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**Society Meeting**  
**Highland Park Baptist Church**  
**5206 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas**  
**Tuesday, February 27, 2007**

**6:30 P.M. - Doors Open**  
**7:15 P. M. Meeting & Program Begin**

**Meet & Greet New Friends**  
**Our Help Desk is Open to Assist you with Research Questions**  
**Shop Our Used Books, Pick Up Freebies & Flyers about**  
**Upcoming Events**

### PROGRAM

Please join us for the February 27th meeting of the Austin Genealogical Society, when our speaker will be Jerry Drake, M. A., the Director of Archives and Records for the Texas General Land Office. Mr. Drake will be discussing the Preserve Texas History program in addition to the highlighting ways the GLO archives are a valuable resource for genealogists.

The following information is taken from the General Land Office web site.

The Republic of Texas Congress established the General Land Office in 1836 shortly after Texas won its independence from Mexico. The General Land Office was originally responsible for managing the public domain by collecting and keeping records, providing maps and surveys and issuing land titles.

The story of Texas lands is told through the archival map collection of the General Land Office, consisting of more than 10,000 maps. To save the maps and documents of Texas history, we must win the battle against the effects of age and overuse.

The history of Texas land is also found in the documents related to land transactions of the past 300 years. The Archives of the Texas General Land Office house 35 million documents, including field notes, land grants, land scrip, letters and registries—some dating to the era of Spanish rule. Many of the documents exist only in the Land Office archives and represent irreplaceable treasures of Texas History.

The Digital Preservation Project, initiated by Land Office staff in 2000, seeks to digitally scan all 35

million documents in the GLO Archives and convert them into electronic images.

The General Land Office is located at:  
1700 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas

1-800-998-4GLO  
<[www.glo.state.tx.us/](http://www.glo.state.tx.us/)>

Tommy Ingram  
Program Chairman

### AGS January 2007 Board Meeting Report

After approving the 2007 AGS budget recommended by Janis Trayler and the budget committee, the board heard reports from Cindy Foreman on the plans for the education committee's upcoming classes. Tommy Ingram reported on the 2007 program schedule. Edna Youngblood reported about the membership committee and Alana Mallard on the new format for the AGS publication formerly called the Quarterly (awaiting a new name).

In addition, we discussed the letter-writing campaign to encourage the Texas State Library and Archives to reinstate their Saturday library hours. Connie Perdue highlighted our plan to engage the Austin Public Library in a discussion about a future genealogy collection in the new library.

Kay Boyd announced the scheduled June Bus Trip to Houston's Clayton Library. Beverly Locklin emphasized the need for additional publicity for the upcoming AGS Seminar in May.

Tommy Ingram

**AGS Profit & Loss Statement  
January - December 2006**

**Ordinary Income/Expense**

Income	
Bus Trips	\$1,956.00
Classes	208.63
Contributions Rec'd	713.28
DFW Oct. 06	0.00
Envelope Collection	389.00
Membership Dues Rec'd 2006/2007	5,270.00
Misc. Income	302.59
Sales - Earned Revenues	<u>1,721.29</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$10,560.79</b>
Expense	
Books & Periodicals	\$ 189.93
Cemetery Project	11.11
Charitable Donations	307.61
Education	1,758.04
Membership Costs	339.03
Operating Expenses	5,432.34
Pioneer Certificates	7.42
Promotional Items	125.00
Research Trip Expenses	1,767.13
Sales Tax Paid	<u>38.74</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>\$ 9,976.35</u></b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 584.44</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
Other Income	
Interest Earned	\$ 6.36
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>6.36</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>6.36</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 590.80</b>

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**Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2006**

**Assets**

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
AGS Operating Acct....6054	\$ 3,837.54
CD	5,000.00
Savings Acct...5879	<u>6,941.16</u>
Total Wells Fargo	\$15,778.70
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$15,778.70</b>
Other Current Assets	
Bulk Mail	\$ 71.01
Undeposited Funds	<u>280.00</u>
<b>Total Other Currents Assets</b>	<b><u>\$351.01</u></b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b><u>\$16,129.71</u></b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$16129.71</u></b>

**Liabilities & Equity**

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Research Trip Traveler Deposits	- \$1,200.00
Sales Tax Payable	<u>16.04</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>-\$1,183.96</u></b>

Equity

Opening Bal. Equity	\$15,290.84
Retained Earnings	1,432.03
Net Income	590.80
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b><u>\$17,313.67</u></b>

**Total Liabilities & Equity**

**\$16,129.71**

Janice Trayler  
Treasurer

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**□ UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Salt Lake City Research Trip  
October 7- 13, 2007**

We are so pleased to announce that plans have been finalized for our 2007 research trip to Salt Lake City. We have 30 seats reserved on Frontier Airline for approximately \$305 each (taxes can vary.)

The rest of the package is \$325 for double occupancy. This includes 6 hotel nights, our group dinner, our hospitality room (including snacks), transportation to /from the airport, and transportation to/from Relative Genetics DNA lab, for those of you who would like to take that tour either again, or for the first time. That tour will be offered on Monday evening when the library is closed. If you are not an AGS member, the cost of the trip is an additional \$25.

If you would like to sign up for this trip, please send a \$50 deposit (make your check payable to AGS), but mail to Pat Oxley, 2012 Red Oak Circle, Round Rock, TX 78681. Please let me know if you wish to use one of the plane seats and if you will have single or double occupancy for your room. I need to know if you have or need a roommate.

Pat Oxley

**Bus Trip to Clayton Library, Houston, Texas**

Mark your calendars. A bus has been reserved for Monday, June 4, 2007 to take researchers to Houston for a full day at the Clayton Genealogy Library. The cost is \$40 for AGS members and \$45 for nonmembers. This includes breakfast on the trip down and a boxed supper on the trip home. More information as the time nears.

Kay Boyd,

mkdb1405@aol.com/836-7484

□ UPCOMING EVENTS CONT....

**AGS Picnic**

**Think, Summer, Think June!**

**Our Annual Picnic will be held this June**

Now is a good time to start thinking about what memorabilia, family books, pictures, etc. you would like to share.

Look for more information and ideas in the coming months.

Edna Youngblood

**Tabor/Ellison Family Reunion & Dedication Ceremony  
Confederate Memorial Day  
Sunday, April 15, 2007  
At Clear Fork Cemetery in Caldwell Co., Texas**

If you plan to attend the event, please contact M. C. Forister at mcforister@netzero.net or Ph. (512) 441-1280 for more information and to let M. C. know if you will be attending the dinner. To determine the cost of the lunch, a head count is needed to provide the caterer with the number of people attending. M. C. will be asking for donations for the dinner and for the headstones.

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□ OTHER SOCIETY NEWS

**Volunteer Greeters**

We are glad to have Richard Foster, whom most of you know from checking in at the back desk, to help us with another project.

We have some nice volunteers who help greet visitors and new members when they arrive for a meeting. Richard has agreed to schedule the greeters so they don't have to work often and can participate in the other things going on before the program begins.

If you are interested in helping we can use a few more volunteers. Please, let Richard or me know and we will put you on the list. Then Richard will call you to remind you of your day.

Thank you, Richard, for taking this on!

Edna Youngblood,  
Membership Chair  
Ednayoungblood@austin,rr.com

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**Welcome New Members**

Cynthia H. Barnhart  
Cindy Hunter  
Gayle Opie  
Frances L. Marsh  
Terri Hoover Mirka

Peter Ryan  
Mary Scudder  
Nancy Stevens  
Linda Wageck

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**Visitors Welcomed to the January Meeting**

Janice Culp

Nancy Stevens (now a new member)

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**Holding of the Center for American History**

Most researchers know that the Center for American History has an extensive collection of Texas city and county newspapers, but they also have a U. S. Newspaper Collection. This collection contains titles from around the United States, covering at least 40 states. These files are limited to the few dates listed or an incomplete, brief date run.

A significant part of this collection consists of several hundred linear feet of newspapers published in every state of the Confederacy from the 1790s through the early 1900s. Holdings include extensive runs of early newspapers in hard copy from Charleston, South Carolina (1795-1942), Augusta, Georgia (1806-1865), New Orleans, Louisiana (1837-1914), and Little Rock, Arkansas (1819-1863).

Many issues are scarce or extremely rare, including the only known copies of several important antebellum Louisiana and Mississippi newspapers. Many of these newspapers are in Original Format (OR), and cannot be photocopied.

The holdings also contain newspapers from Chicago, New York, Massachusetts and other states. Patrons have the option of photographing these newspapers themselves with no additional lighting and under the direct supervision of the Reading Room staff. The center also has some foreign newspapers.

To assist in finding holdings of the Center of American History, try this listing of archives, manuscripts, newspapers, etc. < [www.cah.utexas.edu/services/finding\\_items/](http://www.cah.utexas.edu/services/finding_items/) >.

The library is open 10-5 Monday through Friday and Saturday 9-2 when classes are in session, Call 495-4515 for more information, Free parking with daily permits.

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**Condolences**

Alice Donnell Guelker, 74, died Tuesday, January 23, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Clarence Guelker, longtime AGS member, one son and two daughters and their families, a sister and brother. Burial was in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

**LAST CHANCE FOR YOUR NAME  
TO BE LISTED IN THE NEW DIRECTORY**

**If you have not paid your dues, you may  
want to do so now.**

**The deadline for getting your name in the  
directory is February 27, 2007.**

**February is merely as long  
as  
needed to pass the time until  
March**

**Dr. J. R. Stockton**

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**“Keep Searching”**

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