



THE AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting: August 22, 2017

The Importance of Mapping Cemeteries, Not Just Recording the Names by Dale Flatt



Speaker Dale Flatt

In the 16 years Dale has been documenting Travis County Cemeteries, he has seen development and re-purposing of cemetery land, head stones disappear without good documentation, and photos and maps of some grave sites being lost to time. In this presentation, you will learn the basics of documentation and where to archive your findings.

Born in 1958 in Port Angeles, Washington, Dale grew up in San Bernardino, California. After high school and a four year hitch in the United States Navy as a cook and baker on board a nuclear submarine, he moved to Austin in 1983. He joined the Austin Fire Department in 1986, and retired in 2014 after 28.5 years of service. He is the

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AGS Education Instructors

founder and current president of [Save Austin's Cemeteries](#). He spends most of his free time documenting and helping preserve historic cemeteries.

Social Time 6:30 p.m. / Program 7:00 p.m.
Highland Park Baptist Church
[5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731](#)

Welcome New Members!

Toni Ericson
Richard McArthur
Karen West

Two-Part AGS Class Begins in August

We have an exciting new 2-part class beginning in September! The Land Workshops developed and taught by AGS Education Chair, Cari Taplin C.G., are designed to be working sessions with practice exercises and class participation. Both classes are free, however registration is required so be sure and register to reserve your space.

Saturday, September 16, 10:30a-Noon
Land Workshop Pt. 1 – Metes and Bounds
North Village Branch Library
[2505 Steck Ave, Austin, TX 78757](#)

Students need to bring a ruler and pencil to the class.

Have you ever wondered how to draw those land descriptions from the Metes & Bounds survey system? This system was used primarily in the original thirteen colonies and so is mostly found when dealing with land in the east. This workshop will describe the system and then take the students through some real examples teaching them how to draw the land shapes as described in old deeds.

Registration opens August 16. [Register online.](#)

Saturday, September 23, 10:30a-Noon
Land Workshop Pt. 2 – Rectangular System

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 Cari Taplin at education@austintxgensoc.org.

AGS on FaceBook

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

North Village Branch Library

Registration opens August 16. [Register online.](#)

Teri Flack Headlines a Series of Webinars on Researching Texas

AGS member Teri Flack (who spoke on "Finding your Ancestors without Leaving Town" at our March 28 meeting) has a series of webinars on researching your Texas relatives on Legacy Family Tree Webinars. Teri's presentations have been available for viewing since July 31. Each is about an hour long.

Teri's presentations:

- Fundamentals of Researching Texas
- Finding Your Ancestors in the Republic of Texas
- Researching Texas Land and Property Records
- Researching Texas Probate and Estate Records
- Texas Vital Records and their Substitutes

Family Tree Webinars are by subscription. The annual price for all webinars is \$49.95, but you can get a monthly subscription for \$9.95. In addition to Teri's presentations, several other prominent genealogists -- including next spring's AGS Seminar speaker, Blaine Bettinger -- have videos available as part of the Summer Spectacular.

[More Information](#)

From the President's Corner



Anne Mamiya, AGS President
president@austintxgensoc.org

At our July meeting we elected our Nominating Committee. The committee consists of five members, two

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 DNA SIG

First Tuesday of every month. Next meeting September 5, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Pok-E-Joe's

[2121 Parmer Lane, Austin, TX 78727](#)

Three blocks east of Mopac on Parmer Lane

We will continue to discuss autosomal DNA in chapter 5 of *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*. You do not need to have the book, but it is advised. If you have tested your DNA or are thinking about it, join us! See the [AGS website](#) to register and obtain more information.

The book is available from [Amazon](#) for \$36 paperback or \$9.99 for the Kindle edition. If you are a member of NGS, it

of which are elected from the Board of Directors and two that are elected from the general membership. I appointed the Chairperson. Here are the results:

Nan Kilkeary – Chairperson

Debbe Tipping – Board member

Jim Bridges – Board Member

John Marostica – AGS member

Dee Sanchez - AGS member

This committee will work over the next couple of months to find six members that will be a good fit to serve on the AGS Board of Directors for 2018-2019 term. The committee will present the slate of nominees at our September meeting and we will have our election at the October meeting.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please let one of these committee members know. Being a member of the Board of Directors can be very rewarding and gives you the opportunity to have input in the direction of our Society. In addition, valuable skills can be learned which can translate to your professional life. It is a two year commitment, and very worthwhile.

I also want to report that the Board met in July for a Strategic Planning session. Nan Kilkeary led the session and I would like to publicly thank her for her efforts. I came away very pleased in the work that was accomplished and by the people that will be carrying on our Society leadership in the future years. This is still a work in progress but we are off to a good start!

You Know About the Vietnam Wall. Do you Know About the Immigrant Wall?

The Immigrant Wall -- formally named the American Immigrant Wall of Honor -- is the only permanent exhibit of individual and family names located at a national monument. It's in the Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty.

The Immigrant Wall is made of four-foot high panels of stainless steel and was designed by the same firm that designed the exhibits at the Holocaust Museum in

is available for \$30.06, or \$36.06 for non-members.

[More information](#)



AGS Writing SIG
Second Thursday of
every month - no
meeting in December
Thursday, August 10,
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

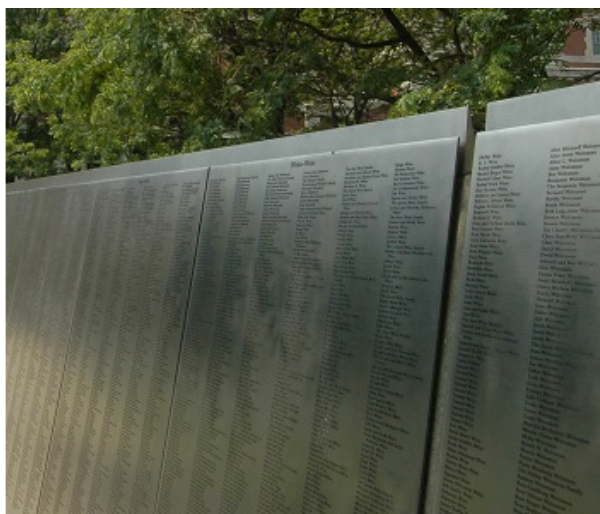
Cafe Express

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

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.

[More Information](#)

Washington, D. C.



Immigrant Wall

The first names were inscribed in 1990, and there are now more than 700,000. The list can be searched at [Immigration Wall](#). Even better, you can have the name of your immigrant ancestor inscribed for a donation of \$150, which goes toward restoring and maintaining Ellis Island.

Upcoming Events and Resources

A poster for the 2nd Annual Plum Creek Symposium. The poster is titled "2ND ANNUAL PLUM CREEK SYMPOSIUM" and "Saturday August 12, 2017 9:00am - 5:00pm". It is held at the Dr. Eugene Clark Library in Lockhart, Texas. The poster lists several speakers and topics: Matthew "Old Paint" Caldwell (Early Texas Ranger, Donalby Brice), Texas Ranger N. O. Reynolds "The Intrepid" (Chuck Parsons, author/illustrator), Songs of Texas (Texas History in Original Songs, Fletcher Clark), Thirty Minutes Behind the Walls (New Deal Texas Prison Radio, Caroline Gandy), The Texas Rangers (Lives, Legend, and Legacy, Bob Alexander), and a presentation by "Evenings with the Songwriter" at Lockhart's historic Dr. Eugene Clark Library. The registration fee is \$20. The poster also includes a Facebook icon and a small image of a red building.

2nd Annual Plum Creek Symposium
Saturday, August 12, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Dr. Eugene Clark Library
Lockhart, Texas

This symposium brings together five knowledgeable



AGS British Isles Genealogy SIG
AGS British Isles Genealogy Special Interest Group meets via email to exchange information. Contact Jane Schwendinger at janesca@earthlink.net.

AGS 2017 Calendar

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

22-August The Importance of Mapping Cemeteries, Not Just Recording the Names by Dale Flatt

26-September More than Daughters: Using the DAR's Genealogical Research System (GRS) by AGS Member Teresa Devine

24-October I've Got My DNA Results. But How Do I Use Them? by Sara Gredler

presenters for a day of sharing their passion about our Texas history, taking place in the Lyceum of Lockhart's historic Dr. Eugene Clark Library.

[More Information](#)



FGS 2017 National Conference
Wednesday, August 30 - Tuesday, September 2
David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Hosted by the Federation of Genealogical Societies along with local host Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, FGS 2017 brings you sessions with a wide variety of topics from many of the nation's top family history experts. Sessions are aimed at strengthening your research skills no matter what your level or area of expertise might be. Advance on-line registration closes at midnight EDT, Monday, August 21, 2017. Advance mailed-in registrations should be postmarked by August 12, 2017 to ensure they arrive by August 21.

[More Information](#)



"Find Your Ancestors"
Lifetime Learning Institute of Austin
Coordinator: AGS Member Inez Eppright
Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. - noon, starting September 12
Triumphant Love Lutheran Church, 9508 Great Hills Trail, Austin

Exploring records to learn about your ancestors - who they were, where they lived, what they did - has never been easier or more exciting. Beginners and experienced researchers are welcome. Each session is presented by a member of the Austin Genealogical Society, covering a variety of topics.

28-November Fall Fest,
The Archives Wars
by James Harkins

AGS Website

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

AGS 2017 Class Schedule

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

Saturday, September 16,
10:30a-Noon
Land Workshop Pt. 1 –
Metes and Bounds -
Cari A. Taplin, CG
North Village Branch
Library
[2505 Steck Ave, Austin, TX 78757](#)

Registration is required for this class to insure there are enough handouts. [Register online](#).

Students need to bring a ruler and pencil to the class.

Have you ever wondered how to draw those land descriptions from the Metes & Bounds survey system? This system was used primarily in the original thirteen colonies and so is mostly found when dealing with land in the east. This workshop will describe the system

Expect to pay \$3 to the coordinator for copies. Limit 20.

[More Information](#)



**38th Annual Texas Hispanic
Genealogical and Historical Conference
September 28 – 30, 2017
Crowne Plaza Hotel
6121 North IH-35, Austin, Texas 78752**

Celebrate 500 years of Tejano history! Includes tours of the Nettie Lee Benson Library at The University of Texas at Austin, the Bullock Texas State History Museum, the Texas General Land Office (GLO), the Texas State Library & Archives Commission (TSLAC), and the Tejano Monument on the Front Lawn of the State Capitol grounds. Speakers, a musical reception and banquet are also included.

[More Information](#)



TEXAS CZECH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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**Texas Czech Genealogical Society (TCGS) presents
Genealogy and Google
September 30, 2017
Caldwell Civic and Visitor Center, 103 Texas Hwy. 21
W., Caldwell, Tx 77836**

Speaker Lisa Louise Cooke (www.GenealogyGems.com) will present key strategies that can be employed right now to envision your genealogy. Discover the right technology

and then take the students through some real examples teaching them how to draw the land shapes as described in old deeds.

**Saturday, September 23,
10:30a-Noon
Land Workshop Pt. 2 –
Rectangular System -
Cari A. Taplin, CG
North Village Branch
Library
[2505 Steck Ave, Austin,
TX 78757](#)**

*Registration is required
for this class to insure
there are enough
handouts. Registration will
open on August 16.*

Have you ever wondered how to draw those land descriptions from the rectangular survey system? This system was used in the Federal Land states to survey and sell the land to private citizens. This workshop will describe the system and then take the students through some real examples teaching them how to draw the land shapes as described in old deeds.

**Saturday, October 28,
10:30a-Noon
DNA for Beginners -
Randy Whited
North Village Branch
Library
[2505 Steck Ave, Austin,
TX 78757](#)**

*Registration is required
for this class to insure*

for your needs and explore three areas that are poised to thrust ahead in the future.

[More Information](#)

13th Annual Genealogy Lock-In

Supported by the Texas Czech Genealogical Society (TCGS)

October 20, 2017

11:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**West Waco Library and Genealogy Center
5301 Bosque Blvd., Suite 275, Waco, Texas**

Free registration. For more information contact: Bill Buckner 254.750.5995



DNA and Genealogy

Preparation for Blaine Bettinger's Seminar in May 2018

by AGS Member Debbe Tipping

Last month's article was about how DNA can help us with our genealogy and family history research. This article is a look at the Genetic Genealogy Standards for DNA testing and ISOGG, an organization founded to promote the use of DNA testing in genealogy.

The marketing professionals that design the commercials we see about DNA testing have done an excellent job of getting many people excited about DNA testing. In the rush of the excitement, there is a lot of very important information that is simply not considered by the test takers.

In 2013, a group of genealogists that use DNA testing in their research developed guidelines for use of DNA testing in genealogy research. *"This document is intended to provide standards and best practices for the genealogical community to follow when purchasing, recommending, sharing, or writing about the results of DNA testing for ancestry."* The guidelines in their entirety can be found at: www.thegeneticgenealogist.com/

there are enough handouts. Registration will open on September 28.

This class will go over some of the basics needed to get started with DNA testing for genealogical purposes.

**Saturday, December 9,
10:30a-Noon**

**How to Teach a
Genealogy Class –
Panel and Workshop**

North Village Branch
Library
[2505 Steck Ave, Austin,
TX 78757](#)

Registration is required for this class to insure there are enough handouts. Registration will open on November 9.

This will be a panel discussion and workshop for anyone interested in learning how to teach their own genealogy class. There will be a short lecture, a panel discussion with local genealogical speakers, and then a workshop period to help attendees develop their ideas for teaching a class or get tips on public speaking.

Do You Have a Brick Wall? A Genealogical Question?

Feel free to send it in for the newsletter to [newsletter@
austintxgensoc.org](mailto:newsletter@austintxgensoc.org) or post it to our Facebook page, "Austin Genealogical Society Members helping Members."

Please take some time to read through the guidelines. There are only three pages to read. Was there anything there that surprised you? Do you have questions and are not sure where to turn for answers? You can ask at our [Austin Genealogical Society Members Helping Members](#) Facebook group or you can check out ISOGG.

ISOGG, the International Society of Genetic Genealogists, is a great place to look for answers. They founded their society to promote the use of DNA testing in genealogy. You can find them at: www.isogg.org. Click on the "Yahoo! Forum" tab to join an email list about genealogy and DNA, and you can ask questions there.

If you are interested in more about DNA, we have a DNA SIG (Special Interest Group) that meets the first Tuesday of each month. They are studying the book *Genetic Genealogy in Practice* by Blaine Bettinger and Debbie Parker Wayne. In September they will continue to discuss chapter 5, atDNA. Please register on our [AGS website](#) if you are interested in attending.

If you have any questions, please email me at dtipping@att.net. If you do not use Facebook and have a question for the Members Helping Members group, please email it to me. I will post your question and forward the responses to you.

In next month's article, we will start exploring the different DNA tests available and how they can help our research.

AGS Member Rescues the Jauer Family Cemetery

If you know AGS Member M.C. Forister, you know how dedicated she is to the rescue and preservation of forgotten cemeteries. To learn about some of her rescues, see the "Member Highlight" article about her on page 9 of the February 2016 edition of this newsletter [agsfeb16newsltr.pdf](#) and the notice "AGS Member M. C. Forister Makes the News!" in the March 2017 edition on page 12 at [agsmar17newsltr.pdf](#).

Her latest rescue is the Jauer Family Cemetery, located on

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.

Got something for the newsletter?

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

Saengerhalle Rd. in New Braunfels, Texas. M.C.'s 2nd great grandfather, Carl Ludwig Jauer, and his family were interred there. Being a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, M.C. had ordered a bronze of Citizen of the Republic of Texas medallion for Carl 's headstone in 1985. In 2002, she ordered a Historic Texas Cemetery interpretive plaque to be installed.

The plaque reads:

Jauer Family Cemetery

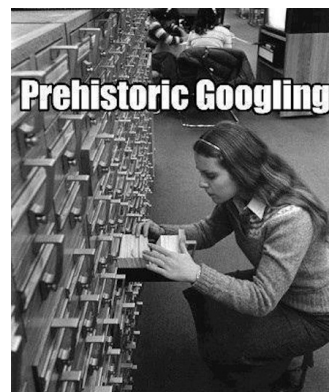
Johann Carl Ludwig Jauer (1812-1901) and Anna Caroline Alemeier (1824-1868) married in 1851 and settled on this Fisher and Miller Colony land acquired through an 1847 contract with the German Emigration and Railroad Company. The burial ground was likely set aside with the 1853 death of an unnamed infant daughter. It is believed that one of their twin daughters, Maria Dorothea (1854-1855), is also buried here. A single stone marks the burials of Ludwig, Anna and daughter Karoline (1862-1873). Ludwig Jauer, a prominent landowner, remarried in 1880 and had two more children before being laid to rest on his Clear Springs land.

Historic Texas Cemetery-2002.

Sadly, by 2017 the cemetery had deteriorated. M.C.'s family had been asking her for years whether anyone had done something to save it. M.C. states, "Finally, the headstone fell flat on the ground and I was pretty upset about it. You couldn't even walk in there as it was so thick with bushes. So, I decided to do something about it."

submission.

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



From Family History Daily
at familyhistorydaily.com/family-history/genealogy-humor-10-finds-that-made-us-laugh-out-loud/



Photo of the cemetery taken in February 2017

M.C. hired Carter Memorials of Seguin to put in two vases and a new headstone with 5 names, adding the two younger children that were buried there without markers. They cemented over the graves as well and set in the old headstone. They cleaned up the cemetery grounds and added a bench. The back of the headstone is carved with "Gone But Not Forgotten" and below that (at the suggestion of a friend) she had them engrave, "THIS MEMORIAL ERECTED BY MARY FORISTER 2017."

M.C. says, "So now, I got two headstones with my name on it... this headstone and my headstone in Karnes City. I'll let you figure out where I'll be buried... I'm very pleased how the company did a nice job when we visited there. I put in some flowers in it and my friend took some pictures of it."



Jauer Family Cemetery after the restoration in June 2017

Just a thought - About the Census and the Enumerators that Collected the Information

by AGS Member John Marostica

As genealogists we must not only locate the records we need in order to authenticate our research, we have to insure the accuracy of those records; after all, not all source documents are created equal.

Elizabeth Shown Mills, author of Evidence Explained tells us:

Historical records offer evidence, but their assertions may or may not be true. To judge what likely happened, we must understand those records. To analyze that evidence and decide what to believe, we also need certain facts about those records themselves.

Census records are no exception, though we may not realize it; they look so straightforward. A lot of factors may affect the information we find on census forms; including location, nationality, customs and language, just to mention a few of the more obvious.

Consider the census enumerators. How well do they know the people they are enumerating? Did they have an understanding of their cultures? Did they live in the same communities?

Searching a census for the enumerator's name will get you their residential location and in many cases you can tell if they live close by. In small rural communities you may not

be able to map them down to an exact address. In researching my family in the 1940 Census I was able to place the enumerator for my father's family within a few blocks of the family. The community was very small and tight-knit.

In a large city like New York I found that while I could place the enumerator in the same enumeration district, the population was very dense and I noted many different nationalities. Did the enumerator have any communication problems? Did they understand the cultural differences well enough to avoid confusing people with the words he used in his questions? How were those issues resolved? Or were they even taken into account?

What about training and written instructions? Could this be another example of problems with censuses? Below is one of the instructions given to enumerators for the 1940 census, concerning 'untruthful replies':

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENUMERATORS [1940]
Population and Agriculture
Sixteenth Decennial Census
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

[Page 4]

20. Untruthful Replies.-You have a right not only to an answer, but to a truthful answer. Do not accept any statement that you believe to be false. Where you know that the answer is incorrect, enter upon the schedule the correct answer as nearly as you can ascertain it.

<https://www.census.gov/history/pdf/1940instructions.pdf>

It is true that enumerators should expect truthful answers, but allowing them 'not [to] accept any statement [they] believe to be false' and to 'enter upon the schedule the correct answer as nearly as [they] can ascertain it' not only seems to be inviting inaccuracy, but encouraging it.

An article in the May/June 2016 issue of *Your Genealogy Today* titled *Don't Ignore Census Enumerators Post-1870* speaks to the point that an enumerator's dedication and knowledge of the people they interview can go a long way

in insuring the accuracy and usefulness of the information collected on the census forms. Consider the census taker's location and the diversity of the neighborhood to understand their knowledge and skills when evaluating your next census record. After all, the information on the census form is only valuable if it's accurate.

AGS 2017 Mid-Year Financial Report

By AGS Treasurer Erin Garcia

Austin Genealogical Society
Profit & Loss
Jan. 1 through June 30, 2017

INCOME

Donations Rec'd	20.00
Contributions Rec'd	410.00
Education (Seminar)	6,930.00
Membership Dues Rec'd	4,260.00
Misc Income (Lifetime Learning; Pioneer Certificates; TSGS preservation grant)	150.00
Total Income	<u>11,770.00</u>

GROSS INCOME

11,770.00

EXPENSES

Charitable Donations	2,650.00
Education & Program Costs	6,117.14
Membership Costs	765.95
Operating Expenses	
Awards/ Prizes	195.23
Bank Fees: PayPal discounts	263.47
Board Expenses	0.00
Equip (Purch/Rental & Maint)	0.00
Office Supplies and Materials	10.72
General operating costs	0.00
Postage & Delivery	91.04
Printing & Copying	184.91
Rent- P.O.Box	0.00
Society Memberships	0.00
Software & Peripherals	95.00
Total Operating Expenses	840.37
Pioneer Certificates	0.00

TOTAL EXPENSE

10,373.46

Net Ordinary Income	1,396.54
Other Income - Interest Earned	3.23

NET INCOME

1,399.77

**Austin Genealogical Society
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2017**

ASSETS	
Current Assets	0.00
Checking/Savings	
Public Employees Credit Union	0.00
Wells Fargo	26,610.25
Total Checking/Savings	26,610.25
TOTAL ASSETS	26,610.25
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
2016 SLC Research Trip	100.65
Total Liabilities	0.00
EQUITY	
Retained Earnings	25,210.48
Net Income	1,399.77
Total Equity	26,610.25

July Meeting Recap

Topic: Topic Tables – Help with Geographical Research
by AGS Members

July Meeting Attendance

42 attendees, with visitors Mark Ollmann, Bonnie Miller
and Tom McClure

Thanks to our July volunteers!

Technical setup and support - John Marostica
Meeting Support - Shelly Augustin, Anne Mamiya, Gayle
Boyce, Shirley Meyer, Max Trenchk, Marsha Patterson
Nametag table - Gary Pemberton, Kathy Pemberton and
Dee Sanchez

Sign-Ups for August Meeting

Set Up – Ann Kippen and Shelley Augustin
Clean Up – Anne Mamiya
Snacks – Nan Kilkeary, Erin Garcia



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