Next Meeting: October 25, 2016

HistoryGeo.com: Unlocking the Past with Original and Early Landowner Maps including New Features by Greg Boyd, owner of Arphax Publishing

Greg Boyd is President of Arphax Publishing Co. (arphax.com) and designer of the award-winning subscription service, HistoryGeo.com. He has designed large scale database systems for over 30 years, and is an avid cartographer, historian, and genealogist. His passion for bringing new technologies to answer historical questions drives his daily work. He works alongside Vicki Boyd, his wife of 36 years. Greg earned both B.A. (Political Science) and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Oklahoma. He is a licensed attorney.

SAVE THE DATE!
2017 AGS Seminar
April 29, 2017
Speaker Tom Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS

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We are ready for your articles!

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Welcome New Member!

Patti Heininger

Social Time 6:30 p.m. / Program 7:00 p.m.
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731

In Memoriam

We are sad to acknowledge the passing of long time AGS member, James Lewis Cooper. James has been a member of AGS for the past 20 years and has served on the AGS Board of Directors. He was born on October 1, 1941, in Austin, TX, and died on September 21, 2016. He was proud to be a lifelong Austinite.

Jim attended Austin Public Schools: Robert E. Lee, University Junior High, and graduated from Austin High School in 1959. He received a business degree from the University of Texas in 1967. He earned a CPA license and worked as a financial administrator for most of his life.

Jim was clever, quick-witted, and always full of fun and mischief. Many among his family and friends have a favorite story about his pranks and jokes. He loved to entertain his grandchildren with funny and outrageous stories. He was a loyal Texas Longhorn fan from when he was a boy sitting in the knothole section.

As an adult, he developed a passionate interest in genealogy, researching not only his own family history, but that of extended family as well.

Music was an important part of Jim’s life. With a natural talent, he taught himself to play several instruments and...

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in lending a hand to the society?

AGS Education Instructors - If you are interested in teaching or assisting with a genealogy related class either at a public library or for the next session of LLI (Lifetime Learning Institute), please contact Cari Taplin at education@austintxgensoc.org.

Publicity Help - If you like to write, we could use help with press releases intended for newspapers and radio stations. We also could use help to contact TV and radio stations for special occasions, like our annual seminar. It would not require a lot of time; in fact, almost all of it can be done from home. Perhaps you have a connection to some form of media, which would be wonderful but not required. Contact Anne Mamiya at president@austintxgensoc.org.

Meeting Host/Hostess - This is one of those assignments that is important and at the same time not difficult to do! A good way to meet people while helping to make our meetings more enjoyable. You will meet the Hospitality Chair at 5:30 on meeting day and setup the food that members bring, and refill cups, water and ice as needed. Responsibility ends when the meeting starts, at 7:00. (Does NOT require...
had a wonderful singing voice. His fondest memories were those from his time singing and playing guitar in The Fariss Brothers Band.

Jim leaves behind a very large and loving family who will miss him very much.

Published in Austin American-Statesman from Sept. 23 to Sept. 24, 2016. The full obituary can be accessed [here](http://us12.campaign-archive1.com/?u=200df75368a3d7fec3e250176&id=c31cff9b9e&c=UNIQID).

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From the President's Corner
Anne Mamiya
[President@austintxgensoc.org](mailto:President@austintxgensoc.org)

This is election month at AGS. At our meeting last month, the nominating committee (Marcia Arn – Chair, Teresa Devine, Erin Garcia, John Marostica, and Bob Tieman) announced the slate of nominees for the 6 positions of the 2017-2019 term of the Board of Directors. They are: James Bridges, Dianne Holley, Nan Killeary, Rob Richardson, Jean Shroyer, and Debbe Tipping. Thank you to all the nominees for agreeing to serve your society! We will have the election at our October meeting.

The Texas State Genealogical Society is having their annual conference October 28-30 in Dallas, TX. The featured speakers are Cyndi Ingle and Judy Russell. A complete program list and more information can be found [here](http://us12.campaign-archive1.com/?u=200df75368a3d7fec3e250176&id=c31cff9b9e&c=UNIQID).

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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 staying after the meeting to help cleanup!) Contact [missy_harris@att.net](mailto:missy_harris@att.net) if you would like to help, even for just one meeting. Try it out before you sign up!

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AGS ON FACEBOOK
[AustinGenealogicalSociety - Posts on this site include information about the AGS monthly programs, the annual AGS Seminar, and AGS classes.](https://www.facebook.com/AustinGenealogicalSociety)

[Austin Genealogical Society Members Helping Members (private group) - Posts on this site include genealogy-related topics such as webinars, websites, and classes not sponsored by AGS. Members of the group may request help with any particular issue they are experiencing with their own research.](https://www.facebook.com/groups/AustinGenealogicalSocietyMembersHelpingMembers)

[Austin Genealogical Society Writing SIG (private group) - AGS Members interested in writing a personal or family history are encouraged to join this Facebook group and attend the monthly meetings (see below for details.) “Liking” our pages helps get the message out to more people on Facebook! Please "like" posts when you see them to help market our Society.](https://www.facebook.com/groups/AustinGenealogicalSocietyWritingSIG)

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CHECK OUT OUR CALENDAR!

The latest schedule for AGS events is always available on the website [here](http://us12.campaign-archive1.com/?u=200df75368a3d7fec3e250176&id=c31cff9b9e&c=UNIQID).
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!

Are Your People from Philly?
Here are some fascinating views of the city in the 1890s - examples include where the bakers, taverns, and even the women listed as head of household were located!


AGS 2016 Writing Contest
Submit an article to the Quarterly!

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

AGS DNA SIG
Monday, October 17
6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
North Village Branch Library

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.

Click here for details.

AGS Writing SIG
Thursday, October 13, 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
Upcoming Events

Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC)
Family History Month Presentations
Saturday, October 8

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Unearth Your Ancestors Using Land and Property Records
By AGS Member Teri Flack, Genealogist with the Association of Professional Genealogists

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Researching Hispanic Ancestors at the Texas State Library and Archives
By Tonia Wood, Senior Reference Archivist at TSLAC
Spots are limited. Available on a first-come, first-served basis.
More Information

Bastrop County Genealogical Society Meeting
October 8, 1:30 p.m. (program begins at 2:00 p.m.)
Bastrop Public Library
The Petticoat War: Women's Roles in the Civil War Era

More Information

Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC)
Electronic Records Day

AGS British Isles Genealogy Special Interest Group meets via email to exchange information. Contact Jane Schwendinger at janesca@earthlink.net.

Interested in a RootsMagic Software SIG?
If you have interest in attending a Special Interest Group focused on the use of RootsMagic, please contact Patti Heninger at pathein@sbcglobal.net. She is hoping to find one or more persons with some level of expertise to host the meetings and answer questions.

AGS 2016 Calendar
Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday (no meeting in December), Networking: 6:30 PM / Program: 7:00 PM
Highland Park Baptist Church, 5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731

25-Oct HistoryGeo.com: Unlocking the Past with Original and Early Landowner Maps including New Features, Gregory Boyd (Arphax)
Virtual Scavenger Hunt
Monday, October 10, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Attendees will have an opportunity to do hands-on, guided search of the Texas Digital Archives in celebration of Electronic Records Day.
More Information

Tower
Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.
Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe St., Austin

TOWER is a SXSW award-winning documentary about the infamous shootings at the UT tower 50 years ago. Keith Maitland, director/producer, and Neal Spelce, former KTBC reporter who was on the scene reporting the event as it happened, will discuss the film, which combines archival footage with rotoscopic animation to tell the story from the perspective of survivors, heroes and witnesses of America’s first mass shooting on a school campus.
More Information

Texas State Genealogical Society
2016 Conference
October 28-30, Dallas

Keynote speakers: Cyndi Ingle, owner of Cyndi’s List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet and Judy Russell, “The Legal Genealogist.” TxSGS has partnered with the Dallas Public Library and the Dallas Genealogical Society to

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AGS 2016 Class Schedule
Information about our classes is available here.

Sat, 15-Oct More than Daughters: Using the DAR’s Genealogical Research System (GRS)
Yarborough Branch
Austin Public Library
2200 Hancock Dr, Austin
10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Instructor: Teresa B. Devine, Lineage Research Committee, Andrew Carruthers Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

The DAR has made more than a century’s worth of genealogical records accessible to all researchers. A variety of records have been digitized and made available through many databases and resources using the DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS). This presentation will help researchers understand how to access and search the GRS and how to evaluate the different types of records found within.
offer you a **FREE pre-conference Research Day** at the Dallas Public Library Genealogy & History Division on Thursday, October 27th.

[More Information](#)

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**Save Austin’s Cemeteries**

**Tenth Annual Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure Walking Tour (free)**

OAKWOOD CEMETERY. 1601 Navasota Street, south of the UT Baseball field.

**October 29, Tours begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m.**

![Tour guides and AGS Members Angie and Bob Ward](image)

Take a tour and hear stories from costumed performers based on true events from Austin history about people buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Hear about the infamous Marshal Ben Thompson, three men killed by Native Americans in 1842, brothers who died in a flood, a man run over by train, a man killed by a firing squad as well as several suicides.

[More Information](#)

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**Do You Have a Brick Wall? A Genealogical Question?**

Feel free to send it in for the newsletter to [newsletter@austintxgensoc.org](mailto:newsletter@austintxgensoc.org) or post it to our Facebook page, “Austin Genealogical Society Members helping Members.”

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**Local Genealogy Meetings and Resources**

**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. Click [here](#) for website.

**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. Click [here](#) for website.

**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.
Hospitality Report from the September Meeting

Topic: Topics Tables
Presented by: AGS Members

Attendance: 56 people
Visitor: Rick Lillie

Greeter: Nancy Stephens
Sign-in Table: Jean Marostica, Gary Pemberton, Kathy Pemberton and Arlene Zirkel.
Audio-visual guru: John Marostica
Hospitality set-up/clean-up: Sheila Sargent, Nancy Stephens and Shelley Augustin
Food volunteers: Susan Tyler, Erin Garcia, Debbe Tipping, Cynthia Orr, Sheila Sargent and Jean Shroyer

Missy Harris, Hospitality Chair

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

2016 AGS Board of Directors

Terms ending 2016:
James E. Bridges
Missy Harris
Karin Nelson
Jan Pelosi
Robin Raben
Trisha Thompson

Terms ending 2017:
Marcia Arn
Teresa Devine
Erin Garcia
Jean Marostica
Anne Mamiya
Cari Taplin

2016 AGS Officers

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2nd VP Marcia Arn
Secretary Erin Garcia
Treasurer Karin Nelson
Got something for the newsletter? Submissions are welcome - due the first day of the month for each submission. newsletter@austintxgensoc.org

Topic Table: Taking Those Family Photos! by Marcia Arn
Pictured (L-R facing camera): Glenda Lassiter, Marcia Arn, Cari Taplin

Topic Table: Family Publication by Nelda Lillie
Pictured (L-R): Audrey Poche (tan top with scarf), Visitor Rick Lillie (standing), Nelda Lillie. Nelda brought a book on the Salem Witch trial's because Rick, her husband, has a relative mentioned by name in the book!!! :)

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Topic Table: DAR by Jean Shroyer and Teresa Devine
Pictured (L-R): Kathy Pemberton, Teresa Devine, Erin Garcia

Topic Table: DNA by Randy Whited
Topic Table: Genealogy Software by Anne Mamiya
Pictured (L-R): Richard Robertson, Nan Kilkeary, Anne Mamiya

Topic Table: Census Research by Debbe Tipping
Pictured: Debbe Tipping sitting with arms crossed
Topic Table: Websites for Genealogy by Karin Nelson
Pictured (L-R): Karin Nelson, Elaine Powell