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**Society Meeting  
Highland Park Baptist Church  
5208 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas  
Tuesday, November 27, 2007**

**6:30 P.M. - Doors Open  
7:00 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**

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**Mark your calendars for the Annual Austin Genealogical Society Seminar to be held Saturday, April 26, 2008 at the Norris Conference Center. More details to follow soon.**

## **"Tall Tales and True"**

Please join us for our meeting, when our speaker will be Donna Ingham, storyteller and author of three books: "Tales with a Texas Twist", "1001 Greatest Things Ever Said About Texas" and "You Know You're in Texas When". Donna's program is pure entertainment, if you've been looking for a holiday event where you can bring the family, this is the one.

Stories move us to laughter or tears or simply leaves us in a state of quiet reflection, Donna's adaptations of classic tall tales and her original stories have won national awards. Donna is a popular luncheon and after-dinner speaker as well as a featured performer at storytelling and folk life festivals.

At the Texas Storytelling Festival in March Donna Ingham was named the 2007 John Henry Faulk Award winner "for outstanding contributions to the art of storytelling." The highest recognition given for storytelling in the Southwest, the Faulk Award is named for master storyteller and radio personality John Henry Faulk. Donna is a past board member of the Tejas Storytelling Association and edited the state storytelling newsletter for three years. She currently serves on the program committee for the Texas Storytelling Festival.

## **AGS SPECIAL INVITATION**

Our regular meeting on November 27th will begin at 7:00 p.m., as we will be honoring a very special volunteer, Wilena Young. She has been the editor of our newsletter for 30 years! Wilena is retiring from that position this year and will be greatly missed.

We will have a special refreshment table and a short presentation at the beginning of our meeting. We hope you will arrive early and help us celebrate her wonderful work for the past 30 years. On the table will be a basket in which we hope you will place cards or notes with special memories that you would like to share with Wilena.

You may also e-mail or send cards, etc. to me and I will put them in the basket.

Thanks,

**Edna Youngblood, Membership Chairman  
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## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the newly elected AGS Board members. These folks will serve on the Board for the years 2008 and 2009.

Tommy Ingram (incumbent)	Randy Whited
Barbara Innis	Robert Sage
Teri Flack	Elizabeth Johnston

Tommy, Barbara, Teri, Randy, Robert and Elizabeth take office on January 1, 2008.

## **From the Board Meeting**

The AGS Board met at 6 p.m. prior to our monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 2007. Ten Board members were present, with Connie Perdue and Alana Mallard having excused absences.

The procedure for the yearly elections was discussed as that voting would take place at the meeting that night. The slate was elected as nominated: Tommy Ingram, Robert Sage, Randy Whited, Teri Flack, Barbara Innis and Elizabeth Johnston. There were no nominations from the floor at the general meeting.

The AGS shirts have been so popular that we have added navy sweatshirts and navy fleece jackets with the AGS logo to our available garments for sale. We ended up receiving orders at the meeting and via e-mail for 28 garments.

We have thus far collected \$225 for the "Save Texas History" fund through the General Land Office. The Board decided to collect funds for one more night. The results of that collection brought our total to \$300. The bag will not be passed in November. At the January, February and March meeting we will pass the bag for donations toward door prizes for our April 25th seminar to be held at Norris Conference Center.

The 2008 renewal forms will hopefully go in the mail by mid-November. The 2008 programming and class schedule has been firmed up by that committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Oxley, AGS President

## **Our AGS Research Trip to Salt Lake City**

Thirty nine AGS members traveled to Salt Lake City for a delightful week of research, fun and fellowship. We had 5 out-of-towners join us: Judy Harvey (now a regular on these trips) met us in SLC from her summer home in Colorado; (but they also own a condo in SLC and we're all very jealous!); and Larry & Anne Gilbert joined us from Seattle! We hope all these fine folks will also join us and you when we travel to Ft. Wayne, Indiana next October 5th - 11th to research at the Allen County Library. Details about this trip will be available beginning sometime in January.

Kay Boyd found the emigration record showing that her great-grandmother left Sweden on Nov. 4, 1870 for England and then was able to find her ship records for arriving in Castlegarden on Nov. 22, 1870. Although someone had already sent her copies, she found the book that included a bio and pictures of her

parents. She also found the date that her great grandfather left Sweden for Germany but didn't have time to follow that trail.

Also Kay found 2 occupation books on Silversmiths in Sweden that listed her ggg grandfather on the other side of the family. This information included a brief bio, his place of employment and his markings used as a silversmith. One of them also stated his work was given to the Jonkoping museum.

Even though the estate case files Kay found for Alabama were not for her direct line but siblings, they were extremely interesting because they included every scrap of paper for the family, checks, doctor bills, school supplies.

Judy Harvey said she broke through a brick wall! She also figured out our Oxley connection.

From Janis Traylor: "In Genealogical Quarterly for Red River County, Texas, I found an article about the rules used by wagon trains."

In a book of abstracts from the Northern Standard (newspaper) for northeast Texas, I found my Great, Great Grandmother's name: "Miss Charlotte Myers," listed as having a letter left in the Clarksville (Red River County, Texas) post office. She is a very much a brick wall for me as I know very, very little about her family. I was beginning to wonder if the name on her marriage record was not her maiden name but her "widowed" name. The notice was in the July 3, 1847, edition of the Northern Standard. She married my GGrandfather in September of 1847. I believe this small piece of information tells me 1) Myers IS her maiden name: and 2) she was residing in or near Clarksville and she received mail in Clarksville prior to her marriage."

I found the will of my 5th Great Grandfather Aaron Sharp with an extensive inventory and division of property to his heirs.

Lynn LeCropane found some write-ups about her ancestors in biographical books.

Carroll Patterson sent this note:

"Dear Pat & Lynn,

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. Once again you two put together a wonderful trip.

I enjoyed having three, count' em, three workshops before we ever truly got started on our research. I found the two done by George on Sunday and the DNA on Monday night to be interesting and entertaining. The timing of the Wednesday night "Round Table" was especially helpful. Being able to gather mid-week to hear how others were doing with their research was quite the boost I needed. It gave me encouragement AND new ideas. So I was able to finish my week feeling good about the small pieces of the "family quilt" I had found.

And nothing could end the trip quite as well as the three gals on row 21 during the flight home!!! Here's to you Carol, Cindy & Mary Lou. Thanks for keeping us laughing.

## Salt Lake City Trip

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I have already started making plans for Ft. Wayne. I hope to see all of you there."

Carroll

If you would like to join in the fun, please contact Pat Oxley (733-5993) or [pat@theoxleys.com](mailto:pat@theoxleys.com) for information about next year's trip!

## Shirts, Jackets & Sweatshirts!

Our AGS shirts have been so popular that we decided to offer the AGS logo embroidered on navy blue sweatshirts and jackets also. We will take orders once again at our November meeting. For those of you who have already ordered, you can pick up your garments at the November meeting. If you are unable to attend the November 27th meeting, please feel free to e-mail [pat@theoxleys.com](mailto:pat@theoxleys.com) to order your garments, or call Pat Oxley at (512) 733-5993.

## Order Now for Christmas Delivery

Time is running out to order Pioneer certificates for Christmas Delivery. If you have a family member who is hard to buy for, honor him or her with a Travis County Pioneer Certificate. Anyone can qualify for these certificates if their ancestor was in Travis County by 1880. For more information see <http://www.austintxgensoc.org/PioneerCertificate.php> or call Kay at 836-7484.

## Williams, Hampton, Ayres, Washburn & Rountree

Recently AGS received The Saga of Southern Illinois. It was mailed to us because it contains a 23 page family history of Jonas Williams and Elizabeth Thompson of Barren County, KY and Washington County, IL. Some of the family relocated to Williamson and Travis counties. These names include Malinda Williams and William Hampton, Polly Williams and Michael Washburn, as well as Polly and Wiley Ayres and Lawrence Rountree. If you know anyone connected to this family, I will be happy to share this information with them.

Kay Boyd, Librarian

## Preservation Tip of the Month by Becky Schipper

The Library of Congress has a great web page offering simple instructions and links to more in-depth information regarding preserving family documents. The web page is titled, "Preparing, Protecting and Preserving Family Treasures." It is an enjoyable and informative collection of data and links to explore. The web address is:  
<<http://www.lcweb.loc.gov/preserv/familytreasures/index.html>>

Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library  
# 44, October 30, 2007

## Web Sites

<<http://content.sos.state.ga.us/cdm4/gadeaths.php>>  
Georgia Death Certificates from 1919 -1926 includes actual copies of the certificates as well as a transcription of information. Click on Collection list to learn what other Georgia Collections are available.

<<http://www.nytimes.com/ref/membercenter/nytarchive.html>>

"New York Times" Online for Free, 1851-1922; 1981-1987 Now, you can search the "New York Times" for articles from 1851 to the present and view those from 1851-1922 (in the public domain) and from 1981-1987, for free. (Fee for premium articles)

If you do not subscribe to Genealogy Gleanings, you can sent an e-mail to [rodbush@earthlink.net](mailto:rodbush@earthlink.net), in subject line write Genealogy Gleanings, and in the message write subscribe. He keeps up with all the new web sites. He may just have a web site listed that you need.

Source: Genealogy Gleanings, October 24 & 31 2007

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## Condolences

Norman Allen Wilcoxon, 75, a retired Baptist minister, died on September 12, 2007 in Smithville, Texas. He was ordained a Baptist minister in Tomball, Texas in 1949 and spent 40 years as a country preacher. He is survived by his wife Marion Allen Long Wilcoxon, daughter, Lucinda Sue Wilcoxon, AGS member, son, David Allen Wilcoxon and his wife, Karen LeFevre and a brother and sister and their families.

Ramona Olson Bloomquist, 95, a retired school teacher, died on Friday, November 2, 2007. Mrs. Bloomquist taught school for 38 years, and spent 25 years at Metz Elementary in Austin. She is survived by her daughter Vonda Bloomquist, AGS member, a son, John Bloomquist, wife Anne, grandchildren and her extended family.

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## Welcome New Members

Myrtle Bell (renewal)                      David Bowles

## Visitors Welcomed to our October 23rd Meeting

Becky Broadbent                              Sara Gredler  
Linda Flynn                                      JoAnn Traver  
Gina Veine

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**NEW BOOKS: TSL Genealogy Collection:  
For Availability Call: Genealogy Collection at (512)  
463-5455**

**FAMILY HISTORIES: 929.2**

Bartlett Eaves (ca.1765-ca. 1833: his ancestors and Descendants

Descendants of Moses Williams, Revolutionary War soldier of North Carolina: Includes allied families of Tanner, Goode, Haskill, Ratley, Holcombe, Farmer, Layne and Coonrod

The Descendants of Thomas Thomas and his wife Elizabeth, daughter of James Knott: a history and genealogy, 1617-1995, England, Virginia, Maryland, and Beyond

Our Chandler Family, 1600 - 2000

Mark Sanders Womack: Ancestors & Descendants

Vida y genealogia de los Botello en el Real de San Pedro (Life and Genealogy of the Botello in the Real one of San Pedro)

**GEORGIA: 975.8**

The News from Milan, Rhine and Old Telfair

**NORTH CAROLINA: 975.6**

The Heritage of Stokes County, North Carolina

**TEXAS: 976.4**

Civil War Soldiers of Houston County, Texas

A History of African-American families & slave holders in Cass County, East Texas from Colonial Days and slavery to the 21st century

Real Daughters, Daughters of the Republic of Texas

Van Zandt County Court Minutes

(Vol. 1) - Vols. A & B 1848-1871 (incomplete content) Church Book for Church of Christ at Salem, Edgefield Dist., SC to Sardis Baptist Church at Cherokee Co. TX 1836 - 1941

Erath County, TX Bride & Groom Index

Rural Cemeteries of Franklin County Texas

**KENTUCKY: 976.9**

Trigg County, Kentucky Handbook

**PERIODICALS: (one copy available)**

**GENEALOGY: 929.1**

Clues: American Historical Society of Germans from Russia - 1989

Work paper - American Historical Society of Germans from Russia - 1969

Exodus III - African American Genealogy - 1994

Journal of the American Historical Society of German from Russia - 1978

Tyler Quarterly Historical & Genealogical Magazine 1919

The Magazine of American Genealogy- 1929

**PENNSYLVANIA: 974.8**

Lancaster County Connections- 1983

**VIRGINIA: 975.5**

The William and Mary Quarterly - 1892

**TEXAS: 976.4**

Newsletter (Leon County Genealogical Society) no date

**OHIO: 977.1**

The Palatine Immigrant - 1976

**Standards for Sound Genealogical Research**

Remembering always that they are engaged in a quest for truth, family history researchers consistently ---

- ∅ record the source for each item of information they collect.
- ∅ test every hypothesis or theory against credible evidence, and reject those that are not supported by the evidence.
- ∅ seek original records, or reproduced images of them when there is reasonable assurance they have not been altered, as the basic for their research conclusions.
- ∅ use compilations, communications and published works, whether paper or electronic, primarily for their value as guides to locating the original records.
- ∅ state something as a fact only when it is supported by convincing evidence, and identify the evidence when communicating the fact to others.
- ∅ limit with words like "probable" or "possible" any statement that is based on less than convincing evidence, and state the reasons for concluding that it is probable or possible.
- ∅ avoid misleading other researchers by either intentionally or carelessly distributing or publishing inaccurate information.
- ∅ state carefully and honestly the results of their own research, and acknowledge all use of other researcher's work.
- ∅ recognize the collegial nature of genealogical research by making their work available to others through publication, or by placing copies in appropriate libraries or repositories, and by welcoming critical comment.
- ∅ consider with open minds new evidence or the comments of others on their work and the conclusions they have reached.

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**REMINDER**

There will not be a meeting of the Society in December nor will a newsletter be published. Watch for the January newsletter reminding you of the January 22, 2008 meeting and program.

### A Gravestone from an Unexpected Source

My great-grandfather never had a gravestone. We wished to do something, but the cost of gravestones was far more than we wanted to spend. We ordered a gravestone for him from a pet supply catalog. It is a beautiful granite headstone with his name and life dates engraved quite professionally. At a cost of less than \$100, the marker is about one-third of the size of a traditional gravestone (much like the smaller tombstone you might see for children or infants.) Except for the size, it is as beautiful and as professionally done as a more traditional and more costly grave marker.

Source: Ancestry Weekly Journal, 5 November 2007

#### Austin Genealogical Society Profit & Loss - September 2007

Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Classes (incl. LTL)	460.00	
Contributions Rec'd	20.00	
Envelope Collections	80.00	
Membership Dues Rec'd.		
07 Dues	140.00	
08 Dues	<u>30.00</u>	
Total Membership Dues Rec'd	170.00	
Misc. Income	20.45	
Sales Earned Revenue	<u>100.42</u>	
Total Income	850.87	
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>19.00</u>	
Total COGS	<u>19.00</u>	
Gross Profit	831.87	
Expense		
Education		
Program Exp.(spkr.copies)	<u>35.47</u>	
Total Education	35.47	
Operating Expenses		
Miscellaneous Expense	54.00	
Printing & Copying	703.35	
Rent - Meeting Rooms	200.00	
Supplies & Materials	<u>24.12</u>	
Total Operating Expense	981.47	
Record Preservation	<u>14.60</u>	
Total Expense	<u>1,031.54</u>	
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-199.67</u>	
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Interest Earned	<u>3.65</u>	
Total Other Income	<u>3.65</u>	
Net Other Income	<u>3.65</u>	
Net Income	<u>- \$196.02</u>	

#### Austin Genealogical Society Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2007

##### ASSETS

Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Wells Fargo		
AGS Operating Acct...6054	15,416.74	
CD	5,000.00	
Savings Acct...5879	<u>8,069.46</u>	
Total Wells Fargo	<u>28,486.20</u>	
Total Checking/Savings	28,486.20	

Other Current Assets		
Bulk Mail		276.02
Inventory Assets		112.00
Prepaid Rent		<u>100.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets		<u>488.02</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>28,974.22</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><b>\$28,974.22</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		<u>0.65</u>
Total Accounts Payable		0.65
Other Current Liabilities		
Research Trip Traveler Deposits		
07 SLC Trip	13,178.00	
Total Research Trip Traveler Deposits		<u>13,178.00</u>
Sales Tax Payable		<u>21.16</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities		<u>13,199.16</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>13,199.81</u>
Total Liabilities		13,199.81
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity		89.03
Retained Earnings		17,313.67
Net Income		<u>- 1,628.29</u>
Total Equity		<u>15,774.41</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		<u><b>\$28,974.22</b></u>

Janis Trayler,  
Treasurer

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### HIGH SOCIETY

**"My Family's Ancestry is very old," said one club member trying to impress the group.**

**"We can trace back to the early kings of Europe." Then turning to a lady sitting nearby, she asked,**

**"And how old is your family, my dear?" "I don't really know," replied the lady with a sweet smile.**

**"All our family records were lost in the great flood."**

Source: About.com - Genealogy

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### **AGS Newsletter Statement**

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#### **“Keep Searching”**

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