

THE AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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May 27 Effectively Using Family Search for Research Dave Anderton

David Anderton will give us an overview of Familytree.org, briefly discuss research sources there, and explore the Genealogical WIKI. This is an excellent tool for genealogists to learn more about.

Research Resources at familysearch.org

Synopsis:

Accessing familysearch.org (URL, registration, etc.)

Overview of Family Tree

Research Resources in Brief

- Records
- Genealogies
- Books
- LDS Church Genealogical Library Catalog
- WIKI

Exploring the Genealogical WIKI

- What's a WIKI?
- Touring the WIKI
- Research resources on the WIKI

o Research guides

o Location guides

o Surnames

o And much, much more

- contributing to the WIKI

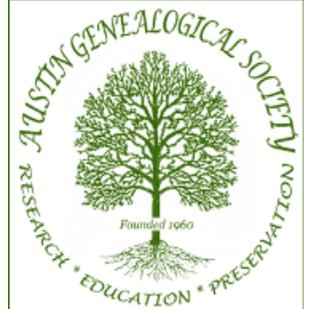
o WIKI guidelines and 'netiquette'

o Adopt a page

Questions, Answers, and Parting Thoughts



David Anderton was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Cloyde and Dale (Harmon) Anderton. His parents were both avid amateur genealogists. His father served as historian for the Anderton family organization, and his mother was noted for producing numerous family histories for her ancestors. David holds a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Utah, an MSE degree in System Science from UCLA, and a PhD degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Utah. He and his family relocated to Austin, Texas in 2003. He is employed by Silicon Labs.



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AGS Business: *From the Minutes of the Board Meeting***AGS Board Meeting, April 22, 2014**

Members present: Marcia Arn, Inez Eppright, Leslie D. Inman, Anne Mamiya, Carol Mason, Karin Nelson, Kathy Pemberton, Jane Schwendinger, and Don Villoni. Lisa Smith-Curtean attended through phone connection. Members not present: Winnie Noelke and Missy Harris.

Board Minutes

Minutes of the March 25th AGS Board meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

The March Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

Bank Statement

The current bank statement has been reviewed, and it is in agreement with the treasurer's records.

Membership

Current membership is 341.

Event**OLD BUSINESS****Preserve War of 1812 Pensions**

Ancestry will match donations made through them. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to donate \$500 to the Save War of 1812 Pensions.

Transfer of Funds

It was reported that we need a minimum of \$3000 daily balance in order not to pay a monthly fee. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that we transfer all but \$8,000 in the Wells Fargo Bank checking account into a savings account.

NEW BUSINESS**Financial Review Committee**

The Financial Review Committee report will be received next month and discussed at the board meeting on May 27th

Book Donations to TSLA

Leslie Inman reported she has talked to Diane at TSL and that Diane will send her a list of books that can be donated.

Speaking Engagements

Marcia Arn will speak on Sunday morning, April 17, at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Genealogy 101, and on August 17 she and Missy Harris will work with pedigree charts for the University United Methodist Church.

AGS Seminar

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to use the one year subscription to World Ancestry.com and the State of Texas wall hanging for the opportunity drawing. The tasks and volunteers were reviewed and slots were filled. There was a discussion on the room set up. The president suggested that the seminar registration fee for the Holts be refunded except for the \$30 for membership dues. The treasurer will handle the refund. There will be a dinner for speaker Maureen Taylor on May 2 at the Cheesecake Factory. Board members are encouraged to attend.

2015 Program Speaker

The Board agreed that Lisa Louise Cooke would be a good speaker for 2015. Marcia Arn will check with Ms. Cooke for a possible September or October date.

From the President's Corner

As I unwind from the excellent seminar, my thoughts turn to all that is coming up during the rest of 2014. We have a great deal to look forward to, including a trip to the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, the FGS conference in San Antonio, a one day TSGS Conference, an additional Introduction to Genealogy class, and monthly meetings filled with informative presentations.

Every year we have a turnover in board members. While we are sad to see members go, new board members bring new energy and ideas to the Society. If you are interested in serving on the board, by all means, let me know. We continually ask the same people to serve who respond by saying not this time because of a myriad of reasons. You may be just the person we are seeking. Don't hold back! Let us know you are interested and willing to work hard for the benefit and advancement of the society.

I need to hear soon if you are interested in going to Ft. Wayne. We need to have enough interest to continue pursuing this trip. Curt Witcher confirmed that he will be available to speak to us on Sunday, the 5th, to orient us to the library. If we do not have enough interest, we will open the trip up to members of other societies in order to fill a minimum number of spaces. This has been a fun trip for the many who have gone in previous years. It is a great time to get to know other members well and have fun socializing with them when you return bleary eyed from the library after a day of research.

Thanks again to all the volunteers at the seminar. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to all the new members who joined at the time of signing up for the seminar. And, thank you to all who attended.

Jane Schwendinger

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. This is an official AGS activity.

Austin Gen SIG 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. This SIG is a part of Computer Club of Austin and is not an AGS affiliated group.

<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

Williamson County Genealogical Society meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Round Rock Public Library. Social time at 7:00 with the meeting at 7:30.

<http://www.williamsontxgenealogy.org/>

Keep in mind that the Texas State Library and Archive is expanding its hours of operation to accommodate researchers. The Texas State Archives, Texas Family Heritage Research Center, and the Reference and Information Center will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. The facility is located at 1201 Brazos in Austin.



AGS Research Trip to Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana

October 5th -- October 11th, 2014

Lodging at the Hilton Ft. Wayne at the Convention Center for 6 nights.

Tentative cost: \$100 deposit. Final payment of \$640 single or \$301 double .

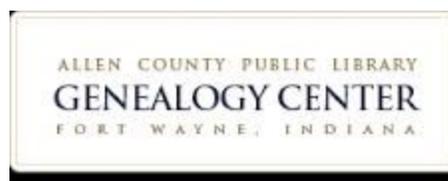
The cost includes your room to share or have alone, access to the hospitality suite, snacks at the hospitality suite, a dinner with a representative of the Allen County Library, and transportation to and from the airport. By going in a group, there is a substantial savings on the hotel cost. The hotel has recently updated the rooms with new furnishings, a microwave, and a refrigerator.

We need to get a good idea of the number who will be interested in attending in order for the exact cost to be determined. If we do not have enough interest, we might not be able to do the trip as a group.

You will be responsible for making your own transportation arrangements.

For further information contact Jane at

president@austintxgensoc.org



TIME FLIES AS I'VE BEEN HAVING FUN

A note from your newsletter editor. I've been considering how to free up some time for some of my many other interests, for example, actually doing family history research. That passion has taken a back seat to being program director for 2+ years, being AGS president for 2 years, and now doing the newsletter for nearly two years. So I'm thinking it is time to hand over the keyboard to someone else who would step forward. I will finish out the 2014 year and make November the final issue put together by me. Please contact me if you are interested in taking over this task. It is not onerous or difficult. We know that the newsletter is an important part of AGS, and we know you want it to continue. Let me know of your interest.



Sharon Foley sharonkfoley@gmail.com

More Good Things Coming Up

Make Plans to Participate

Dallas Genealogical Society Seminar, July 11-12, 2014

Dallas Genealogical Society is excited to announce that nationally-known genealogy and family history speaker Dr. John Philip Colletta will be the featured speaker at our Summer Symposium, to be held July 11-12, 2014 at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, TX.

“For Today’s Generation and Tomorrow’s: The Many Ways to Preserve Family History” is a 2-day program of eight presentations by Dr. Colletta.

“Late Night at the Library” is a free bonus event. The Genealogy Division of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library will remain open on Friday evening, July 11, from 5-10 pm, exclusively for Summer Symposium attendees.

Please refer to the Dallas Genealogical Society’s web site: www.dallasgenealogy.org for complete information regarding cost and registration.

SMILE PRETTY



I’m still working on getting photos taken of all AGS members as they attend meetings. Those mug shots with the name tag held under the chin will eventually be placed in a behind-the-member-wall member album on our AGS website. If I have not yet gotten a photo of you, please seek me out at an upcoming meeting and be prepared to smile pretty. Thanks! Sharon Foley



BOOK SALE POSTPONED

It is still Spring cleaning time, but we think that you may not have gotten to that task yet. Only one person (me, your newsletter editor) brought in books that she found on her shelves that she decided to part with.



Please dig around in your closet, check your drawers, and browse through your bookshelves for books that you no longer use or need. Please limit your donations to non-fiction. Genealogy related books are of particular interest. Magazines that focus on genealogy are also welcome. We’ll have a ‘sale table’ and a ‘free table.’



Please bring your donations to the next AGS meeting.

HOSPITALITY REPORT

Greeters for April were: Barbara Innes and Carroll Patterson

Refreshments were provided by Ursula Gaines, Wynnette Harris Sue Ellen Jeffers , and Judith Morris.

Sign-in Table: Gary Pemberton, Shirley Villoni, Arlene Zirkle, and Jean Marostica.

Carol Mason introduced visitors and new members.

The refreshment table was served by Sheila Sargent. Kay Boyd was at the publication handout table. John Marostica was in charge of audio-visual equipment.

Attendance at the April meeting included 69 members and one visitor.

May Greeter: Cynthia Orr

May Refreshments will be provided by Sharon Foley, Sharon Tieman, Susan Tyler, and Arlene Zirkel.

2014 Board of Directors

Term Ending 2014:	Terms Ending 2015
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2014 Officers

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2014 PROGRAMS

Your program committee, led by program chair Marcia Arn, is excited to present the scheduled programs for our monthly meetings in 2014.

[May 27 Effectively Using Family Search for Research-Dave Anderton](#)

June 24 Maps & Online Resources at the Perry-Castaneda Library-Katherine Strickland (rescheduled)

Jul 22 How to Write Short Stories About Your Family History-Mary Scudder

Aug 26 Heritage Makers-Scrapbooking- Luci Anderson

Sep 23 GATA GACC! DNA and Genetic Genealogy today -Debbie Parker Way

Oct 28 Document Analysis 101-Karen Matheson

Nov 25 Fall Festival-How Austin Came to Be-Teri Flack

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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