

Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter

Next Meeting: September 25, 2018

PERSI: Genealogy's Hidden Treasure by Cari A. Taplin, C.G.

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[Read more](#)

Welcome to the September edition of the AGS Newsletter

Read about the [latest news](#) this month. [AGS sponsored events](#) include another trip to care for the Hogg family plot at the Oakwood cemetery, and the September 4th Saturday AGE/AGS class. Learn how you can [volunteer](#). [Publish](#) your work. Read about several [Non-AGS events](#) you may want to participate in. Enjoy!

Welcome new members!

Mary Ledesma, Chuck Linton, Gary Lockhart,
Laura McMorris and Cheryl Pervier

News Articles

AGS 2019-2020 Board elections. Candidates to fill vacancies in the 2019-

2020 board are currently being selected. Every year, six positions on the board are completing their two-year term and may either commit to another two-year term or replacements will be found. The final slate of candidates will be announced in our September meeting. Our nominating committee consists of Robin Raben (chair), Teresa Devine, Dianne Holley, Diane Harvey Anderson and Beverly Pritchett.



Have you visited the Texas Cotton Gin Museum in Burton Texas? An impulse to follow the sign off of Hwy 290 in Burton, Texas, (near Brenham) to the Cotton Gin Museum revealed a wonderful experience and a possible new genealogical resource for some lucky families.

The tour of the cotton gin (did you know gin is short for engine?) is very interesting, you will learn everything about the cotton plant, life of the cotton farmer and how the gin works. When the abandoned gin was rescued and recognized as a Recorded State Historic Landmark and as a National Register property, complete records cotton baled at the gin by local farmers were also discovered. If you would like to make an inquiry to see if your family ginned cotton there, contact burtoncottongin@earthlink.net. In addition, if your family owned a cotton gin themselves, let the Texas Cotton Gin Museum add it to their database of Texas cotton gins. <http://www.cottonginmuseum.org/>



CCGS offering German-Texas Books on Historic 1800's life in Central Texas

Connie Krause of the Comal County Genealogical Society (CCGS) contacted us as they have been given the opportunity to acquire a number of sets of books regarding historic 1800's German-Texas life. These sets consist of the following books:

- The Diary of Hermann Seele
- Sojourn in Texas
- Texas in 1848
- Voyage to America
- Roemer's Texas (this 5 book set is available for only \$55 – all books are new and usually sell for \$20 + each.)

Please be aware there are only a limited # of these sets available at this very low price as CCGS is looking to help the community learn about German-Texan history in preparation for the 175th Anniversary of both New Braunfels and Comal County which is just around the corner. To reserve your set or learn more about the sets, please send an e-mail to Connie at m.krause@utexas.edu.

Volunteer

Monthly sign-ups. To assist with preparation for the monthly meeting, greeting attendees, handing out name tags, providing food or cleaning up after the meeting please contact Lise Doss via newsletter@austintxgensoc.org.

Publish

AGS Quarterly is accepting submissions for the 2018 Winter Edition. Deadline is November 17. We share copies of the Quarterly with several institutions to preserve in their collections, including: The University of Texas @ Austin - Texas State Library Genealogy collection, Familysearch library in Utah (some of our editions appear in their online collections,) Allen County Public Library Genealogical Periodicals in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) library in Washington, D.C. Preserve your research today - send in an article for the AGS Quarterly to quarterly@austintxgensoc.org.

AGS Sponsored Events

September AGS monthly meeting: PERSI: Genealogy's Hidden Treasure

September 25, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Highland Park Baptist Church, [5206 Balcones Dr., Austin, TX 78731](#)

Speaker: Cari A. Taplin, C.G.

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you!

Our September Speaker, **Cari A. Taplin**, is a Certified Genealogist® and has served in a wide variety of volunteer and leadership positions for state, local, and national societies. She currently serves on the boards of the Association for Professional Genealogists and the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

She has spoken and given classes at the National Genealogical Society Annual Conference, the Federation of Genealogical Society's Annual Conference, at the Texas State Genealogical Society, and at many regional genealogical societies, AGS included.

Cari, a native of Wood County, Ohio, now lives in Pflugerville. As the owner of [GenealogyPANTS](#), she provides speaking, research, and consultation services. When she's not working on her genealogy, she is a wife and mother of two/too cute kids.

http://www.austintxgensoc.org/event/persi-genealogys-hidden-treasure/?instance_id=556

September meeting: Conversation Starter

How Far Have You Traveled for Research?



In the digital age, we can build our family trees without leaving the house. Yet we may also want to explore ancestral homelands, graveyards, and onsite resources for ourselves.

How far have you traveled for genealogical field work? Have you visited any out-of-town libraries, courthouses or archives?

Have you visited faraway grave sites? Have you traveled out of state, or out of the country?

Feel free to attach scanned photos of gravestones or documents to the Conversation Poster for “show and tell.”

Please join us at 6:30 pm on September 25, 2018 for a half-hour of snacks and socializing before our speaker Cari Taplin’s talk “PERSI: Genealogy’s Hidden Treasure.”

See you there!

September meeting volunteer reminder:

Set up: Diane Harvey Anderson and Diana & Louis Sellers

Cleanup: Glenda Lassiter and Susan Shaw

Greeter: Gayle Boyce

Snacks: Elizabeth Price, Teresa Devine, Susan Tyler and Dawn Orsak

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October DNA SIG meeting

First Wednesday of every month (no meeting in July). Next meeting October 3, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Meeting at Pok-E-Joe's [2121 Parmer Lane, Austin, TX 78727](#) three blocks east of Mopac on Parmer Lane.

Each month we review a chapter from *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, by Blaine T. Bettinger. It is available on Amazon in paperback and Kindle editions: <https://www.amazon.com/Family-Guide-Testing-Genetic-Genealogy/dp/1440345325>

Everyone is welcome. You don’t need to have tested your DNA to come and learn.

http://www.austintxgensoc.org/event/dna-sig-october-3/?instance_id=529

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October Writing SIG meeting

Second Tuesday of every month (no meeting in December). Next meeting October 9, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Meeting at Cafe Express (we meet in the small room by the kitchen), [3418 N Lamar Blvd, Austin, Texas 78705](#)

The purpose of the Writing SIG is to support members in writing family histories

and genealogical articles. We meet once a month and have dinner together while we discuss genealogical topics and those of us that are ready will read aloud our latest work. Come and get inspired with the rest of us! Open to members of AGS. You are welcome to purchase dinner (at your expense) but that is not required. We share the cost for the room (\$5 a person.)

http://www.austintxgensoc.org/event/ags-writing-sig-10-2018/?instance_id=508

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AGS / Austin History Center Genealogy Workshop

October 19, 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

[Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe St., Austin](#)

Austin History Center and the Austin Genealogical Society join the Genealogy Network of Texas, hosted by the West Waco Library and Genealogy Center, for a day-long genealogy workshop.

<https://library.austintexas.gov/event/genealogy-workshop-512471>

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Saving Your Stories For Future Generations

October 20, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

[North Village Library Branch, 2505 Steck Ave., Austin](#)

Georgetown genealogist Tracie McFadden Burns of Backtrackers Genealogy will help you think about your memories in different ways, showing you how to use FindAGrave, MyHeritage, Ancestry, the new global family tree of FamilySearch, and even YouTube to tell about your family and their history in ways they will access, use, and maybe even remember.

Registration opens October 4.

http://www.austintxgensoc.org/event/saving-your-stories-for-future-generations/?instance_id=563

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October AGS monthly meeting: Who's Your Grandmother? Proven Tactics

For Finding Lost Female Surnames

October 23, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Highland Park Baptist Church, [5206 Balcones Dr., Austin, TX 78731](#)

Speakers: Dianne Holley and Rob Richardson

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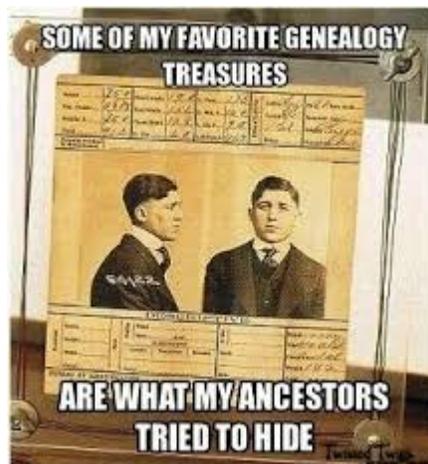
Hogg family cemetery lot clean-up - there will be another trip to Oakwood Cemetery in downtown Austin to keep the Hogg family cemetery lot maintained. The date has not been finalized but will happen after the first freeze hits Austin - we assume sometime in December. Oakwood Cemetery, is located at [1601 Navasota St., Austin, TX 78702](#). If you are interested in helping out, contact James Bridges.

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August monthly meeting recap

Attendance at the August meeting was 93! Thanks for those of you that brought visitors to the meeting in August - there were six.

Helping at the member sign in table were Judith and Thomas Morris, Thanks to the crew for help with setup/food/cleanup: Elizabeth Price, Caroline Sinclair, Marcia Arn, Diane Harvey Anderson, Robin Raben, Wynnell Noelke, Mary Todd, Toni Ericson, and Erin Garcia.



Non-AGS Events

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG)

SLIG virtual program: Researching Nordic Ancestors

Tuesday evenings, September 25 - November 20

<https://ugagenealogy.org/cpage.php?pt=535>

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TCGS Celebrating the Centennial of the Founding of Czechoslovakia and the U.S. and Czech Partnership

September 29, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

[Caldwell Civic Center 103 Texas Hwy 21 W., Caldwell, Tx](#)

The Texas Czech Genealogical Society (TCGS) would like to invite you and the members of the Austin Genealogical Society to attend the upcoming September 29, 2018 event honoring the 100th year anniversary of the founding of Czechoslovakia and WWI.

<https://txczgs.org/eventListings.php?nm=38#er55>

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Austin Gen SIG

October 1, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

[Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library, 7051 Village Center Dr., Austin](#)

Join us for a workshop to learn how to begin building our family tree in Ancestry!

<http://marostica.org/WP/>

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Austin Archives Bazaar

October 28, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saengerrende Hall (Scholz Garden)

[1607 San Jacinto Blvd, Austin, TX 78701](#)

Come discover the amazing archival resources available in Austin and Central Texas! **Visit us at the Austin Genealogical Society table while**

you are there.

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

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Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG)

SLIG virtual program: Advanced Evidenced Analysis Practicum

Saturdays, October 13 - November 18

Work through one complex study case per week on our own time schedule, in the comfort of your own home.

<https://ugagenealogy.org/cpage.php?pt=535>

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Williamson County Genealogical Society

How the National Archives Can Help You - The Researcher

October 18

Social time at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

[Round Rock Public Library, 216 E Main Street, Round Rock, Texas.](#) Room A

<https://williamsontxgenealogy.org/>

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SAG&HS Workshop with Kelvin Meyers

Saturday, October 20

[Cross Roads Church, 8102 Midcrown Drive, San Antonio, Texas](#)

The San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society features Kelvin Meyers on giving four presentations:

- Probate: More than a Will
- The Hand that Rocked the Cradle Could Rule the World
- Are Your Ancestors in the Draper Manuscripts
- Introduction to Forensic Genealogy

The event also includes a quilt raffle, duplicate book sale, and lots of door prizes.

Location: Cross Roads Church, 8102 Midcrown Drive, San Antonio, Texas

<https://txsaghs.org/>

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TXGS Family History Conference

Journey Through Generations

November 2-4

Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade

[9821 Colonnade Blvd., San Antonio](#)

Learn from leading family history speakers and educators. Visit companies and organizations providing products and services that will benefit your research. Connect with old friends and make new ones. Leave TxSGS 2018 with a renewed enthusiasm for family history and ready to tackle those challenging research projects.

<http://www.txsgs.org/featured-events/2018-family-history-conference/>

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Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG)

Elevate your Genealogical Education to New Heights

13-18 January 2019

[Hilton SLC Center, Salt Lake City, Utah](#)

SLIG 2019 opens with a networking social on Sunday and closes with the Completion Banquet on Friday evening. Courses run Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:00 pm; some will include homework, consultations, or labs outside those times.

<https://ugagenealogy.org/cpage.php?pt=524>

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Austin Legacy Users Group

Meets on the third Saturday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

[Querencia at Barton Creek, 2500 Barton Creek Blvd., Austin](#)

<http://austinlug.weebly.com/>

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Texas State Library and Archives Commission

Open during the week from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. the second Saturday of each month.

[1201 Brazos St., Austin](https://www.tsl.texas.gov/)

Questions concerning Second Saturdays may be sent to reference.desk@tsl.texas.gov.

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/>

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Austin Public Library Genealogical Resources (online)

<http://library.austintexas.gov/database/genealogy-and-people-search-guide>



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