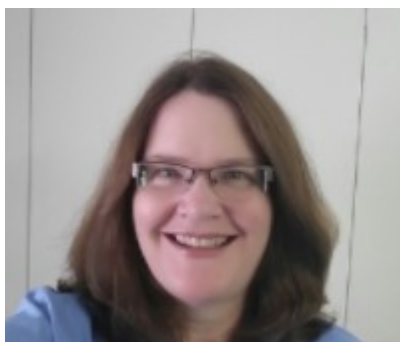




THE AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting: August 23, 2016

Genealogy Software Programs: Evaluating and Choosing which Programs are Best for You by AGS President Anne Mamiya



This has been a year of do-overs and re-thinking of our research practices and tools. Much has been changing with technology and the choice of software programs for genealogical research can be overwhelming. In this presentation we will break down the types of genealogy programs on the market and how to effectively choose which ones are best suited for you and your research. We will be focusing on genealogy management programs but will review other categories of software as well. There will be time at the end of the presentation to share with one another personal experiences that may assist other members in their decision.

About Anne

Anne was bitten by the genealogy bug while helping her daughter with an elementary school project. That was 10 years ago. Since then she has been researching her family and discovered the genea-vacation. Research trips,

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cemeteries, institutes, and conferences have become the primary focus of time-off from work.

Anne is a certificate holder of Boston University's Genealogical Research certificate program. She is also the current president of the Austin Genealogical Society and has been the main presenter of the Austin Legacy Users group for the past 6 years.

Social Time 6:30 p.m. / Program 7:00 p.m.

Highland Park Baptist Church

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

Welcome New Members!

Darby Drake, Charles Jamison, Ann Kippen, Audrey Poche and Vera Vasudevan

September Meeting - Member Topics Tables - Reserve a Table Now!

Our September meeting will be a chance for our members to share their own family history projects: family trees, historical collections, photos, published books or articles, or anything genealogical! It will be a fun and informative evening for us all to learn from each other and get inspired! If you have something you'd like to share with the Society, please contact Marcia Arn at mjarn50@hotmail.com to reserve a topic table.

SAVE THE DATE!

2017 AGS Seminar

April 29, 2017

Speaker Tom Jones, PhD,
CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA,
FNGS

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We are ready for your stories!

Click [here](#) for submission guidelines.

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in lending a hand to the society?

AGS Education Instructors -

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

Publicity Chair - This position is currently open and we are looking for someone to step up to the task and help. Opportunity to define the team and roles as you see fit, with the help of the board. The Publicity Committee's function is to promote the society, its mission, and activities to the general public, as well as foster engagement and participation by the society's members. Contact Anne Mamiya at president@austintxgensoc.org.



HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY TO AGS MEMBER
JULIA MELLEBRUCH!!

YouTube - a Genealogy Education Resource!

By AGS Member Robin Raben

I think most of us are familiar with YouTube - I know I often receive cute kitten videos or amazing and cool cars from friends, and I usually go there first when I have a plumbing or household problem to solve. There is a lot of great stuff out there.

Have you tried searching YouTube for "genealogy"? I've discovered quite a few training videos and television show episodes related to genealogy. Here are a few I found interesting:

Organizing Genealogy Files by James Tanner of the BYU Family History Library

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTXTFIL912s>

Using the Google Goldmine for Genealogy by James Tanner of the BYU Family History Library

Meeting Host/Hostess - This is one of those assignments that is important and at the same time not difficult to do! A good way to meet people while helping to make our meetings more enjoyable. You will meet the Hospitality Chair at 5:30 on meeting day and setup the food that members bring, and refill cups, water and ice as needed. Responsibility ends when the meeting starts, at 7:00. (Does NOT require staying after the meeting to help cleanup!) Contact missy_harris@att.net if you would like to help.

AGS ON FACEBOOK

[AustinGenealogicalSociety](#) -

Posts on this site include information about the AGS monthly programs, the annual AGS Seminar, and AGS classes.

[Austin Genealogical Society Members Helping Members](#)

(private 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](#) **(private 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.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKSU4GLCWh8>

Common Mistakes in Genealogy by Ancestry presented by Crista Cowan, The Barefoot Genealogist

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7LU4PfawJQ>

Choosing a Genealogical Software Program by the New England Historic Genealogical Society presented by Rhonda R. McClure, Genealogist

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcRPsUVKwLk>

The nice thing about YouTube is that while watching a video, more videos with similar topics and / or being presented by the same person are made visible to you. Be careful, you might find yourself lost in the YouTube site for several hours! Do you have any favorites? Let me know at newsletter@austintxgensoc.org

A Historic House Connects to Deep Roots in the U.S.

By AGS Member Peter Flagg Maxson

I am an architectural historian and live in an 1896 Victorian in the Hyde Park Historic District, and my summer place is a condominium in an 1813 shipbuilder's house on the Massachusetts coast. The Duxbury house has an 18-star flag for the number of states in 1813, and the Hyde Park house 44 stars for the number of states in 1896. The Winsor House opposite us was constructed in 1807, and it's now owned by the Duxbury Rural & Historical Society. I donated a 17-star flag and its fourteen street front windows all have bunting or a flag for the month of July.

There is a wonderful over-the-top small town New England **4th of July** parade that goes past us, and the majority of the houses along the parade route are historic and have better decorations for the 4th than at Christmas.

Only years after buying our place did we learn that the land on which the house was built was granted by the Crown in the 1630s to a twice-over ancestor, Henry Howland, whose brother was on the Mayflower. And the Spragues who built the place were 3rd cousins many times removed. My last direct ancestor to live in

"Liking" our pages helps get the message out to more people on Facebook! Please "like" posts when you see them to help market our Society.

CHECK OUT OUR CALENDAR!

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



AGS DNA SIG

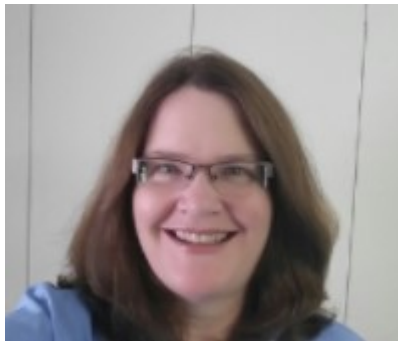
Monday, August 15
North Village Branch Library
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of the DNA Special Interest Group is to help participants learn how to use DNA tests for genealogical purposes, share strategies and tools for understanding their results, and how to incorporate genetic genealogy with traditional genealogical research.

Everyone interested in DNA for genealogy is welcome.

Craig Gowan will speak at the August AGS DNA SIG, with a topic of *Isolation and Triangulation Techniques*. We will look at the tools on

Massachusetts left in the 18th century, so the trail was pretty cold. But the remote family ties are a remarkable coincidence. For good measure, my male line ancestor, Rev. John Maxson, was the first Caucasian child born on Rhode Island (now Aquidneck Island). And my middle name, Flagg, is entirely appropriate for a vexillology buff and goes back to Thomas Flegg, who arrived in Massachusetts in 1637. Though I'm a 5th generation Texan, it was gratifying to find ancient roots here too.



From the President's Corner

Anne Mamiya

President@austintxgensoc.org

Congratulations to our newly elected Nominating Committee! The committee members are:

- Marcia Arn, Chairperson
- Teresa Devine
- Erin Garcia
- John Marostica
- Robert Tieman

I want to thank each one of our committee members for taking on this responsibility. This committee will be identifying people from our membership to fill the 6 open Director positions that become available each year. They will present a slate of 6 nominees at our meeting in September. We will hold our election at the October meeting.

Each Director term is 2 years. If you have any interest in becoming involved in our society leadership or know

GedMatch for comparing multiple kits, finding matches common to two kits and creating triangulation groups. We will also look at tools such as FTDNA's new phasing tools, the AncestryDNA plugin for the Chrome browser and maybe the tools from dnaged.com.

Future Meetings and locations for the DNA SIG:

Wednesday, September 14,
6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m., North
Village Branch Library

Monday, October 17, 6:00
p.m. - 8:15 p.m., North Village
Branch Library

Click [here](#) for details.



AGS Writing SIG

**Thursday, September 8, 6:30
- 8:30 p.m.**

The group was formed to support members in writing their family histories. We meet once a month and have member discussions, presenters, and a place to share our work and give and receive critiques. Our successes thus far: a self-published book, several blog entries, several memoirs, and a regular article published in the newsletter! Come and get inspired with the rest of us! Open to members of AGS.

Click [here](#) for details.

someone who would be a good candidate, please let one of the committee members know.

I will be headed to Springfield, Illinois to attend the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) annual conference at the end of August. Several other AGS members will also be attending and/or speaking at this conference.

The first day of the four-day conference is the Focus on Societies program. This program provides many tracks on all aspects of running a genealogical society. This is a great day to learn and network with other society leaders and one of the reasons this conference is so great. If you want to learn more or come join us, you can register at this link <https://www.fgsconference.org/registration/>

August is going to be a busy month!

Where did all the Newspapers go?

By AGS member John Marostica

For that matter, where did all the newspapers come from?

For any specific paper you could ask: "When and where was it published, who it was written for, what language was the paper written in and how many people read the paper?" However, the three most important questions for genealogists would be:

- How do I find what newspapers were published in the area I am looking at?
- What were the names and publication dates of the newspapers published in that area?
- What happened to the newspapers after they ceased publication?

My father once asked me, "How do you look up the spelling of a word in a dictionary if you don't know how to spell it?" I was a kid at the time and I thought that was a good question. In a broader sense, the same thought could apply to finding newspapers. Not all newspapers



AGS British Isles Genealogy Special Interest Group

meets via email to exchange information. Contact Jane Schwendinger at janesca@earthlink.net.

AGS 2016 Calendar

Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday (no meeting in December), Networking: 6:30 PM / Program: 7:00 PM
Highland Park Baptist Church, [5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731](#)

23-Aug Genealogy Software Programs: Evaluating and choosing which programs are best for you by AGS President Anne Mamiya

27-Sep Member Topic Tables

25-Oct HistoryGeo.com: Unlocking the Past with Original and Early Landowner Maps including New Features, Gregory Boyd (Arphax)

22-Nov Fall Fest Potluck Dinner, Texas Rangers, Mike Cox

better view of the part of the country you're looking for, and start hovering over the various-sized, colored circles. Each colored circle is a city; the larger the circle, the larger the population of the city (see the City size legend). Once you find the city you are looking for, click on it and a list of all newspapers will appear in the Newspaper Listing area. If there are too many to display, use the ^ and v indicators on the right side box to scroll up and down the list. The results can be filtered by language or frequency of publication, but the default is **All** languages and **All** publication frequencies.

Clicking on the paper you're interested in will give you all the details about that newspaper. Choose "Libraries that have it" from the blue bar or "View complete holdings information" link at the bottom of the box to get a full list of all the libraries that have the paper. You can also visit the libraries to see their other holdings. It's as simple as that!

And remember, not all small towns had newspapers. Larger, nearby towns may have had the only newspaper serving the area, so be sure to use the interactive map to look at surrounding cities and towns.

Stanford's *Data Visualization: Journalism's Voyage West* project is unique in the way it makes newspaper information available. No other application I know of lets you find newspapers for a given year, in a given location. And then shows you where the old newspaper archives are being held.

When I was looking for newspaper information about relatives in Teague, Texas, it required asking a lot of questions to finally locate the archives of the *The Teague Chronicle* [1906-1985] at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Stanford's [Data Visualization: Journalism's Voyage West](#) would have saved me a lot of time. I hope it can do the same for you...

get a refresher) on some basic genealogical concepts such as 5-steps to quality genealogy research, developing a beginning researching plan, gathering and organizing information, and some genealogical websites to use.

Sat, 15-Oct More than Daughters: Using the DAR's Genealogical Research System (GRS)

Yarborough

[2200 Hancock Dr, Austin](#)

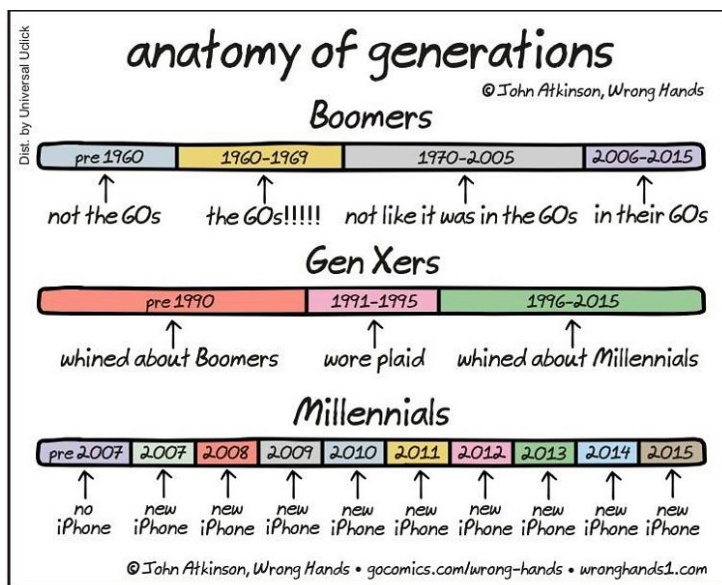
10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Instructor: Teresa B. Devine, Lineage Research Committee, Andrew Carruthers Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

The DAR has made more than a century's worth of genealogical records accessible to all researchers. A variety of records have been digitized and made available through many databases and resources using the DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS). This presentation will help researchers understand how to access and search the GRS and how to evaluate the different types of records found within.

Do You Have a Brick Wall? A Genealogical Question?

Feel free to send it in for the newsletter to newsletter@austintxgensoc.org or post it to our Facebook page, "Austin



Generations cartoon - submitted by AGS Member Nan Kilkeary

Did You Know About the Members' Table?

You might have noticed a table at the back of the room manned by a couple of smiling faces. Have you stopped to check it out? The Members' Table is a great place to stop, visit, network, leave your Brick Wall questions, your ideas for future meetings, questions you might have or information you want to share. The table is always "hosted" and separate from the check-in/nametag table. Stop by in the August meeting!



Genealogical Society
Members helping Members."

Local Genealogy Meetings and Resources

Austin Gen SIG, meets from 1:00–4:00 p.m. the second Saturday of the month at Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library, [7051 Village Center Dr., Austin](#). Part of the Computer Club of Austin. Click [here](#) for website.

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](#). Click [here](#) for website.

Texas State Library is open 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.

AGS 2016 Writing Contest

Submit an article to the Quarterly!

We have identified the prizes to be awarded with this year's writing contest. We look forward to reading your submissions!

- One Year Fold3 subscription
- One Year Newspapers.com subscription
- One Year HistoryGeo.com subscription
- Free 2017 AGS Seminar Registration
- 2017 Save Austin's Cemeteries annual membership and a copy of the book Austin's Historic Oakwood Cemetery: Under the Shadow of the Texas Capitol

Contest rules and quarterly guidelines can be found on our website: austintxgensoc.org/quarterly-guidelines

Questions: quarterly@austintxgensoc.org

Upcoming Events

Plum Creek Symposium

Saturday, August 13, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Eugene Clark Library, Lockhart Texas

Exploring Texas History in lecture, verse and song.
Highlighted are Donaly Brice, Fletcher Clark, Kevin Fontenot and Craig Tounge.

[More Information](#)

FGS (Federation of Genealogical Societies)

August 31 - September 3

Springfield, Illinois

FGS 2016 National Conference - Celebrate our 40th Anniversary with us and local host Illinois State Genealogical Society as we return to the Land of Lincoln in 2016!



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You can change your contact information or surnames on your profile page on our website? Click on the "membership account" button at the top right corner after you've logged in.

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Got something for the newsletter?

Submissions are welcome - due the

first day of the
month for each
submission.

More Information: fgsconference.org/

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austintxgensoc.org](mailto:newsletter@austintxgensoc.org)

7th Annual Save Texas History Symposium Hosted by the Texas General Land Office



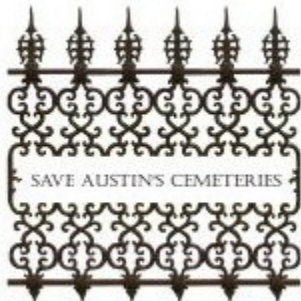
Saturday September 17, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Menger Hotel, San Antonio

The 7th Annual Save Texas History Symposium will return to San Antonio in order to take a look at the keystone of Texas history, The Alamo. This event will examine the past, present and future of the Alamo.

[More information](#)

Get your cameras ready! It's time for the 7th Annual Save Austin's Cemeteries (SAC) Cemetery Photo Contest!



Send in your favorite photos of statuary, flora and fauna, headstones, and scenic shots from Austin's five city cemeteries (taken at anytime - not just in the last year). Austin's five city cemeteries include Austin Memorial Park, Evergreen, Oakwood, Oakwood Annex, and Plummers. Entries will be accepted from now until midnight, August 31st.

Good luck, everyone! Happy clicking!

[More information](#)

Hospitality Report from the July Meeting

Topic: Jumping the Pond in the 19th Century: 19th Century Immigration from Europe to North America

Presented by: Nick Cimino

Attendance: 72 people

Visitors:

Vera Vasudevan (Cedar Park) and Audrey Poche (Leander)

Big thanks to Kay Boyd for being the operator of the popcorn machine for the evening. Big thank-you to Shelley Augustin for hospitality table preparation.

Greeter: Carol Mason

Sign-in Table: Jean Marostica, Gary Pemberton, Kathy Pemberton and Ann Elbert

Audio-visual guru: John Marostica

Hospitality/Food: Jon Bayer, Susan Tyler, and Jean Marostica

Membership Table: Past President Sharon Foley

For the August Meeting:

Greeters will be Susan Tyler and Katie McLean. Bringing refreshments will be Dianne Holley, Jan Pelosi, Robin Raben and Inez Eppright.

Missy Harris, Hospitality Chair



Top Row: Speaker Nick Cimino
Middle Row: Kay Boyd and Jan Pelosi at the popcorn machine, Gary Pemberton (foreground, seated) assisting

with check-in at the nametag table

Bottom Row: Sharon Foley assisting a member at the
Members' Table, people filling in the seats before the
meeting



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