



Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter

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**Society Meeting
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas
Tuesday, May 22, 2007**

**6:30 P. M. - Doors Open
7:15 P. M. - Meeting & Program Begin**

**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**

“The Dawes Rolls & Beyond: Researching the Five Tribes”

Please join the Austin Genealogical Society for our Tuesday, May 22nd meeting, when our speaker will be Marjorie Lowe. Marjorie is a researcher of the five tribes removed from the southeastern U. S. to Oklahoma.

Marjorie Lowe is a registered member of the Cherokee Nation, born and raised on her father's Cherokee allotment in Dewey, Oklahoma. She has over twenty years of experience researching the five tribes' rolls, census, claims/payments and military records. She is an Alumnus of the Brigham Young University intermediate genealogy seminar and the National Institute of Genealogical Research, National Archives. Marjorie has both Bachelor and Master of Education degrees.

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Stop at the Help Desk if you need advice on your genealogical research. The Help Desk will be open at the back, Tuesday evening from 6:30 until 7:00 p.m. before the meeting.

Knowledgeable AGS members have volunteered their time to help you get some new ideas for your research direction. Please come prepared with a concise question, including the time and place in which you are seeking information.

Tommy Ingram,
Program Chairman

AGS INDOOR PICNIC JUNE 26th

Don't forget to make your reservations for our annual picnic. Bring your memorabilia, family pictures, books, etc. to share with the group and reserve a table or 1/2 table to display them. Bring your whole family and share the genealogy experience!

Food this year will be catered by Pok-E-Jo's Menu: Brisket & Turkey, Beans, Potato Salad, Broccoli Salad. AGS will provide the desserts and drinks.

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

**DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 26th
(regular meeting date & place)**

**TIME: 6:00 p.m. to set up tables
6:45 - Dinner**

**PROGRAM: Members sharing their exhibits &
Door Prizes Given**

**TICKETS: \$8.00 PER PERSON (GUESTS INVITED)
(Tickets will be sold at the meeting May 22nd)**

**FOR RESERVATIONS FOR TICKETS OR TABLES
PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL BY JUNE 22nd**

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DNA IN SCIENCE AND GENEALOGY

Do you need to learn more about DNA?

On Saturday, June 16th, the education committee will present facts on DNA including the scientific explanation and usage in genealogy. AGS instructors Sharon Foley and Randy Whited will attempt to clarify some of the questions regarding DNA research.

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 mkdb1405@aol.com.

"Timelining Your Ancestor" by George G. Morgan, Copyright 2000, My Family.com

Placing your ancestor into historical context is one of the most important means of understanding him or her better. Like you, your ancestors and their families did not live in a void, they were attentive to the news and events of their times. Information they received influenced their opinions and attitudes and helped them make important decisions. Hearing an announcement about a new tax was liable to cause them to become angry and to worry about how they would make financial ends meet. News of political or religious unrest or about the approach of a foreign army might cause tremendous stress and fear. Economic downturns, drought, famine, and disease all meant potential disaster for the people. Such news could also cause your ancestors to make the crucial decision to migrate elsewhere or immigrate to another country.

Genealogy involves the active study of history and geography, among other subjects. Some of us proactively seek written histories to read and gain insights into historical periods in specific places. We may seek to locate old maps, atlases, and gazetteers so that we can see and study the geopolitical boundaries of the places our ancestors lived so that we can better understand the governments and political forces that influenced their lives.

I enjoy reviewing historical timelines for the places my ancestors lived. You can find a vast number of these on the internet, some more detailed than others. Locating these timelines is simple. Use your favorite search engine to find timelines at any geographical location. I prefer to use Google for timeline searches and you'll understand why shortly. Let me give you two examples to try.

Let's say that you want to learn more about the historical events of Scotland. Enter the following into Google: timeline Scotland.

Your search results will be very extensive but you can explore some of the sites to see if one or two give you the detail you want. I located one call "Scotland's Past-Scottish History Timeline" at <http://www.scotlandspast.org/history.cfm>, that lists events from 8000 B. C. to 1999, many of which have links to detailed descriptive pages at the site.

For the period of 1274 to 1329, for example, Robert the Bruce is listed. The link for his name takes you to an extensive article and bibliographic review for other reading.

Let's now consider a multiple-word place name, such as North Carolina, you should enclose the two words in quotation marks in order to tell Google (or any other Web search engine) to treat this as an exact phrase. In other words, you tell the engine to search for instances in which both words are always together and in that order: an exact phrase. Therefore, enter the following in Google: timeline "north carolina".

The search results for this query include a number of different types of timelines. One is supplied by the North Carolina Secretary of State's web site. Another, by SHG, Ltd. ,<http://www.shgresources.com/nc/timeline/>, is a detailed, general timeline.

For African American researchers, another site from the AfriGeneas Slave Research Forum is included, and the North Carolina Museum of History presents a historical timeline for the North Carolina American Indian populations.

One reason I use Google for timeline searches is that it offers the ability to specify a numeric range that can narrow your search to only Web pages that include these numbers. For instance, if I want to look for a timeline for France (or anything else, for that matter) on Web pages that include the years 1800 through 1899, I'll use the same format I used for the search queries above, but I will also add something else: I'll add the beginning number (year) and the ending number (year), separated by two periods (and no spaces). I will enter it into Google like this: timeline france 1800..1899.

The search results will include only those Web pages that include at least one number between 1800 and 1899. While the majority of timelines are every-year inclusive, some have been divided into separate Web pages for a specific century or two. This may save you having to look through as many search results.

Try these timeline search examples for yourself and then try searches for other areas and time specific to your ancestors. Start learning about the historical events that may have influenced them, and the pursue other reading that can expand your detailed knowledge of those times.

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Preservation Tip of the Month by Becky Schipper

The tip of the month is a little different than usual. It is a "virtual Exhibition of the Ravages of Dust, Water, Molds, Fungi, Bookworms, and others Pests." It is from the European Commission on Preservation and Access. <www.Knaw.nl/ecpa/expo.htm>. It details what material can look like and the damage that can be done when they are not properly cared for.

Source: Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library, No. 38, April 30, 2007.

**AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES
THE
CLAYTON LIBRARY BUS TRIP**

REGISTER NOW TO JOIN US FOR THIS RESEARCH TRIP TO A MAJOR
GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY, SOCIAL TIME WITH FELLOW RESEARCHERS,
RESEARCH ADVICE FROM CLAYTON LIBRARIANS

RIDE THE BUS WITH US AND FORGET TRAFFIC AND GAS PRICES

Prepare for Salt Lake City. Do some of your research in Houston and allow yourself more time in Salt Lake City to research what is only available there.

Destination: Houston Public Library - Clayton Genealogy Collection
Date: Monday, 4 June 2007
Depart Austin: 7 a.m. (Load at 6:30 a.m.)
From: LDS Church parking lot - 1000 Rutherford Lane, Austin
Arrive Houston: Approximately 10 a.m.
Depart Houston: 5 p.m. (when library closes)
Arrive Austin: Approximately 8 p.m.

Cost \$45 - includes bus transportation, light breakfast, box supper,
AGS member receive a \$5.00 discount (\$40.00)

SEATING IS LIMITED TO FIRST 54 PAID REGISTRATIONS

Signup deadline Tuesday, 20 May 2007

**For more information contact Kay Boyd at (512) 836-7484 or e-mail
HYPERLINK "mailto:mkdb1405@aol.com" mkdb@aol.com. The registration
form can be found at HYPERLINK "http://www.AustinTxGenSoc.org"
www.AustinTxGenSoc.org**

The Clayton Library has family histories, Texas, U.S. and Foreign country materials.

For a detailed listing of Clayton Library's holding check this web site
**HYPERLINK "http://www.houstonlibrary.org/clayton/clayton_holdings.html"
www.houstonlibrary.org/clayton/clayton_holdings.html**

Some of the interesting holdings:

Texas Birth Certificates 1903-09, some 1910 certificates on microfilm
Texas Death Certificates 1903-1976 on microfilm
Alabama Land Tract Books microfiche
Immigration and passenger records
Military records
Houston death/funeral records
WW I selective records

AGS Research Trip to Salt Lake City! Sunday, October 7 - October 13, 2007

We still have a few openings for our research trip to Salt Lake City
Here are the details:

Group Airplane Tickets (you can also make your own arrangements)

\$305 round trip including tax on Frontier Airlines

We will leave Austin at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 7th, and leave Salt Lake City at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, October 13th, arriving home at 11:30 p.m.

Hotel Package: \$325 double/occupancy for AGS members (\$25 additional for non-members.) This includes:

6 nights at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel (formerly the Best Western) next door to the library

Transportation to and from the SLC airport

A group dinner with Speaker on Sunday night

A group trip to Relative Genetics DNA lab (Monday night when library closes at 5 p.m.)

A Hospitality Room for our group stocked with snacks and beverages

An orientation at the library on Monday morning

If you would like to sign up, please send a \$50 deposit (made out to AGS) to:

Pat Oxley
2012 Red Oak Circle
Round Rock, TX 78681

For more information, you can call Pat at (512) 733-5993 or e-mail
HYPERLINK "mailto:pat@theoxleys.com" pat@theoxleys.com

AGS Profit & Loss March 31, 2007

Ordinary Income/Expense	
INCOME	
Bus Trips	405.00
Classes (Incl. LTL)	- 75.00
Contributions Rec'd	10.00
Envelope Contributions	65.00
Membership Dues Rec'd	390.00
Misc. Income	12.90
Sales - Earned Revenues	<u>1,098.00</u>
Total Income	\$1,905.90
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>21.00</u>
Total COGS	<u>21.00</u>
Gross Profit	\$1,884.90
EXPENSE	
Education	86.02
Operating Expenses	
PayPal discounts	2.49
Printing & Copying	1,032.03
Rent-Meeting Room	150.00
Supplies & Materials	<u>57.23</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,327.77</u>
Net Ordinary Income	\$557.13
Net Income	<u>\$557.13</u>

AGS Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2007

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
PayPal	83.39
Wells Fargo	
AGS Operating Acct....6054	4,816.85
CD	5,000.00
Savings Acct...5879	<u>7,067.39</u>
Total Wells Fargo	<u>16,967.63</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>16,967.63</u>
Other Current Assets	
Bulk Mail	371.01
Inventory Asset (shirts for sale)	232.00
Prepaid Rent	300.00
Undeposited Funds	1,042.80
Total Other Current Assets	<u>\$18,913.44</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$18,913.44</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Research Trip Traveler Deposits	
07 SLC Trip	-705.00
Total Research Trip " "	-705.00
Sales Tax Payable	2.66
Total Other Current Liabilities	-702.34
Total Liabilities	<u>-702.34</u>

Equity	
Retained Earnings	17,313.67
Net Income	<u>2,302.11</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$19,615.78</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$18,913.44</u>

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AGS Seminar

Many thanks to everyone who attended and/ or helped with the AGS Seminar on Saturday, May 5th.

We had a wonderful day with Paula Stuart-Warren and Josh Taylor who gave lively presentations. The twelve exhibitors really added to the festivities and we appreciate their participation.

I would first like to thank Beverly Locklin who took care of the publicity for the seminar, including the mailing of the flyers. Beverly was inadvertently omitted from the seminar syllabus.

Also, thanks to Kay Boyd, Sharon Tieman; Edna Youngblood; Janis Trayler; John & Jean Marostica; Connie Perdue; James Hollas; Teri Flack and Cindy Foreman. Also, many thanks to Barbara Innis, Arlene Zirkle, Tommy Ingram and Richard Foster.

Pat Oxley,
President

AGS recently received this note:

"Enclosed is a contribution for your organization to acknowledge the kind assistance of one of your members, Ronnie Pitman. Ronnie recently located an obituary for me that was helpful in my family history research. This is a small token of appreciation, but the help of lookup volunteers such as Ronnie Pitman is invaluable!"

Thank you, Ronnie and all volunteers that help make genealogy such a wonderful community of people.

Welcome New Members	
Carolyn Hunter	Jean Shroyer
Arlene E. Zirkel	

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It's 2007...

**Do you know where your
Gr-Gr-Grandparents are?**

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.

FAMILY HISTORY: 929.2

The Genealogy Study of the Smith and Leftwich Fmly.

CANADA: 971

Canadian County Connections

ALABAMA: 976.1

Pea River Trails

TEXAS: 976.4

Civil War Conference 2005: Montgomery, Walker & Grimes Counties, Texas

TENNESSEE: 976.8

Bulletin (Watauga Association of Genealogists-Upper East Tennessee)

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. New books are usually displayed on the shelves just inside the entrance to the Genealogy Collection.

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"Keep Searching"

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