Monthly AGS Meeting  
Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Program: **Family Fables**  
Presented by: **Various AGS members**

Highland Park Baptist Church  
5206 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas

6:00 – 6:30 – Doors Open for Food Set up  
6:30 – 7:15 – Dine and Visit  
7:15 - 8:15 - Program

**Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!**

**Family Fables — Fact, Fiction, Fabulous, or Funny**

Did Dad stretch the truth a bit? Did Grandma Matilda use “literary license” when she wrote about the famous (or infamous?) and brave Civil War ancestor? Is it possible that Great Uncle Jimmie John suffered from the Texas Attenuation Factor? Hear how some of our members have investigated a family fable. Some have been proven true, some are patently false, and some are still under investigation. You may identify with some of these family tales!

- *Incident at Stetson Pond*  
- *Charlie and the Railroad Bridge*  
- *Born in a Barn*  
- *Mail Away Bride*

- *Truth or Fiction*  
- *Three Mom Stories*  
- *Clues to Why He Left*

**AGS Business**

The AGS Board of Directors met in regular session prior to the October monthly meeting. Treasurer Teri FLACK reported the AGS Certificate of Deposit has been renewed for another 6-month term at the rate of 1.35%. Membership Chair Barbara INNIS reported that records from previous meetings show an average attendance of 84 people per meeting. The current membership for 2009 stands at 314.

We continue to prepare for the 50th Anniversary celebration with voting on the commemorative Logo and Slogans at the October meeting. Results of the vote are noted later in the newsletter. The commemoration of the Anniversary will begin in earnest at the last meeting of this year: the social event planned for December 1st.

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A number of members of the Board will travel to San Antonio for the Texas State Genealogical Society’s Annual Conference. Both the Newsletter and the Quarterly have been entered into the writing contests and winners will be announced at the TSGS Awards Banquet on Friday evening, November 6th.

Webmaster and Board Member Dona KURTZ is making good progress on revamping the AGS website and members can expect a new look to it next January. Dona reports that as of October 27th, the website had 2,418 unique visitors in October. In September, there were 3,241 unique visitors to the site.

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The election of six members of the Board of Directors was held at the general membership meeting in October. The following members were elected by acclamation to serve a two-year term from January 2010 through December 2011: Kate ALLEN, Maud CAIN, Teri FLACK, Dona KURTZ, Mary TODD, and Randy WHITED. Congratulations to all of these newly elected Board members!

### Membership
(by Barbara INNIS)

So long, farewell; the year is slipping by! October's meeting marked the end of a wonderful year of programs, and **66 people (63 members and 3 visitors)** joined us to welcome Phoebe ALLEN, who presented "Cousin Camp: Linking the Youngest Members of your Family to Each Other and Their Ancestors," giving us some interesting ideas about how we might get the younger generation hooked on genealogy.

It has been a delight to serve as your Membership Chair for two years, getting to know you, getting to introduce new members and visitors each month! Serving with me have been those of the faithful Membership Committee: Kay BOYD, Maud CAIN, Richard FOSTER, Wynnette HARRIS, Jean MAROSTICA, Sharon TIEMAN, Joann TRAVER, and Arlene ZIRKEL. My best thanks go to them for their wonderful support.

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We hope you will join us again soon!

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<td>Renewal as a Senior Lifetime Member: Karen WILLIAMS - Driftwood, TX</td>
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Changes and Additions to the Membership Directory

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AGS 50th ANNIVERSARY  
SLOGAN AND LOGO CONTESTS

The voting for the new slogan and logo contests was completed at the AGS monthly meeting in October. Thank you to everyone who submitted entries in both contests. The votes were tallied on October 29th.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the winner of the ANNIVERSARY LOGO CONTEST:

Cynthia Couch RODRIGUEZ and Janis TRAYLER

CONGRATULATIONS

To the winner of the ANNIVERSARY SLOGAN CONTEST:

Janis TRAYLER

For

50 YEARS & GROWING

Special recognition and prizes will be awarded at the December 1st Social.
Travis County Pioneer Certificates

The newest recipient of a Travis County Pioneer Certificate is Susan Irene Gissell SUMNERS from Lufkin, Texas. Susan has qualified for not one, but two certificates. The first is for her ancestors Dr. Robert Edmondson GRANT and Ann Long Snodgrass GRANT who were in Travis County by 1872. The second is for her ancestors R. A. RUTHERFORD and Erin Kyle RUTHERFORD who were here in 1860. Congratulations to Susan!

If you have ancestors in Travis County prior to 1880, you are also eligible for a Travis County Pioneer Certificate. These certificates also make very special Christmas presents for members of your family. Visit our website for more information and an application or contact Kay BOYD (Mkdb1405@aol.com).

Hospitality
(by Elizabeth Johnston)

Thank you to Glenda BLACK and Janis TRAYLER for greeting members and visitors at the October meeting. Thank you, too, to Kate ALLEN, Glenda BLACK, and Gayle OPIE for bringing wonderful refreshments and snacks in October.

Holiday Social
December 1st

Please RSVP to Kay BOYD at Mkdb1405@aol.com
or Elizabeth JOHNSTON at elizabethlj@sbcglobal.net

NOT LATER THAN Monday, November 23rd

It is important we hear from you if you plan to attend the December Social so we can purchase plenty of meat (turkey and ham) and so we can set up enough tables and bring adequate plates, cutlery, glasses, etc.

Please let us hear from you by the 23rd if you plan to attend.

Elizabeth has sent reminder emails to those people who signed up to help with room set up and those who signed up to bring food. AGS will provide a selection of either turkey and ham as the meat entrée. Knowing AGS members, there will be a wide variety of wonderfully tasty side dishes and desserts!

The program promises to be entertaining with various AGS members sharing facts and fables found in their family research. AND the word is ... there will be an extra special presentation you will not want to miss!

Coming Programs

Tuesday, November 24 — no meeting

Tuesday, December 1st — December Social - you will be glad you came to this fun-filled evening

Tuesday, January 26th — Sue Kaufman presents “Funeral Records: The Final Event”
**Laptop Saturdays begin.** AGS sponsors free workshops at various Austin Public Libraries. Check this space in the January Newsletter for more information. The first of the series is scheduled to be on:

**Saturday, January 23rd**—Ancestry.com: Linking and Working “In the Cloud” by Cindy FOREMAN and Sara GREDLER

**Saturday, January 30th**

**Sixth Annual Hill Country Family History Seminar**

This seminar is presented by the Genealogical Society of Kendall County, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Boerne Convention and Community Center, 820 East Adler Rd. in Boerne, Texas.

The featured speaker is Curt WITCHER, Manager of the Genealogy Department at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN. For more information, contact Gwen ADRIAN at 830-249-2085 or visit their website at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txgskc](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txgskc)

AGS again presents the

**Saturday Special Speaker Series**

For three Saturdays in 2010, AGS is bringing in nationally known speakers. These mini-workshops are **FREE to members** and give those members who cannot attend evening meetings an opportunity to benefit from their membership dollars and enjoy their interest in genealogy with others who share their passion. We hope you will be able to attend all of these special events. The first is scheduled for:

**Saturday, February 6th**—Jana BROGLIN presents “Understanding the Probate Process; See Ya in the Funnies; and Hookers, Crooks, and Kooks!”

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**Texas State Genealogical Society**

**Annual Conference held in San Antonio**

At least seven members of AGS attended the TSGS Awards Banquet at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio on the evening of Friday, November 6th. Those attending were Teri FLACK, Cindy FOREMAN, Barbara INNIS, Kay BOYD, Wynnette HARRIS, Janis TRAYLER, and last but certainly not least, Randy WHITED.

As editor of the AGS Quarterly, Randy entered the TSGS Writing Awards contest for Best Quarterly. We are proud to report that on his first time entering the contest, the AGS Quarterly received the Second Place Award. Congratulations, Randy!

In addition, the AGS Newsletter was also entered the TSGS Writing Awards contest for Best Newsletter. I am happy to report that the AGS Newsletter also received the Second Place Award.

The Certificates will be displayed at the December social.

Each award carried a cash prize of $50, so the AGS treasury increased by $100 on that Friday night!

Randy and I thank you all for your encouragement and support as we strive to provide informative and entertaining information to our membership in both of these formats. We especially want to thank those members who provide articles, information, transcriptions, etc. and those who help us proof each edition for accuracy and content.
Thoughts and Thanks from the Editor:

That’s a wrap for this edition of the AGS Newsletter, not only for this month, but for 2009. There is no newsletter scheduled for December, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee Chairs (aka “reporters”) for their monthly contributions. I would especially like to thank my team of proofers (aka “eagle eyes”) Kay BOYD, Barbara INNIS, Wynnette HARRIS, and Jean MAROSTICA. These folks play a major role in producing what we can now call “an award-winning” newsletter! I could not do this job without all of their input!

Speaking of “award-winning,” the deadline for submissions for the AGS Quarterly is Saturday, December 5th. Randy WHITED has done a super job with this publication this year, but he, too, counts on the membership to contribute articles, family group sheets, record transcriptions, and other materials. Please contact Randy about how you can help. The last issue of the Quarterly will be delivered toward the end of December.

The Board will be welcoming three new members in January: Kate ALLEN, Maud CAIN, and Mary TODD. We look forward to working them in our anniversary year of 2010 and beyond. We also extend a huge thank you to Barbara INNIS, Elizabeth JOHNSTON, and Robert SAGE who transfer off the Board, but will remain active in AGS in the future.

So from all of us, have a safe and happy holiday season and we hope to see each of you often at the wide variety of activities scheduled for 2010.

Until then, happy trackin’,

Janis

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Condolences

Our condolences are extended to AGS Member Alana Suzy Moehring MALLARD and her family on the death of her mother Jonnie Yukon Ross MOEHRING on Friday, October 2, 2009. Born in Round Rock on July 17, 1924, to Roy Eric ROSS and Eunice Mae AWALT ROSS, Jonnie enjoyed 85 years of life. She was very proud of having a military family, including her husband, Robert, who retired after 23 years of service with first the U.S. Army Air Corps and later U.S. Air Force; and their sons, Bob E. and John who also proudly served. Jonnie has three grandchildren who are currently serving in the U.S. Military. Jonnie retired in 1982 from G.S.A. as the Regional Telecommunications Director in Fort Worth and was a life member and Past Worthy Matron of The Order of The Eastern Star, Round Rock Chapter.

Survivors include her children, Alana Suzy Moehring MALLARD of Austin, Bob E. MOEHRING and wife, Vicki, of Chatfield, John MOEHRING and wife, Carol, of Fort Worth, and Robin Kay Moehring HAYLES and husband, Larry of Garland; 8 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and twin great-grandchildren who are due in February.

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Research Trip

Salt Lake City

Research trip Update

Trip coordinator Pat OXLEY reports there are no rooms left in our block for the Salt Lake City trip. If you would like to be put on a waiting list for any cancellations, please contact Pat directly. The cost of the hotel package is $300/person (double occupancy) and includes 6 nights at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel which is next door to the Family History Library.

Because we were unable to obtain an airplane block at a reasonable price, each person is responsible for their own flight arrangements. Your options are Southwest Air, Delta, American, Frontier and America West.

If you are interested in the trip, but need more information or wish to sign up, please contact Pat OXLEY at pat@theoxleys.com. The trip dates are April 19-25, 2010. The NGS Conference is in Salt Lake the following week. If you wish to stay over longer, Pat can give you more details.

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That’s a Wrap!
## Austin Genealogical Society

### 2010 Membership Renewal Form

(Must renew by January 31, 2010, to continue membership benefits)

- [ ] New member
- [ ] Renewing Member
- [ ] Returning Member (member before 2009)

### Select:

**Basic membership Annual Dues:**
- [ ] Individual $20
- [ ] Family (same household) $30

**Lifetime Membership paid once:**
- [ ] Lifetime $500
- [ ] Senior (Over age 65) $300

**Supporting memberships with optional tax deductible donation added to dues above:**
- [ ] Friend of AGS add $20
- [ ] Sponsor of AGS add $30
- [ ] Patron of AGS add $80

**Total dues and donation** $________

(Be sure to keep your contact information current)

- Name __________________________
- Email __________________________
- Spouse (if member)
  - Name __________________________
  - E-mail __________________________
- Address __________________________
- City __________________________
- State ______ Zip Code ______
- Home Phone __________________________
- Other Phone __________________________

Please print my name and contact information in the Membership Directory.  ____ Yes       ____ No

### Surname Listing for the AGS website

List eight surnames and locations for posting on the AGS web site or indicate “no changes”

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My experience in _______________________ might be helpful to the society.

I would like to assist with:  ____ Hospitality/Membership  Other:

- [ ] Cemetery project  ____ Program Speaker
- [ ] Class Instructor  ____ Mailings
- [ ] Records Extraction/Data Entry  ____ Board of Directors

**Mail this form and your check payable to**

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Or pay online with PayPal at

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2nd Vice President Sharon FOLEY
Recording Secretary Inez EPPRIGHT
Treasurer Teri FLACK

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