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Society Meeting
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Drive
Tuesday, June 27, 2006
6:30 P.M. - Doors Open
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
7:15 P.M. - Meeting & Program Begin

Program

Writing a Family Newsletter Four Speakers for the Price of One!

The program at the Tuesday, June 27th meeting of AGS will be highlighted by a Discussion Panel on the topic of "Writing a Family Newsletter."

The Panel will consist of Alana Mallard, Harold Hudnall; Jerry Barton and Charles Locklin; four very experienced genealogists and genealogy instructors.

Many of us have thought about writing our family newsletter, but were afraid to begin. Here's your chance to learn, what to do and what to avoid, from your friends. Be sure to bring your questions.

Tommy Ingram

Condolences

Josephine Brown Ross, 84, longtime AGS member, died Monday, May 8, 2006 as a result of a traffic accident that occurred on Sunday, May 7, 2006.

She was an active genealogist, compiling two family history books. She served on AGS Board of Directors from 1994-1997. Jo also served as seminar chair in 1994-1995 and co-chair in 1997. She shared her expertise with succeeding chairs, which provided them with great deal of help.

Jo is survived by two daughters and their families. Burial was in Memorial Park.

BULLETIN BOARD

Keep AGS Up-to-Date

Be sure to inform AGS of changes in your contact information. If you move, the post office charges 70 cents to inform us of this address change. If you want to continue to receive your newsletter and other notices, we need to know about e-mail changes, also.

HP Printer Cartridges

I have a new printer and of course it takes a different cartridge. If you can use two unopened HP 45 black cartridges, I will bring them to you at the next meeting.

Kay Boyd

Help Desk

Don't forget that members of Education Committee are available beginning at 6:30 p.m. on meeting night to assist you with your research questions. Bring one of your challenging projects to us at the Help Desk and we will suggest some new research avenues for you to explore. The more information you provide about the time period and exact location of your query, the more helpful we can be, so bring your notes and a well-thought-out question.

**Brick Wall Saturday
July 15th - 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Bring your research problems to Room 202 in the Texas State Library and Archives. AGS members will be there to assist you or just keep you company while you research. The resources of the library will be available to use. Snacks and water will be provided. Contact Tommy Ingram@tommyingram@grandecom.net for more information.

Pioneer Certificates

Pioneer Certificates were issued to Margaret Maxwell Bauer and Jane Ann Maxwell this month. They are descendants of Alexander Carson Maxwell and Cynthia Ann Owen Maxwell who lived in Travis County by 1871. If you qualify for this program by having an ancestor here by 1880, submit your documents and a certificate will be prepared for you or your family member. Since this program began in 2004, 14 certificates have been issued. If you have questions, contact Kay Boyd.

Research at the Allen County Library, Ft. Wayne, IN

Thirty eight members and friends of AGS had a fun and successful research trip to the Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Everyone is already asking when we'll be returning to this fabulous repository. Pat Thomas, one of our AGS researchers, has shared with me the following information about remote research at ACPL:

Our department's Research Center can do remote research for you. If you go to our department's web page at <http://www.acpl.info/genealogy/index.html> you'll see a sidebar along the left side of the page. A category called "Forms" is followed by three links that get you to .pdf forms that can be completed and sent in with payment to provide three levels of service (prices are shown on the form):

--the Article Request Form is designed to provide PERSI citation fulfillment.

--the Quick Search Form is designed to provide fulfillment for other requests for which a specific item or specific search can be identified. Besides the search specifically mentioned on the form, the "Quick Copy" category would be the appropriate way to request copies of identified pages from books.

--the Research Request form is appropriate for broad researching that can be done by the Research Center on an hourly basis.

If you desire, we can provide on request, a list of professional researchers that reside in Fort Wayne.

As the Library's Periodicals Department holds microfilm of Fort Wayne newspapers, requests for obituaries from local papers would be requested directly from them, through the general Ask A Librarian e-mail reference service. This would be of particular interest to researchers with northeast Indiana connections.

Historical Genealogy Department
Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, IN
Phone (260)-421-1225'
<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/index.html>

Pat Oxley

For Those of Us with Revolutionary War Ancestors

There is an interesting article published in the April/May/June 2006 issue of the National Genealogical Society magazine *NGS NewsMagazine* about two different filmings of Revolutionary War Pension/Bounty Land Warrants Applications Files. You will want to read the entire article, titled "Revolutionary War pension files--an introduction," for yourself. My paraphrase of the article and the words of the author below are used with permission.

To quote Claire Prechtel-Klusens, a microfilm projects archivist at the National Archives and Records Administration, "An act of Congress of 18 March 1818 (3 Stat.410) allowed a pension to naval and continental army veterans who had served a minimum of nine months." The veterans or his wife usually had to prove service, need or, in the wife's case, marriage.

"One of the most important things researchers need to understand about Revolutionary War pension files is that the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) filmed these records twice." M805 was titled Selected Records from Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 898 rolls of microfilm. This filming is available at Clayton Library in Houston and many other libraries, in part because it was less expensive to buy. Note the words "Selected Records." The documents for this filming were limited to up to ten pages of genealogically significant material, including the cover of the file jacket, per name. In some records far less than ten of the allowed documents were included. The complete jacket may contain more than three times that number of documents in some cases. So necessarily a number of documents of genealogical value were left out of this filming.

The full collection of records is M804, titled Revolutionary Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, containing 2,670 rolls of microfilm. This microfilm publication is available at NARA's Regional Archives including the one in Fort Worth, Texas as well as the Family History Library and other public libraries. If you order your ancestor's file (or those of others in his unit) direct from NARA (online at www.archives.gov/research/order/orderonline.html) for \$40, you get the entire file - a policy begun only in 2000. If you are researching online or in a library, make certain you looking in the complete records.

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"In defense of freedom that is our birthright... we take up arms, we shall lay them down when hostilities shall cease on the part of the aggressors, and all danger of their being renewed shall be removed, and not before."

John Hancock, July 6, 1775

“Dear Genie”

Dear Genie - Where can I find current names of towns in Germany that were a part of Prussia when my ancestor lived there?

Rootweb.com has a mailing list for Prussia. You can subscribe by sending mail to Prussia-Roots-L-request@rootsweb.com with the word subscribe in the subject line. There is also a link (archiver.rootsweb.com/th/index/PRUSSIA-ROOTS/) to the list archives.

Adalbert Goertz's Regional German FAQs are available at (www3.adnc.com/~lynn/d/gfaqj.html).

A great deal of information about German research (and many other kinds) is available at “Genealogy Blog” (genealogyblog.com/categories/german-research/).

An index to 20 years of the German Genealogical Digest back issues is available at (www.german-digest.com/ggd/ggd-pg1.htm#refguide).

Another site that may be of value to you, is Kartenmeister (www.kartenmeister.com), a database of 69,803 German place names.

Kory L. Meyerink, BS, MLS, AG, FUGA, at the web site for ProGenealogists, has published a group of gazetteers online. The East and West Prussia Gazetteer by Stephen S. Barthel is at (www.progenealogists.com/germany/prussia/index.html).

*Almost all serious German research begins with “Meyers Orts-und Verkehrs-Lexikon”, the massive gazetteer (2500 pages) that describes approximately 210,000 cities, towns, hamlets, and dwelling places in the German Empire prior to World War I.” Hardcover german language reprint with english Researcher's Guide available on Amazon.com. Also, available at Clayton Library in Houston, with Wendy Upcapher's “How to read & understand Meyers Orts...” and on microfiche in the LDS Family History Centers.

Send your research questions to Dear Genie by placing them in the Submission Box at the AGS monthly meeting or by e-mail to tommyingram@grandecom.net.

Tommy Ingram

Web Sites

Life in Scotland & Ireland

<<http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/education/int/hist/immigrants>>

Free Research at Andersonville Civil War Prisoner of War Site E-mail directly at Frye@pstel.net with request.Andersonville Historical Site historian/NPS Volunteer<www.angelfire.com/ga2/Andersonvilleprison/index.html>

Archives of Maryland Online

<<http://aomol.net/html/index.html>>

Cemetery Photographed in Texas, Oklahoma & the World <<http://teafor2.com>>

Ante-Bellum Plantations of Glynn County, Georgia <www.petersnn.org/petersnn/plantation_history_of_glynn_coun.htm>

Genealogical Glossary

What is the Meaning of All This?

1. **entailed or fee tail** = an estate which must be passed down lineally (to children and their children)
2. **filial portion** = a person's inherited share of a parents estate
3. **jointure** = property that is to become the wife's at her husband's death
4. **perishable estate** = part of an estate that will be affected by the passage of tim (usually a crop)
5. **personalty/personality** = personal property
6. **curtesy** = the right a husband has in certain inherited property of his wife, especially real estate, after her death
7. **glebe** = a portion of land assigned to a parish church clergyman
8. **et ux** = and wife
9. **et vir** = and husband
10. **fee simple** = ownership of land with the right to sell or give to anyone, absolute title
11. **now wife** = present wife (no inference of a previous wife). The term was used in wills as a safeguard. In the event that a man's wife died and he remarried, the second wife would not be able to claim more than he intended.
12. **executor** = person named in a will to carry out its provisions (executrix is the feminine)
13. **administrator** = person appointed by the court to settle the estate of a deceased person who died without leaving a valid will (administratrix is the feminine form)
14. **collateral ancestor** = one not in direct line of ascent but of the same ancestral stock (a brother or sister of a direct ancestor, for instance)
15. **escheat** = reverting of property to the state upon the death of an owner without heirs
16. **probate** = the process of proving a will
17. **nuncupative will** = an oral or unwritten will declared before witnesses by the testator in his last illness
18. **holographic will** = one entirely in the handwriting of the testator
19. **kindred** = persons related by blood
20. **infant** = a person not of legal age, a minor
21. **legacy** = a gift by will
22. **bequest** = usually a gift of real estate by will, also a legacy
23. **primogeniture** = the right of inheritance by the eldest son
24. **assignee** = a person to whom the court signs over some right, privilege, or property
25. **decendent = deceased person**

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**You ask me why I cruise the Net
And write for Rooters free,
I guess it's that I love the stuff,
This genealogy!**

Randall Black

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