Austin Genealogical Society (AGS)
Next Meeting: September 22, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731

World War I: One Hundred Years of Records
July 2014 marked the 100th Anniversary of the start of WW I for the European front. Debbie will show us some of the places to find records and information on the men and families of this time period, including NARA, Fold3 & Ancestry.

Presented by Debbie Pearson from Fort Worth Genealogical Society
Debbie Pearson is a retired school teacher with over 37 years of teaching experience. She earned her B.S. in Education with Kindergarten Endorsement from Stephen F. Austin State University. She earned her Master’s in General Education with emphasis in Multicultural Education at Texas Christian University. Debbie currently serves the Fort Worth Genealogical Society (FWGS) as President and Newsletter Editor, but has served FWGS in many positions. She holds memberships in lineage societies such as Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT), NSU Daughters of 1812, and United Daughters of the Confederacy. She currently is District II Representative for DRT and serves on the state Board of Management.
Debbie volunteers at her church, with many teacher groups and projects, and, of course, loves researching her family.

Show Off Your WWI Memorabilia!
We will have WWI display tables during our September meeting. Please bring your WWI memorabilia and a description on an index card. We invite you to bring the items between 6:00 and 6:15 p.m. Plan to arrive a little earlier, beginning at 6:15, so you may view the items and have a chance to network with fellow members prior to the meeting.

Contact Kay Boyd (mkdb1405@gmail.com) or Missy Harris (missy_harris@att.net) to let them know what you are bringing and they’ll have the table space ready for you.

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Austin Genealogical Society
facebook.com/AustinGenealogicalSociety?fref=ts

Posts on this site include information about the AGS monthly programs, the annual AGS seminar, and classes sponsored or provided by AGS such as the Lifetime Learning Classes and the Introduction to Genealogy Classes.

Austin Genealogical Society Members helping Members
facebook.com/groups/643600238984459/

Posts on this site range from information about many genealogy related topics such as webinars, websites, and classes not sponsored by AGS. One needs to request to join the group. Members of the group may request help with any particular issue they are experiencing with their own research.

AGS Website - Members Only
The handouts and recordings of the Writing Boot Camp are now available on the Members Only section of the AGS website. Take some time to view them and get started on your written family history!

Back to Basics: Craft a Compelling Family History Narrative from Start to Finish
Presented by: Lisa A. Alzo, M.F.A.

10 Secrets You Should Know to Survive Microsoft Word
Presented by: Thomas MacEntee

AGS Member M.C. Forister Publishes Book
M.C. Forister has completed five books. Her next will be about the Forister family.

It is a paperback with 644 pages and 1,420 descendants of Ignaz Graf (eight generations), 1,348 pictures, stories by relatives, newspaper articles, obituaries, occupations, hobbies and complete names index.

The book traces generation to generation with a colorful history of the family. Young children will learn how these people lived without TV, computers, cell phones, washers and dryers, dishwashers, automobiles and what-have-you years ago!

Each book will be $50 plus $10 for postage and handling. The money will go to The Mary C. Forister Fund for special children and Children’s Alliance of South Texas for abused and molested children and their families, both in Floresville, Texas, where the author grew up.

If interested contact mcforister@netzero.net.

2015 AGS Writing Contest
Submit your articles to the AGS Quarterly to enter the contest!

First Prize - Winner’s Choice - one of:
• Ancestry.com US one-year membership
• Fold3 all-access one-year membership
• Newspapers.com one-year subscription
• Legacy 8.0 Deluxe Bundle
• Roots Magic Super Bundle

Winners to be announced in January 2016.
Contest Guidelines: austintxgensoc.org

Lifetime Learning Institute Fall Classes
LLI (Lifetime Learning Institute) is an independent, nonprofit organization and was established 35 years ago. It provides continuing education for adults over 50 years of age through daytime, non-credit courses.

AGS sponsors a genealogy class, Find Your Ancestors, for LLI at the Triumphant Love Lutheran Church, 9508 Great Hills Trail. Classes are held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. September 15 through November 3.

Registration for Fall classes is available at lliaustin.org.

AGS Members Get Discounts!
FamilyTreeDNA offers a discount to AGS members who sign up through the AGS Group Project.
familytreedna.com/

SIGs Sponsored by AGS
AGS DNA Special Interest Group
Have you gotten your DNA test completed and are wondering what to do with it? Or perhaps you’ve made some discoveries you’d like to share with others. Then this is the SIG for you!

See calendar for upcoming dates.

Contact Randy Whited at whited.randy@gmail.com.

AGS Writing Special Interest Group
Feeling overwhelmed by writing your family history or not sure where to start? Need a friendly nudge to get started? Join us for the AGS Writing SIG!

See calendar for upcoming dates.

Contact Robin Raben at mrsraben@austin.rr.com or Jim Bridges at bridgwork@aol.com.
FROM THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

September has arrived, summer vacations are over and it is Back to School time! It has been a while since I was in school, but I always look at this time of year as a fresh start with education.

Austin will be host to some great genealogy events in the next few months! Take advantage of these events without the added cost of travel and lodging.

Get a boost in your genealogy research by attending our Introduction to Genealogy class. This is a 2-day class and will be held on September 26 and October 3. This class is in high demand and always fills to capacity. Visit our website to reserve your space, austintxgensoc.org/classes. The best part? It’s free!

The Texas General Land Office will be holding their annual Save Texas History Symposium on November 14. Registration information can be found here glo.texas.gov/save-texas-history/symposium.html.

The Texas State Genealogical Society will be holding the 2015 Family History Conference in Austin this year, October 30 – November 1. Visit their website for the conference schedule and registration: txsgs.org/conference.

I know our nominating committee has also been hard at work this past month! I look forward to hearing the slate of nominees for the 2016-2017 Board of Directors term as they are announced at our September meeting. The election will be held in October.

Hope to see you this month at our meeting!

Anne Mamiya
president@austintxgensoc.org

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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Local Genealogy Meetings & Resources

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

- **AGS DNA Special Interest Group**, Monday, September 21, 5:45-8:00 p.m. at the North Village Branch Library, 2505 Steck Ave., Austin, TX 78757. Mondays, October 19 & November 9, 5:45-8:00 p.m. at the Spicewood Springs Library, 8637 Spicewood Springs Rd., Austin, TX, 78759. Contact Randy Whited at whited.randv@gmail.com.

- **AGS Writing Special Interest Group** Thursdays, September 24 and October 29, 5:45-7:00 p.m. at the North Village Branch Library, 2505 Steck Ave., Austin, TX 78757. Contact Robin Raben at mrsraben@austin.rr.com or Jim Bridges at bridgwork@aol.com.

- **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. Website: 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 Website: 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. Website: 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. Website: williamsontxgenealogy.org/

- **Austin Public Library Genealogical Resources** Website: library.austintexas.libguides.com/genealogy

Indicates an official AGS activity
AGS Business: From the Minutes of the Board Meeting

Austin Genealogical Society
Board Meeting
Highland Park Baptist Church
July 28, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order by Anne Mamiya, President, at 5:45 p.m.

The June 2015 minutes were accepted as written.

The June bank statement was in order.

Treasurer’s Report – The June report was accepted as presented.

Education – Marcia Arn reported that this year’s programs have been firmed up and it is time to start thinking about programs for next year.

Jane Schwendinger reported the new class registration process went smoothly. Inez Eppright and Jane are working on LLI class instructors.

Membership – Missy Harris reported we have 340 members now.

Publications – Robin Rabin reported that August 1 is the newsletter deadline. Jim Bridges will help Robin start a writing SIG.

New Business:

Nominating Committee – Robin Rabin was appointed chair of the nominating committee. Carol Mason nominated Missy Harris to the committee and Missy Harris nominated Carol Mason to the committee. Missy and Carol were elected by acclamation.

Missy Harris made a motion to sponsor an exhibitor’s booth at the Texas General Land Office’s 6th Annual Save Texas History Symposium on November 14, 2015, for $100. Wynelle Noelke seconded the motion which passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Inez Eppright, Secretary

General Business Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Anne Mamiya, President. Anne announced that Robin Rabin is the chair of the Nominating Committee and that Missy Harris and Carol Mason are the board members on the committee. Anne called for nominations from the general membership to serve on the Nominating Committee. Kay Boyd and Jean Marostica were nominated. There being no further nominations, Anne closed the nominations and called for a vote. Kay and Jean were elected by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Interesting in lending a hand to the society? Here are ways to get involved!

AGS Education Instructors - If you are interested in teaching a genealogy related class either at a public library or for the next session of LLI (Lifetime Learning Institute,) please contact Jane Schwendinger at education@austintxgensoc.org. Several classes are already scheduled, and we can always add more.

Publicity Chair - This position is currently open and needs some help. Opportunity to define the team and roles as you see fit, with the help of the board. The Publicity Committee’s function is to promote the society, its mission, and its activities to the general public, and foster engagement and participation by the society’s members. Contact Anne Mamiya at president@austintxgensoc.org.

Table Host/Hostess - Meet the Hospitality Chair at 5:30 on meeting day in the meeting room to set up table and beverages. You are provided with "paper ware" and tablecloth; involves setting up beverages, receiving volunteered food items for membership to enjoy when they arrive at 6:30, watching the table, and presiding there from 6:30 to 7:00. Replenishing cups, water, ice is included. Previous Table Hostesses have chosen to do this yearly or for designated months. Contact missy_harris@att.net if you would like to help. Set up is most important; clean-up is usually taken care of by the committee chairs.

AGS Quarterly Editor - Four times a year, the editor produces the Quarterly consisting of member and non-member submissions. No prior editorial experience required. This person is supported by the publications team - you won’t be alone! Contact Robin Raben at quarterly@austintxgensoc.org.
SAVE THE DATE - NEXT YEAR’S CALENDAR

Salt Lake City Research Trip
April 17-24, 2016
AGS will once again sponsor a research trip to Salt Lake City. Details and registration will be available soon.

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AGS Seminar 2016
Saturday, May 21, 2016
Speaker: Thomas MacEntee
Details and registration will be provided Spring 2016.

Member Highlight - Would you like to be a Star?
As you may have noticed, we are publishing interviews of individual members of the Society each month for our Member Highlight series. If you’ve enjoyed reading about fellow members, you might consider being highlighted in an upcoming issue!
Interested parties may contact newsletter@austintxgensoc.org

We Want to Hear from You!
We’d love to add some input from our membership to the newsletter! Here are some ideas -
• Have you seen a good movie, television show, heard a podcast or read a good book with a genealogical slant lately? Tell us about it.
• Share a brick wall or a challenge you are currently facing - maybe a member could help! Ask in the newsletter.
• Want to provide your opinion on a genealogical topic or about the Society? Write a letter to the editor!
Please send any items of interest or feedback to our newsletter editor, Robin Raben: newsletter@austintxgensoc.org.
Upcoming Events

27th Annual Wendish Fest on September 27
From AGS Member Jan Wukasch Pelosi

Texas Wendish Heritage Society Museum and St. Paul Lutheran Church (A Texas Painted Church)
1011 County Road 212, Giddings, Texas 78942

Mark your calendars and plan to head to the Texas Wendish Heritage Society Museum located on the grounds of the historic St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin, Texas, on Sunday, September 27 for the “27th on the 27th!”

Schedule: texaswendish.org/2015/06/27th-annual-wendish-fest-schedule-of-events/

Anyone who is considering bringing a large group of people to Wendish Fest this year is asked to please call the museum at (979) 366-2441 in advance to reserve your meal tickets. By doing so, you can avoid your group having to stand in the ticket line.

The Texas Wendish Heritage Society and the Wendish Fest were featured this past year on Texas Country Reporter: youtube.com/watch?v=iTWRIF9Q9FM

FGS 2015 Regional Conference
From AGS Member Pat Oxley (AGS’ FGS Delegate)
September 17-19
Syracuse, New York

Held in partnership with the New York State Family History Conference, FGS will kick off this regional conference with a Focus on Societies Day - a full day packed with sessions for society leaders, society members, and those wanting to become more involved in societies.

Registration: nysfhc.org/registration.html

Bastrop County Genealogical Society
Organizing Your Research Without Losing Your Mind
Saturday, September 12
1:30 p.m.
Speaker: Toni Dunne
Bastrop Public Library
1100 Church Street
Bastrop, TX 78602
facebook.com/bastropcountygenealogicalsociety

Pineywoods Archeology Conference
Saturday, September 19
9:00am-5:00pm
Naranjo Museum of Natural History
5104 South 1st St.
Lufkin, TX 75901 Hwy 59 South.
naranjomuseum.org/blog/pineywoods-archaeology-conference/

Family Tree University's Fall 2015 Virtual Genealogy Conference
September 18-20
Website: familytreeuniversity.com/courses

Houston Genealogical Forum
Compiling a Reliable Record for Future Generations, Telling the True Stories of Your Ancestors, and Using 19th Century Newspapers
Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Speaker: Dr. John Colletta
Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet
Houston, Texas 77074
http://hgfxs.org/

Ft. Worth Genealogical Society
2015 End of Summer Seminar - Technology: Genealogical Skills for the Future
Saturday, September 19
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Speaker: Lisa Louise-Cook
Tarrant County College
Trinity River Campus Downtown
300 Trinity Campus Cir.
Fort Worth, TX 76102
Website: rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs

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The Genealogists Prayer
Submitted by AGS Member Karin Branaman

Genealogy is my past time - I shall not stray.
It maketh me to lie down and examine half buried tombstones.
It leadeth me into still courthouses.
It restoreth my ancestral knowledge.
It leadeth me into the paths of census records,
and ships passenger lists,
for my surnames sake.
Yet though I wade through the shadows of research, libraries, and microfilm readers,
I shall fear no discouragement,
for a strong urge is with me.
The curiosity and motivation they comfort me.
It demandeth preparation of storage space
for the acquisition of countless documents.
It anointeth my head with burning midnight oil.
My family group sheets runneth over.
Surely birth, marriage, and death dates
shall follow me all the days of my life
and I shall dwell in the house of a family history seeker forever.
Amen... Author Unknown

Crossroads of Culture:
Folk Art and Travis County’s Cultural Heritage
8th Annual Travis County History Day

Friday, October 16, 10:00 a.m. - noon
Commissioners Courtroom and Hall of Government
700 Lavaca Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Travis County History Day features special speakers, historical displays, and refreshments. Travis County History Day is sponsored by the Travis County Archives, the Travis County Historical Commission, the Austin History Center, and the Austin Bar Association.

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Annual SAGHS Genealogy Seminar
Saturday, October 17

John Calvin Presbyterian Church
8102 Midcrown Dr.
Windcrest, Texas 78239

Join us for a full day of genealogical learning, door prizes, our annual handmade quilt raffle and more!
Speaker: Patti Hobbs
txsaghs.org/cpage.php?pt=31

Riders on the Orphan Trains
A Conference and Sharing Session
Saturday, October 31, 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center
250 W Fair Grounds Rd.
La Grange, Texas 78945

RSVP to Alison Moore: orphantrain99@yahoo.com
More details are available on the TCHCC website:
www.czechtexas.org/events.shtml

Texas State Genealogical Society 2015 Family History Conference
October 30 - November 1
Crowne Plaza Austin
6121 North IH 35
Austin, Texas 78752
Registration: txsgs.org/conference

6th Annual Save Texas History Symposium
In the Shadow of the Dome: Austin by Day & Night
Experience Austin in a New Light
Saturday, November 14

William B. Travis State Office Building
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, Texas 78701
glo.texas.gov/save/texas-history/symposium.html

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Book Recommendation: Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline
By AGS Member Robin Raben

This book was a great read - a fictional account of two women who come together with similar backgrounds from different time periods - a young girl just about to age out from the foster care system and an old woman who was delivered to the Midwest on an Orphan Train in the late 1920’s. The book switches from one time frame to the other, and is a captivating read that gives you a real sense of what it was like for those young children. Make time for this one!
What is the best Family Tree?
That depends on what you need it for!

By AGS Member John Marostica

There are three general reasons to create a Family Tree:
- To Collaborate with others
- To share information with family, friends and associates
- To create a document to print or publish.

Collaboration comes in many different levels.

The FamilySearch tree makes everyone with an internet connection a collaborator. “The goal behind Family Tree is to create the best sourced genealogy in the world. FamilySearch strives to get people to interact with one another so that supporting documentation can be connected to the correct ancestor.” FamilySearch.org

Ancestry family Tree is similar to FamilySearch but requires an Ancestry paid account to have access to all of their data resources and the ability to save records to a tree.

WikiTree is the other end of the collaboration. “Content is kept private through a unique “Trusted List” system that enables you to select the individuals you want to collaborate with and the specific content you want to share with them.”

For a more comprehensive list of reviewed products, see Family Tree magazine’s 10 Best Web Sites for Storing and Sharing. Or go to GenSoftReviews to find a searchable list of reviews for over 400 different programs or services.

As for sharing without the desire for collaboration, there are programs that will upload your genealogy to FaceBook, many ways to use your GEDCOM file to create websites that can be uploaded to the blogs and websites and companies that can build and maintain complete websites for you. Only this method of sharing can guarantee you full control of content and make sure that no one else can change or manipulate your work without your permission.

Finally, creating a document for printing or publishing is best created with a program on your own computer. Legacy Family Tree, Family Tree Maker and other popular programs have excellent book and chart creation capabilities. Most have the ability to professionally print your charts and books for you at a nominal fee. And you can always save the document in a .PDF or .jpg format and take it to a local printer. Go to Top 5 Ways to Share your Discoveries for more ideas!

So whether you want to collaborate or just share information there are lots of options. Find a way to share your research that works for you - and let people see the results of your research!

State Census Tips
From AGS Member Sarah Shaw

In addition to the agriculture and manufacturing federal censuses that exist, I came across state censuses taken in Florida.

The Florida censuses were taken between the federal censuses, on years that end in five.

I found my uncle and his family in 1935 and then was able to find the family after my aunt had remarried in 1945.

The family had listed my cousin, who was MIA/KIA, as a member of their household in 1945, even though his plane was lost in 1944. I saw several listings for people with “ARMY,” “NAVY,” as their occupation since it was during WWII.

What You Will Find in the Family History Centers
From AGS Member Kay Boyd

- Ancestry World
- Arkiv Digital (premier Swedish database)
- 19th Century British Newspapers
- American Civil War databases
- Find my Past
- Fold 3
- Historical Map Works
- Kinpoint
- My Heritage
- Newspaper Archives
- ProQuest Obituaries

These databases are available through the Family History Centers. There are two centers in Austin, one in Round Rock, one in Georgetown and others in the area. By going to FamilySearch.org you can find the one nearest you and the hours they are open. Kay Boyd works at the one on Rutherford Lane Wednesdays from 12 to 3. If you can’t get in during the open hours, she will do simple look ups for you. Contact Kay at mkdb145@gmail.com.
Hospitality Report from the August AGS Meeting

**Topic:** Earning a Living: Your Ancestors at Work  
**Presented by:** Pat Gordon

We had 76 people in attendance at the August meeting.

**Visitors:**
- Shelley Augustin, Austin  
- Jerry Cole, Austin  
- Sam Martin, Austin

**Welcome to new members joining in August!**
- Christina Harris  
- Deborah & Michael Harris  
- Kristin Bell  
- Martha Allan  
- Ronald & Elaine Ruppel  
- Shelley Augustin  
- Shelley Scott  
- Terry Ridgeway

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

**Greeters:** Betty Jean Steinke and Earle McBride  
**Nametag Table:** Jean Marostica, Adeliza Tiffany, Arlene Zirkel and Ann Elbert  
**Refreshments:** Sarah Shaw and Bill Meneffe provided refreshments while AGS served popcorn and lemonade  
**Audio/Visual:** John Marostica

**For the September Meeting:**

Refreshments will be provided by Board members Marcia Arn, Jan Pelosi, Inez Eppright and Robin Raben.
Member Appreciation
Jean Shroyer
By Robin Raben

Jean Shroyer has been a member of AGS since the 1980s, moved away from Austin for several years then resumed being a member in 1996 and has been ever since. She and I met at Russell’s Bakery for a nice afternoon and here are some of the highlights.

Q: How did you hear about the Austin Genealogical Society?
A: Austin American Statesman advertisement - in 1996.

Q: What advice would you give to someone just starting out in genealogy?
A: I love the beginning genealogists! I like beginners as it is fun to assist them and get them started!

“I think you have to have a knack for finding things. Searching is built in. It’s like a crystal ball, it’s there and you see it, you just have to reach and get it.”

Jean’s Family

Jean and Les have two daughters. One has a degree in Wildlife Preservation from Arizona State University and has worked for the City of Austin Animal Shelter since 1999.

Another is married and has two children, a boy and a girl. Her husband works for Dell and has attended Texas State College, McCombs Business School and is working to complete his Masters’ Degree online.

Jean is an excellent resource for AGS members. If you are looking for some help with your research she is open to talking with you. I guarantee you will have a few laughs in the process!

Actual Field Research

Jean drove on the back roads to research the Williamson County history book. She found the Wuthrich sisters at their Victorian house. These two little ladies were in the back yard with their little old-fashioned bonnets and long skirts. She interviewed them over their back yard fence!

“Les is the smart one in our family. He’s the college pro, mathematician and business person, and I’m the smiley, can-I-help-you social person. I always tell people I bring up the rear, cause the person in the rear is the important one in case the Indians attack.”

Genealogy: Started with a Mystery

Jean got into genealogy thanks to her aunt, Gloria Schick. In 1975, this aunt had retired out of the military and mentioned that she didn’t know anything about her father, who was a mystery. She had nothing but some things in a trunk that belonged to her father when he died. Jean was able to piece together a little information from some of the newspaper clippings from those items and then started the search. Jean realized that the man went by an alias!

His name was Johanson Augusta Henrys, but he chose an alias, Steven Heinrich. He married several times and had many children! He was with the Dallas Police force walking a beat at Swiss and Main Sts. Using a night stick and Jujitsu he protected himself without fail when accosted by criminals in the 1900’s. He joined the Texas Rangers in Texas Ranger Company A, under Capt. John J. Sanders of Lockhart, Texas. He was moved to El Paso in 1915 where he married Jean’s grandmother in 1921. He served along the border as a secret service agent and a deputy for the city of El Paso. In 1924 the family moved to Yuma, Arizona, where Jean’s mother was born; from there to Ajo, Arizona, and then to settle in Tucson, Arizona, until his death in 1953. What a life! He moved around as much as we do today.

After solving that mystery, Jean was hooked on genealogy!

Moving is a Family Tradition

Jean was born in Texarkana on the state line between Texas and Arkansas. The hospital was on the Arkansas side, but she moved to Texas as soon as she could - at 8 months!

Like her military father (he was in the U.S. Air Force,) Jean has resided in many places over time. Her husband, Les, was in the US Navy for 4 years. Les worked for Texas Instruments from 1971 to 1984. He then went to work for Motorola, Inc., beginning 1984. They lived in Round Rock from 1980 to 1986. In 1986, they moved to Phoenix, Arizona, with Motorola (Semiconductor). In 1990, they moved to Chicago until 1996 when they moved back to Austin. Les retired in 2000 in Austin.
Monthly Meetings on 4th Tuesdays
(except May and December)
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