



## THE AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting: June 28, 2016

### **African American Research, History and Resources at the George Washington Carver Genealogy Center by Cynthia Evans**

The presentation will discuss the Carver Genealogy Center's mission and resources as well as African American genealogy and the problems encountered when tracing this genealogy.



#### **About Cynthia**

Cynthia Evans was born and raised in Oklahoma. Her interest in family history began as a young girl, listening to her great-grandmother talk to her about family history. As a young adult, she engaged in the study of genealogy in an attempt to prove a family story about Native American ancestry. Although she did not find any proof of this ancestry, she did discover a love for history and research.

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#### **AGS 2016 QUARTERLY VOL. 3 DEADLINE AUGUST 20**

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

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#### **Send in a Question for our July Topic**

Our July presenter, Nick  
Cimino, will be talking about  
mid-19th century immigration

Cynthia holds a B. A. in Business Administration and a M.A. in Museum Science. She has 11 years of experience in the museum, library, and archival field, five of which have dealt with preserving and sharing African American history.

She currently works at the George Washington Carver Genealogy Center. The Center is dedicated to providing a place where everyone can research their family history. The Center focuses on African American genealogy research.

Social Time 6:30 p.m. / Program 7:00 p.m.  
Highland Park Baptist Church  
[5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731](#)

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## Welcome New Members!

Heidi Estrada, Susan Shaw and Leticia Vasquez.

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## In Memoriam

John Carroll Miller, age 85 of Austin, Texas, died May 25, 2016 after a brief illness. John was born in Lufkin, TX. He made banking his career. John was active in Boy Scouts, Little League, PTA, taught Red Cross swimming and life-saving classes and was a 24-5/8 gallon blood donor. As an active genealogist he was always searching for that distant relative and served two terms as President of The Austin Genealogical Society.

John was a published writer and participated in Lifetime Learning Institute's Memoir Writing Classes for over 10 years. The stories he wrote told of family, observations of life, and exceptional times and events. Many of his stories were published in the AGS Quarterly.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at 11 am at Highland Park Baptist Church. Our condolences go out to his family and friends; he will be missed.

from European countries into the Philadelphia, New York and Galveston ports. If you have a question or interest related to the topic, he is open to addressing them. Please send your query to [programs@austintxgensoc.org](mailto:programs@austintxgensoc.org) no later than June 18. He will do his best to include as many of them as he can although, depending on the number of queries, he may not be able to address them all. Please include "July AGS Query" in the subject line of your email.

Nick Cimino is a professional genealogist researching in North America, Italy, the United Kingdom 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](http://ancestorpuzzles.com).

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## Volunteer Opportunities

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



## 2016 Seminar - A Success!

AGS hosted the 2015 annual Seminar with speaker Thomas MacEntee in May. We thank all the volunteers that made it a success! If you registered but were unable to attend, we have saved a seminar bag and syllabus for you which can be picked up at the next meeting.



*The AGS Board of Directors having dinner with Thomas MacEntee before and after the Seminar. He had to have BBQ at Rudy's, of course!*



**Publicity Chair** - This position is currently open and we are looking for someone to step up to the task and help. Opportunity to define the team and roles as you see fit, with the help of the board. The Publicity Committee's function is to promote the society, its mission, and activities to the general public, as well as foster engagement and participation by the society's members. Contact Anne Mamiya at [president@austintxgensoc.org](mailto:president@austintxgensoc.org).

**Meeting Host/Hostess** - This is one of those assignments that is important and at the same time not difficult to do! A good way to meet people while helping to make our meetings more enjoyable. You will meet the Hospitality Chair at 5:30 on meeting day and setup the food that members bring, and refill cups, water and ice as needed. Responsibility ends when the meeting starts, at 7:00. (Does NOT require staying after the meeting to help cleanup!) Contact [missy\\_harris@att.net](mailto:missy_harris@att.net) if you would like to help.

## 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



*Jean Marostica and Barbara J. Phillips hand out goody bags at the registration table.*



*Karin Nelson taking registrations at the door.*



*Breakfast and yummy-smelling magnolia blossoms!*



may request help with any particular issue they are experiencing with their own research.

**“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.**

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### **CHECK OUT OUR CALENDAR!**

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



### **AGS DNA SIG**

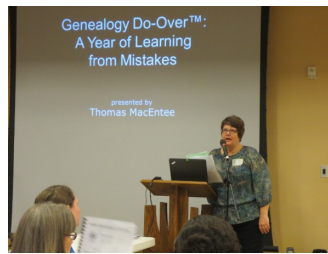
**Saturday, June 11**

**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Robert Casey will lead an extended DNA SIG at the North Village Branch Library located at 2505 Steck Ave, Austin, TX 78757.

One hour presentation on YSNPs. People need to understand the huge impact that YSNPs will have on the genealogical community in the next few years - this is by far the best long-term strategy to make progress on genealogical brick walls.

We will discuss the FTDNA IDs that Robert recorded at the last meeting. After the presentation, it will become a very interactive workshop session on YDNA related



*Our speaker, Thomas MacEntee, during his interesting presentations, drawing for door prize winners, and consulting after the session. President Ann Mamiya acted as emcee for the event.*



*Robin Raben, Jan Pelosi, Jean Marostica and Gayle Boyce selling tickets at the raffle table.*



issues that face the people who have attended. This will be a workshop type approach vs. generic presentations. This may be challenging as sometimes it takes time to analyze but often there are quick answers as well.

If time allows, there will be a brief overview of all kinds of genetic tests.

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.

Click [here](#) for details.



**AGS Writing SIG**  
**Thursday, July 14, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

The group was formed to support members in writing their family histories. We meet once a month and have member discussions, presenters, and a place to share our work and give and receive 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](mailto:janesca@earthlink.net).



*Marcia Arn and Erin Garcia oversee the lunch line. Box lunches came from the Blue Baker.*

**AGS 2016 Writing Contest**  
**Submit an article to the Quarterly!**

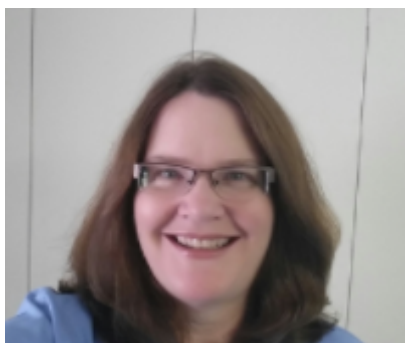
We have identified the prizes to be awarded with this year's writing contest. We look forward to reading your submissions!

- 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



*Help! We're locked in and can't get out!*

Contest rules and quarterly guidelines can be found on our website:  
[austintxgensoc.org/quarterly-guidelines](http://austintxgensoc.org/quarterly-guidelines)



## From the President's Corner

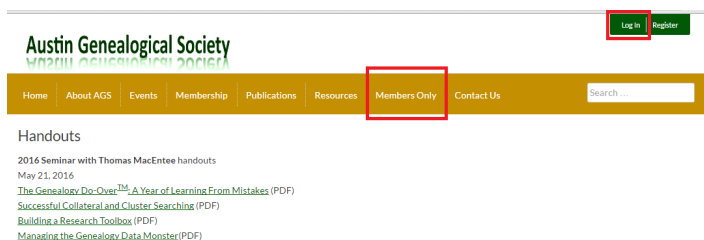
Anne Mamiya

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

What a great seminar we had last month! I'd like to thank Teresa Devine for doing such a great job overseeing this effort and to all of the people that helped organize and staff this yearly event - Thank You!

Thomas MacEntee has kindly given us permission to post his handouts from the seminar on our website in the "Members Only" section. There were so many links on the handouts, the electronic version allows you to click the link instead of typing the URL.

To access the "Members Only" section, log into the website using the login button in the upper right corner. Once logged in, click on the "Member Only" tab on the menu and scroll down to the "Handouts" section.



In April, I appointed AGS members Lise Doss, Ann Elbert, and Susan Tyler to the Financial Examination Committee. The board approved the appointment and the committee met in May to perform our annual examination of the Society's finances. The report from the committee is included in this newsletter and the Board of Directors will be reviewing their comments and suggestions at the next board meeting.

I want to sincerely thank each member of the committee for performing a thorough review of our financials and also to Karin Nelson, AGS Treasurer, for keeping our

Questions:

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

### 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](#)

**28-Jun African American Research, History and Resources at the George Washington Carver Genealogy Center, Cynthia Evans**

**26-Jul** Jumping the Pond in the 19th Century: 19th Century Immigration from Europe to North America, Nick Cimino

**23-Aug** Software for Genealogists

**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@austintxgensoc.org](mailto:webmaster@austintxgensoc.org)

records in order.

I look forward to seeing you at our June meeting!



## AGS Member in the News!

You may remember a request from Debbe Tipping in our April newsletter for help locating Round Rock WWII Veterans. Her efforts were recently highlighted in a recent article in the *Austin American Statesman*, published May 26: <http://www.statesman.com/news/news/local/round-rock-genealogists-work-honors-forgotten-vete/nrTcw/> The photo is taken from that article. We are proud to see a member making a difference by helping local heroes be recognized and remembered. Thank you Debbe!

## Report from the Financial Review Committee

May 31, 2016

2015 Financial Records - AGS

On Saturday, May 7, 2016, Lise Doss, Susan Tyler and I met with Karin Nelson and Erin Garcia, the Treasurer and prospective Treasurer of Austin Genealogical Society (AGS). At this meeting, Karin went over in detail the structure and financial operations of AGS. Among other things, she discussed in detail:

- a) how the Board of Directors authorized extraordinary expenditures
- b) how program expenditures were decided upon and how these were accounted for in the financial records

## AGS 2016 Class Schedule

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

### Sat, 9-Jul Intermediate Concepts in Genealogy

Yarborough

[2200 Hancock Dr. Austin](#)

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

Instructor: Cari Taplin, CG

Learn intermediate research concepts such as the FAN Club principle (Friends, Associates, Neighbors) also called "cluster research," using maps to understand and analyze your research, and we will conclude with a case study demonstrating these concepts with real examples.

### Sat, 13-Aug A Tour Through Major Record Types

Austin History Center

[810 Guadalupe St. Austin](#)

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

Instructor: Cari Taplin, CG

There are certain record types that genealogists need to be sure to explore. This class will take students through a brief description of a variety of major record types such as the census, vital, land, tax, naturalization, and church records. The class will also include some hands-on work with real-life case studies.

### 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



- c) how invoices were paid and the access to the organizations debit cards and checking account
- d) the filing system for financial records
- e) the prior year's records and how they were kept
- f) the filing of federal information returns, not due yet and not completed for 2015

After an hour's discussion with Karin, she excused herself and with Erin observing, we began looking at the financial records. The general program we followed was:

- a) for each of us to read the comments in letters/programs from prior year financial reviews
- b) for each of us to individually read each monthly Board of Director minutes and note any items of a financial nature
- c) for us to individually look in detail at four months of financial records, including bank statements, treasurer's reports, invoices, deposits, and payments
- d) to compare all significant expenditures to the authorization in the Board of Director minutes
- e) to compare the beginning and ending cash balances between the bank statements, the treasurer's report, and the bank reconciliations
- f) to look over all other documents within the four months we individually were assigned for any unusual or unexpected transactions

As a group, we then re-read the Board of Directors' minutes looking for any transactions or items that we had not found reflected in the financial statements. All larger or non-routine items were discussed among the group.

We had the following questions that were later asked of the Treasurer:

1. Do you have some type of permanent file for such things as FEI number, sales tax number, and other permanent documents? Is this file passed to each treasurer as part of the current file?

- RESPONSE BY TREASURER - The files are passed to each succeeding Treasurer. There is now an electronic version of things as well as the paper. A decision is pending by the Board of Directors on where to hold these electronic files (i.e. Dropbox or other depository)

2. We asked to see the sales tax exemption, the FEI

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](https://www.dar.org/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 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.

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### **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."

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### **Local Genealogy Meetings**

number, and the 990 filing for 2015

- RESPONSE BY TREASURER - The IRS filing for 2014 and 2015 along with the IRS tax number document were provided for inspection. The sales tax collection form and reports were provided. If someone from AGS incurs an expense on behalf of the society, a copy of the IRS tax exemption designation is provided to give to the vendor to exempt sales tax.

3. We asked to see documentation about who has check signing authority and who has debit cards.

- RESPONSE - Bank authorization forms for the checking, savings and debit card accounts at Wells Fargo were provided. No signature card for the credit union savings (\$25 balance) and certificate of deposit was available. The signors on these accounts are prior years' officers. It is planned that when the CD matures in October, the funds will be transferred to another investment account.

4. AGS authorized the purchase of passenger lists index in the minutes of spring 2015. The minutes in summer 2015 authorized an increase in the purchase. When we looked at the payment invoice in the fall of 2015, it showed sales tax of about \$40.00. Why did we have to pay the sales tax on this purchase?

- RESPONSE - AGS was charged the sales tax in error. A credit of that money was received in January 2016. This committee saw that refund reflected in the January 2016 records.

## COMMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

We were impressed with the detail and thoroughness of the financial procedures initiated by Karin Nelson. She has done a conscientious job and is looking for procedures to help and streamline the financial record keeping. Current records were easy to access and understand.

We felt it might be helpful to ensure that the following were included in the monthly Board of Director's minutes:

- a) Acknowledgement and approval of the yearly expenditure for space rental at the church.

## 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 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.

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## 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](http://austintxgensoc.org)

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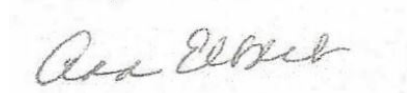
b) Specific acknowledgement and approval in the minutes for any significant expenditures as they are planned and approved.

c) Acknowledgement and approval of the authorized signors on both the bank accounts (savings and checking) and the debit card.

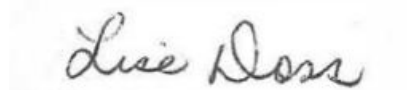
The society should make sure that a receipt book is available for anyone paying cash for any AGS activity. This receipt book should be visible and a receipt offered to anyone who would like it. The committee heard of an instance where a receipt was not given when requested.

The Treasurer should investigate the sales tax exemption status with the State of Texas. We recommend that a copy of the exemption form from the State be used for purchases where sales tax exemption is being requested. If the application has inadvertently not been made with the State of Texas, this should be done.

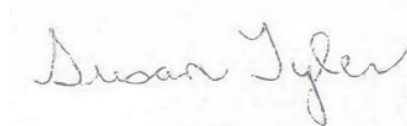
Sincerely,



Ann Elbert, Chair, Financial Committee



Lise Doss, Member, Financial Committee



Susan Tyler, Member, Financial Committee

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## HOW TO FIND & KEEP UP WITH ALL THE NEW GENEALOGY RECORDS – THE EASY WAY!

**By AGS Member John Marostica**

Genealogy research websites are always trying to add new information, especially large popular sites or membership required sites. How can you find out what new records were added and when? You could visit each site; many of them will tell you about new records, but that can be a bit of a hassle.

### 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  
Jean Marostica  
Anne Mamiya  
Cari Taplin

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### 2016 AGS Officers

**President** [Anne Mamiya](#)  
**1st VP** James E. Bridges  
**2nd VP** Marcia Arn  
**Secretary** Erin Garcia  
**Treasurer** [Karin Nelson](#)

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### 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)



I found a better solution; GiT Magazine.

Git [Genealogy in Time] is a weekly, online magazine that, among other things “...publish[es] the most complete list available on the Internet of new genealogy record sets from around the world.” And they are not kidding. In the [last issue](#) there were 223 record sets added, each with full description and many with sample records. These record sets come from many different sites, including, but in no way limited to, Family Search, FindMyPast, Ancestry (US and International), Archive.org and many, many, many more sites!

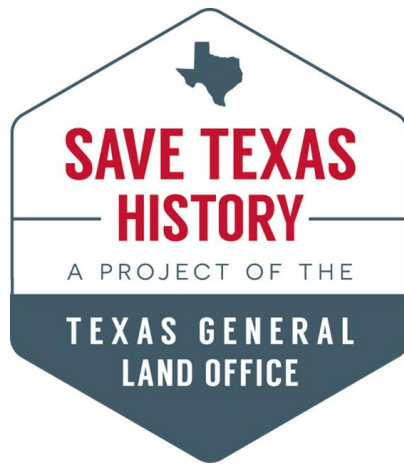
Just imagine being able to find all the new record sets that have just been added to all the major sites and specialty sites all over the World Wide Web; all in one place – and it’s FREE!

And that’s not all; GiT has a fantastic search engine. Actually it is a custom Google search that searches many different sites and delivers an organized list of results. It also has access to several other search engines and provides a great article on “A Guide to Performing Genealogy Searches” under its **Search** tab. There is an **Articles** tab that has a great many fantastic articles to help educate and entertain. A **News** tab contains up-to-date articles and the **Resources** tab has an eclectic list of gadgets that you may find useful. All of this, in addition to the latest record sets found under the **Records** tab.

Be sure to bookmark this site, or better yet, capture it in EVERNOTE; perhaps in a Tools notebook.

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**Help the Texas General Land Office and  
Get a T-Shirt**



Commissioner George P. Bush today announced the beginning of a month-long Save Texas History program campaign to help raise awareness and funds for historic document preservation.

"Our history is at risk of being lost forever," said Commissioner Bush. "That history shows us not only how we got here, but also gives us the knowledge to understand what "here" means. If we don't preserve Texas' precious historic documents—documents that show men and women rising to extraordinary heights—our past is essentially erased. Texans deserve better than that."

Throughout the month of May, individuals who donate \$30 or more will receive a Save Texas History kit, including a limited-edition t-shirt bearing the phrase, "I saved Texas history."

Donations to the Save Texas History program are tax-deductible and can be made at [SaveTexasHistory.org](https://www.savetexashistory.org).

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## **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](https://www.rice.edu/about/6100-main-st-houston-tx)  
[claytonlibraryfriends.org/](http://claytonlibraryfriends.org/)

### **FGS (Federation of Genealogical Societies)**

**August 31 - September 3**

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/](http://fgsconference.org/)

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### **Hospitality Report from the May Meeting**

Topic: One Person, Two Birth Certificates; Texas History of Adoption and Birth Certificates

Presented by: Connie Gray

Attendance: 50

#### **Visitors:**

Francesca Mira

Thanks to the Seminar Hospitality Committee for helping with the Seminar, and for serving again at the May meeting just 3 days later! Carol and Kay were great helpers! -Missy Harris, Hospitality Chair



**Greeters:** Carol Mason and Kay Boyd

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

**Audio-visual guru:** John Marostica

**Hospitality/Food:** Kay Boyd and Missy Harris

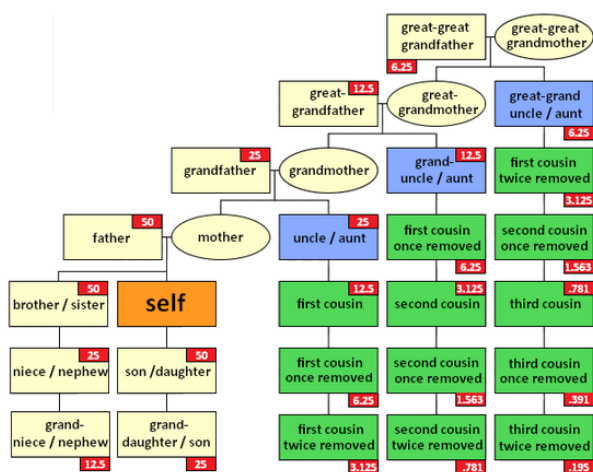


Speaker Connie Gray

### Remember the Autosomal DNA Chart?

Did you wish you had more time to study the DNA chart that Connie showed in the May meeting? Member Debbe Tipping was kind enough to share a wiki page with us that explains the chart:

[isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal\\_DNA\\_statistics](https://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA_statistics)



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