



# The *Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter*

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50 YEARS & GROWING

## Monthly AGS Meeting

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

*Program: To Post or Not to Post—That is the Question*

*Presented by: Sara GREDLER and Cindy FOREMAN*

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!*

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*This is the final issue for 2010.*

*To Post or Not to Post: That is the Question.* There are pros and cons to posting your hard-gained genealogical research on the web for everyone to see. Cindy and Sara will take an interesting look at this topic and may well end up with very different opinions. Perhaps you already have an opinion on this subject, but the evening promises to be entertaining and informative even if you do.



Sara GREDLER is a native of Virginia and has lived in Austin nearly five years. She currently works in the historic preservation department at Mead & Hunt, an architecture and engineering firm. Her undergraduate degrees are in History and Classics, and her graduate degree is in Historic Preservation.

Sara has been researching her family's genealogy and history for over 15 years. Her work as a historic preservationist and her hobby of genealogy are entwined, and each has a great effect on the other. She is currently working on two descendant projects, one on the Jonathan RICHARDSON family of western New York, and one on the Patrick MAHAN family of Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

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Born in Detroit, Michigan, Cindy FOREMAN moved in 1974 to St. Paul, Minnesota, where she attained her undergraduate degree in Social Studies Education from the College of St. Thomas. In August of 1982 she relocated to Austin, Texas. Since 2002, Cindy has been teaching a variety of genealogy classes for AGS as well delivering presentations to other genealogical societies and groups. In October, 2003, her application to be a member of the D.A.R. was approved and she belongs to Austin's Andrew Carruthers Chapter. Cindy served as the Austin Genealogical Society's Chair of the Education Committee for two years prior to serving as the President of the Society for the past two years.

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### **AGS Business**

The Board of Directors met in regular session prior to the general meeting on October 26, 2010. The following discussions were had and actions taken:

**Membership:** Chairperson Maud CAIN reported an increase to membership since January 1st as 77 new members.

**Quarterly:** Publication of the Quarterly is running late, but should be to the membership soon.

**Dues:** The Board voted to keep the dues at the current rate for all categories of membership.

**Programs:** Co-Chairperson Sharon FOLEY reported that preparations for the 2011 programs were almost complete and the list should be ready for distribution at the next meeting.

AGS received a letter from State Representative Kirk WATSON congratulating us on our 50th Anniversary.

The Board agreed that the login and password for the Members Only section of the website should be changed each year. It was also agreed that both would be simplified for ease of recollection.



The following slate of nominees to the Board of Directors was elected by acclamation at the meeting of the General Membership. Each director serves a two-year term beginning January 1, 2011.

Karin BRANAMAN

Missy HARRIS

Alan FERGUSON

Jane SCHWENDINGER

Sharon FOLEY

Janis TRAYLER

These six people along with the six Board members who were elected last year (Kate ALLEN, Maud CAIN, Teri FLACK, Dona KURTZ, Mary TODD, and Randy WHITED) will comprise the new 2011 Board of Directors.

The full Board is scheduled to have its first meeting on Saturday, January 8, 2011. The general membership is encouraged to bring any concerns or suggestions you may have to any of the Board Members mentioned above.

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### **Membership**

Membership Chair Maud CAIN reports there were 74 members present at the October meeting and 4 visitors. Maud asks that all members remember to sign in at each meeting (even if you have your own name tag) so

that we can get an accurate head count for each meeting or event.

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Maud delivered some very good news at the Board meeting. As of the end of October, we have added 77 new members to the role this year! There were 288 members on January 1st and the count now stands at 365.



Memberships for 2011 are now coming due. You will find the new membership renewal form on the home page of the AGS website. Click [here](#) to go there now. We hope you will fill it out completely so that we can update your mailing address and your list of surnames

being researched. If you are still actively researching your family, please include these surnames as it is also helpful for members to locate other members who may be researching the same family names.

Please also fill in the space on the form regarding any skill or talent that might be helpful to the Society on occasion. We understand not everyone is able to devote on-going amounts of time, but working on a project here and there would be of tremendous assistance to the Board and give each member an opportunity to give back.

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### Hospitality

Our thanks go out to Carroll PATTERSON and Edna YOUNGBLOOD for serving as Greeters at the October meeting and to Georgia JAMES, Carroll PATTERSON, and Edna YOUNGBLOOD for bringing refreshments.

Greeters for the November 30th meeting will be Charles CLINGER and Barbara INNIS.

Those scheduled to bring refreshments are: Barbara INNIS, Sylvia MARTINS, and Sharon FOLEY.

### LAST CALL FOR

### MEMBER MEMORIES

We would like a few more of our members to tell us your story and become part of the AGS history. In a paragraph, describe an outstanding moment that happened to you as a member of the Austin Genealogical Society. Did you attend a seminar or learn a technique that helped you over a brick wall? Have you found a new cousin or two who are also members? As a member of AGS, have you developed a wonderful friendship with another member?

We want to gather these short memories and build them into our history project. We are all creating history and we want to save these memories. Tell us your story. Send your Memory to Kay BOYD at [mkdb1405@aol.com](mailto:mkdb1405@aol.com). Deadline for submissions has been extended to the end of November.

### AGS Quarterly Wins Award at TSGS Annual Conference

The AGS Quarterly placed third in the Texas State Genealogical Society's writing competition for society quarterlies. Our CONGRATULATIONS go out to Quarterly Editor Randy WHITED for a job well done!.

The Quarterly for the fourth quarter will be the Anniversary issue and will be filled with stories, topics, and information related to the first 50 years of the Austin Genealogical Society.

The next "member information" issue will be the first quarter of 2011. Randy will be needing your input to help fill this issue, so put your thinking caps on again and start writing!

### AGS Calendar of Activities

#### **Tuesday, November 30—Regular Meeting**

NOTE: This meeting will be after Thanksgiving—on the **5th Tuesday** and will be the last meeting of 2010.

**Program:** “To Post or Not to Post: The Good, Bad, and Ugly” presented by Cindy FOREMAN and Sara GRELLER.

#### **Saturday, November 20, 2010**

##### **Laptop Saturday**

**Spicewood Springs Branch Library**  
8637 Spicewood Springs Road, Austin  
**10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Presenter: John MAROSTICA

Topic: "Blogs and Social Networking"

Laptop Saturdays are free workshops where an AGS member will share about a technology topic. These workshops are informal; discussion and participation

from attendees is encouraged. Bring your laptop if you have one, or if not, you can look on with others.

There is no meeting in December.

The next regular meeting will be

Tuesday, January 25, 2011.

Program: **What's New at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission**

Presented by **Jelain CHUBB**,  
State Archivist and Director of  
the Archives & Information Services Division  
of the Texas State Library & Archives

#### **Breaking News!**

A bus trip to the Clayton Library in Houston is being planned for next year. Stay Tuned!

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### Educational Opportunities

**2nd Saturdays—Austin Genealogy Special Interest Group**—contact John MAROSTICA for more information or check their website at [www.austingensig.com](http://www.austingensig.com).



#### **Harvest Your Family History!**

A Genealogy Fair hosted by  
the Round Rock Family History Center

**Saturday, November 20, 2010**

*Free*

**8:30 am – 2:00 pm**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

**8140 Racine Trail, Austin 78717**

**Free to the public;** all individuals age 12 and older are invited to attend. Please look for a brochure at your local genealogical society meeting for class offerings and registration information. We ask that you please notify us about which of the twelve great

classes you would like to attend!

A printed syllabus of the course materials is available for \$2.50. Please let us know before October 31 if you want one. Printed copies can be picked up the day of the Fair. A free digital copy of the syllabus will also be available online one week prior to the Fair. Registrants will be provided a link by which they can access the materials.

Questions? Feel free to email us at [harvestfamilyhistory@gmail.com](mailto:harvestfamilyhistory@gmail.com)!



**Genealogy After Dark at the Texas State Library**  
**Friday, December 3rd, 6:00—10:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$15**

**Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives & Library Bldg.**  
**1201 Brazos Street, Austin, Texas**

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This is the first undertaking of this kind at TSL and is considered a “program event” rather than just an opportunity to research after hours. In addition to the meal, the agenda includes a short program on effectively searching the TSL catalog, and tours of the facilities for those who are interested. They anticipate these activities will take about an hour. After that, registrants are free to research until 10:00 p.m. There will be staff available to assist researchers, answer questions, and offer advice.

Computers and printers are available at the library, but participants are welcome to bring their own laptops and flash drives.

Free parking is available after 5:00 p.m. in the Capitol Visitors Parking Garage at 1201 San Jacinto. Handicap parking is free in front of the Library Building. Other parking in front of the Library is reserved for members of the State Senate and their staff members.

Advanced Registration is required. The \$15 fee includes a light meal at the library and supplies (possibly some free photocopies or print copies, but as yet undetermined).

The registration deadline is Tuesday, November 23rd. Mailing your check along with your name, address, phone number, and email address on a piece of paper is sufficient to register you for the event. The check should be made out to and mailed to:

Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas  
Genealogy After Dark  
P O Box 12983  
Austin, TX 78711

For answers to questions or for more information, contact Diana Houston at [dhouston@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:dhouston@tsl.state.tx.us) or call her at (512) 463-5426.



The Houston Genealogical Forum  
Presents “The Republic of Texas”

**Saturday, December 4, 2010**

*Free*

**Bayland Community Center**

**6400 Bissonnet (Between Hillcroft and Beechnut)**

Come early at 9:30 a.m.

**Meeting 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Morning Speaker 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

The pre-eminent national authority on Texas genealogy and literally “the man who wrote the book” Lloyd DeWitt BOCKSTRUCK, retired manager of the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Department, will give a presentation on genealogy of the Republic of Texas in the morning session.

**Lunch 11:30 – 12:30**

*Catered box lunch from PICNIC may be ordered ahead.*

**Afternoon Speaker 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.**

In the afternoon session learn more than you thought possible on Microfilmed and Online Records Concerning the Republic of Texas from our own Robert de BERARDINIS— the man who microfilmed and wrote the books about these records. Bonus--the truth of the Texas Birth and Death Records. CD of afternoon session available for \$5.

For more information, check their website at

[www.hgftx.org/Data/Document-Library/829227275.pdf](http://www.hgftx.org/Data/Document-Library/829227275.pdf).

### AGS WEBSITE

The **Members Only** section information has a great deal of information available and a number of links to other websites that may be of help to you.

The **login ID is agsmember** and the **password is gene.AGS** (case sensitive).

### Odds & Ends

From Kay BOYD: So many people have questions regarding their software. I found these mailing lists which cover most of the main programs and problems. I think that other users can offer more help and suggestions for use than the company "techie" people (at least on the lists I am on). To subscribe, click on the link.

[MAC-REUNION-L-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:MAC-REUNION-L-request@rootsweb.com)

Topic: Reunion genealogy software program for Macintosh computers to discuss program operations and issues, and resolve problems

[LEGACY-L-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:LEGACY-L-request@rootsweb.com)

Topic: Legacy Family Tree genealogy software

[FTM-HELP-L-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:FTM-HELP-L-request@rootsweb.com)

Topic: discussion and sharing of information regarding the Family Tree Maker genealogy software program

[FTM-MAC-L-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:FTM-MAC-L-request@rootsweb.com)

Topic: Keep up with Mac version of FTM

[FTM-L-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:FTM-L-request@rootsweb.com)

Topic: Family Tree Maker genealogy software program

[FTM-2008-HELP-L-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:FTM-2008-HELP-L-request@rootsweb.com)

Topic: Family Tree Maker 2008 and later editions of this genealogy software program including help in learning how to use the interface and discussion of problems encountered

[FTM-TECH-L-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:FTM-TECH-L-request@rootsweb.com)

Topic: For advanced discussions on FTM



Last September, Footnote.com was acquired by Ancestry.com with the thought that joining forces provides a huge opportunity to leverage each other's strengths and move even faster toward their goals. The plan is to continue to run Footnote.com the way it has been run in the past.

Footnote.com expressed excitement about leveraging Ancestry.com's resources and expertise.

Footnote.com started four years ago with only 5 million historical documents and today they claim nearly 70 million searchable documents, over 1 million members, nearly 100,000 Footnote Pages, and over half a million annotations added.



**Don't forget to**

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**For the annual AGS Research Trip  
to the Allen County Public Library  
Fort Wayne, Indiana  
October 2-8, 2011**

Click [here](#) for more information on the AGS website!

### ***REMINDER : Membership renewals are due by January 31st***

Renewing by that date earns benefits:

- ◆ You will be included in the Membership Directory
- ◆ You will continue to receive the Newsletter and the Quarterly
- ◆ Your surnames will be posted on the AGS website
- ◆ You will receive advance notice and, when offered, discounts on AGS events and activities

If you have not already done so, please send in your 2011 renewal now by paying online via PayPal or by mailing your check payable to "AGS" to P.O. Box 10010, Austin, TX 78766.



### *In Memoriam*

**Virginia SCHNEIDER JOHNSTON**, known to her family and friends as "Billie", passed away Wednesday, October 20, 2010. Born June 30, 1914, in Austin, Texas, Billie was a 4th generation Austinite who was the descendant of both John H. ROBINSON and John BREMOND, two Austin pioneers.

Billie graduated from the University of Texas and afterwards was employed by the Internal Revenue Service. In April of 1943, Billie married Dean JOHNSTON and together they raised two daughters. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents Pauline ROBINSON and Leonard J. SCHNEIDER, children Dean and Deanna JOHNSTON, and sisters Elizabeth Schneider ROGERS and Dorothy Schneider PETERS.

Billie is survived by daughters AGS Member Ann DOLCE and husband Leonard and Judy HYATT and husband Andrew; grandchildren Christopher DOLCE and wife Kacy, Jeffrey DOLCE and wife Amy, Catherine DOLCE DABOUB and husband Keith, Christopher HYATT all of Austin and Andrew James HYATT and wife Julie of San Jose, California; and ten great grandchildren Charles Henry DOLCE, Virginia Kathaleene DOLCE, John Joseph DOLCE, Mary Catherine DOLCE, Madolyn Claire DOLCE, Koke Levi DOLCE, Johnston Ryan DABOUB, Virginia Marie DABOUB, Hana Catherine DABOUB, and Andrew Joseph HYATT. Full obituary is online in the [Austin American Statesman](#) for Saturday, October 23, 2010.

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### **Editor's Corner:**

Can you believe our 50th Anniversary Year is so rapidly drawing to a close?! It was a truly exceptional year for AGS and there are too many people to list who have played a part in making this year so special. To all of you, THANK YOU!

And we've added 77 NEW members to the AGS roles this year! That must have set some kind of record. We welcome all of these new members and look forward to visiting with you at future meetings and programs.

Much of our success is based on the quality of our programs and the number of activities that we offer. These things do not create themselves and it takes a considerable amount of planning and effort to make them happen. If you have an idea, a suggestion, or a desire to participate, we welcome your input. There is always room for talent, skills, or just plain old enthusiasm! Don't be shy about letting us know what you have to offer.

Congratulations again to AGS Quarterly Editor Randy WHITED on winning third place in the TSGS writing competition this year. I must admit to being disappointed that the Newsletter did not place, but the societies who did win certainly had very well done newsletters. But we will be in the competition again next year, so 2011 will bring some changes I hope you (and the judges!) will like.

This is the final Newsletter for this year. Thanks to all of you who have commented and encouraged me this year. Next year holds much promise for new ideas, so we'll see what develops.

For myself and on behalf of the entire Board of Directors, we all wish you and your families a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Until next time, Happy Trackin',

Janis

**2010 Board of Directors**

<b>Term ending 2010:</b>	<b>Term Ending 2011:</b>
Kay BOYD	Kate ALLEN
Inez EPPRIGHT	Maud CAIN
Sharon FOLEY	Teri FLACK
Cindy FOREMAN	Dona KURTZ
Sara GREDLER	Mary TODD
Janis TRAYLER	Randy WHITED

**2010 Officers**

President	Cindy FOREMAN
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Sharon FOLEY
Recording Secretary	Inez EPPRIGHT
Treasurer	Teri FLACK

*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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
(except December)  
Networking & Visiting at 6:30  
Program starts at 7:00  
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Austin, Texas

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