



THE AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting: January 23, 2017

Tracking Your Ancestor on America's Historic Migration Routes by Steve Mabie

Stephen Mabie will review the key migration routes used by our pioneer ancestors in their moves across the continent - east and west and north and south. He will provide a timeline for these great routes, including the major river routes, the Erie Canal, the National Road, the great wagon trails and many others, and discuss where the people who took each of these routes originated and where they ended up.



Stephen Mabie

Stephen (Steve) Mabie has been a member of the San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society for over 20 years, currently serving as Treasurer of the Society. He is also a Life Member of the Schenectady County (NY) Historical Society. Steve specializes in researching the migration paths of settlers across the US as well as his

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family's history in early New York. He is the Vice President of, and primary researcher for, the Maybee Society, a family organization for all members of the Mabie, Mabee, Maybee (etc.) Family who descend from Pieter Casparszen van Naerden of New Amsterdam. Steve has had articles published in the *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, *New Netherland Connections*, and *Our Heritage* (the semi-annual publication of SAGHS).

6:30 p.m. Connection time
7:00 p.m. Presentation begins
Highland Park Baptist Church
[5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731](#)

Welcome New Members!

Cinda Allen, Julia Donaldson, Craig K. Gowens, Linda Hilton, Melissa Keane, Susie Krumholz, Beverly Pritchett, and Susan Quezada.

Time to Renew Your AGS Membership

Take a moment and renew your AGS membership for 2018. It promises to be an exciting year that you will not want to miss.

austintxgensoc.org/membership-account/membership-levels/

Want to comment on the new Austin cemetery rules?

The proposed new rules for Austin Cemetery are posted [here](#). You can post your comments at the City Clerk's office before Jan. 12.

AGS Member in the News - Earle McBride

In the December 25 edition of the Austin American Statesman you will find an article titled, "Two Barton Springs lights are back on for first time in decades," describing an effort by the Barton

AGS Education Instructors

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 us 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](#) (public 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

Springs Conservancy, a nonprofit advocacy group, to restore the stone gateposts at the entrance to Barton Springs pool. Did you know the gateposts were supposed to have lights? Thanks to this project, they do once again!

A long time AGS member, Earle McBride, played a big part in this restoration. According to the Statesman's article, "The stone posts presented another conundrum: Why all these differently sourced rocks? Some of the limestone turned out to be related to what was used to face the nearby caretaker's cottage, itself recently renovated and opened to the public. But it took a consulting geologist, Earle McBride, to identify all the area rocks, leaving a mystery as to why the builders employed such a variety. ATC Contractors stepped up with the sensitive masonry repair and cleaning, and Jesse Malone of Malone Wheeler played an important role in securing proper permits for the project."

To read the complete article:

http://www.mystatesman.com/lifestyles/two-barton-springs-lights-are-back-for-first-time-decades/6oW2WEYicbczdFDi66XAqN/?ecmp=newspaper_email&

Seeking descendants of families buried in the JONES CEMETERY

The Jones Cemetery on Cadillac Drive east of Austin off FM 969 (Webberville Road) is one of the older cemeteries in rural Travis County where many of the earliest settlers of the county resided. The oldest known burial in this cemetery is that of Nancy Puckett who died on April 16, 1859.

On January 28, 2018, the first of several public meetings to discuss the possibility of establishing a Board of Trustees to better manage the Jones Cemetery in Hornsby Bend will be held. An email list and a Facebook page will be used to help send out information.

encouraged to join this Facebook group and 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 Wednesday of every month (no meeting in July). Next meeting Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Pok-E-Joe's [2121 Parmer Lane, Austin, TX 78727](#) three blocks east of Mopac on Parmer Lane.

The topic in February will be "Who to Test and Next Steps to Take," led by Randy Whited.

In the March meeting, we will begin to review the book, *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, by Blaine T. Bettinger. It is

AGS member Angela Doetsch inventoried this burial ground in 2013 finding some of these family names: Bradford, Brinkley, Moffett, Gardner, Curtis, Noble, Flows, Meredith, and Payne.

For the past 158 years this land has been used as a community cemetery. Established as three separate burial for Hispanics, Negros and Anglos, it was developed so each group would manage their own section. It is now time to combine and maintain these grounds as one.

Some of the family lines have died off while other descendants have moved out of the area. No one knows who has the records of burials or available plots.

If you are a plot owner, a descendant, know of any descendants or have questions, please contact us at info@sachome.org. A transcription of readable tombstone markers can be found at austintxgensoc.org/cemeteries/jones-cemetery/

You may also contact the Jones Community Cemetery Facebook page (facebook.com/Jonescommunitycemetery/) for information or to leave a note.

Getting Acquainted with the Revised Version of Find-A-Grave.com

Submitted by Ted Bainbridge, Ph.D. member of the Speakers Bureau of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies

findagrave.com is a web site that collects individuals' cemetery and other information, whether a grave marker is present or not. The site's database includes over 165 million people's memorials, and adds about 1 ½ million per month. It contains information from almost half a million cemeteries around the world. This free site can be searched in several ways, and its information is easy to download onto a home computer. The site is menu-driven and intuitively easy to use. Registration, which is optional and free, gives the visitor access to features that are not otherwise available. Everybody should explore the tutorials.

available on Amazon in paperback and kindle editions: [link](#)

[More Information](#)



AGS Writing SIG

Second Thursday of every month - no meeting in December
Thursday, January 11, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Cafe Express
[3418 N Lamar Blvd.](#)
[Austin, Texas 78705](#)

The purpose of the Writing SIG is to support members in writing family histories and genealogical articles. We meet once a month and have dinner together while we discuss genealogical topics and those of us that are ready will read aloud our latest work. Come and get inspired with the rest of us! Open to members of AGS.

AGS 2018 Meeting Calendar

Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday (no meeting in December)
Connection time: 6:30 PM
Program starts: 7:00 PM
Highland Park Baptist Church, [5206 Balcones.](#)

Think of the home page as being organized into four areas:

- the main menu, near the top of the page and filling its entire width
- the search panel for individuals' graves, which dominates the background photograph
- the link to findagrave tutorials, a blue oval button near the bottom right of the page
- other less-frequently used items, occupying the rest of the screen below the background image

Hunting A Person

By far, the most common use of findagrave is hunting individuals. The simplest search is done as follows. Enter a first name in the box provided near the center of the background photo. (This is optional, but if you don't do it you will get an enormous hit list for all but the most unusual surnames.) I recommend leaving the box for middle name blank, because grave markers usually don't show middle names. Put a surname in the appropriate box. (This is required.) There is no option for "similar spelling" or "similar sound", so do separate searches for each variant spelling of the first name and surname. Click the search button. A hit list appears, showing records that match your request and headed with the count of how many records are on the list. Search the hit list for the person you want, then click that person's name. You will see that person's information page. (If a picture of the grave stone exists, look at it in detail. Sometimes this will show that the typed information on the page contains an error.) To save the information on that page, you can command a "print" from your computer's operating system. Alternatively, you can scroll to the top of the page, click "save to", click "copy to clipboard", open the program you will use to save the information, paste the clipboard's content into that program, and save within that program. To save the source citation scroll to the bottom of the person's page, click "source citation", copy the text of the cite, paste that text wherever you want it to be, and save that destination's content within the appropriate program. The person's page might include links to findagrave pages for relatives. Click those links to see their information.

[Austin, TX 78731](#)

Jan-23 Tracking Your Ancestor on America's Historic Migration Routes by Steve Mabie

Feb 27 Archival and Preservation Techniques for Your Family Treasures by Emily Higgs

Mar 27 Save Your Family History Part I: Publishing Your Family History by Debbe Tipping

Apr 24 Save Your Family History Part II: Creating A Family Web Site by Sandra Crowley

May 22 The U.S. Census Part I: The Impact of the 2020 Census on Genealogy by Dr. Steve Murdock

More meeting topics and speakers will be published in the next newsletter...

AGS Website

Did you forget your login or password to the Members Only section? Problems renewing a membership?

Contact: webmaster@austintxgensoc.org

AGS 2018 Class Schedule

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

Typing only the first and last name probably will produce a hit list that is too long to read. If that happens, search for that name again but narrow the search by using the pull-down menus next to the “year born” and “year died” boxes below the name boxes you used. In addition to or instead of those restrictions, you can use the location box next to those date boxes. As you type a place into that box, an auto-fill list appears. When you see the appropriate place, select it from the list. (Typing the name and clicking the “search” button instead won’t give good results.) If you use all three restrictions and the new search doesn’t find the person you want, remove one of those restrictions and search again. If that search fails, replace that restriction and remove another one. If you fail again, repeat. If all those searches fail, use only one restriction at a time and do all three restricted searches. Repeat this process until you are successful. (But remember that not everyone is in findagrave, so all your searches might fail. In that case, try again later, remembering that findagrave adds about 1 ½ million records per month.)

Next to the “search” button you can see “more search options”. Clicking that makes the following available:

- “Famous” separates a famous person from others who have the same name. (Asking for Marilyn Monroe creates a hit list of 29 people. Going to the top of the list, clicking “refine search”, pulling down “more search options”, clicking “famous”, and then clicking “search” shows only the movie star we all know.
- “Sponsored” shows only pages that have no advertisements because somebody paid to remove them.
- “Nickname” must be checked if you ask for somebody by nickname instead of given name.
- “Maiden name” must be checked if you ask for somebody by maiden name instead of married name.
- “Partial last name search” lets you search by putting only the first letters of a first or last name in the appropriate boxes. (Requesting “wana” shows Wana, Wanamaker, Wanabaker, and other surnames that begin with those four letters; but it doesn’t list Wannamaker.)
- “No grave photo” gives only people who have no grave photo on their information page.

Jan 20, 10:30 a.m. - noon

Beginning Genealogy Class by Debbe Tipping

North Village Library Branch

[2505 Steck Ave., Austin, TX 78757](#)

When you first start searching for your ancestors, you face enormous masses of information. Which ones work? Which will be the most useful to you? Come and learn how to pick your own path and first steps through the bounty that is available.

Registration is now open and will close on January 18.

[More Information](#)

Jan 27, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Genealogy Best Computer Practices by Dianne Holley

Austin Computer Labs
[3710 Cedar St., Austin, TX 78705](#)

Each participant will use one of the computers at the lab and work with an instructor through the lesson. Seating is limited to 10 participants. Pre-registration is required and limited to AGS members.

Registration is now open and will close on January 25.

[More Information](#)

- “Grave photo” gives only people who have a grave photo on their information page.
- “Flowers” gives only people who have virtual flowers attached to their page. (Asking for Clarence Bainbridge without this option clicked gets five names, but clicking this option reduces the list to two.)

Hunting A Cemetery

The next most common use of findagrave is hunting cemeteries. There are three ways to find a cemetery:

- On the main menu click “cemeteries” and type a name in the box provided. (This is an auto-fill box. Use it as above.) Click “search”. A hit list appears. Click the name of the cemetery you want. That cemetery’s page of information appears.
- On the main menu click “cemeteries” and type a place in the other box. (This also is auto-fill.) Click “search”. A hit list appears. Click the name of the cemetery you want. That cemetery’s page appears.
- On the main menu click “cemeteries” and type a place in the appropriate box. (This is an auto-fill box. Use it as above.) Don’t click “search” or press the “return/enter” button. Instead, look at the map. If the map doesn’t show any location markers, click the ‘+’ button near its lower right corner. Zoom in or out and pan in any direction until you see the area you want. Click any marker to see the name of that cemetery, then click the name to see its information page.

Favorite Cemeteries

If you registered as a member, you can create a list of your favorite cemeteries. Go to the information page of the cemetery you want to put on your list. Near the top right corner of that page, click “add favorite” and proceed.

You can create virtual cemeteries by linking interesting individuals to a collection that you create. (For example, you might link all of your Blankenship relatives’ information pages to a group called “My-Blankenships”, or you could gather all your relatives who served in the Civil War.) Go to the page of a person you want to add to a virtual cemetery. Near the top right corner of that page, click

Feb 17, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Genealogy Internet Websites and Software Class by John Marostica

North Village Library Branch
[2505 Steck Ave., Austin, TX 78757](https://www.findagrave.com/locations/2505-Steck-Ave-Austin-TX-78757)

Genealogy has gone digital. Most genealogists are working online to different degrees on their own computers. This class will look at the dominant research and some lesser-known but valuable websites, along with types of software to help you hunt for your family and organize your data.

Registration opens January 17.

[More Information](#)

Mar 17, 10:30 a.m. - noon
From Organization to Research Plan Class by Nancy Stevens

North Village Library Branch
[2505 Steck Ave., Austin, TX 78757](https://www.findagrave.com/locations/2505-Steck-Ave-Austin-TX-78757)

So much data, so little time. To make the best use of your research, you need good organization and record-keeping so that you can retrieve and use what you find. Most genealogists struggle with this! Come learn four ways you need to be organized to keep your research moving.

“save to”, click “virtual cemetery”, and then proceed. At this location you can create a new v.c. or add this person to an existing v.c.

Other Features

The main menu at the top of findagrave’s home page includes an item called “famous”, which allows a search for a famous person, as was described above. That menu also has an item called “contribute”, which people use to add information to findagrave’s database.

Meet the 2018 AGS Board!



Nan Kilkeary, President, term ending 2018

Nan Kilkeary has been doing genealogy for six years, but AGS is the first society she's belonged to (she was living in Lexington, KY before moving to Austin). She finds the experience of so many people and speakers of great skill invaluable. Nan has a journalism degree with a double major in political science, and is a certified Gestalt psychotherapist. Over her career, she worked as a senior editor for UPI, and ran communications at Allstate and Montgomery Ward, the Yucca Mountain Project, and the Y-12 National Security Site in Oak Ridge, TN. She has also been a consultant in organizational design and development, and hopes her communications and organization experience can be useful in helping AGS grow and provide value to its members.

Registration opens
February 17.

[More Information](#)

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 Genealogical Society Members helping Members.”

Local Genealogy Meetings and Resources

Austin Gen SIG, next meeting January 27, 1:00–4:00 p.m. at Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library, [7051 Village Center Dr., 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



Debbe Tipping, Vice-President, term ending 2018

Debbe has been researching her family for 20 plus years. She is almost done with the American Records Program through the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. She hopes to complete her 40th class this month. She learned a great deal about genealogy research through those courses and continues learning at each monthly meeting. She is happy to be back for her second year on the Board. She is looking forward to seeing how members of AGS respond to the new things we want to do.



Rob Richardson, Program Chair/Second Vice-President, term ending 2018

Rob is a long-time Austin resident, moving here in the fall of 1966 to attend college at the University of Texas. His interest in family history began when his grandfather showed him a collection of Civil War era heirlooms originally owned by his great-grandfather including a

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 submission.

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



Governor's Mansion Under Snow

Photograph, February 1923; (texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph124111/: accessed January 7, 2018), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas

daguerreotype, powder horn bullet mold, and Civil War parole paper. He began to seriously document his family history in 1992 with the arrival of personal computers and genealogy software. He hasn't stopped since. This is Rob's second year on the AGS board. He continues to be impressed by the board members' commitment to providing AGS members with learning opportunities and resources to make their family history research more effective, insightful, and just as important, more fun. Rob is serving his first term as the Program Chair for 2018.

History, texashistory.unt.edu;
crediting Austin History
Center, Austin Public Library.



Erin Garcia, Treasurer, term ending 2019

Erin Garcia has been on the AGS board for 2 years, first serving as Secretary and now completing her first year as Treasurer. A native of St. Louis, Missouri, she has lived in a variety of locations including Denver, Cincinnati and Boston. Happily, she moved to Austin in 2001. After spending 10 years as a travel agent and 10 more as an event planner, Erin now works as a bookkeeper. She became obsessed with genealogy in the late 1990's. She enjoys the Austin Genealogical Society because people don't roll their eyes when the subject of family history comes up. Erin lives with her husband, Jorge, and 8-year-old daughter, Kiera.



Jean Marostica, Secretary, term ending 2019

Jean has been doing genealogy research for about 20 years. She joined AGS in 2000 and has also been involved in volunteer positions from the beginning. She maintains the membership database and is the webmaster. She has handled the hospitality duties off and on but ongoing for the past 5 or so years.



Teresa Brewer, term ending 2018

Although Teresa's term on the Board had completed at the end of 2017, she agreed to serve one more year on the board to fill a vacancy.* Teresa began dabbling in family history research more than ten years ago, but didn't get serious about genealogy until 2011 when her oldest living paternal relative passed away taking her memories of the family with her. Teresa realized that family stories can easily disappear unless someone purposely works to save them. She specializes in southern U.S. research, serves on the Lineage Research committee for the Andrews Carruthers DAR chapter, and her daughters have been accepted into the Mayflower Society based on Teresa's research. She is a member of the Williamson

County Genealogical Society in addition to being a board member for the Austin Genealogical Society.



James Bridges, term ending 2018

James is serving his second term on the AGS board, and also served as First Vice President of AGS in 2016. He co-founded the AGS Writing SIG with Robin Raben in 2016. He is a frequent contributor of articles to the AGS Quarterly.



Millijon Crowell, term ending 2019

Millijon is married with one grown son. Besides genealogy, her passion is belly dancing. She has been doing genealogy on her own for nearly 40 years. She joined AGS a couple of years ago and have made great strides in learning more about how to do research and note sources. She enjoys the monthly meetings, the monthly lectures, and the yearly conference AGS sponsors. She is excited to be on the board so that she can give her time and talents to this wonderful organization. She wants AGS to grow and flourish!



Angela Doetsch, Quarterly Editor, term ending 2019

Angela Doetsch is the current Editor of the Austin Genealogical Society Quarterly. Despite her funny sounding last name, she was born and raised in Austin, Texas, and is a proud 6th generation Texan. When she is not researching (ok...obsessing about) her family history, you can usually find her taking photographs in an old cemetery or working on one of her ongoing art projects.



Dianne Holley, term ending 2018

AGS provides us all with a genealogy forum -- a place we can share, question and learn. Dianne joined AGS to get to know people in her community who share a passion for all things Genealogy, to learn from members as well as presenters, and to find a way to pay forward the sharing of methodology and knowledge that benefit her. For Dianne, being a board member is fun and amplifies opportunities to do all that.



Ann Kippen, term ending 2019

Before she began genealogical research two years ago, she had always been haunted that she knew next to nothing of her paternal ancestors, even very little of her grandparents. Through the programs and encouragement of AGS, she has quickly been able to uncover a rich family history in Scotland and Sweden. She is also learning more advanced skills that can take her work to a higher level and preserve it. She is excited by the challenge of helping AGS to become a stronger community that can reach out to many new members.



Robin Raben, Newsletter Editor, term Ending 2019

Robin has been a project manager in software and computer manufacturing for over 30 years. She and her husband married 15 years ago. She became interested in her family history when she inherited all the family papers and photos in 2010. She did a google search for a local

genealogical society and found AGS, and decided to join. Starting in 2015, she served a two year term on the Board, became Quarterly Editor for that year, and started as Newsletter Editor which she still does today. James Bridges and Robin started the Writing Special Interest Group in 2016, which still continues to meet every month. She is excited to be back on the Board and is looking forward to an exciting and fun term.

*Sadly, Jean Shroyer has chosen to step down from her seat at the board. We appreciate Jean and all that she has done over the years for the Austin Genealogical Society!

AGS and AGE Join Forces to offer computer-based Saturday classes!

Austin Genealogical Society (AGS) and the Computer Labs at Austin Groups for the Elderly (AGE) are teaming up to increase your knowledge of all things Genealogy.

Austin Groups for the Elderly have a variety of educational programs and a state-of-the-art computer lab for hands-on learning. They have generously agreed to provide AGS members free use of the computer lab. As a result, AGS is now offering free monthly genealogy sessions at the AGE location.

Free Sessions: Starting Saturday, January 27th from 10:00 to noon, and continuing the 4th Saturday of every month through November, AGS/AGE will offer computer-focused training/information classes. On-line registration is required and will be available 1 month prior to each session. January's session (register now) launches your Genealogy New Year with "Genealogy Best Computer Practices." Additional class topics will be announced after January 1.

Register for free Saturday sessions:

Jan 27: "Genealogy Best Practices" [Register Here](#)

Feb 23: "Using GEDmatch to find more DNA family"

(Registration not yet open)

In addition, AGE offers an ongoing Genealogy Club
(third Tuesday, January through November, 10:00 a.m.)

-12:30 p.m.). Membership registration for this year-long club is open now. Fee is \$70.00 for 11 2.5-hour sessions,

Register here for the Genealogy Club: [Register Here](#)

More Genealogy Club information here:

<http://www.agecomputer.org/clubs/Clubs2018.php#genealogy>

Choose one or “double dip!” 10 seats only are available for each club/class session so early sign-up is recommended.

Upcoming Events and Resources

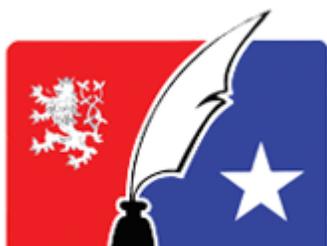


Legacy Family Tree Webinar

2018 Series

Choose from 106 classes from genealogy's leading educators on topics ranging from Jamestown to England, from DNA to online privacy, and from Geni and MyHeritage to Legacy.

[More Information](#)



TEXAS CZECH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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Texas Czech Genealogical Society (TCGS)

Keeping Alive and Cheating Death

January 27, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Caldwell Civic and Visitor Center, [103 Texas Hwy. 21 West, Caldwell, TX 77836](#)

Presentation focuses on preserving and sharing family health information and records, and understanding genealogical aspects of DNA.

[More Information](#)



Lifetime Learning Institute of Austin

FIND YOUR ANCESTORS

Sponsored by the Austin Genealogical Society

10:00—Noon Tuesdays

Starts Feb. 13

Triumphant Love Lutheran Church [9508 Great Hills Trail, Austin, TX 78759](#)

Exploring records to learn about your ancestors—who they were, where they lived, what they did—has never been easier or more exciting. The Austin Genealogical Society exists to encourage and support such searches, using methods old and new. Beginners and experienced researchers are welcome. Each session is presented by a member of the society, covering a variety of topics. Expect to pay \$3 to the coordinator for copies. Limit 20. Inez Eppright, Coordinator 10:00—Noon Tuesday, Starts Feb. 13

[Registration](#)



Rootstech 2018

February 28 - March 3, 2018

Salt Lake City, Utah

[More Information](#)



National Genealogical Society
2018 Family History Conference
May 2-5, 2018
Grand Rapids, Michigan
"Paths to Your Past"

Choose from more than 175 lectures presented by many nationally recognized speakers, explore an exhibit hall filled with more than 80 exhibitors, and network with over 2,000 genealogists. Every NGS conference has a different theme with a new program top to bottom - so there is always much new to learn and discover.

Registration opens December 1.

[More Information](#)

Blumberg-Elley-Kaiser-Koepsel Reunion

Submitted by AGS Member Andrea Burkhart

The Blumberg- Elley- Kaiser- Koepsel Reunion is to be held on April 21-22, 2018 in McQueeney, TX.

We are trying to update the 1938 Carl F. Blumberg Clan/Ancestry Book, which listed all the Blumberg descendants at the time. Nearly every one of the descendants now was born in 1938 or after! It is quite an undertaking. We are asking each descendant to fill out a Family Group form and return it to me so they can be added to the tree! An example Family Group form can be found at this [link](#).

One of our German cousins is planning to attend and we are so excited that he is making the trip!

The reunion is for the descendants of Carl F. Blumberg and Catherine (Ruff) Blumberg and their six children (one remained in Germany) who landed at Indianola, TX in the

1850's. They settled in Seguin, McQueeney, New Braunfels, Fredericksburg and other small towns in Texas.

1. Julius F. Blumberg (spouse-Caroline Hartung)- who went to New Orleans and then to California- San Francisco area and then to Santa Ana
2. Albertine "Bertha" (Blumberg) Kaiser (spouse-Carl Kaiser) -Guadalupe and Comal Counties, TX
3. August Blumberg (spouse-Bertha Runde) remained in Hannover, Germany
4. Henriette (Blumberg) Elley (spouse- Rev Gus Elley (von Elterlein) -Guadalupe and Comal Counties, TX
5. Fritz A. Blumberg (spouse- Emma Rosa Weisbach) Seguin, Guadalupe and Comal Counties, TX
6. Ernest Blumberg (spouse- Margarete Zipp) - Seguin, New Braunfels area, Guadalupe and Comal Counties, TX
7. Hulda (Blumberg) Koepsel (Michel Koepsel) - Seguin, McQueeney, New Braunfels area

November Meeting Recap

Topic: AGS Annual Fall Festival and Presentation: The Archives Wars

Speaker: James Harkins

Meeting Attendance: 61

November Thank You from Debbe Tipping:

I sent pleas to request help setting up because I forgot to create a sign-up sheet for the October meeting. So many people came that we were able to start eating 15 minutes early! Thank you to everyone who pitched in and helped with set up and clean up. Thanks to everyone who brought a great variety of dishes and desserts to share!

Helping at sign in table was Gary Pemberton and Kathy Pemberton.



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