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**Society Meeting**  
**Highland Park Baptist Church**  
**5208 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas**  
**Tuesday, October 23, 2007**  
**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**

## Using Criminal Records for Genealogical Research

Please join us for our Tuesday, October 23rd meeting when our speaker will be Susan D. Kaufman, manager of the Clayton Library. The topic will be "Using Criminal Records for Genealogical Research." Criminal records including prison and court records can be a wealth of information guiding us to missing ancestors. However, they are not just for the black sheep alone. Come and find out how your ancestor might show up in criminal records, criminal or not. Discussion of prison, court and supporting records will be presented.

Susan D. Kaufman is currently Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, Houston Public Library. She began her career as the genealogy librarian in Peoria, Illinois at the Peoria Public Library. Susan has been a genealogy librarian for 18 years, including 6 years at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the nation's largest genealogy collection in a public library.

Ms. Kaufman has been involved in genealogical librarianship and genealogical societies since 1987. She offers expertise in genealogical/historical reference, collection development, and educational outreach. She has worked with local, state and national genealogical societies both as a board member and as a presenter at conferences. Currently, she is a director for the nationally recognized Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) board.

This past year she was selected as National Conference Co-Chair for the FGS National Conference annual conference held in Boston in August 2006.

Tommy Ingram,  
Program Chairman

## Newsletter Editor Needed

After many years of being our newsletter editor, Wilena Young is retiring. There is no way to thank Wilena for her many decades of work she has contributed to AGS and she will be difficult to replace. Wilena, on behalf of AGS, thank you!

AGS will need a new newsletter editor to begin with the January newsletter. This a Presidential appointment and thus the new newsletter person will be selected by the new President, who will be elected from the Board in early November.

If you are interested in this position, please let us know. If you have previously served as a newsletter editor, please submit (2) copies of that newsletter for review. Please send all submissions to the current AGS President Pat Oxley, at [pat@theoxleys.com](mailto:pat@theoxleys.com) OR via mail to Pat Oxley at 2012 Red Oak Circle, Round Rock, TX 78681.

We will be honoring Wilena for her THIRTY years of service at our meeting on November 27th. Mark your calendars and plan to come to the meeting and help us honor Wilena. Details about the program for that evening will be in your November newsletter.

### **From the Board Meeting**

The AGS Board of Directors met at 6 p.m. on September 25, 2007, prior to the regular monthly meeting. All Board members were in attendance.

It was decided that shirt orders would continue to be taken. The orders have slowed down.

AGS will join with the Oakhill LDS to present Roots, Boots & Barbecue on Saturday, November 10th, in lieu of our scheduled mini-seminar. Suzanne Bettac who is scheduled to speak at our seminar will speak at this event, along with three AGS educators and others.

The bylaw revisions will be voted on at our meeting.

We plan to honor Wilena Young, retiring newsletter editor, at our November 27th meeting. We are still actively looking for a new newsletter editor.

Cindy Foreman, Nominating Committee Chair, announced the slate prepared by the committee. They will be announced at the meeting and voted on at the October meeting.

Membership renewals will be sent out the first part of November. The program/education committee is meeting Saturday to prepare next year's lineup so that information can be included in the renewal form.

It was decided that non-members still listed on the surname list on our webpage will be notified that unless they renew their membership their surnames will be removed.

We have 39 researchers going to SLC for our annual destination research trip on October 7th. Plans will soon be announced for the 2008 trip to Ft. Wayne, Indiana to research at the NEW Allen County Library. Watch the newsletter for those details.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Oxley, AGS President

### **Nominating Committee Report by Cindy Foreman, Chair**

The following slate of members was selected by the Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors. Their names were announced at the September meeting.

**Teri Flack**

**Barbara Innis**

**Elizabeth Johnston**

**Robert Sage**

**Tommy Ingram**

**Randy Whited**

The nominees will be voted on at the October meeting, and those elected will serve a 2 year term on the Board of Directors beginning January 1, 2008.

Nominations may also be made from the floor before the names are voted on. If you wish to nominate someone, please ask if they are interested prior to nominating them. Please let Cindy know their name prior to the October meeting.

### **"Murder, Mayhem & Misadventure Tour"**

Join us to hear the stories from the graves of some of the people buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Saturday, October 27th. Oakwood Cemetery is located at 1601 Navasota, one block east of IH 35. The walking tours will be offered between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This event is sponsored by Save Austin Cemeteries. The tour is free, but donations will be accepted. For more information contact 917-1666 or [www.sachome.org](http://www.sachome.org).

### **Brick Wall Saturday**

The next "Brick Wall Saturday" is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, October 27th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the North Village Branch of the Austin Public Library. The North Village branch is located in the shopping center at the southeast corner of the intersection of Burnet Road and Anderson Lane.

We all have a "brick wall" (an ancestor who stubbornly refuses to give up their life story to you) - who is yours? Come and discuss your brick wall challenge with others genealogists. Please prepare a question related to your research problem ( answering the questions "Who" "Where" and "When"), be able to summarize the work you've done, and the group will suggest some possible new directions for your research. Then stay on and listen to other's Brick Walls. You may have just the answer to their genealogy problem. If not, you will still learn something new about genealogical research.

There is no charge for this service. Snacks will be provided.

### **Have You Checked these Internet Sites?**

Library of Congress American Memories <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

University of North Carolina Library, for example HYPERLINK "http://library.uncg.edu/slavery" <http://library.uncg.edu/slavery/>

Slave Narratives (probably available for other states) HYPERLINK "http://www.rootsweb.com/~msgenweb/xslaves/xslave-index.htm" <http://www.rootsweb.com/~msgenweb/xslaves/xslave-index.htm>

### **Preservation Tip of the Month by Becky Schipper**

You may want to scan your photos, documents, and records into electronic files to share with family. When doing this be careful of small, auto-feed scanners that may harm your material. It is best to scan on a flat-bed scanner, where the risk of harm is minimal. If you want to make an electronic record of your documents or photos, you will want to use a scanner that will allow you to save in a number of formats (e.g. tif, jpg, pdf, etc.). A tif image is still widely recognized as the preferred archival format. The files can then be stored on CD or DVD.

# 42, August 31, 2007. Genealogy Gems from Ft. Wayne Library.

**Austin Genealogical Society  
Profit & Loss - August 2007**

Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Classes (incl. LTL)	15.00	
Envelope Collections	90.00	
Membership Dues Rec'd 07 Dues	50.00	
Total Membership Dues Rec'd	<u>50.00</u>	
Total Income	<u>155.00</u>	
Gross Profit	155.00	
Expense		
Operating Expense		
Postage & Delivery	55.50	
Printing & Copying	<u>55.87</u>	
Total Operating Expenses	<u>111.37</u>	
Total Expense	<u>111.37</u>	
Net Ordinary Income	<u>43.63</u>	
Net Income	<u>\$ 43.63</u>	

**Austin Genealogical Society  
Balance Sheet As of August 31, 2007**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Wells Fargo		
AGS Operating Acct...6054	15,505.43	
CD	5,000.00	
Savings Acct...5879	<u>8,062.04</u>	
Total Wells Fargo	<u>28,567.47</u>	
Total Checking/Savings	28,567.47	
Other Current Assets		
Bulk Mail	276.02	
Inventory Assets	131.00	
Prepaid Rent	200.00	
Undeposited Funds	<u>660.00</u>	
Total Other Current Assets	<u>1,267.02</u>	
Total Current Assets	<u>29,834.49</u>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$29,834.49</u>	

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Total Research Trip Traveler Deposits	<u>13,825.00</u>	
	13,825.00	
Sales Tax Payable	<u>17.83</u>	
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>13,842.83</u>	
Total Current Liabilities	<u>13,842.83</u>	
Total Liabilities	13,842.83	
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity	89.03	
Retained Earnings	17,313.67	
Net Income	<u>- 1,411.04</u>	
Total Equity	<u>15,991.66</u>	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>\$29,834.49</u>	

Janis Trayler,  
Treasurer

**Condolences**

Laurie Ann Foreman died unexpectedly on Friday, September 14, 2007. She is survived by her children Zakary and Kylie McDonald, her mother Diana Morrow, and father Larry Foreman and wife Cindy of Wimberley, also 2 sisters. Interment was in Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Cemetery.

**Visitors welcomed to the September 25, 2007 Meeting**

Jan & Ron Rutherford

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**Welcome New Members**

Vonda Bloomquist	Frances R. Rodriquez
Karin Branaman	Elizabeth Wells
Jeannette Burger	Shirley Wells
Robert Casey	Karen Williams
Georgie & James Cunningham	
Helen M. Kott	

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**Idea From a Recent E-mail**

"I sent away to museums, etc. for pictures of my ancestor's ships. Got pictures of all 6 ships and embroidered the ships onto an Emigrant Quilt. I have 4 kids and they wouldn't let me cut that one quilt into 4 pieces so I'm making 3 more. I also made a little booklet about the journeys from Sweden to the US - Boston & New York - with pictures of the ships, printed at Kinko's from my computer."

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

**MASSACHUSETTS: 974.4**

The Pilgrim Migration: Immigrants to Plymouth Colony  
1620-1633

**FAMILY HISTORY: 929.2**

Samuel McKee and his family: notes on the life of Samuel McKee who died in Fayette County, Kentucky, in 1813, on his children, and the descendants of sons William, David, and Samuel McKee, Jr., and daughter Jane McKee Story.

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