

# THE AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Austin Genealogical Meeting Tuesday, August 27, 2013

## Special Topic Tables

**Our August program will offer something for everyone. We will have twelve tables set up with one of our very own "experts" there to provide guidance and information on a topic in which they are particularly interested or skilled. Move around freely from table to table or plant yourself at one that is of particular interest.**



Sharon Foley - "Self Publishing a Family History"

Leslie Inman - "Lineage Groups"

Anne Mamiya - "Legacy Family Tree Genealogy Software"

John Marostica - "Using Scanners & Cameras to Copy Information"

Karen Matheson - "Texas State Genealogical Society 2013 Conference"

Earle McBride - "Find your Lost Relatives in the US Census"

Ashton Mouton - "Problem Solving in Census Research"

Jane Schwendinger & William Hudson - "Researching in England"

Jean Shroyer - "Beginning Genealogy & Local Austin Research Repositories"

Mary Todd - "Military Research"

Randy Whited - "Technology Q & As"



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

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, prior to the regular AGS meeting. Members present were Inez Eppright, Teri Flack, Carolyn Gresham, Missy Harris, Anne Mamiya, Karin Nelson, Jane Schwendinger, Randy Whited, and Jennifer Whitley. Leslie Inman, Marcia Arn and Jacquie Wilson were not present. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as submitted. The following items were discussed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report for July was submitted and accepted.

### **Bank Statement**

The June 2013 bank statement has been reviewed, and it is in agreement with the treasurer's records.

### **Note cards and business cards**

Notecards and business cards are in varied colors. Envelopes will be purchased locally if they can be color matched.

### **By-Laws**

The by-laws will be considered when the FGS review is received.

### **Newsletter**

The question was raised regarding whether the AGS newsletters should be behind the member wall. It was suggested not putting them behind the member wall as public visibility should provide more interest and membership for the Society. After discussion, it was decided to have the newsletters visible to anyone viewing our website.

### **AGS Quarterly**

For future quarterlies, Jane informed the board that the editor will limit the length of submitted articles and that submission of articles will be by e-mail.

### **Seminar Budget**

A revision was made to the seminar budget as previously submitted to the board. It is based on an attendance of 100, as well as a black and white syllabus.

### **Sponsorship of the 2013 TSGS Conference**

AGS will sponsor the TSGS Conference at the bronze level of \$100. As previously budgeted and decided, AGS will also have an exhibit table at the conference which will be Oct. 31-Nov. 2 in Round Rock.

### **Nominating Committee for AGS Board Members for the term 2014-2015**

President Jane Schwendinger appointed Sharon Foley, the board appointed Marcia Arn and Carolyn Gresham, and two more were elected by membership at the general meeting. During the general meeting, Barbara Innis nominated Linda Milligan and Kay Boyd. Robert Tieman moved that nominations cease and that the nominees be elected by acclamation. Janis Trayler seconded the motion, and the nominees were elected.

### **Genealogy Road Show**

Efforts are being made to tie AGS with the Genealogy Road Show television program in August.

### **Vertical Response**

Vertical response is now being used for member email blasts and is working well.

### **Board meeting via email held July 26, 2013**

It was decided that an order be placed for the non-woven grocery tote, large bags. The budget was amended by \$180 to cover the cost.



## MEET A BOARD MEMBER - MARCIA ARN

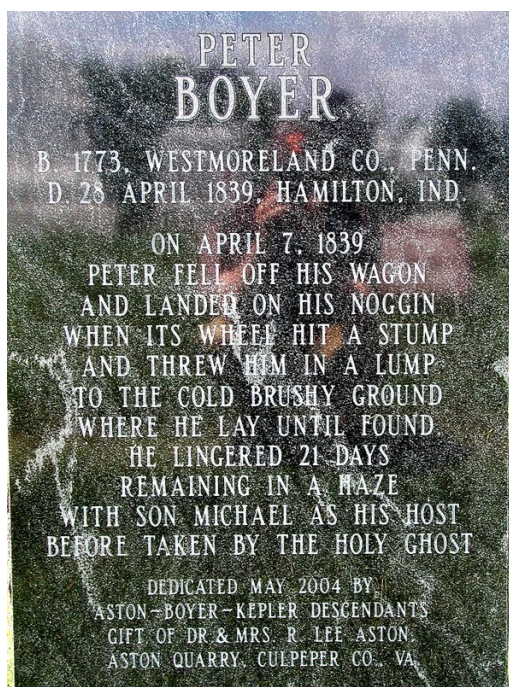
I was born and raised in Iowa City, IA, the second child of five to Donald & Ruth (Thatcher) Bell. I married Mike Arn in Iowa City and have a son, three daughters, and six grandchildren scattered over the US. Most of my adult life I have worked in accounting jobs except for ten years running a child care business in my home before moving to Austin in 1987. It is said that if you live in Iowa, then Iowa City is the best place to be, and if you live in Texas, Austin is the best city to live in. Therefore, I have lived in two great cities my entire life. After arriving in Austin, I joined AGS and started working for The University of Texas at Austin, most of it in the McCombs School of Business Dean's Office, before retiring August 31, 2012 with 25 years of service. My husband also worked at UT and retired a few months before me.



I first became interested in genealogy in the early 1980's when my husband's boyhood friend, who was a son of my father's cousin, visited us. We started discussing how we were related. Little did I know what a journey that discussion would take me on. It resulted in treasured correspondence with distant relatives in the Isle of Man, England, New Zealand and the US, with information and pictures shared in both directions. A third cousin from New Zealand found me and visited us. We now hope to be able to visit her before much more time passes.

Both of my grandfather's ancestors were from England, one whose ancestors came to the USA in 1875 and the other's ancestors arrived in the 1620s and 1630s. My grandmothers' ancestors were about half German, with the rest from The Netherlands, Ireland, Scotland and England. When researching my husband's Webster line, I discovered we have common ancestors, Richard and Alice (Gaylord) Treat/Trott, who emigrated from England to America around the late 1630s with their children.

I also am a member of the Williamson County Genealogical Society, the Iowa City Genealogical Society, and the Washington County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. I also enjoy stamp collecting and Pilates. My husband and I look forward to traveling more in the next few years.



## CEMETERY CORNER



AGS Member Earle McBride has provided us with yet another unique and, if we may say, entertaining tombstone photo.

A giant "Thank You" to Earle.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Nominating Committee has been selected and is seeking members willing to serve on the Board of Directors for the next two years. When someone from the committee contacts you, please consider accepting their request that you serve as a Board member. Remember all the fantastic programs, seminars, trips, and workshops that you enjoyed in the past, and realize that many Board members and other volunteers put this all together for you and the other members to enjoy. Being a volunteer organization, we depend on the generosity of others to bring value to your membership. Step up! Help us all out.

As a society, we are looking forward to the upcoming September Seminar, the Introduction to Genealogy classes, the TSGS Conference in Round Rock, and the research trip to Ft. Wayne next spring. So much is happening and you'll want to be a participant in many of these events.

Now, for a personal note, I offer this! Genealogical research connected me with many living second cousins whom I did not know. Since then, I have developed close relationships with them, and social media has enhanced our relationships where distance is a barrier. As for the ancestors who have already passed, researching them has given me a better understanding of their lives. Visiting the villages where they were born and raised gave me a feeling of closeness that I was not getting by researching in repositories. Get out and get to know your relatives and ancestors! You will be happy you did, and so will your descendants.

### Local Genealogy Opportunities

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](mailto:janesca@earthlink.net).

Austin Genealogy Special Interest Group 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. <http://www.austingensig.com/> The topic for August 10th will be: "Google Your Genealogy", presented by James Hollas

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](mailto:Rjenkins7@austin.rr.com)

Bastrop Genealogy Society meets at 1:00 P.M. on the second Saturday of the month at Pressley Meeting Room, Bastrop Public Library. <http://www.bastroplibrary.org/genealogy/bastrop-genealogical-society-monthly-meeting.html>

**The theme this year for the Annual Conference of the German-Texan Heritage Society is *Adventures In German-Texan Heritage*. The event will be held September 20th & 21st, Winedale Conference Center, near Round Top/Brenham. The GTHS website, [www.GermanTexans.org/](http://www.GermanTexans.org/) has a complete schedule of interesting events, speakers, and great sounding German food. There is also a downloadable registration form on the website. Don't miss this fun event.**

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/> NO MEETING IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST



## AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

*Fall Seminar*

**Sept. 7, 2013**  
**9:00am to 3:00pm**



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

**FEATURING**

**LISA ALZO, M.F.A.**

*Your Immigrant Ancestors*

Lisa Alzo currently resides in Ithaca, New York. She earned a B.S. from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1987 and a Master of Fine Arts in Nonfiction Writing from the University of Pittsburgh.

Lisa has published numerous articles in genealogy magazines, written nine books, and has received many awards.

An avid genealogist for 22 years, Lisa currently teaches online genealogy courses and is a frequently invited speaker for national conferences and genealogical and historical societies.

❖ **Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestors**

❖ **Immigrant Cluster Communities: Past, Present and Future**

❖ **Silent Voices: Telling the Stories of Your Female Immigrant Ancestors**

❖ **Diseases, Disasters & Distress: Bad For Your Ancestors, Good For Your Genealogical Research**

**\$35 AGS Member\***

**\$45 Non-AGS Member\***

**\$45 At The Door**

**\$10 Optional Box Lunch ~ (or you may bring your own lunch)**  
**Drinks will be provided**

**Please check our website for full details at:**

**<http://austintxgensoc.org>**

**\*Preregistration form with payment must be received by August 19 to guarantee your surnames in the syllabus as well as the optional box lunch. You may pay by check, credit card or PayPal.**

**REGISTER BY AUG 19 TO AVOID HIGHER RATE & TO GET A BOX LUNCH & YOUR SURNAMES IN THE SYLLABUS!**

## TIDBITS

Some of you may be interested in the Save Texas History Symposium – *The Alamo: Mission and Myth*. This is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Alamo in San Antonio. The day promises to be enjoyable and informative, and includes opportunities for a special “behind the scenes” tour of the Alamo grounds. Take a look at the agenda and register at: <http://www.cvent.com/events/symposium-2013/invitation-53656b3ed1f948d118bb4ab64f44ac5a6.aspx>

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**SEND IT IN!**



### **Watch for Austin Museum Day, Sunday, September 22, 2013**

The Austin Museum Partnership is once again hosting Austin Museum Day – a free, city-wide rediscovery of Austin museums. It provides a unique opportunity to explore such venues as the Austin History Center, the Briscoe Center for American History, George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, etc. Get an early start to the day by taking a tour of Historic Oakwood Cemetery offered by Save Austin's Cemeteries. Tours scheduled at 9 and 10 for a limited number of persons.

### **Murder, Mayhem**

Also mark your calendar for the Seventh Annual Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure Tours at Oakwood Cemetery on October 26. Hear costumed actors tell the stories from earlier Austin.

## **New Column?**

The success of any new column depends on submissions from our membership. It has been suggested that we publish a column entitled “I NEED.....” If YOU are in need of something genealogical, we would publish that need in this new column. Limit your submission to one sentence and tell us what you need. Example: “I need a disc of 2005 Family Tree Maker” or maybe “I need help with Ontario, Canada research.” Let's give it a try. Submit your needs to:

[sharonkfoley@gmail.com](mailto:sharonkfoley@gmail.com) or [robertlfoley@gmail.com](mailto:robertlfoley@gmail.com).

### **AND, we already have two items to publish in the column:**

Anyone researching San Antonio, Wetmore, Castroville, Medina, Uvalde, or Bexar County (1860-1910), and interested in sharing information, please call Linda Milligan [512-627-4978](tel:512-627-4978) or [Mimi.milligan@gmail.com](mailto:Mimi.milligan@gmail.com)

Anyone needing lookups in Abilene, Haskell, Throckmorton and surrounding areas, please contact Carolyn Gresham or Linda Milligan at the email above. Both will be in that area Aug 10-17 on a research trip.

## HOSPITALITY REPORT

**Greeters for July** were Glenda Martin and Lori Henry.

**Refreshments** were provided by Barbara Innis, and Sheila Sargent.

**Sheila Sargent** presided over the refreshment table.

**Registration Table** was tended by Jean Marostica, Arlene Zirkel, Ann Cooper, and Carol Mason.

**Attendance Report for July:** 69 members, 4 visitors

**NEW MEMBERS:** Tom Selders Surnames: Selders (Neb., IL); Ziegler (IL); Pretzen (IL) , Denise Kirk Surnames: Kirk (ARK); Marquart (LaGrange, TX); Grumbles,(Austin); Holmes (San Saba, Richland Springs); Rose (MO) Barbara Knox Chongulia: Congulia(Thailand, India); Knox (Scotland) Dawns (Scotland); Thornton: (England; Edgar, Scotland) , Mary Hardie Root and Ron Root

**VISITORS:** Burl Baker (Surname: Bell) Kathleen McRill (Surnames: Turley, Barton, McRill)

**August Greeters** will be Nancy Stevens and Carroll Patterson.

### 2013 Board of Directors

Term Ending 2013:	Term Ending 2014:
Inez EPPRIGHT	Carolyn GRESHAM
Teri FLACK	Missy HARRIS
Marcia ARN	Leslie INMAN
Randy WHITED	Anne MAMIYA
Jennifer WHITLEY	Karin NELSON
Jacquie WILSON	Jane SCHWENDINGER

### 2013 Officers

President	Jane SCHWENDINGER
1ST Vice President	Carolyn GRESHAM
2nd Vice President	Jacquie WILSON
Secretary	Inez EPPRIGHT
Treasurer	Teri FLACK
If you have ideas, suggestions or concerns, please feel free to share those with us.	

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Tuesday, August 27**

**“Member-to-Member” Special Topic  
Tables—AGS Members**

**Tuesday, September 7**

Seminar presented by Lisa Alzo, M.F.A.

**Tuesday, September 24**

“Social Media: Cousin Bair and

Partners in Crime” by Randy Whited

**Tuesday, October 22**

“Texas Archive of the Moving Image”

Presented by Elizabeth Hansen

**Tuesday, November 26**

Fall Festival—”I Bet You Didn’t

Know That” presented by AGS members

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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