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Next Meeting: January 26, 2016

It's in the Bag: Preparing for a Research Trip Cari Taplin, CG

Taking a research trip can be daunting, even if you've taken them before. This lecture will share some handy tips for preparing for any research trip, with specific items related to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City (SLC). If you are planning to join us on the upcoming AGS trip to SLC, this meeting is a must!

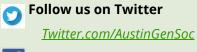


About Cari

Cari Taplin is related to Roy Rogers. Or at least the stories her grandparents told her as a child said so. As a result, she has been working on finding her true heritage since the year 2000. She is a native of Wood County, Ohio, but migrated to

Wyoming, Colorado, and now Pflugerville, Texas. Cari is a Certified Genealogist and has served in a wide variety of volunteer and leadership positions for several state, local, and national societies, most recently elected as a Director for the Association of Professional Genealogists and as a Director on the board for the Austin Genealogical Society. She has been a speaker to local and state societies since 2004. As the owner of <u>GenealogyPANTS</u>, she provides speaking, research and consultation services. Her articles have been published in the Boulder Genealogical Society Quarterly, Digital Genealogist, and the National Genealogical Society Magazine. She is also a graduate of the NGS Home Study Course (2011) and ProGen 16. She is the 2013 recipient of the Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr. Prize from IGHR. When she's not working on her genealogy, she is a wife and mother of two/too cute kids.

> January 26, 2016 Social Time 6:30 p.m. / Program 7:00 p.m. Highland Park Baptist Church 5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731



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facebook.com/ AustinGenealogicalSociety

Renew Your Membership

Renew your membership for 2016 on our website at <u>austintxgensoc.org/membership-</u> <u>account/membership-levels/</u> or use the form in this newsletter.

Save the Date

Salt Lake City Research Trip April 17-24, 2016

AGS will once again sponsor a research trip to Salt Lake City. Complete trip details are posted on our website at *austintxgensoc.org/research-trips/*

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AGS Seminar 2016 Saturday, May 21, 2016

Speaker: Thomas MacEntee Details and registration will be provided in the Spring.

2015 AGS Writing Contest Winners

Come to the January meeting where the winners of our 2015 AGS writing contest will be announced!

Check out our Calendar!

We have plenty in store for you in 2016 - you can see a snapshot in this newsletter on page 5 or find the latest on the website at <u>austintxgensoc.org/calendar-of-</u> <u>events</u>

AGS News

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AGS on Facebook

Austin Genealogical Society

facebook.com/AustinGenealogicalSociety?fref=ts

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) facebook.com/groups/643600238984459/

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.

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

Got something for the newsletter?

Submissions are welcome - due the first day of the month for each submission. newsletter@austintxgensoc.org.

AGS Website

Did you forget your login or password to the Members Only section?

Contact: webmaster@austintxgensoc.org

AGS 2016 QUARTERLY Vol. 1 **DEADLINE FEBRUARY 20**

We are ready for your stories! Submission guidelines: austintxgensoc.org/quarterly-guidelines. Want help? Have Questions? Quarterly@austintxgensoc.org.

Do You Have a Brick Wall? A Genealogical **Ouestion?**

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

AGS DNA Special Interest Group

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.

Wednesday, January 20, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Spicewood Springs Branch Library, 8637 Spicewood Springs Rd., Austin, TX, 78759

Bring your questions to the meeting!

AGS Writing Special Interest Group

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 critique. Open to active members of AGS.

2nd Thursday of the month January 14, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Buildasign 11525 Stonehollow Dr., Austin, Texas 78758

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in lending a hand to the society? Here are ways to get involved!



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.

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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope everyone had a restful and productive holiday season! I am looking forward to seeing all of you again this year.

In December, the 2016 Board of Directors held their annual Board Retreat. This is the time that we elect officers and begin our planning process for the next year. The 2016 officers are:

President: Anne Mamiya 1st Vice-President: James Bridges 2nd Vice-President: Marcia Arn Secretary: Erin Garcia Treasurer: Karin Nelson

Our Society calendar is filling up and it is wonderful to see so many activities! The Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that were started last year are continuing, plans are being made for more classes, we have another great seminar planned in May, and we have a research trip to Salt Lake City in April!

We will also be adding more member features to our website. The first step was the installation of a new registration system for membership. Stay tuned for more information.

AGS member Cari Taplin, CG, will be presenting our first meeting of the New Year, *It's in the Bag: Preparing for a Research Trip.* Cari is a new member of the Board for 2016 as well as our Education Chair.

Speaking of research trips, the AGS Salt Lake City research trip is April 17-24. The trip is about half full so if you are considering joining us, please register soon. I am really looking forward to this trip and I hope you consider joining us. If you have any questions, please contact me at <u>President@austintxgensoc.org</u>.

See you at the meeting!

Anne Mamiya president@austintxgensoc.org

2016 Board of Directors and Officers

Our governing body is a Board of Directors composed of twelve members. Their terms of office are two years beginning January 1st. Officers are elected each year to serve for a term of one year.

Terms Ending 2016	Terms Ending 2017	2016 Officers	
James E. Bridges	Marcia Arn	President	Anne Mamiya
Missy Harris	Teresa Devine	1st Vice President	James E. Bridges
Karin Nelson	Erin Garcia	2nd Vice President	Marcia Arn
Jan Pelosi	Jean Marostica	Secretary	Erin Garcia
Robin Raben	Anne Mamiya	Treasurer	Karin Nelson
Trisha Thompson	Cari Taplin		

Local Genealogy Meetings & Resources

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

AGS DNA Special Interest Group, Wednesday, January 20, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Spicewood Springs Library, 8637 Spicewood Springs Rd., Austin, TX, 78759. Contact Randy Whited at <u>whited.randy@gmail.com</u>.

AGS Writing Special Interest Group, 2nd Thursday of the month 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Buildasign, 11525 Stonehollow Dr., Austin, Texas 78758. Contact Robin Raben at mrsraben@austin.rr.com or Jim Bridges at bridgwork@aol.com.

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. Website: <u>austingensig.com/</u>

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. <u>Rjenkins7@austin.rr.com</u> Website: <u>AustinLUG.weebly.com</u>

Texas State Library 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 to **reference.desk@tsl.texas.gov**. Website: <u>tsl.texas.gov</u>

Williamson County Genealogical Society meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Round Rock Public Library. Social time at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Website: <u>williamsontxgenealogy.org/</u>

Austin Public Library Genealogical Resources Website: <u>library.austintexas.libguides.com/genealogy</u>

Indicates an official AGS activity



AGS Business: From the Minutes of the Board Meeting

Austin Genealogical Society Board Meeting Highland Park Baptist Church

October 27, 2015

Board Members present: Missy Harris, Robin Raben, Winnie Noelke, Jim Bridges, Marcia Arn, Anne Mamiya, Kathy Pemberton, Jan Pelosi, Carol Mason and Karin Nelson (by phone). Trisha Thompson and Inez Eppright were absent. Three visitors were present: Erin Garcia, Jean Marostica and Cari Taplin.

The meeting was called to order by Anne Mamiya, President at 5:45 p.m.

The September 2015 minutes were accepted as written.

The September 2015 bank statement was reported to be in order by Inez Eppright via email.

Treasurer's Report – The September report was accepted as presented.

President's Report -

TSGS Conference and Save Texas History Symposium

Brochures are being printed for the conferences. Rack cards with 2016 programs will be printed and inserted at a later date. It was suggested to raffle two 2016 individual memberships at each conference. Jim Bridges also said he would like to donate AGS Medals for each event.

Website - An email was sent prior to the board meeting regarding the AGS website assessment and needs. A brief discussion at the meeting confirmed the need for additional software. The 2015 software budget was increased by \$150.

Dues for 2016 - There was a short discussion on whether or not to increase the 2016 dues. The 2016 dues will stay the same as 2015.

Elections - Details regarding the election of new (2016) board members at tonight's general meeting were discussed. Nominees will be introduced followed by a call for nominations from the floor, and the election.

Board Retreat Scheduling - Anne suggested having the Acting Secretaries board retreat in early December rather than January.

Saturday, December 5th was set as a tentative date.

Committee Reports

Education - Marcia Arn said she had three confirmed programs for the beginning of 2016--February, March, and April--and suggested "Planning for Trip to Salt Lake" as topic for January.

AGS Classes – Anne reminded everyone that Cari Taplin's Nov. 7th class on newspaper research is the last class of the year.

Lifetime Learning – Inez is working on next semester's offerings/classes.

SLC Trip - Anne reported five people have already signed up.

Membership – Missy Harris said there would be a membership table at the general meeting. Sharon Foley, Nancy Stephens and Carol Mason will be there to answer questions. In addition, there will be a brickwall box for questions. Missy also reported membership to date is 357. Plans continue for November's AGS Fall Fest pot luck. A sign-up for food items by category will be passed around at tonight's meeting. Featured speaker that evening will talk about the orphan trains. A brief board meeting will be held at 5:30 pm and dinner will begin at 6:00 pm.

Publications – Robin Raben suggested several year end items for the newsletter. These include donations made throughout the year, a list of all new members and new SIG groups. Deadline for the last quarterly is November 14th. Evaluation will then begin for winners of the writing contest to be announced in 2016. Robin expressed interest in having a couple of AGS medals to give to writing contest winners.

Unfinished Business – Nothing was discussed.

New Business – Anne will start reviewing speaker possibilities for the 2017 seminar.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Jan Pelosi and Carol Mason Acting Secretaries

Corporate General Meeting Minutes October 27, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Anne Mamiya, President. She announced we would be electing 2016-2017 board members. Robin Rabin, Nominating Committee Chair, announced the following six nominees: Marcia Arn, Anne Mamiya, Jean Marostica, Erin Garcia, Cari Taplin and Teresa Devine. Anne asked if there were any additional nominations from the general membership. Robert Tieman made a motion to close nominations, the motion was seconded. The 2016-2017 board nominees were elected by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Jan Pelosi and Carol Mason Acting Secretaries

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AGS 2016 Calendar

For the latest information about AGS events, visit our online calendar at austintxgensoc.org/calendar-of-events/

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Locations (Classes and SIG Meetings):
Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe St, Austin, TX 78701
BuildASign, 11525a Stonehollow Dr. #100, Austin TX 78758
Hampton at Oak Hill, 5125 Convict Hill Rd, Austin, TX 78749
Howson, 2500 Exposition Blvd, Austin, TX 78703
North Village, 2505 Steck Ave, Austin, TX 78757
Spicewood Springs, 8637 Spicewood Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78759
Yarborough, 2200 Hancock Dr, Austin, TX 78756
AGS Meeting Location:
Highland Park Baptist Church, 5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731

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Class	es begin at	10:00 AM, Class topics to be announced
Sat, 1	3-Feb	Hampton at Oak Hill
Sat, 1	2-Mar	North Village
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Sat, 9)-Jul	Yarborough
Sat, 1	3-Aug	Austin History Center
Sat, 1	5-Oct	Yarborough
SIG	AGS Spe	cial Interest Groups

DNA SIG - Contact Jane Schwendinger or Randy Whited				
Wed, 20-Jan	Spicewood Springs, 6:00 to 8:00 PM			
Wed, 17-Feb	Spicewood Springs, 6:00 to 8:45 PM			
Mon, 14-Mar	Spicewood Springs, 6:00 to 8:15 PM			
Mon, 18-Apr	Spicewood Springs, 6:00 to 8:15 PM			
Mon, 9-May	Hampton at Oak Hill, 6:00 to 8:00 PM			
Sat, 11-Jun	North Village, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM			
Mon, 18-Jul	Howson, 6:15 to 8:30 PM			
Mon, 15-Aug	North Village, 6:00 to 8:30 PM			
Wed, 14-Sep	North Village, 6:00 to 8:15 PM			
Mon, 17-Oct	North Village, 6:00 to 8:15 PM			

AGS Writing SIG - Contact Robin Raben or James

<u>Bridges</u> 2nd Thursday (no meeting in December), 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, BuildASign

S AGS Annual Seminar

Sat, 21-May Featured Speaker: Thomas MacEntee

M Meetings

n Thursday (no meeting in December), Networking: 30 PM / Program: 7:00 PM

-Jan It's in the Bag: Preparing for a Research Trip, Cari A.Taplin, CG

- -Feb Helpful Tips & Tricks to use FamilySearch Cherie Bush of FamilySearch
- -Mar Mining a Goldmine: Research in Courthouse Records, Teri Flack
 - Octoberfest and Researching Your German r Genealogy, Alan Rabe
 - ay One Person, Two Birth Certificates; Texas History of Adoption and Birth Certificates Connie Gray
 - African American Research, History and n Resources at the George Washington Carver Genealogy Center, Cynthia Evans
- 26-Jul Jumping the Pond in the 19th Century: 19th Century Immigration from Europe to North America, Nick Cimino
- 23-Aug Software for Genealogists TBD
- 27-Sep Member Topic Tables AGS Members
- 25-Oct HistoryGeo.com: Unlocking the Past with Original and Early Landowner Maps including New Features, Gregory Boyd
- Fall Fest Potluck Dinner, Texas Rangers 22-Nov Mike Cox

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Upcoming Events

Houston: Beginning Genealogical Classes

With Marje Harris, Retired Manager of Clayton Library for Genealogical Research

Six Saturdays: January 23 thru March 12, 10 a.m. - Noon

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston, TX 77074

To review the class topics, sign up or for more information: <u>hgftx.org/wp-content/</u> <u>uploads/2015/10/Genealogy-Class-Registration-</u> <u>Form-2016.pdf</u>

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RootsTech 2016

Feb 3-6 Salt Lake City

RootsTech is the largest family history event in the world. With a line-up of world-class speakers, thrilling entertainment, over 200 engaging classes, and a huge expo hall, there's something for everyone, no matter the age or skill level. <u>rootstech.org</u>

German Texas Heritage Society Sunday Afternoon Speaker Series Provided by AGS Member Liz

Provided by AGS I Hicks

Sunday, January 17 at 3:00 p.m.

German Free School 507 East 10th Street Austin, TX 78701

Chemical Engineer and history buff, James V. Woodrick, will speak on his book, *Experiences and Observations/Memoirs of a German Texan Newspaperman*.

germantexans.org/gths-speaker-series-2016/

Princeton Public Library List of Genealogical Resources *Provided by AGS Member Kay Boyd*

A great source of genealogical databases and digital libraries for you to explore in your jammies at home!

http://princetonlibrary.org/explore/onlineresources/genealogy

AGS Salt Lake City Research Trip April 17 – 24



The Family History Library is open Monday through Saturday. Plan to travel on Sundays to make the best use of library time.

Our hotel is conveniently located across the street from the Family History Library!

Price per person: \$660 single occupancy / \$355 double occupancy. A \$100 deposit will hold your reservation. The balance will be due by March 1. No refunds after March 15.

Trip Cost Includes:

- 7 nights at the Salt Lake City Plaza Hotel
- Round trip transportation from airport to hotel
- Pizza social on arrival night
- AGS hospitality room
- Does not include airfare or meals other than above

The trip is about half full, so if you are thinking of joining us, reserve your spot now!



You may register and place your deposit online with a credit card <u>austintxgensoc.org/event/2016-</u> salt-lake-city-research-trip/?instance_id=263

Or you can download the registration form and send a check <u>austintxgensoc.org/wp-content/</u> <u>uploads/2015/10/SLC-2016-Trip-Registration-</u> <u>Form.pdf</u>

Or you can fill out a form and pay at the January or February meeting.

Questions? Contact Anne Mamiya at President@austintxgensoc.org

Volga German Two-Day Genealogy Workshop Provided by AGS Member Liz Hicks

February 6-7 Neill-Cochran House Museum 2310 San Gabriel St., Austin, TX 78705

Hosted by the Center for Volga German Studies, focus is on resources and tools to research the genealogies of the Volga Germans.

<u>cvgs.cu-portland.edu/events/2016Feb6.cfm</u> Origins page with surname list: <u>cvgs.cu-portland.edu/origins.cfm</u>



Challenges for the New Year

Genealogy Do-Over 2016

Thomas MacEntee is sponsoring a new round of his popular *Genealogy Do-Over* series. The 2016 challenge has been broken into monthly cycles, so it is a slower pace than has been done in the past.

Get your genealogy and family history research back on track <u>and</u> still have fun!

Topics for Month One: 1) Setting Previous Research Aside, and 2) Preparing to Research

Genealogy Do-Over

2016 Monthly Topics



Are you ready to hit the restart button? Starts January 1, 2016

Interested? Check out the website:

geneabloggers.com/tag/genealogy-do-over/

... and join the group on Facebook:

facebook.com/groups/genealogydoover/

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"Done! Everyone in the family tree has been found & everything is perfectly organized including the photos," said no genealogist...

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FINALLY Get Organized!

DearMYRTLE is hosting this challenge: 52 weeks of checklists to get organized.

Don't be afraid - you can do it!

blog.dearmyrtle.com/p/finally-get-organized.html



Straight from the Family Tree Maker (FTM) Help Desk *Provided by AGS Member Liz Hicks*

"From 1st of Jan, 2016, Ancestry will cease supply of Family Tree Maker software.

"From 1st of Jan, 2017, support for all versions of FTM ceases.

"From 1st of Jan, 2017, the synch function may stop.

"If FTM runs for a user now, it's likely to continue running. The search from within FTM should continue to work as it does now, at least I have seen nothing to the contrary, therefore the shaky leaves will still be there.

"The trees on Ancestry will not alter in any way. Ancestry has said they are working on improving the print/report functions of the online trees, what that amounts to remains to be seen. Users will be able to work on any tree on Ancestry.

"Users will be able to upload a tree as they always have. Tree owners on Ancestry can download a GEDCOM of their tree but that does not include images/records. Images/records can be downloaded and attached to a user's tree in FTM or whatever software they use.

"Whatever version of FTM users have, they will still be able to add to or alter their own trees in FTM, and publish reports as they can now. FTM is likely to run for as long as a user wants it to, up to and beyond the end of support, whether anyone wants to change to another software package is entirely their choice.

"FTM users can export a GEDCOM to upload to Ancestry or a GEDCOM 5.5 which may be imported into other tree software, but how successful that is will depend upon the new software (i.e. if it takes across images/records, sources and notes.) From what I have seen, some say it takes the majority across, others say there is a lot of relinking required of images to persons in the new tree and a lot of housekeeping involved."

Hospitality Report from the November AGS Fall Festival

Pot-Luck Dinner and Presentation

Topic: The Orphan Train Presented by: Jenna McEachern

Attendance: 65 members and visitors

Thank you to all AGS members and helpers for the success of the 2015 Fall Fest. From Jenna McEachern, our wonderful author and speaker, our greeter in period costume, John Tyler, and to all who baked, cooked, prepared, decorated, and cleaned up---and to all who donated door prizes for the membership... thank you so much. It was meant to be an evening of visiting, learning, networking and good dining---and it was! Thanks for sharing your many talents.

Thank you to those who supported the November meeting!

Thanks goes out to Sharon Foley, Teresa Devine, Kay Boyd, Nancy Stevens, Susan and John Tyler, Carol Mason, John Marostica... and the list goes on and on....

Also thank you to Robert Tieman for his support and helping with door prizes!





Nametag Table: Adeliza Tiffany, Arlene Zirkel, and Gary Pemberton.



Speaker Jenna McEachern







AGS Members filling their plates with delicious pot-luck treats!







Carol Mason and Anne Mamiya hand out door prizes!

Pounded 1960 Pounded 1960 Pounded 1960 Pounded 1960	Austin Genealogical Society 2016 Membership Form New member Renewal of 2015 Returning Member (prior to 2015)
Membership Dues	
\$20 Individual \$30 Family Members	\$500 Lifetime Membership hip\$300 Senior Lifetime Membership (age 65 + over)
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