



Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter

October 2006

www.AustinTxGenSoc.org

Vol. 12

9

**Society Meeting
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Drive
Tuesday, October 24, 2006**

**6:30 P.M. - Doors Open
7:15 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**

OCTOBER IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

PROGRAM

"The History of Funerals"

Speaker: Billy Peel

Attend this program to learn more about how your ancestor's family experienced their passing. You'll learn a lot about a subject we take for granted.

øøøø

Join us at our new Help Desk if you need advice on your genealogical research. The Help Desk will be open Tuesday evening from 6:30 until 7:15 p.m. before the business meeting. Knowledgeable AGS members have volunteered their time to help you get some new ideas for your research direction. Please come prepared with your question, including the time and place in which you are seeking information.

øøøø

Condolences

AGS has recently learned that our member Billie Dean Patterson, 79, died Friday, July 21, 2006. Mr. Patterson had been a member since 1999. He lived in Manchaca and was employed by The Country Store Art Gallery for many years. Mr. Patterson was related to the old Grumbles family of Travis County. He is survived by his wife Mary.

BULLETIN BOARD

AGS Nominating Committee Report

The following slate of members has been selected by the AGS Nominating Committee to serve a 2 years term on the board of directors beginning January 1, 2007. The slate was presented to the board of directors and membership at the September meeting. Voting will take place at the October meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor before voting.

**Kay Boyd
Cindy Foreman
Connie Perdue**

**Inez Eppright
Alana Mallard
Janis Traylor**

Oakwood Cemetery Austin, Texas Register of Gravestones

The work was compiled by Robert Tieman. It contains a short history of the cemetery, and explains the interment records. There are maps of each section of the cemetery showing the layout.

The book is divided into two sections, the first is an alphabetical list of the over 10,000 stones and then a listing by plot numbers so that the location of family burials can be identified.

AGS donated hard bound copies of the book to the Texas State Library, Austin History Center, Dallas Public Library Genealogy Department and the Clayton Library in Houston, Texas. A copy will also be donated to Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, IN. The caretaker at the Oakwood Cemetery bought a copy to help visitors identify if their ancestor's grave has a stone.

The book is not for sale.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2006 - 2007

Brick Wall Saturday

The next Brick Wall Saturday is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st at the Texas State Library and Archives. We all have a "brick wall" - what's yours? Come and discuss your "brick wall" with other genealogists. Please prepare a question related to your research problem, be able to summarize the work you've done already, and the group will suggest some possible new directions for your research. Join us anytime between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in room 202.

Texas State Genealogical Society Conference

Our AGS trip to the Texas State Genealogical Society Conference had to be canceled because we did not reach our minimum for bus rental, but the Conference is still being held and everyone should consider attending. The details about the conference can be viewed at <http://txsgs.org>. The dates: October 27-28, 2006. Speakers: J. Mark Lowe and Pam Porter will pack two days full of very informative talks.

San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society Seminar

Date: Saturday, November 4, 2006

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Raddison, Downtown Market Square
502 West Durango, San Antonio, Texas

Feature Speaker: Henry Z. "Hank" Jones, Jr.
Fellow of the American Society of
Genealogists

Fees: \$ 35 (Early registration for SAGHS members)
\$ 40 (Non-members)
(Includes lunch provided by the Raddison)

Mail your Reservation Check to:
SAGHS Seminar (by 26 October 2006)
Attn.: Pat Hovey, P. O. Box 790087
San Antonio, Texas 78279-0087

Contact Information: Ph. (210) 342-5242
Fax: (210) 342-0386, E-mail: saghs@texas.net

AGS Seminar 2007

Due to popular demand AGS is once again hosting a full day seminar on Saturday, April 28, 2007, at the Norris Conference Center. We are pleased to announce that we will have TWO national speakers for this seminar.

Paula Stuart-Warren from St. Paul, MN will entertain us with her warm and personable presentations. Paula has been on the national speaking circuit for a number of years. She also does private research and writes for numerous periodicals. Joining Paula, will be Josh Taylor, a national speaker originally for Idaho, and now a resident of Boston, MA, where he manages the microtext department at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Josh is also attending Graduate School at Simmons College and he does research.

Watch your mailboxes for complete details about the seminar. The brochure, along with your AGS renewal notices and information about our November DNA half-day seminar will be arriving at your homes the last week in October.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this fun and information-packed day!

Trip to Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah

AGS is planning it's third trip to Salt Lake City, October 7-13, 2007. Details about the trip will be in your January newsletter. We are unable to book airplane seats before the end of November, so details will not be available until the first of the year. We will once again stay at the SLC Plaza Hotel, next door to the Family History Library. There is a great deal of interest in this trip so we encourage you to plan to register early as there is limited space.

oooo

AGS welcomed the following visitors and new members to our September 28th meeting.

Bill Nash

Scott Reilly

Geoff Schmalz

Ronnie Pittman - Researching - Bloxom: Navarro Co. TX, Lytal: Hunt Co. TX, Pitman: Kentucky

The AGS Librarian is seeking missing AGS Membership Handbooks for the listed years to complete the holdings of the society. If you have copies of any of these, please bring them to the next meeting and give them to Kay Boyd. The years are 1985, 1986, 1994, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2001.

Kay Boyd

oooo

**Genealogy begins as an interest
Becomes a hobby.
Continues as an avocation,
Takes over as an obsession,
And in its last stages,
is an incurable disease.**

Author Unknown

Come and explore the World of DNA and see how it can help your genealogy

**Saturday, November 11, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Drive
Austin, Texas**

Max Blankfeld, vice president of operations and marketing of Family Tree DNA, Houston, Texas will speak. FTDNA was one of the first DNA genealogy services.

Max's talk "DNA and Genealogy: The Perfect Marriage" is aimed at beginners.

He will explain how genetic genealogy started, DNA 101 and how results are presented and interpreted.

**\$10 for AGS members, \$20 for non-members
(Includes coffee and donuts and lunch from Jason's Deli)**

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____ **AGS member: Yes** _____ **No** _____

Mail check to AGS - DNA Seminar, P. O. Box 10010, Austin, TX 78766

**Questions? E-mail: James Hollas@austin.rr.com or call 280-1415
The Seminar is sponsored by Family Tree DNA and The Austin Genealogy Society.**

AGS Newsletter Statement

The Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter and the editor have attempted to make the information in this newsletter as accurate as possible, by obtaining it from sources believed to be accurate and reliable, and to identify the sources. The information contained herein is for the personal and/or educational use of AGS members only and is provided in good faith without any express or implied warranty. It is the policy of AGS to avoid publishing personal information that is considered private.

Any mention of commercial products within this newsletter is for information only, it does not imply recommendation or endorsement by AGS unless otherwise stated.

10/1/06
"Keep Searching"
Wilena D Young
E-mail: Wdky75@aol.com

Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter
P. O. Box 10010, Austin, Texas 78766-1010
Published monthly except August & December
Deadline for submitting information is the
1st of the month unless otherwise stated.

