

Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter

Next Meeting: July 24, 2018

1890 Census Substitutes: Bridging the Gap



Speaker: William "Bill" D. Buckner

The story behind the 1890 Census starts out like so many of those burned courthouse tales of gloom and doom. Yes, there was a fire and, yes, it is true that the 1890 Census was destroyed. Its destruction left a 20-year gap in the decennial chain of census records for researchers.

So how are we to cross this abyss back through time from 1900 to 1880 and connect to our ancestors with any degree of certainty? One strategy is to look for census substitutes or alternative sources of data lost in the 1890 Census. Remember the goal should be to identify an ancestor in a geographic place and time and define family relationships.

In Bill's presentation, a variety of substitutes from reconstructed 1890 Census to other types of enumerations will be discussed. Additionally, clues that can be found in a score of familiar records that can help researchers gain knowledge about their



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guidelines.

ancestors and bridge the gap will be highlighted.

Bill's presentation is one that everyone interested in becoming a more effective genealogist should hear. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Speaker **Bill Buckner** has been the Genealogy Supervisor of the Genealogy Center of the Waco-McLennan County Library for the past nineteen years. In addition to teaching a quarterly "Genealogy Beginners Class", Bill has had numerous speaking engagements with various organizations. Some of his recent presentations include: Retro Genealogy Resources Still Viable in Today's Online World; The Digital Public Library of America: Another Tool for Family Historians; and Extra! Extra! Extra! From the Headlines to the Classifieds, Newspapers Deliver Genealogical Gems

Bill initiated and co-hosts, with the Central Texas Genealogical Society, the very popular annual Genealogy Lock-in. This event has helped bring together the organizations and individuals that use, support, and have an interest in the Genealogy Center collection. Twenty-eight Texas libraries participated in the 17th annual Lock-in October 2017.

Bill is District "H" Representative for the Texas State Genealogical Society (TxSGS), and serves as the TxSGS Chair of the Book Awards and serves as the overall TxSGS Awards Chair. In 2011, Bill received the President's Award from TxSGS for his contributions

Bill is a fourth-generation Texan and lives in Temple, Texas with his family.

6:30 p.m. Doors Open

7:00 p.m. Presentation begins

Highland Park Baptist Church

[5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731](#)

Why publish in the AGS Quarterly?

Are you wondering how to preserve your research? Make it available to family members you might not even know about? Articles published in the AGS Quarterly are a great way! We share copies of the Quarterly with several institutions to preserve in their collections, including:

- The University of Texas @ Austin
- Texas State Library Genealogy collection
- Familysearch library in Utah (some of our editions appear in their online collections)
- Allen County Public Library Genealogical Periodicals in Ft. Wayne, Indiana
- DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) library in Washington, D.C.

Preserve your research today - send in an article for the AGS Quarterly to quarterly@austintxgenealogy.org.

AGS July conversation starter - how has your research been impacted by the lost 1890 US Census?

Welcome new members!

Sherrie Arnold, Donna Townsley Bonner,
Diane Hardy, Jerry & Judy Horton, Sandi
Kreider, Dawn Orsak, Patrice Scheier

AGS changes

We have a new first vice president, Robin Rabin, whom most people know as the editor of our newsletter. Robin does a lot more than that! Robin was elected at our strategic planning meeting Sunday, August 15. She replaces Debbe Tipping, who elected to concentrate on family and business after her all-in solo management of the spring seminar.

And, we have a new board member, Karen Williams, who fills the vacant seat. Karen is a life member of AGS, a Naval Air brat who grew up in Kansas, and a graduate of Kansas State Teachers College. She panicked at the thought of teaching and joined the Air Force... apparently less threatening than second graders... where she worked in intelligence throughout her career. She got a master's in counseling while in the service.

After retiring in California, she tried teaching again and decided it still didn't fit. She became a counselor in the public schools until her second retirement. Karen discovered genealogy 12 years ago with a single binder from her aunt, and has since found 12 Revolutionary War ancestors and two from Jamestowne, which led her to DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), where she was chapter registrar. She loves helping others with their genealogy!

Though it won't make much difference to members, we also have a new mailing address. It's 3616 Far West Blvd Ste. 117-247, Austin, TX 78731. It is a UPS box, but it gives us a street address instead of a post office box. We're keeping the post office box for

What is the impact of the lost 1890 United States Census on your genealogical research?

Is there a key family mystery during the 1880-1900 gap that you haven't been able to solve?

What alternative resources have you explored? What have you been able to find out?

Join us at 6:30 on July 24th for a half hour of snacks and socializing before Bill Buckner's talk "1890 Census Substitutes: Bridging the Gap."

If you've uncovered any documents between 1880 and 1900, please feel free to scan them to "show and tell."

We look forward to seeing you.



AGS on FaceBook



[Austin Genealogical](#)

six months so that mail will be forwarded. The main reason for the switch is so that organizations like the Secretary of State's office will have a permanent address for us. Without it, official documents have to be sent to a home address, and home addresses of record have varied a lot over the years. Now we'll get what we're supposed to get.

You'll be hearing a lot more about our plans for 2019 in the summer and early fall. Good things are happening.

Collections available via AGS members

We received this notice from an AGS member: "I have recently acquired 20 years of NC Genealogical Society Journals with lots of info. Contact me if you are interested in doing some research with them. I purchased them online from an auction and when they arrived I discovered they had belonged to a genealogical friend in North Carolina, Mills Yoder Bridges. I did a little check and he had recently passed away. - Jim Bridges"

Do you have books or magazines you are willing to share with other AGS members? Reach out to us at newsletter@austintxgensoc.org and we will publish in an upcoming newsletter. Let us know what you have (book, magazine, etc.) and the topics covered.

Podcast offerings for genealogists

As new outlets for sharing information evolve online, so does genealogical research!

Podcasts are a wonderful accompaniment to the daily commute, those longer-than-expected trips across town (thanks to traffic), or activities in the yard around the house. Podcasts are to radio as the DVR is to television - recorded radio programs available to you to listen to anytime.

You can access podcasts via your smartphone using a

[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 encouraged to join this Facebook group and attend the monthly meetings (see below for details.)

CHECK OUT OUR CALENDAR!

podcast app. You can go to the app store and search podcast and find a myriad of podcast player choices. You can also listen to them (and sometimes see accompanying video) from your computer. There are probably new ways you can access them which we've not yet heard of!

Here are a few we've discovered that you might want to try. If you like them well enough, hit the "subscribe" button and episodes will appear on your player as soon as they are published.

The Photo Detective Podcast

Host: Maureen Taylor

<https://maureentaylor.com>

Episodes are around 30-40 minutes long. You can guess that many of them are related to family photos! Maureen brings guest speakers in on topics such as keeping family photos (yes, I guess there are those out there that throw these heirlooms away), finding family on ebay, and how to organize and publish photos online. You may remember Maureen Taylor as our annual Seminar speaker from 2014.

Ancestral Findings (Genealogy Gold)

<https://ancestralfindings.com>

Weekly Episodes

Episodes are less than 10 minutes long. Quick research tips and historical stories. Enough to digest and try out yourself. Recent episodes covered a biography of John Adams (part of a mini-series "who's who in American history",) what are the best genealogical magazines, and stories your ancestors headstones are telling you.

Extreme Genes

Hosts: Scott Fisher, David Allen Lambert, and Tom Perry

<https://extremegenes.com>

Weekly Episodes

Episodes are about 45 minutes long. Extreme Genes



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

AGS Board meeting minutes

You can find the AGS Board meeting minutes behind the member wall: austintxgensoc.org/members-only/#minutes



AGS DNA SIG

First Wednesday of every month (no meeting in July). Next meeting Wednesday, August 1, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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

We will be reviewing Chapter 5, Y-Chromosomal (Y-DNA)

is a radio program that began in Salt Lake City and has grown into dozens of markets across the country. Interesting stories relating to family history: "Meet the Driveway Sisters - And They Didn't Even Know It", "Organization Reunites Purple Hearts With Vets and Families" and "Oscar Hammerstein III On His Family Research And Rodgers & Hammerstein."

AGS classes



[Spelling lesson, Chelsea England, 1912.](#)

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

AGS and AGE 4th Saturday Class

Co-sponsored by Austin Groups for the Elderly (AGE), and The Austin Genealogical Society (AGS)



Taming the Digital Tiger – Genealogy process and documents - How to manage them

July 28, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

AGE Computer Lab

[3710 Cedar Street, Austin, Texas 78705](#)

Genealogy research could be fun, except for those documents! Find them... copy or download them... and then what?

Testing, of [The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy](#), by Blaine T. Bettinger. It is available on Amazon in paperback and Kindle editions: [link](#)

Everyone is welcome. You don't need to have tested your DNA to come and learn.

[More Information](#)



AGS Writing SIG

Second Tuesday of every month - no meeting in December
Tuesday, August 14,
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Cafe Express (we meet in the small room by the kitchen)

[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.

Whether you are a seasoned family history researcher or a first timer, you know, or soon will, that those precious documents you've found to tell your family's stories will accumulate to the point of overwhelm! It is akin to holding a tiger by the tale (yes, pun intended 😊).

The AGS Fourth Saturday Class with Genealogist Dianne Holley will show you how to wrap your arms around that Tiger and learn to process, use, and manage those documents from download to disposition.

Covered in this class will be:

- How to capture a document and easily keep track of where you got it.
 - How to process a document – find its clues, make it easier to read.
 - How to easily create a filing system that manages numbers of documents with the same or different surnames.
 - How to easily SAVE the source information (aka, "Citation")
- And much more.

These two and ½ hours can change your genealogical life for the better.

Class fee is \$10.00. This is a computer lab. Seating capacity is 10. Click [here](#) to register...

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AGS Third Saturday Class - August **How can DNA help my genealogical research?**

Instructor: Debbe Tipping

August 18, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

North Village Library

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

You've seen the commercials stating DNA is the way to go for researching your family. Just how does it help? Come to this Saturday class and see.

We meet in the small room next to the kitchen at Cafe Express - you are welcome to eat dinner there (at your expense) but that is not required. We share the cost for the room (about \$5 a person or less depending on how many attend.)

[More Information](#)

AGS 2018 meetings

AGS' Meeting calendar is also online [here](#)

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

Jul 24 1890 Census Substitutes: Bridging the Gap by Bill Buckner

Aug 28 Genealogy Tech: The Power of Family Search and a Look at Recent Changes by Alan Rabe

Sep 25 PERSI: A Guide to Genealogy's Best Road Map by Cari Taplin

Oct 23 Who's Your Grandmother? Proven Tactics For Finding Lost Female Surnames by Dianne Holley and Rob

This class is free. Registration opens August 2.

[More Information](#)

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**AGS Third Saturday Class - September
More Than Daughters: Using The DAR's
Genealogical Research System (GRS)**

Instructor: Teresa Devine

September 15, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

North Village Library

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

More than Daughters: Using the DAR's Genealogical Research System (GRS). The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has made more than a century's worth of genealogical records 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.

This class is free. Registration opens August 30.

[More Information](#)

Non-AGS upcoming events



**BYU Conference on Family History and Genealogy
July 31 – August 3, 2018
BYU Conference Centre, Provo, Utah**

Richardson

Nov 27 Fall Festival

AGS website

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

Contact: webmaster@austintxgensoc.org

Do You Have a Brick Wall? Bring it to a Meeting!



[Old Bricklayer](#)

We have experienced family researchers and genealogists available at each AGS meeting to help break through brick walls at our monthly AGS meetings! You'll find them at the table in the back of the room. And, feel free to send your brick walls for posting in the newsletter to newsletter@austintxgensoc.org or post it to our Facebook page, "Austin Genealogical Society Members helping

The 50th annual BYU Conference on Family History and Genealogy will offer more than 100 classes on topics including: DNA research, methodology, writing your family history, photo preservation, online tools, international research and Scandinavian research.

[More Information](#)



Frances Sprott Goforth Memorial Genealogy Weekend

Presented by the Walker County Genealogical Society and the Huntsville Public Library

August 3 and 4

[1219 13th Street, Huntsville, TX 77340](#)

The Frances Sprott Goforth Memorial Genealogy Weekend will be held August 3rd and 4th, 2018, at the Huntsville Public Library. This year's event, "Orphan Trains, Adoption, and DNA" is hosted by the Walker County Genealogical Society and the Huntsville Public Library. On-site registration begins at 9:30 a.m. both days with programs from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, August 3 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 4. A light supper will be provided on Friday. A silent auction, open to the public, will be held during the weekend and will end at 4 p.m. Saturday. The event is free but requires registration. Call 936-291-5471 or sign up [here](#).

[More Information](#)

Members."

Local genealogy meetings and resources

Austin Gen SIG, next meeting August 4, 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 during the week from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. [1201 Brazos](#) in Austin. Questions concerning Second Saturdays may be sent [here](#). Click [here](#) for website.

Williamson County Genealogical Society meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the [Round Rock Public Library, 216 E Main Street, Round Rock](#). Social time at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Click [here](#) for website.



Connecting Texas: 300 Years of Trails, Rails, and Roads

Feb 15 through Sept 17

Witte Museum

3801 Broadway St, San Antonio, TX

The Texas General Land Office will lend over 40 Texas maps and documents, representing 300 years, to the Witte Museum for a special exhibit in the Robert J. and Helen C. Kleberg South Texas Heritage Center, and feature maps that examine how explorers, Native Americans, armies, immigrants and early settlers moved in, around and across Texas over the last 300 years.

[More Information](#)

Adventure Skaraborg 2018

Exklusive Genealogy Trip to Sweden 2018

ADVENTURE SKARABORG 2018

Aug 27 - Sept 5

This is a travel package that allows the participants to find their roots in Sweden combined with touring Swedish historical and culture highlights with their own guide. Your own researcher assists you with tracing your roots. The travel package also includes four days in the capital of Sweden, Stockholm.

[More Information](#)

**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)

Genealogical Tips n Tricks

Did you know that "L.E."
after a person's name
means "Local Elder?"
That was a lay
Methodist official who
could perform
weddings.

Send your tidbits to
[newsletter@austintxgen
soc.org](mailto:newsletter@austintxgensoc.org).

June meeting recap

Topic: Saving your
family history: creating a
family web site

Speaker: Sandra
Crowley

Meeting Attendance:
69



German Texan Heritage Society Conference September 14 and 15

[Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy St., Galveston, TX
77550](#)

The annual German Texan Heritage Society Conference theme is "Galveston - Port of Entry for Germans in the 1800's."

[More information](#)

Looking for Help at the Meetings: Setup of Sound System

We are looking for someone to assist in monthly meetings by setting up the sound system (microphone and speakers). We have an excellent trainer to help you get started. If you are interested, contact us at newsletter@austintxgensoc.org.

AGS members attend IGHR

The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) is a week of classes and study led by nationally known genealogical educators. Students choose one course that lasts throughout the week. Topics range from a course for beginners to a variety of courses on specialized topics. IGHR is hosted by the Georgia Genealogical Society with courses taking place at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education & Hotel on the University of Georgia Campus in historic Athens, Georgia.

Four of our AGS members attended IGHR this year: Teresa Devine, Dianne Holley, Cari Taplin and Lise Doss went last month. Teresa and Dianne chose the

**Welcome to our
guests and thank you
to our members for
inviting them!**

Colleen Cunningham,
Jennie Coughran, Rita &
Ray Grasshoff,
Gretchen Edelson

Thank you to our June volunteers:

Set up: Jane
Schwendinger
Snacks: Susan
Gettman, Karen
Williams, Shelley Scott
and Margaret Mills
Greeter: Dianne Holley
Name tag table: Gary
Pemberton, Kathy
Pemberton and
Thomas Morris
Member Connection ice
breakers:
Clean up: Teresa Devine
and Robin Raben
Sound System Setup:
John Marostica

July volunteers:

Set up: David Easterday
and John Allen
Clean up: Lise Doss and
Carol Darst
Greeter: Robin Raben
Snacks: Elizabeth Price,
Shirley Mayer, Dianne
Holley, Joyce Campbell

To volunteer please
contact Lise Doss.

Corrections

In the June newsletter, we
proclaimed that an article from
James Bridges regarding the
annual Bridger
Family Association gathering
and visit to an
archaeological dig would

advanced law course with Judy Russell, Cari chose the writing class with Thomas Jones, and Lise chose the intermediate class. Lise reports: "We had a wonderful time and the faculty couldn't have been nicer!"

To see more about IGHR, visit this link: <http://ighr.gagensociety.org/>



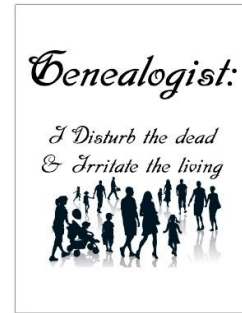
Lise Doss, Dianne Holley and Teresa Devine at the final luncheon.



Lise Doss with teacher, Angela Packer McGhie.

appear in the Summer Quarterly. It will actually appear in the Fall Quarterly.

AGE computer classes have been listed under "Non-AGS Events" for several editions of this newsletter which is incorrect. AGS and AGE are in collaboration and co-producers of the fourth Saturday classes held at the AGE computer lab in downtown Austin. You will see the class listed correctly in the AGS Classes article.



Genealogist: I disturb the dead & irritate the living.



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