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Monthly AGS Meeting Tuesday, August 25, 2009

Program: **“Military Records Medley”**
Presented by: **Earle McBRIDE & Jeffrey HUNT**

Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas

6:30 – 7:00 P.M. – Social Time
7:00 – 8:30 P.M. – Program

Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!



AGS member Earle F. McBRIDE, a native of Rock Island, IL, joined the University of Texas Geology Department in 1959 after receiving his Ph.D. in geology from Johns Hopkins University. He retired four years ago and now splits his free time equally between geological research on the origin of sandstones and genealogical research on his McBRIDE, BURCH, CURTIS, SHELINE, and EICHELBERGER clans. Donna McBRIDE, his late wife, triggered his interest in family history 15 years ago and served as a powerful mentor.



Jeffrey William HUNT is Director of Camp Mabry's Texas Military Forces Museum, as well as an Adjunct Professor of History at Austin Community College, where he has taught for 21 years. Previously, Mr. Hunt was the Curator of Collections and Director of the Living History Program at the Admiral Nimitz National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Government and a Masters Degree in History, both from the University of Texas at Austin. He is a frequent speaker on military history as well as an avid re-enactor of many military events. Mr. Hunt is the author of *The Last Battle of the Civil War: Palmetto Ranch*, *A Guide to The National Museum of the Pacific War*, and *A Rebel's View of the Red River Campaign*. He is also a contributor to the *Revised Handbook of Texas*, and the *Gale Library of Daily Life: American Civil War*. He is currently finishing work on a forthcoming book entitled *After Gettysburg, Before Grant*, which examines the War Between the States in the Virginia Theater from July through December of 1863.

AGS Business

You saw it, but did you notice it? ... on the first page ... something new! Take another look. At its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 28th, the Board of Directors adopted a mission statement *and* a motto! The mission statement is on the first page; the motto is on the last.

Hospitality Chairperson Elizabeth JOHNSTON reported that she is in the midst of planning the December Social on Tuesday, December 1st. Details coming soon.

AGS has completed its last 2009 Saturday Series. Attendance was better than anticipated and the series was very successful. The Education Committee is now planning more for next year.

Kay BOYD reported that several area cemetery inventories have been submitted and posted to the website. There are a number of people working on cemeteries, in spite of the scorching heat!

Sara GREDLER has been appointed to chair the Nominating Committee. Barbara INNIS and Kay BOYD will be the Board members serving on the committee. The two members from the general membership are Arlene ZIRKEL and Mary TODD.

AGS will donate a free membership as a door prize for the beginning genealogy class being held at the Bob Bullock Museum on August 14th.

The AGS Quarterly has been mailed. If you have not yet received your copy, please let us know by contacting Kay BOYD at 512-836-7484.

50th Anniversary Committee Report – Plans are well underway for celebrating our Golden Anniversary! It was agreed upon by the Board that we will preserve the AGS Quarterlies from the beginning to the present by having them scanned. Funds for this are available and will be included in the 2010 budget.



AGS 50th ANNIVERSARY CONTEST

**CALLING ALL *procrastinating* CREATIVE THINKERS
and anyone else who likes a good challenge!**

FOR: Anniversary Slogan AND Anniversary Logo
RULES: Unlimited entries for a SLOGAN and/or LOGO.
REWARDS: TWO annual AGS memberships for 2010:
One for the winning slogan and another for the winning logo.

EXTENDED DEADLINE: AUGUST 31, 2009

**SUBMIT TO: Kay BOYD (mkddb1405@aol.com, 512-836-7484) or
Barbara INNIS (bagns@sbcglobal.net, 512-340-9932)**

Membership
(by Barbara INNIS)

NOTES AND NUMBERS FROM THE JULY 28TH MEETING

Temperatures well over 100 degrees didn't faze lots of folks who came out to hear Jeffrey A. BADGER introduce his new book *Finding Granddad's War* and to sell and sign copies afterward. TOTAL ATTENDANCE was 69.

A very warm welcome to our new members and visitors!

NEW MEMBERS Debbie DOGGETT - Austin
Sharon TEDFORD - Austin
David CLARK - Cedar Park

RENEWAL Alana MALLARD - Austin

VISITORS Cathy Z. POWELL - Austin
Maureen SIMPSON - Austin
Trudy WILLADSON - Austin



Additions to your 2009 Membership Directory

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Hospitality
(by Elizabeth JOHNSTON)

Thank you to our greeters and those who brought those great refreshments for July.

The following people are our greeters for August: Sheila SARGENT and Barbara INNIS. Signed up to bring refreshments are Karin BRANAMAN, Sharon FOLEY, Arlene ZIRKEL, and Shirley ROBERTS.

If you are willing to be a greeter in either August or September (we need one more for each month), please contact Elizabeth JOHNSTON at elizabethlj@sbcglobal.net or 251-0093.

Coming Programs

The Education Committee continues its course of outstanding monthly programs throughout the summer. Next up are the following:

Tuesday, August 25th

Topic: Military Records Medley
Presenter: Earle McBRIDE and
Jeffrey William HUNT

Tuesday, September 22nd

Topic: *Tales and Imagery from the Tombstones*
Presenter: Janene JEFFREY

Educational Opportunities

Genealogy SIG Program

September 12, 2009

1 - 3 p.m. at

Triumphant Love Lutheran Church
9508 Great Hills Trail
Austin, TX 78759

Microsoft Excel and Genealogy

Using Spreadsheets for Various
Genealogical Applications:
Databases, Presentation Formats,
Organizational Uses

Presented By: AGS Member Robert E.
TIEMAN



AGS Fall Beginner's classes are not that far away!

September 26th and October 3;

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Triumphant Love Lutheran Church
9508 Great Hills Trail
Austin, TX 78759
\$15 for two 3-hour sessions

Whether you are just starting out in your research or you've been at it for a while and want to brush up on your research skills, you are invited to attend. \$15 for two classes including materials is a great price. Check the website for a registration form.



Last Call! See the notice about the FGS conference in Little Rock at the end of the Newsletter. The Austin Genealogical Society will be associated with a special recognition at the Friday night banquet at the FGS annual conference. We cannot be specific about the how's or why's of this, but you'll wish you had been there if you don't make it! Watch next month's Newsletter for the announcement!



Plans for the AGS Annual Bus Trip are well in hand.

This year we travel to the
[Clayton Library for Genealogical Research](#), Houston, Texas.
Monday, October 5, 2009

To make access to the bus easier, we will be picking up at 2 locations
We need to know if you will be boarding the bus in Austin or Round Rock

Depart Round Rock	load the bus at 6:15 A.M. (drive off at 6:30) Pick up at the Outlet Mall, 4401 N. IH 35, Round Rock near the theater.
Depart Austin	load the bus at 6:45 A.M. (drive off at 7:00) Pick up at the LDS Church parking lot – 1000 Rutherford Lane, Austin
Arrive Houston	Approximately 10:00 A.M.
Depart Houston	Approximately 5:00 P.M. Arrive Round Rock around 7:30 P.M. and back in Austin about 8:00 P.M.
Cost	\$ 45.00- includes transportation, light breakfast, & box supper.

Registration and refund deadline Monday, 20 September 2009.

Kay reports there are about 25 seats still available.

Maximum 50 riders.
For more information and a registration form,
contact Kay Boyd at 512-836-7484
e-mail mkdb1405@aol.com

Make checks payable to **AGS** and mail to
Kay Boyd, 1405 S Meadows, Austin, TX 78758

Bits & Pieces

Book Sale! Do you have genealogy books, history books, or other books you've collected over the years but do not use or want any longer? The Society is preparing for a book sale. This is your chance to recycle your reading material and maybe replace those with some new ones!

Bring the books you want to donate to the meeting on August 25th or contact Kay BOYD

to arrange a pick up. All books will be added to the ones AGS currently has and will be sold for nominal prices (most for \$2-\$3) even though many are new or almost new. Books do not need to be genealogy books, but must be of general interest to our members. **SALE DATE:** Regular Meeting on September 22nd. Plan to come early and shop!



AGS Quarterly editor Randy WHITED says contributions by members of the Society are always welcomed for *every* issue, not just the Spring edition. This includes “family group charts, ahnentafels, narratives, memoirs, letters, cemetery inscriptions, Bible records, census data, queries, or a combination of material, just so long as it is not under copyright.” The deadline for the Fall Issue is August 20th. The specific requirements for submission are published in each edition on the inside of the back cover. What do you have that you’ve been wanting to submit? Electronic submissions are preferred but not required. Send your entries to Quarterly@AustinTxGenSoc.org or mail them to P.O. Box 10010, Austin, TX 78766-1010. Now is a good time!



50 Years and counting...

**Don't forget... we're looking for a new logo and
an anniversary slogan to commemorate our birthday in 2010!**

Deadline extended to AUGUST 31st!

Send your ideas and suggestions to Kay or Barbara. See contact info on page 2.

Retirement Congratulations

Received from Heather WILLIAMS, manager of the History, Social Sciences and Genealogy Department at the Dallas Public Library:

“It is with regret that I announce the retirement of Lloyd deWitt BOCKSTRUCK after 36 years of service to the Dallas Public Library. His last day with the Library will be Friday, July 31.

“Since 1979, Lloyd has been the Supervisor of the Genealogy Section. Under Lloyd’s leadership, the Genealogy Section has grown in size, scope, and reputation, leading the Family Tree Magazine in October 2002 to name the Dallas Public Library as one of the “Top 10 Public Libraries for Genealogists” in the country.

“Lloyd was named a fellow of the National Genealogical Society in 1992 and was awarded the first annual Filby Prize for Genealogical Librarianship by the NGS in 1999. In 1994, the Dallas Genealogical Society created an annual award for an outstanding genealogist making significant national contributions to genealogy over a period of years, awarded the first one to Lloyd, and then named it the Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck Award. In 2008, Lloyd was named the recipient of the Lillian M. Bradshaw Award by the Friends of the Dallas Public Library.

“Lloyd is easily the most sought after lecturer for annual seminars of local and state genealogical societies. He has addressed genealogical societies in 37 states and spoken at annual conferences of the National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Since 1974, he has been a faculty member for the Samford University Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research.

“Lloyd has authored numerous books and articles that have appeared in professional library and genealogical publications. Until this year, he had written the Dallas Morning News Family Tree column beginning in June 1991.

“He is a member of more than 50 lineage and heritage societies.”

Less than a month left till genealogists descend on Little Rock!

In less than a month, genealogists from all over the United States and beyond will be getting together in Little Rock for four full days of learning more about genealogy, finding cousins, seeing how much is online, seeing how much is not online, figuring out how to get the most out of records, determining what archives or libraries have the answers, helping your genealogy society, and spending some money in the large Exhibit Hall. Don't let this event pass you by. The Arkansas Genealogical Society is the host for this event which is the annual conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. You will be hearing about this event for years to come and will feel sad if you weren't a part of it.

Syllabus

The syllabus consists of most of the lecture handouts and each registrant receives it on CD at the Conference. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the syllabus in addition to the syllabus on CD you must order it no later than August 1st. It will also be online before the conference but some prefer to have the full paper copy at the conference. Just order it online at www.FGSConference.org when you register for the conference. If you have already registered, go back to the registration page and add the paper syllabus for \$20.00 using the PIN number you received when you registered.

Door prizes

Many of the vendors in the Exhibit Hall will be giving away conference door prizes. Each registrant will receive 20 door prize tickets with your conference name tag and syllabus CD at the registration booth. The ticket will ask for your name, mailing and e-mail addresses and phone number. Bring along some of those address labels you have sitting around or print some up before you leave home to save some writing. Each participating vendor will have a black box labeled for door prizes. Each attendee chooses which door prize box to drop their tickets in depending on the door prize being given. Some will have more than one door prize drawing during the three Exhibit Hall days. The names of the winners will be posted on a bulletin board in the Exhibit Hall. If you are a winner, all you need to do to claim your prize is to revisit the specific vendor's booth.

Conference sessions to be recorded

Many of the conference sessions will be audio recorded and available for purchase on CD. Listings of those sessions being recorded will be available at the conference. Jamb-Inc. will be doing the recording and will have a booth where you can make your on-site purchases. The CDs will also be available after the conference from Jamb-Inc. but mailing fees will be charged.

Last minute Conference Information

Be sure to read the Conference News Blog during August and even during Conference Week to learn last minute details, reminders, suggested things to bring along, types of clothing to wear, and detail on special items. www.fgsconferenceblog.org. Some exciting special announcements will be made in the next couple of weeks on the blog!

See you at the conference,

Paula Stuart-Warren
National Publicity Chair
2009 FGS/AGS Conference

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please feel free to share those with us.*

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