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## Monthly AGS Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

*Program: AGS Night at the Movies*

*Featuring: "A Celebration of Family History"*

Narrated by David McCullough

6:30 p.m. — Refreshments & Networking

7:00 — 8:30 p.m. - Business & Program

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



The impact of family history on individual lives is the theme of our Movie Night. We will present segments from the DVD produced by Family Search entitled *A Celebration of Family History*. It explores through video presentations how family history impacts who we are and how studying our family history helps us understand ourselves. As in "Who Do You Think You Are," we'll watch several individuals tying their past and present families together, with emphasis on preserving stories, searching for connections, and the importance of the individual in the formation of who we are. This DVD shows highlights of the event by the same name, which took place at the Conference Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, in April, 2010. For a preview, click [here](#).

The highlight of our Movie Night is a moving presentation by David McCULLOUGH, Pulitzer prize-winning author and historian, examining the relationship between ourselves and our ancestors in fascinating ways. You will appreciate his understanding that the more we know, the more we want to know, as we spend hours seeking information. You'll learn what he means when he says, "There is no past," and "There is no such thing as

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gone but not forgotten.” Learn why McCULLOUGH does not believe in the “self-made man.” His insightful presentation of who we are and how history has had a part will intrigue you and may give you a new way to appreciate your genealogical efforts.

David McCULLOUGH is winner of the National Book Award, the Pulitzer Prize and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Mr. McCULLOUGH’s book “1776” was a number one New York Times bestseller, while his previous work, “John Adams,” remains one of the most critically acclaimed and widely read American biographies of all time. He has been awarded the prestigious Francis Parkman Prize, the National Book Foundation Distinguished Contribution to American Letters Award, and the National Humanities Medal. Mr. McCULLOUGH graduated with honors from Yale University in English Literature. He and his wife, Rosalee BARNES McCULLOUGH, have 5 children and 18 grandchildren.

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### **AGS Business**

Due to the change in location and time for the June 28th meeting at the Texas General Land Office, the Board of Directors did NOT meet prior to the general meeting.

Pursuant to the Board’s decision at the May meeting, a check in the amount of \$500 was presented to James HARKINS prior to his presentation to the group at the June meeting. This donation is in lieu of a speaker’s fee and cost of room rental we would have otherwise paid

out. A stipulation was made that the funds go toward TGLO’s *Save Texas History—Preservation Program*.

Congratulations to the door prize winners at the June meeting. Teri FLACK and Lori HENDERSON who won the maps donated by the Texas General Land Office and to Georgia JAMES and visitor Bob COFFMAN who won six-month memberships to Archive.com donated by AGS member Glenn SELFE.

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### **Membership**

Membership Chair Maud CAIN reported there were approximately 75 attendees at the June meeting. Seven of those were visitors: Alyssa BEHR from Manchaca; Connie GOLDSTON, Paul G. NOACK, Mary Carol and Bob COFFMAN, and Marsha W. HAWKINS from Austin; and Gail YAWN from Round Rock.

Since last month’s Newsletter, we have added the following new members to the AGS roll:

Hope LOCHRIDGE—Austin

LeaAnn JOHNSON—Austin

Sheila Evans KIMPLE—Kyle

Margaret MILLS—Austin

We welcome all of you to AGS and hope to meet you soon!

### **Hospitality**

Our appreciation goes out to Scott and Martha CARPENTER, Jim NELSON, and Robin RABEN for providing refreshments at the June meeting at the Texas General Land Office. Extra thanks goes to Bob and Sharon FOLEY for bringing those jugs of water!

Those who volunteered to be greeters at the July meeting are Martha and Scott CARPENTER. Folks bringing refreshments are: Nelda LILLIE, Sue Ann BUNNER, Suzy SNYDER and Mary TODD.



In keeping with the “Night at the Movies” program, Kay BOYD is also arranging for popcorn using a real popcorn machine.

### Programs

If you were not able to attend the June meeting at the Texas General Land Office, you missed a great opportunity to see and hear what is available at this unusual genealogical resource. If you did attend the meeting and provided your email address on the roster that was distributed, you should have received an email from program presenter James HARKINS providing additional web links that were not included in his presentation. That presentation, full of very good research information, is posted on the AGS website's Members Only page. Just scroll down until you see the section called "Handouts."

The links that were unavailable at the meeting are as follows:

**Surname Index:** <http://www.glo.texas.gov/what-we-do/history-and-archives/the-collection/land-grants/surname-index.html>

**Land Grant Database:** <http://www.glo.texas.gov/cf/land-grant-search/index.cfm>

**Map database,** and to purchase maps: <http://www.glo.texas.gov/cf/ArcMaps/ArcMapsLookup.cfm?Customer=78399671-11180>

For information on the up-coming TGLO Symposium, see the article on [page 4](#).

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### AGS Calendar of Activities

**Tuesday, July 26th** — Regular Monthly Meeting featuring **AGS Night at the Movies!**

We will watch a phenomenal video featuring Pulitzer Prize winning historian David McCULLOUGH who believes all history is family history and says, "It is through the family that we get to the vital nerve center of history. History is about life, one generation to another." People, **this is a program you will not want to miss!** For a preview, click [here](#) and view the video highlights.

**Saturday, August 6th** — **AGS Saturday Series**

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

[Hampton Branch Library](#) at Oak Hill

[5125 Convict Hill Rd.](#)

Oak Hill (south Austin), Texas

Free to all!

Whether or not you are going on our research trip to the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana in October, you will want to hear Susan D. KAUFMAN teach us how to use PERSI, the Periodical Source Index. PERSI is a comprehensive subject index of genealogy and local history periodicals written in English and

French (Canada) since 1800. It was created by the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Library. The articles cover information from the 1700's to the present.

Because PERSI is available through Heritage Quest Online and accessible with an Austin Public Library card or a card from the Texas State Library, researchers will be able to do some advance planning. Not traveling to Fort Wayne with us? Copies of articles can be requested using the online form.

Sue is currently Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research for the Houston Public Library. Just prior to that, she was a genealogy librarian for six years at the Allen County Public Library. Sue has made numerous presentations at our monthly meetings with humor and flare, keeping us entertained while providing valuable genealogical information. You will enjoy learning from Sue!

**Saturday, November 12th.**

Mark your calendar now for the next **AGS Mini-Seminar:** Featuring nationally known speaker George MORGAN. More details in future issues of the Newsletter.

### **Other Educational Opportunities**

#### **Saturday, July 16th — Legacy SIG afternoon workshop**

[2500 Barton Creek Blvd.](#)

**Austin, Texas**

1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Free

Do you use Legacy software to record your family history? You'll want to take advantage of this 4-hour workshop to help you learn more about how to use the software to its full advantage.

Near the driveway is a sign which says "Querencia." Park in front or let the valet park your car. There is no charge and tipping is optional.

Bring your computer, extension cord, questions, and any tips you can share with the group.

For more information, contact Roberta JENKINS (rjenkins7@austin.rr.com) or call 512-327-9520.

Or you can visit [www.AustinGenSIG.com](http://www.AustinGenSIG.com) for more information, a printable flyer, and a map to the meeting.



#### **Saturday, August 27th—Migration and Southern U.S. Research**

Featured Speaker: *Dr. Arlene EAKLE*, PhD  
Presented by the [Clayton Library Friends](#) at the Clayton Library Guest House Meeting Room  
**5300 Caroline Street, Houston, Texas**

For registration information, fees, and form, click [here](#).

10:30 a.m.— Registration, coffee, etc.

10:45 a.m.— Program

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Questions and Answers

Featured Speaker: *Dr. Arlene EAKLE* discusses:

1) Migration Patterns from the British Isles to the Southern United States before 1850. Includes People Differences: English, Irish, Scots, Welsh

2) Appalachian Triangle: Eastern Tennessee, North-western North Carolina, Southeastern Kentucky, South-western Virginia

3) Naming Patterns: Your Key to Ancestral Origins in the Southern United States

4) Tracing a Southern Pedigree—Research strategies, finding aids, indexes, and under-used sources to by-pass burned courthouses



#### **Saturday, October 1st — Save Texas History Symposium**

Presented by the Texas General Land Office at the **AT&T Executive Conference & Education Center 1900 University Avenue, Austin, TX**

Registration is \$40, if received before September 16. After that date it will be \$50.

This is going to be a great day to celebrate Texas history and to learn more about the resources of the General Land Office, as well as hands-on activities that tie into what the General Land Office does every day.

Click [here](#) for a PDF copy of the registration form which includes a full listing of the forums, classes, and activities of the symposium. There will soon be an online link so that you can register online as well (early-mid July).

***From AGS Quarterly Editor Randy WHITED:***

#### ***SUBMIT, SUBMIT, SUBMIT***

No, he's not playing mind games, just reminding members to submit their family stories, pedigree or descendency charts, family group sheets, compilations, original research, etc. Randy also encourages submitters to include photographs, maps, or other images that enliven and enrich the readability of the submissions.

All member submissions are eligible for entry into the AGS writing contest which extends through the last Quarterly of the year.

### Research Trip to Fort Wayne, Indiana



AGS research trip organizer Pat OXLEY advises that we are set with about 25 researchers going on the trip to Fort Wayne, Indiana's Allen County Public Library Genealogy October 2-8. ***If you are still considering making the trip with the group, but have not submitted your room deposit, please contact Pat immediately.*** She has released the block of rooms at our discounted rate, but will check on room availability if she hears from you very soon.

The room reservation deposit is \$100 (made payable to AGS) to Pat OXLEY, 2012 Red Oak Circle, Round Rock, TX 78681. She will need to know if you want a single or double room (and the name of your roommate

if you plan to share). She will also need your email and phone number.

**For all travelers, final payment of your room deposit is due August 15, 2011!**

Send questions to Pat at the above address or email her at [pat@theoxleys.com](mailto:pat@theoxleys.com).



The website for ACPL has a great deal of information that will help you plan your trip. Visit them at <http://www.genealogycenter.org/Home.aspx>.

You will also want to attend the next AGS Saturday Series on August 6th (see [page 3](#)) to hear Sue KAUFMAN talk about the holdings at the Allen County Public Library and PERSI.

A banner for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) conference. On the left is the FGS logo, which consists of the letters 'F', 'G', and 'S' in red and green. To the right of the logo is the text 'The Federation of Genealogical Societies' in a serif font. Below that is 'Pathways to the Heartland' in a larger, bold serif font. Underneath that is 'with local host The Illinois State Genealogical Society' in a smaller font. To the right of the text is an illustration of a wooden wagon wheel on a patch of grass. The background of the banner is a light orange color with a faint map of Illinois and the word 'Springfield' visible.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies  
**Pathways to the Heartland**  
with local host The Illinois State Genealogical Society  
September 7-10, 2011  
Springfield, Illinois

This year's FGS conference offers an exciting opportunity for everyone interested in researching their family history. Over 165 educational sessions and 13 luncheons are designed to balance the needs of genealogists at all levels, exploring a variety of records, strategies, and other tools available to those interested in researching their family history.

Special events include a keynote address by David S. FERRIERO, Archivist of the United States, and the FGS 35th Annual Celebration with *The Lincoln Family Album* presented by special guest, noted Lincoln scholar Harold HOLZER.

Set at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in downtown Springfield, the FGS 2011 Conference will also include a large exhibit hall with exhibitors and vendors.

In addition, Springfield offers a wide variety of historic sites, libraries, and more for conference attendees as well as family and friends.

Complete conference information can be found on the conference website at <http://www.fgs.org/2011conference/>.

Registration information can be found at <http://www.fgs.org/2011conference/registration/>.

In May, AGS President Sharon FOLEY sent out an email blast offering a free FGS Conference registration to the winner of a drawing of members planning to attend who submitted their name. The lucky winner of the drawing was Jacquie DEMPSKY WILSON, AGS member from Pflugerville. Congratulations Jacquie, and we hope you have a great time in Springfield!

### **Getting to Know You!**

This is the final in the Getting to Know You series about the Board of Directors.



**Teri FLACK**

A 6<sup>th</sup> generation Texan, Teri E. FLACK has been researching her family history for over 25 years. She is the AGS Treasurer and a member of the Society's teaching faculty. Teri also serves on the Board of the Texas State Genealogical Society as a District Representative and chair of the Records Preservation and Access Committee (RPAC). She is the Texas state liaison to the national RPAC. She's completed the Advanced Methodology Course at the National Institute for Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University and the National Institute of Genealogical Research at the National Archives in Washington, DC. She's a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Genealogical Speaker's Guild. She lectures on a variety of genealogical topics.

Teri retired in May, 2009 after working for the state of Texas for over 26 years – most recently as Special Advisor to the Commissioner of Higher Education and Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education. Previously, she was Director of Governmental Relations and Public Information for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Chief Investigator for the Texas Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division. Teri holds a B. S. in Education with History major, an MBA, and a graduate Paralegal Certificate from Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University-San Marcos). Teri returned to Texas State University in fall 2010 to pursue a Master's in History with a concentration in Public History.

#### **AGS WEBSITE INFORMATION**

The login and password for the Members' Only section of the [AGS website](#):

login: ags2011

password: aU5t!n

“Remember friends, as you walk by  
As you are now, so once was I.  
As I am now, so you will be;  
So be prepared to follow me.”



**Janis TRAYLER**

These are the words that planted the first seed of curiosity about my ancestors. Daddy recited these words to me and told me they were on the tombstone of his grandfather who is buried in Mt. View Cemetery in Coleman County, Texas. In 1980, I began my research with a trip to Mt. View to see it for myself. It was then I realized how many of my relatives were buried in this small rural cemetery. It was like coming home. It was then that I interviewed my oldest living relative who was in his 80's at the time. He was willing to talk, but not if I turned on the tape recorder. It was the first hard lesson of the journey. But from that conversation, I was truly hooked!

I joined AGS in 2002 with my mother, Wynnette HARRIS, who is also my genealogy research and travel partner. I have served AGS as a Board Member since 2005, including a stint as Treasurer, and now as the Newsletter editor.

A native Texan, I was born in Odessa, raised in La Pryor, and have lived in numerous places from Jacksonville, NC, to Kansas City, KS, to Kelso, WA, and numerous places in between. I came to Austin in 1972 and, with the exception of one year in Kansas City and 6 years in Kelso, have lived here since that time.

I found my one true love later in life and Jim and I will celebrate our 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in September. He is a retired IBEW electrician. We look forward to spending our retirement on our farm in Coleman County, ... where I have served as President of the Mt. View Cemetery Association since 2005.

**Mid-Year Financial Reports**

**Austin Genealogical Society  
 Profit & Loss  
 Jan. 1 through June 30, 2011**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Bus trip receipts	1,555.00
Contributions Rec'd	355.00
Education (Classes, Mini-Seminars)	1,090.00
Membership Dues Rec'd	4,170.00
Misc Income ( Family Tree DNA commissions; Lifetime Learning; Pioneer Certificates	145.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,315.00</b>
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	<b>7,315.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Awards & Prizes	215.64
Charitable Donations	550.00
Education & Program Costs	3,043.54
Membership Costs	22.99
Operating Expenses	
Bank Fees: PayPal discounts	81.40
Equipment Expense	92.45
Ofc. Supplies and Materials	101.42
Permits & Licenses	185.00
Postage & Delivery	329.22
Printing & Copying	1,192.02
Society Memberships	100.00
Software & Peripherals	132.57
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>2,214.08</b>
Bus trip expenses	1,644.23
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>7,690.48</b>
Net Ordinary Income	-375.48
Other Income - Interest Earned	20.60
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-354.88</b>

**Austin Genealogical Society  
 Balance Sheet  
 As of June 30, 2011**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Public Employees Credit Union	10,569.92
Wells Fargo	13,371.70
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>23,941.62</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>23,941.62</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Research Trip Deposits	2,955.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,955.00</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>	
Retained Earnings	21,341.50
Net Income	-354.88
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>23,941.62</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>23,941.62</b>

**Editor's Corner:**

Thank you for reading this issue of the AGS Newsletter. Can you believe 2011 is more than half spent? Are you spending it well?

If you did not attend our June meeting and tour at the Texas General Land Office, you really missed out. But the good news is that the GLO is open Monday through

Friday and they have information there that can really be of help to you if you are researching Texas ancestors. If you (unfortunately!) do not have a Texas connection, I encourage you to check with the agency that keeps historical records in those states where your ancestors settled. There is valuable information to be gleaned from these records.

Until next month, stay cool, and

Happy Trackin',

Janis

### ***2011 Board of Directors***

<b>Term ending 2011:</b>	<b>Term Ending 2012:</b>
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Teri FLACK	Sharon FOLEY
Dona KURTZ	Missy HARRIS
Mary TODD	Jane SCHWENDINGER
Randy WHITED	Janis TRAYLER

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*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.*

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