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Monthly AGS Meeting Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Program: "Finding Granddad's War"
Presented by: Jeffrey A. Badger

Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas

6:30 – 7:00 P.M. – Social Time

7:00 – 8:30 P.M. – Program

Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!



Jeffrey A. BADGER, Ph.D., 39, from Uvalde, Texas, is the author of *Finding Granddad's War*, the true story of how he tracked down veterans from his deceased grandfather's WWII unit. Badger has degrees in engineering from The University of Texas, Penn State, and Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. He grew up in California, Utah and Texas and in his adult life has lived in Austin, New York, Pennsylvania, Finland, Ireland, England, Sweden, Guatemala and New Jersey. He works independently as a consultant/expert in industrial grinding, his field of expertise.

AGS Business

The Board of Directors met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, prior to the general membership meeting. The following matters were discussed and actions taken: Programs: The programs for the August and October meetings have been reversed. Treasurer: the financial reports were accepted as presented. The Board having decided earlier in the year to publish financial reports twice a year, the Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the period of January 1 through June 30, 2009, will be printed in the July issue of the Newsletter.

AGS bylaws (Article III, Section 6) require the Nominating Committee be elected at the July general membership meeting. The Chair of the committee is appointed by the President, two board members are elected by the Board to serve on the committee and the general membership elects two members to also serve on the committee.

AGS 50th ANNIVERSARY CONTEST

CALLING ALL CREATIVE THINKERS
and anyone else who likes a good challenge!

FOR: Anniversary Slogan AND Anniversary Logo
RULES: Unlimited entries for a SLOGAN and/or LOGO.
REWARDS: TWO annual AGS memberships for 2010:
One for the winning slogan and another for the winning logo.
DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2009
SUBMIT TO: Kay BOYD (mkdb1405@aol.com, 512-836-7484) or
Barbara INNIS (bagns@sbcglobal.net, 512-340-9932)

Membership

(by Barbara INNIS)

NOTES AND NUMBERS FROM THE JUNE 23rd MEETING

Scorching hot summer weather and a very important UT/Austin-LSU baseball game didn't keep 70 folks (68 members and two visitors) from attending the delightful program presented by Teri FLACK and Sharon FOLEY regarding leisure time and how our ancestors used it.

Welcome to our visitors and our new member!

New Member –

Hugh L. BRADY
2100 Kenbridge Dr.
Austin, TX 78757
(512) 451-3360 (H)
(512) 289-0535 (C)

Visitors

Beverly WAAK (Austin)

and

Susan RUSSELL (Spicewood)



Additions to your 2009 Membership Directory

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

Phoebe ALLEN - phoebezink@gmail.com
Nancy Huber WILSON - nhwilson@vownet.net

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Hospitality

(by Elizabeth JOHNSTON)

A big THANK YOU goes to our greeters and refreshment providers for June.

The following people are scheduled to be our **July Greeters**: Robert TIEMAN, Kay BOYD, and Sheila SARGENT.

Bringing refreshments for the July meeting are Deborah VAN CLEAF, Missy HARRIS, Ilo HILLER, and Nancy STEVENS.

Thanks to these people for adding to a pleasant evening.

Areas where you can help: If you are willing to be “on standby” to greet or bring refreshments, please let Elizabeth know. You can contact her by email or telephone: elizabethlj@sbcglobal.net or 512-251-0093.

****** Breaking News ******

Submitted by Connie PERDUE

We have received the following letter from Peggy RUDD at TSL:

Good news from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission! Over the weekends of July 11-12 and July 18-19, staff on the third and fourth floors of the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building will be moved down to renovated first and second floors. Some staff will move into permanent quarters, while others must occupy workspaces temporarily until construction on third and fourth floors is completed later this calendar year.

We do not anticipate closing public services during this time, as staff is coordinating the move carefully so as to remain open to the public despite relocation. The Texas State Archives at the south end of the first floor will open for business on Wednesday, July 15, and the Reference and Information Center at the north end of the first floor will open on Monday, July 20, 2009. We will have to use some of our old public service furniture in the new spaces until new furniture arrives. So when you visit these new spaces, you won't get the full impact of the renovation just yet.

The Texas Family Heritage Research Center (Genealogy) on the north end of the second floor will not open until the end of the project because we must house staff temporarily in that space until third and fourth floors are complete. However, genealogy services will be available in the two first floor public service areas. The microfilm and microfiche materials and equipment will be located in the Reference and Information Center and both public service areas will have computers for public use.

We appreciate your patience over the past year as we have undergone extensive renovation that has constrained our ability to serve you in the way we would like and you deserve. But we are in the home stretch and will soon invite you to join us in celebrating the grand opening of *YOUR* renovated State Library and Archives Building.

We encourage patrons to call (512) 463-5455 or email ref@tsl.state.tx.us prior to visiting the Zavala building as much of the genealogical materials will continue to be stored offsite until construction ends.

Peggy D. Rudd
Director and Librarian
Texas State Library and Archives Commission

Coming Programs

The Education Committee continues its course of outstanding monthly programs throughout the summer. Next up are the following:

Tuesday, July 28th

Regular Meeting
Topic: *Finding Granddad's War*
Presented: Author Jeffrey BADGER

Tuesday, September 22nd

Regular Meeting
Topic: *Tales and Imagery from the Tombstones*
Presenter: Janene JEFFREY

Tuesday, August 25th

Regular Meeting
Topic: *Military Medley of Records*
Presenters: Earl McBRIDE and Jeffrey HUNT

Educational Opportunities

*Summer is the time for SIGs, Saturday Series, Conferences and Seminars.
So many choices, so little time!*

Angelina College Annual Conference

July 16th, 17th, & 18th, 2009

3500 South First Street
Lufkin, Texas

This conference has optional registrations for either two or three days, has a wide variety of topics and speakers scheduled, and is reasonably priced. It also has the unusual distinction of offering CPE and CEU credits. See more information at their website: <http://www.angelina.edu/genealogy.htm>.

AGS Saturday Series

presents

"TexShare for Genealogists"

Presenter is Elizabeth JOHNSTON

Saturday, July 25, 2009, 1:00 to 3:45 p.m.

Austin History Center

810 Guadalupe (by the downtown library)

Laptop computers are not required, but bring yours if you want.

Genealogy SIG

"Making your Genealogy Portable: Putting it all on a CD/DVD"

Presented by John MAROSTICA

August 08, 2009

1 pm – 3 pm

Triumphant Love Lutheran Church

9508 Great Hills trail

John will demonstrate methods, techniques, and programs for putting genealogical information on a CD so it is easy to share. CDs and DVDs can hold thousands of pages

of information and hundreds of photos and charts that can be easily carried and clearly viewed on any computer.

The group will look at inexpensive programs and free methods that can help you get your information installed on a CD and ready for distribution.

For more information, contact: John Marostica at 512.339.6455 or email john@marostica.org or Inez Eppright at 512.452.8676 or junez@att.net.



It's not too late to register for the

Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference



The **Federation of Genealogical Societies** invites you to its **Annual Conference** for the nation's genealogists. Hosted by FGS and the Arkansas Genealogical Society, the conference will be held in **Little Rock, Arkansas, September 2nd through 5th**. The theme for this year's conference is ***Passages through Time***. To learn more, check the FGS Conference Website at www.FGSConference.org or check the many topics and speakers at www.FGSConference.org

If you have not had the chance to attend a national conference before, this is an excellent opportunity. No airfare is needed as it is within driving distance and the registration cost is very reasonable for a conference of this size. We encourage you take a look at the list of topics and speakers via the website noted above. If you would like to have a brochure mailed to you, contact the FGS office at 1-888-FGS-1500.



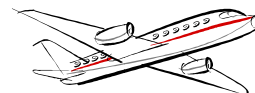
Mark Your Calendars

for Monday, October 5th!

AGS is sponsoring another **bus trip to Clayton Genealogical Library** in Houston. Cost will be \$45 (cheaper than our last trip!) and include two meals. Check back here next month for more details and registration information. Information is also posted on the AGS website!

AND

for April 19-25, 2010!



Plans are underway for another research trip to **Salt Lake City!** Details and costs will be available in early October. If you are interested in the trip and would like to be on the list to receive information, please email Pat OXLEY (pat@theoxleys.com) or give her a call at the number listed in the membership directory.

Condolences



Our sympathies go out to the family of former AGS President Sam Wells MONTGOMERY and his wife, Hattie Lee CRANE MONTGOMERY, who both passed away peacefully in San Antonio, Texas, on July 7, 2009. Sam Wells and Hattie Lee were united in marriage on Christmas Day of 1938 and had been happily married for 70 years. Hattie Lee was born on June 12, 1918. Sam was born on March 23, 1917 in Emhouse, Texas. Both attended school in Dallas where they were high school sweethearts. The two moved to Austin in 1938 and were members of First Baptist Church for more than 65 years. Sam retired as an administrator after 43 years from the Texas Employment Commission now called Texas Workforce Commission. He was also an officer of the Sons of the Revolution. Hattie Lee worked as a secretary for more than 30 years with the I.R.S. before her retirement. The Montgomerys are survived by their only son, Thomas W. MONTGOMERY, his wife, Delina; five granddaughters, Laurel, Nicole, Paige, Heather, and Hattie; eleven great-grandchildren; and numerous other family members. A funeral service was held on Friday, July 10, 2009, with interment at Austin Memorial Park. (Full obituary in the Austin American Statesman, July 9, 2009.)

50 Years and counting...

**Don't forget... we're looking for a new logo and
an anniversary slogan to commemorate our birthday in 2010!**

Send your ideas and suggestions to Kay or Barbara by July 31st. See contact info on page 2.

Austin Genealogical Society Profit & Loss Statement January 1 through June 30, 2009	
INCOME	
2009 Annual Seminar Receipts	5,335.00
09 Bus Trip - Clayton Library	90.00
Classes	195.00
Contributions Rec'd	355.00
Donations - Miscellaneous	10.00
09 Membership Dues Rec'd	3,070.00
Misc Income (Family Tree DNA commissions; Lifetime Learning; Pioneer Certificates	168.80
Misc. Collections	9.70
Total Income	9,233.50
GROSS PROFIT	9,233.50
EXPENSES	
Education	
2009 Annual Seminar	4,668.2
Classes	81.86
Speaker Copies	54.76
Speaker Expenses	179.10
Speaker Fees	650.00
Total Education	5,634.01
Membership Costs	15.16
Operating Expenses	
Bank Fees: PayPal discounts	46.86
Board Dinner	60.60
Equipment (Pur/Rent/Maint)	164.65
Gen. Operating Expenses	74.40
Ofc. Supplies and Materials	9.91
Permits & Licenses	180.00
Postage & Delivery	392.25
Printing & Copying	1,560.5
Professional Services	262.50
Rent - Meeting Rooms	300.00
Society Memberships	25.00
Software & Peripherals	79.95
Total Operating Expenses	3,156.71
Research Trip Expenses	131.80
TOTAL EXPENSE	8,937.68
Net Ordinary Income	295.82
Other Income - Interest Earned	93.16
NET INCOME	388.98

Austin Genealogical Society Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2009	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Public Employees Credit Union	10,341.18
Wells Fargo	9,472.24
Total Checking/Savings	19,813.42
Other Current Assets	288.65
TOTAL ASSETS	20,102.07
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	0.00
EQUITY	
Retained Earnings	19,713.09
Net Income	388.98
Total Equity	20,102.07
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	20,102.07

Ponderings from the Editor:

Summer has arrived in full force and the heat in Austin is exceptional so far this year. We are breaking triple-digit records with great frequency. It makes me wonder how well I would have fared had I been with my ancestors in the summer of 1872 as they moved by horse and wagon from the lush green forests of east Texas to the dry hills of west Texas.

I doubt they had the faintest idea that 130+ years later, anyone, much less their great granddaughter, would think of them and admire their efforts to find a new life in a new place. They knew at the beginning they would face a multitude of hardships along the way and for quite a while after they settled in their new home. That pioneer spirit was a way of life for many people. Do we still have that spirit? How does *your* life reflect *your* pioneer spirit?

2009 Board of Directors

Term ending 2009: Term Ending 2010:

Teri FLACK	Kay BOYD
Barbara INNIS	Inez EPPRIGHT
Dona KURTZ	Sharon FOLEY
Elizabeth JOHNSTON	Cindy FOREMAN
Robert SAGE	Sara GREDLER
Randy WHITED	Janis TRAYLER

2009 Officers

President	Cindy FOREMAN
1 st Vice President	Kay BOYD
2 nd Vice President	Sharon FOLEY
Recording Secretary	Inez EPPRIGHT
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 4th Tuesdays
Social time at 6:30; Program at 7:00
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Visitors Always Welcome!

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