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Austin Genealogical Society Meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2014

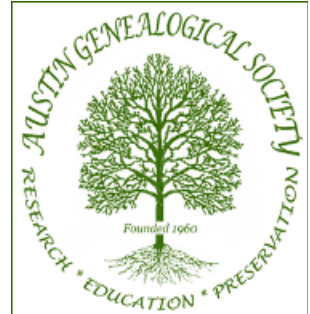
Maps & Online Resources at the Perry-Castaneda Library

Presented by Katherine Strickland

Mapping personal histories.

Katherine Strickland of the UT Libraries will talk about how the Perry-Castañeda Library (PCL) Map Collection can help you create a more complete picture of your past. You will learn how to navigate the Library's website to find and access materials campus wide. Katherine will also point to helpful genealogical reference materials.

Katherine Strickland has worked for the University of Texas Libraries since 2000, and has provided general reference since 2005. She became the PCL Map Collection Library Specialist in April of 2010 and has provided genealogical reference since. She is a member of the Western Association of Map Libraries and the North American Cartographic Information Society. Originally from San Antonio, she has lived in Austin since 1994 and can't imagine ever leaving Texas.



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

The AGS Board did not meet in November in order to better participate in our Fall Festival. The board report will return in January.

Speaking of the Fall Festival:

Missy Harris sends this “Thank You” to the many volunteers who assisted in numerous ways to make the Fall Festival November meeting a big success:

“Now that Thanksgiving decorations are "put up" and we reflect on the AGS dinner, I will to extend a quick thank-you to each of you for helping put it all together and taking it all down. There was wonderful food, a really interesting speaker, and Carolyn Gresham did a great job at the podium. All-in-all from the lovely comments and compliments we can conclude that it was a fun evening for our crowd of about seventy ! Much appreciation for coming early and helping. It takes many hands and I feel sure I have left some people out but I know you all signed-up and came to help. Have a good holiday season! See you in January if not before! *Missy* “

Those that helped include the following members: (It is hoped that no one has been left out.) Jean Marostica, John Marostica, Carol Mason, Bill Nash, Barbara Innes, Nancy Stevens, Teri Flack, Jan Pelosi, Kay Boy, Sharon Foley, Inez Eppright, Carolyn Gresham , and Missy Harris.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year to our spectacular Austin Genealogical Society members. I'm approaching the New Year with anticipation and excitement about the programs, workshops, events and the seminar we will have in 2014.

The Society depends upon the members to volunteer for many jobs required to make the group effective in achieving our purposes outlined in the bylaws. I commend the extraordinary dedication of our outstanding volunteers. The Board of Directors will focus on financial sustainability and remaining relevant to its members in 2014 and increasing the membership. Reaching out to the community to include others with allied focus on genealogy and history will also be a focus for 2014.

Chat with us and let us know if you have an idea for an event or program in which you would like to participate or feel there is a need of our members that we have not yet provided.

Jane Schwendinger

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. *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 BartonCreek Blvd., Austin. 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>

Burnet County Genealogy Society meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:15 in the meeting room at the Herman Brown Free Library on the square in Burnet. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txburnet/BCGS.html>

Tenth Annual Hill County Family History Seminar-Saturday, February 1, 2014, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is an FGS Member Society event. The Boerne Civic Center, 820 Adler Rd., Boerne, TX Web: www.rootswebancestry.com/~txgskc/ Presenter: D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS

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/> The program for January is: **"Family Search: The Big Picture" presented by Rebecca Broadbent.**

Planning Ahead

Austin Genealogical Society Seminar– Put It On Your Calendar!

Maureen Taylor will present four talks on **May 3, 2014**

- Reading Genealogical & Immigrant Clues in 19th Century Photographs
- Identifying & Dating Family Photographs
- Preserving Family Photographs -- 1839 to the present
- Walk in Your Ancestors' Footsteps: Plan a Family History Vacation

GENEALOGY AFTER DARK



The Texas State Library and Archives Commission will host a Genealogy After Dark event on Friday, January 24, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. For your convenience, a registration form is attached to this email.

Registration is limited to 30 participants and the deadline to register is January 17, 2014.

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.

Complete information: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/genafterdark.html> or email or call geninfo@tsl.texas.gov or 512-463-5455.

Registration form: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/sites/default/files/public/tslac/ref/Jan2014RegistrationForm1.pdf>

Thank you, **Inez Eppright** for donating your honorarium from LLI to AGS. It is very much appreciated.



HUGE NEWS FOR WEEKEND RESEARCHERS!

Beginning January 11, 2014, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission will expand its hours of operation to accommodate researchers. The Commission's three public service areas – 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.

Check out this article written by Maureen Taylor, our May seminar speaker. Very interesting.

http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/photodetectiveblog/?et_mid=654660&rid=239027956

HOT TIP

Have you checked out the surname page on the AGS website lately? Sometimes we forget to use the excellent resources provided by our own members. There are many surnames listed there, and some surnames are listed multiple times. For example, there are 58 names that have at least 3 listings, and 17 names that have 5 listings. This hot tip was provided by Janis Trayler. Thank you, Janis

CEMETERY CORNER



Have you enjoyed this monthly feature? We appreciate those of you who have contributed photos and who have suggested possibilities. We have used several of our own favorites. But now we are in need of your contributions. Without them, we will no longer be able to present **CEMETERY CORNER**. **Please submit your tombstones.**





AGS needs a volunteer who would love to take the PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS to a new and broader level. We have been very fortunate to have Jen Whitley handling the publicity for the past few years, but she needs a respite. If you have a burning desire to let everyone know about our Society and its activities, please contact Jane Schwendinger at janes-ca@earthlink.net as soon as possible. If you have some experience, that would be great, but if you are willing to learn quickly, your help is appreciated. AGS needs you!

AGS needs some outgoing, cheerful, engaging people to assist at the registration tables at each monthly meeting. If you enjoy meeting people and providing information to others, you will be perfect for this task. You will need to be at the church by 6 PM. Of course, we know we all have conflicts, so we also need some good substitutes to fill in for the regulars in their absence. You may be handing out name tags or taking checks for membership or special events or just providing information. Please email Missy Harris at missy_harris@att.net if you would like to help.

Pat Oxley

We are all thinking of our former AGS President Pat OXLEY as she undergoes treatment for multiple myeloma. She was diagnosed in late November and has been undergoing chemotherapy. She will be going to M.D. Anderson in Houston on January 20th for further evaluation. She was president of AGS from 2005 through 2007 and later served as president of FGS. Pat has continued to plan the AGS trips to Salt Lake City and to Fort Wayne, as well as helping AGS in other capacities. As she goes through treatment, we know that she would appreciate cards (address: 2012 Red Oak Circle, Round Rock, TX 78681), emails (pat@theoxleys.com) and all the best wishes and thoughts that we can send her way.

HOSPITALITY REPORT

Refreshments for January will be provided by: The AGS Board of Directors

2014 Board of Directors

Term Ending 2014:	Terms Ending 2015
Missy HARRIS	Marcia ARN
Leslie INMAN	Lisa SMITH-CURTEAN
Anne MAMIYA	Inez EPPRIGHT
Karin NELSON	Carol MASON
Jane SCHWENDINGER	Wynnie NOELKE
Don VILLONI	Kathy PEMBERTON

2014 Officers

President	Jane SCHWENDINGER
1ST Vice President	Pending
2nd Vice President	Pending
Secretary	Pending
Treasurer	Pending
Officers will be officially named on 1/12/14	

2014 PROGRAMS

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

Jan 28 Maps & Online Resources at the Perry-Castaneda Library -Katherine Strickland

Feb 25 General Land Office Tour: What is Available at the GLO-James Harkins

Mar 25 Using Evernote to Organize Your Genealogical Research-Caroline Pointer

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

May 27 Effectively Using Family Search for Research TBD

June 24 Researching on a Budget : Member Panel

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

Aug 26 We Bet You Didn't Know That-AGS Members

Sep 23 DNA: Using DNA for Genealogy-Debbie Parker Wayne

Oct 28 Document Analysis 101-Karen Matheson

Nov 25 Fall Festival Subject to change. Check our website to confirm program/speaker.



Austin Genealogical Society Membership Form

- New member
 Renewal of 2013 membership
 Returning Member (prior to 2013)

Membership Dues

Supporting Donation (in addition to dues above)

- Friend of AGS add \$20
 Sponsor of AGS add \$30
 Patron of AGS add \$80

\$ _____ TOTAL DUES & DONATION

Volunteers make a difference! Please mark any of these projects you are willing to assist us with – and Thank You!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Seminar Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality and Refreshment Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> One-time Special Event Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Committee or Instructor | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership & Registration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |

Member Information

Name: _____ Spouse (if member): _____
 Email: _____ Spouse email: _____

Mailing address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

May we list this information in our membership directory? yes no

Surnames: list up to eight surnames and locations for posting on the AGS website, or indicate "no changes".

Surname 1: _____	Location: _____
Surname 2: _____	Location: _____
Surname 3: _____	Location: _____
Surname 4: _____	Location: _____
Surname 5: _____	Location: _____
Surname 6: _____	Location: _____
Surname 7: _____	Location: _____
Surname 8: _____	Location: _____

No changes to surname listings

Please mail this form with your payment to:
 Austin Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 10010, Austin, TX 78766-1010

Austin Genealogical Society
Profit & Loss
Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2013

INCOME

Baseball Social Event	154.00
Contributions Rec'd	1,001.80
Education (Classes, Mini-Seminars)	5,635.00
Membership Dues Rec'd	6,775.00
Misc Income (Lifetime Learning; Pioneer Certificates; TSGS preservation grant)	404.69
	13,970.49
Total Income	9

GROSS INCOME

EXPENSES

Baseball Social Event	154.00
Charitable Donations	200.00
Education & Program Costs	6,713.61
Membership Costs	384.02
Operating Expenses	
Publicity	1,442.43
Bank Fees: PayPal discounts	209.03
Equipment	399.99
Office Supplies and Materials	123.88
General operating costs	17.30
Postage & Delivery	300.08
Printing & Copying	347.53
Rent- P.O.Box	140.00
Society Memberships	100.00
Software & Peripherals	119.18
Total Operating Expenses	3,199.42
	10,651.05
TOTAL EXPENSE	5
Net Ordinary Income	3,319.44
Other Income - Interest Earned	33.40
NET INCOME	3,352.84

Austin Genealogical Society
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2013

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Public Employees Credit Union	10,690.73
Wells Fargo	14,216.61
Total Checking/Savings	24,907.34
	24,907.34
TOTAL ASSETS	24,907.34

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	0.00

EQUITY

Retained Earnings	21,554.50
Net Income	3,352.84
Total Equity	24,907.34

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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