

Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter

Next Meeting: June 26, 2018

Saving your family history: creating a family web site by Sandra Crowley



Speaker: Sandra Crowley

Building a Family Web Site — Examine the tools available to help you share your research, photos, and more online. Learn how to create a site that preserves your research for the entire family while allowing members to contribute their stories and pictures. In the process, you may even discover a long-lost relative or two. Family research is an ongoing journey; use a family web site to help you on your way.

Sandra Crowley is a genealogist, author, and lecturer who grew up attending family reunions and developed a natural curiosity about her family that left her wanting to know more. With a business degree from the University of Memphis, she served as a product manager and then Vice President of



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**AGS 2018 QUARTERLY
FALL ISSUE DEADLINE
AUGUST 20**

Click [here](#) for submission guidelines.

Marketing for several technology companies while researching her family whenever she could. Later, this experience helped her combine her passion for family history with her interest in technology.

Sandra has spoken at national and regional conferences, including RootsTech and the Federation of Genealogical Societies annual event. She is a member of several genealogical society and non-profit boards where she has been an active volunteer. Currently she serves as Director of Development for the Texas State Genealogical Society, Immediate Past President of the Dallas Genealogical Society, and Seminar Coordinator for the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society. She is Managing Editor of Dallas' Pegasus journal and is co-editor of the TxSGS journal, Stirpes. She has been the video editor for the North Carolina Genealogical Society Webinar series since 2012.

6:30 p.m. Doors Open

7:00 p.m. Presentation begins

Highland Park Baptist Church

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

Welcome new members!

Terry Henderson, Janet & Mark Kres,
Gregory Lang, Muriel Parker, and Wendy
Petersen

Recent AGS events

Tour of the GLO (Texas General Land Office)

AGS members took a tour of the GLO collections in May. The tour was filled to capacity at 10 people, a group size making it easy to get a great look of the collections and ask questions of the guide.

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@austintxgensoc.org.

**AGS June
conversation
starter - how have
you shared your
research**



GLO Tour guide Carnay Jennings (left) poses with the AGS members on the tour.



AGS members get a close up view of the maps in the collection.

AGS Hogg lot in Oakwood Cemetery Cleanup

AGS members took on the task to clean up the Hogg family lot in Oakwood Cemetery on May 30. The project was approved by the Oakwood Cemetery and spearheaded by James Bridges, with Nan Kilkeary and Sarah Shaw there to help. After three hours of work you can see the great

discoveries with family?



So you've set up a family tree on [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) and shared your password with a daughter or brother.

But have you taken sharing family history a step further?

Perhaps you've written some articles for the AGS Quarterly. Perhaps you've even written a book on your family, or more than one book!

Or maybe you've set up a family website.

If you've started a website, we'd love to see your home page. Feel free to bring a screenshot of it to the June AGS meeting to "show and tell."

Please join us at 6:30 pm on June 22, 2018 at Highland Park Baptist Church for a half hour of snacks and socializing before Sandra Crowley's talk: "Saving Your Family

results they achieved!



As it was years ago



When we started



When we finished

Jamestowne Society genealogy has just gotten a lot more helpful

The Jamestowne Society website (jamestowne.org) has a new free feature for

History: Creating a Family Web Site."

See you there!

AGS on FaceBook



[Austin Genealogical Society](#) - Posts on this site include information about the AGS monthly programs, the annual AGS Seminar, and AGS classes. **"Liking" this page helps get the message out to more people on Facebook! Please "like" posts when you see them to help market our Society.**

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

[Austin Genealogical Society Writing](#)

genealogy search which can help with both Revolutionary and Jamestowne research. At the bottom of the home page of the site is a search point for "Revolutionary War Era People." If you click on the point (jamestowne.org/revolutionary-war-era-people.html), you'll find an alphabetical list of descendants of proven Jamestowne qualifying ancestors who lived during Revolutionary time (July 1776 to 1783). These Revolutionary couples may or may not have already been identified as ancestors for DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) or SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) organizations. But they definitely link to the Jamestowne qualifying ancestor listed after their name. So the site can help with Revolutionary and Jamestowne ancestor. The list of Revolutionary couples will grow over time. Thanks to Karen Williams, AGS and DAR member, for this information!

Bridger Family Foundation dig

Read the summer edition of the AGS Quarterly to find out about the annual Bridger Family Association gathering and their visit to an archaeological dig funded by the members of the Bridger Family including AGS Board Member James Bridges! The article, written by James, covers the activities of the event, including a visit to the Jamestowne Society meeting and a visit to the lab where they were able to view and touch reproductions of artifacts found at the dig.

[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!



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



Free Family History Centers - and how you can help

Submitted by Kay Boyd

Family History Centers are branches of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City Utah operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church). The centers supply genealogical resources, and even though while doing research there, you can't wear your pajamas, access to the Family History Centers is FREE.

You can click here to find the location of the Family History Center near you:

familysearch.org/locations. You can type in your zip code to zoom in to your area. There are two locations in Austin and one in Round Rock, Bastrop, San Marcos and Marble Falls as well as other towns. Each location is open only during the hours when people volunteer to work.

The [Austin Family History Center](#), located at 1000 E. Rutherford Lane, Austin, 78753, can be reached via phone at 512-837-3626 and is open these hours:

- Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

***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 4, Mitochondrial-DNA (mtDNA) 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](#)

[More Information](#)



AGS Writing SIG

***Second Tuesday of every month - no meeting in December
Tuesday, July 10,
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

- Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (closed 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month - volunteers are needed for these days)
- Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



Austin Family History Center, 1000 E. Rutherford Lane

While at the Family History Center you have FREE access to the following databases:

- **Ancestry** (ancestry.com) - Institution WORLD version - family trees and genealogical resources
- **ArkivDigital** (arkivdigital.net) - Swedish church records database
- **Findmypast** (findmypast.com) - Institution version - British and Irish family history
- **Fold3** (fold3.com) - U.S. Military records
- **MyHeritage** (myheritage.com) - Library Edition - family trees and genealogical resources
- **Newspaper Archive** (newspaperarchive.com) - newspapers from 50 states and 33 countries
- **19th Century British Library Newspaper Archive** (bl.uk/reshelp/findhelprestype/news/newspdigproj/database) - 19th century British newspapers
- **Alexander Street Press** (alexanderstreet.com) - American Civil War collections
- **American Ancestors** (americanancestors.org) - Library Rights -

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.

July's meeting will be a workshop – we'll have a laptop and flip scanner and we'll learn how to take photos and imbed them into your word documents. Bring a few photos if you'd like to scan them. Email your document and digital photos to robinraben12@gmail.com if you've already got them scanned. We'll work on it adding photos to documents together using the TV in the room for all to 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.)

If we have time we'll do a reading or two -

New England Historic Genealogical Society databases

- **FamNet**
(famnet.org.nz/login_pages/home2.aspx) - New Zealand family databases
- **Geneanet** (en.geneanet.org) - genealogical resources
- **Kinpoint** (kinpoint.com) - Premium - genealogical resources
- **Paper Trail** (paper-trail.org) - pioneer wagon train database
- **Puzzilla** (puzzilla.org) - Premium Services - LDS Church descendant viewer

Can You Help? The Family History Centers are staffed by volunteers.

The hours each center is open is determined by the volunteers who keep the doors open and welcome researchers. Volunteers do not need to be experts but friendly people who are on hand to assist visitors. Can you commit to 4 to 6 set hours per month? If so, please contact Kay Boyd (her contact information can be found in the member directory.)

Non-AGS upcoming events



AGS and AGE 4th Saturday Class

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

There will be no class at the PC lab in June.

July's class (July 28) will feature methods for processing and organizing your Digital genealogy.

we'll see how it goes.
Hope to see you there!

Join the Writing SIG
facebook group: [Austin Genealogical Society Writing SIG](#) (closed group) - join us on Facebook to keep informed on Writing SIG meeting locations and dates, new ideas for writing topics and classes.

[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](#)*

Jun 26 Saving Your Family History Part II: Creating a Family Web Site by Sandra Crowley

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

Mac users are welcome – except for minor keystroke differences, process and organization easily translate from one system to another.

In the coming months, you can look forward to classes on DNA Visual Phasing (August 25) , Family Tree Maker (September 22) and more.

Remember, registration for Fourth Saturday classes opens the fourth Sunday of the preceding month.

A policy change:

Prior Fourth Saturday classes have all been provided at no cost to attendees. Austin Groups for the Elderly (AGE) has been super about allowing us to use their complete facility with no charge. It costs them – it hasn't cost us. The Austin Genealogical Society's Board of Directors supports a \$10.00 per person fee to register for future Fourth Saturday PC classes. This fee will be implemented with the July Fourth Saturday Class (July 28).

If there is a genealogy-related, PC-based offering you'd like to see, send an email to Dianne Holley at dianne@cmemories.us.

[More Information](#)



TEXAS CZECH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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Texas Czech Genealogical Society presents:
Life is a Journey, Not a Destination
July 21, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Caldwell Civic and Visitor Center
[103 Texas Hwy. 21 West, Caldwell, TX 77836](#)

Changes by Alan Rabe

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

Oct 23 Immigration to America: America's Ports of Entry by Dr. Walter Buenger

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

AGS 2018 class schedule

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

**Saturday, June 16,
10:00 a.m. - noon**

Finding your confederate ancestors
Instructor: Millijon Crowell

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

Tips on doing research in the 11 southern states which formed

The program will focus on our life journeys, especially genealogical, and is open to anyone interested. Keynote motivational speaker and author, **Peter Vodenka**, will provide a captivating true story of “hope, faith, struggle, life and death, freedom and success” as he and his family escaped from Communist Czechoslovakia on a cold, rainy night while being chased by guards with automatic weapons. He had planned this escape for many years and was successful, resulting in their "Journey for Freedom" to America.

Topics:

- “Journey for Freedom”, by Peter Vodenka
- “Helping Others Get Restarted on Their Genealogy Journey”, by Clint Williams
- “My Moravian Odyssey” by Gladys Valchar.

[More Information](#)



BYU Conference on Family History and Genealogy

July 31 – August 3, 2018

BYU Conference Centre, Provo, Utah

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](#)

the Confederacy: South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Research in these states can differ from northern states because the southern states tended to be mainly agrarian with few large cities and the people tended to move more frequently, immigrating west and south with each generation. Research topics will include using census, probate, land, marriage bonds, church, civil, military records, etc. in areas where many records may have been destroyed. We will discuss how to find your ancestors who fought for the Confederacy and some of the myths about the south and slavery.

Millijon Crowell has been researching her own southern ancestors for over 40 years including five ancestors who fought for the Confederacy.

[Registration](#)

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



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](#)



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 Members."

Local genealogy meetings and resources

Austin Gen SIG, next meeting June 23, 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.



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](#)

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.

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)



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](#)

Available online

Article on Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter about a new online database of early Vermont newspapers blog.eogn.com/2018/05/30/early-vermont-newspapers-of-record-are-now-available-online/ - discovered by Muriel Parker.

An interesting blog post about how non-genealogists get interested in genealogy. It also has some interesting statistics on how lineages and overall populations relate: waitbutwhy.com/2014/01/your-family-past-present-and-future.html - discovered by Jean Marostica.

National Archives' catalog for genealogists: archives.gov/research/genealogy/catalog-guide - recently updated, it provides information about what is available and tips and tricks for genealogical searches.

Become a virtual archivist for the National Archives: archives.gov/citizen-archivist - opportunities to assist with metadata, transcribing,



May meeting recap

Topic: The U.S. Census Part I: The Impact of the 2020 Census on Genealogy

Speaker: Dr. Steve Murdock

Meeting Attendance:
79

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

Marsha Tuma, Mary Root and Ron Root

Thank you to our May volunteers:

Set up: Debbie Ulczynski and Sam Martin

Clean up: Beverly Pritchett and Sarah Shaw

Greeter: Karen Liston
Snacks: Susan Tyler, Inez Eppright, Shelley Augustin and Millijon Crowell

Name tag table: Gary Pemberton, Kathy Pemberton, Judith Morris, Thomas Morris.

Member Connection committee members

tagging and indexing of the collections from your computer.

Find out what's new at

familysearch.org: familysearch.org/blog/en/whats-new-at-familysearch/?et_cid=53241779&et_rid=1439235778&linkid=CTA&cid=.

Have you discovered a new online resource or genealogical news tidbit? Send it to newsletter@austintxgensoc.org and we'll share it in the newsletter!

A great summer read

Submitted by Robin Raben

Have you heard of the Morton Farrier series? Several books have been published by Nathan Dylan Goodwin and make for a great summer read. The series follows the adventures of British genealogist, Morton Farrier, as he solves genealogical cases and somehow finds himself in life threatening adventures as a result. Who knew that library research could be so dangerous? Each book follows a different case and different historical period. Throughout the series a more personal mystery unfolds as the hero embarks upon a project to discover the identity of his biological parents after discovering he was an adopted child. I have read them all and enjoy the methods Morton uses to do the research as he visits archives, museums and graveyards. I also enjoy the history lesson each book covers. His seventh and latest book, "The Wicked Trade" follows the life of a woman in the 1820's as she becomes involved with a gang of smugglers and, with her newfound income, sets herself on a path to a better life through education. Morton's research takes in this book takes him also to the 1960's where a pair of skeletons are found in an old English pub undergoing renovations. I think you will find the book an entertaining way to pass the time while

who broke ice at the social half hour:

June volunteers:

Setup: Jane Schwendinger , NEED ONE MORE!

Greeter: Dianne Holley

Snacks: Susan

Gettman, Karen

Williams, Shelley Scott

and Margaret Mills

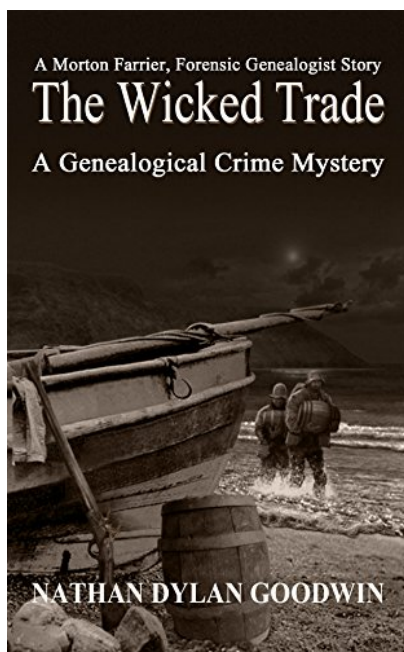
Clean up: Teresa

Devine and Robin

Raben

If you are able to volunteer for June to help with setup, please contact Lise Doss.

escaping the summer heat in Texas!



All books in the series are available on [amazon.com/Wicked-Trade-Forensic-Genealogist-Book-ebook/dp/B079MFW2KM](https://www.amazon.com/Wicked-Trade-Forensic-Genealogist-Book-ebook/dp/B079MFW2KM). For more about the author: nathandylangoodwin.com/



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