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Austin Genealogical Society Annual Seminar - May 2, 2009

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 304 E 7th ST., AUSTIN, TX 78701

Map and Directions at www.austintxgensoc.org/seminar.php

Registration & vendors at **8:30 a.m.**, Program begins at **9:00 a.m.**

***New location, Two speakers, Lunch prepared by an in-house chef,
and Many great door prizes!***



Pamela BOYER SAYRE, Certified Genealogist and Certified Genealogical Lecturer, is director of education and publications for the National Genealogical Society and vice president of the APG National Capital Area chapter. She is co-author of *Online Roots: How to Discover Your Family's History and Heritage with the Power of the Internet* (Nashville, Tenn.: Rutledge Hill Press, 2003) and *Research in Missouri* (Washington, D.C.: NGS, 1999, 2007). She penned the FGS *FORUMs* Digitools column for five years and is past editor of the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*. Pam is coordinator of Samford IGHR's Techniques and Technology course, and she has taught in IGHR's Advanced Military courses. She has spoken at genealogy conferences and seminars in twenty-nine states.

Pam is an honorary life member of St. Louis Genealogical Society and a former board member of both the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society. She holds a Bachelor of University Studies with emphasis in English, Sociology, and History from Eastern New Mexico University, and completed some course work toward a Masters in Computer Information Systems at Bentley College, Waltham, Massachusetts. She is a life member of the honorary society, Phi Kappa Phi. In her life before genealogy, Pam was a software documentation specialist and trainer, a personnel administrator, and a police detective.

Richard G. SAYRE, Certified Genealogist, is a longtime researcher, lecturer and writer. His areas of interest include urban research

methodology, mapping tools for genealogists, military records, immigration, the Ohio River Valley, and Western Pennsylvania. Rick has given presentations to a variety of genealogical societies relating to the above areas of interest, and he contributes articles to a variety of genealogical publications. Rick has lectured at Samford's IGHR in the Advanced Methodology, Advanced Military, and Land courses, and is the coordinator of the Mapping course.

He has completed the NGS Home Study Course, NIGR, the Immigration Track of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and the Advanced Track of Samford IGHR. He is member of NGS, APG and numerous genealogical societies, and is past vice president of the APG National Capital Area chapter. Rick is a retired military officer, having served 31 years in the U.S. Army. He holds an M.A. in Management Information Systems from George Washington University.

- Topics:**
1. *Did He Serve? Researching Military Service Records*
 2. *Territorial Papers of the United States*
 3. *Getting to Know You, Getting to Know More About You*
 4. *Google Earth for Genealogists.*

Have YOU registered yet? This promises to be one of the best seminars AGS has sponsored and we encourage you to attend. *Parking is FREE* in the parking garage connected to the church. There is more information, including directions and a map, on the AGS website at <http://www.austintxgensoc.org/seminar.php>. See the flyer/registration form on page 7.

AGS Business

At its regular meeting prior to the general meeting in March, the following matters were discussed by the Board: new members in 2009 will be identified by stickers on their name badges; red ribbons will continue to be used to identify visitors; membership directories are ready to be sent to the printer; new board member Dona KURTZ is helping with the website information relating to classes and programs; several small cemeteries are currently being inventoried; plans for the 2009 Seminar are well in hand; the Quarterly is very close to completion and should be mailed very soon. There was considerable discussion with regard to digitizing the quarterlies. We are investigating a number of options regarding the best option for accomplishing this task in a way that is economical without compromising the quality of the product and without violating any copyright laws. Further information will be provided as more information is gathered.

Membership

(by Barbara Innis)

Attendance at the March 24th Meeting:

Members	78
New Member	1
Visitors	7
TOTAL	86

We fell a bit short of our attendance goal of 100 people, but what we lacked in numbers, we more than made up for with wonderful social interaction before and after the program. We also cleaned up most of the refreshments!

Our New Member at the meeting was

Brenda OLDS - Austin

Visitors:

Joan SUMMERSETT - Georgetown
Kelvin L. MEYERS - Dallas
Brad LAURENCE - Dale
Wyonda LAURENCE - Dale

Jean DORRAH - Austin
Karen Elliott FUSTES - Austin
George FORGUS

Thanks a bunch to the following members:

- Jean MAROSTICA for preparing, printing, and mailing the 2009 AGS MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY;
- Maurine ATWOOD, Barbara INNIS, Shirley MEYER, and Sharon TIEMAN for bringing delicious goodies to the March meeting; and
- Dale and Pete LANGSTON and Janis TRAYLER for serving as greeters at the March meeting!



Additions to your 2009 Membership Directory

(NOTE: The Membership Directories have been mailed.

If you have not received yours, please contact Jean MAROSTICA.)

NEW MEMBERS - Brenda joined at the March meeting, Kate and Sarah at the Saturday-Series class on March 28th. Renewing members – Doug & Ann. ***Welcome to all!***

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AGS' 50th ANNIVERSARY is in 2010

(by Barbara Innis)

The following AGS 50th Anniversary Committee Members

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Lorrie HENDERSON
Charles LOCKLIN

Jean SHROYER
James HOLLAS

Alana MALLARD
Edna YOUNGBLOOD

Kay BOYD - Co-Chair
Barbara INNIS - Co-Chair

are already planning, collecting, and creating for the big event in 2010. Want to join us? Have *you* got a suggestion for a marvelous name for our 50th anniversary celebration? Something elegant? Something catchy? Let us know! We welcome your ideas. Contact Kay (836-7484) or Barbara (340-9932).

Other Programs & Educational Opportunities

March brought the beginning of our new "Saturday Series" combining our previous "Brick Wall Saturdays" with genealogy technology/computer sessions. On March 28th Harold HUDNALL and Cindy FOREMAN presented "There's More to Google Than Just Text Searches" to the 30 people attending. The participants had a great time, learned new tricks, shared ideas, and left with a to-do list for using Google.



There is a new **SIG** in town! John MAROSTICA is organizing a new **Genealogy Special Interest Group**. The first meeting is scheduled for **April 11th** from **1:00 to 3:00** in the Community Classroom at the **Triumphant Love Lutheran Church, 9508 Great Hills Trail** in northwest Austin. This location furnishes free Wi-Fi access to the Internet and has a projector so we can have great, full-service presentations. The first topic of discussion is "**How to Scan Your Photos and Documents**" presented by John MAROSTICA.

Bring your photos and documents and learn how to scan them, edit them, save them on your computer, and use them in documents or on your website. We will scan as many of your pictures and documents as time allows, so bring a flash drive, a CD, or even a diskette to save your files.



The next Saturday session is **April 25, 10:00 - 12:45** at the **Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe**, next door to the main library. Karen MATHESON will present "**Fast Forward with Family Search!**" In

this session, Karen will demonstrate how to get the most from the many offerings on the Family Search websites including the many new offerings. Although a laptop is not necessary to benefit from this session, feel free to bring one as the library has free Wi-Fi. This help session will provide hands-on time to work on your own family research.



The second meeting of the Genealogy SIG will be on May 9th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. again at Triumphant Love Lutheran Church, 9508 Great Hills Trail in Austin. John MAROSTICA presents "*Genealogy Website Karaoke*," by exploring some of *Family Tree Magazine's* 100 most popular web sites. After that, participants will have an opportunity to introduce their favorite or most useful web sites they have discovered. That's the *Karaoke* part – it's your chance to show (or let John show it if you are shy about speaking in front of a group) your favorite website to the rest of the group. So bring your favorite URL or just come and learn something about other websites that can help you in your research.



Save Austin's Cemeteries will present *Women of Oakwood* on **Saturday, May 9th** from **10-4** at **Oakwood Cemetery**. Tours will be given every 30 minutes focusing on women who contributed to the history of Austin and Texas. These women were educators, artists, cattle queens, pioneers, philanthropists, and a survivor of the Alamo. The names include, Mary CROWNOVER RABB, Ima HOGG, Nannie HUDDLE, Susannah DICKINSON HANNIG, Lizzie JOHNSON WILLIAMS, Rebecca STUART RED, and others. Take time on Mother's Day weekend to hear the stories of these women who contributed so much. Learn more at www.sachome.org.

Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference



The Federation of Genealogical Societies invites you to its annual conference for the nation's genealogists. Hosted by FGS and the Arkansas Genealogical Society, the conference will be held in **Little Rock, Arkansas, September 2nd through 5th**. The theme for this year's conference is *Passages through Time*.

Why should you make plans to be there?

- More than 160 educational presentations with well-known speakers from all over the U.S.
- Lectures that appeal to beginning, intermediate and experienced genealogists
- Sessions for professional genealogists
- A large exhibit hall with exhibitors and vendors
- Vendors loaded with genealogy and history books, magazines, databases, software, maps, CDs, magazines, journals, and more
- The host hotels, the Peabody and the DoubleTree Hotel, are wonderful
- The Statehouse Convention Center is connected to the Peabody Little Rock
- Shopping, historic sites, libraries, and more in the city
- Daily meal functions with exciting speakers and time for networking
- It's easy to drive to Little Rock on several highways and Interstates
- **AND** You save \$50.00 off the full registration price if you register by June 2, 2009

To learn more

- Check the FGS Conference Website at www.FGSConference.org
 - View the continually expanded Conference Blog at www.FGSConferenceBlog.org
 - Check the many topics and speakers at www.FGSConference.org
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Bits & Pieces

Needing a ride to meetings:

Member at 45th & Guadalupe
Member in Georgetown
Are there others? Let us know.

Got the time and wheels?

If you can help provide transportation to these members, please contact Kay BOYD (836-7484) or Janis TRAYLER (689-6146).



A Pioneer Certificate has been issued to Albert A. Johnson of Stanton, Texas, for his ancestors Henry and Jane Goldfinch Johnson who were in Travis County in 1850.



Cemetery Workday (submitted by Kay Boyd)

The first **Cemetery Workday** of this year is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18** at the **Manor City Cemetery**. If you want to join the group working to finish the inventory of this cemetery, please contact Kay BOYD at 836-7484 or mkdb1405@aol.com.

Condolences

Condolences are extended to the family of **Clarence Faag NIEBUHR** who was born on October 1, 1914, in Brenham, Texas, to Arthur and Karen Faag NEIBUHR. He died in Austin, Texas on March 25, 2009. Mr. NEIBUHR graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1936; and worked for many years as a CPA in various positions of state government, and retired in 1976. Clarence and his wife Althea were active in genealogical research and were active members of both the local and state genealogical societies. He was president of the state society. *Mr. NIEBUHR served as president of the Austin Genealogical Society in 1979 and 1980.*

Condolences are also extended to the family of **Dorman WINFREY**, a longtime state librarian, historian, and author, who died Saturday, March 28, 2009, after a long illness. He was 84. Dr. WINFREY was appointed director of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in 1962 and served in that position until he retired in 1986. He worked as the state archivist at the Texas State Library and as an archivist at UT before he became director of the Library and Archives Commission. *Dr. WINFREY was a charter member of the Austin Genealogical Society.*

And our condolences are sent to the family of **William (Bill) M. KOEHLER** who passed away on April 3, 2009. He was born on July 8, 1925, to William Frank KOEHLER and Julia HRNCIR KOEHLER of Moravia, Texas. Bill graduated from Texas A&M after returning from World War II and began his career as a chemical engineer. He traveled the world over while working for Humble Oil (now Exxon-Mobil). After retiring to Austin in 1985, Bill and his wife Ruth enjoyed many years of hobbies, including travel, astronomy, and genealogy. Bill joined the Austin Genealogical Society and for many years, was Editor of the *AGS Quarterly*. In 1992, he and Ruth published a book entitled *Henry Christian Hardt, a Genealogy: 1639-1992* on Ruth's paternal grandfather who came to the Republic of Texas with his father at the age of eighteen. The book was awarded a prize by the Texas State Genealogical Society.

Congratulations!

Philip and Elizabeth JOHNSTON are the proud parents of **Emma Grace JOHNSTON**. Emma was born at 3:20 a.m. on Sunday, March 29, 2009, at St. David's Round Rock Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and 20¼" long. Emma is welcomed home by her big brother Zachary and big sisters Caitlin and Hannah. Elizabeth currently serves as our AGS Historian and Hospitality Chair in addition to being a member of the AGS Board of Directors.



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Early registration forms and fee of \$48 per person for AGS members and \$53 for non-AGS members (which covers materials and lunch) must be received by April 20, 2009, to ensure publication of your information in the program booklet. Make checks payable to "AGS" or register and pay online via PayPal. Send checks and registration to AGS, P. O. Box 10010, Austin, TX 78766-1010. For additional information contact: Cindy FOREMAN, 512-342-2288, cindy@foremanassociates.com or Sharon FOLEY, 512-401-6357, sharonaf@austin.rr.com.

EARLY REGISTRATION

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Up to six surnames and locations you are researching may be published in the program:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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*We are here to serve the members of the Society.
If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns,
please feel free to share those with us.*

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Doors open at 6:30; Program at 7:00
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