



THE AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting: July 26, 2016
Jumping the Pond in the 19th Century: 19th Century Immigration from Europe to North America by Nick Cimino



Nick Cimino will summarize of the history of immigration to the American colonies and the U.S. He will then focus on the period from 1820-1900 which includes the beginning of American passenger lists and seven years after the opening of Ellis Island. This period includes the following events:

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We are ready for your stories!
Click [here](#) for submission guidelines.

Volunteer Opportunities

- 1820-1880: About ten million immigrants most from northern Europe, the British Isles, and Scandinavia
- 1840-1850: Dramatic increase in the number of immigrants from Germany and Ireland
- 1847: Nine percent of passengers headed to U.S. died; State of New York converts Castle Garden into receiving station to protect immigrants from swindlers
- 1880-1900: Nine million immigrants entered U.S. which was largest number in any 20 year period

His lecture will include case studies on how to find the greatest possible information from immigration records.

About Nick

Nick Cimino is a professional genealogist researching in North America, Italy, U.K. and Ireland. He is a native of California and has resided in Texas since 2010. He conducts research on a wide variety of families including those of European, African American and Hispanic ancestry. Nick is Vice President of the Lone Star Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Nick has a passion for genealogy that he expresses through consultations, presentations and his weekly blog at ancestorpuzzles.com.

Social Time 6:30 p.m. / Program 7:00 p.m.
 Highland Park Baptist Church
[5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731](https://www.google.com/maps/place/5206+Balcones,+Austin,+TX+78731)



Bring a Friend Night - The July meeting is our annual Bring a Friend Night... with lemonade and movie popcorn! It's a great time to bring a friend who might be

Interested in lending a hand to the society?

AGS Education Instructors -

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

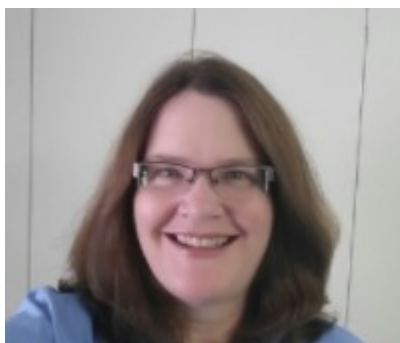
interested in being a part of AGS or just learning more about genealogy!

Welcome New Member!

Linda Soto

BRING OUT YOUR BOOKS!

In our July meeting we invite you to bring books, magazines, or other genealogy-related material that you have enjoyed and now want to let others enjoy. Please know that due to a lack of storage space anything left behind on that night will be disposed of. Of course, you can pick up anything you brought if you prefer to keep it and save it from the garbage can.



From the President's Corner

Anne Mamiya

President@austintxgensoc.org

I hope everyone had safe and happy Fourth of July!

We will be forming our Nominating Committee at this month's meeting. To refresh your memory, I will appoint a chairperson for this committee. In the July meeting, the Board of Directors will elect two of its members to serve on the committee and then the general membership will elect two people, to make a total of five members on the committee.

AGS ON FACEBOOK

[AustinGenealogicalSociety](#) -

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

[Austin Genealogical Society Members Helping Members](#)

(private group) - Posts on this site include genealogy-related topics such as webinars, websites, and classes not sponsored by AGS. Members of the group may request help with any particular issue they are experiencing with their own research.

[Austin Genealogical Society Writing SIG](#)

(private group) - AGS Members interested in writing a personal or family history are encouraged to join this facebook group and attend the monthly meetings (see below for details.)

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

CHECK OUT OUR CALENDAR!

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

The committee's responsibility will be to create a slate of nominees to present to the general membership for the six positions on the Board of Directors that are being vacated. The nominees will be presented at the September meeting and an election will be held in October.

Please be thinking about serving on this committee or nominating someone you feel will serve us well. This is not a huge time commitment, but a very important job. Each newly elected board member will serve a term of two years and have input in the direction and operation of the Society.

Try to stay cool out there and I look forward to seeing you at the July meeting!

Did You Know About the Members' Table?

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



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

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

Everyone interested in DNA for genealogy is welcome.

Future Meetings and locations for the DNA SIG:

Wednesday, September 14,
6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m., North
Village Branch Library
Monday, October 17, 6:00
p.m. - 8:15 p.m., North Village
Branch Library

Click [here](#) for details.



AGS Writing SIG
Thursday, August 11, 6:30 -
8:30 p.m.

The group was formed to

AGS 2016 Writing Contest Submit an article to the Quarterly!

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

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

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

Questions: quarterly@austintxgensoc.org

Tech Tip – Device Browsers or ‘Why doesn't this work?’

By AGS Member John F. Marostica

An AGS member e-mailed me the other day to say that she could not get to the **Cemeteries** page on the website. We checked the website on several different devices we had available at the house and found no problem. So we asked her what device she was using and it turned out to be a Kindle Fire. In this particular case, we solved the problem by having her turn the Kindle 90° so it was viewing the website in landscape orientation.

So why was it necessary to put the device in landscape orientation? Was there something wrong with the Kindle Fire? Or do some browsers just not work very well?

In a word – no; let me enlighten you.

The three things that determine how your device displays the web content you're looking at are:

1. The device operating system

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

Click [here](#) for details.



AGS British Isles Genealogy Special Interest Group

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

AGS 2016 Calendar

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

26-Jul Jumping the Pond in the 19th Century: 19th

2. The device display resolution
3. How the browser interprets the page

First, I know that most people do not know what operating system their phone or tablet is running, but the thing to remember is to keep it updated. Operating systems are always being improved for speed and operational power - don't miss an update when they are offered to you.

Second, display resolution can be an unknown too, but think **screen size**. Anything smaller than a 6" will make displaying some content a bit tricky. Just remember, most sites work better on landscape, though you have to scroll more.

Third, browser behavior is a true unknown for most everyone, but just understand that not all browsers are created equal. That being said, browsers are very adaptive and powerful. No matter what type of site you are trying to view, the browser does its very best to render the site the way it is designed to look. But the major problem is screen size, resolution issues and the vast array of different devices.

So what can you do if you encounter a problem?

First, try turning the device so that it displays in landscape. That is the fast and easy thing to try.

Second, and perhaps, even more important, is to look for the menu symbol:



My Samsung Galaxy could not handle the pull-down menus on the AGS site, so I could not see the **Cemeteries** menu item under the **Resources** on the front page. Then I noticed the menu symbol. I used it to view the menus and it worked great, though the menus displayed as text, not like a pull-down menu.

These two simple items will solve most of your menu

Century Immigration from Europe to North America, Nick Cimino

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

27-Sep Member Topic Tables

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

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

AGS Website

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

Contact: webmaster@atxhistory.org
atxhistory.org

AGS 2016 Class Schedule
Information about our classes is available [here](#).

NEW TOPIC Sat, 13-Aug **Census Hurdles: Tips for Jumping Over Research Barriers**

Austin History Center
[810 Guadalupe St, Austin](#)
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Instructor: Cari Taplin, CG

This program shares some tips and tricks for

display problems. Device technology will improve and these problems will get fixed, but only to be followed by other 'challenges' that technology will have to address later. After all, we demand so much from our devices...

World War Draft Registrations - Keep Scrolling!

By AGS Member Janis Trayler

It recently occurred to me as I sat looking at a WWI Draft Registration Card that some of our members may not be aware that on many draft registration cards for both WWI and WWII, there's more to see than what is shown on the screen. While many of the WWI draft registration cards have both the front and back of the card shown on a single screen, not all of them do. I've not seen any WWII draft registration cards that have both on the same screen. So the hint is: when looking at online draft registration cards, scroll over one more screen. You might just find additional information about the person you're looking for: usually a physical description and sometimes a statement about a physical handicap.

Happy trackin'!

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

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

Ancient Blood

overcoming common and uncommon census research obstacles. Cari will cover topics such as language barriers, literacy, indexing errors, imaging errors, errors (accidental), and errors (intentional).

Using examples, she will demonstrate each of these issues and suggest solutions for overcoming them.

Mon, 12-Sept Beginning Concepts (or a Refresher) in Genealogy

Old Quarry Branch Library
[7051 Village Center Dr., Austin](#)

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

Instructor: Cari Taplin, CG

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

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

Yarborough

[2200 Hancock Dr, Austin](#)

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

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

The DAR has made more than a century's worth of genealogical records

As mornings pass
New ones begun,
The years roll by

Lineage passed in song and lore
Honors those who've gone before

Whose gifts from God have reverently
Been kept alive,
Seen now in me

Oh, ancient blood - both daughters and sons
Saluting each and every one!

A few of you were loved by me
Held dear in recent memory.

Ancestors who lived long ago,
I cherish of thee what bits I know

As seasons turn
And life goes on

Ailana Larson
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This beautiful poem was submitted by AGS Member John Marostica with permission from Aliana Larson (pictured

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

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

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

**Local Genealogy Meetings
and Resources**

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

Austin Legacy Users Group meets on the third Saturday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the [Querencia at Barton Creek, 2500 Barton Creek Blvd., Austin](#). Click [here](#) for website.

Texas State Library is open from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. the second Saturday of each

here.) Aliana was at a Grandparent's Day luncheon at Live Oak elementary school in 2014 when a friend of her grandson introduced himself by saying, "Chase says you're related to a lot of famous people!" She was surprised but responded, "Yeah, I guess we are." A few weeks later she got an e-mail from an unknown cousin who'd traced her family back to Jamestown and Thomas Savage. More famous people, and new relatives! She then happened upon a notice at the library offering an Intro to Genealogy afternoon and they recommended GenSIG. She cried, "Uncle!" and joined immediately.

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.

Upcoming Events

Clayton Library Friends and Bay Area Genealogical Society

Present D. JOSHUA TAYLOR of "Genealogy Roadshow" and "Who Do You Think You Are?"



Saturday, August 6, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rice Memorial Student Center, Grand Hall
Rice University Campus, [6100 Main St., Houston, TX](#)
[claytonlibraryfriends.org/](#)

Plum Creek Symposium

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

Dr. Eugene Clark Library, Lockhart Texas

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

[More Information](#)

Did you know?

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

[austintxgensoc.org](#)

2016 AGS Board of Directors

Terms ending 2016:

James E. Bridges
Missy Harris
Karin Nelson
Jan Pelosi
Robin Raben
Trisha Thompson

Terms ending 2017:

Marcia Arn
Teresa Devine
Erin Garcia

FGS (Federation of Genealogical Societies)

August 31 - September 3

Springfield, Illinois

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



More Information: fgsconference.org/

7th Annual Save Texas History Symposium

Hosted by the Texas General Land Office



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

The Menger Hotel, San Antonio

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

[More information](#)

Hospitality Report from the June Meeting

Topic: African American Research, History and Resources at the George Washington Carver Genealogy Center

Presented by: Cynthia Evans

Attendance: 39

Visitors:

Louis Gill

Jean Marostica

Anne Mamiya

Cari Taplin

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2nd VP Marcia Arn

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Got something for the newsletter?

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

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

Thank you to hospitality table chairs Nancy Stevens and Kay Boyd for set-up and 4th of July table décor! **Greeter:** Dianne Holley

Sign-in Table: Jean Marostica, Gary Pemberton, Kathy Pemberton and Arlene Zirkel

Audio-visual guru: John Marostica

Hospitality/Food: Mary Todd, Marcia Arn, Inez Eppright, and Jean Shroyer

Membership Table: Past President Sharon Foley, Kay Boyd, and Nancy Stevens

Missy Harris, Hospitality Chair



Speaker Cynthia Evans



Top Row: President Anne Mamiya
Second Row (L-R): Programs Marcia Arn, Publications
Robin Raben

