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**Austin Genealogical Society
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Drive
Tuesday, January 24, 2006
Board of Directors - 6:00 p.m.
Get Acquainted Time
6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Business Meeting - 7:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Program 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Topic: Allen County Library Research**

❑ **SPEAKER**

Sue Kaufman was a genealogy librarian for 17 years, beginning her career in Peoria, Illinois and most recently at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne Indiana. She is a Director on the Federation of Genealogical Societies Board and National Conference Co-Chair for the FGS/NEHGS Conference in Boston, MA August 30 - Sept. 3, 2006. Currently she is a manager in a branch library of the Houston Public Library system.

In her presentation Sue will talk about researching your family history at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She will present effective preparation and use of this nationally known genealogy collection. Learn about the national and international resources available in Fort Wayne. These include special microfilm resources, books and world renown collection of genealogy periodicals indexed in PERSI, the Periodical Source Index.

Being prepared is the best way to research. This presentation promises to do just that. To help you make the most effective use of your time in Fort Wayne, or if you aren't planning on going to Fort Wayne to find out what resources are available there and how to access them remotely.

Plan to attend the meeting and bring your questions!

❑ **Information Regarding Highland Park Baptist Church**

We were recently notified by Highland Park Baptist Church of the following:

Two cars have been broken into in the parking lot in the past two weeks. The windows have been smashed and valuables have been taken. They may have a description of the person doing it. He is a young, white male about 5' 7" - 5' 8" with bleached hair wearing a baseball cap. He is helpful and may approach you offering help as you enter the building. PLEASE lock your cars when attending AGS meetings and do not leave any valuables in sight.

Also, if someone fitting this description approaches you, please do not let him in the building. Please notify a Board member if you should spot him in the parking lot or if he attempts to get in the building. He has been seen trying to find open doors/windows or propped open doors so he can enter the building. Thanks for your help in preventing further break-ins.

If this young man has not been caught by our meeting, we will have someone at each door to let you in. Please try to be at the church by 7:15 p. m. so all our members can enjoy the program.

Also - on a lighter note:

Please help with the following parking problem. The clergy do not work 9-5 hours. They are often at the church until late at night and need to go out at all times of the day and night to visit congregation members in the hospital. Please do not park in the staff parking area near the back door (it is labeled with signs). Even though the spaces look open and empty, there may be a clergy member who has gone out for a visit and may need to park at the church when they return. This also keeps them from having to walk to some of the darker areas of the parking lot when they are here late at night.

❑ SOCIETY NEWS

BULLETIN BOARD

Allen County Library Trip

It's not too late to sign up to join other AGS members and friends on our research trip to the Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne, IN. This trip is scheduled for April 30th through May 6th. For more information please contact Pat Oxley at pat@theoxleys.com or 733-5993.

AGS April Meeting

Did you know that in April, our regular meeting will take place in a cemetery? Watch the newsletter for details.

Queries in AGS Quarterly

If you have a question, brick wall or request concerning your research, don't forget to send your query to Kay Boyd for inclusion in the next AGS Quarterly.

If you read the Ancestry.com message boards regularly for new posts, click on "Add Board to Notifications" on each message board. Every day you will receive one notice of the subject line of the messages entered on all the boards you are interested in. This will save you lots of time.

Have you joined the TX-AGS mailing list? This was set up for the use of AGS members. When you go to <www.AustinTxGenSoc.org> click on "AGS Mailing List" and there is a link to sign up so that you can receive and send messages via this list.

Pat Oxley Elected FGS Director

Pat Oxley from Round Rock, Texas, has been elected to a three-year term (2006-2008) as a director for the board of the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

In 2005, Pat accepted an appointment as an FGS Director for a one-year term. During 2004 she served as exhibits co-chair for the FGS Conference held in Austin, and she is the exhibits co-chair for the 2006 FGS Conference in Boston. She is currently chair of the FGS Booth Committee and serves on the conference planning committee, the membership committee, and the 30th anniversary committee.

Pat was one of 8 candidates on the ballot for the three-year term starting on January 1, 2006. Those elected to the 4 positions also include Curt Witcher from Fort Wayne, Indiana, Lou Szucs, from Lockport, Illinois and Sue Kaufman, from Katy, Texas.

Founded in 1976, the Federation is a nonprofit organization comprised of genealogical and historical societies, family associations, and libraries. Visit our web site at <www.fgs.org> to read more about FGS.

FGS Press Release, Madilyn Coen Crane, FGS Office Manager

Meet the AGS 2006 Officers

President - Pat Oxley is returning for a second year as AGS President. Pat has served as Seminar Chair, Salt Lake City and Ft. Wayne Research Trip Chair and was 2nd Vice President for one year.

1st Vice President - Kay Boyd will serve as our 1st Vice President. Kay will be a wonderful 1st VP as she helps with everything! She works tirelessly for AGS in any capacity she is needed.

2nd Vice President - Tommy Ingram is new to the AGS Board, but a long time member of AGS. Tommy will put into motion the programs as expertly planned by Harold Hudnall (outgoing 2nd VP) and his committee. Tommy will be a fabulous asset to the AGS Board and to the implementation of programs and educational planning.

Corresponding Secretary - John Marostica will serve as corresponding secretary and anything to do with communications with AGS. John and his wife Jean are our computer experts and are always willing to help with computer needs as well as desktop publishing and many other tasks too numerous to mention. John is starting his second term on the board.

Treasurer- Janis Trayler will begin her second term on the AGS Board but her first year as treasurer. She follows in the footsteps of Lynn LeCropane, who has done an outstanding job as treasurer. Janis has recently done a fantastic job with AGS publicity.

Watch for next month's newsletter with information about various AGS Committees and their Chairpersons. Please feel free to contact any of these AGS officers with questions and/or concerns.

2006 AGS Board of Directors

AGS Member Receive Preservation Award

The Heritage Society of Austin selected our own Peter Maxon to receive one their Preservation Awards. The awards are given to institutions and individuals for their approach to preservation and commitment to maintaining Austin's architectural, cultural and environmental heritage.

Peter, a retiring AGS Board of Directors member and an Architectural Historian by profession, received one of the Merit Awards for individuals. The awards were presented on December 2nd at the Driskill Hotel. Congratulations to Peter!

AGS Member Receives TSGS Book Award

M. C. Forister, a longtime member of AGS was recently awarded a certificate in Category I - Family History for Outstanding Award from TSGS and a monetary award for her book "The Isensee Family and Their Descendants, 1799 - 2001." This was the first family book that M. C. published. Congratulations to M. C. !

❑ SOCIETY NEWS CONT.

AGS Member Speaks on Genealogy

John C. Miller, longtime member of AGS and past president, spoke on October 8th to the Christian Men's Fellowship of Round Rock Christian Church at a breakfast meeting. On November 4th he spoke to the Senior Lunch Bunch at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Austin. His talks were an overview of genealogy and preserving family stories

❑ ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

Increased fees for Texas Birth & Death Certificates

Fees for Texas birth and death certificates increased as of December 1, 2005. Birth certificates increase from \$11 to \$22, and death certificates increased from \$9 to \$20.

The additional fees will fund a five-year, \$18 million dollar project to transfer the state's vital records to electronic files.

About 48 million birth, death and marriage records, some of which date to 1903, will be converted from paper and microfilm to electronic files which starts in January 2006.

Fee for other vital records and services also were increase.

Source: Austin American Statesman
Saturday, November 19, 2005

The History of Congress Avenue

The History of Congress Avenue will be the subject of the **2006 Audray Bateman Randle Lecture Series** event. To be scheduled in early April, our presenter will be **Ed Van De Vort**, and the lecture will be accompanied by an extensive exhibit on the history of Congress Avenue and new Waterloo Press products related to Congress Avenue.

"Congress Avenue, The Main Street of Texas" - New AHCA T-Shirt

One of these is available now, a beautifully-designed all-cotton T-Shirt with a colorful image of historic Congress Avenue on the back. The T-shirt is available in small, medium, large and X-large sizes and can be purchased in the AHC Reading Room or online. It makes a great gift!

Sponsored by the Austin History Center Association, P. O. Box 2287, Austin, TX 78768-22887. Contact Sharmyn Lilly at sharmyn.lilly@ahca.net or call 974-7383.

Welcome to Write On, Austin!

Success of The Mayor's Book Club program prompted creation of "Write On, Austin!" as a place where veteran and aspiring authors can offer stories about their lives and our city. Austinites of all backgrounds, experiences, and neighborhoods are invited to share

their stories in celebration of Austin. These stories will be viewable at www.writeonaustin.org and in the permanent archives of the Austin History Center.

Source: Austin History Center

Researcher Needed

One of the longtime members of AGS would like to hire someone to do some research for her. Due to her physical limitations she is not able to get out and read the necessary microfilm. She needs copies of about 50 obituaries that should be available through the Center for American History, Austin History Center and the Texas State Library.

This work will enable her to finish her family history book. Please contact Kay Boyd at Mkdb1405@aol.com or phone 836-7484, if you are interested in working on this project.

Condolences

Lenora Shaw Routon, age 89, of Austin, died December 24, 2005. Survivors are her daughter, Katherine Reid and son Lew Leslie Routon, both of Austin; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mrs. Routon descended from the families of Martin and Shaw, early settlers of Travis County in the Del Valle area.

❑ WEB SITES

Free Genealogy Web Browser
<www.myzips.com/software/Genealogy-Browser.phtml>

Newsletter with many good links
<www.freesurnamesearch.com/>

List of Revolutionary War Prisoners
<www.usmm.net/revdead.html>

False Genealogy on the Internet - Read about this at the following sites.

<http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/1,1249,635160683,00.html>

<http://eogn.typepad.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2005/11/generating_fake.html>

"LDS Family History Library has announced that they have begun the process of digitizing and making available on the Internet all of the Family History books in their collection. Go to the Harold B. Lee Library at Brigham Young University <www.lib.byu.edu/>. Follow the links: Find Other Materials, Electronic, Online Collections at BYU: Text Collections tab: Family History Archives: Search.

The Handbook of Texas

<www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/>

The Texas Almanac

<www.texasalmanac.com/>

U. S. Land Records <www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>

(back on line after several months)

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