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**Society Meeting
Saturday, April 22, 2006
9:30 A. M. - Noon
Oakwood Cemetery
Downtown on 16th Street, east of IH 35**

Oakwood Cemetery Field Trip

AGS April 22nd Field Trip to Oakwood Cemetery

The AGS annual field trip is April 22nd, and will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, at Oakwood Cemetery. The Save Austin's Cemeteries group will host the Society and give a talk on the history of the cemetery and the chapel. They will discuss their plans for the restoration of the chapel and the care of the cemetery.

This will be followed by a walking tour of family graves of some of our AGS members. Wear your walking shoes, bring a lawn chair if you wish and come and learn of the history of some of early Austin and its residents. The program will end with a tombstone cleaning demonstration. We should be finished by noon. There is plenty of shade. SAC will be selling complete cleaning kits for \$10.00 and a packages of the recommended soap for \$5.00.

To reach the cemetery from the south, take IH-35 to the 15th street exit, turn right on 16th street BEFORE you reach Denny's. This takes you through the front gate. If you are coming from the north, go east MLK (where the U. T. baseball field is located) and turn right at the first street, Comal. The entrance is 1 block south on the right. We will gather at the chapel, that is the only building at the cemetery. There is a map at www.sachome.org/. Be sure to note this is NOT the State Cemetery. This will replace the regular 4th Tuesday meeting at the church.

Condolences

Margaret Lundin Wells Brown, 89, mother of longtime AGS member, Glenda Wells Knipstein, died March 28, 2006 in Austin. Her parents, Christopher and Bertha Anderson Lundin came to the Central Texas area from Sweden in 1907. Burial was in Cook-Walden Memorial Hill Cemetery.

AGS Annual Heritage Pot Luck Dinner, Tuesday May 23rd

Our annual Pot Luck Dinner will be held on our regular meeting date Tuesday, May 23rd. Be sure to it on your calendar! The dinner will start at 6:30 p.m.

AGS will supply the chicken and members are asked to bring a pot luck dish to share. The tickets will be \$2.00 per person which will help with the cost of the chicken, drinks and other supplies. Guest are welcome.

We will have tables placed around the room for members to display their memorabilia to share with other members and guests. In the past we have had some wonderful items, from a trunk brought over by ancestors, old family pictures, scrapbooks, etc. Some of our members come dressed as one of their ancestors, which is always fun for all.

You may reserve an entire table or half a table for your memorabilia by e-mailing or calling the members listed below. Please arrive by 6:00 p.m. to set up your tables. Doors will be open by 5:30 p.m.

Reservations are appreciated, so we will know how much chicken to order.

For reservations for the dinner and for tables, please call or e-mail Kay Boyd or Edna Youngblood. Tickets will be reserved for you at the check-in desk.

Kay Boyd: Ph. 836-7484 or mkdb1405@aol.com

Edna Youngblood: Ph. 249-7007
or Ednayoungblood@austin.rr.com

Edna Youngblood,
Hospitality Committee

Welcome to "Help Desk"

You are invited to take advantage of a new research tool we call Help Desk, offered by the AGS Education Committee. Some members of the Committee will staff our Help Desk from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. before each monthly Tuesday evening business meeting.

You are welcome to bring your genealogical questions to the Help Desk and the staff will assist you. When possible, we may be able to provide new research directions and resources at the Desk. If not the staff will make a note of your questions and provide a follow-up at a later date.

Please prepare your questions in advance, including the location and time period in which you need assistance. We regret that the staff cannot conduct research for you, but we will be happy to assist you in seeking out new aids.

Tommy Ingram

Join AGS Members for "Brick Wall" Saturdays

Anyone wishing to work on their genealogical research with a like-minded group is welcome to meet us on Brick Wall Saturdays. AGS has reserved Room 202 in the Texas State Library and Archives building on Saturday, May 20th and Saturday, July 15th, from 10:00 a.m. until 2 p.m. Some of the members of the Education Committee and others will be available to provide assistance on your "Brick Walls".

Remember to bring a well-thought-out statement of the question you need help with, a Family Group Sheet or Pedigree Chart for the family you're working on, as well as copies of any records you've collected that could shine some light on the problem. If you can provide a list of the records you have already searched, that is helpful.

You are welcome to bring your laptops - the room has Wi-Fi access to the internet. Light snacks and water will be provided and there is a soft drink machine. You may also bring your own snacks. Free on-street parking is available on all sides of the Library Building.

If you are new to the research process, you will definitely find some friendly help. If you are a seasoned researcher, perhaps you will be able to share your knowledge with another. Either way, you will make some new friends.

Tommy Ingram
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"Dear Genie"

An AGS member wrote and asked, "Dear Genie, I would like to know some new ways to find ancestors in the American Revolutionary War period."

Here are some suggestions. The internet list was created by Charles Locklin and thoughtfully provided to Genie by Harold Hudnall.

Best Revolutionary War Sites on the Internet

1835 Rev. War Pension List

<http://members.tripod.com/~rosters/index-5.html>

1840 Rev. War Pension List

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/topic/colonial/census/1840>

Military Links Collection

<http://www.usigs.org/library/military/links/revwar.htm>

DAR Patriot Index Lookup Service

http://www.dar.org/cgi-bin/natsociety/PI_lookup.cfm?RT=OV+ID

Sons of the American Revolution

www.sar.org

American Revolutionary War Soldiers & Their Descendants

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ars>

Revolutionary War

www.revwar.com

Colonial Ancestors Database

<http://colonialancestors.com>

Colonial Ancestors

Books and Periodicals in the collection of Dallas Public Library (DPL), Clayton Library (CL) and Texas State Library and Archives(TSLAC).

There are literally thousands of volumes of genealogical materials relating to the Colonial/Revolutionary War period in these three libraries. A search of the catalogs using the terms "Genealogy and Revolutionary War" or "Colonial and Genealogy" will provide many choices. Every pre-Revolutionary Colony and many areas outside the 13 original colonies can be reached from these collections. I have attempted to highlight a few interesting items below; most are reference materials limited to use in the libraries.

The Colonial Genealogist (formerly issued in Augustan, an Omnibus Publication.
(Some issues at **TSL**.)

Colonial America, pre-1790: Census Indexes, Tax Lists.(An Electronic Resource) published by MicroQuix, Inc. **TSLAC** (CD# 136).

The Complete Book of Emigrants, by Peter Wilson Coldham. (4 Volumes covering 1607-1776). **TSLAC** (Catalog # 929.3 C673C)

Tommy Ingram

editor's note: List edited to material available at TSLAC due to limited space in newsletter.

❑ Upcoming Genealogical Events

National Genealogical Society Conference & GENTECH 2006

NGS will be holding their annual conference June 7-10, 2006 in Chicago, Illinois. The theme this year is "They Passed This Way." The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency at O'Hare Airport. This means you can fly in and shuttle right to the conference. For more information, see the NGS web page at www.ngsgenealogy.org.

Federation of Genealogical Societies 2006 Conference

FGS and the New England Historic Genealogical Society are co-hosting this conference in Boston this year. If you have New England research, or if you have Irish, English or Canadian research, this is the conference you'll want to attend. The Exhibit Hall will have over 200 vendor booths plus an Irish Pavilion. There will be vendors and speakers from around the world. This conference will be held August 30-September 2, 2006. For more information, see the FGS web site at www.fgs.org.

RIGS Alliance Workshop at the National Archives in Ft. Worth

Once again the RIGS Alliance will be holding their outstanding workshops at NARA in Ft. Worth. These workshops are designed for genealogists, historians, or librarians who want to improve their research skills and techniques, need an introduction to regional archives or want guidance with research in original records. This is not a beginner level workshop. To assure a quality experience, the workshops accommodate a limited number of attendees.

This workshop will be held October 2 - 6, 2006. Brochures are available at the AGS meetings, or visit the RIGS Alliance web site at www.RIGSAlliance.org or e-mail info@RIGSAlliance.org.

Research and TSGS Conference in Ft. Worth

We are considering a trip in the Fall (Thursday, October 26 - Saturday, October 28, 2006), that would include a day at the National Archives in Ft. Worth and/or the Ft. Worth Library.

Following our day researching, the trip will continue to the Texas State Genealogical Society Annual Conference in Ft. Worth, featuring Mark Lowe and Pam Porter giving 8 exciting talks. We would have overnight accommodations for two nights and return home Saturday, late afternoon, after the conference.

The Conference Topics are:

1. Developing a Research Plan - Part 1
2. Developing a Research Plan - Part 2
3. Rogues and Rascals: Divorced, Litigious, or Downright Criminal Relatives
4. Finding Your Landless Ancestors
5. Some Real Research Sites on the Internet
6. Land Barons or Dirt Farmers: Finding Land Transactions
7. Maps: Where to Find Them & How to Use Them
8. Out on a Limb, Trapped by Bad Research

The trip would include transportation, overnight accommodations for two nights (double occupancy), the cost of the conference, the banquet on Friday and lunches at the conference. The approximate cost will be \$295.

We would like to figure out if enough folks are interested in this trip to continue making plans. Please e-mail Pat Oxley at pat@theoxleys.com, or call at 733-5993 and let us know if you're interested.

"The Avenue Austin's Main Street Since 1839"

The Austin History Center Association announces a seven-month series of programs celebrating and tracing the history of Congress Avenue and the businesses, events, people and buildings that tell its story. "The Avenue: Austin's Main Street Since 1839", the largest exhibit ever mounted by the Austin History Center, will kick off the program in late April. The first event of this celebration is the Scarbrough Building Congress Avenue Exhibit, SW corner of Sixth and Congress, April 10-May 13. "The Avenue: Austin's Main Street Since 1839," Austin History Center exhibit opens April 21st.

AGS welcomed the following visitors to our March 28, 2006 meeting

Patricia Gannon	Sylvia Martins
Celeste Garrett	John Palin
Bertha Harris	Nanette Pfister
Chet & Jean Lloyd	Kathryn Nell Roberts

Dear Ancestor

**Your tombstone stands among the rest,
Neglected and alone.
The name and date are chiseled out
On polished, marbled stone.
It reaches out to all who care
It is too late to mourn.
You did not know that I exist
You died and I was born.
Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh, in blood, in bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
Entirely not our own.
Dear Ancestor, the place you filled
One hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so.
I wonder if you lived and loved,
I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot,
And come to visit you.**

Author Unknown

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