

Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter

Next Meeting: April 24, 2018

Finding Treasures Buried in the 1900 through 1940 Census Records by Teresa Devine



Speaker: Teresa Devine

Today with online databases offering easy access to U.S. census records, opportunities for discovery have never been easier. So, take advantage of our April presentation to hone your skills in researching the data-laden census records of the Twentieth Century.

Teresa's presentation will focus on ways to mine the trove of genealogical information embedded in Twentieth Century census records. She will cover much more than just names, ages, and residences. The records are chock full of other information for the genealogist. With the right approach, these censuses, both alone and collectively, can provide a wonderfully detailed snapshot of family life across the decades. Plus, if you know where and how to look, the records can point to additional data hidden in municipal, state, and church records. This will be a fact-



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AGS April conversation starter

filled presentation designed for all genealogists, no matter their skill level. Don't miss it.

Teresa Devine began dabbling in family history research more than ten years ago, but didn't get serious about genealogy until 2011 when her oldest living paternal relative passed away taking her memories of the family with her. Teresa realized that family stories can easily disappear unless someone purposely works to save them. She specializes in southern U.S. research, serves on the Lineage Research committee for the Andrew Carruthers DAR chapter, and her daughters were recently accepted into the Mayflower Society based on Teresa's research. She is a board member of our Austin Genealogical Society and a member of the Williamson County Genealogical Society.

6:30 p.m. Doors Open

7:00 p.m. Presentation begins

Highland Park Baptist Church

[5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731](#)

Welcome new members!

Dia Bagchi
Robert Brown
Sharyl Burshnick
Patti Marchant Carlson
Jerry Cole
Colette Cole
Cheryll Coon-Riley
Cynthia De Bellis
Patricia Griswold
Michele Hewlett-Gomez
Revis Leonard
Janie Light
Gail Nicholson
Judith Smith
David Southard
Mari Spacek
Mary Spencer-Post
Sharon Swander
Ellen Welker
Ana Maria Whiteside

Our April conversation starter will be "Your U.S. Census Discoveries...Or Unsolved Mysteries"

Have you solved an essential family mystery in some census tidbit you've uncovered?

Or is there an ancestor you've been unable to locate on any census, no matter how obsessively you've combed through?

Teresa Devine's talk on "Finding Treasures Buried in the 1900 Through 1940 Federal Census Records" will give us more tools to explore those documents.

Join us at 6:30 on April 24th for a half hour of snacks and socializing!

AGS needs education instructors

If you are interested in teaching or assisting with a genealogy related class either at a public library or for the next session of LLI (Lifetime Learning Institute), please contact us at education@austintxgensoc.org.

AGS on FaceBook

[Austin Genealogical Society](#) - Posts on this site include information

The Genetic Genealogist

Blaine T. Bettinger,
Ph.D., J.D.



brings DNA to your genealogy toolbox

May 11 - 12, 2018

at the Commons Learning Center, Austin

A seminar from the *Austin Genealogical Society*

Blaine T. Bettinger, author of two books on genetic genealogy and the outstanding blog, *The Genetic Genealogist*, is the premier genealogist applying DNA to genealogy searches.

Perhaps more important, he is *the* outstanding teacher in this field and has helped countless genealogists find their way to applying DNA to solve family mysteries. Let him show you the path.

Blaine and the *Austin Genealogical Society* are presenting two Friday (May 11) afternoon workshops and a full Saturday (May 12) seminar at the Commons Learning Center in north Austin.

The workshops - Friday, May 11:

Each workshop: \$25 members / \$30 non-members

Advanced third-party tools 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Visual phasing 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.

[Registration/More Information](#)

The seminar - Saturday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cost \$50 for AGS members / \$70 for non-members.

Optional box lunch is \$15.

Using autosomal DNA to solve mysteries

Using third-party tools to analyze autosomal DNA

The danger of distant matches

about the AGS monthly programs, the annual AGS Seminar, and AGS classes. **“Liking” this page helps get the message out to more people on Facebook! Please “like” posts when you see them to help market our Society.**

[Austin Genealogical Society Members Helping Members](#) (public group) -

Posts on this site include genealogy-related topics such as webinars, websites, and classes not sponsored by AGS. Members of the group may request help with any particular issue they are experiencing with their own research.

[Austin Genealogical Society Writing](#)

[SIG](#) (closed group) - AGS Members interested in writing a personal or family history are encouraged to join this Facebook group and attend the monthly meetings (see below for details.)

CHECK OUT OUR CALENDAR!

The latest schedule for AGS classes, events and meetings is always available on the website [here](#).

AGS Board



DNA and Genealogy

Preparation for Blaine T. Bettinger's Seminar in May by AGS Board Member Debbe Tipping

This month we look at X-DNA. If you had an autosomal DNA test, then some of your X-DNA was also tested and the results are in the report. How can X-DNA help you? It can help you narrow down the possibilities of relatives from your combined autosomal and X-DNA relationships report.

A quick review, X-DNA is a sex chromosome. Men typically have one Y chromosome and one X chromosome. Women typically have two X chromosomes. The X chromosome for a man is passed down, unchanged, from his mother. One of the X chromosomes for a woman is passed down from her father unchanged. The X chromosome from her mother can undergo recombination and be part of each of her mother's chromosomes. Recombination occurs in autosomal DNA also.

So, just how does X-DNA help you with figuring out your cousin matches? Look at the figure below. A male test taker has many possible cousin matches with several people from his autosomal DNA. He has just a few cousin matches with his X-DNA. Do you see the areas shaded in green? Those are the possible women he received X-DNA from. This male test taker now knows that the X-DNA he shares with others is only from these families, instead of all of the families in his family tree. This will help him narrow down the possible connection.

meeting minutes

You can now find the AGS Board meeting minutes behind the member wall:

austintxgensoc.org/members-only/#minutes



AGS DNA SIG

First Wednesday of every month (no meeting in July). Next meeting Wednesday, May 2, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Pok-E-Joe's [2121 Parmer Lane, Austin, TX 78727](#) three blocks east of Mopac on Parmer Lane.

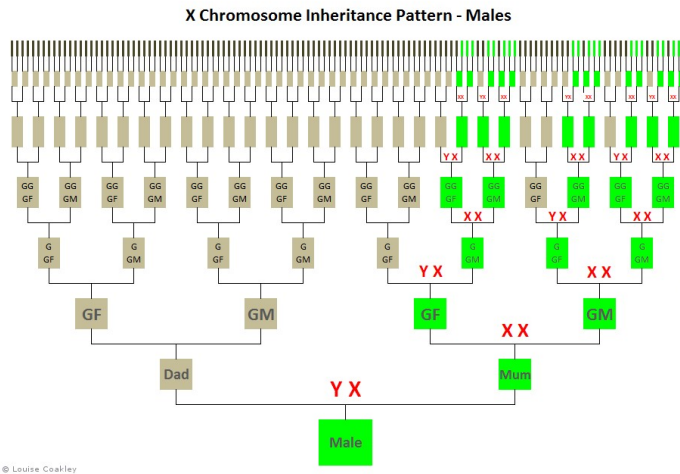
Meetings include a review of the book, *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, by Blaine T. Bettinger. It is available on Amazon in paperback and kindle editions: [link](#)

[More Information](#)



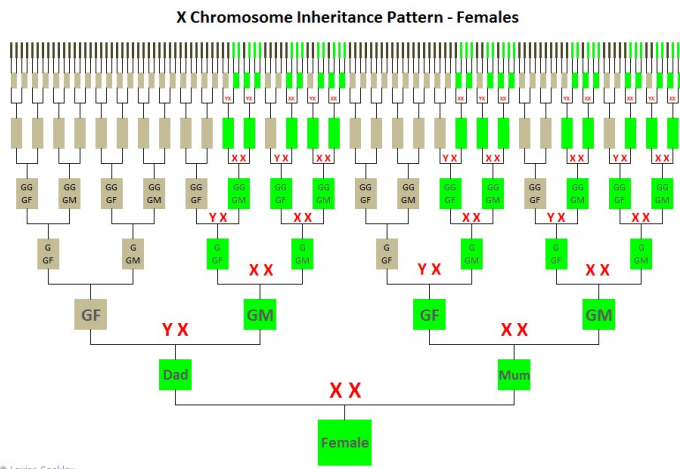
AGS Writing SIG

Second Tuesday of



From Louise Coakley's Blog 15 June 2015,
[http://www.genie1.com.au/blog/63-x-dna\\$!kmt-start=0](http://www.genie1.com.au/blog/63-x-dna$!kmt-start=0) accessed 4 April 2018

Women have two X chromosomes, so their possible matches for X-DNA testing are greater than the men, but still fewer than every person in her tree. When a woman has X-DNA matches, she can figure out which families have a possible connection to the cousin she matched with.



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If you are interested in learning more about DNA, AGS has a DNA SIG (Special Interest Group) that meets the first Wednesday of each month. They are studying the book *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy* by Blaine T. Bettinger. [Click here](#) for more information. And don't forget that Blaine is the presenter at our annual seminar in May.

every month - no meeting in December
Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Cafe Express (we meet in the small room by the kitchen)

[3418 N Lamar Blvd, Austin, Texas 78705](#)

The purpose of the Writing SIG is to support members in writing family histories and genealogical articles. We meet once a month and have dinner together while we discuss genealogical topics and those of us that are ready will read aloud our latest work. Come and get inspired with the rest of us! Open to members of AGS.

Join the Writing SIG facebook group: [Austin Genealogical Society Writing SIG](#) (closed group) - join us on Facebook to keep informed on Writing SIG meeting locations and dates, new ideas for writing topics and classes.

[More Information](#)

AGS 2018 meetings

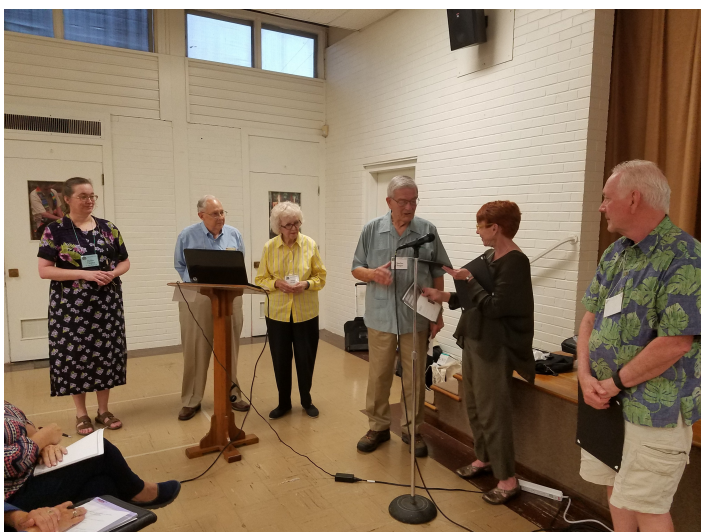
AGS' Meeting calendar is also online [here](#)

Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday (no meeting in December)
 Doors Open: 6:30 PM
 Program starts: 7:00 PM

If you would like to read the other DNA articles published in this series, [click here](#).

Special thanks to AGS member Reneé Lasswell for her helpful suggestions for this article.

We recognized our lifetime members



Recognition of AGS lifetime members being presented by Debbe Tipping (far left) and Nan Kilkeary (2nd from right) at the March meeting. Lifetime members pictured here from left to right: David B. Gracy II, Mary Bohls, Charles E. Clinger, and Jon Bayer.

AGS has 21 lifetime members, many of whom have been with us for two decades, and others who have just become lifetime members.

On the miserable, rainy night in March that our last meeting was held, we recognized four of them (see photo). We actually did send invitations to all.

They are all interesting, but as a group, it's interesting to acknowledge that they have made a lifetime commitment to the practice of genealogy, and also to the Austin Genealogical Society.

We presented each with a certificate of appreciation, and sent certificates to those who couldn't join us because of rain, distances of thousands of miles, or not traveling.

We have an abundance of committed members and will be

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Apr 24 Finding Treasures Buried in the 1900 through 1940 Census Records by Teresa Devine

May 22 The U.S. Census Part I: The Impact of the 2020 Census on Genealogy by Dr. Steve Murdock

Jun 26 Saving Your Family History Part II: Creating a Family Web Site by Sandra Crowley

Jul 24 1890 Census Substitutes: Bridging the Gap by Bill Buckner

Aug 28 Genealogy Tech: The Power of Family Search and a Look at Recent Changes by Alan Rabe

Sep 25 PERSI: A Guide to Genealogy's Best Road Map by Cari Taplin

Oct 23 Immigration to America: America's Ports of Entry by Dr. Walter Buenger

Nov 27 Fall Festival

AGS website

Did you forget your login or password to the Members Only section? Problems renewing a membership? Contact: webmaster@

recognizing more of them.

Are you interested in becoming a lifetime member? austintxgensoc.org/membership-account/membership-levels/

Share your photos with us!



We would love to share photos from our members' collections of their ancestors in the May newsletter. Do you have a particular photo that you just love? Send them to newsletter@austintxgensoc.org and let us know your relation to them (i.e. my great-great grandmother) and what you love about the photo - we'll publish it to share with the rest of the members.



Photos courtesy of Debbe Tipping. Not her ancestors. :)

Non-AGS upcoming events

austintxgensoc.org

Membership Account

Did you know that once you have logged into the AGS website that you can see your account history? Click on the "Member Account" button at the top right and you will find your membership status, your login name and email address, and your past transactions with AGS. You can update your email address from this screen.

AGS 2018 class schedule

Information about our classes is available [here](#). All classes are free.

Saturday, April 28 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**AGS/AGE Fourth
Saturday Class:
Family Tree Maker 2017
(Updated) – 101 –
Navigation and Getting
Started**

AGE Computer Lab
[3710 Cedar St., Austin,
78705](#)

For this class you'll need basic computer skills that include: keyboard familiarity, mouse uses (both left and right-click buttons), and Windows 7 or newer navigation/software application interactions. General understanding of genealogy including



SAVE AUSTIN'S CEMETERIES

P O Box 16411, Austin, TX 78761

BRUSH UP ON OR LEARN YOUR TEXAS HISTORY, "ROUGH ROAD TO TEXAS INDEPENDENCE" TOURS

Oakwood Cemetery

Self-guided tours available April 22-28.

Everyone has heard "Remember the Alamo", but do you know about the other battles that occurred while Texas was fighting for its independence from Mexico?

Information is available for self-guided tours from April 22-28 regarding the stories of 8 people buried in Oakwood who were connected to these events.

[More information](#)



Using Word to Write Your Memoir/Autobiography

AGE Computer Lab

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

1:00 - 3:00 pm

If you have a basic understanding of how to use a PC and Microsoft Word, along with a desire to document stories of yourself, your family, and your ancestors, for current and future generations, this is the class for you! Your memories are as important as the history of those who came before you.

Offered by Austin Groups for the Elderly (AGE): a name only, age is irrelevant – only your desire to learn.

Fee \$25

[More information](#)

understanding of terms such as "facts", "sources", and "media".

Are you new to Family Tree Maker? Or is the Updated version NEW to you? This is a great class for first timers or those who want to renew their familiarity with this terrific genealogy application. Here you'll learn the basics of Family Tree Maker and familiarize yourself with the application. You'll learn how to navigate, understand the file structure, start a Tree, identify and understand panels and tabs and their differences.

Open to AGS members only.

[Registration](#)

Saturday, May 19, 10:30 a.m. - noon

Census Overview

Instructor: Debbe

Tipping

Austin Public Library
North Village
[2505 Steck Ave., Austin, 78757](#)

Join us for an overview of the U.S. Censuses from 1790 to 1940. We will look at each census in general, learning which questions were asked and what extra components may be included to help us with our family history



Connecting Texas: 300 Years of Trails, Rails, and Roads

Feb 15 through Sept 17

Witte Museum

3801 Broadway St, San Antonio, TX

The Texas General Land Office will lend over 40 Texas maps and documents, representing 300 years, to the Witte Museum for a special exhibit in the Robert J. and Helen C. Kleberg South Texas Heritage Center, and feature maps that examine how explorers, Native Americans, armies, immigrants and early settlers moved in, around and across Texas over the last 300 years.

[More Information](#)



**National Genealogical Society
2018 Family History Conference
May 2-5
Grand Rapids, Michigan
"Paths to Your Past"**

Choose from more than 175 lectures presented by many nationally recognized speakers, explore an exhibit hall filled with more than 80 exhibitors, and network with over 2,000 genealogists. Every NGS conference has a different theme with a new program top to bottom - so there is always much new to learn and discover.

[More Information](#)

research.

Registration opens May 1st.

[Registration](#)

Saturday, June 16, 10:00 a.m. - noon

**Finding your confederate ancestors
Instructor: Millijon Crowell**

Austin Public Library
North Village
[2505 Steck Ave., Austin, 78757](#)

Tips on doing research in the 11 southern states which formed the Confederacy: South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Research in these states can differ from northern states because the southern states tended to be mainly agrarian with few large cities and the people tended to move more frequently, immigrating west and south with each generation. Research topics will include using census, probate, land, marriage bonds, church, civil, military records, etc. in areas where many records may have been destroyed. We will discuss how to find your ancestors who fought for the Confederacy and some of

Adventure Skaraborg 2018

Exklusive Genealogy Trip to Sweden 2018

ADVENTURE SKARABORG 2018

Aug 27 - Sept 5

This is a travel package that allows the participants to find their roots in Sweden combined with touring Swedish historical and culture highlights with their own guide. Your own researcher assists you with tracing your roots. The travel package also includes four days in the capital of Sweden, Stockholm.

[More Information](#)



German Texan Heritage Society Conference

September 14 and 15

[Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy St., Galveston, TX 77550](#)

The annual German Texan Heritage Society Conference theme is "Galveston - Port of Entry for Germans in the 1800's."

[More information](#)

AGS Committees - what they do and who they are

the myths about the south and slavery.

Millijon Crowell has been researching her own southern ancestors for over 40 years including five ancestors who fought for the Confederacy.

Registration opens June 1st.

[Registration](#)

Do You Have a Brick Wall? Bring it to a Meeting!

Master Genealogist Jean Shroyer helps break through brick walls at our monthly AGS meetings! And, feel free to send your brick walls for posting in the newsletter to newsletter@austintxgensoc.org or post it to our Facebook page, "Austin Genealogical Society Members helping Members."

Local genealogy meetings and resources

Austin Gen SIG, next meeting May 26, 1:00–4:00 p.m. at Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library, [7051 Village Center Dr., Austin](#). Click [here](#) for website.

Austin Legacy Users Group meets on the third



Member Connection Committee

The Member Connection Committee is an enhanced version of the former Hospitality Committee. They handle the non-speaker aspects of the monthly meetings, including the conversation starters and coordinating the volunteers that set up, bring food, clean up, greet attendees and distribute the handouts. They also coordinate the November meeting's Fall Festival meal and the March meeting's Lifetime Member recognition. Recommendations for other activities that would help our members connect are most welcome.

The current committee members are Lise Doss, Sam Martin, Audrey Poche, Karen Liston and Ann Kippen. **For inquiries regarding this committee, contact Ann Kippen.**



Activity Committee

This committee schedules, plans and executes one to four activities each calendar year outside of the monthly meetings. These activities include tours of libraries, picnics, etc. It also supports the annual seminar.

Saturday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the [Querencia at Barton Creek, 2500 Barton Creek Blvd., Austin](#). Click [here](#) for website.

Texas State Library is open during the week from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. [1201 Brazos](#) in Austin.

Questions concerning Second Saturdays may be sent [here](#). Click [here](#) for website.

Williamson County Genealogical Society meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the [Round Rock Public Library, 216 E Main Street, Round Rock](#).

Social time at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Click [here](#) for website.

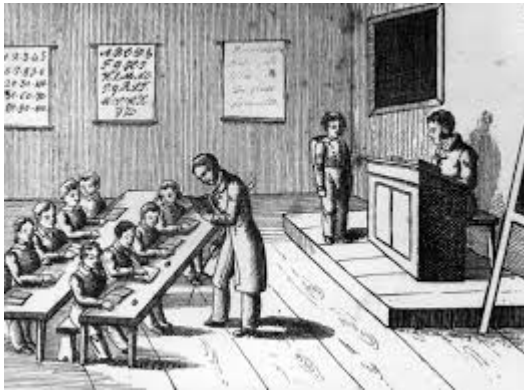
Austin Public Library Genealogical Resources Click [here](#) for website.

Got something for the newsletter?

Submissions are welcome - due the first day of the month for each submission.

newsletter@austintxgensoc.org

The current committee member is Camay Jennings. We could use up to four people to help coordinate additional opportunities for this year. We have a fun list of possibilities brainstormed and could use extra hands to make them happen. **For inquiries regarding this committee, contact Debbie Tipping.**



Education Committee

This committee schedules the monthly genealogy classes offered at one of the Austin Public Library Branches, and recruits speakers for these classes. It shares available teacher contacts with the Lifetime Learning Institute and Austin Groups for the Elderly coordinators, and can offer additional educational opportunities as well.

The current committee members are Elizabeth Price, chair, John Marostica, Millijon Crowell, and Inez Eppright. They could use another two members to help them organize educational opportunities. They brainstormed bringing back a class we used to offer and maybe start a new set of classes. You do not have to teach classes if you are a member of this committee. **For inquiries regarding the Education Committee, contact Elizabeth Price.**

DNA funnies:

Can a first cousin
once removed be
returned?

A cousin a day
keeps the boredom
away.

A great party is
when everyone joins
in the gene pool.

Lise Doss joins the board



We welcome Lise Doss to the AGS board. She is filling out the 18 month term vacated by Quarterly Editor Angela Doetsch, who resigned to concentrate on her publication.

Lise had to retire to make enough time for all her hobbies... genealogy, membership in the the Austin Baha'i community, quilting, reading, yoga, violin... and more. She moved to Austin with her husband, Curtis, to go to UT and has an international background. She's fluent in Spanish because she studied in Argentina, studied French for eight years, and lived in Dresden, Germany.

Lise has a CPA license but says genealogy is her true calling. It spoke to her in 1978 when she had one blank spot in her first daughter's baby book.

Right now, she's part of a ProGen study group and is planning to work to become BCG certified and use her language skills to find international ancestors for clients.

March meeting recap

Topic: Save Your Family History Part II: Publishing Your Family History

Speaker: Debbe Tipping

Meeting Attendance: 68

Welcome to our guests and thank you to our members for inviting them! Debbie Dahlstrom, Judy Kelley, and Kendall Bohls.

Thank you to our March volunteers: Audrey Poche (greeter), Shelley Augustin, Laura Stephenson, Sam Martin, and Susan Tyler (snacks), Louis and Diana Sellers (clean up). Helping at sign in table was Gary Pemberton, Kathy Pemberton, Judith Morris, and Thomas Morris.

April volunteers:

Set up: Betty Jean Steinke and Carolyn Cobb

Clean up: Diane Harvey Anderson and Lise Doss

Greeter: Karen Liston

Snacks: Susan Shaw, Elizabeth Price, Karen Liston, Diane
Harvey Anderson



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