



Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter

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**AGS INDOOR PICNIC
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas
Tuesday, June 26, 2007**

DINNER: 6:45 P.M.

**7:30 P. M. - Members Sharing Their Family Memorabilia
Invite Your Family & Friends**

DNA IN SCIENCE AND GENEALOGY

**Saturday, June 16th,
AGS Education Committee
will present facts on DNA
including the scientific explanation
and usage in genealogy.**

**This class will be offered at the Carver Center,
1165 Angelina from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
It is free to the public, however there is
limited seating. If you plan to attend,
please reserve your seat by contacting:**

**Kay Boyd at 836-7484
or
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There is a lot written about using DNA in your genealogical research, but how much basic Biology do you remember from Jr. High and High School? Sharon Foley, a newly retired high school Biology teacher from Iowa will provide a simple and clear idea about how DNA works and the types of DNA information that might help in applying basic Biology knowledge to getting an insight on a genealogy lead or problem.

Randy Whited in the second half of this program will provide a balanced presentation on the Pro and Cons of using DNA in your genealogical research. We all want a new type of "lead" to find our long lost relatives, but can the DNA Biological trail truly provide creditable proof? By the time this two-hour seminar is completed you'll be able to draw your own conclusions and "go for it" or ponder if there is a missing link.

Cindy Foreman, Chair
Education Committee

AGS INDOOR PICNIC JUNE 26TH

WOW, It is that time again!

We will have our summer indoor picnic Tuesday, June 26th. Invite your family and friends. Come share your family memorabilia, books pictures, etc. with the group.

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**Enjoy Good Food
Catered by PoK-E-Jo's
Drinks and Deserts provided by AGS**

This is our time to share, visit with each other and enjoy good company. What a deal, no cooking or having to bring a dish!

TICKETS: \$8.00 PER PERSON

**PLACE: HIGHLAND PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
5206 BALCONES DRIVE**

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 26TH

DINNER: 6:45 P.M.

**MENU: BRISKET, TURKEY, POTATO SALAD,
BEANS, BROCCOLI SALAD, TEA & COFFEE,
DESSERT**

SET UP TABLES: 6:00 P.M.

Reservations are needed for a table or 1/2 table for your display. Call or e-mail now to reserve your meal tickets and display table.

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AGS May Board Meeting Recap

The Board of Directors of AGS met before the general meeting on May 22nd. Eleven of the twelve directors were present.

It was decided that an online survey would be sent to the general membership to get a sense of how satisfied they are with programming, education, trips, seminars, etc. This survey will go out the first week of June and the results will be discussed at the Officer Retreat on July 14th.

The Board requested that Jean Marostica place all previous electronic copies of the newsletter on the internet so people can refer back to them. Jean readily agreed to do so. The Board is indebted to Jean Marostica for all of her help with the newsletters and many other computer related chores.

Proceeds from the donation bag passed at meetings will go to SAVE TEXAS HISTORY - the General Land Office Historic Preservation Program. If you are unable to attend meetings, but would like to make a donation, please feel free to send a check to AGS, with Save Texas History in the memo and mail to P. O. Box 10010, Austin, TX 78766.

The meeting was adjourned until the Board Retreat on July 14th.

AGS Wants to Know!

Sometime during the first week of June, all AGS members will be receiving a link to an on-line survey. If you do not have a computer, you will receive a paper copy of this survey.

The survey will cover such topics as Programs, Education, Seminars, Trips, Social Events, etc. Please take the time to complete this survey so that those planning these events have a better understanding of what you would like to see in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to help us with this project!

Pat Oxley,
AGS President

Salt Lake Trip Update

It's not too late to sign up for the Salt Lake City Research trip. A limited number of plane tickets are left, but we do have plenty of hotel rooms. If you are seriously interested in the trip, or have already signed up, there is going to be a meeting on Saturday, June 23rd to talk about air and hotel arrangements and to help you get started on your preparations with your research. Please feel free to come to the meeting, if you are seriously interested in the trip, but have not yet signed up.

The meeting will be held at Highland Park Baptist Church (where our monthly meetings are held) but will be in an upstairs classroom. Be sure to enter from the north side of the building and someone will greet you with directions to the meeting.

For more information about the trip, please e-mail Pat Oxley at pat@theoxleys.com or call Pat at (512) 733-5993.

TX-AGS Mailing List

Join the AGS mailing list and receive notices of AGS events and activities and share information about genealogical research in Austin. You can also request help with your brick walls or other questions you have.

To subscribe, send an e-mail to one of the options below and type "subscribe" in the message area: TX-AGS-L-request@rootsweb.com (to receive individual e-mails) or TX-AGS-D-request@rootsweb.com (to receive digest version.)

Kay Boyd

AGS Shirts

You've probably seen a lot of folks walking around wearing a very nice denim shirt or a white polo shirt with the AGS logo embroidered on the front. You too can order one of these shirts!

We will be taking orders on the June 4th bus trip to Houston, at the June 16th DNA Seminar, at the June 23rd SLC Trip meeting and at the June 26th AGS Picnic.

The polo shirts are \$18 and the denim shirts are \$21 (larger sizes are slightly more.) These are wonderful shirts to wear on research trips, to meetings and other genealogical events to identify you as a member of AGS.

Brick Wall Saturday

The next "Brick Wall Saturday" is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, July 7th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the North Village Branch of the Austin Public Library. The library is located at Burnet Road and Anderson Lane in the North Village Shopping Center.

We all have a "Brick Wall" (an ancestor who stubbornly refuses to give up their life story to you) - 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, and the group will suggest some possible new directions for your research.

Then stay on and listen to other researcher's Brick Walls. You may have just the answer to their genealogical problem. There is no charge for this service and we even provide refreshments!

Travis County Pioneer Listings

The names of early Travis County Citizens whose residency has been proven to be here by 1880 has been added to the AGS web site, www.austintxgensoc.org. The names as they were approved, along with the year their residence in the county was established is listed. Some of the listed pioneers have had as many as five certificates issued for their descendants.

Are you related to any of these early Travis County settlers? If you would like your ancestor listed here, submit your Pioneer application now.

Kay Boyd

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Profit & Loss
April 2007

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Bus Trip	280.00
Contributions Rec'd	145.00
Envelope Collections	12.00
Membership Dues Rec'd	
07 Dues	<u>60.00</u>
Total Membership Dues Rec'd	60.00
Misc. Income	43.60
Sales-Earned Revenues	<u>2,237.00</u>
Total Income	2,277.60
Gross Profit	<u>\$2,277.60</u>
Expense	
Education	
Program Exp. (other)	<u>97.75</u>
Total Education	97.75
Operating Expense	
Bank Fee	
PayPal Discounts	<u>3.37</u>
Total Bank Fees	3.37
Postage and Delivery	46.08
Printing and Copying	596.17
Rent-Meeting Rooms	50.00
Supplies and Materials	<u>85.54</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>781.16</u>
Total Expense	878.91
Net Ordinary Income	<u>\$1,898.69</u>
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Earned	<u>3.23</u>
Total Other Income	3.23
Net Other Income	3.23
Net Income	<u>\$1,901.02</u>

Austin Genealogical Society
Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2007

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
PayPal Account	315.00
Wells Fargo	
AGS Operating Acct...6054	7,074.53
CD	5,000.00
Savings Acct...5679	<u>7,593.92</u>
Total Wells Fargo	<u>\$19,668.45</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$19,983.45
Other Current Assets	
Bulk Mail	371.01
Inventory Assets	232.00
Prepaid Rent	300.00
Undeposited	185.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>1,088.01</u>
Total Current Assets	\$21,071.46
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$21,071.46</u>

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Research Trip Travelers Deposits	
07 SLC Trip	-455.00
Total Research Trip Traveler Deposits	-455.00
Sales Tax Payable	<u>2.66</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	-452.34
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-452.34</u>
Total Liabilities	-452.34
Equity	
Retained Earnings	17,313.67
Net Income	<u>4,210.13</u>
Total Equity	\$21,523.80
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$21,071.46</u>

Janis Trayler,
Treasurer

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Preservation Tip of the Month by Becky Schipper

Summer holidays and reunions are a good time to ask family members questions concerning the provenance of family treasurers. Family gatherings also create opportunity to compare notes, identify old photos, records, stories and anecdotes and photograph relatives.

Source: Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library, # 39, May 31, 2007

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Welcome New Members

Georgia P. James Andrea Mercier

Visitors Welcomed to our May Meeting

Doris Goewey, Ashville, NC Sara Gredler

Debbie Hinkle

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New Books: TSL Genealogy Collection

(Only the Dewey Decimal System call numbers for the states, subject or country are listed. Some titles may be abbreviated to conserve space.)

TEXAS - 976.4

Bourland in North Texas and Indian Territory during the Civil War, Fort Cobb; Fort Arbuckle & the Wichita Mountains

A Collection of Twelve Texas Swedish Quarterlies

Historical Notes on Zavala County Texas and the Story of a Pioneer Family

Kissin'Kuzzins

The Texas Gazette

For more detailed information on books in the TSL Genealogy Collection, go to the Library Catalog of Texas State Agencies@<www.tsl.state.tx.us/catalog>. Click on New Material & Library Info., From the New Material List click on TSLAC Genealogy.

CONDOLENCES

Herbert Richard Gentry died Saturday, May 5, 2007, at the age of 88 in Austin, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Emma Gene Seale Gentry, AGS charter member, his three children and their families. Mr. Gentry was an accomplished man with a government career of 41 years. He was an avid reader and story teller. He shared his love for writing in his leadership of a writing class of his fellow seniors.

George Ballentine of Five Hills Genealogy Society, noted genealogist, friend and researcher died March 20, 2007. For those of you who knew George, he was a witty, funny and involved genealogist. Loved his home of South Carolina, but lived his most recent years in Texas. Spoke to many societies on Colonial Handwriting Analysis and other topics on South Carolina Research.

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