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Monthly AGS Meeting Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Program: Using Online Resources
Presented by: Randy Whited and Bob Tieman

Highland Park Baptist Church
5208 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas

6:30 P.M. – Doors Open
7:00 P.M. – Meeting & Program Begin

Meet & Greet Old Friends & New
Shop our used books.
Pick up freebies & flyers about upcoming events.



Randy WHITED and Bob TIEMAN present *Using Online Resources.*



Randy W. WHITED, a life-long Texan, moved to the Austin area over twenty years ago from Northeast Texas. He is an alumnus of the University of Texas, having graduated with a BA in Astronomy. Randy's interest in genealogy was sparked during a career day presentation over twenty five years ago. What began as a curiosity on a supposed Native American grandmother developed into a life-long hobby.

A member of the Austin Genealogical Society since 2005, Randy is serving his second year on its Board of Directors. He has been active in genealogy education by teaching multiple sections of the AGS Beginner Classes, speaking to local genealogical societies and presenting at the AGS Saturday lecture series. Most recently,

Randy was appointed Editor of the AGS Quarterly.



Robert E. (Bob) TIEMAN is a third generation Austinite. He earned his BS in Engineering from the University of Texas and after a two-year stint as an Engineering Officer in the Marine Corps, he returned to Austin and began his career as a structural engineer with a large architectural and engineering firm. Bob's start in genealogy began about 35 years ago when a second cousin presented him with a dog-eared yellow tablet filled with handwritten notes detailing the Tiemann Family Tree. He transferred the information into one of the early genealogy computer programs and seems to always be dabbling with various computer applications as they relate to genealogy.

Many individuals have come to regard the web as simply a one-stop shop for names, places and dates. While there are varying amounts of material online of varying validity, this approach alone neglects the primary prominent role of the Internet: *communication*.

This presentation will discuss unique web resources for locating and reviewing original materials and, perhaps just as importantly, explore various virtual communities and volunteer opportunities.

Meet Your Neighbor

In order to learn a bit more about each person who attends the AGS meetings and to find some cousins, we are asking you to “Meet Your Neighbor.”

If *your* own surname begins with the letters **P**, **Q**, **R**, or **S**, please plan to announce your name as well as four to six surnames that do not appear on our website, along with the earliest American location of each. (For

example, Wampler, in Boston, Massachusetts, 1742, etc.)

If you hear a surname and/or location of interest, make sure you contact the person that night at the meeting, or right away by email afterwards. You never know what connections can be made. We began this project in January and already several people have realized they share ancestors with common surnames.

AGS BUSINESS

Recap from the Board of Directors’ Meeting

The Board of Directors met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2008, prior to the general meeting. Topics of discussion included the Treasurer’s Report, dues for the remainder of 2008, AGS’ participation in Roots, Boots & Brisket; plans for the 2009 Annual Seminar; plans for the December holiday social; and a possible redesign of the cover pages for the Quarterly.

The following actions were taken: (1) Full payment of dues received from *new* members in November and December will cover those months plus all of 2009. (2) Payment of a small deposit on the venue for the 2009 Seminar was approved; (3) transferring the unused balance (\$423) budgeted for the 2008 Seminar to the 2009 Seminar was approved; and (4) Pass-the-Pouch will be used at the October meeting to collect contributions for repairs to the Governor’s Mansion.



Board of Directors Elections

The Nominating Committee met and considered ten individuals to serve on the Board of Directors. The following six people were selected to be submitted to the general membership as the Committee’s proposed slate of nominees: Inez EPPRIGHT, Sharon FOLEY, Cindy FOREMAN, Sara GREDLER, Janis TRAYLER, and Kay BOYD. Pursuant to the bylaws, the Nominating Committee will submit this slate into nomination at the September general meeting. Additional nominees may be nominated from the floor. If you wish to nominate an AGS member to serve, that person must first agree and also give their permission prior to being nominated from the floor.

The actual election of members to the Board of Directors will be held at the October meeting.

Membership (submitted by Barbara INNIS)

Attendance at August 26th meeting:

Even with competition from the Democratic National Convention in Denver, 54 folks came to the meeting, including

1 New Member: Patricia Carole Glass LUTHER; and

7 Visitors:

From Austin: Craig HAYMON, Alice TROXEL, Meghan TROXEL, Navena TROXEL, Anne Lindeman WHEAT

From Killeen: Martha RISINGER; and

From San Antonio: Lou HARRIS, who came with her husband Robert (Bob) HARRIS, an AGS member.

A word of thanks to our August Volunteers:

Greeters - Glenda BLACK and Gayle OPIE.

Refreshments - Wynnette HARRIS, Linda MILLIGAN, Bob TIEMAN, and Janis TRAYLER.

BARGAINS GALORE for NEW MEMBERS who join between September and December 2008!

HALF-PRICE rates for 2008 available now and until the end of December for renewing members.

FULL PRICE rates paid by *new* members in November and December will extend through all of 2009.

Encourage your friends to check out the AGS website at www.AustinTxGenSoc.org where they can sign up and pay online with PayPal.

Coming Programs

The Education Committee has printed bookmarks listing the programs for the entire year. Be sure to pick one up at the hospitality table at the monthly meetings. Meanwhile, here is the list for the next few months:

Tuesday, October 28th

"Ten Tall Texans You Never Heard Of"
presented by James HALEY

from 6:45 to 8:30. AGS treats to our members will include an interesting program on Historic Hotels in and around Austin, a book signing, desserts galore, and prizes. Members' treat to the community: details will be revealed in the October newsletter.

Saturday, November 8th

Roots, Boots & Brisket – see information under "Conferences & Seminars" section

Our guest speaker will be Liz Carmack, who has written a book called Historic Hotels of Texas: A Traveler's Guide. She will be doing a 20-25 minute presentation, talking about her 17,000 mile research journey to create this book. You can find out more about Liz and her book at: www.historictexashotels.com or and www.lizcarmack.com.

Tuesday, November 25th

No meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday

Tuesday, December 2nd

A Holiday Celebration of Giving....From AGS to our Members and from our Members to the Community!

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 2 to attend an AGS holiday social

Start your holiday season with AGS!

Educational Opportunities

AGS Beginner's Classes- September 6, 13, & 20

Both veteran and newbie genealogists will enjoy and benefit from AGS' Genealogy Beginner's Classes. We've added some instructors and created new materials to supplement the great ideas that have been part of previous classes. We hope to give you some fresh ideas, help you brush up on your skills, and THINK genealogy. If you have been in a slump, consider joining us.

Classes will be held from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the LCRA Board Room a 3700 Lake Austin Blvd.** The modest cost of \$15 includes a notebook full of useful information and materials, handouts, and a total of nine hours of genealogy instruction and discussion.

Even if you have attended previous beginner's classes, you'll pick up some fresh ideas or reminders of things you knew but have forgotten. Think about it, but not for too long because space is limited. Contact: Kay BOYD (mkdb1405@aol.com) or Cindy FOREMAN (education@austintxgensoc.org)

More information is located at <http://www.austintxgensoc.org/genclass.php>



The Lifetime Learning Institute (providing programs for adults ages 50 and older) is offering its Fall program of Genealogy Classes beginning Wednesday, **September 10th and continuing each Wednesday through October 29th**. Classes are held at **St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 606 West 15th Street (78701)** from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** The cost for the classes is \$20 and includes materials.

Topics include: 1. Introduction and Overview of Genealogical Research; 2. Records to be found at the Round Rock Public Library; 3. Finding Source Records; 4. DNA; 5. Family Tree Maker & PAF software programs; 6. Courthouse records; 7. Preservation of artifacts and cherished items; and 8. Military records.

Please check the AGS website for specific information.
<http://www.austintxgensoc.org/lifelearnfa.php>

Conferences & Seminars

Not able to join the sojourners to Ft. Wayne? Maybe a trip to Victoria will help your research.

Victoria County Genealogical Society Fall Seminar, Saturday, 4 October 2008, 9:00 a.m. at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 2106 North Ben Jordan, Victoria, Texas

The featured speaker is **Christine ROSE** who will discuss:

1. The "Rites" of Inheritance, Dower, Entail and Primogeniture

2. Federal Land Records to Locate Ancestors
3. Too Young for the Revolution; Too Old for the Civil War--Military Records Between these Wars
4. Using Little Known and Neglected Sources: A Potpourri.

Website:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txvicto2/RoseSeminar.pdf>



**Texas State Genealogical Society
2008 Annual Conference**

(submitted by Teri Flack, AGS delegate to TSGS)

This year's conference is set for **Abilene** on **October 24 & 25**. The featured speaker this year is Thomas W. JONES, Ph.D., CG, CGL who will present six sessions on the theme of "**Following the Evidence Trail**."

In addition to the lectureship sessions, the Lone Star Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists will again do their Road Show with free 15-minute Consultations to help on a brick wall problem. Also available are: a Partner Society Special Session to discuss issues that genealogical societies face; round table mini-sessions -- small group discussions on a large variety of topics.

Website for additional information:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsgs/tsgs2008conference.pdf>



**Roots, Boots & Brisket
Saturday, November 8, 2008**

Plan to attend the 6th Annual Roots, Boots & Brisket that AGS is co-sponsoring with the LDS Church in Oak Hill again this fall. There will be 8 classes to choose from in 4 time slots (32 classes total!). Twelve of these classes will be presented by six members of AGS. And not only are the classes FREE, there is FREE barbeque for lunch!

The cultural hall will have display tables similar to what we have at our annual picnic. If you are interested in reserving a display space for your family history, contact Elizabeth Johnston to make arrangements.

We expect to have more information on the class offerings in next month's newsletter. Stay tuned!

Bits & Pieces

The San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society will host their annual book sale in the Library Annex on Saturday, September 27th. 911 Melissa, San Antonio TX 78213



The next Cemetery Workday will be on October 4th. Contact Kay BOYD for more details.
mkdb1405@aol.com



Do you use Legacy software for your genealogy? Legacy 7 has just come out with a great many new features. Anyone interested in forming a Legacy users group, please contact Roberta JENKINS at rjenkins7@austin.rr.com or connect with her at the September meeting.



Remember we talked about volunteering a couple of issues ago? I'll bring it up again in a later newsletter, but think about this: when the Texas State Library reopens for genealogy researchers, they will be looking for volunteers to help in the genealogy library. It will be an opportunity to share your knowledge and experience and reap the blessings of helping others. Consider it, won't you?



Do you subscribe to the AGS mailing list? If not, you missed out on the following:

On August 1, more than 73,000 newly digitized newspaper pages were added to the *Chronicling America* website at www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/, including content from 2 new states - **Nebraska** and **Texas** - and expanding coverage in the 1890s. With this update, the site now provides access to more than 642,000 digitized newspaper pages published between 1890 and 1910, and representing 74 newspapers from California, the District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, Nebraska, New York, Texas, Utah and Virginia.

Chronicling America is a project of the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), which is a partnership between the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Texas content includes The Daily Herald (Brownsville, Texas) for the period from 1892-07-04 to 1896-12-28. The paper was digitized as part of the Texas Digital Newspaper Program (<http://tdnp.unt.edu/>), a partnership between the University of North Texas, the Center for American History at the University of Texas at Austin, and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. All content from the TDNP will eventually be made available at the Portal to Texas History (<http://texashistory.unt.edu/>) and Texas Heritage Online (<http://www.texasheritageonline.org>).

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Are you *sure* you don't want to subscribe to this mailing list? Good information keeps popping up there! To receive up-to-date notices of AGS events and activities and share information about genealogy research in Austin, send an e-mail by clicking or emailing the address below and typing "subscribe" in the message area: TX-AGS-L-request@rootsweb.com



FamilySearch has recently updated or added *three new free databases* to its online pilot program at <http://pilot.familysearch.org>. The new additions represent over 9 million new names. Newly-added records include:

1870 U.S. Federal Census, Thirteen new states and almost 9 million names were added to the free 1870 U.S. Census index online. Indexes are now available for Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Dakota Territory, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming. Digital images can be searched for all states except Kentucky, Vermont, and Virginia.

West Virginia Births Index, 1853 to 1930 and **West Virginia Deaths Index**, from 1853 to 1870

Current indexing projects include the 1920 U.S Census, 1869 Argentina Census, 1930 Mexico Census, 1945 Florida State Census, Louisiana Deaths, German Church Records, Italy Church Records, Spain Church Records, Venezuela Church Records, and Nicaragua Civil Registration Records.

Condolences

Roger D. HILL, a life-long resident of Austin, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 14, 2008. Roger was born in Pandora, Texas, on January 24, 1933 to Robert Trice HILL and Ella Margaret ALSTON. Roger served in the United States Marine Corps for three years. Roger retired from the University of Texas at Austin after 40 years. He loved genealogy and was a member of the Austin Genealogical Society. He also enjoyed working on the grounds at Maranatha Baptist Church. We extend our sincere condolences to the Hill family in their loss.

Financial Reports for August

Austin Genealogical Society	
Profit & Loss	
January 1 through August 31, 2008	
INCOME	
2008 Research Trip -- Ft. Wayne	9,260.00
Annual Seminar Receipts	3,898.00
Bus Trips - Dallas	2,340.00
Classes (incl LTL)	285.00
Contributions Rec'd	260.00
Envelope Collections	40.51
Membership Dues Rec'd	3,875.00
Misc Income	1,207.48
Sales - Earned Revenues	393.00
Total Income	21,558.99
Cost of Goods Sold	344.49
Total COGS	344.49
GROSS PROFIT	21,214.50
EXPENSE	
Cemetery project	55.41
Charitable Donations	500.00
Education	4,266.30
Membership Costs	578.57
Operating Expenses	
Bank Fees	31.57
Equip. (Purch/Rent and Maint)	35.69
Miscellaneous Expenses	291.57
Permits & Licenses	175.00
Postage and Delivery	592.89
Printing and Copying	2,126.78
Rent - Meeting Rooms	535.00
Society Memberships	25.00
Supplies and Materials	76.08
Total Operating Expenses	3,889.58
Research Trip Expenses	11,891.47
TOTAL EXPENSE	21,181.33
Net Ordinary Income	33.17
Other Income - Interest Earned	53.35
NET INCOME	86.52

Austin Genealogical Society	
Balance Sheet	
As of August 31, 2008	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Public Employees Credit Union	10,025.00
Wells Fargo	7,301.52
Total Checking/Savings	17,326.52
Other Current Assets	259.01
TOTAL ASSETS	17,585.53
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Sales Tax Payable	9.08
Total Liabilities	9.08
EQUITY	
Retained Earnings	17,489.93
Net Income	86.52
Total Equity	17,576.45
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	17,585.53

Notes from the Newsletter Editor:

How is it that autumn is knocking at our door? Where did summer go? Does this mean you'll have more time or less time to spend working on your genealogy? Whatever the answer, consider taking advantage of one or more of the classes or seminars or conferences scheduled in the next few months. And please plan to join us at Roots, Boots & Brisket. You'll be glad you did!

Is there something you would like to see included in the newsletter? If so, please let me know. As always, thank you for taking the time to read the AGS Newsletter.

Until next time... Happy Trackin',

Janis Trayler, Editor
newsletter@austintxgensoc.org

2008 Board of Directors

The members of the Board of Directors for the Austin Genealogical Society for 2008 are:

Term ending 2008:	Term Ending 2009:
Kay Boyd	Teri Flack
Inez Eppright	Tommy Ingram
Cindy Foreman	Barbara Innis
Sharon Foley	Elizabeth Johnston
Connie Perdue	Robert Sage
Janis Trayler	Randy Whited

2008 Officers

President	Tommy Ingram
1 st Vice President	Kay Boyd
2 nd Vice President	Cindy Foreman
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
share those with us.*

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News about coming AGS events:

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Lifetime Learning's Sr. Adult Classes
Beginning Sept. 10 for 8 weeks

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September 23rd

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