



# Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter

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**Society Meeting  
Highland Park Baptist Church  
5208 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas  
Tuesday, September 25, 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**

## The History of Presidential Libraries

Please join the Austin Genealogical Society for our Tuesday, September 25th meeting, when our speaker will be Bob Tissing, Archivist at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library. The topic will be "The History of Presidential Libraries." The presentation will include information about the LBJ Library and its resources.

Mr. Tissing serves as the Archivist at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, a position he began in 1975. He previously held the post of Archivist at the Barker Texas History Center at the University of Texas at Austin from 1973 until 1975.

Mr. Tissing holds a B.A. in History and a M.A. in History from Baylor University and a M.L.S. from the University of Texas at Austin, as well as a number of professional certifications. He has served as Secretary, Vice President and President of the Society of Southwest Archivists.

The meeting begins at 7:15 p.m. at Highland Park Baptist Church, 5206 Balcones Drive in the Social Hall.

Tommy Ingram,  
Program Chairman

## August Board Meeting Recap

The Board of Directors met before the August 28th meeting of the Austin Genealogical Society. After approving the July Retreat minutes and the Treasurer's report, we heard plans from Cindy Foreman regarding the Education Committee.

They are gearing up, not only for the fall, but also to plan the class schedule for 2008. Cindy has plans to increase the number of offerings the Society provides to the Austin genealogical community and to our membership.

Connie Perdue reported on the ongoing discussion with the Texas State Library regarding their plans to close the Genealogy Library in the late fall. Connie, Cindy Foreman, Edna Youngblood and Inez Eppright, as well as Gaylon Powell representing Williamson County Genealogical Society, met with Peggy Rudd and others to hear the plans for the building.

As the Library begins their renovation plans, the first floor of the Zavala building will be closed and a limited selection of materials will be available on the 3rd floor. This situation may continue for several years, so, in my opinion, AGS needs to be able to provide alternate sources for genealogists in the Austin area.

Thanks to each of the folks who have attended meetings with TSL staff, especially Connie, who has given many hours of her time to spearhead these discussions.

Members of the LDS "Roots, Boots & Brisket" program met with Board to discuss plans for their annual November weekend program. Since that event and the AGS November 10th workshop have been scheduled for the same weekend, we are discussing the possibility of combining the events. More on that next month.

### **Board Recap Cont.**

Kay Boyd is discussing plans for a Bus Trip in conjunction with the Williamson County Genealogical Society. There were 10 members of the Board in attendance. President Pat Oxley was traveling.

Submitted by  
Tommy Ingram  
2nd Vice President

### **Salt Lake City Research Trip**

We have 38 people signed up for the Salt Lake City research trip. The trip is October 7-13, 2007. We have no plane tickets left, but there are still three hotel rooms available in our block if you wish to make your own travel arrangements and join us. **THE LAST DATE to reserve these rooms is September 15th. Please contact Pat Oxley. If you have not paid for your entire trip, please mail last payment to Pat by September 15th.**

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### **The Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives & Library Building**

Construction at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library building will commence in early November. The two-year renovation project will be completed while staff remains in the building and public services remain available, though limited at times. When complete, the facility will offer research and study spaces and public amenities that far exceed what is available now.

The first thing you will notice is a Welcome Desk with a friendly staff person to help orient you to the building and get you to your destination. The lobby will feature new exhibit spaces that will be changed regularly to give visitors a firsthand experience with historical Texas documents, photographs, maps and other special materials. As you enter the public service area, you will find lockers where you can store personal belongings that aren't needed during your stay.

The Reference and Documents Center will be housed on the first floor at the north end of the building and the Genealogy Research Center will be an elevator ride or a stairway walk to the second floor. The history of Texas families is the history of our great state. The Genealogy Research Center is being designed as a research and study environment for those who are delving into the genealogical trail left by previous generations of their families. By knowing more about our families, we know more about ourselves. The Center will include genealogical resources, public access computers, wired and wireless personal computer connections, copying facilities, microform reading and printing stations, document scanning stations, and expert staff to help guide researchers.

For the first time, the Lorenzo de Zavala building will have a public lounge on the first floor that will offer visitors a place where they can grab a quick snack or eat their lunch during a break from research.

The Texas State Archives will be found in its current location at the south end of the first floor. Home to a priceless collection of historically significant, one-of-a-kind records of Texas history, the Texas State Archives will be a place where scholars and the general public can conduct research and study surrounded by richly appointed comfortable furniture, public access computers, wired and wireless personal computer connections, expert staff - everything to support educational and personal pursuits. The Texas State Archives is being designed as a fitting tribute to the treasures of Texas history in the care of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, including 60,000 cubic feet of government records and private papers, maps, photographs, battle flags, and original oil paintings. In addition, the Texas State Archives houses the agency's digitization activities, which increase public access to our Texas treasures.

A new Conservation Lab will be located on the south end of the first floor. A significant feature of the new lab is a window into the lab that will permit the public to view conservation activities as they happen. The renovated building will also include a multi-purpose Learning Center and a Video conferencing Center on the second floor. We look forward to an expanded continuing education program centered in these new learning spaces.

As we work to realize this dream in the next two years, there will be disruptions in service. As staff and collections are moved, public access will be curtailed. We will make every effort to limit service disruptions, but ask that you bear with us.

Although the Texas Legislature appropriated just over \$15.5 million for the project, funds do not cover all the items needed for our renovated building. Therefore, our support group, the Friends of Libraries and Archives of Texas have embarked on a \$10 million fundraising campaign to purchase furnishings, shelving, equipment, signage, a security system, and other items that will increase the comfort and convenience of patrons. We want the building to be one that we can all be proud of and that will support users of the collections and visitors to our facility for many years to come.

You can help! Visit the Friends of Libraries and Archives of Texas at <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/friends/index.html> and read about the fundraising project. If you would like to be involved, click the "How to donate" button and you will be able to make a donation through the Austin Community Foundation.

We are excited about the future and about meeting the needs of Texans in our second century of service with a newly renovated research facility for the 21st century. It's a dream worthy of our full support.

Peggy Rudd,  
Director & Librarian  
Texas State Library

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

Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Sales-Earned Revenues		<u>27.39</u>
Total Income		<u>27.39</u>
Gross Profit		27.39
Expense		
Education		
Program Expense (spkr.. copies)	<u>15.70</u>	
Total Education		15.70
Membership Costs		
Socials	<u>91.88</u>	
Total Membership Costs		91.88
Operating Expense		
Bank Fees	- 10.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	
Postage and Delivery	0.00	
Printing and Copying	95.67	
Supplies and Materials	25.97	
Total Operating Expenses		<u>111.64</u>
Total Expense		<u>219.22</u>
Net Ordinary Income		- 191.83
Net Income		<u>- \$191.83</u>

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

**ASSETS**

Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Wells Fargo		
AGS Operating Acct...6054	6,846.33	
CD	5,000.00	
Savings Acct...5879	<u>8,058.28</u>	
Total Wells Fargo		<u>19,904.61</u>
Total Checking/Savings		19,904.61
Other Current Assets		
Bulk Mail	276.02	
Inventory Assets	131.00	
Prepaid Rent	200.00	
Undeposited Funds	<u>10.47</u>	
Total Other Current Assets		<u>617.49</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>20,522.10</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><b>\$20,522.10</b></u>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Research Trip Travelers Deposits		
07 SLC Trip	<u>4,560.00</u>	
Total Research Trip Traveler Deposits		4,560.00
Sales Tax Payable	<u>17.83</u>	
Total Other Current Liabilities		<u>4,577.83</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>4,577.83</u>
Total Liabilities		4,577.83
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity	89.03	
Retained Earnings	17,313.67	
Net Income	<u>- 1,458.43</u>	
Total Equity		<u>15,944.27</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		<u><b>\$20,522.10</b></u>

Janis Trayler,  
Treasurer

Pat Oxley,  
AGS President

**Righteous Acts of Genealogical Kindness**

Do you often wish you had a genealogy angel? Have you looked at HYPERLINK "<http://www.raogk.org>" [www.raogk.org](http://www.raogk.org)? Volunteers are listed by state and county and the type of look ups they will do. Some will take cemetery photos, go to the courthouse, or look for obituaries. Check it out.

**Give a Travis County Pioneer Certificate for Christmas**

This week an application was received for a certificate for a Christmas present. What a nice way for a genealogist to share with other family members. You do all of the work and the recipient received the certificate. The application can be mailed to you or you can download it at HYPERLINK "<http://www.austintxgensoc.org>" [www.austintxgensoc.org](http://www.austintxgensoc.org). Kay Boyd at 836-7484.

**Volunteers Needed**

I am looking for volunteers who might have the interest and time to help with transcribing a large Travis County records project. Copy will be provided and it is not a rush project (at this time). The work will be published in the Quarterly or posted on our web site. Contact Kay Boyd at 836-7484 or HYPERLINK "<mailto:mkdb1405@aol.com>" [mkdb1405@aol.com](mailto:mkdb1405@aol.com).

**Oakwood Cemetery**

Robert Tieman's database containing the registration of the tombstones of Oakwood Cemetery is now posted on the AGS web site at HYPERLINK "<http://www.austintxgensoc.org/cemeteries/oakwood.html>" <http://www.austintxgensoc.org/cemeteries/oakwood.html>. This work was published in book form last year and is now available for Internet users.

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**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.

### **Submitting Information for Newsletter**

Any AGS member may submit information or a question for print in the newsletter. Please send the piece to the editor by the 1st of each month.

### **Friends of Save Austin's Cemeteries**

If you would like to show your support as a Friends of Save Austin's Cemeteries, go to HYPERLINK "http://www.sachome.org" [www.sachome.org](http://www.sachome.org) and click on the "Friends e-mail list" link. This will allow you to keep up with planned activities, tours, workdays, updates on chapel restoration and other news and be counted as a Friend of the group. Also you can register your family names for contact.

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

**FAMILY HISTORY: 929.2**

Samuel McKee and his Family

**MASSACHUSETTS: 974.4**

The Immigrants to Plymouth Colony 1620 - 1633

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### **Welcome New Members**

Roger Royce

Frank McCullough

### **AGS Newsletter Statement**

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