Monthly AGS Meeting
Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Drive
Austin, Texas 78759

5:30 — Doors open
6:00 — DINNER & Networking
7:30 — 8:30 p.m. - Program

Program: “Sixth Street”
Presented by Dr. Allen Childs

Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!

Sixth Street (Arcadia Publishing, 2010), is a photo essay book of the colorful history of Austin’s most famous thoroughfare. Dr. Allen Childs, the author of this unique book, will sketch the history of East 6th Street and share videotaped interviews he conducted with some of the old families of the area.

Now listed in the National Register of Historic Places, 6th Street began more than 170 years ago as the only level pathway into the town of Austin from the east. Throughout its history the street, originally called Pecan Street, was a level playing field for merchants and minorities, for moneyed dynasties and little mom-and-pop places. When Austin was a typical segregated society, 6th Street was not. Everything met on 6th Street — the generations, the nationalities, the races, the poor, the rich, the educated, and the ignorant. Its multicultural nature was woven into the fabric of the street, into its buildings, and into the families on whom it left its indelible imprint, including that of Mr. Childs, who worked in the family shoe store at 301 E. 6th.
Allen Childs, M.D., the author of *Sixth Street*, completed his undergraduate work at the University of Texas at Austin, holds an M.D. from Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, Texas, and earned certification through the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

In addition to *Sixth Street*, Mr. Childs’ other writing projects include *We Were There: Parkland Hospital, Nov. 22, 1963* (Skyhorse Publications, Oct. 2013) and an in-progress historical novel about Eldad of the Tribe of Dan, a 9th Century A.D. adventurer in Africa, Babylon and the ancient land of the Khazars.

## AGS Business: From the Minutes of the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 23rd, prior to the regular Society meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as submitted. The following items were discussed and action taken.

### Treasurer’s Reports

The Treasurer’s report for September was accepted as submitted.

### Board Resignation

In October, we received the resignation of Jim COOPER from the Board of Directors. Jim has had an exceptionally difficult year with the illness of his father and himself and the recent death of his sister.

In accordance with the bylaws, President Sharon FOLEY appointed a replacement to serve as a director for the remainder of Jim’s term (through 2013). Inez EPPRIGHT has graciously accepted this appointment.

Jacquie WILSON, AGS Secretary, resigned that position to be co-chair of the Program Committee. Inez EPPRIGHT was appointed to serve as Secretary for the remainder of this year.

### Bylaws Revision Committee

Committee Chair Earle McBRIDE was unable to attend the Board meeting as planned and present the updated information regarding the changes to the bylaws. It was agreed that this topic would be discussed further and resolved at a future meeting of the Board.

### Mini-Seminar

The AGS Fall Mini-Seminar held on Saturday, October 20th, was a great success. There were 94 paid registrations and we found speaker Mark LOWE to be both entertaining and knowledgeable in his presentations.

### Website

Webmaster Dona KURTZ advised the board that a great deal of information has now been added to bring the new website more current. She is still working on getting the 2013 Membership Form added so that we can begin accepting memberships for next year. After that is done, Dona will have a training session with those board members who will be given access to the website to make changes and add updates.

### 2013 Dues

The board voted to retain the current membership rates of $20 for individual and institutional memberships and $30 for family memberships. Family memberships cover two or more family members living at the same address.

While copies of the AGS Newsletter and Quarterly will remain benefits of membership, in 2013, due to the success and popularity of the electronic format, these publications will be available only in digital form. The opportunity to pay an additional amount for hard copies
ATTENDANCE REPORT for the AGS meeting on October 23, 2012: approximately 75 members and guests attended.

We had a number of visitors at the October meeting:
Anne WHEAT, Austin, TX
Simeon SLAYTON, Manassas, VA
Peter KUHN, Austin, TX
Jean STONE, Austin, TX
Phylis BECKELMAN, Pflugerville, TX
Marsha TUMA, Pflugerville, TX; and
Mike SWIFT and other family of our program honoree, Jim SWIFT

We are glad you joined us and hope you will come back again!

HOSPITALITY REPORT.

The greeter for the October meeting was Carroll Patterson.

Sheila SARGENT was in charge at the refreshment table. Those who provided refreshments were Carroll PATTERSON, Glenda BLACK, and Martha CARPENTER. Serving at the registration table were Ann COOPER, Jean MAROSTICA, Arlene ZIRKEL, and Cynthia RODRIGUEZ.

The November meeting will be a Fall Feast and include dinner prior to the program. Meat will be provided by the Society. Members are requested to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Our thanks go out to those mentioned above and everyone who volunteered in these and many other different ways throughout this year. Your efforts are always appreciated and your time, talents, and generosity have contributed to our success.
Program notes from the October meeting:

Last month’s meeting was one of our most unusual to date and was a lot of fun as Jane, Sharon, and Nancy did a “live” presentation of “Who Do You Think You Are?” with KXAN feature reporter Jim SWIFT. The camera was rolling as the program was filmed for a special piece shown on KXAN a day or two after the meeting. As of this writing, you can read the story and view the video online by clicking here.

Other Genealogical Activities

The Austin Genealogy Special Interest Group meets from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. every second Saturday of the month at the Old Quarry Branch of the Austin Public Library, 7051 Village Center Drive, (near Far West Blvd.) Austin, TX 78731.

Click here to check their website for current information regarding the next meeting. Anyone interested in genealogy is welcome to attend. There is no fee.

Next Meeting: December 8th

Presented by: James HARKINS, Director of Public Services and Outreach, Archives & Records at the Texas General Land Office.

He will talk to us about the GIS mapping system and all the maps and records at the Texas GLO.

Check the AustinGenSIG website for updates about future meetings.

Bring your curiosity, your questions and your laptop. A WIFI connection, extension cords, and lots of tables are available so you can be comfortable.

Austin Legacy Users Group

This group that uses Legacy software meets on the third Saturday of the month from 1:00 -3:00 p.m. at the Querencia at Barton Creek, 2500 Barton Creek Blvd., Austin. Anyone who uses Legacy Family Tree software is welcome to attend the meetings to learn and share. Please check the website for further information, or contact the host, Roberta Jenkins.

The next meeting will be held on November 17, 2012.

This will be a Legacy work session. Bring your computers and your data. We will each work on our own files and get help from each other while doing our data entry. There will be no formal presentation. Most people have found these work sessions have been helpful to understanding Legacy better.

Visitors are welcome.

Austin’s British Isles Genealogy Special Interest Group

In last month’s AGS Newsletter, we announced the planting of a seed for a new Special Interest Group dedicated to research in Great Britain led by Jane SCHWENDINGER. Jane reports that about 10 people are sharing information about researching in Britain & Ireland and others are welcome and encouraged to join.

If you have an interest in this topic and would be interested in communicating with others who are also interested in research in the British Isles, please contact Jane SCHWENDINGER at janesca@earthlink.net for more information.
In the November issue of *Catholic Spirit*, the official publication of the Catholic Diocese of Austin, there is an article by Michele Chan SANTOS entitled “*Catholic Archives of Texas Moves to Pastoral Center.*” The article advises that the collection includes many priceless artifacts and records covering more than 400 years.

The Diocese of Austin Pastoral Center is located at 6225 Highway 290 East in Austin, and is a temperature controlled facility of approximately 3,000 square feet, with the collections taking up about 2,000 linear feet.

According to the article, Susan Eason, director of The Catholic Archives of Texas, the facility has “reference collection books on every aspect of Catholicism in Texas and beyond … including files on almost all the parishes in Texas.” Historians and genealogists are welcome to research the Archives for a variety of historic sacramental documents from the early to mid-1800s. Limited records are available for baptisms, marriages, confirmations, first communions, and deaths, although “most of those records are from areas comprised of the present-day dioceses of Austin, Brownsville, and Victoria,” said Eason.

The collection at the Pastoral Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, but appointments are required and must be made in advance. To make an appointment to visit the Archives, call 512-476-6296 or email archives@txcatholic.org. For more information about the Catholic Archives of Texas or the Texas Catholic Historical Society, visit [http://catholicarchivesoftx.org](http://catholicarchivesoftx.org).

**NOTE:** Thanks to Robert TIEMAN for submission of the full article from the *Catholic Spirit.*

From the website of the German Texan Heritage Society based on an email from Missy HARRIS

**Christmas Market – Dec 1, 2012**

The German Texan Heritage Society invites you to join them for a day of *sales tax-free* shopping at their annual **Christmas Market**, **Saturday, December 1**, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the historic **German Free School, 507 East 10th Street**, Austin, 78701, near the corner of 10th and Red River. The market will also be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12 noon until 4:00 p.m. (Sales tax *will* be charged on these days).

The market will feature

- **Hand crafted wooden items from Germany’s Erzgebirge region**
- **Bavarian Tolework**
- **Blown Glass Ornaments**
- **Embroidered Linens**
- **Lots of delicious home baked sweets & treats**
  (Lebkuchen (spicy gingerbread), German Christmas Stollen, Linzer Plätzchen (Linzer Tarts), Springerle Zimtsterne (cinnamon stars), Hörnchen (crescents), Molasses Crinkles, etc.)

Saturday will also feature traditional German Christmas music *plus a special visit by St. Nikolaus*

Lunch will be available from **VERTS Döner Kebap**, serving Berlin-inspired meat & veggie sandwiches

To learn more about the German Texan Heritage Society, visit their website at [http://germantexans.org/](http://germantexans.org/)
Research Trip to Family History Library in Salt Lake City

Submitted by Pat Oxley

AGS will be sponsoring its 5th research trip to Salt Lake City April 28 through May 5, 2013. You will need to book your own flights as we are not able to get a reasonably priced block of tickets with any airline. We have booked rooms from Sunday to Sunday. This gives you six full days of research. If you wish to attend the Mormon Tabernacle Choir on Sunday morning, please book your return flights for after 12:00 noon.

The cost of a double room for the seven nights is $335 for AGS members ($360 for non-members, and the cost of a private room is $627). This also covers tips for the hotel shuttle bus drivers to and from the airport, a hospitality room with snacks and networking with other AGS members and friends, and a pizza night one evening in the hospitality room. We only have 3-4 rooms left, so let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in going. We need a $100 deposit to hold your spot. Please tell me if this is a double or single room and if you have a roommate please identify him/her. As soon as you have your flight schedule, please let me know. Please make your check out to AGS and mail to: AGS, P.O. Box 10010, Austin, TX 78766-1010.

There is no group dinner built into this package, but we will arrange for a group dinner at a local restaurant on Monday night (when the library closes at 5 p.m.) with everyone paying for his/her own dinner. More details will follow in February.

If you have questions or need a trip orientation, please email me, Pat OXLEY, at pat@theoxleys.com.

Condolences

Our condolences are extended to the family and friends of Bob and Sharon FOLEY on the passing of his daughter Lisa Anne FOLEY-LUKER, 48, formerly of Clear Lake, Iowa. Lisa passed away Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at her home in Mason City, Iowa, after a short battle with breast cancer. A memorial service was held on Friday, October 26, 2012, in Clear Lake.

Lisa was born in Clinton, MO, on February 24, 1964. For much of her life she lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She graduated from Washington Senior High School in 1982, and graduated in 1986 from Iowa State University. Lisa married Todd LUKER in 1992 and divorced in 2011.

Lisa is survived by her two children, Hadley LUKER and Henry LUKER; father Robert FOLEY and step-mother Sharon FOLEY, Austin, Texas; step-father Jim DICKENS, Marion, Iowa; step-brother Jimmy DICKENS, step-sister-in-law Wendy DICKENS, and step-sister Jennifer DICKENS, step-sister, Lyn CLANCY, step-brother, Brian RAUE, aunt, Dorothy LANGE, aunt Joyce EVANS, and cousins, of Missouri. She was preceded in death by her mother, Shirley (EVANS) DICKENS, and her grandparents.

Obituary published in the Globe Gazette from October 19 to October 24, 2012
Editor’s Farewell

I have enjoyed the challenge of being the editor of the AGS Newsletter since January of 2007. I have had a super crew of helpers I call my “Eagle Eyes” as they proofed every issue of the Newsletter since that time. These talented people are Wynnette HARRIS, Barbara INNIS, Kay BOYD, and Jean MAROSTICA. This year, Kathryn CASE also added her talents to this group. During their terms on the Board, Sharon FOLEY and Jane SCHWENDINGER have also helped me keep the content accurate. It is literally impossible to count the number of typos, grammatical errors, and content mistakes these ladies have caught in the past five years. To say “thank you” to them would not begin to cover how grateful I am for their time and dedication. I want everyone to know they have made a tremendous contribution to the AGS Newsletter.

I also appreciate the numerous members who have sent in content or ideas for topics to be included in various issues. Good reporters are invaluable and there are too many to mention here.

And to those of you who over the past six years have offered encouragement and voiced appreciation for my work as editor, you will never know how much your encouragement has buoyed my spirits and given me the will to continue.

The time has come, however, to move on to other things and with the January issue, Bob and Sharon FOLEY will take over the reins as co-editors of the Newsletter. I am fully confident they will do a tremendous job and hope you will be as generous with them as you have been with me. So I bid you farewell as editor and, as always,

Happy Trackin’,

Janis

AGS Regular Meetings
2012 Program Schedule

Tuesday, January 24th
“Genealogical Chaining of Artifacts” presented by Cindy FOREMAN

Tuesday, February 28th
“Get Your Lineage in Line” presented by Sylvia NIMMO

Tuesday, March 27th
“How Do I Organize All This Stuff?” presented by AGS Member Panel

Tuesday, April 24th
“Researching the 1940 Census” by Randy WHITED

Tuesday, May 22nd
“I Bet You Didn’t Know That” presented by AGS members Jane SCHWENDINGER and Sharon FOLEY

Tuesday, June 26th
“Find Success with FamilySearch” presented by Karen MATHESON

Tuesday, July 24th
“Preserving Paper and Photos” presented by Claudia ANDERSON

Tuesday, August 28th
“Trailing Old West History” presented by Mike COX

Tuesday, September 25th
“Member-to-Member” Special Topic Tables presented by AGS members

Tuesday, October 23rd
“Who Do You Think You Are” LIVE—featuring Jim SWIFT, well-known Austin KXAN-TV reporter and personality as researched and presented by a group of AGS members

Tuesday, November 27th
Fall Festival—Special Program on “Austin’s Sixth Street” presented by Dr. Allen CHILDS
Austin Genealogical Society
Membership Form
(Click here to join or renew online.)

☐ New member
☐ Renewal of 2012 membership
☐ Returning Member (prior to 2012)

Membership Dues

☐ $20 Individual / Institutional Membership
☐ $30 Family Membership

☐ $500 Lifetime Membership
☐ $300 Senior Lifetime Membership (over age 65)

Supporting Donation (in addition to dues above)

☐ Friend of AGS add $20
☐ Sponsor of AGS add $30
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$_________ total dues and donations

Member Information

Name: ____________________________  Spouse (if member): ____________________________
Email: ____________________________  Spouse email: ____________________________
Mailing address: ____________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________  Other Phone: ____________________________

May we list this information in our membership directory?  ☐ yes  ☐ no

Surnames: list up to eight surnames and locations for posting on the AGS website, or indicate “no changes”.

Surname 1: ____________________________  Location: ____________________________
Surname 2: ____________________________  Location: ____________________________
Surname 3: ____________________________  Location: ____________________________
Surname 4: ____________________________  Location: ____________________________
Surname 5: ____________________________  Location: ____________________________
Surname 6: ____________________________  Location: ____________________________
Surname 7: ____________________________  Location: ____________________________
Surname 8: ____________________________  Location: ____________________________

☐ No changes to surname listings

Volunteers make a difference! Please mark any of these projects you are willing to assist us with – and Thank You!

☐ Board of Directors  ☐ Hospitality and Refreshment Planning
☐ Program Committee  ☐ One-time Special Event Volunteer
☐ Education Committee or Instructor  ☐ Membership & Registration
☐ Speaker  ☐ Other: ____________________________

Upon request, Life Members will receive printed copies of the AGS Quarterly and Newsletter. Individual and family members will receive these publications electronically. Institutional members may request either option.

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### 2012 Board of Directors

**Term Ending 2012:**
- Karin BRANAMAN
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- Sharon FOLEY
- Missy HARRIS
- Jane SCHWENDINGER
- Janis TRAYLER

**Term Ending 2013:**
- Inez EPPRIGHT
- Dona KURTZ
- Randy WHITED
- Jennifer WHITLEY
- Jacquie WILSON

### 2012 Officers

- **President:** Sharon FOLEY
- **1st Vice President:** Janis TRAYLER
- **2nd Vice President:** Jane SCHWENDINGER
- **Recording Secretary:** Inez EPPRIGHT
- **Treasurer:** Teri FLACK

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*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.*

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**Visitors Are Always Welcome!**

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