sold it, his mother was very upset, and said, “It had problems and you sold it to a girl!” And one of the women at the reunion was that girl and said, “You don’t remember me! I loved that car! I wish I had it now!”

A Double Military Career Family

Putnam’s wife, Bobbye Faye (Waterson) Monroe, was a WAC, Women’s Army Corps, in WWII starting in January of ’43. She was a flight controller at the Midland Army Airport, now called Midland/Odessa International Airport, until January ’46. It was a bombardier school with a lot of flights in and out. In 1947, she got a job as a secretary in the military and came over to Germany and that’s where she and Putnam met and married.

25 Years in the Army

Putnam retired after a 25-year military career as a Colonel in the Marine Corps. Below are a few of the highlights.

WWII

He trained in 1945 at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He was ready to go to the Pacific and invade Japan, but they dropped the bomb and ended the war. Putnam ended up in Berlin, Germany, until ’48.

KOREAN WAR

Putnam went to Korea as an infantry Captain with no combat experience, so he was assigned to the IX Corps G-2 section, also known as Intelligence. He was transferred to Japan and given a special, top secret, extra clearance. He reviewed and analyzed all correspondence for the CIA, Navy, and Air Force and reported their results to top level people (3 and 4 Star Generals) who were cleared.

PENTAGON

He was in the Pentagon and assigned to deliver “back channel messages,” only visible to those with top secret clearance. The messages would come in from around the world, Putnam would put them in a suitcase, run up to the recipient’s office, take it out and give it to him, answer any questions, then take the message back from him. It was so highly classified that it wasn’t even supposed to exist. He did this for about 2 years, and was in really good shape, walking around the Pentagon. At the time, it was the biggest office building in the world.

VIETNAM

Putnam went to Vietnam in the summer of 1960. The US was only there in an advisory capacity at the time. He was an advisor to a Regimental Commander in the Army of Vietnam, and assisted with staff work at Division Headquarters. Putnam’s team went along to observe and advise on what were called “maneuvers,” but not “operations” because that meant they were looking for Viet Cong and shooting. Putnam and his team were not authorized to carry weapons, but every time he went out, Putnam had a concealed .45 under his clothes. He was transferred back to Saigon (now known as Ho Chi Minh City), as the advisor to the Vietnamese Intelligence School. It was located in the French Legion fort, right out of the movies. It had a moat around it, and a drawbridge across the moat, and walls; inside the walls were the buildings where the school was located. The main thing the advisors did at the school was help them with their budget.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

He was promoted to Colonel after moving back to Washington, D.C. One of the people in his office came up with an innovation called a “brown paper read,” using a big roll of brown paper. They took that to the Chief of Staff, somebody at one end of the roll and somebody at the other end across his desk and used it as a presentation guide. It was continued innovations like that earned Putnam a good reputation.

He sums up his career in this way: “I went where I was told to go, and I did what I was told to do.”
2015 SEMINAR
Saturday, May 30, 2015
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Triumphant Love Lutheran Church
9508 Great Hills Trail
Austin, TX 78759

Guest Speaker
Judy G. Russell, JD, CGSM, CGLSM

For more information and to register visit:
www.austintxgensoc.org

The Legal Genealogist, Judy G. Russell, JD, CGSM, CGLSM
A well known genealogist with a law degree, who writes, teaches and lectures
on a wide variety of genealogical topics.

Seminar Topics:

Blackguards and Black Sheep – The Lighter Side of the Law
No, actually, our ancestors didn’t behave any better back then than we do today,
and the records they left behind documenting their missteps and misdeeds
are among the priceless gems of genealogy.

How Old Did He Have To Be...?
Is this man John the father or John the son? Could that man be my ancestor
who married in 1802? Knowing a person’s age is often the key to
distinguishing between two people of the same name.
But if no record gives a birth date, how do you know how old someone was?
The law can give the answer.

Where There Is – or Isn’t – a Will
Where there’s a will, there’s a probate. And often when there isn’t a will,
there’s still a probate. Understanding the process and finding the records created
when our ancestors died can help break through those brick walls.

Dowered or Bound Out: Records of Widows and Orphans
Widows and orphans have always had a special place in the law. But it’s
not always the place that 21st century researchers might expect. An orphan
in the early days wasn’t a child whose parents had died, but rather a child
whose father had died. The law didn’t care much about the mother.
She was just the widow, entitled to her dower rights and generally not much more.
Learn more of the way the law treated widows and orphans,
and what the records may tell us about them.
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

We're On the web!
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