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## Monthly AGS Meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

*Program: What's New at the Texas State Library and Archives*

*Presented by: Jelain Chubb, Texas state archivist and director of the Archives and Information Services Division*

Highland Park Baptist Church  
5206 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas

6:30 p.m. — Refreshments & Networking

7:00 — 8:30 p.m. - Program

*Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!*



Jelain CHUBB joined the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in June 2010 as director of the Archives and Information Services Division and Texas state archivist. She oversees the commission's three public service areas: the Texas State Archives, the Reference and Information Center and the Texas Family Heritage Research Center. As state archivist, she is responsible for ensuring that permanent records documenting Texas' history as a colony, province, republic and state are preserved for future generations. She also is charged with leading efforts to expand public access to historical documents, photographs, maps and other materials and integrating primary source materials into educational curricula.

Jelain came to Austin after serving as state archivist of Ohio for the Ohio Historical Society. She also served as administrative archivist for the Missouri State Archives, and held positions with the Kansas State and South Carolina historical societies. A South Carolina native, she earned her

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bachelor's degree in history and political science from the College of Charleston, and master's degrees in library and information science and applied history with a specialization in archival administration, both from the University of South Carolina at Columbia. She is a Certified Archivist and Certified Records Manager.

Her presentation will focus on how she hopes to enhance educational outreach and build statewide advocacy for the preservation of and access to Texas's documentary history.

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### **AGS Business**

The Board of Directors held its regularly scheduled meeting on November 30, 2010, prior to the general meeting. The following matters were discussed and actions taken:

Treasurer— Teri FLACK submitted her Treasurer's report which was accepted. The year-end report will be published in the AGS Newsletter.

A brochure has been received from FGS with respect to contributions to the Preserve the Pensions of the War of 1812. After discussion and investigation to verify that the records will be freely available to the public, a motion was made and passed to contribute \$800 to this cause.

Due to the repeated last-minute changes to our meeting space, it was suggested that a committee be formed to investigate options for another location. This will be addressed by the incoming Board.



The newly elected Board of Directors met in a day-long session on Saturday, January 8th. The following officers were elected.

President—Sharon FOLEY

1st Vice President—Janis TRAYLER

2nd Vice President—Jane SCHWENDINGER

Recording Secretary—Kate ALLEN

Treasurer—Teri FLACK

Other topics of discussion were the budget for the 2011 year, programs & education, the possibility of locating a different meeting site, and a variety of other items. Look for a full recap of the minutes in the February Newsletter.

**Have you remembered to renew your membership? The renewal form is on our website at <http://www.austintxgensoc.org/membership/ppappform.php>**

**AGS DUES ARE PAYABLE BY  
JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>.**

**New and renewal members will be listed (if they wish) in the Annual Membership Directory if payment is received by the end of February.**

**We will miss having you as part of our society and you will miss out on receiving newsletters, quarterlies, and email notices until your dues are received; so please do not delay!**

### Membership

Membership Chair Maud CAIN reminds us to sign in at each meeting so we have an accurate number of attendance.

Membership dues remain at \$20 per year for individuals and \$30 for a family membership. These dues should be paid as soon as possible.

You will find some new faces at the registration table beginning this month. Please allow a little extra time to check in as these new folks learn the ropes!



### Hospitality

Our thanks go to Sharon FOLEY, Barbara INNIS, Glenda BLACK, and Mary TODD for bringing refreshments at the November meeting and to Jan MOODY and Barbara INNIS for serving as greeters.

Greeters scheduled to welcome you to the January meeting are Joann TRAVER and Arlene ZIRKEL.

AGS Board members Jane SCHWENDINGER,

Karin BRANAMAN, Mary TODD, and Missy HARRIS will furnish refreshments for the January meeting.



We **welcome** the following **new** members since the last report:

Richard HAIR—Austin, TX

Bobbi NEW—Hesperia, CA

B. L. McMILLAN—Citrus Heights, CA

LaVeta Lynn TOLIVER—Liberty Hill, TX

Nancy WARREN—Liberty Hill, TX



The 2011 Membership Directories will be completed and distributed at the end of March. After the distribution of the Membership Directories, all additions, corrections, and updates will be available through the Members Only section of the AGS website.

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### INTRODUCING

#### **“Queries and Questions”**

Submitted by Randy Whited

Beginning in January, the Society is implementing a new service to its members called “Queries and Questions.” We hope that this will assist members in an engaging and fun manner with the brick walls they may have.

Immediately prior to the start of each general meeting, members are welcome to submit questions and place them in the bin provided at the registration desk. At each meeting, a couple of questions will be read aloud to solicit help from those in attendance. Those queries that are not addressed at the meeting may be included in the Quarterly.

Please use the following format to prepare your questions in advance of the meeting:

**Be Concise in your query:** Limit your query to a single surname or question.

- ◆ Be specific in what you are seeking
- ◆ State what you already know and resources previously investigated.
- ◆ Always refer individuals by name; do not use pronouns.

**Submit a Surname with Region(s):** Include only one surname or question per query.

- ◆ Narrow your query to as specific location or region as possible.

**Include your Contact Info:** Be sure your name and email address are at the bottom of your query.

### **AGS Calendar of Activities**

**Tuesday, January 25, 2011**—Regular meeting—Jelain CHUBB presents “What’s New at the Texas State Library and Archives.” See page one for details.



**Saturday, January 29, 2011—Laptop Saturday**  
Dona KURTZ facilitates “**Breaking Brick Walls.**”  
**10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
[Austin History Center](#),  
**810 Guadalupe Austin, Texas**  
**Free to all!**

In a slight departure from our normal laptop Saturday format, this will be an informal meeting where AGS members and visitors can gather to discuss their genealogical brickwalls. A brickwall is a dead end that you hit in your research. We all have at least one— what’s yours? Please prepare a question related to your research problem, be able to summarize the work you’ve done, and the group will suggest some possible new directions for your research. Then stay on and listen to the brick walls of other researchers and share your suggestions.



**Saturday, February 19 & 26, 2011**—AGS Sponsors  
**Semi-Annual Beginners Classes**  
**9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  
Location: Community Classroom  
**Triumphant Love Lutheran Church**  
**9508 Great Hills Trail , Austin, TX**

**Thursday, January 27, 2010**  
6:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m.  
**Texas State Library, 1201 Brazos Street, Austin**  
**Book Signing Event**

AGS Life Member Dr. David B. GRACY, II, Texas State Archivist from 1977 to 1986, will discuss and sign copies of his book "The State Library and Ar-

AGS is again offering Beginning Genealogy Classes! These classes are offered twice a year, in the spring and fall and can help you in getting started if you are new at this or give you a kick-start if you’ve been at it a while. The total fee for the entire course is **\$15.00.**

#### **Topics:**

From the Known to the Unknown  
Researching Other Records  
Forms and Charts  
Central Texas Resources

Contact Kate Allen ([kateallen@austin.rr.com](mailto:kateallen@austin.rr.com) or 512-382-9307) to *reserve your place.*



**Tuesday, February 22, 2011**—Regular meeting—Greg BOYD, co-founder of Arphax Publishing presents “Find your Family (and a whole lot more) in Historical Landowner Maps.” NOTE: Look at [www.arphax.com](http://www.arphax.com) to preview books that might interest you. You can also check the surname you are interested in at <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/beta/search/default.aspx#searchTabIndex=0>. Contact the Boyds at [info@arphax.com](mailto:info@arphax.com) and request them to bring a particular book to the February meeting for you to view and possibly purchase. They will not be bringing all of their books, so it is important for you to let them know in advance of your interest in a particular book and which binding you prefer. You will save shipping if you request they bring the book to the February AGS meeting.

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### **Other Educational Opportunities**

chives of Texas: A History, 1835-1962," a chronicle of the agency's colorful and sometimes contentious past as the state's official record keeper.

For more information contact Derick Hackett (512) 463-5514 or [dhackett@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:dhackett@tsl.state.tx.us). Please RSVP if you are planning to attend.

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**Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>,**  
**9:a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Boerne Convention & Community Center**  
**820 Adler Road, Boerne, Texas**

The Genealogical & Historical Society of Kendall County presents its **7th Annual Hill Country Family History Seminar** featuring Dr. George SCHWEITZER. Costs: \$40 Members; \$45 non-members; \$55 at the door

For topics and additional information. see [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txgskc/2011seminarflyer.pdf](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txgskc/2011seminarflyer.pdf)



**Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>,** the Austin Genealogy Special Interest Group (AustinGenSIG) will meet at a **new location:**

**Old Quarry Branch of the Austin Public Library**  
**7051 Village Center Dr.** (off of Far West Blvd.)  
**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
Free

Topic: **Legacy Family Tree Software Presented by Sylvia L. Nimmo**

This location is more centralized and the meeting room is much larger than our earlier space. We are excited to have a more spacious classroom that will facilitate more expansive presentations and accommodate more people.

For more information, their website is [www.austingensig.com](http://www.austingensig.com) or contact John Marostica at John.Marostica@gmail.com or John@Marostica.org



**Genealogy After Dark**  
**February 25, 2011, 6:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m.**  
Texas State Library building at **1201 Brazos Street.**

After a short program by Senior Research Assistant Donaly BRICE and Appraisal Archivist Tony BLACK on “Researching Republic-era Records,” not only will the Family Heritage Research Center be open for research, the Archives will also be open for research.

Registration is limited to 30 people and the cost is \$10 per person. The registration deadline is February 18, or until space is filled. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is from 6:15 to 6:30. Doors open at 6:15 and will lock at 6:30.

[Click here](#) to register. For more information, e-mail [geninfo@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:geninfo@tsl.state.tx.us) or call (512) 463-5455.



**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** The Williamson County Genealogical Society hosts its **Annual Seminar** featuring guest speaker Elissa Scalise POWELL.

8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church  
**1004 North Mays, Round Rock, TX**  
\$45 members / \$50 non-members/ \$55 after March 1st

For topics and additional information, visit their website at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txwcgs/Seminar.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txwcgs/Seminar.htm) or call 512-863-2685.

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### *Quips on The Quarterly*

AND THE WINNER IS... The membership of the Austin Genealogical Society with our award-winning Quarterly! In addition to that, the winners of the writing contest will be announced at the January AGS meeting.

The three categories are:

- ◆ Most professional (well researched, proper source citations, analysis of data)
- ◆ Most entertaining (a pleasure to read, draws the reader’s attention)
- ◆ Original records (transcriptions, extractions, etc.)

**Austin Genealogical Society  
 Profit & Loss  
 Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2010**

**INCOME**

Contributions Rec'd	1,085.00
Donations - Miscellaneous	194.00
Education (Classes, Mini-Seminars)	2,045.00
Membership Dues Rec'd	6,990.00
Misc Income ( Family Tree DNA commissions; Lifetime Learning; Pioneer Certificates)	475.21
Misc. Collections	142.85
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,932.06</b>

Cost of Goods Sold	8.00
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>10,940.06</b>

**EXPENSES**

Charitable Donations	800.00
Education & Program Costs	4,190.10
Membership Costs	461.02
Operating Expenses	
Advertising	43.00
Bank Fees: PayPal discounts	112.54
Board Expenses	151.93
Ofc. Supplies and Materials	134.10
Permits & Licenses	185.00
Postage & Delivery	680.43
Printing & Copying	4,021.85
P O Box Rent (annual)	110.00
Society Memberships	100.00
Software & Peripherals	83.40
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>5,622.25</b>
Pioneer Certificates	16.27
Records Preservation (Quarterlies Scanned)	753.68

<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>11,843.32</b>
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Net Ordinary Income	-903.26
Other Income - Interest Earned	109.60
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-793.66</b>

**Austin Genealogical Society  
 Balance Sheet  
 As of December 31, 2010**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Public Employees Credit Union	10,550.41
Wells Fargo	11,672.63
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>22,223.04</b>
Other Current Assets	193.46
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>22,416.50</b>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

Current Liabilities	
Ft. Wayne Deposits	1,075.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,075.00</b>

**EQUITY**

Retained Earnings	22,135.16
Net Income	-793.66
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>21,341.50</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>22,416.50</b>

**TIME TO RENEW YOUR  
 MEMBERSHIP!**

[Click here](#) to access the  
**Membership Form**  
**at the AGS website.**  
**Renew TODAY!**

### In Memoriam



Our condolences go out to the friends and family of former AGS member and Board member **Constance C. MYERS**, age 89, who died of natural causes at Wesleyan Nursing Home in Georgetown, Texas, on Friday, December 31, 2010. Born January 14, 1921, in Dubuque, Iowa, she lived in several states before settling in Austin, Texas in 1946. She worked at the U.S. Treasury as a clerk until retiring in 1983. Constance MYERS was a member of the Austin Genealogical Society, Senior Citizen at Faith United Methodist Church, "OK's" Thankful Hubbard Chapter, National Society Daughter of the America Revolution, and Colonial Dames of the 17th Century. Preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Marion MYERS, and daughter, Sarah Roxanne, her survivors include son, J. Michael MYERS and wife of San Antonio, daughter, Caroline J MILLER and her husband of Round Rock, son, Christopher C. MYERS and his wife of Austin; and her grandchildren, Regina HIGHTOWER and husband, Andrea STANFIELD, J. Merritt MYERS and wife, Jordan MYERS, Nicolas FREEMAN, Patrick FREEMAN, Hannah FREEMAN, James LANGSTON, Steven LANGSTON, and Brian LANGSTON; great grandchildren Walker and Jillian HIGHTOWER, Alexander STANFIELD, Deven PARK and Baby MYERS due in February 2011. (Full obituary in the [Austin American Statesman](#) on Wednesday, January 5, 2011.)

"People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors." -- **Edmund Burke**

"We've uncovered some embarrassing ancestors in the not-too-distant past. Some horse thieves, and some people killed on Saturday nights. One of my relatives, unfortunately, was even in the newspaper business." -- **Jimmy Carter**

### *Editor's Corner*

Here we go again! The first year of the next fifty promises to be a great one. In addition to a slate of excellent monthly programs, there are two mini-seminars in the works, three laptop Saturdays, two sets of Beginner Classes, a bus trip to Clayton Library in April, and a research trip to the Allen County Library in October. There is something available for virtually everyone!

Coming in the newsletter next month is a new section called "Meet the Board." Two members of the Board of Directors will be featured with a photograph, a bio-sketch, and a description of their Board responsibilities.

The logon and password to the Membership Only section of the website will be changing effective March 1st. We'll use a simpler format this time, but in order to keep hackers from breaking the password, the format will remain what seems to be an obscure group of letters and numbers. This is important because the member directory is offered online. So when you logon each time, remember there's a reason you can't remember the password!

Until next month,

Happy Trackin',

Janis

***2011 Board of Directors***

<b>Term ending 2011:</b>	<b>Term Ending 2012:</b>
Kate ALLEN	Karin BRANAMAN
Maud CAIN	Alan FERGUSON
Teri FLACK	Sharon FOLEY
Dona KURTZ	Missy HARRIS
Mary TODD	Jane SCHWENDINGER
Randy WHITED	Janis TRAYLER

***2011 Officers***

President	Sharon FOLEY
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Janis TRAYLER
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Jane SCHWENDINGER
Recording Secretary	Kate ALLEN
Treasurer	Teri FLACK

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

Monthly Meetings on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
(except December)  
Social time at 6:30; Program at 7:00  
Highland Park Baptist Church  
5206 Balcones Drive  
Austin, Texas

**Visitors Are Always Welcome!**

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