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Monthly AGS Meeting Tuesday, May 27, 2008

**Program: Using Maps to Explore Your Ancestors' Lives
Presented by: Teri Flack**

**Highland Park Baptist Church
5208 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas**

**6:30 P.M. – Doors Open
7:00 P.M. – Meeting & Program Begin**

**Meet & Greet Old Friends & New
Stop by the Help Desk to assist you with research questions.
Shop our used books.
Pick up freebies & flyers about upcoming events.**



A 6th 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, 2007 after working for the state of Texas for 26 years – most recently as Senior 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. She holds a B. S. in Education with History major, an MBA, and a graduate Paralegal Certificate from Texas State University.

Teri has a life-long love of maps and is always discovering new uses for maps in her genealogical research. Maps can illuminate our ancestors' lives by providing clues to the land on which they lived,

the likely routes they traveled, their neighbors and neighborhoods, and the geographic obstacles they faced. Using maps in genealogical research can help us fix an ancestor in a specific "place" enabling us to narrow our search and eliminate alternatives. Maps can show us whether we're looking in the right place; they can reveal the identity and location of things we care about, such as churches and cemeteries; and they can reflect the reality of the place at a given time, for example: showing existing place names. Teri's presentation will explore how maps can lead your research in a new direction.

The President's Corner

Thanks to each of you who attended the AGS annual seminar in April. Sue Kaufman presented four classes with interest to all who attended. A special Thank-You goes to Pat Oxley and each of the Hospitality Committee who helped things run smoothly. Teri Flack and Janis Trayler made sure each person got their name badge and registered those walk-ins who joined us on Saturday morning. There were many people who helped out and I'm not naming them all, but each of you deserves a round of applause for your efforts.

Cindy Foreman and her Seminar committee are hard at work planning next year's seminar. Watch for a short questionnaire to those of you who did not attend.

Saturday, May 17th is the next date for our Brickwall Saturday event. See the note elsewhere in the newsletter for more details.

Thanks to Kay Boyd for putting together our May 12th Bus Trip to Dallas. I understand we had a full bus of researchers going for the day to the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Department.

As noted above, our May 27th program is "Using Maps to Explore Your Ancestors' Lives," presented by AGS member Teri Flack. I don't recall an AGS program on this topic and I'm looking forward to her presentation.

Mark your calendars (June 17th) for the AGS Indoor Picnic. This year's theme is Italian and Barbara Innis is putting together a fun evening. Please plan to attend and prepare a display about one of your families. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our friends in the society.

I'm looking forward to seeing you.
Tommy Ingram

Meet Your Neighbor

In order to learn a bit more about each person who attends the AGS meetings and to find some cousins, we are asking you to "Meet Your Neighbor."

If your own surname ends with the letters **G, H** or **I**, please plan to announce your name as well as four to six surnames that do not appear on our website, along with the earliest American location of each. (For example, Wampler, in Boston, Massachusetts, 1742,

etc.) We will continue this project through the coming months until we've completed the alphabet.

If you hear a surname and/or location of interest, make sure you contact the person that night at the meeting, or right away by email afterwards. You never know what connections can be made. We began this project in January and already several people have realized they share ancestors with common surnames.

Coming Programs

The Education Committee has printed bookmarks listing the programs for the entire year. Be sure to pick one up at the hospitality table at the monthly meetings. Meanwhile, here is the list for the next few months:

Tues. May 27

“Using Maps to Explore Your Ancestors’ Lives”
presented by Teri Flack

Tuesday, June 17

Annual AGS Indoor Picnic - See additional
information below and attached

Saturday, July 12

Piles, Files and Folders – Getting Organized
presented by a panel from the AGS Education
Committee.

Membership

(submitted by Barbara Innis)

Welcome to New Members.

Since our March meeting there have been five new members: Ethel Howerton, Vickie A. Hosek, Pat Malinowski. Two new members, Angela Eisert and Stephanie Woodruff joined at the Annual Seminar on April 26th. We are so glad to have you join us!



**Ya'll Come to the AGS INDOOR PICNIC ...
with an Italian flair!**

It's time to buy your tickets for our annual picnic and reserve your table (or half-table) for “Show and Tell”. Bring your family and share the event! Mark your calendars for June 17th. That’s a week earlier than our regular meeting. **See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for all the details.**

The reservation deadline for tickets and tables is June 9th. Please call or email:
Barbara Innis, bagns@sbcglobal.net, 340-9932 or Kay Boyd, mkdb1405@aol.com, 836-7484

Congratulations!

New AGS member Neal Newberry was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of Stephen F. Austin High School at Dedication Day ceremonies April 25. Neal was a 1966 graduate of AHS and was honored as Business Man of the year. The Newberry family has owned businesses in the Tarrytown area for over 50 years. Congratulations Neal.

Cemetery Workday

(submitted by Kay Boyd)

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the volunteers who participated in the last 2 cemetery workdays, These AGS members are Charles Clinger, Inez Eppright, Sheila Sargent, Mary Todd, Maurine Atwood, Sara Gredler, Carolyn Gresham, Dona Kurtz, and Frances Marsh. These people are recording the information from the headstones of the Oakwood Annex to the database that has been prepared by Robert Sage. You are welcome to join the group the first Saturday of every month. Contact Kay Boyd at 836-7484 or mkdb1405@aol.com for more details.

AGS = Another Great Seminar

(submitted by Pat Oxley)

I would like to thank the many AGS volunteers for their help putting together another terrific annual seminar. Nearly 100 members and guests enjoyed Sue Kaufman's talks on Convicts to the Colonies, Newspaper Research and the Allen County Library, with a special emphasis on the PERSI collection. Over 50 door prizes were given including a World Deluxe Subscription to Ancestry, a year's subscription to the New England Historic Genealogical Society, three nights at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel and many more. The lunch was so good that people were asking for the name of the catering company.

If you missed this year's event, please watch for details about upcoming seminars.

Educational Opportunities

One of the most popular activities offered by AGS is **Brick Wall Saturday**. Our next "brick buster" session is scheduled for **Saturday afternoon, May 17th from 1 to 4 p.m.**, at the **North Village Branch of the Austin Public Library**. The North Village Branch is located at the southeast corner of **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 (including place and time), be able to summarize the work you've done,

and the group will suggest some possible new directions for your research.

You are welcome to listen and participate in everyone's discussions. There is no charge for this service and we even provide refreshments!



I've verified with Katherine... and she is still holding genealogy workshops at the **Lake Travis Community Library** at 9:00 a.m. on **Fridays**. The library will be open only for the genealogy workshops at this time.



Emily Croom to speak in Round Rock
(Submitted by Elizabeth Johnston)

Well-known speaker Emily Croom will be the guest speaker in June at the Williamson County Genealogical Society meeting at the **Round Rock Public Library, 216 East Main Street**. Her topic is "**Hidden in Plain Sight:**

Details We Sometimes Miss." Ms. Croom has authored a number of helpful genealogy books and will have copies of some of those with her for sale at the meeting. **June 12, 2008, 7:30 – 9:00 P.M.** For more info, contact Elizabeth Johnston at 251-0093 or elizabethlj@sbcglobal.net.

2008 Research Trip
ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Ft. Wayne Research Trip
(Submitted by Pat Oxley)

NEW INFORMATION: *June 17th will be the last day to sign up and put down your \$100 deposit for the research trip to Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Because of contractual agreements with the airline and the hotel, we must release any unreserved seats or room shortly after this date.*

The trip is scheduled for **Sunday, October 5 - Saturday, October 13th.**
The hotel package is \$350 (double occupancy)* and includes the following:

6 nights at the Fort Wayne Inn
6 breakfasts
A dinner banquet with Curt Witcher, Director of the library, as our speaker
Transportation and tips to/from the airport and hotel in Ft. Wayne
Snacks and drinks for our hospitality suite
* Single occupancy is \$605 for the hotel package

Airfare is \$372 plus \$15 ticketing plus taxes

Fort Wayne is a second tier city, so there is not much in the way of competitive airfares. We will fly on American Airlines, leaving Austin around 10 a.m. and arriving in Fort Wayne (via Chicago) mid-afternoon. We will depart Fort Wayne at 4 p.m. Saturday and arrive home (via Chicago) at 8:30 pm.

To reserve your spot, please send a \$100 check (payable to "AGS") to Pat Oxley, 2012 Red Oak Circle, Round Rock, TX 78681. Please specify single or double occupancy, your roommate, and IF you want a plane ticket. Please also include all your contact information: Name, address, phone number, email, etc. You can email Pat (pat@theoxleys.com) or call (512-733-5993.)

Find out more about the library through their website: <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/index.html>.

**Spring and Summer Quarterly –
Calling for information from AGS members!**

If you attended the AGS Seminar last month, you may remember Sue Kaufman discussing PERSI. She shared the fact that a very good way to get information to other people searching for your people is to put that information in genealogical quarterlies. Quarterlies that are sent to the Allen County Public Library are indexed and listed through PERSI. Our Quarterly Editor, Alana (Suzy) Mallard, has an open invitation to include pedigrees and family stories in our quarterlies. The summer issue, however, is dedicated to

publishing the family stories, histories, and pedigrees of AGS members. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to share your research by putting a pedigree, family story, or genealogy report in the next AGS Quarterly. Two pages per member are ideal, but we can fit in more pages. Send your pages to AGS Quarterly editor Alana Moehring Mallard at alanasuzy@earthlink.net or mail them to 3310 Hancock Dr., Austin, Texas 78731-5430. For more information, call Alana at 512-453-1117. *Deadline is June 5th.*

Tantalizing Tidbits!

Is there a doctor in your house? The Texas Physicians Historical Biographical Database consists of citations to biographical information related to early Texas physicians from the Texas State Journal of Medicine for 1905-1966. Most of these are one-line death notices, rather than extensive obituaries, and so they were not indexed in standard sources such as Index Medicus. Additional citations from other sources range in date from the 1870's to 1966, and include early Texas medical journals such as the Texas Courier-Record of Medicine, Polk's Directories, Texas newspapers and assorted histories of Texas. See more at <http://www4.utsouthwestern.edu/library/doctors/doctors.cfm>.



Did you know **AGS has a mailing list** through RootsWeb? Sign up to receive notices of AGS events and activities and share information about genealogy research in Austin. To subscribe, go to the AGS website, mailing list and send an e-mail by clicking on TX-AGS-L-request@rootsweb.com then typing "subscribe" in the message area.



For miscellaneous **free tools** for the family historian and **free genealogy stuff** go to <http://www.genealogysearch.org/free/onlinetools.html>. Topics include Date Calculator, Soundex Code from Name, Ahnentafel Explanation and Calculations, Relationship Calculator, Henry Number Explanation, Land Measurement Conversions. Also printable forms : Ancestor Chart, Family Group Sheet, and Federal Census Help Sheet. There are a number of other freebies listed under the headings of Geographical Locations, Date and Calendar Tools, Name Variants, Historical & Economical Context, & Miscellaneous. It's really worth a look!



Kay Boyd has a new copy of **Family Tree Maker, Version 11** software. It is still sealed and in the box. It comes with CDs and a FTM book. A donation of \$15.00 to AGS will be appreciated. Contact Kay for more information at 836-7484. If it isn't sold by the 27th, she will bring it to the next meeting.

Financial Reports for April

Profit & Loss January through April 2008			
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Annual Seminar Receipts	3898	Program Exp (spkr copies)	39
Bus Trips (08 Bus Trip -- Dallas library)	2550	Total Education	1246
Classes (incl LTL)	150	Membership Costs (Socials)	3
Contributions Rec'd	245	Operating Expenses	
Envelope Collections	6	Bank Fees (PayPal & bank fees)	22
08 Membership Dues Rec'd	3400	Miscellaneous Expenses	292
Misc Income	567	Permits & Licenses	175
Sales - Earned Revenues	380	Postage and Delivery	304
Total Income	11195	Printing and Copying	958
Cost of Goods Sold	178	Rent - Meeting Rooms	250
Gross Profit	11017	Society Memberships	25
Expense		Supplies and Materials	42
Cemetery project	4	Total Operating Expenses	2068
Charitable Donations	500	Research Trip Expenses	
Education		2008 Ft. Wayne trip expenses	1062
Annual Seminar	1136	2008 Bus Trip Expenses	1523
Classes	70	Total Research Trip Expenses	2585
Program Exp (other)	1	Total Expense	6406
		Net Ordinary Income	4611
		Other Income - Interest Earned	52
		Net Income	4663

Balance Sheet	
As of April 30, 2008	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
PECU	
AGS PECU CD	10,000
AGS PECU Savings Acct	<u>25</u>
Total PECU	10,025
Wells Fargo	
AGS Operating Acct ...	
6054	9,626
Savings Acct...5879	<u>3,278</u>
Total Wells Fargo	12,904
Total Checking/Savings	<u>22,929</u>
Other Current Assets	
Bulk Mail	340

Inventory Asset	(8)
Prepaid Rent	<u>350</u>
Total Other Current Assets	682
Total Current Assets	<u>23,611</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>23,611</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Research Trip Traveler Deposits	1,450
Sales Tax Payable	<u>8</u>
Total Liabilities	1,458
Equity	
Retained Earnings	17,490
Net Income	<u>4,663</u>
Total Equity	<u>22,153</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>23,611</u>

Notes from the Newsletter Editor:

My, my, weren't we chatty this month?! AGS has so many activities and opportunities and we want to be sure we relay as much information as possible to all members, both near and far. This month's program should provide some very helpful information, so we hope you will try extra hard to attend.

A bit of humble pie for me!

A correction is needed to the last two editions of the AGS Newsletter and apology to AGS member Jean Shroyer. Jean has been a RAOGK (**Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness**) volunteer for over 10 years! Now why does that not surprise me! Thanks to both Jean and Earle for their volunteerism. The question now is: are there other AGS members who are volunteers that we don't know about? If so, please let me know. I just love humble pie! ☺

As always, thank you for taking the time to read the AGS Newsletter. I hope you found some useful information here and that you will let us know if you have any ideas on how it can be improved. As I said in the last edition, if you are having trouble viewing this online, please let us know so we can address your issues.

Until next time... Happy Trackin',

Janis Trayler, Editor
 newsletter@austintxgensoc.org

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The members of the Board of Directors for the Austin Genealogical Society for 2008 are:

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Cindy Foreman	Barbara Innis
Alana Mallard	Elizabeth Johnston
Connie Perdue	Robert Sage
Janis Trayler	Randy Whited

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We are here to serve the members of the Society.

If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please share those with us.

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News about coming AGS events:

May 17- "Brick Wall" Saturday

May 27 – Monthly Meeting

June 7 – Cemetery Workday

June 17 – Annual Picnic

Also included is information for other events in the surrounding area including Williamson County and Lake Travis

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