

THE AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Austin Genealogical Society Meeting Tuesday, April 22, 2014

"Copyright and Intellectual Property Law Fundamentals for Genealogists"

Presented by: Attorney Matthew J. Booth

Matthew J. Booth is the founder of Matthew J Booth & Associates PLLC, and has practiced in the area of intellectual property for over 19 years.

He will not only explain what is copyright-protected is and when copyright occurs, but exactly what copyright infringement is, what is [and is not] in the Public Domain, and what Fair Use entails.

Many genealogists are eager to learn what we can do to avoid copyright problems with what we may write and also how to protect our work.



Matthew J. Booth is an Intellectual Property Attorney focusing on protecting the Intellectual Property of small and medium sized businesses. Mr. Booth's practice ranges from the identification and acquisition of Intellectual Property to the licensing and protection of Intellectual Property. His practice includes the following types of transactions: preparation, prosecution, and litigation of patents, trademarks, and copyrights; licensing of patents, trademarks, and copyrights; validity and infringement opinions; OEM and distribution agreements; technology sharing and joint development agreements; commercial and business litigation; and other general business agreements.



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

AGS Board Meeting, March 25, 2014

Members present: Inez Eppright, Missy Harris, Leslie D. Inman, Anne Mamiya, Carol Mason, Karin Nelson, Kathy Pemberton, Jane Schwendinger, Lisa Smith-Curtean and Don Villoni. Not present: Marcia Arn and Winnie Noelke.

Board Minutes

Minutes of the February 25th AGS Board meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

The February Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

Bank Statement

The February bank statement has been reviewed, and it is in agreement with the treasurer's records.

Membership

Missy Harris thanked the Handbook committee for their work. Missy reported that the current membership stands at 308.

Publicity

The seminar has been posted on numerous Facebook pages and at libraries around the area. We continue to get new members through online searches. Interest in our Facebook page is increasing.

Event

The Texas GLO has a Genealogypalooza scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS

The Introductory Workshop will be held March 29 and April 5. Twenty-five people are registered. The Fall 2014 workshop will be held September 27 and October 4.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Review Committee

Wanda Glass, David MacCabe, Karin Nelson and Teri Flack were appointed to the Financial Review Committee.

AGS Speakers Requested

Two area churches have requested speakers from AGS. Board members will receive information regarding their interest in being speakers.

AGS Seminar

There was a discussion regarding whether to have opportunity drawings or door prizes. The board agreed that only cash or checks would be accepted for the books that will be for sale. No credit cards will be accepted. The treasurer is applying to make the Seminar a tax free day.

Money Market Account

There was a suggestion to move some money from the checking account to a money market. After some discussion Karin Nelson, the treasurer, was appointed to check on money market requirements at Wells Fargo. A decision will be made next month.

Preserve War of 1812 Pensions

It was suggested that AGS make a donation to preserve these records. Karin Nelson will check to see if we can get matching funds for any donation we make. A decision on the donation will be made at the April meeting.



(Note from membership chair, Missy Harris)

"Thank you to all members who have renewed their AGS memberships for the year 2014."

From the President's Corner

Greetings,

I'm certain you are happily welcoming spring and the abundance of bluebonnets. Enjoying flowers in my grandmother's garden is a fond memory. Maybe you have similar memories that you are sharing with other family members.

It was great to be back at Highland Park Baptist Church for our first meeting there this year. We had a terrific turnout for Caroline's presentation and would have had more, had the parking lot not been full. The church has apologized profusely even though it was not their fault, but a misunderstanding on the part of another group.

We appreciate the many who have volunteered to help at our upcoming seminar featuring Maureen Taylor. "The Photo Detective". We still need more volunteers to take the load off others. Email me at president@austintxgensoc.org if you are willing to volunteer.

Don't forget to sign up for the seminar on our website www.austintxgensoc.org/seminar. You could be one of the lucky winners of a membership or subscription to Ancestry.com World Explorer, Findmypast, GenealogyBank, Mocavo, Internet Genealogy, Family Chronicle, Saving Memories Forever, FGS FORUM, or one of many other door prizes. The generous donations are sure to make some lucky winners very happy. If you would like a private consultation with Maureen Taylor (for an extra charge) by phone or in person following the seminar, contact her via her website at www.maureentaylor.com

Jane Schwendinger

There are many opportunities to participate in genealogical activities in Austin and in nearby communities. The list below includes information on regularly occurring meetings in which AGS members may wish to participate.

AGS British Isle Genealogy Special Interest Group meets via email to exchange information. Contact Jane Schwendinger at janesca@earthlink.net. This is an official AGS activity.

Austin Gen SIG meets from 1:00- 3:00 P.M. the second Saturday of the month at Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library, 7051 Village Center Drive. This SIG is a part of Computer Club of Austin and is not an AGS affiliated group.
<http://www.austingensig.com/>

Austin Legacy Users Group 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. Rjenkins7@austin.rr.com

Williamson County Genealogical Society meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Round Rock Public Library. Social time at 7:00 with the meeting at 7:30.

<http://www.williamsontxgenealogy.org/>

Keep in mind that the Texas State Library and Archive is expanding its hours of operation to accommodate researchers. The Texas State Archives, Texas Family Heritage Research Center, and the Reference and Information Center will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. The facility is located at 1201 Brazos in Austin. ((See special announcement regarding Genealogy After Dark on April 25 on page 5.)



In Sympathy

Emma Gene (Seale) Gentry (1919-2014)



Emma Gene (Seale) Gentry died on March 9, 2014, at the age of 94, in Austin, Texas. Born on November 3, 1919, in Dallas, Texas, to Roberta Josephine (Walther) and Adren Ford Seale, she graduated from Denison High School in 1936, and the Texas State College for Women, Denton, Texas, in 1940.

An avid genealogist, Emma Gene Gentry kept meticulous records, making notes in beautiful cursive script on some 200,000 three-by-five inch index cards she carefully filed for ready retrieval. During her 50 year journey as a genealogist, she served her fellow genealogists by accepting election as the first treasurer of the Austin Genealogical Society. She outlived all other AGS founders by four years. The author of *Walther Family Recollections* (1978), she co-authored *Travis County, Texas: The Five Schedules of the 1860*

Federal Census (1967) and the two-volume *Early Texas Birth Records, 1838-1878* (1969, 1971). With Alice Duggan Gracy and Jane Sumner, she traveled the state visiting courthouses in search of these early records. Often the team had to convince the county clerk that birth records had been recorded before 1903 and then search likely books to find the one in which the notations were tucked away.

She was unstinting in sharing with other genealogists and historians the information she had found and generous in counseling the less experienced in both sources and effective pursuit of their genealogical searches. When publishing, she insisted on providing full information. After my mother published her *Duggan Family* book without life dates, so as to protect the living who objected to having their ages divulged, Emma Gene Gentry insisted that life dates be included in the *Gracy Family* book that followed. Mom complied. Readers, and especially we descendants, are grateful.

Emma Gene Gentry belonged to the Texas State Genealogical Society, National Genealogical Society, Society of Genealogists (London, England), and the Le Cercle Genealogique (Strassbourg, France).

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Herbert Richard Gentry, and is survived by her daughter Barbara Ann (Gentry) Sunday; son Herbert R. "Rick" Gentry Jr. and wife Sharon, all of Austin; son David Lee Gentry and wife Liza of Lago Vista, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Submitted by David Gracy II

Emma Gentry was a current member of AGS as well as the last surviving charter member.

Condolences

Paula Rae Loftus Borg, April 30, 1946-March 29, 2014.

AGS offers condolences to the family of Paula Rae Loftus Borg. Paula was born in Granite City, IL, and passed away in Dent County, MO, after a long battle with cancer. She was married to AGS member David Borg for 46 years. She is also survived by two sons, Kevin and Eric. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Genealogy After Dark

Friday, April 25, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Registration is limited to 30 participants, and the deadline to register is April 18, 2014.

The State Library will close at 5:00 p.m. and reopen at 6:00 p.m. for Genealogy After Dark participants. Parking is usually available in the Capitol Visitors Parking Garage at 1201 San Jacinto, one block to the east of the Zavala Building. There is no charge for visitors who arrive after 5:00 p.m.

The registration fee is \$10. Link to the registration form: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/genafterdark.htm>

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at geninfo@tsl.state.tx.us or 512-463-5455.

Genealogypalooza, Saturday, May 17

This event will be held at the GLO Headquarters in the Stephen F. Austin Building in Austin. It is brought to you by the Texas General Land Office and Texas State Genealogical Society

Click Here to Register

<http://www.cvent.com/events/texas-general-land-office-and-texas-state-genealogical-society-presents-genealogypalooza-2014/event-summary-206e719d892c4a5d872197c0d1639aa4.aspx>

The cost is \$65 before May 1 (\$80 after May 1).

Speakers & topics include:

Bill Buckner - Core 101 Fundamentals for Beginning Genealogy Research

Sue Kaufman - Planning Your Research Trip

James Harkins - Genealogical Resources of the Texas General Land Office

John Sellers - Researching Your Ancestor's Plot of Dirt: The Adventures of Courthouse Land Research

Daniel Alonzo - Time vs. Money: Preserving Family Documents

Caroline Pointer - I Started Researching My Genealogy on Ancestry.com - Where Do I Look Now?

Margaret Schlankey - Resources for Genealogists at the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History

It is important to note, there are only 100 spots available for this event, so please register early as this event will sell out!

If you have questions, please call 512-463-5277, or email archives@glo.texas.gov

Travis County Pioneer Certificates

Two Travis County Pioneer Certificates were approved in February.

Sybil Patterson received a certificate for her ancestors, William and Matilda Rayson Baker, in Travis County in 1850 from England.

Charles H. Hopkins received a certificate for his ancestors, Willis and Margaret Jackson Hopkins, in Travis County in 1880 from Georgia.

For further information regarding pioneer certificates, please contact Kay Boyd, at mkdb1405@aol.com

More Good Things Coming Up

Make Plans to Participate

Save Austin's Cemeteries

Save Austin's Cemeteries speaker series:

"A House Divided:

The Holland Family in Black and White"

Bird Holland and his children

Talk and tour at Oakwood Cemetery at 10:00 A.M., Saturday April 12.

In 2012, R. G. Ratcliffe was working on a biography of Rick Perry when he stumbled on the intriguing story of a 19th Century politician who had sons by his brother's slave, took them to Ohio, freed them and paid abolitionists to raise them. One brother fought for the Union in the Civil War and won the congressional Medal of Honor, while another brother returned to Texas and won election to the Legislature, where he passed a bill creating what became Prairie View A&M University. The father and one of his sons are buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

Oakwood Cemetery is located just east of IH-35 and south of the UT baseball field at 1601 Comal/ Navasota. Please wear sensible, closed-toe shoes as the walking tour presentation will take place in the cemetery, and the terrain is uneven.

Under the Shadow of the Texas Capitol

History is all around us, but at Oakwood Cemetery, it's actually beneath our feet. Save Austin's Cemeteries (SAC) is a non-profit organization formed in 2004. It is dedicated to preserving historic cemeteries in Austin through documentation and education, and by promoting historic cemeteries of Austin as local and state cultural resources.

SAC has been actively participating in the preservation efforts at the five city cemeteries. SAC documents the conditions at the cemeteries, including the headstones, and researches the histories of the cemeteries and cemetery residents.

Book and Magazine Event in May

Spring cleaning time! AGS will have it's almost annual used book sale during the regular monthly meeting on May 26th.



In the meantime, dig around in your closet, check your drawers, and browse through your bookshelves for books that you no longer use or need. Please limit your donations to non-fiction. Genealogy related books are of particular interest. Magazines that focus on genealogy are also welcome. We'll have a 'sale table' and a 'free table.'

In the past, this event has been of interest to members and has been a nice fundraiser for AGS. Start your stack now. Bring your items to the April meeting so they can be sorted and prepared.

We will need 2-3 volunteers to help us set up for this sale. Please email Kay Boyd at mkdb1405@aol.com

HOSPITALITY REPORT

Greeters for March were: Nancy Stevens and Earle McBride.

Refreshments were provided by the AGS Board.

Sign-in Table: Gary Pemberton, Ron and Mary Root, Arlene Zirkle and Jean Marostica.

The refreshment table was served by Sheila Sargent. Kay Boyd was at the publication handout table. John Marostica was in charge of audio-visual equipment.

Attendance at the March meeting was 100, including members and guests.

New Members: Kathleen McRill , Robin Matthews, Adeliza Tiffany, and Sandra Harrison (Please let us know if we have missed anyone.)

Visitors: Sara Gredler and Scarlett Spivey.

April Greeters : Janice Trayler, Carroll Patterson

April Refreshments: Ursula Gaines, Wynnette Harris Sue Ellen Jeffers , Judith Morris

2014 Board of Directors

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2014 PROGRAMS

Your program committee, led by program chair Marcia Arn, is excited to present the scheduled programs for our monthly meetings in 2014.

Apr 22 Copyright & Intellectual Property Law for Genealogists-Matthew J. Booth, Atty.

May 27 Effectively Using Family Search for Research-Dave Anderton

June 24 Maps & Online Resources at the Perry-Castaneda Library-Katherine Strickland (rescheduled)

Jul 22 How to Write Short Stories About Your Family History-Mary Scrudder

Aug 26 Creative Memories-Scrapbooking-Luci Anderson
(This just added.)

Sep 23 GATA GACC! DNA and Genetic Genealogy today -Debbie Parker Way

Oct 28 Document Analysis 101-Karen Matheson

Nov 25 Fall Festival-How Austin Came to Be-Teri Flack



Austin Genealogical Society
Seminar—May 3, 2014
Presenting: **MAUREEN TAYLOR**
THE PHOTO DETECTIVE

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Triumphant Love
 Lutheran Church
 9508 Great Hills Trail
 Austin, TX 78759

(Doors open at 8:00 a.m.)

Maureen Taylor is an internationally recognized expert on photographic identification and genealogy, bringing together her knowledge and skills in history and research into family stories while giving insight into the invention and development of photography itself. She finds clues in photographs as if she were a private detective. Maureen has been featured in numerous publications and on many television broadcasts.

Seminar Topics

Identifying and Dating Family Photographs

Read Genealogical and Immigrant Clues in 19th Century Photographs

Preserving Family Photographs – 1839 to the Present

Google Images and Beyond: How Genealogists Can Find Photographs On and Off Line

Registration is also available online at AustinTxGenSoc.org with PayPal or credit card through May 1, 2014

Pre-registration is \$35 for AGS member, \$45 for non-members. Optional box lunch is \$10.

You may also bring your own lunch. Light refreshments will be served in the morning.

COMPLIMENTARY BAGS AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST 100 REGISTRANTS

Registration at the door will be \$45. For further info, contact president@austintxgensoc.org

Registrations by mail must be received by **April 22, 2014**.

-----Please detach & return-----

Name	Phone	Email
Address	City	State Zip

Seminar Attendees will have their contact information (name, email, phone) printed in the syllabus along with up to 4 surnames if registration received by **April 22, 2014**. Please indicate here with a check mark if you do not wish to have your contact information published.

____ I do not want my contact information published

Surnames (list up to four surnames)

1. _____ Location _____ 3. _____ Location _____

2. _____ Location _____ 4. _____ Location _____

Registration Fees

Seminar Fee: AGS Member: \$35 Non-Member: \$45 _____ (required)

Seminar Special! 2014 AGS Membership for NEW members: \$15 _____ (optional)

(Join AGS at 25% off the regular price and take advantage of the AGS member seminar price above)

Optional Box Lunch (includes sandwich, chips, and cookie): \$10 _____ (optional)

You may also bring your own lunch – Beverages will be provided

Please select your sandwich choice: _____ Turkey _____ Tuna Salad _____ Chicken Salad _____ Vegetarian

Make checks payable to AGS. Your check is your receipt.

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Mail to: AGS, Box 10010, Austin, TX 78766-1010

Monthly Meetings on 4th Tuesdays
(except December)

Social time at 6:30; Program at 7:00

Highland Park Baptist Church

5206 Balcones Drive

Austin, TX 78759

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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