Next Meeting: November 22, 2016

Fall Festival Potluck Dinner 6:15 p.m.
The AGS Fall Festival, Tuesday, November 22nd, is a tradition that was started a number of years ago and has become a wonderful way to share the bounty and the warmth of the holiday season with many AGS friends. AGS will provide the barbecued brisket and turkey, and members are invited to bring a favorite salad, side dish, or dessert. You're sure to enjoy a special evening at our last meeting of the year!

Be on time and be first in line for all the goodies!

Please be sure and RSVP [here](#) by Sunday, November 20th! You are welcome to bring one guest. Let us know how many will be attending so we know how much meat to provide. If you are bringing something for the potluck, also let us know what salad, side or dessert item you will be bringing. Please bring your item with a serving utensil if necessary on Tuesday, November 22, by 6:00 p.m.

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SAVE THE DATE!
2017 AGS Seminar
April 29, 2017
Speaker Tom Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS
Program at 7:00 p.m.
Adventures of a Ranger Researcher/Writer by Mike Cox
Elected to membership in the Texas Institute of Letters in 1993, Mike Cox is the author of 30 non-fiction books.

Over a freelance career of nearly 50 years, he also has written hundreds of articles and essays for a wide variety of publications.

In September 2011, he received the A.C. Greene Award for lifetime achievement.

His best-selling work has been a two-volume, 250,000-word history of the Texas Rangers, published by Forge Books in New York in 2008 and 2009. Another recent book, Cowboy Stuntman: From Olympic Gold to the Silver Screen, the story of Dean Smith, won three prestigious national awards, including a Will Rogers medallion in October 2014.

A former award-winning reporter, Cox was a longtime spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety and later communications manager for the Texas Department of Transportation before retiring in 2007.
He retired from retirement in 2010 to go back to work for the state as a spokesman for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He left the 8-to-5 world for good in March 2015 to write full time.

A long-time Austin resident who earlier this year escaped to Wimberley, when not working, he spends as much time as he can fishing and hunting.

He will have copies of some of his more recent books for sale at the meeting.

Highland Park Baptist Church  
5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731

Welcome New Members!  
Bob and Marsha Cantin

It's time to renew your membership!  
Use the registration form and send it to us in the U.S. mail with your check, or visit our webpage to register online.

Happy Holidays to You!  
We do not have a regular AGS meeting nor a newsletter in December. We wish you a joyous and peaceful holiday season. Eat as much as you want and enjoy your friends and family! We will return to providing our monthly newsletter and regular meetings in January.

CHECK OUT OUR CALENDAR!  
The latest schedule for AGS events is always available on the website here.

AGS DNA SIG  
The purpose of the DNA Special Interest Group is to help participants learn how to use DNA tests for genealogical purposes, share strategies and tools for understanding their results, and how to incorporate genetic genealogy with traditional genealogical research.

Everyone interested in DNA for genealogy is welcome.

There are no more meetings scheduled for the rest of 2016, next year's meetings will be posted on the AGS calendar.

AGS Writing SIG
Members with Brick Walls - Can You Help?

1) Brick Wall for Carol Halley, challey2000@yahoo.com

How to find the grave and/or info about the death of my gr-gr-grandfather? He was from Missouri, but documents show that he died in Freestone County, Texas, on November 6, 1888. I have checked cemeteries and courthouse records in Freestone County. No newspapers there at the time and no death certificates required at the time. He was a Civil War Union officer. I have checked the U.S. Veterans Cemetery website but there is nothing.

I found his brother buried in Freestone County along with his family but nothing for him. Gr-gr-grandfather's brother was a private in Confederate Army.

I think he may be buried in an old family plot but need to track down land owned by his brother in 1888. Maybe the county boundaries have changed?

2) Brick Wall for Missy Harris, missy_harris@att.net
SURNAME: PAPE

I first received help on my brick wall figure from AGS about 5 years ago and have had help from several members over the years; I have explored in Fayette County as well as at the Clayton Library in Houston. Mathilde Pape is the name: my great-great grandmother. I would like to find her parents' names; I am particularly interested in finding out her mother's name both first name and surname, where her parents were born, and, where she (Mathilde) was born.

Mathilde Franziska Caroline Pape was born 2 October 1838, in Prussia (I was always told Prussia). She departed on the Fortuna, arriving in Galveston in 1860 along with her father "Ferd" and brother Ernst; they were mentioned in "New Land German Immigration to Texas" and I have seen the passenger list at the Briscoe. I have no idea what happened to her father when they got here - her brother is easy to track: he married Felicity Amendt from New Orleans. I have his military records, other

Second Thursday of every month except December
Thursday, November 10, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The group was formed to support members in writing their family histories. We meet once a month and have member discussions, presenters, and a place to share our work and give and receive critiques. Our successes thus far: a self-published book, several blog entries, several memoirs, and a regular article published in the newsletter! Come and get inspired with the rest of us! Open to members of AGS.

Click here for details.
family records, etc., and he is buried in LaGrange, Texas. I cannot find descendants that know more than I have found out.

Mathilde married (Baron) Ernst Ferdinand Ludwig Von Rohrdorf (later seen as Rordorf) who had arrived earlier. They married 25 August, 1865, in Harris County. Ludwig (Louis) has as his Declaration of Intent date 3 July 1858.

Over the years, Mathilde and Ludwig had many daughters and lived all around the Fayette County area. His passenger ship showed him as a surgeon from Scharfnek (spelling) Germany. His first wife and mother of his only son was Christina Dorothea Christiana Ludowica Sternberg, daughter of Jacob Sternberg and Anna Margaretha Sophia Borgwardt; Louis and Christiana married 17 August 1858 in Austin County. After talking to her descendants, we are not sure how Christiana died; their son lived with relatives.

It is Mathilde's parents I am interested in: her mother's name and Mathilde's birthplace. Her San Antonio obituary talks of her childhood in Koln. In other information concerning her brother, Ernst, Wexlar (spelling) is mentioned. Mathilde and Louis are buried in San Antonio side by side although he had died in the 1880's, she had married again, divorced, and then took back the Rordorf name! Sorry this is long - any help is appreciated!

Genealogical Source Citations
It's not as hard as you think!
By AGS Member John Marostica

Genealogy without sources is mythology!

We all know and understand that – but actually knowing how to 'do' citations is different. For a little history and some insight about how the history of citations evolved, read the February 1, 2013, article in “The Ancestry Insider”. It talks about how Ancestry and FamilySearch handled sources in the past. It's an interesting article that shows the improvements in the handling of sources.

After all, when you did the research that located the vital
records, documents, pictures and other items that proved your relationships, you were satisfied that the information proved your conclusion. And you know where you found them. You may have even photocopied or taken a picture with your camera. If it was information contained in an article or a book, you may have even remembered to get a picture of the copyright section of the book and a picture of the dust cover. What better documentation for the source could you have? What more could you want? What more do you need?

Basic information that should be collected for citations should include title, author, publisher, date, repository information and page, but this list is not all inclusive and does not cover all classes or citations. Just a few of the types of records that you need to know how to cite are: cemetery records, census records, court records, funeral home records, home and personal records, hospital records, land records, military records, newspaper records, probate records, religious records, vital records and naturalization records.

So exactly what information do you need in order to create source citations for all these (and other) record types? Where do you start?

I start with three resources.

First, I like the Genealogy Source Citations Quick Reference, originally published by High Definition Genealogy. Surprisingly, I did not find it on the High Definition website. And I have to say that many of the links no longer work, but it is still a great starting point for understanding source citations.

The Citations: A Guide to Creating Proper Source Citations, published by the St. Louis Genealogical Society, starts with a wonderful discussion of source citations and links to several "Quick Sheets" that cover specialty topics about citing sources. It goes on to show many citation templates and lots of examples for different classes of citations. They have provided a copy of this document that includes templates in .pdf format. It is 45 pages in print length and must be printed in landscape mode. Click here to download the document.

Texas State Library is 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 here. Click here for website.

Williamson County Genealogical Society meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Round Rock Public Library, 216 E Main Street, Round Rock. Social time at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Click here for website.

Austin Public Library Genealogical Resources Click here for website.

Did you know?
You can change your contact information or surnames on your profile page on our website? Click on the "membership account" button at the top right corner after you’ve logged in. austintxgensoc.org

What’s on the AGS Website?
Have you ever wanted to look at a handout from a meeting you attended but just can’t find it? Never fear - we post them on the Members Only page of our website! austintxgensoc.org/members-only/#handout

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Terms ending 2016:
The University of Pittsburgh has a wonderful article: *Citation Styles: APA, MLA, Chicago, Turabian, IEEE* that probably goes into more detail than you need, but it’s a great resource.

If all of that seems a bit much, there are several online tools that can create proper citations. There are other suggestions on the *Genealogy Source Citations Quick Reference*.

- BibMe [http://www.bibme.org](http://www.bibme.org)
- Citation Machine [http://citationmachine.net/index2.php](http://citationmachine.net/index2.php)
- EasyBib [http://www.easybib.com](http://www.easybib.com)

Lastly, Legacy, Ancestry and other genealogy software programs have automated procedures for creating source citations. After you provide what type of document/source you want to cite, they provide a fill-in-the-blank page and create a properly created source citation.

Remember, Genealogy without sources is mythology! So let’s remember source citations.

### Join the Genealogy Club with the AGE Computer Lab

The Genealogy Club of AGE Computer Lab invites you to join us for our 2017 sessions. We are a group of genealogy enthusiasts who meet monthly to learn about and discuss a wide range of genealogy topics, focusing on using the computer to maximize our research and records management efforts.

Our comfortable facility offers 12 state-of-the-art computer seats and room-sized monitors that ensure every seat is a good one. Current members range from relative newbies to 40-year veterans. Whether your goal is to knock down a brick wall, digitize your collection, discover the intricacies of researching online databases, or simply to be part of a genealogy forum, the aim of this club is to support your efforts. Add coffee and conversation with like-minded genealogists, and it’s a winner all the way around. The club is facilitated by AGS member and professional genealogist, Dianne Holley.

### Celebrate our Veterans!

The annual Travis County Veterans Day Parade on Friday, November 11, starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge and proceeds up Congress Ave. to the Texas State Capitol. Honor our Veterans by attending this event - it will fill your heart with pride! [More Information](#)
with frequent support by Renée Lasswell, a Family Tree Maker super-user.

Remember --- AGE Computer Lab offers classes and clubs in Digital Photography, Windows and Utilities, Computer Technologies, Smart Devices (got a new iPhone?), The Internet, and Creativity/Multi-Media. So if you need to learn pretty much anything about computers, AGE Computer Lab is an excellent place to start.

For fee information and to register online for the 2017 Genealogy club at:

Discover more about AGE Computer Lab classes at:
http://www.agecomputer.org/seminars0/seminars.php

Some Genealogical Fiction

The Spyglass File, A Genealogical Crime Mystery, by Nathan Dylan Goodwin

Have you been reading the Morton Farrier series? The latest book is available! I found it to be another page-turner like the other three, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the read. I look forward to the next one!

This time, Morton investigates a mystery which began during World War II in England. I was particularly moved by a scene describing the return of a damaged squad of fighter airplanes from a battle as they try to land back at the base, which brought to me a sense of what the people during that time and place must have felt. Of
course, Morton’s personal investigation also continues throughout this story.

For more information, see
http://www.nathandylangoodwin.com/the-spyglass-file

... And Non-Fiction

A Step-by-Step Guide to Finding Black Sheep in Your Family, by Carl R. Migden

A note from Carl: I’d like to tell you about a brand new book I wrote that deals with a particular type of genealogical research that has not been published before, Black Sheep in a family’s history. I encountered a black sheep in my family and I recount the detailed steps that I used, and I’m sure others could use, to find the Black Sheep in their family. I’m certain that the research methods outlined in my book will save researchers hours of time and trouble in their research.

It can be found on eBay at:

More information:
http://blacksheepinyourfamily.tk
It is hard to believe another year is coming to a close! This month we will be celebrating our annual Fall Festival. Instead of our regular meeting format, we will be enjoying the season and each other with a potluck dinner. AGS will provide the meat and members will bring a side dish or dessert. Our start time will be a little earlier as we will begin serving at 6:15 p.m. so that we can spend time eating and conversing prior to our speaker starting at 7:00 p.m. See more information in this newsletter and on our website.

I am also happy to announce the results of our election last month. Please congratulate the following members to the AGS Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 term: James Bridges (second term), Dianne Holley, Nan Kilkeary, Rob Richardson, Jean Shroyer, and Debbe Tipping. They will be joining the 2016-2017 term directors: Marcia Arn, Teresa Devine, Erin Garcia, Jean Marostica, Cari Taplin and myself to complete the 12-member board. I look forward to working with all of you in 2017!

That also means we have 5 board members who will finish their terms at the end of this year: Missy Harris (3 terms), Karin Nelson (2 terms), Jan Pelosi, Robin Raben and Trisha Thompson. These individuals have given many hours to our society and I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart for all their hard work and support!

Finally, I want to wish all our members a very joyous holiday season and a happy new year!
**Did You Know About the Members’ Table?**

You might have noticed a table at the back of the room manned by a couple of smiling faces. Have you stopped to check it out? The Members' Table is a great place to stop, visit, network, leave your brick wall questions, your ideas for future meetings, questions you might have or information you want to share. The table is always "hosted" and separate from the check-in/nametag table. Stop by at the next meeting!

![Members' Table Image](image)

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**AGS 2016 Writing Contest**

Submit an article to the Quarterly by November 17!

We have identified the prizes to be awarded with this year's writing contest. We look forward to reading your submissions!

- One Year Fold3 subscription
- One Year Newspapers.com subscription
- One Year HistoryGeo.com subscription
- Free 2017 AGS Seminar Registration
- 2017 Save Austin's Cemeteries annual membership and a copy of the book Austin's Historic Oakwood Cemetery: Under the Shadow of the Texas Capitol

Contest rules and quarterly guidelines can be found on our website: [austintxgensoc.org/quarterly-guidelines](http://austintxgensoc.org/quarterly-guidelines)

Questions: [quarterly@austintxgensoc.org](mailto:quarterly@austintxgensoc.org)
Upcoming Events
Bastrop County Genealogical Society Meeting
Saturday, November 12, 1:30 p.m. (program begins at 2:00 p.m.)
Bastrop Public Library
Social Media and Genealogy, by Jacquie Wilson

More Information

Clayton Library Friends Annual Meeting
Saturday, November 12, Registration at 10:15 a.m. / Meeting at 10:30 a.m.
Carriage House Meeting Room
5300 Caroline, Houston, TX 77004
Program: Genealogy in Your Jammies: Part 2 UPDATE
Speaker Sue Yerby will be speaking about changes to the FamilySearch.org website since her last presentation fifteen months ago.

More Information

From Moontower to Austin Christmas Tradition
The Zilker Tree stands 155 feet tall and 3,309 lights. At the top of the tree, a double star measures 10 feet from point to point. The double star displays 150 frosted bulbs. This unique spiral pattern of lights was created by City of Austin electricians. On December 10, 1967, the first tree was lighted by Mayor Pro Tem Mrs. Emma Long. Visit the tree and you will find yourself standing underneath the canopy of lights, looking up in amazement, and maybe even spinning as you do so to get the full effect!

Did you know that the tree was originally one of 31 "Moonlight Towers" installed around the city of Austin in 1894? The towers were designed to illuminate areas of several blocks at once. When first erected, the towers were connected to electric generators at the Austin Dam, which was completed in 1893 on the site of present-day Tom Miller Dam.

Of the original 31 towers, 17 remain. The towers were officially designated Texas Historic Landmarks in 1970. In 1976 they were included in the National Register of Historic Places.
Hospitality Report from the October Meeting

**Topic:** HistoryGeo.com: Unlocking the Past with Original and Early Landowner Maps including New Features

**Presented by:** Greg Boyd, owner of Arphax Publishing

**Attendance:** 69 people

**Welcome to Visitors!** Carol Ann Halley and Hubert Syler

**Greeter:** Marcia Arn, Cari Taplin

**Sign-in Table:** Jean Marostica, Gary Pemberton, and Kathy Pemberton.

**Audio-visual guru:** John Marostica

**Hospitality set-up/clean-up:** Carol Mason, Kay Boyd. Thanks to Kay Boyd for the decorations!

**Food Volunteers:** Jean Shroyer, Glenda Black, Kathy Pemberton, Chris Bond, and Glenn Harrison. Thanks to all!

**Membership Table / Brick Wall Questions:** Sharon Foley, Carol Mason

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*Missy Harris, Hospitality Chair*