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Monthly AGS Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

*Program: "Finding Children in Research Sources Beyond the Census—
19th and 20th Centuries"*

Presented by: Susan KAUFMAN

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!

"Finding children in research sources beyond the census — 19th and 20th centuries"

The Federal Population Census is a snapshot every ten years. That is a long gap in evaluation of history when the perils of settlement, diseases and other social factors might intercede in that time period. We will examine records that highlight children in between the census years, where you might find those records, and some of the advantages to using them.



Sue KAUFMAN has been the manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research / Houston Public Library since the summer of 2006. A genealogy librarian since 1987, her career includes 6 years as a librarian in the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Sue also currently serves as President Elect of the Texas State Genealogical Society, and is a Director on the Federation of Genealogical Societies board.

"Who Do You Think You Are?"

is back!

NBC, Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

AGS Business

The Board of Directors met in regular session at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, prior to the general meeting. The following items were discussed and actions taken:

A warm welcome was extended to Earle McBRIDE who has been appointed as an AGS Board Member to take the place vacated by Alan FERGUSON.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted. A short discussion was held regarding speakers' fees. No action was taken.

Membership Chair Maud CAIN reported there are currently 279 member units paid for 2011 (not including 8 institutional memberships).

Quarterly Editor Randy WHITED reported on his trip to RootsTech. He summarized two primary points: 1) publications will *eventually* need to be published electronically or the costs will become prohibitive; and 2) there are a large number of genealogists who are not associated with any organized society or chapter. Many are under the impression that there are qualifications that must be met in order to join.

The Board discussed these issues and with respect to going paperless, the topic was tabled for a later date when more information can be discussed at length. As for the second point, we will look for ways to reach out to genealogists in the Austin and surrounding areas that are not affiliated with any organized genealogy group.

Also discussed in line with "going paperless" was the topic of how many people really use the hard copy of the Membership Directory and whether this is another area where we can provide the same information electronically behind the "Members Only" section of the website.

In each of these instances, the Board recognizes there is a need for some hard copies to be printed. Our goal is to keep those numbers down when we can so as to use the monies saved on printing costs to offer additional classes, programs, activities, etc. to our members

at nominal or no cost.

A committee has been appointed to investigate the issues around going paperless. Board members Randy WHITED and Dona KURTZ will represent the board on the committee. Committee representatives from the general membership are Carroll PATTERSON, Connie PERDUE, and Kay BOYD.

The Board agreed to take a straw poll at the meeting to see how many of those attending routinely use their Membership Directory. Results will be reported at a later date.

Membership

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

Nathan R. DUTY of Orland, CA
Allison L. POPOV of Austin, TX
Bobby MOORE of Austin, TX



We also welcome current member
Carolyn Sue M. ALFLEN
of Fair Grove, Missouri,
as our newest LIFE MEMBER



Hospitality

Thanks go to Sherry HEALY, Ursula GAINES, Suzanne CHANEY, and Susan TYLER for bringing refreshments and to Ashton MOUTON, Jr. and Sherry HEALY for serving as greeters at the February meeting.

Greeters scheduled for the March meeting are Carroll PATTERSON and Robin RABEN. Bringing refreshments for us will be Arlene ZIRKEL, Shirley ROBERTS, Chris BOND, and Shirley MEYER.



**All Aboard for the AGS Bus Trip to
the Clayton Genealogy Library in Houston
Wednesday, April 13, 2011**

The bus will depart from the LDS parking lot *promptly* at 6:30 a.m. A light breakfast will be offered once we're on the road. The bus should arrive at Clayton Library between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. We will leave the library at 5:00 p.m. A box supper will be provided on the return trip. The bus will arrive back at the LDS parking lot around 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50 with a \$5 discount for AGS Members (\$45.00) Signup deadline: Monday April 4, 2011

Information on holdings of Clayton Library can be found at <http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/clayton-library> and you can explore its resources in depth at http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton/clayton_holdings.html.

For more information, contact Kay BOYD at 512-836-7484, email mkdb1405@aol.com, or check the AGS website for more information <http://austintxgensoc.org/activities/trips.php#bustrip>

**JOIN US FOR THIS RESEARCH TRIP TO A MAJOR GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY,
SPEND TIME WITH FELLOW RESEARCHERS,
GET RESEARCH ADVICE FROM CLAYTON'S HELPFUL LIBRARIANS!
ALL RESEARCHERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!**

And don't forget our trip to Fort Wayne!

AGS is also sponsoring a research trip to the new Allen County Public Library (ACPL) in October. It's not too early to be thinking about this trip and to begin researching what you want to research! With a slogan of "*Discovering your roots just got easier!*" the expectations are high that you will find information at this facility that you are not likely to find at other places.



The trip is scheduled for October 2nd through 8th. Click [here](#) to access the flier from the AGS website. The website for ACPL also has a great deal of information that will help you plan your trip. Visit them at <http://www.genealogycenter.org/Home.aspx>.

To reserve your spot on this trip, please send your check for \$100 (made out to AGS) to Pat OXLEY, 2012 Red Oak Circle, Round Rock, TX 78681. Send questions to Pat at the above address or email her at pat@theoxleys.com. Please specify single/double room (and roommate). Please include your email and phone number. Final payment due August 15, 2011.

AGS Calendar of Activities

Tuesday, March 22, 2011—AGS regular monthly meeting.

"Finding Children in Research Sources Beyond the Census— 19th and 20th Centuries" presented by Susan Kaufman. See page 1.

Wednesday, April 13, 2011—AGS bus trip to Clayton Genealogy Library in Houston. See page 3.

Tuesday, April 26, 2011—AGS regular monthly meeting.

"Austin's Robertson Hill, Community Evolution" presented by Stephanie JARVIS

Other Educational Opportunities

Saturday, March 12, 2011

**Austin Genealogy Special Interest Group
(AustinGenSIG)**

**Old Quarry Branch of the Austin Public Library
7051 Village Center Dr. (off of Far West Blvd.)
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Free

TOPIC: *"Bringing Your History Alive: Creating Personal & Family History Documentaries"*

The program will be presented by Adam LEVI from Round Rock Storytellers™

There will be **Door Prizes** at the **March 12 meeting**.
You must be present to win!

Contact John MAROSTICA for more information at
John@marostica.org

Hiding Behind Their Skirts:
Finding Women in Records

Thinking Outside the Index:
Advanced Search Techniques

How Did My Pennsylvania Ancestor Get Here?:
Migration Trails Out of the Keystone State

Rubik's Cube Genealogy:
A New Twist on Your Old Data

For additional information, visit their website at
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txwcgs/Seminar.htm or
call 512-863-2685.



Saturday, March 19, 2011

Houston Genealogical Forum Seminar

Bayland Community Center

6400 Bissonnet

10:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

Modern Military Records

Presented by **Craig Scott, CG**

Spanish American War

World War I and II

Indian Wars

Records You Do Not Know


Saturday, March 19, 2011

Williamson County Genealogical Society

Annual Seminar

8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

1004 North Mays, Round Rock, TX

\$55 after March 1st

Guest speaker Elissa Scalise POWELL will speak on the following topics:

HGF Members \$25 Non-Members \$30
Optional PICNIC box lunch order by March 16: \$10
Registration form at www.HGFTX.org
View the brochure at <http://www.hgftx.org/Data2/Document-Library/1012490376.pdf>



Thursday, March 31 thru Saturday, April 2, 2011

**2011 Annual Historic Preservation Conference
The Sheraton Austin at the Capitol,
701 East 11th St., Austin, TX 78701**

Registration is online and can be accessed on our website: <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/annualconference/cof2011.shtml>

The 2011 Annual Historic Preservation Conference is hosted by the Texas Historical Commission in association with Preservation Texas. Sessions, workshops, and panels on important preservation issues are conducted by experts in architecture, archeology, economic develop-

ment, heritage tourism, and marketing. The conference also offers opportunities to explore local community preservation efforts and sites and network with preservationists from across the state.

For those interested in cemetery preservation, the following conference activities are recommended:



Sessions (**Friday**): Emphasizing Cultural Landscapes session in Track 3/Proactive Preservation, and any of the Track 1/Community Outreach sessions.

Workshop (**Saturday**): Conditions Assessment Survey for Historic Cemeteries, hosted by the Oakwood RIP Guardians. Hear about the decision-making process to tackle their project and learn in the field alongside Oakwood volunteers.

For more information about the conference, contact the THC's Marketing Communications Division at 512/463-6255 or email the [registration coordinator](#).

Odds & Ends

Thanks to Charles CLINGER for letting us know about:

Meuseback-Comanche Treaty- A Lasting Peace

Beginning on 5 March and running through 5 June 2011, a special exhibit at the Capitol Visitors Center in Austin will be opened to view the original treaty, artwork, German and Comanche artifacts, and music of both cultures. It is free.

This treaty is the only treaty made with the Indians that was never broken by either party. This treaty provided peaceful German settlement in the Hill Country of Texas.

The Center is located on the southeast corner of the Capitol Grounds at 112 East 11th St. and housed in the General Land Office Building. This building is the oldest state building in Texas (built 1856-1857).



Did you know that AGS has yet another "publication" avenue for Mailing List AGS members to keep in touch and share information? Have you ever noticed the above box on the homepage of the AGS website? Subscribing to this mailing list brings you information such as the items below.

Arlene ZIRKEL posted this:

1911 Scottish Census to Be Released in April

While the 1911 census returns for England and Wales were made public in 1909, Scottish legislation exempts personal Census records from disclosure until after a 100 year closure period. Those 100 years are finally almost over, and the Registrar General for Scotland officially announced this week that the 1911 Scottish census records will be released on April 5, 2011.

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Getting to Know You!

For the next few months, this column will help you get to know the members of the Board of Directors.



**JANE
SCHWENDINGER**
2nd Vice President
Education / Program
Chair

Jane's interest in genealogy began using shelf paper to draw trees of her mother's and father's families and of her husband Jim's grandmother's family. Those shelf paper trees moved with Jane and Jim from the Midwest to Houston, then to California, and finally happily back to Texas in 2006.

After raising two sons who have given Jane and Jim five beautiful grandchildren, Jane has outgrown the shelf paper trees and has discovered so many new family members.

Jane uses the internet not only as a research tool, but also to connect with distant family members. By contacting a person doing a similar tree, but in a different state, Jane was able to break through a brick wall hiding the origin of Jim's family in Austria. From that discovery, many unknowns have been answered. Her philosophy is to reach out in every opportunity,

While the trees sat rolled up in boxes, Jane earned degrees in social work and gerontology and pursued a career in assisted living administration after working in foster care. Working among the older generation enhanced the desire to explore her ancestors. Luckily, Jane has connected with some older family members who are able to fill in gaps. When Jane is not busy with her family and family trees, you will probably find her on the tennis court, watching many pro and college sporting events, or traveling around the world.

Jane joined AGS soon after arriving in Austin. She was delighted when asked to join the board and hopes to spark and facilitate others' pursuit of genealogy.

An interest in genealogy for AGS Board member Mary TODD was spurred by her mother who told wonderful family stories to Mary and her brothers. However, she didn't start doing research until about five years ago.

Mary has traveled to North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, New York, Texas, and Scotland in her pursuit of evidence

to support her parents' stories, meeting new cousins along the way. She hired a genealogist in Germany to find information about her Prussian ancestors.

As the Board Historian, Mary keeps the Society's scrapbook, which includes copies of the monthly newsletters, obituaries, local news articles about the Society, and photos of meetings. She is also a co-chair for the cemetery committee and advises volunteers who wish to survey cemeteries. Mary says, "As a board member, we all take on other duties as assigned."



MARY TODD
Board Historian
Co-Chair—Cemetery
Committee

AGS WEBSITE NEWS

Webmaster Dona KURTZ reports that the login and password for the Members' Only section of the [AGS website](#) have been changed. The new information is:

logon: ags2011

password: aU5t!n

Bits & Pieces (Continued from page 5)

The 1911 national Scottish census includes details collected from more than 4.7 million Scots, including the name, address, age, occupation, birth place, and marital status of everyone enumerated in the 1911 census. The release also marks the first time that census data will be presented in full color, rather than black and white.

The 1911 census will be released on ScotlandsPeople, the official government source for Scottish genealogy, census, and family research. It will cost 1 credit to view an index entry for the 1911 census. An image will cost 5 credits and will span two pages.



Kay BOYD posted this information:

Here is information on the new, easy-to-read site for Sanborn maps if you do Texas research.

http://www.utexas.edu/news/2011/02/08/sanborn_maps/
and <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/sanborn/texas.html>



Are you familiar with Sanborn Maps? Are you aware they have been digitized? The following information is taken from the “Library of Texas” regarding Digital Sanborn maps from 1867-1970.

These maps include indexes. More than 660,000 Sanborn maps chart the growth and development of more than 12,000 American towns and cities. Digital Sanborn Maps were created from ProQuest Information and Learning's microfilm collection of 660,000 Sanborn Maps, which were filmed from the Library of Congress' collection.

The Library's Sanborn collection includes all maps submitted to the Library through copyright deposit and a set of maps transferred to the Library from the Bureau of the Census. Maps from the Bureau of the Census include corrections issued by the Sanborn Company that were pasted over the original map sheet. Maps acquired through copyright deposit remain in their original form.

The coverages are listed, state by state, in Fire Insurance Maps in the Library of Congress, Washington, 1981. (Maps Z 6026 I7 U58 1981) and include textual information on construction details (for example, steel beams or reinforced walls), building use (ranging from symbols for generic terms such as stable, garage, and warehouse to names of owners of factories and details on what was manufactured in them; in the case of large factories or commercial buildings, even individual rooms and the uses to which they were put are recorded on the maps), and other building features (such as pipelines, railroads, wells, dumps, and heavy machinery).

Editor's Corner

Do you have news you think other genealogists would benefit from knowing? Member contributions are not only welcome, but encouraged! Please feel free to email your news to me at newsletter@austintgensoc.com.

If you have never been on a research trip with a group from AGS, now is the time to take advantage! The bus ride to and from Clayton Library goes surprisingly fast. It's a great time to get to know each other better and compare notes and research tips. But be aware ... it seems the time actually *at* the library goes even faster! Take advantage of their online catalog and other info by using Kay's helpful website locations (see page 3). October's trip to Fort Wayne also will be a great time of fellowship and researching. We hope you can join us on one or both trips!

Until next month, Happy Trackin',

Janis

2011 Board of Directors

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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.*

Monthly Meetings on 4th Tuesdays
(except December)
Social time at 6:30; Program at 7:00
Highland Park Baptist Church
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Visitors Are Always Welcome!

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