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Monthly AGS Meeting Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Program: Local Research Libraries

Presented by:

Margaret Schlankey, Paul Rascoe, & Elizabeth Lopez Johnston

**Highland Park Baptist Church
5208 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas**

**6:30 P.M. – Doors Open
7:00 P.M. – Meeting & Program Begin**

**Meet & Greet Old Friends & New
Stop by the Help Desk to assist you with research questions.
Shop our used books.**

Pick up freebies & flyers about upcoming events.



**Mark your calendars for the Austin Genealogical Society
Annual Seminar
Saturday, April 26, 2008, at the Norris Conference Center.
More below.**

Local Research Libraries

February's program consists of a panel of three local librarians who will provide information about three local libraries genealogists can use while the Texas State Library is being renovated.



Paul Rascoe is a graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington, University of Texas at Austin, and University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies. He is the bibliographer for history, maps and government publications at the **Perry-Castañeda Library at the University of Texas.**

Margaret Schlankey (no photo available) is head of Public Services at the **Center for American History at the University of Texas.** She has been with the center for 2 years after serving as the photo curator at the Austin History Center for eight years. She also worked at the Catholic Archives and the Rosenberg Library in Galveston. Margaret is a native Texan.



Elizabeth Lopez Johnston is a former genealogy librarian at the **Round Rock Public Library** System. Elizabeth worked at the library in Round Rock from 1995- 2004. She

earned her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science in 2001 and became the library's first genealogy librarian. She has been an active member of the Williamson County Genealogical Society since 1994. Elizabeth is also a new board member of the Austin Genealogical Society.

**New activity at the Monthly Meetings:
"Meet Your Neighbor"**

In order to learn a bit more about each person who attends the AGS meetings and to find some cousins, we are asking you to "**Meet Your Neighbor**" and share some of the surnames you are researching at the program meeting.

If your own surname ends with the letters A, B or C, please plan to stand up and announce to the February meeting your name as well as up to six surnames that do not appear on our website, along with the earliest American location of each. (For example, Dexler, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1805, etc.)

Please don't describe how they got there, or who they married, or the names of their children – although we are interested, the time is limited and our goal is to discover folks who are researching the same surnames. We will continue this project through the coming months until we've completed the alphabet.

If you hear a surname and/or location of interest, make sure you contact the person that night at the meeting, or right away by email afterwards. You never know what connections can be made.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you at the February meeting.

Tommy Ingram
AGS President 2008

Programs

The Education Committee has printed bookmarks listing the programs for the entire year. Be sure to pick one up at the hospitality table at the monthly meetings. Meanwhile, here is the list for February and March:

Tues. Feb. 26 "Using Local Research Libraries: Center for American History, Perry Castaneda, Round Rock Library" by the AGS staff

Tues. Mar. 25 "Searching, Finding, Locating by Dowsing" by Paul Smith

April Annual seminar – No regular meeting. See information above and additional information in the brochure included with this newsletter.

Membership

IMPORTANT NOTICE: *Membership renewals are due by February 29. Renewals after that date will not be included in the AGS Membership Directory. Members not renewing by the deadline will no longer receive the AGS newsletter and quarterly and surnames will be removed from the website. If you have not already done so, please send in your 2008 membership renewal now!*

From the Meeting on January 22nd:

Attendance: 83

Visitors: 7

Murlene Johnston, Martha Staley Van Sickle, Sherri Russell, Jean Zurow, Becky Broadbent, Judy Gygi, Sara Gredler

New Members in January:

Deborah Cole, Paul Fullbright, Sara Gredler, Jo Ann Johnson

New Life Member: Lyndia Slayton

We still have a few slots that need to be filled for bringing refreshments to monthly meetings and to serve as greeters. If you would like to help fill these needs, please contact Barbara Innis at the next meeting or put your name on one of the sign-up sheets that will be available.

Austin History Center

The Austin History Center, at 8th & Guadalupe, has dedicated three computers for the use of the library database. These cannot be used for email, so there is usually no waiting period to access the machines. This database includes the Library edition of Ancestry.com that contains most of the ancestry collections but not the family tree data. This includes the immigration information, newspaper collection and others.

Pioneer Certificate Awarded

A Pioneer certificate was issued to AGS member Terri Hoover Mirka in January. Through her father's lineage, Terri is a descendant of the Swishers who were very early settlers in Travis County and Texas and participated in the fight for Texas Independence. They were proved to be living in Austin in 1846. On her Mother's side, Terri is a first generation American. Congratulations Terri.

Spring and Summer Quarterly News

New members, old members, prospective members -- ready to share your research? Put a pedigree or genealogy report in the AGS Quarterly. Send your pages to AGS Q editor Alana Moehring Mallard at alanasuzy@earthlink.net or 3310 Hancock Dr., Austin, Texas. More info at 512-453-1117.

Two pages per member is ideal, but we can fit in more pages. And your people don't have to be Travis County folks -- they can be from everywhere. Maybe you'll find a new cousin or two.

Educational Opportunities

Seminar

ADD THIS TO YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION LIST

Attend the **AGS 2008 Annual Seminar**
Saturday, **April 26, 2008** at 9:00 a.m.
Norris Conference Center
at Northcross Mall

This year's speaker is Susan Kaufman, Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research in Houston. Susan will speak on Newspapers, Convicts to the Colonies, PERSI, and the Allen County Library.

Early registration is \$40 which includes lunch, door prizes, seminar materials, and a full day of genealogical camaraderie. Registration at the door will be \$45. We encourage you to register early!

For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.austintxgensoc.org/seminar.php> or email pat@theoxleys.com.

Other Learning Opportunities:

If you live in the Lake Travis area, stop by the **Lake Travis Community Library** at 9:00 a.m. on **Fridays** for impromptu genealogy workshops with Katherine Scattergood. The library will be open only for the genealogy workshops at this time.



Saturdays, **Feb. 9, 16, and 23** from 9-12 AGS sponsors **Beginner's Genealogy Classes**. Cost for materials is \$15. Location: Board Room of the LCRA Building at 3700 Lake Austin Blvd Austin, TX 78703 Classes are from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The website has additional information and a registration form.

<http://www.austintxgensoc.org/genclass.php>



The **Williamson County Genealogical Society** will be holding their **annual seminar** on **March 15, 2008**. This year's guest speaker will be Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, who is the supervisor of the nationally recognized J. Erik Jonsson Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section. Lloyd's topics will be:

- The Revolutionary War in the South
- Genealogical Research in Texas
- Newspaper Genealogy
- How to Find Maiden Names of Females

Date: Saturday, March 15, 2008
Time: Registration and Vendors, 8:00 AM;
Seminar, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Place: First United Methodist Church, 1004 North Mays, Round Rock, Texas
Fee: \$40.00 before February 25; \$45.00 at the door
Included: Morning Snacks, Lunch, Syllabus

To register for the WSGS Annual Seminar, visit the Williamson County Genealogical Society website at

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txwcgs/Seminar.htm>
or contact Judy Bell Horick, 302 Thornton Cove, Georgetown, Texas 78628, (512) 863-2685, jbhorick@yahoo.com.

GERMAN GENEALOGY SEMINAR IN BRENHAM

The **German-Texan Heritage Society** (GTHS) is presenting a **workshop** specifically tailored to researching **German roots**. The seminar will be held in **Brenham, Texas** at the Blinn College Student Center, 102 Second Street, on **Saturday February 16 from 9 am to 3:30 pm**. Registration begins at 8:00 am.

Guest speakers include Liz Nitschke Hicks, genealogy editor for GTHS and AGS member; Susan Kaufman, Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research; W. M. Von-Maszewski, manager of the Genealogy and Local History Department at George Memorial Library, Beth Rothermel and Vicki Lehmann, Washington County Clerk and Washington County District Clerk respectively.

Registration, including lunch costs \$35.00 for GTHS members and \$40 for non-members. An additional \$5 will be charged to those registering the day of the event. For additional information and registration forms call the German-Texan Heritage Society office at 866-482-4847, send an email to info@germantexans.org or visit their web site at www.germantexans.org



The Friends of the Bee Cave Library are sponsoring "**Explore your Roots: A Genealogy Workshop**" on **Monday, February 25 from 8:30 to noon** at the **Bee Cave Public Library**. Whether you are just getting started or are an experienced researcher this half-day workshop will have something for you.

Topics include gathering your stories, researching online, finding book resources, navigating courthouse records (presenter: AGS member Teri Flack), putting your information together, and more.

The library is located at 4000 Galleria Parkway (in the Hill Country Galleria shopping center).

The cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Take home documentation and materials will be provided. To register call 263-5159, sign up at the library, or register online at www.bcplfriends.org.

2008 AGS Research Trips

Monday, May 12 Bus Trip to **Dallas Public Library** – more information on this will be available soon

Allen County Public Library Fort Wayne, Indiana

This year, AGS is sponsoring a research trip to the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This will be our second trip to this wonderful facility, but they have moved into their new building since our last visit. Mark your calendars and get your deposits in! Here are the details:

Sunday, October 5 - Saturday, October 11, 2008

The hotel package is \$350 (double occupancy)* and includes the following:

6 nights at the Fort Wayne Inn

6 breakfasts

A dinner banquet with Curt Witcher, Director of the library, as our speaker

Transportation and tips to/from the airport and hotel in Ft. Wayne

Snacks and drinks for our hospitality suite

* Single occupancy is \$605 for the hotel package

Airfare is \$372 plus \$15 ticketing plus taxes (the airline will not quote taxes until billing)

As you might expect, Fort Wayne is a second tier city, so there is not much in the way of competitive airfares. We will be traveling on American Airlines, leaving Austin around 10 a.m. and arriving in Fort Wayne (via Chicago) mid-afternoon. On Saturday we will depart Fort Wayne at 4 p.m. and arrive home (via Chicago) at 8:30 pm.

To reserve your spot, please send a \$100 check (payable to "AGS") to Pat Oxley, 2012 Red Oak Circle, Round Rock, TX 78681. You can email Pat (pat@theoxleys.com) or call (512-733-5993.) Please specify single or double occupancy, your roommate, and IF you want a plane ticket. Please also include all your contact information: Name, address, phone number, email, etc.

Be sure to come to the AGS seminar on Saturday, April 26th when there will be a video tour of the library given and more details about researching there. If you have not been to this library before, check them out online at

<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/index.html>

Austin Genealogical Society Profit & Loss January 2008	
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Annual Seminar Receipts	180.00
Classes (incl LTL)	75.00
Contributions Rec'd	95.00
Membership Dues Rec'd	1,530.00
Misc Income	0.51
Sales - Earned Revenues	117.00
Total Income	1,997.51
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold	175.00
Total COGS	175.00
Gross Profit	1,822.51
Expense	
Education	67.39
Operating Expenses	565.87
Total Expense	633.26
Net Ordinary Income	1,189.25
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income - Interest Earned	0.41
Net Other Income	0.41
Net Income	1,189.66

Austin Genealogical Society Balance Sheet As of January 31, 2008	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	18,720.85
Bulk Mail	354.75
Inventory Asset	-8.00
Total Current Assets	19,067.60
TOTAL ASSETS	19,067.60
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Research Trip Traveler Deposits	200.00
Sales Tax Payable	8.01
Total Liabilities	208.01
Equity	
Retained Earnings	17,669.93
Net Income	1,189.66
Total Equity	18,859.59
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	19,067.60

Condolences

Our condolences are extended to the family of Oswald Ramirez, husband of long-time AGS member Lillian Ramirez, who died Jan 31. They had been married 65 years.

Notes from the Newsletter Editor:

Thanks for reading the Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter. We hope you have found it to be both helpful and informative.

In this month's issue you will notice a few more changes. We've increased the font size from last month hoping to make it a little easier to read. We've expanded our information to cover activities in surrounding areas that you may find educational, informative, and fun.

If you are reading this newsletter online, please let us know if you experience any difficulties in the formatting or layout. We'll do our best to make adjustments. It will help us to know what operating system you use (PC or Mac) and what program you use to view the document.

Until next time... Happy Trackin',

Janis Trayler, Editor

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

INSIDE:

Program Information for AGS meeting on February 26, 2008

News about coming AGS events in Austin. Also included is information for other events in the surrounding area including Williamson County, Lake Travis, Bee Cave, and Brenham

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