

Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter

Next Meeting: July 23, 2019

What you should know about DNA testing for Genealogy by Janine Cloud

Janine Cloud of *FamilyTreeDNA* will describe the types of DNA tests and what they are used for to help you supercharge your own genealogical research.

Read more in the [AGS sponsored events](#) section of the newsletter.

6:30 p.m. Doors Open

7:00 p.m. Presentation begins

Highland Park Baptist Church

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

Welcome to the July edition of the AGS Newsletter

Read about the [latest news](#) this month. Find out about [AGS sponsored events](#), including the Travis County History Day focusing on genealogy. Learn how you can [volunteer](#) even if genealogy is not your strong suit! [Publish](#) your work. Find out about [online resources](#). Read about several [Non-AGS events](#) you may want to participate in. Enjoy!

Welcome new members!

Tracie Burns
Rosemary Chagoya
Bill Hoskins
Glen Long
Regina Lynch
Julie Powell Warren

In Memoriam - Suzy Snyder



Suzy Snyder

We are saddened to report the passing of longtime AGS member, Suzy Snyder, on June 18 of this year at age 92. Suzy has been described as "a corker" and she will be missed.

Suzy was born on April 4, 1927 to Florence and Donald Menzel. She grew up in Cambridge, MA and was a graduate of Skidmore College, Class of '48. After college, she was visiting relatives in Austin where she met her first husband, James Lindeman, Jr. They were married November 4, 1950, and together devoted themselves to raising a family in Austin and supporting their local community. In 1960, they built a new home on Westledge Circle where Suzy lived for 50 years before retiring to Westminster Manor, where she lived with her second husband, Bryan Snyder III, who she married in 2001.

For a full obituary:

<https://wslaustin.z2systems.com/np/clients/wslaustin/viewOnlineEmail.jsp?emailId=820e139b763a1d5ac67e9f615324c5e78m975501820&secureIdCustomer=1&>

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New SIGs for those on the South side of Austin

If you live on the south side of town, there are a couple of new interest groups being formed that you can participate in. A **general genealogy interest group** is meeting at the Buda Library. New member Paul Fonstad is heading up this group. The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 22. Buda Public Library, [405 E Loop St, Buda, TX 78610](https://www.budatx.gov/405-E-Loop-St-Buda-TX-78610). The other is **DNA South**, which Patricia

Murphee is starting. The foundational meeting is at 7 p.m. July 17 at Querencia at Barton Creek, 2500 Barton Creek Blvd. This is for those of us who want to work on DNA but can't bear a 70-mile round trip to Parmer. Come and join us!

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Houston Cemetery removes fence at racial divide

Two adjacent Houston area cemeteries, the Linney Cemetery and the Acie Cemetery, have been divided for decades by a chain link fence. That fence was recently removed and the separate associations that ran the two cemeteries are merging to send a message of unity and to strengthen their ability to care for the space. <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/texas/article/Texas-cemetery-fence-that-marked-racial-divide-14079487.php>

Volunteer

New! Opportunity to help AGS from the comfort of your home

Kay Boyd has a cemetery project that can be worked on in your air conditioned home. The Oak Grove Cemetery was inventoried 20 years ago but it only has names and cemetery location. Unfortunately there are no dates in the inventory. I have the list of names in a spread sheet and most are on findagrave.com where you can read the date and enter it for AGS posting. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kay at mkdb1405@gmail.com. If you have always wanted to work on a cemetery, this is the one. Thanks.

Like to help AGS but not an expert genealogist? We have need for many other skills!

We have a lot of administrative type tasks that we could use some help on - managing member lists (data entry), printing out name badges, applying milestone ribbons to name badges, things like that. Also if you know even a little bit about websites we need help insuring our website calendar events are posted in a timely manner, and posting files behind the member wall. Good at organizational structure and managing people? We have committees that could use a chairperson. Contact us at newsletter@austintxgensoc.org if you'd like to help.

Help at a monthly meeting

Each meeting is supported by members who are willing to help. If you are going to attend anyway, it's a great way to get to know fellow members and at the

same time contribute to AGS! Please contact newsletter@austintxgensoc.org if you are interested in helping in a future meeting. Ways to help:

- Greeter - meet folks at the door and hand them the materials for the meeting.
- Food - bring a light snack (crackers and cheese, cold cuts, fruit and veggies, or cookies).
- Setup - you will be given detailed instructions on where the setup materials are - might require some moving of tables and a cart.
- Cleanup - you will be given detailed instructions on where to put things away after the meeting - might require some moving of tables and a cart.

Publish

The AGS Quarterly is accepting submissions for the 2019 Summer Edition. **Deadline is AUGUST 23.** 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, and the 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@austintxgensoc.org.

The AGS Newsletter includes short articles of interest - are you working on a project that others might want to know about? Perhaps you've had an exciting find in your family tree? Send in an article for the newsletter (or "just the facts, ma'am" and we can help turn your facts into an article) to newsletter@austintxgensoc.org.

Have you found an interesting online resource or article? Share it with us at newsletter@austintxgensoc.org.

AGS Sponsored Events

AGS July Meeting

July 23, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

What you should know about DNA testing for Genealogy by Janine Cloud

Everyone and their cousin seem to be taking DNA tests these days. You can't escape the advertisements showing amazing discoveries of long-lost family,

previously unknown family origins, and testers with newfound senses of identity.

But what really happens when you take a DNA test? How does it work and what can you expect to find? What test should you take at which company? What does it mean if your sample fails? Why don't your results look like you think they should?



Speaker Janine Cloud

In our July presentation, speaker Janine Cloud of [FamilyTreeDNA](#) will address these questions and many more. She will describe the types of DNA tests and what they're used for. She will tell you how the DNA testing process actually works and advise you on how to make the most of your results. And most importantly, Janine will provide key insights and strategies as to how to best add DNA testing that will supercharge your own genealogical research.

Highland Park Baptist Church, [5206 Balcones Dr., Austin, TX 78731](#)

6:30 p.m. Social time and great snacks!

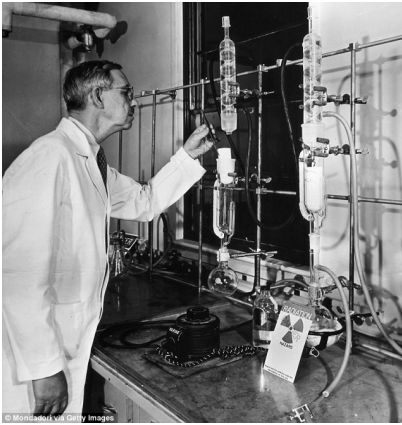
7:00 p.m. Presentation begins.

Please bring a friend to our meeting. Visitors are always welcome at AGS!

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July Conversation Starter: What have you learned from using DNA in your genealogical research?

Use of DNA is opening up new ways to find family members and fill in gaps in your tree. It also opens the door for hidden relatives and family secrets!



What ways have you used DNA in your research?
What discoveries have you made? Have you met new relatives - perhaps a cousin you didn't know about? How many people in your family have submitted their DNA to a genealogy company?

What company did you choose to analyze your DNA? Were you happy with the results?

Come to the July meeting ready to share your experiences with others before the presentation begins. It's a great way to learn, provide information to others, and to meet new friends!

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New! July DNA SIG SOUTH

Querencia at Barton Creek, [2500 Barton Creek Blvd, Austin, TX 78735](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2500+Barton+Creek+Blvd,+Austin,+TX+78735)

Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

A new interest group focusing on DNA for those of us who want to work on DNA but can't bear a 70-mile round trip to Parmer. Contact Patricia Murphee at patriciamurphee@yahoo.com for details.

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AGS 3rd Saturday Class

RAILROAD MAPS

North Village Public Library, [2505 Steck Ave, Austin, TX 78757](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2505+Steck+Ave,+Austin,+TX+78757)

July 20, 10:30 a.m. - Noon

AGS' July third Saturday class will cover a new, and stimulating topic that leans on social history . . . railroad maps. John Marostica leads a discussion on how to use maps of routes your ancestors may have travelled to find hints of where to look for them.

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New! General Genealogy SIG SOUTH

Buda Public Library, [405 E Loop St, Buda, TX 78610](https://www.google.com/maps/place/405+E+Loop+St,+Buda,+TX+78610)

Monday, July 22, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

A general genealogy interest group is meeting at the Buda Library. New member Paul Fonstad is heading up this group.

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AGS/AGE FOURTH SATURDAY Class
Family Tree DNA – “FTDNA” Results - Getting Started
AGE Computer Lab, [3710 Cedar St., Austin, TX 78705](#)
July 27, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

You received the email that your FTDNA results are ready. Now what do you do?

Join us in this class designed for the true beginner in getting started with FTDNA results.

What you should know:

- Basic computer skills that include: keyboard familiarity, mouse uses (both left and right-click buttons), and Windows 7 or newer navigation/software application interactions.
- You must have taken the Family Tree DNA test and received your results. You should know your Family Tree DNA username and password so that you can log in at the lab and follow along.

What you will learn:

- An understanding of what your FTDNA.com results mean
- How to use their provided tools to review and manage your DNA information –
- How to manage your privacy and sharing settings
- And more!!!

TO REGISTER:

Send an email to neebaline@gmail.com

Members only. There is a \$10 fee.

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August DNA SIG Meeting NORTH
Tuesday, August 6, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Po-Ke-Jo's Barbecue, [2121 W Parmer Lane, Austin, TX 78727](#)

This SIG (Special Interest Group) focuses on how DNA is being used for genealogical research. This DNA SIG meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

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

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August Writing SIG meeting

Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month (no meeting in December).

NORTH AUSTIN IN AUGUST, La Madeleine Arboretum, [9828 Great Hills Trl Ste 650, Austin, TX 78759](#)

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. Those of us that are ready read aloud our latest work. Come and get inspired with the rest of us! Open to members of AGS. You are welcome to purchase dinner (at your expense) but that is not required. We will meet in the private room at the back of the restaurant at La Madeleine. Meeting rotates between the north and south side of town.

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Researching Deed & Probate Records.

Saturday, August 17, 10:30 a.m. - noon

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

An overview of how deed and probate records can help your genealogy research. Includes an explanation of land descriptions (Public Land System Survey vs. Metes & Bounds). Review various websites that aid in deed/ land research. List and analyse the various components of probate records.

The cost for this class will be \$5 due to the extensive handout. Attendees must register and pay for the class by August 14th in order to get a handout.

Registration opens August 1st.

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2019 Research Trip to the Salt Lake City Family History Center October 13 - 18

Join us for a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, to visit the Family History Library! We will have a more detailed activities schedule in the coming weeks on the website. Non-AGS members are also welcome. For questions and interest

contact Beverly Pritchett at Beverlygenea19@gmail.com

Rooms have been set aside at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel:

- Deluxe Double Queen \$103 / night
- Standard Double Queen \$93 / night

(taxes not included in prices above - 13.67%)

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12th Annual Austin History Day will focus on genealogy Friday, November 1

Travis County Archives

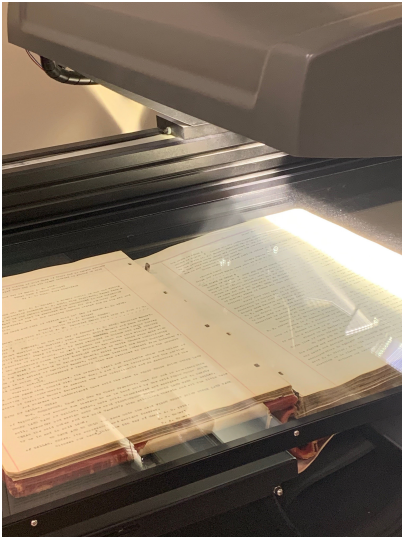
Because genealogy is the focus, we're partnering with the Travis County Archives and co-organizing Austin/Travis County History Day on Friday, November 1.

Several of our members will be speakers. Kay Boyd is helping the Archives create visual genealogies for display.

The Archives are, oddly, occupying space in the Travis County Sheriff's Building on Airport Blvd. while waiting for permanent space. Staff is happy to work with researchers by appointment. Ask about obscure County history . . . like the Travis County Poor Farm or lost communities. One was called "Mud" after its riverbanks.



Images of collections at the Travis County Archives.



Their superlarge, superfast scanner.

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June meeting recap

Topic: The Leeds Method of Color Clustering: An easy way to group DNA matches to identify your ancestors' families by Dana Leeds

Seventy-two members and six guests attended.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped support this event!



Great Uncle Bertrand didn't have a computer in 1880, so how will you find him on line?

Non-AGS Events

FGS (Federation of Genealogical Societies)

2019 Family Conference

August 21-24

Omni Shoreham Hotel, [2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC 20008](https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/2500-calvert-st-nw-washington-dc-20008)

Hosted by the Federation of Genealogical Societies in cooperation with sponsoring local societies, corporate sponsors, and partner organizations, FGS 2019 offers a new full four-day format jam-packed with topics of interest to every genealogist. Whether you're a beginner just starting to explore your family history or an old hand at research, the wide variety of new and inclusive topics offers something for you.

<https://fgs.org/annual-conference/?fbclid=IwAR02BsD6xhgMUwEcypKn5qHhFwwnlwM6HikfRLvZNMRT-v68oUZ7-63pUAw>

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7th annual Frances Sprott Goforth Memorial Genealogy Weekend Friday, August 2 and Saturday, August 3

FRANCES SPROTT GOFORTH

MEMORIAL GENEALOGY WEEKEND
August 2 & 3, 2019



Friday, August 2
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Lock-in with light supper provided

Saturday, August 3
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Silent auction ends

**“BELIEVE IT OR NOT? —
How to Verify Research”**

HOSTED BY:
Walker County TX Genealogical Society &
The Huntsville TX Public Library

On-site registration opens 9:30 a.m. each day or
register online at myhuntsvillelibrary.com
or call (936) 291-5471 to pre-register.

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

On-site registration for “Believe It or Not? – How to Verify Research” will begin at 9:30 a.m. for both days at the Huntsville Public Library. Programs will be presented from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, August 2 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 3. A light supper will be provided on Friday. The library will remain open until 8 p.m. for further research for attendees only. A silent auction of books and genealogical materials will be held during the weekend and will end at 1:00 p.m. Saturday.

The event is free, but pre-registration is suggested. Contact Mary Kokot at 936-291-5471 or sign up at <http://www.huntsvilletx.gov/calendar.aspx?eid=3226>.

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Adventure Skaraborg presents EXCLUSIVE GENEALOGY TRAVEL PACKAGE TO SWEDEN August 27 - September 5

Walk in your forefather’s footsteps. You will visit where they lived and hopefully meet relatives of today. This is a travel package that allows participants to find their roots in Sweden combined with touring Swedish historical and cultural highlights with their own guide. The travel package also includes four days in the capital of Sweden, Stockholm.

When the participant has decided to go on the family tour, a local genealogist and guide in Sweden help to find her/his roots based on the information and family records the traveler has of the family in Sweden. All the genealogy work will be made prior to when the travelers board the airplane with destination Gothenburg Landvetter airport in Sweden.

The cost of the trip is \$ 4,400 for a double room (\$500 extra cost for a single room) including a local genealogy researcher, housing, transportation and more. The price is exclusive of travel insurance and round trip airfare.

<http://adventureskaraborg.com>

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Texas Genealogical Society

October 11-13

2019 Family History Conference

Omni Houston Hotel Westside, [13210 Katy Fwy, Houston, TX 77079](#)

"Blazing Family Trails" with 56 sessions, workshops, an exhibit hall and more!

<http://www.txsgs.org/2019-conference/>

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Austin Gen SIG

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

Genealogy interest group with interesting speakers and topics, meeting monthly. Join us as we explore, discuss and learn together.

<http://www.austingensig.com>

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Austin Legacy Users Group

Meets on the third Saturday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

[Querencia at Barton Creek, 2500 Barton Creek Blvd., Austin](#)

<http://austinlug.weebly.com/>

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George Washington Carver Genealogy Center

4th Saturday Genealogy Class and Seminar

[1165 Angelina St, Austin, TX 78702](#)

- **Genealogy Basics:** Every 4th Saturday of the month, 10 AM - 11AM (exceptions July, November & December). This class teaches the basics of genealogy research. It requires that participants have basic computer experience and know how to perform basic computer searches.
- **Genealogy Seminar:** Every 4th Saturday of the month, 1 PM – 2 PM (exceptions July, November & December). Every month the Center invites a presenter to cover a genealogy related topic.

<http://www.austintexas.gov/genealogycenter>

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Texas State Library and Archives Commission

2nd Saturday Reading Room Research Workshops

2nd Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m.

[1201 Brazos St., Austin](#)

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/workshops>

Genealogy Online

Genealogy Tourism Recommendations from *Ancestral Findings*

Ancestral Findings has a great podcast and online blog with tips and news regarding genealogy. The podcast episodes are typically short - 10 minutes or less. Podcast 252 focuses on vacation tours with a genealogical theme. You can "return to the homeland" or even cruise the same port to port route that your family traveled when they first migrated to the US. For the full episode and transcript: <https://ancestralfindings.com/why-is-genealogy-tourism-so-popular-and-how-can-you-use-it-to-add-to-your-research/>

Census funny

A recent [post on facebook](#) highlighting a tweet posted in 2017 will bring a smile to your face. Caty Peck says "I seriously love this 😂😂 I've not ever come past this exact example during my research, but I find gems like this all the time. 😂"

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Undine
@HorribleSanity



One of my favorite people in the 1880 census: 15-year-old Catharine Cudney, occupation, "Does as she pleases."

Cudney Ezekiel w 39			1	Farmer
— Anne w 45	wife		1	Keeps house
— Alfred w 21	son		1	work on farm
— Catharine w 15	Daughter		1	does as she pleases

5/27/17, 3:51 PM

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**Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG)
Virtual Programs
Fall 2019**

In-Depth Education in the Comfort of Your Home! Registration opens June 15 at 11:00 a.m. MDT. Course schedules vary, but classes are held once a week for a number of weeks. Each will begin in the early Fall of 2019 and end before Thanksgiving. Full course descriptions, outlines, and prerequisites will explain the schedule and make-up of the courses; they should be fully posted by mid-May

<https://slig.ugagenealogy.org/cpage.php?pt=590;>

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Austin Public Library Genealogical Resources (online)

<http://library.austintexas.gov/database/genealogy-and-people-search-guide>

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Index to genealogical resources and family search tips.

<https://www.genealogyinc.com/>

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Do you have a useful online resource for genealogical research? Send it to newsletter@austintxgensoc.com!



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