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Society Meeting
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas
Tuesday, January 23, 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

"Finding and Using Those Little-Known Records" **Presented by the AGS Teaching Staff**

Join us for our Tuesday, January 23rd meeting to hear Cindy Foreman, John Marostica, Sharon Foley, Randy Whited and Teri Flack present segments on some records you may not have considered using for your genealogical research.

These "unusual records" will include City Directories, Oral Histories and Church Records, Coroner's Inquests, Non-population Census Records, and Divorce Records and Manuscript Collections.

There will be plenty of time after these presentations to open the floor for questions and we hope you will be interested in telling your own story about an unusual record that you have found useful to you.

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Your Board of Directors

Tommy Ingram	Kay Boyd
Lynn LeCropane	Inez Eppright
Beverly Locklin	Cindy Foreman
John Marostica	Alana Mallard
Pat Oxley	Connie Perdue
Edna Youngblood	Janis Trayler

The AGS Board has elected the officers for 2007. Holding these offices will be:

President - Pat Oxley
1st VP - Kay Boyd
2nd VP - Tommy Ingram
Recording Secretary - Inez Eppright
Corresponding Secretary - John Marostica
Treasurer - Janis Trayler

From the President's Desk

We met on December 2, 2006 for our annual planning retreat. We discussed future programming, our annual picnic, our seminar, and our research trips for the year.

We had 236 members for the year 2006 that included 190 individual members, 37 family memberships and 9 lifetime members. Renewals are pouring in daily.

We discussed the problem of people talking during the speaker's presentation. We encourage everyone to give their full attention to the speaker as our voices carry more than we realize.

Bylaw revisions are being looked at to update our organization. These will be sent to the Board for tentative approval and then to all members for final approval. We are also asking FGS (Federation of Genealogical Societies) to look over our bylaws and make suggestions for any changes. This is a free service they provide to their members. AGS is a member of FGS.

As a new feature in 2007, we plan to give you a brief recap of each of our Board meetings. We welcome feedback. Our board meetings are not closed meetings, but due to space limitations, we encourage you to voice any concerns directly to a Board member.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Oxley,
AGS President

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AGS 2007 Dues

Have you renewed your AGS membership? If not, it's never too late. Please fill out a membership form (even if you're renewing, so we can make sure we have your current information) and return it with your check to the address given on the form, or you can pay on-line through pay pal with your credit card. You must have your dues paid by February 28, 2007 if you wish to be in this year's Membership Directory. (You can also choose to not be in the directory.)

Please consider an additional tax deductible gift to AGS by being a Friend, Sponsor or Patron.

Austin Genealogical Society Profit & Loss Statement for the period ending Nov. 30, 2006

Income

Ordinary Income: 1/1/ 06-11/30/06	\$ 9,699.16
Other Income (interest earned)	\$ 2.70
Total Income Earned	\$ 9,701.86

Expenses

Expenditures 1/1/ 06-11/30/06 -\$ 9,346.05

Net Income Year-to-Date \$ **355.81**

Balance Sheet for period ending Nov. 30, 2006

Assets

Checking Account	\$ 4,986.21	
Saving Account	\$ 6,937.50	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 5,000.00	
		\$16,923.71
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 100.00	
Bulk Mailing Account	\$ 71.07	
Total Assets		\$ 17,094.72

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities	Sales Tax Payable	\$ 16.04	
Equity	Opening Balance &		
	Retained Earnings	\$ 16,722.87	
Net Income	\$ 355.81		
		\$ 17,078.68	
Total Liabilities & Equity			\$ 17,094.72

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Other Society News

Thank You Volunteers - to these people who assisted with cemetery work, recording or cleaning in 2006. These names are in addition to those who were previously listed in the last newsletter. Pat Gannon, Kay Gregory, Jim King, Dona Jo Kurtz, Beverly Locklin, Jerry Nickells, Guy Perry, Ronnie and Suzanne Pittman, Sarah Shafer, Bob Tieman, Sunny and Jessie Williams.

Gregg and Rosehill Cemeteries in Travis County. Research and documentation is being done on these two cemeteries in order to have them officially recognized as Historical Cemeteries. If you have relatives or information on either of these two burial grounds, please contact Kay Boyd and I will put you in touch with the persons doing the work on them.

AGS Quarterly

The Society is decreasing the size of the inventory of old quarterlies. If there are issues you are missing or would like to have extra copies to give to relatives or friends, let me know and I will be sure to bring those to the next meeting. Old issues will be on sale at the meetings for 25 cents.

Travis County Pioneer Certificates

Do you have ancestors who were in Travis County by 1880? When you submit your supporting paperwork showing residency and proof of relationship along with \$ 20.00, you will receive an impressive certificate in a document holder.

AGS Beginners Genealogy Classes

Classes will be held on Saturdays, February 10th, 17th and 24th, 2007 at the Highland Park Baptist Church, 5206 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas. The fee for all three classes is \$25. Everyone is welcome to attend and will receive a 3 ring binder with full class notes and forms. If you have any questions concerning the classes, please contact Kay Boyd @mkdb1405@aol.com or 836-7484.

Cindy Foreman, Education
Committee Chairman

New Location and Time for Brick Wall Saturdays

The next Brick Wall Saturday is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, January 27th at the North Village Branch of the Austin Public Library. The North Village is located at Burnet Road and Anderson Lane in the North Village Shopping Center.

We all have a "brick wall" - what's yours? Come and discuss your brick wall challenge with other genealogists. Please prepare a question related to your research problem, be able to summarize the work you've done already, and the group will suggest some possible new directions for your research. Join us between 1 p. m. and 4 p.m.

Tommy Ingram

UPCOMING EVENTS

Salt Lake City Research Trip

We are pleased to announce that plans have been finalized for our 2007 research trip to Salt Lake City. Airplane tickets have gotten very expensive, but I was finally able to secure 30 seats on Frontier Airline for approximately \$ 305 each (taxes can vary.)

The rest of the package is \$ 325 for double occupancy. This includes 6 nights hotel, 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.

The above pricing is for current paid members of AGS. An additional fee of \$ 25 will be charged for non-members. If you have not paid your 2007 dues, it's not too late.

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If you would like to sign up for this trip, please send a \$ 50 deposit (make your check out 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

AGS 2007 Seminar

Registrations are being accepted for the 2007 AGS Seminar, to be held Saturday, May 5th at the Norris Conference Center on Anderson Lane. Our speakers will be Paula Stuart-Warren and D. Joshua Taylor. Please pick up one of our flyers at a meeting, or check the AGS web site for more information. If neither of these options work for you, please contact Pat Oxley at pat@theoxleys.com or 733-5993 to have a brochure mailed to you. Brochures were included with everyone's membership renewal forms.

Tabor/Ellison Family Reunion & Dedication Ceremony

The Tabor/Ellison family reunion and grave marker dedication ceremony for Oliver H. P. Tabor will be held, Sunday, April 15, 2007, Confederate Memorial Day, at the Clear Fork Church and Cemetery in Caldwell County, Texas. Church services at 11:00 a.m. with a covered dish to follow, a meeting and the dedication. For more information and directions on how to get to the church and cemetery please contact mcforister@netzero.net.

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Texas Physicians Historical Bibliographical Database

<http://www4.utsouthwestern.edu/library/doctors/doctors.cfm> This is a handy source about ancestors that were doctors. Many of the articles are at the Center for American History at U. T. by request. To find the call number, they can search the catalog at <http://utdirect.utexas.edu/lib/utnetcat/index.WBX> and then they request any material that are stored off site at http://www.cah.utexas.edu/services/reference_weboffline.php or go to the Center to request items that are stored onsite. If you are looking for more information on your doctor ancestor, check out this very interesting database.

Source: Connie Perdue

The German-Texan Heritage Society Library

The German Free School in Austin houses a rich collection of materials, including genealogical records and reference works. The library has recently installed professional-grade bibliographical software to facilitate access to our holdings. At present we are transferring data from the original bibliographical data bank.

Apart from an extensive collection of individual family histories and genealogies the library had reference works such as *Kirchenbucher*, by Eckart Henning and Christel Wegeleben.

This work lists titles and publishing information for works about parish records as well as actual parish records published before 1991. Military church records and German parishes outside the present borders of Germany and Switzerland appear in the appendix. Useful to researchers are an author index and geographical index.

We suggest that genealogy researchers visit our library before traveling to Germany to search records. Hours of opening are Thursday afternoons and Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. by appointment. If our library does not have a certain title, patrons may obtain it from the publisher, sister archives or through interlibrary loan.

We can arrange for translations and transcriptions of Alt-Schrift. We also wish to draw people's attention to our sub-collections, including the following: German-Texan history, Germany culture and history, German language classic literature and philosophy; children's literature, travel and geography.

Finally, we have some files of unpublished memoirs and other records, all housed in a beautiful building built by German stonemasons in the 1850s. Please visit us at 507 East 10th Street, Austin, Texas, Phone (512) 482-0927 or (866) 482-4847.

Douglas Wixson,
Volunteer Librarian

New Years Resolution

It is News Year's Eve 1852 and my ancestor sits at his desk by candlelight. He dips his quill pen in ink and begins to write his New Year's resolutions:

1. No man is truly well-educated unless he learns to spell his name at least three different ways within the same document. I resolve to give the appearance of being extremely well-educated in the coming year.
2. I resolve to see it that all my children will have the same names that my ancestors have used for six generations in a row.
3. My age is no one's business but my own. I hereby resolve to never list the same age or birth year twice on any document.
4. I resolve to have each of my children baptized in a different church - either in a different faith or in a different parish. Every third child will not be baptized at all or will be baptized by an itinerant minister who keeps no records.
5. I resolve to move to a new town, new country, or new state at least once every 10 years - just before those pesky enumerators come around asking silly questions.
6. I will make every attempt to reside in counties and towns where no vital records are maintained or where the courthouse burns down every few years.
7. I resolve to join an obscure religious cult that does not believe in record keeping and I will not participate in military service.

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8. When the tax collector comes to my door, I'll loan him my pen, which has been dipped in rapidly fading blue ink.

9. I resolve that if my beloved wife Mary should die, I will marry another Mary.

10. I resolve not to make a will. Who needs to spend money on a lawyer.

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From Lila Davis via Pat Oxley

Condolences

Greg Machu, 43, died Sunday, December 31, 2006 in Georgetown, Texas. He was a software support leader with Texas Mutual Insurance Company.

He is survived by his wife Dawn, son Colton and his parents Darwin and Nancy Machu of Round Rock, Texas and other family members. His mother, Nancy Machu is a member of AGS

Interment was in Machu Cemetery near Granger, Texas.

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"Keep Searching"

Wilena D Young, editor

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